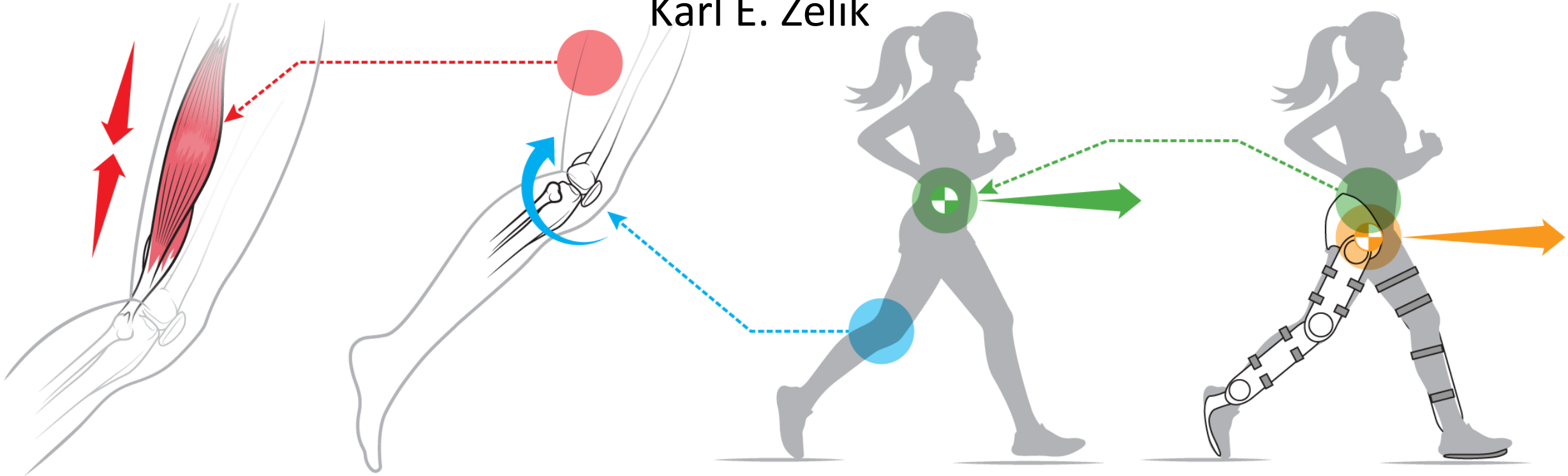


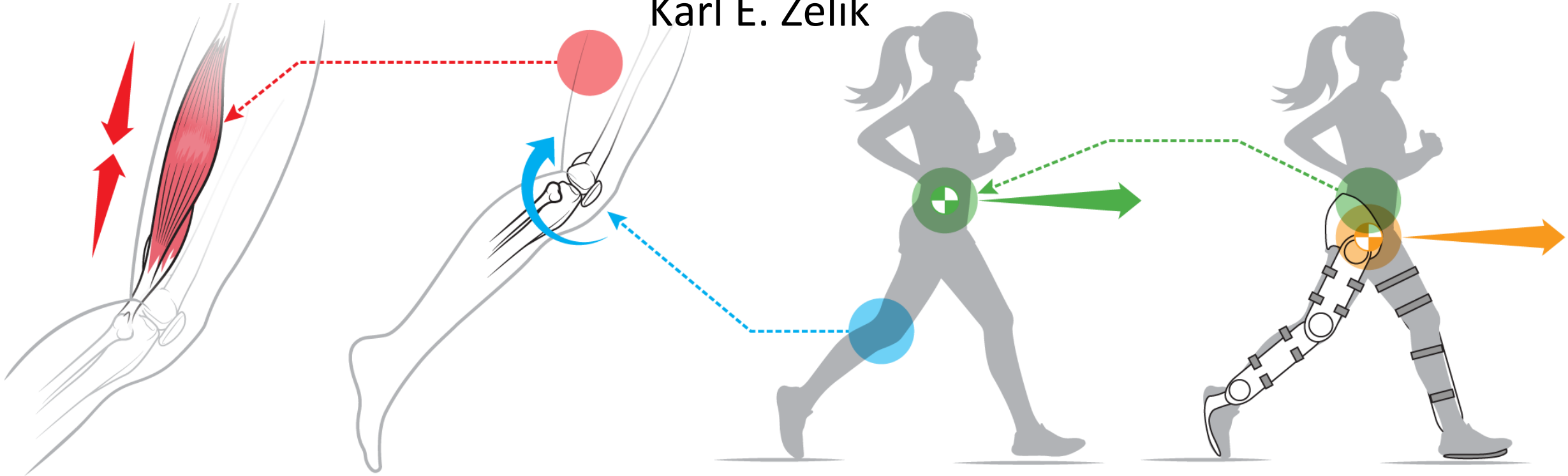
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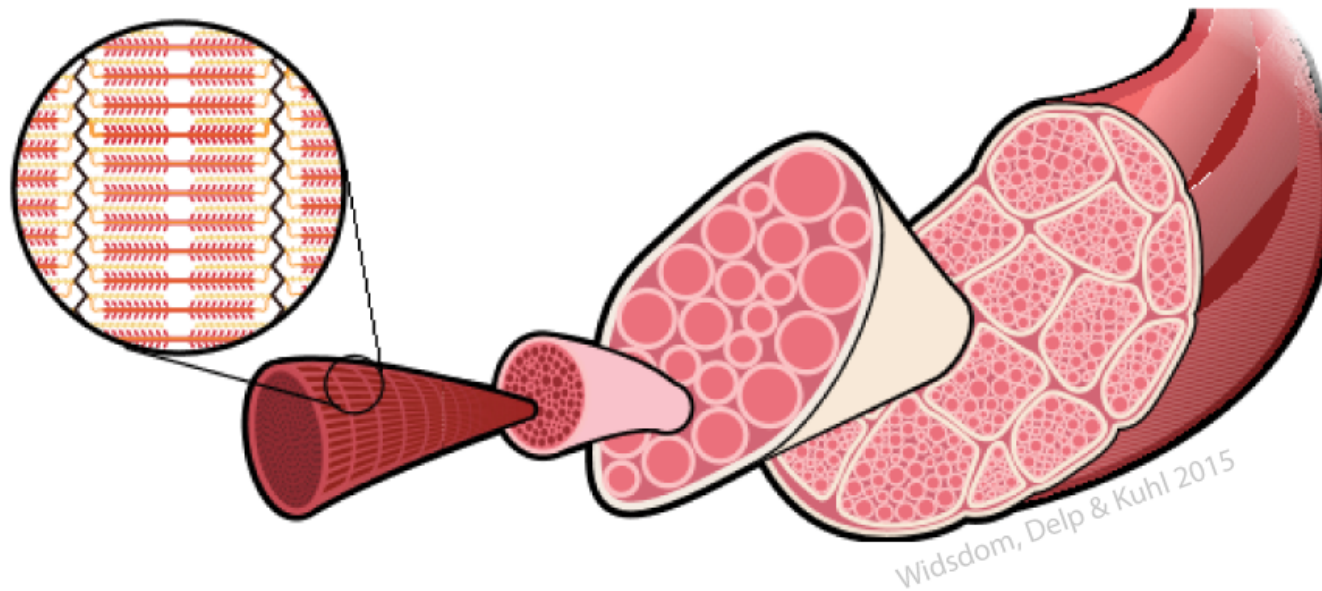
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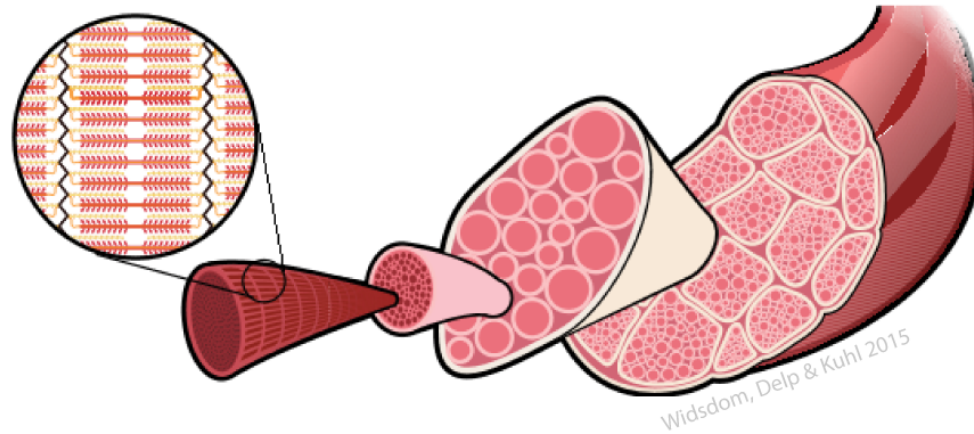
# Tutorial: modeling multi-scale biomechanics

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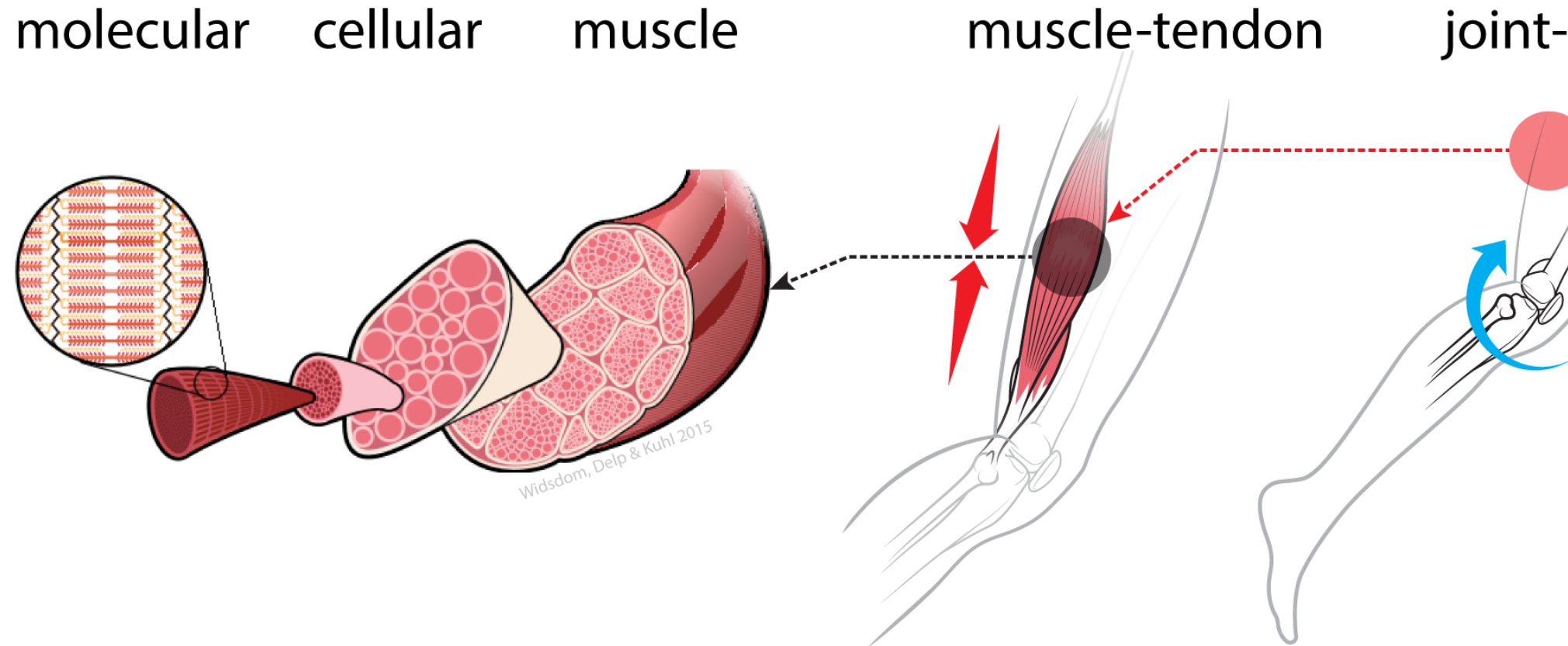
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# Developing a cohesive, multi-scale understanding





# Furniture warehouse





# Furniture warehouse. Warehouse of potential furniture







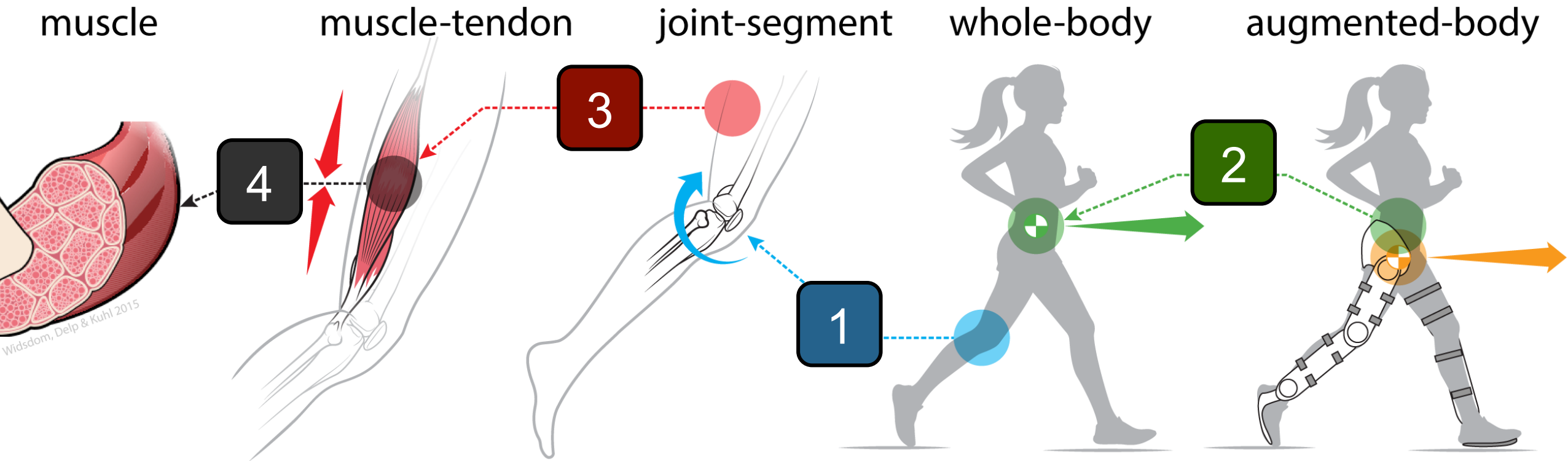
# Multi-scale biomechanics is like IKEA furniture

1. It's complicated
2. Sometimes there are leftover parts
3. Sometimes parts seem to be missing

**Discrepancies provide important insight!**

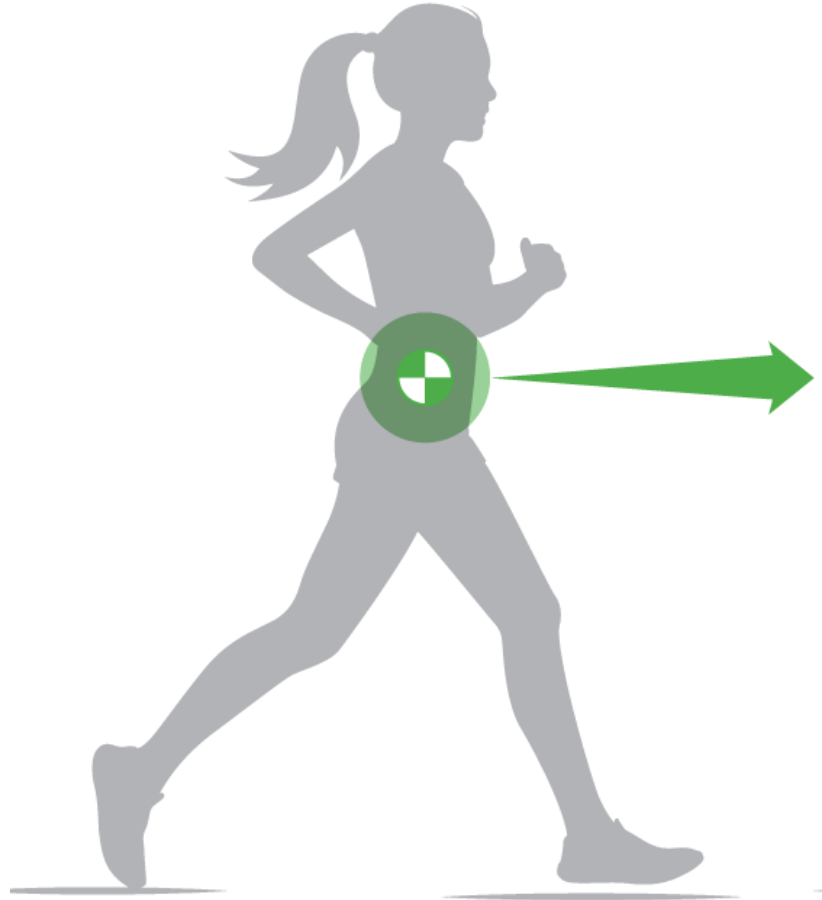


# Estimates at one scale should be consistent with others

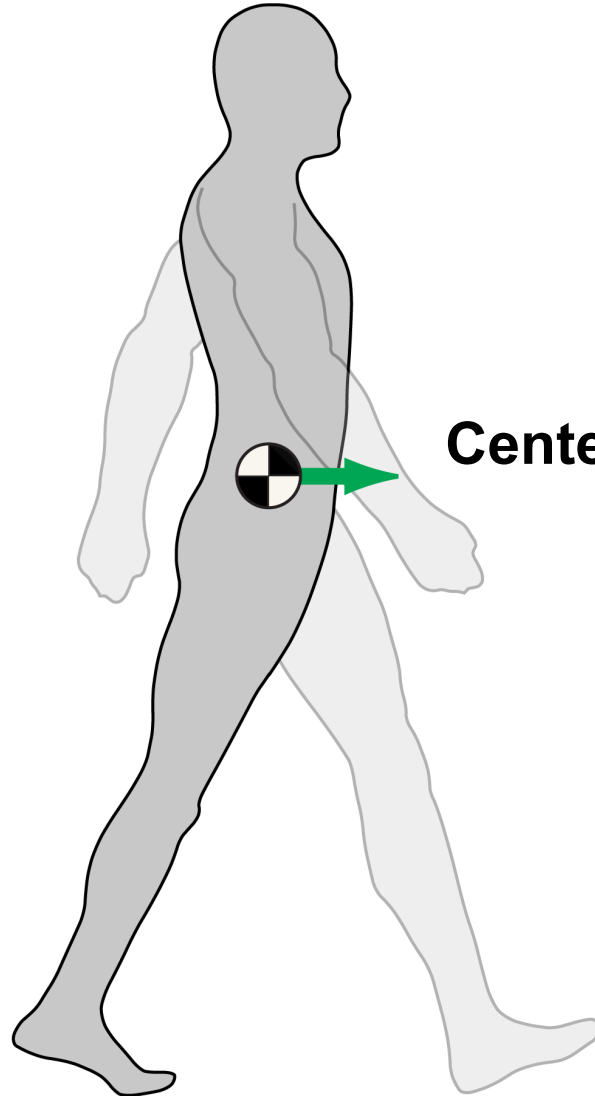




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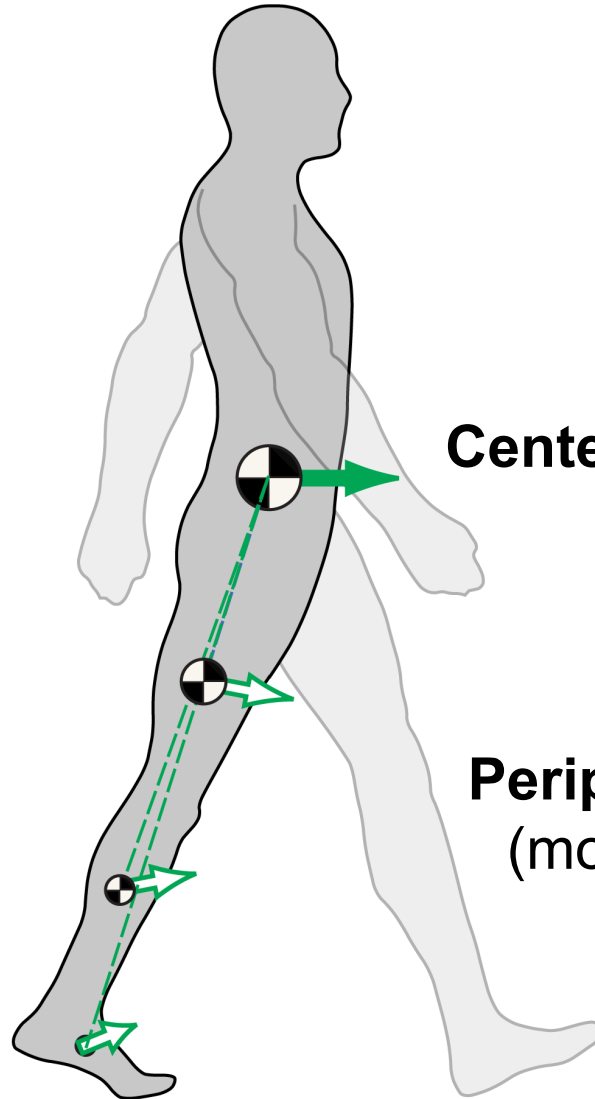
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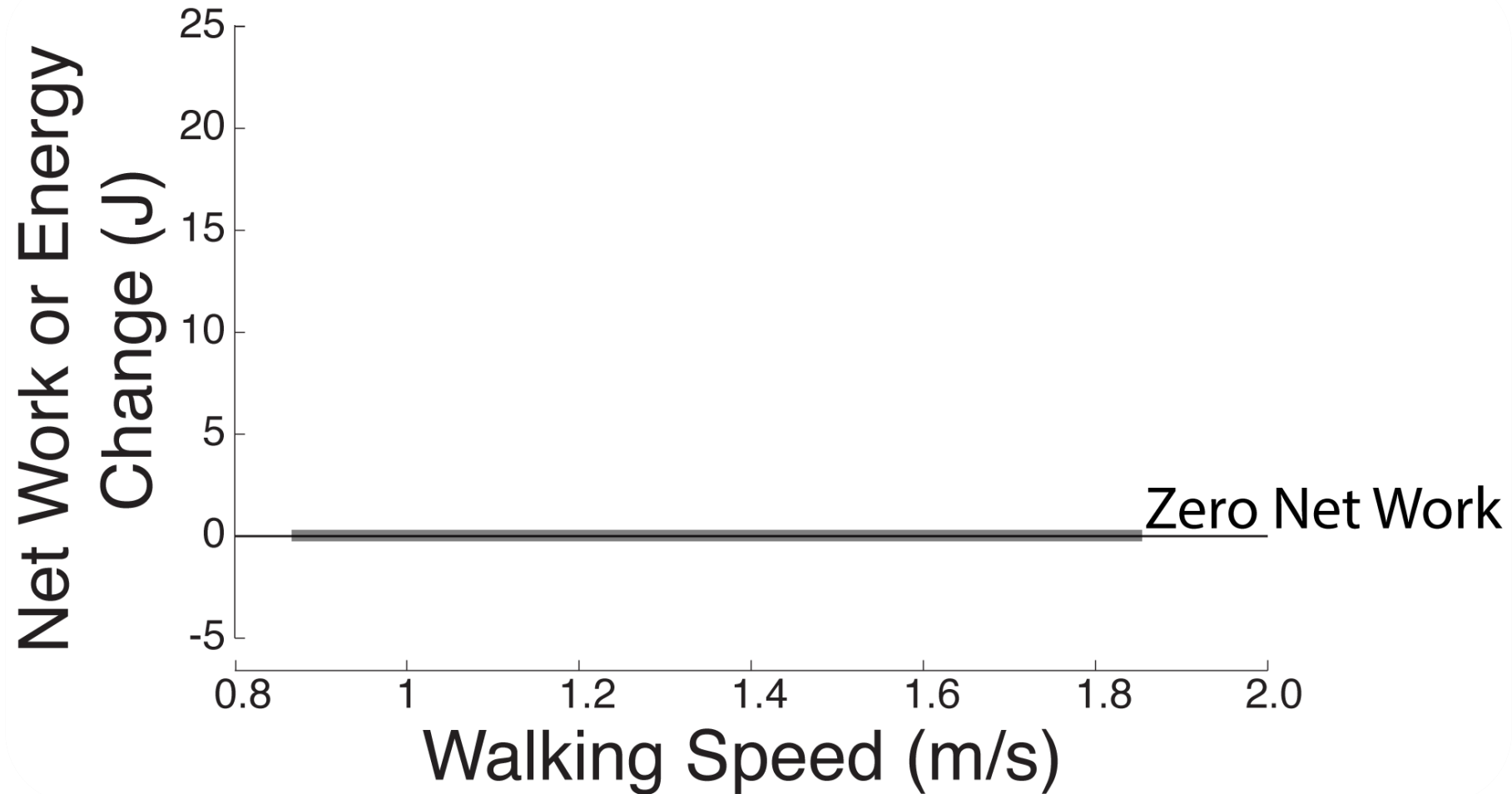
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**Peripheral energy change**  
(motion relative to COM)

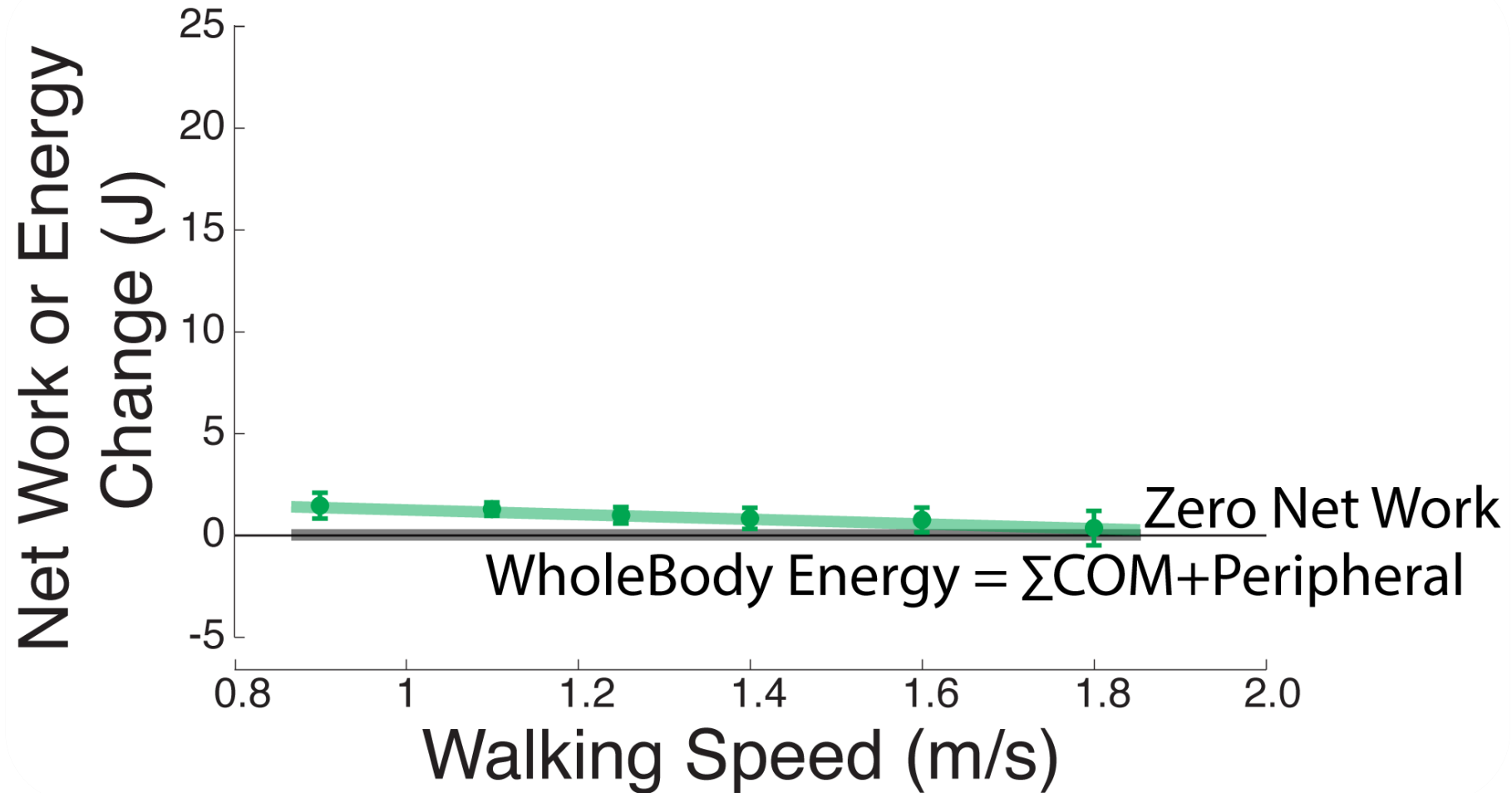
$$\sum_{\text{segments}} \frac{1}{2} m_s (v_s - v_{COM})^2 + \frac{1}{2} I_s \cdot \omega_s^2$$

*\*rigid-body assumptions*

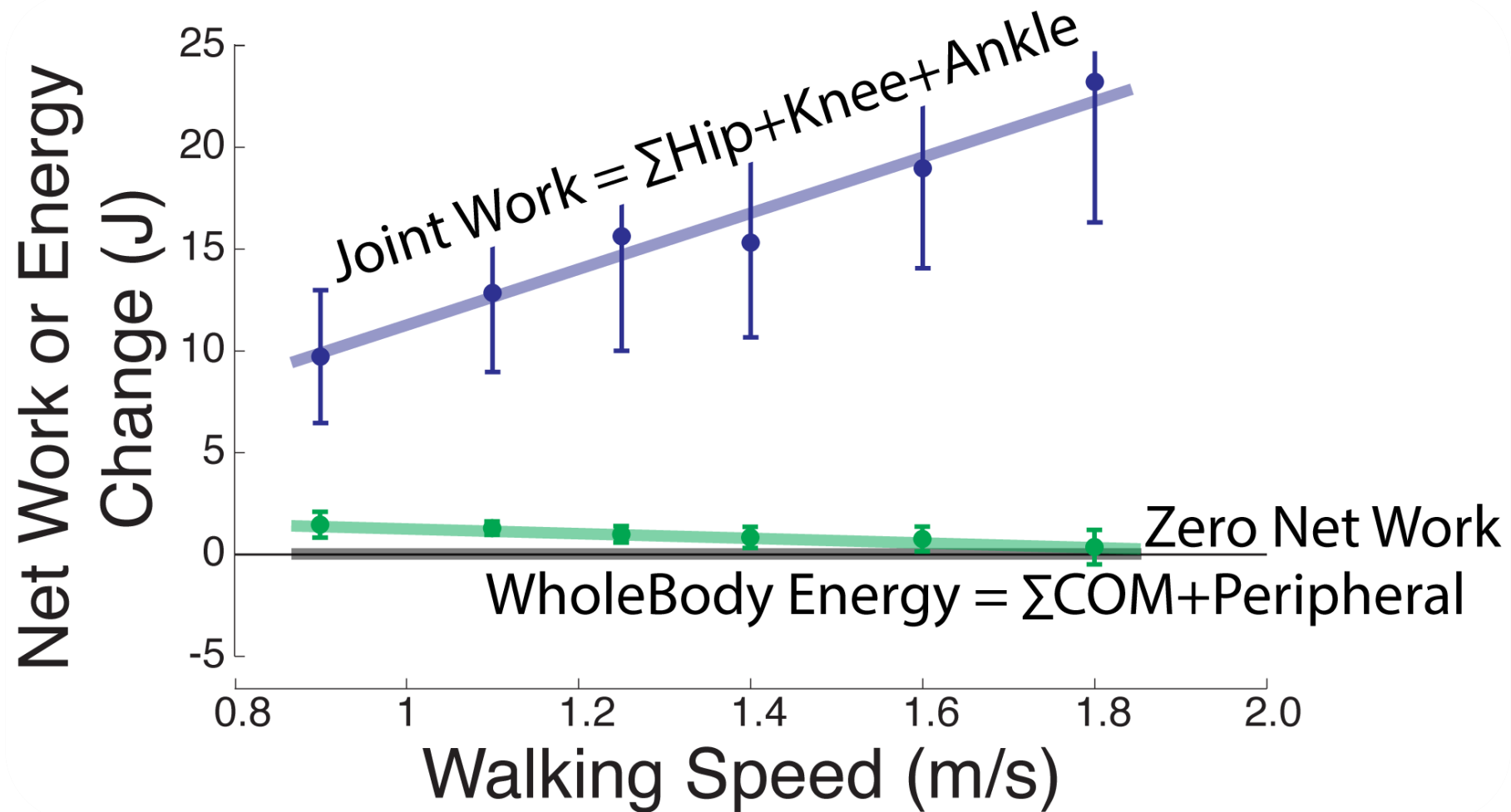
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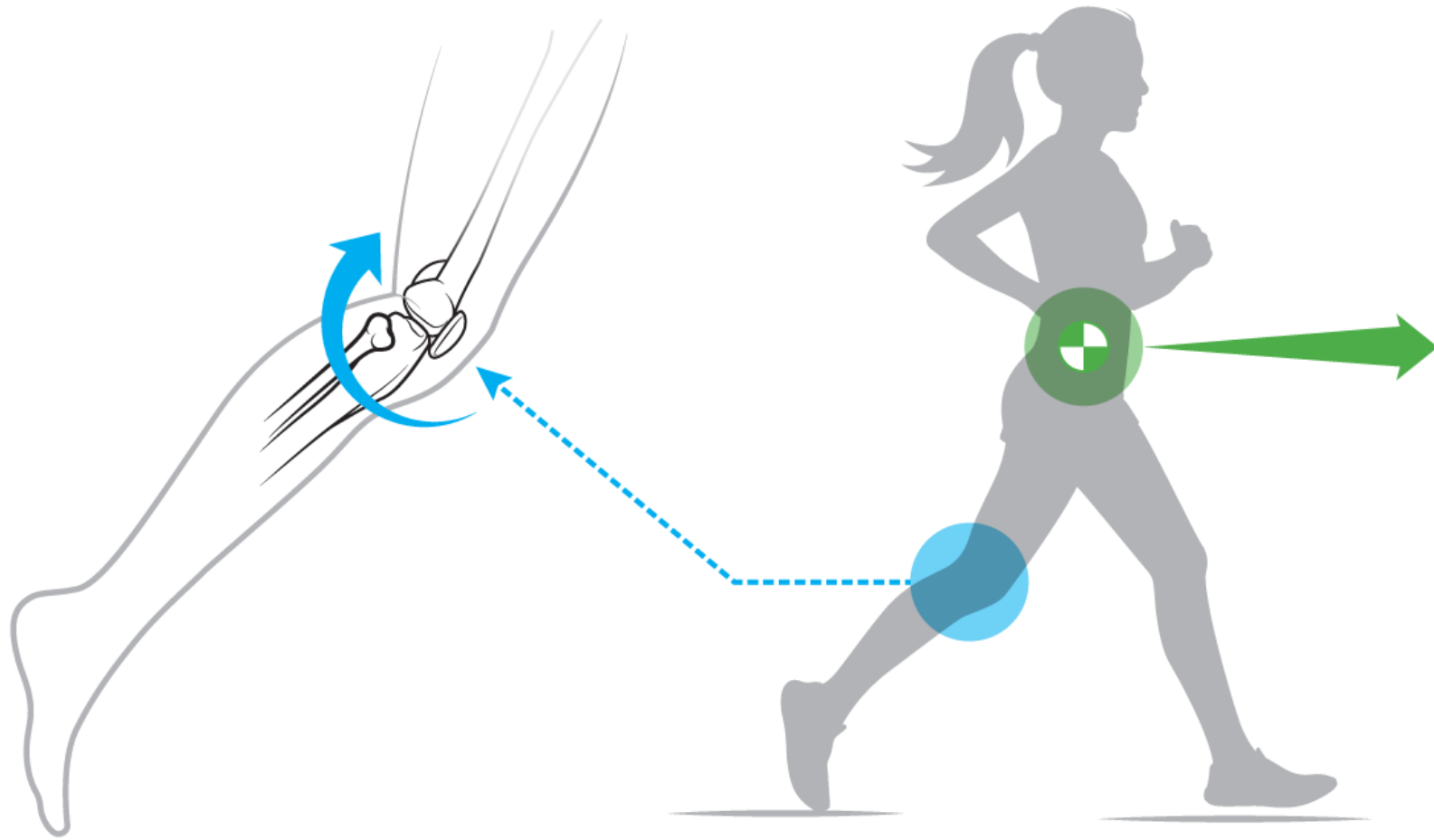
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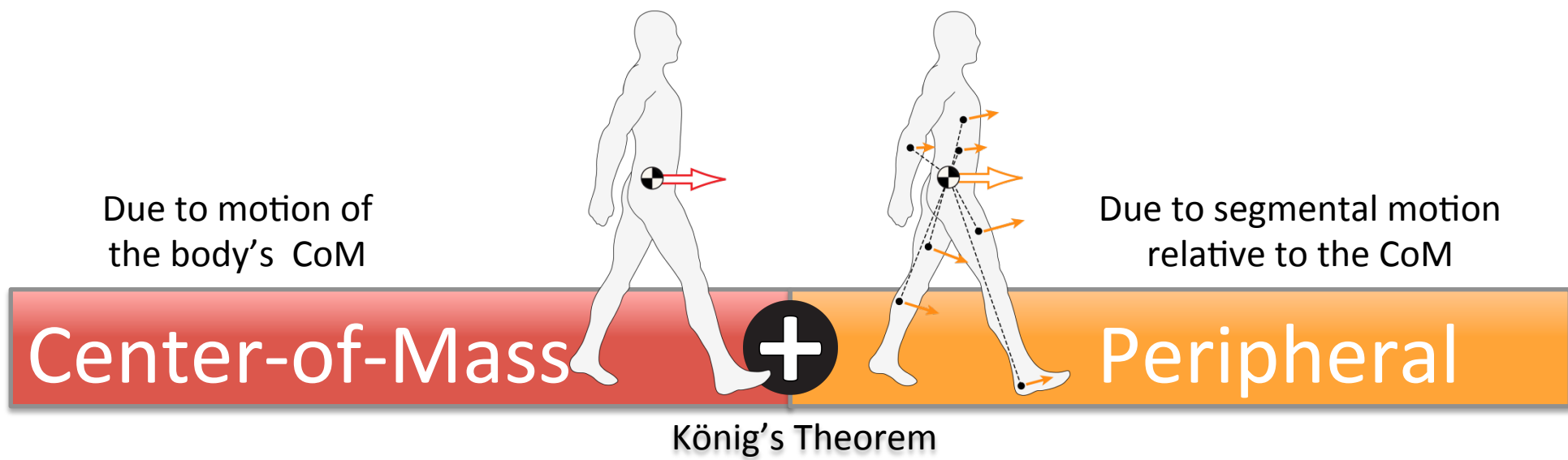
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# Joint-Segment $\leftrightarrow$ Whole-Body





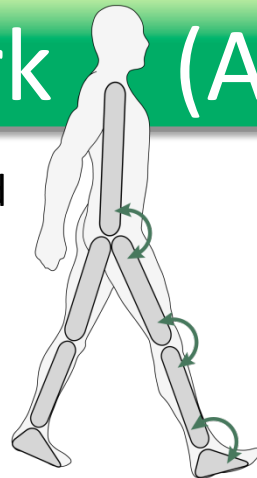


# Whole-Body Energy Change

ideal scenario

## Joint Work (Ankle + Knee + Hip + ...)

Due to muscles, tendons and ligaments about each joint



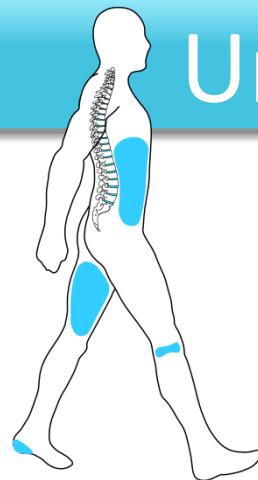
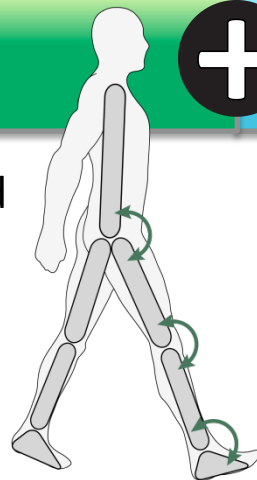
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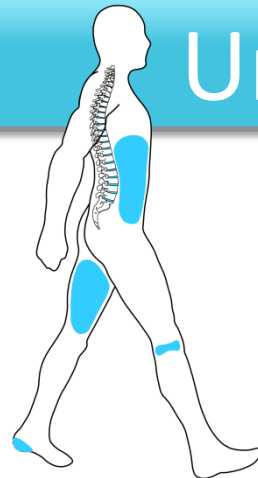
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Excited Particles

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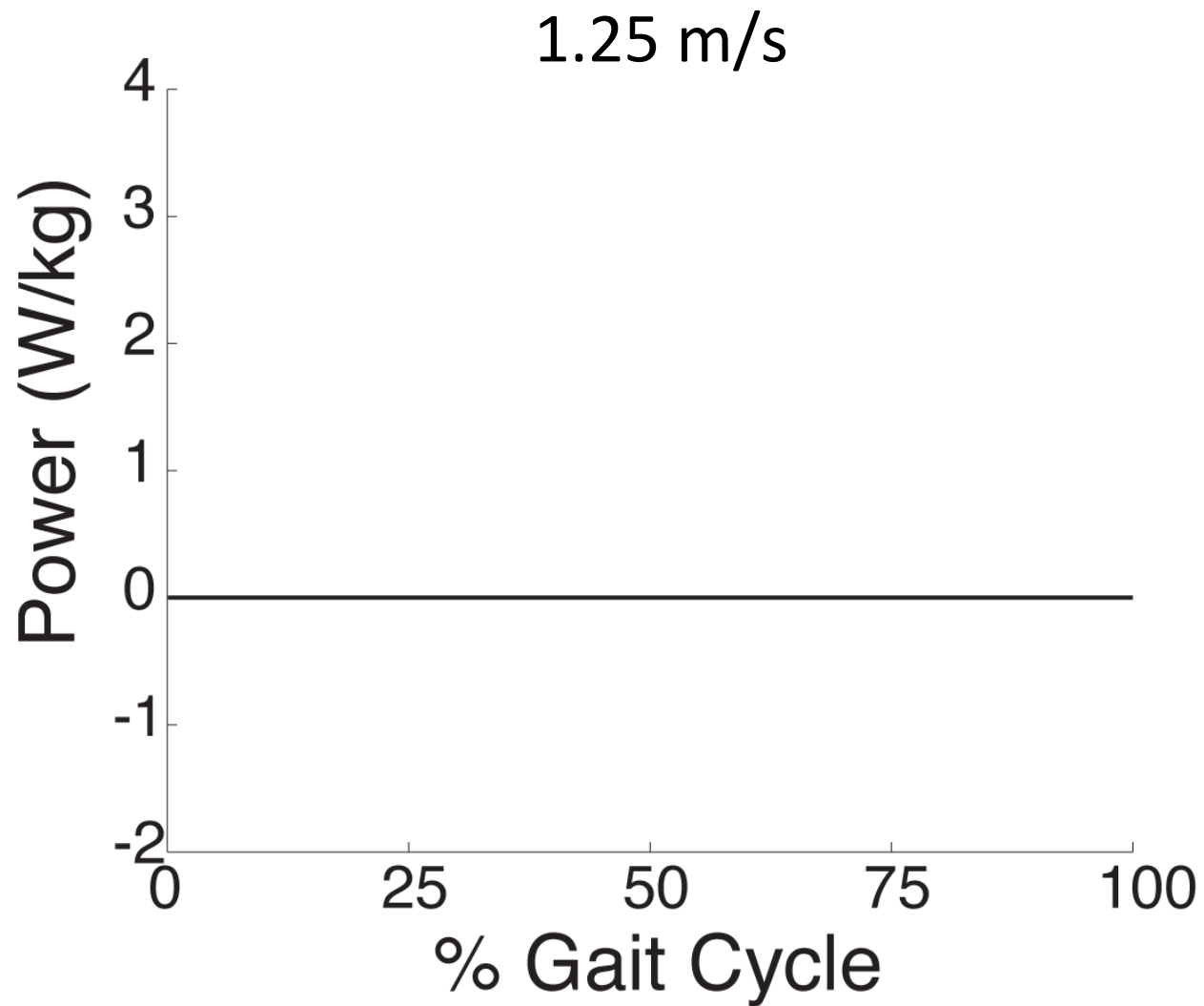
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Center-of-Mass

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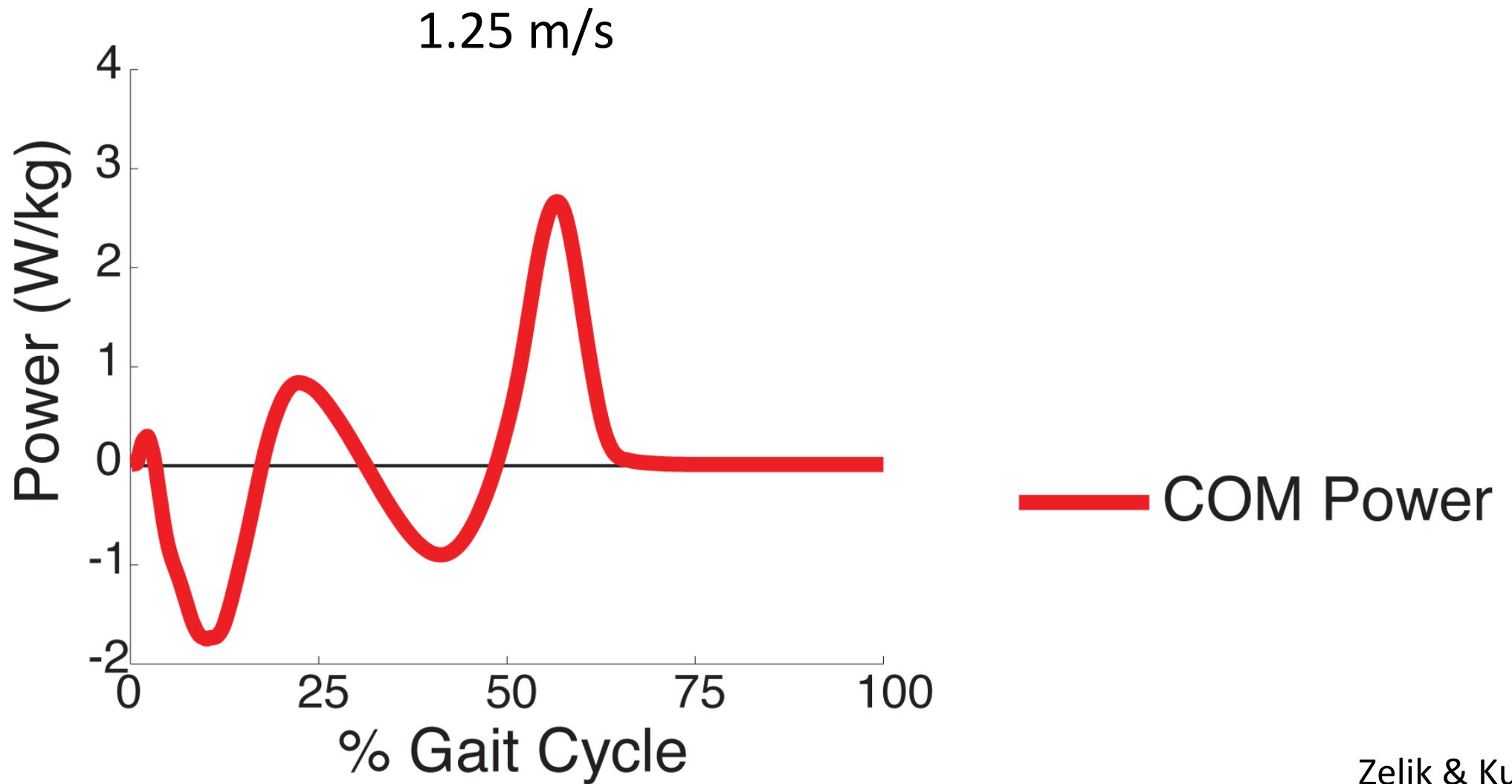
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$$F_{grf} \cdot v_{COM}$$



Zelik & Kuo 2010

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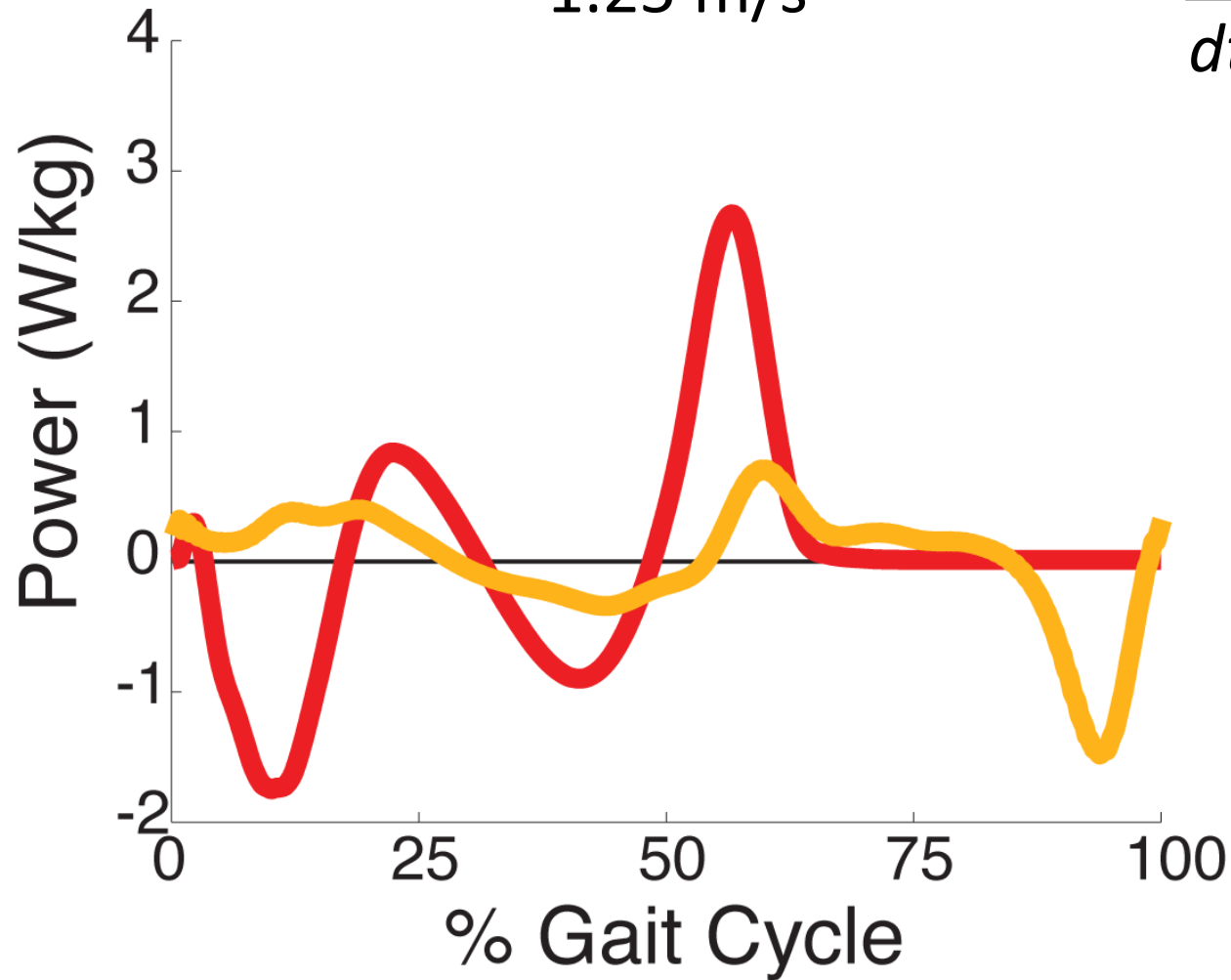
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1.25 m/s

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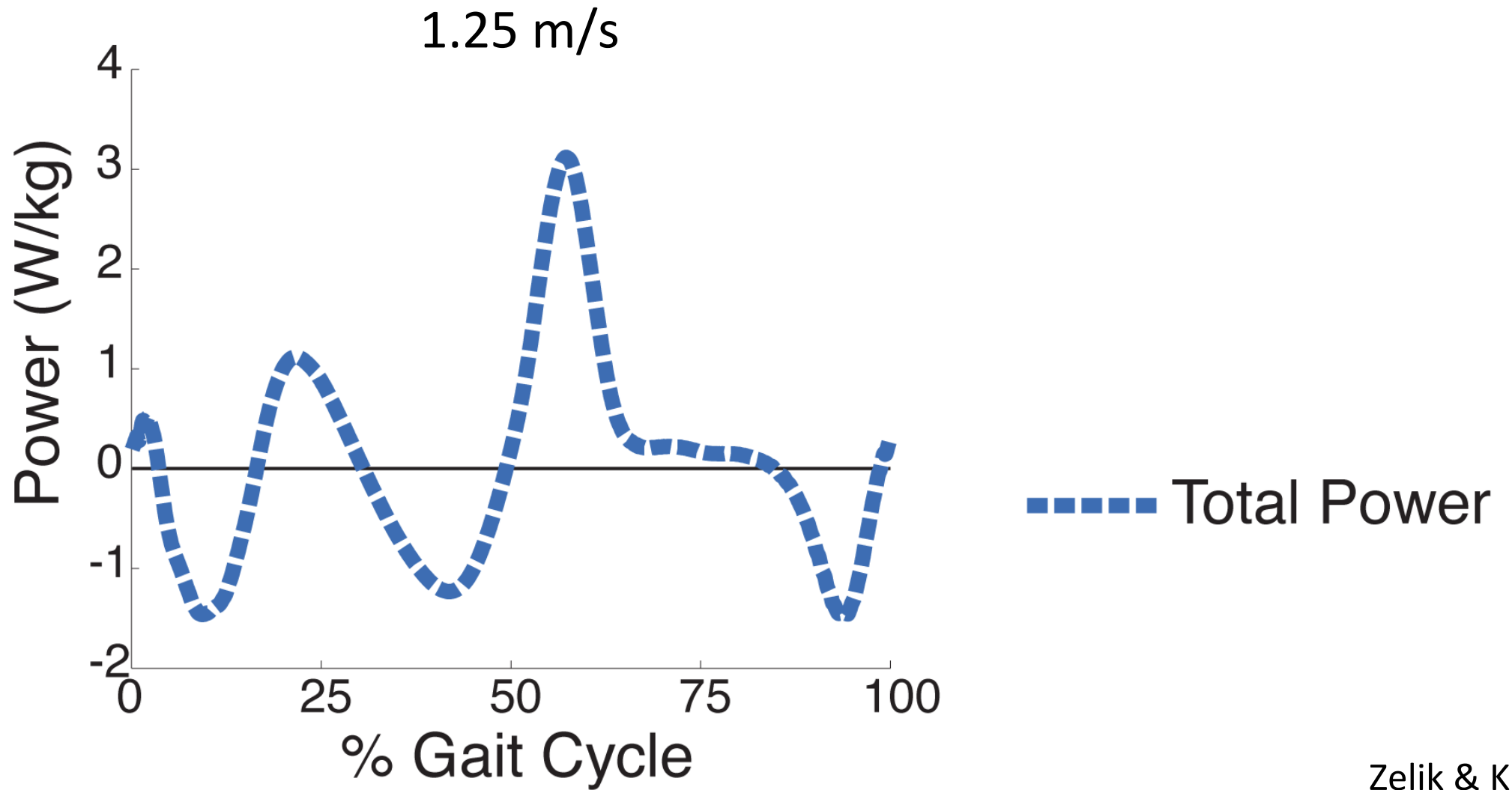
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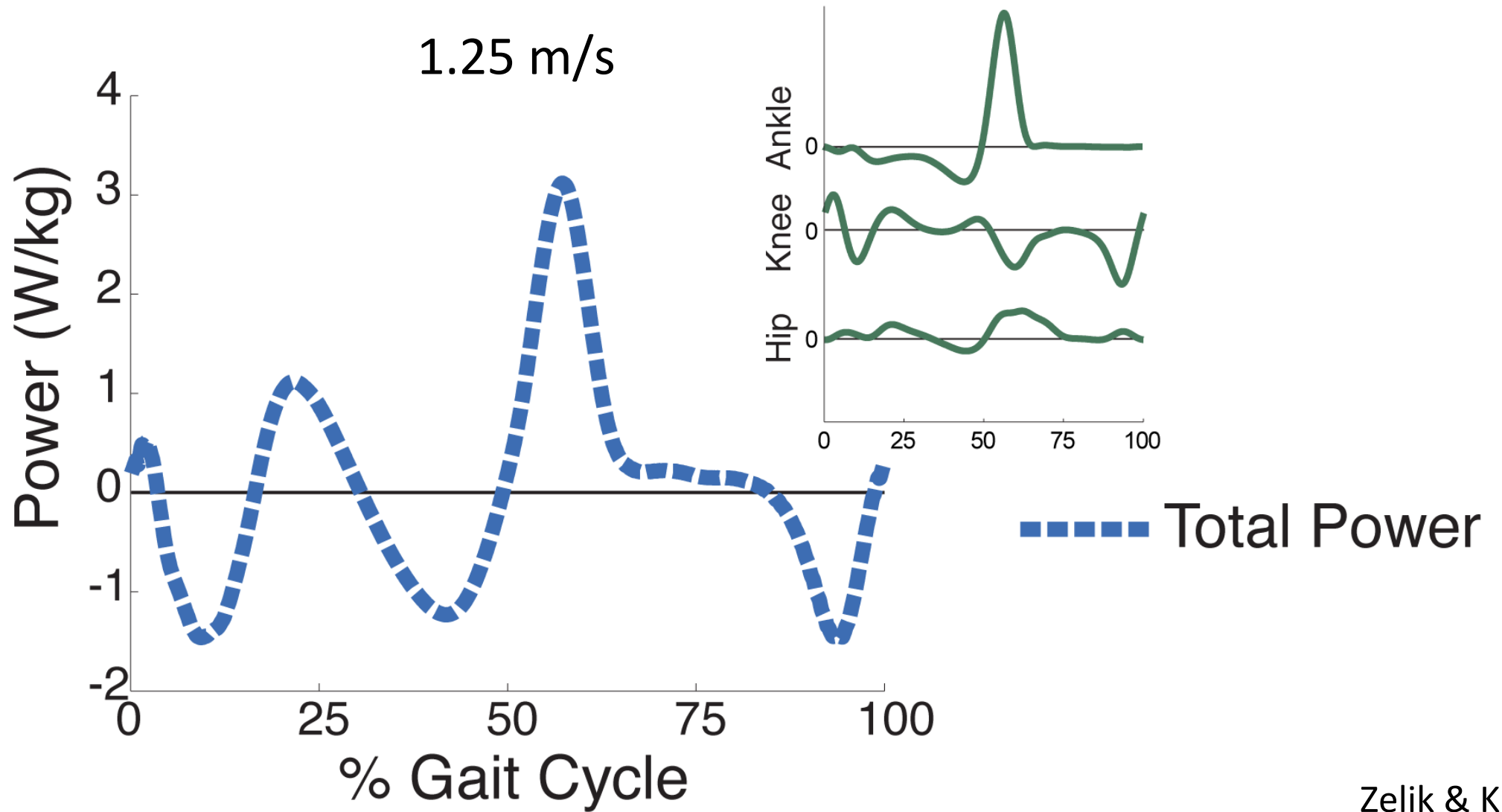


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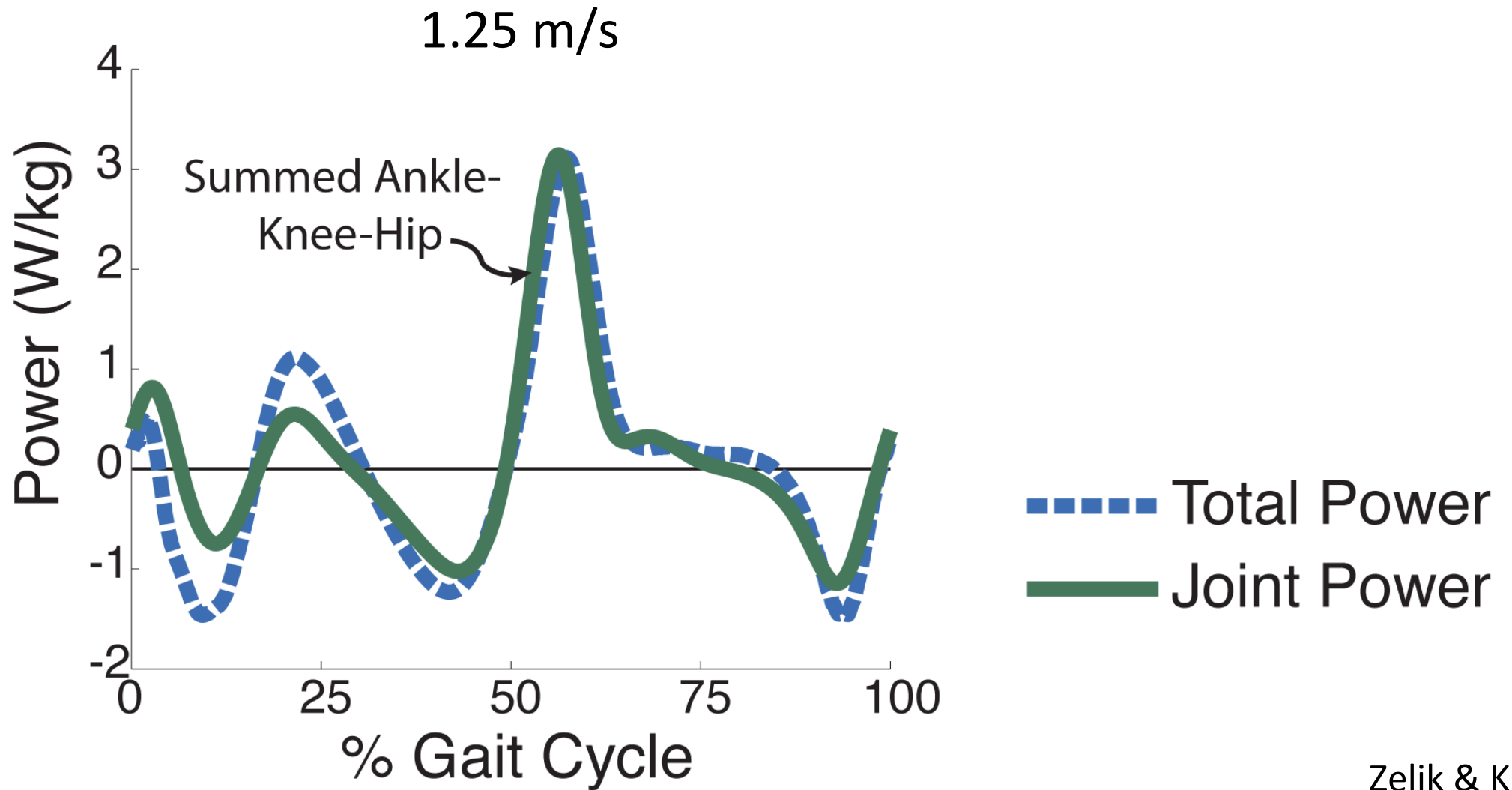
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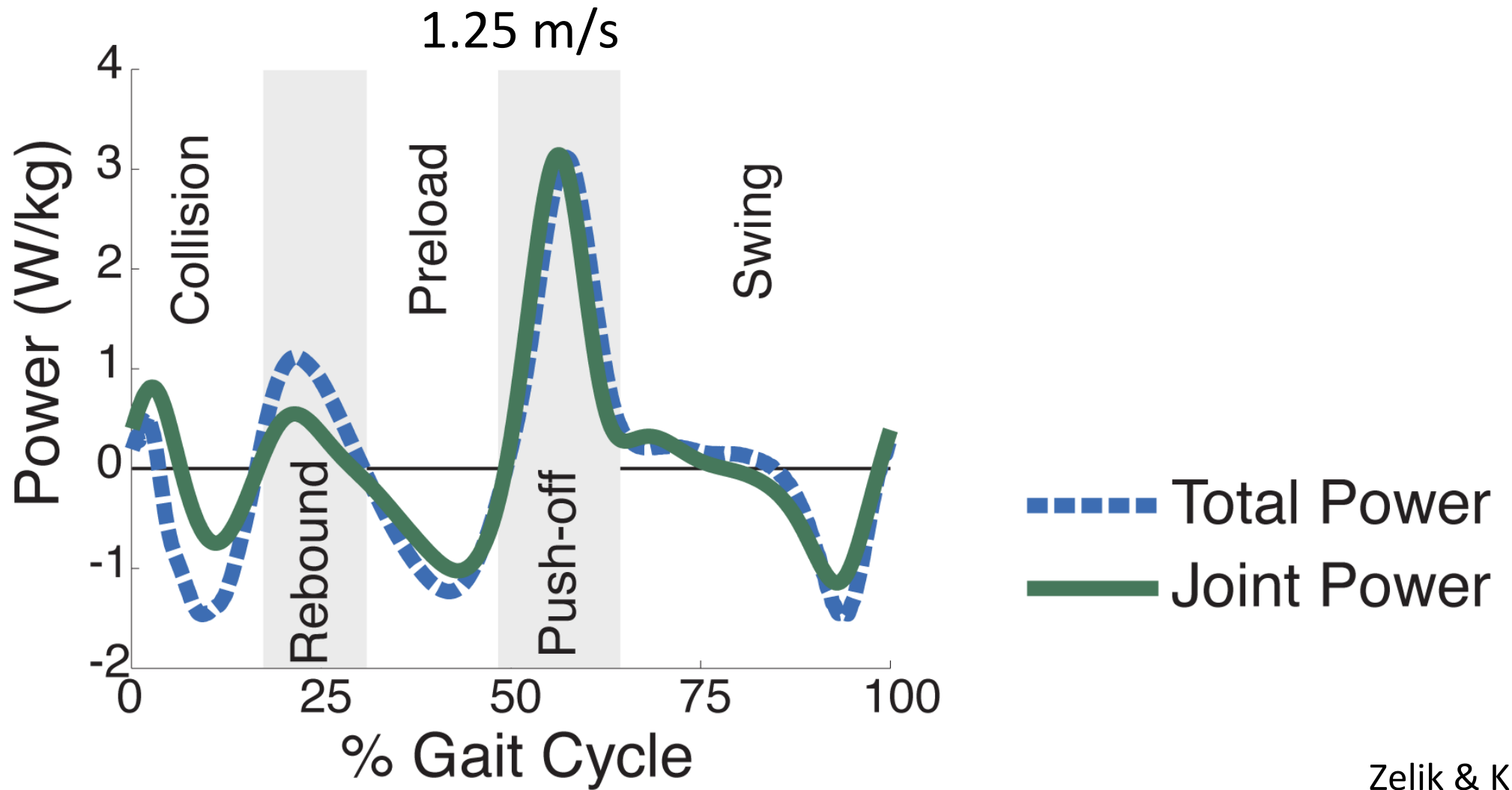
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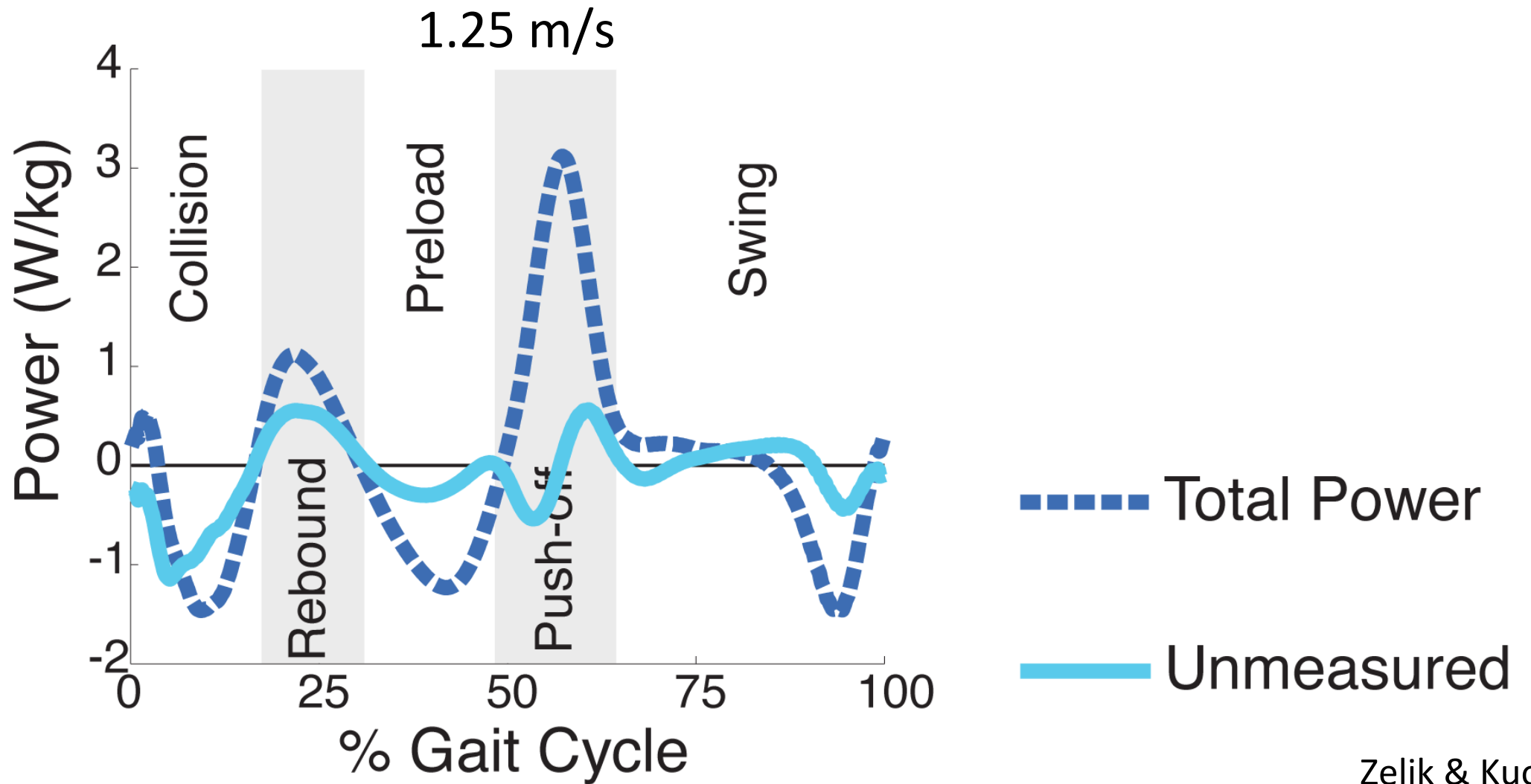
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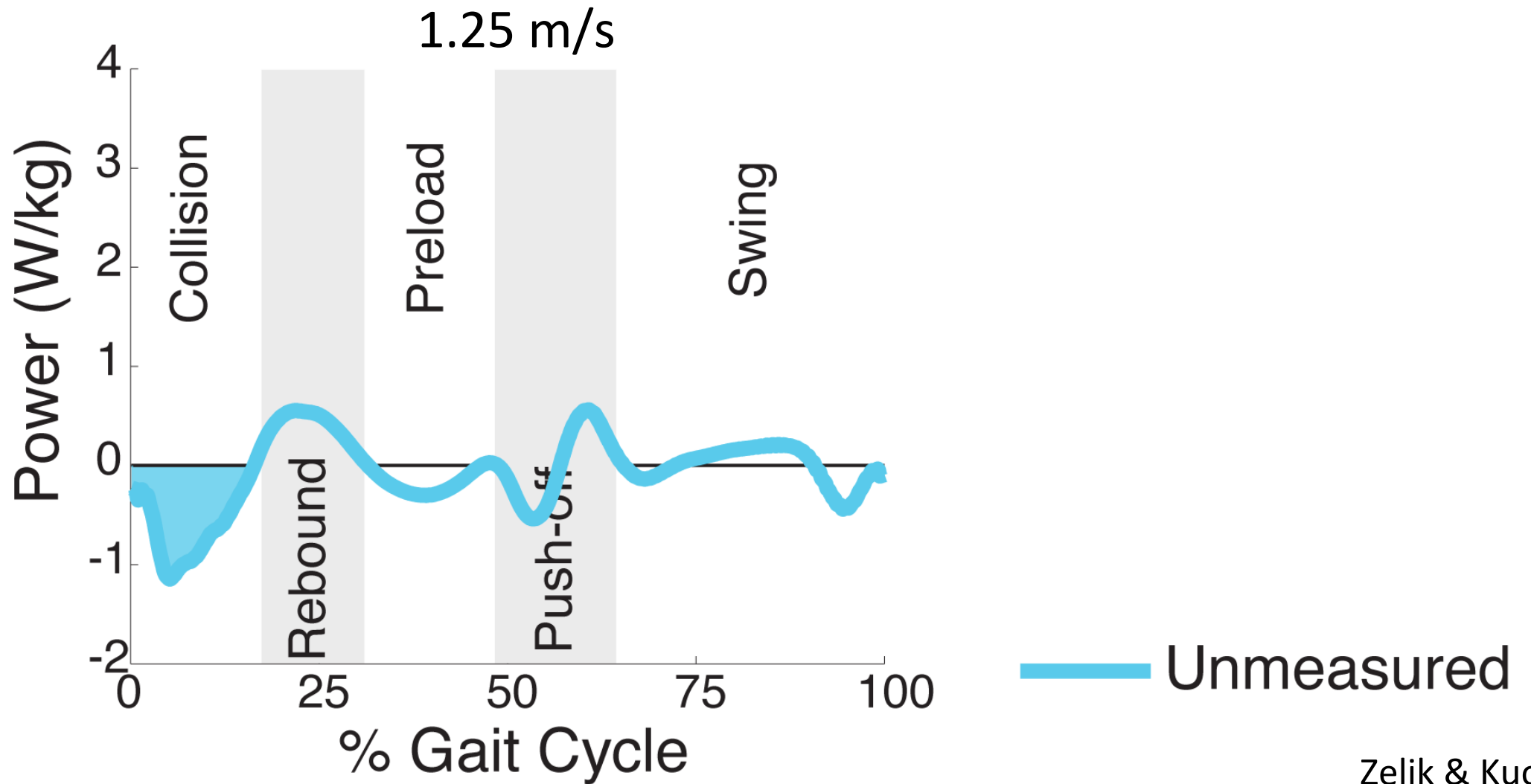


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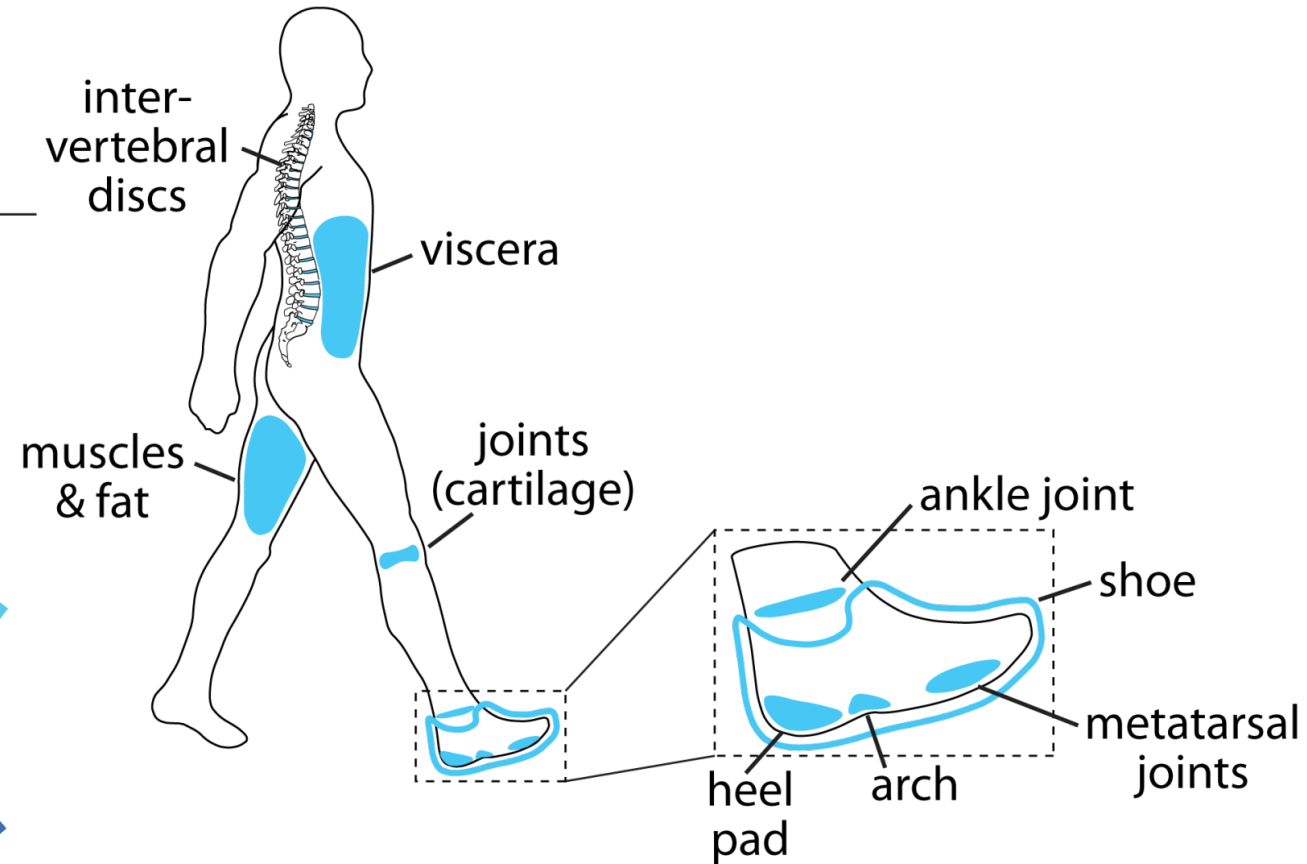
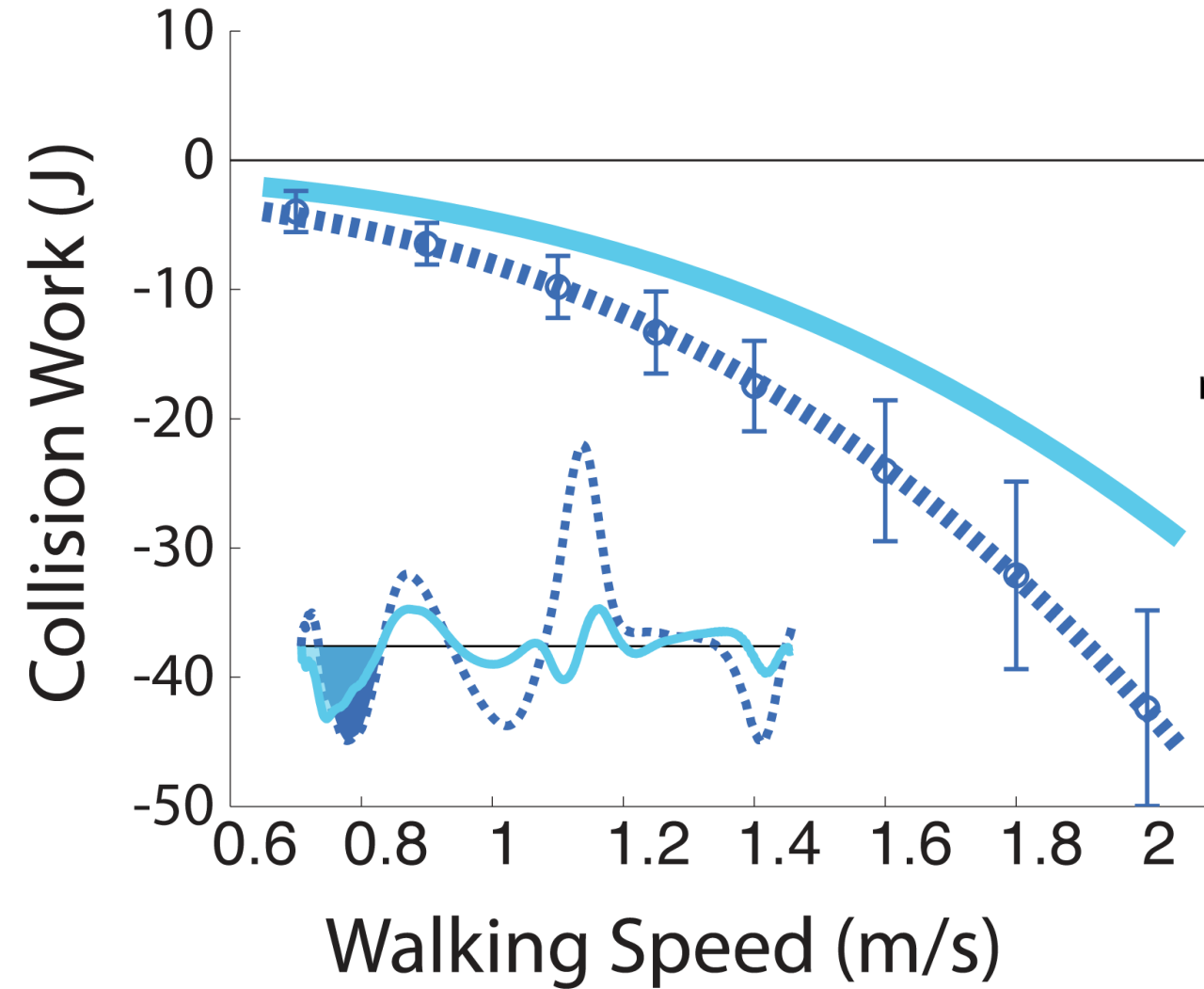
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# More evidence soft tissues absorb energy during collision

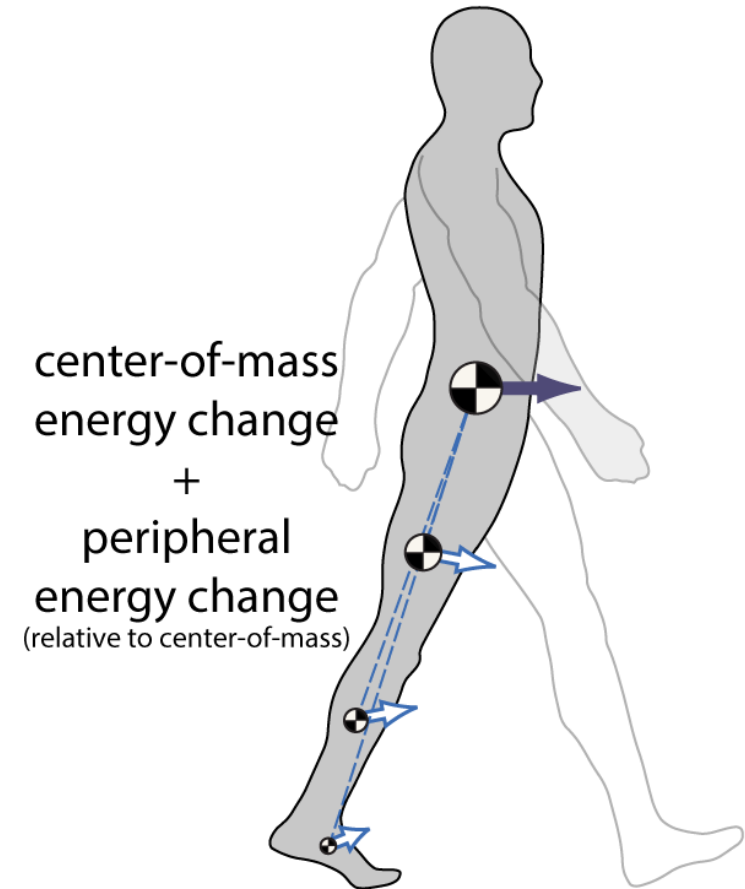
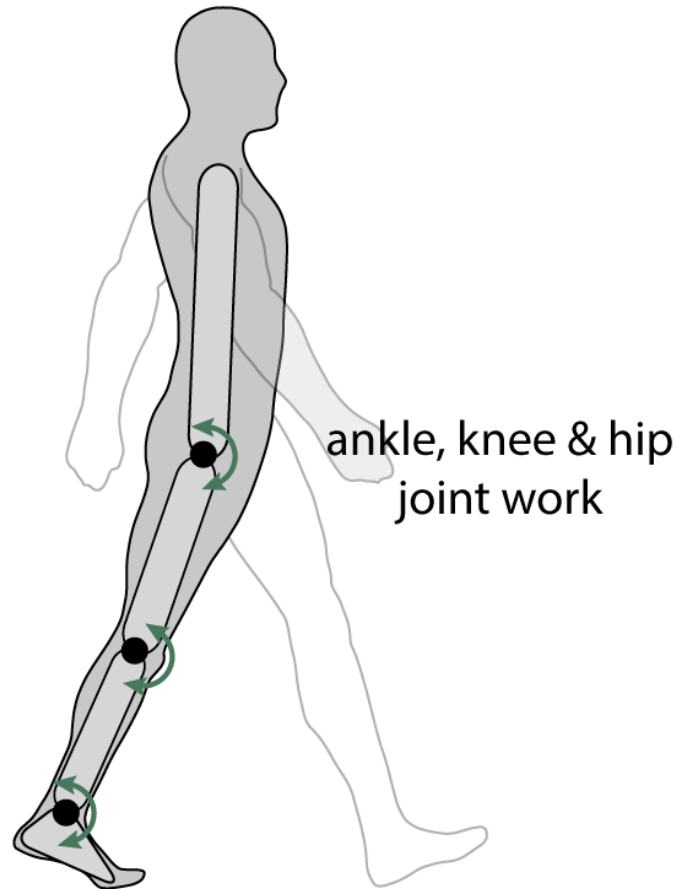
## Based on similar energy accounting methods

- Jump/drop landings (Zelik & Kuo 2012, Masters & Challis 2016)
- **Obese vs. non-obese gait (Fu et al. 2015)**
- Running (Riddick & Kuo 2016)
- Step-to-step transition (Soo & Donelan 2010)

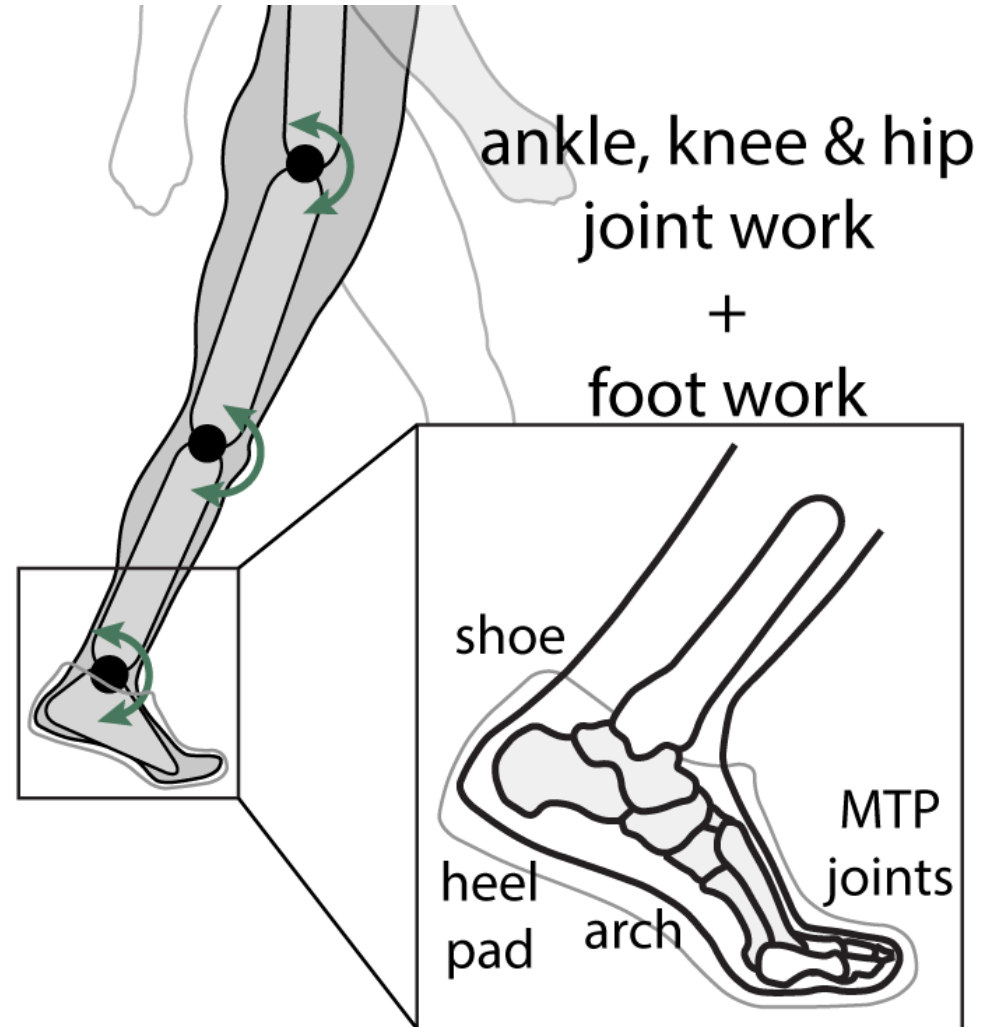
## Based on different methods

- Wobbling mass kinematics (Pain & Challis 2002, Gruber et al. 1998)
- Visceral pistoning (Cazzola 2010, Daley & Usherwood 2010)
- Incline/decline gait (DeVita et al. 2007)

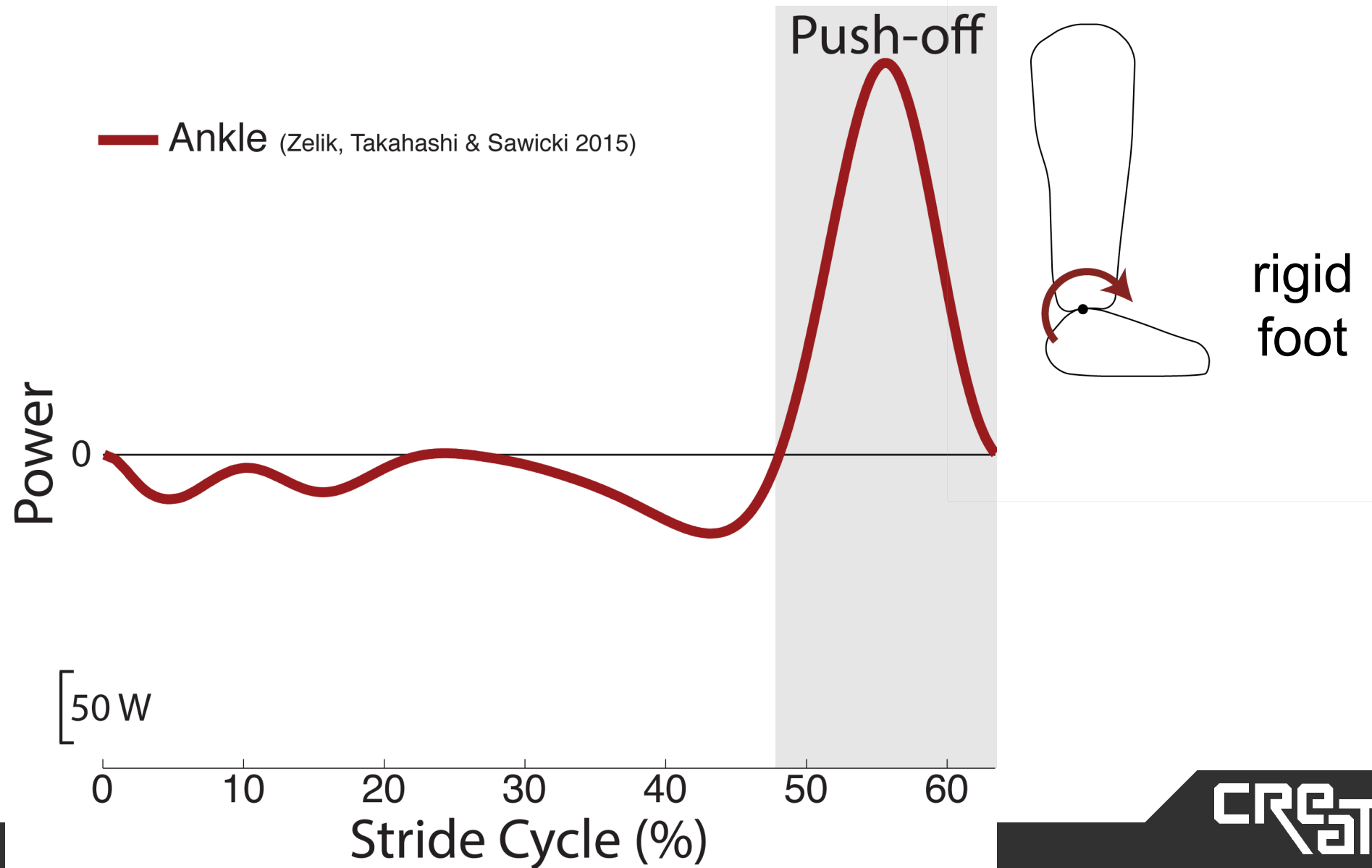
# Good news: agreement between scales, except for collisions



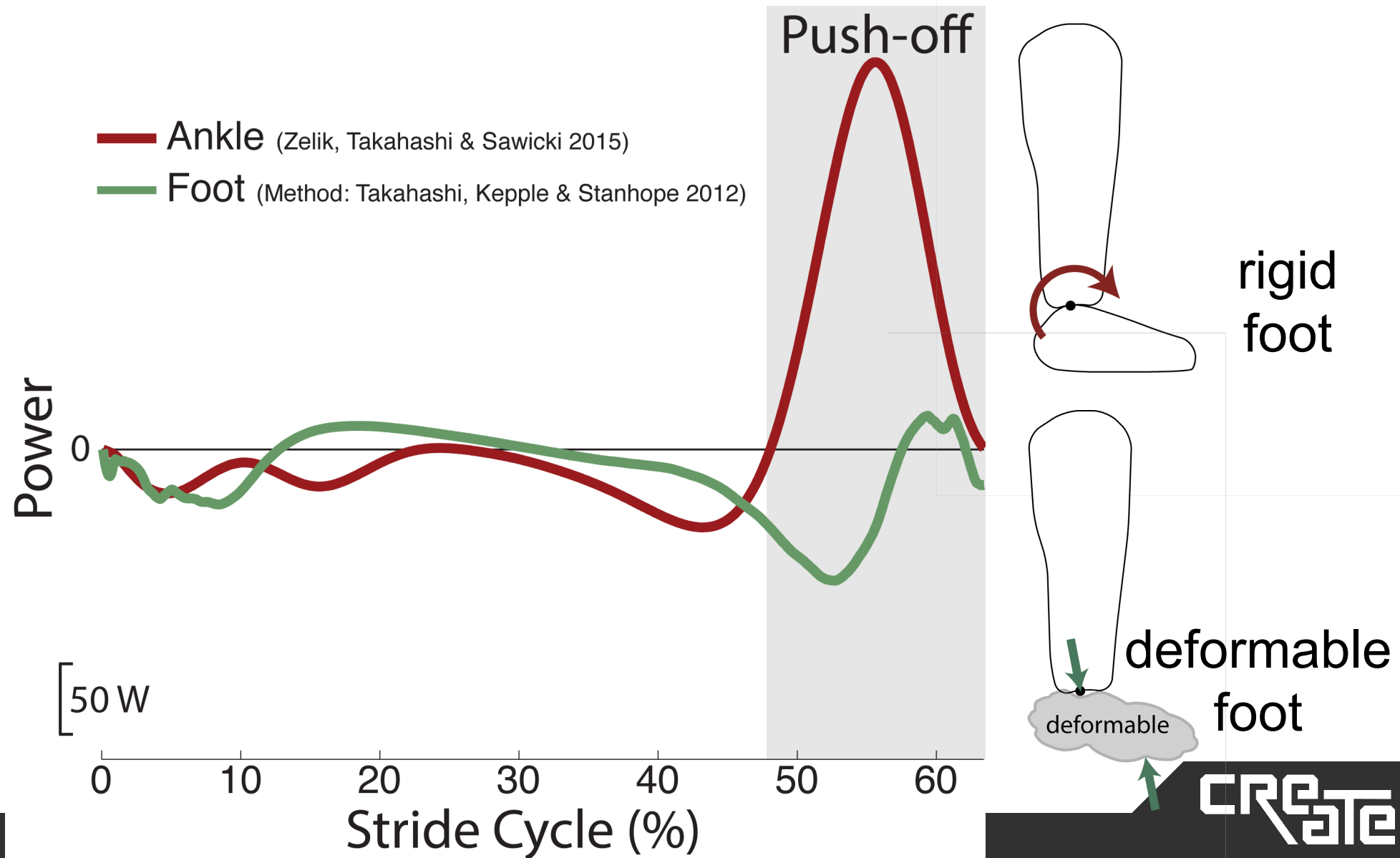
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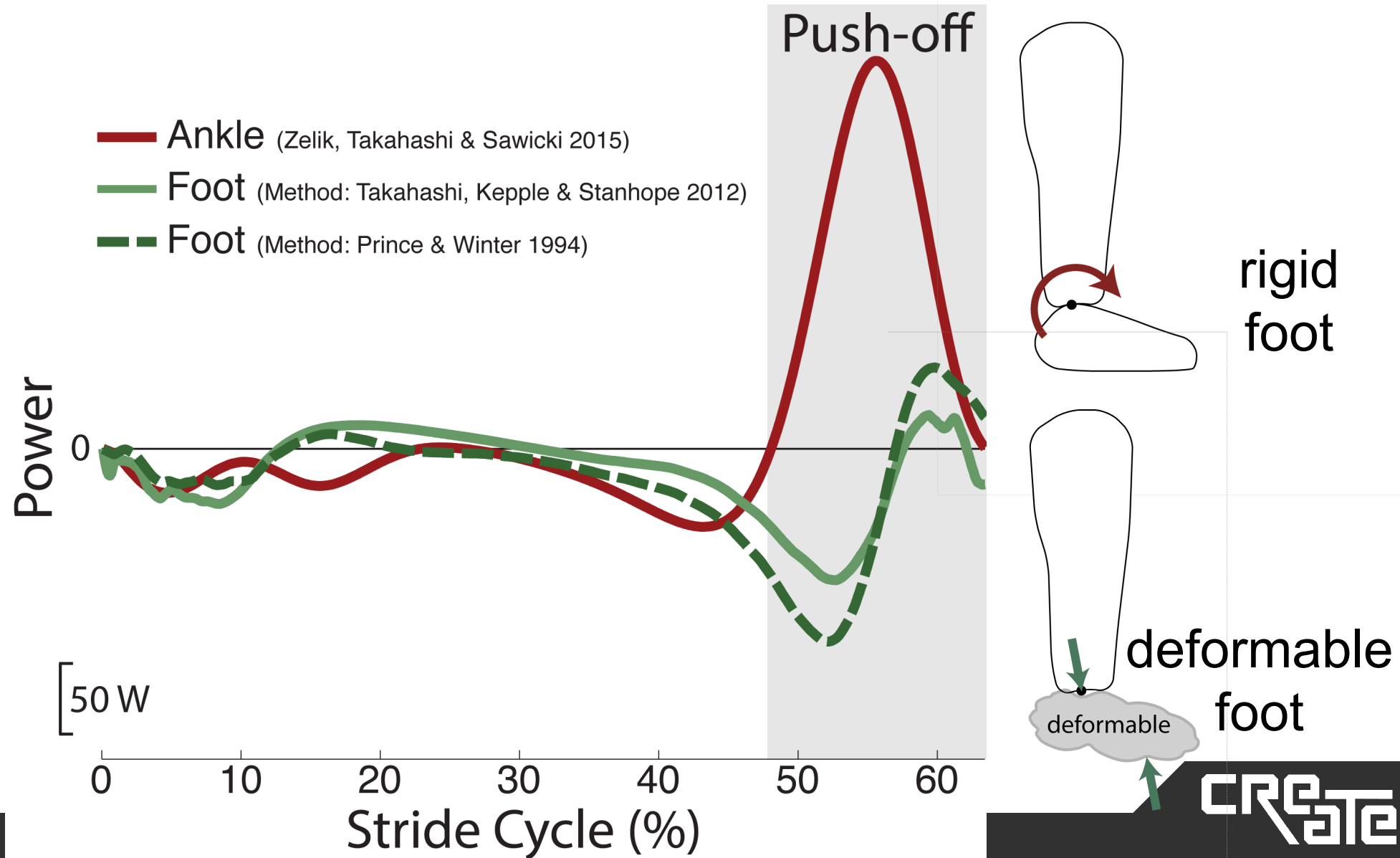
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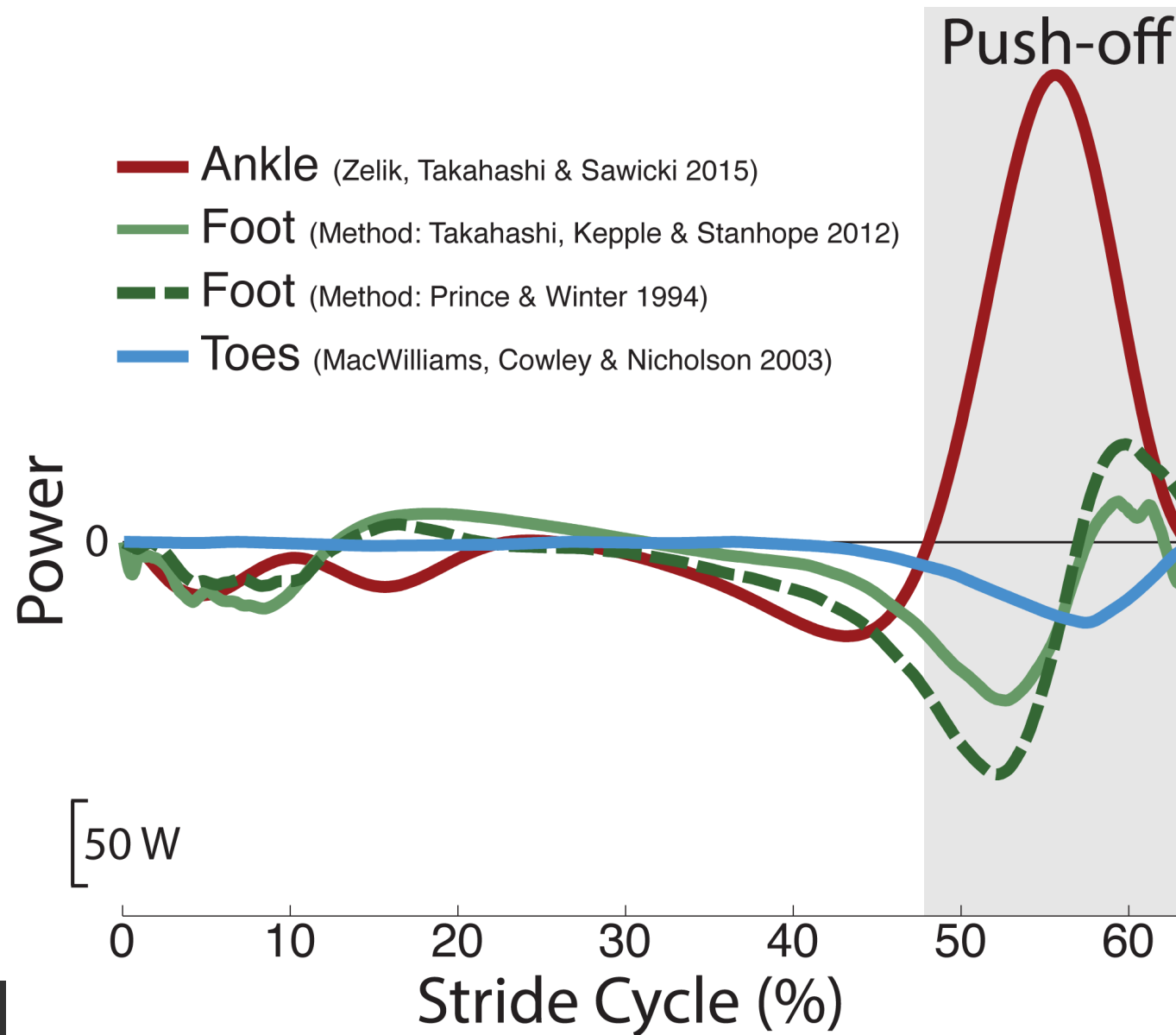


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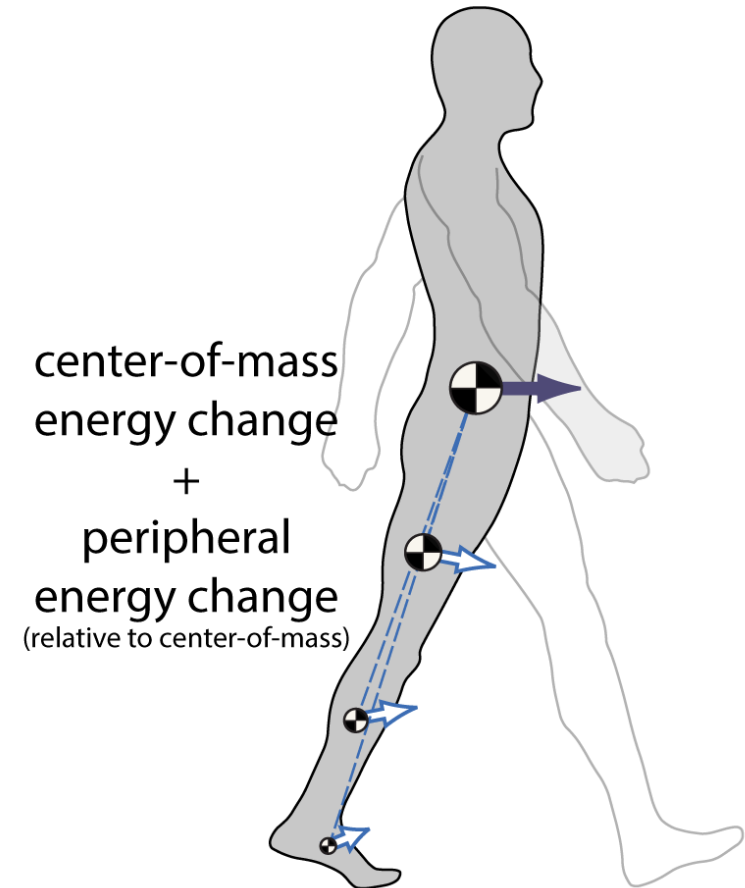
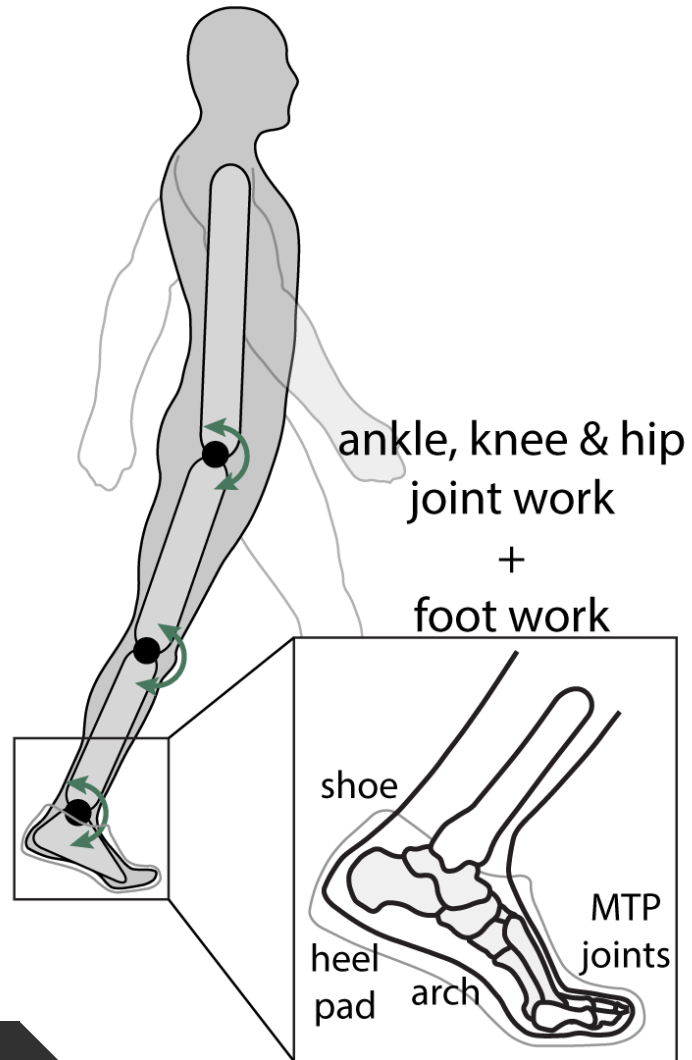




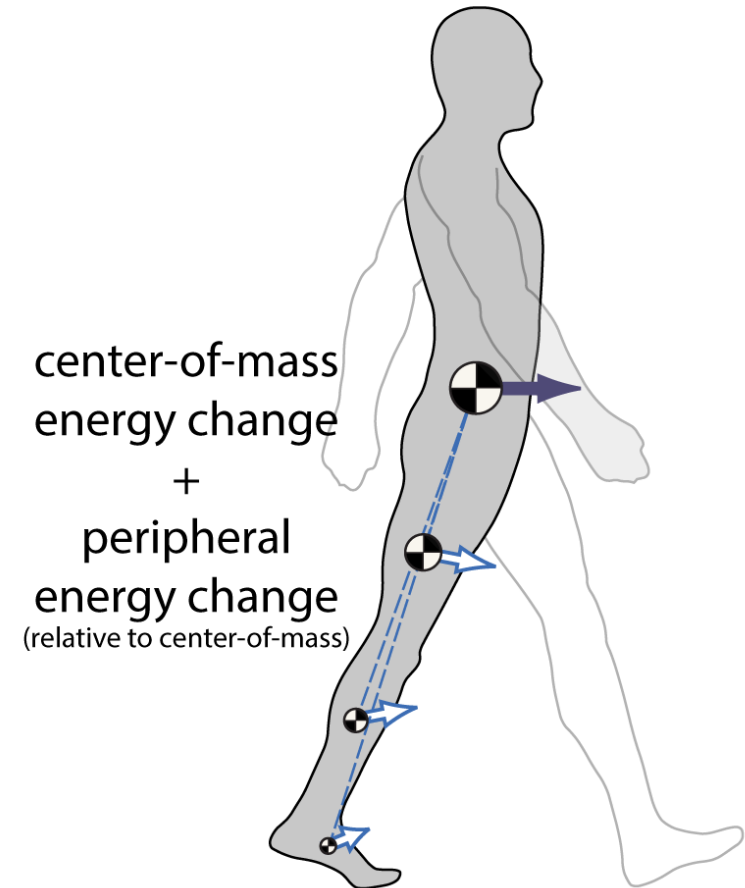
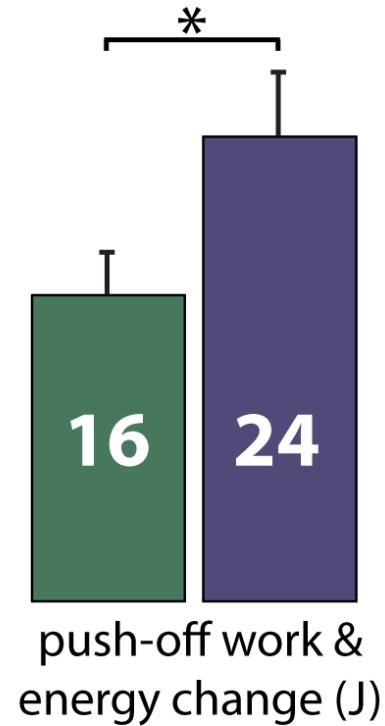
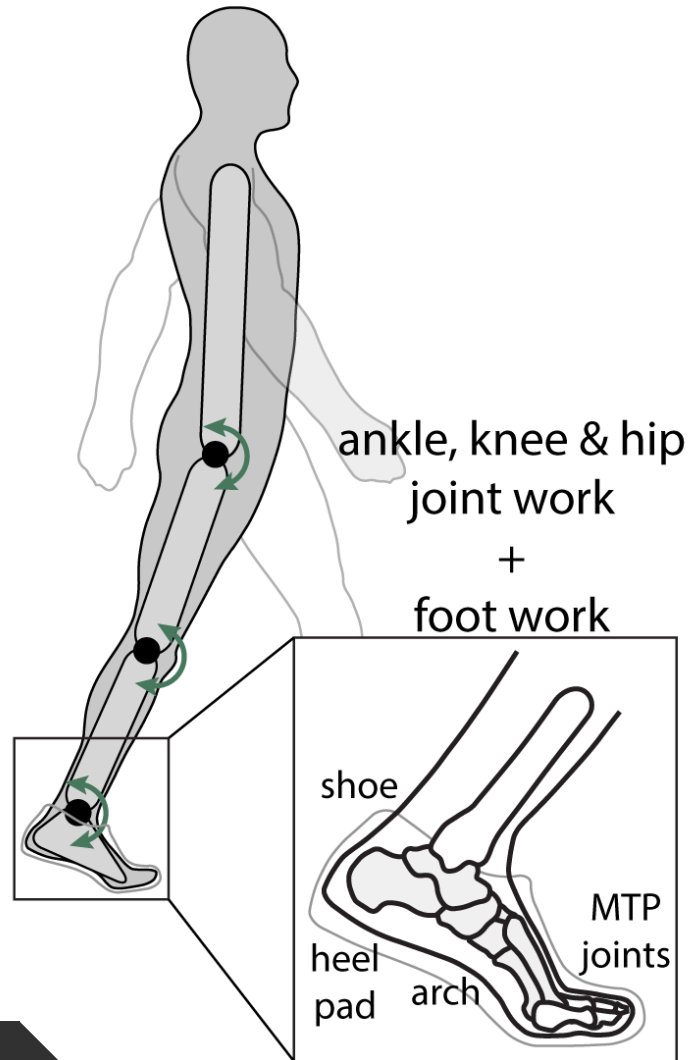
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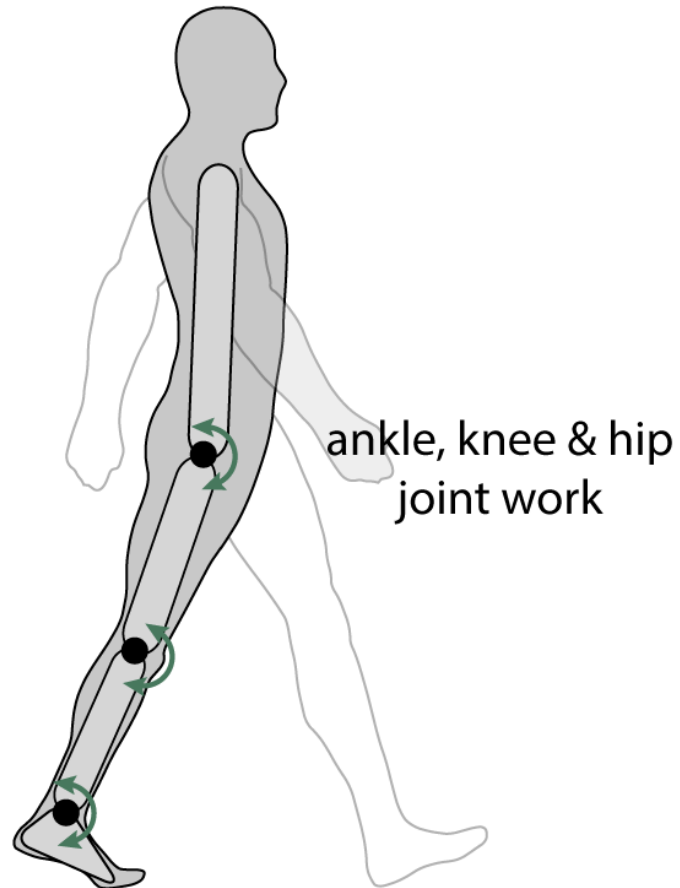
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Zelik, Takahashi & Sawicki 2015

# Non-obvious culprit: conventional 3DOF inverse dynamics

*DOF = degrees of freedom*

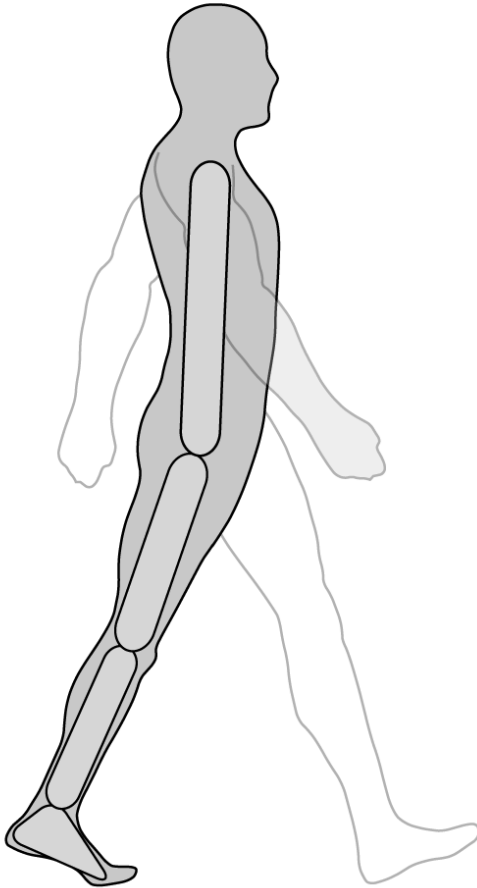


**3DOF inverse dynamics**  
How much work to rotate  
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$$W_{joint} = \int (M_{joint} \omega_{joint}) dt$$

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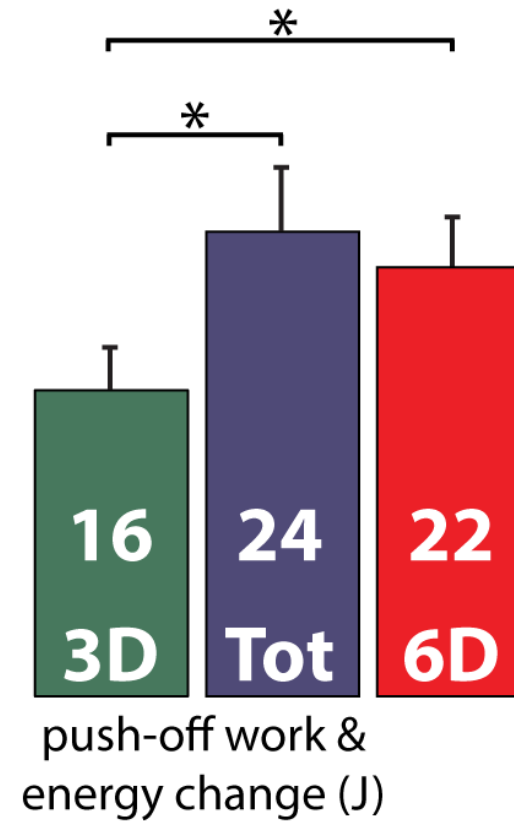
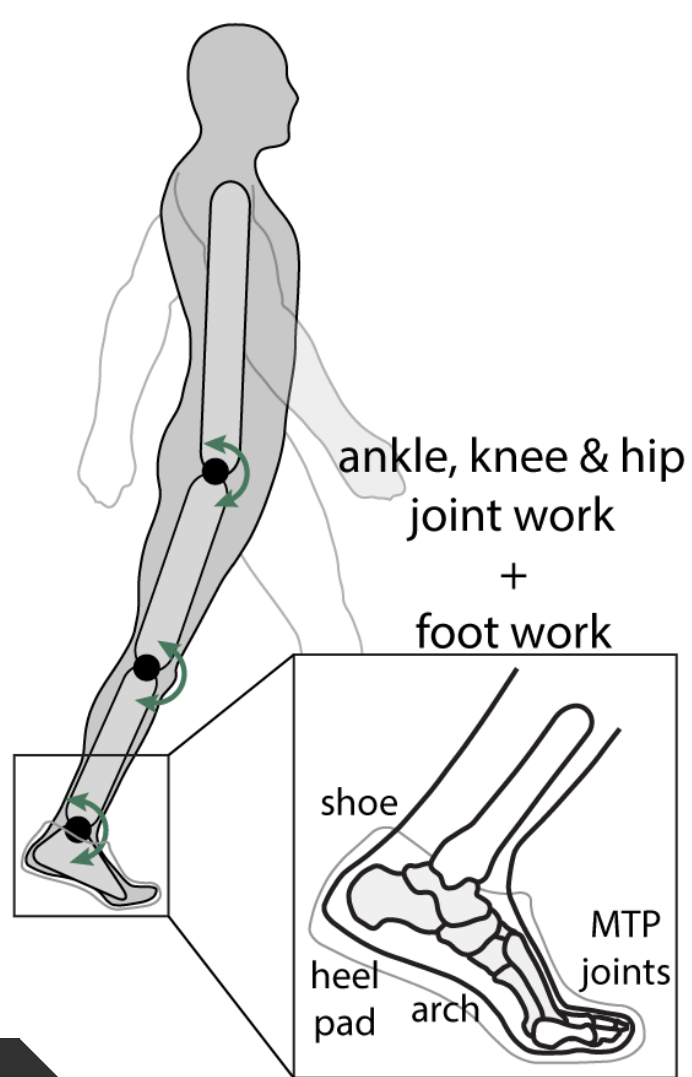
**6DOF inverse dynamics**  
How much work to move  
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$$W_{joint} = \int \left( M_{joint} \omega_{joint} + F_{joint} \Delta v_{joint} \right) dt$$

rotational work + translational work

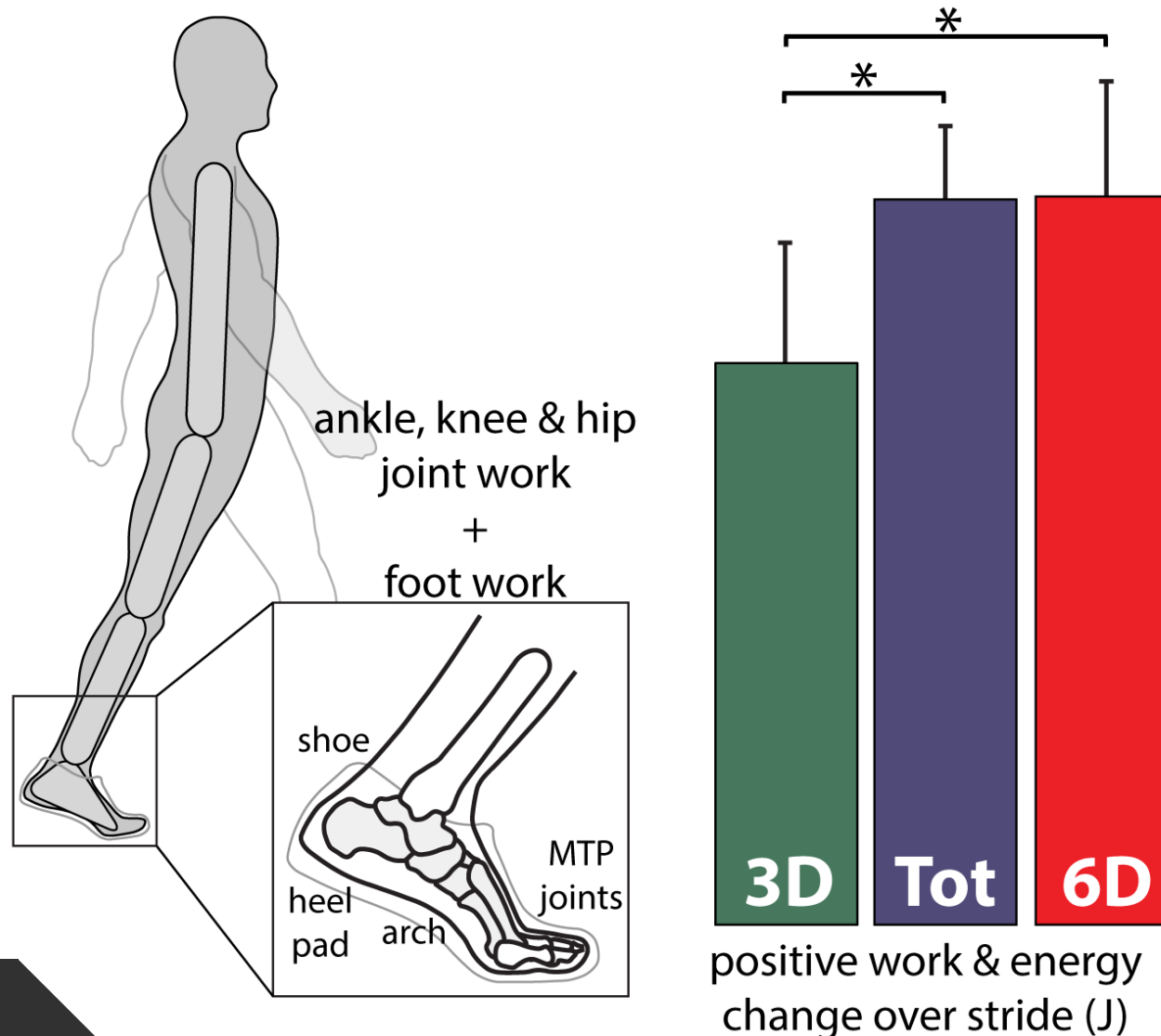
Buczek 1994, Duncan 1997

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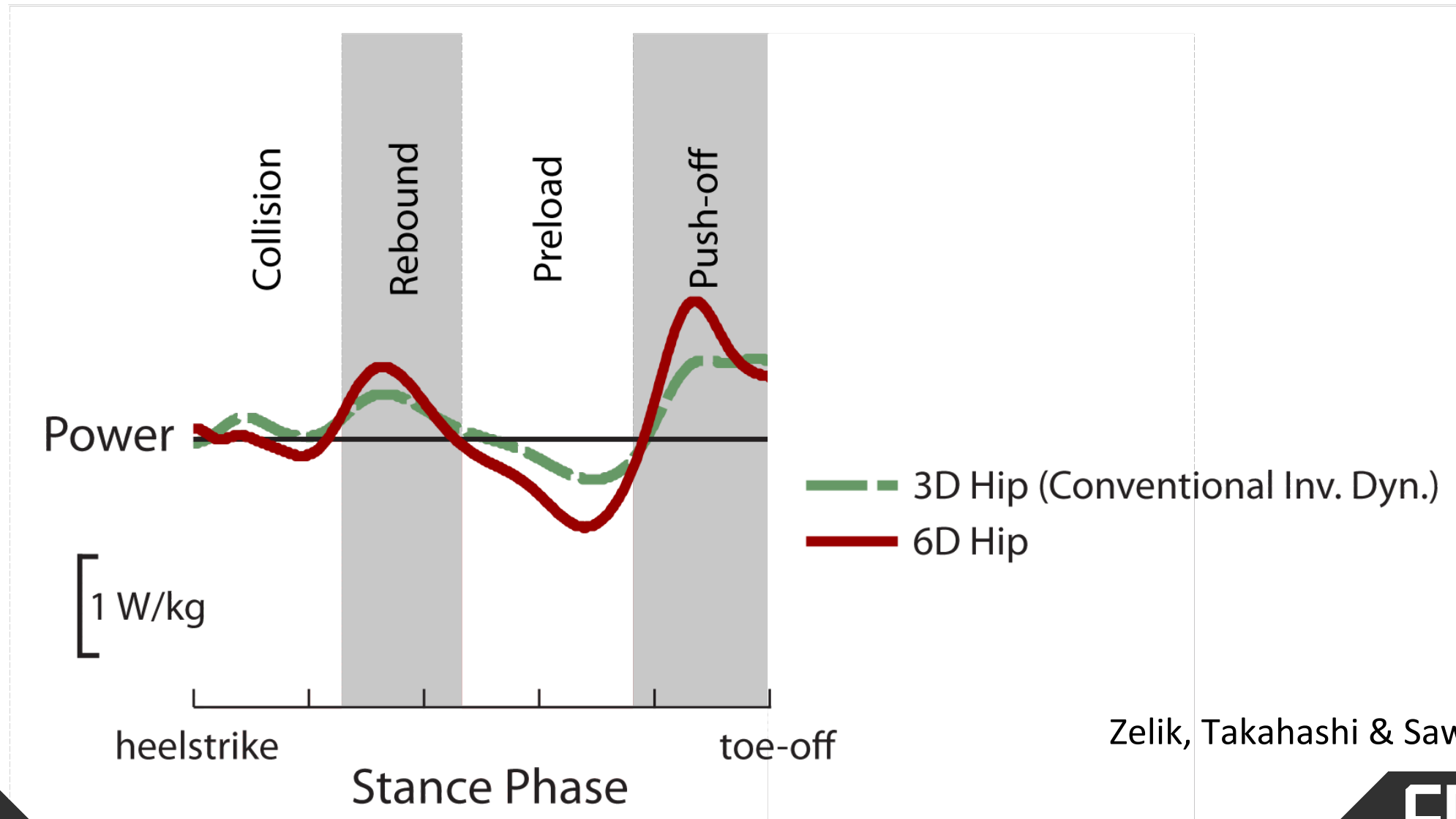
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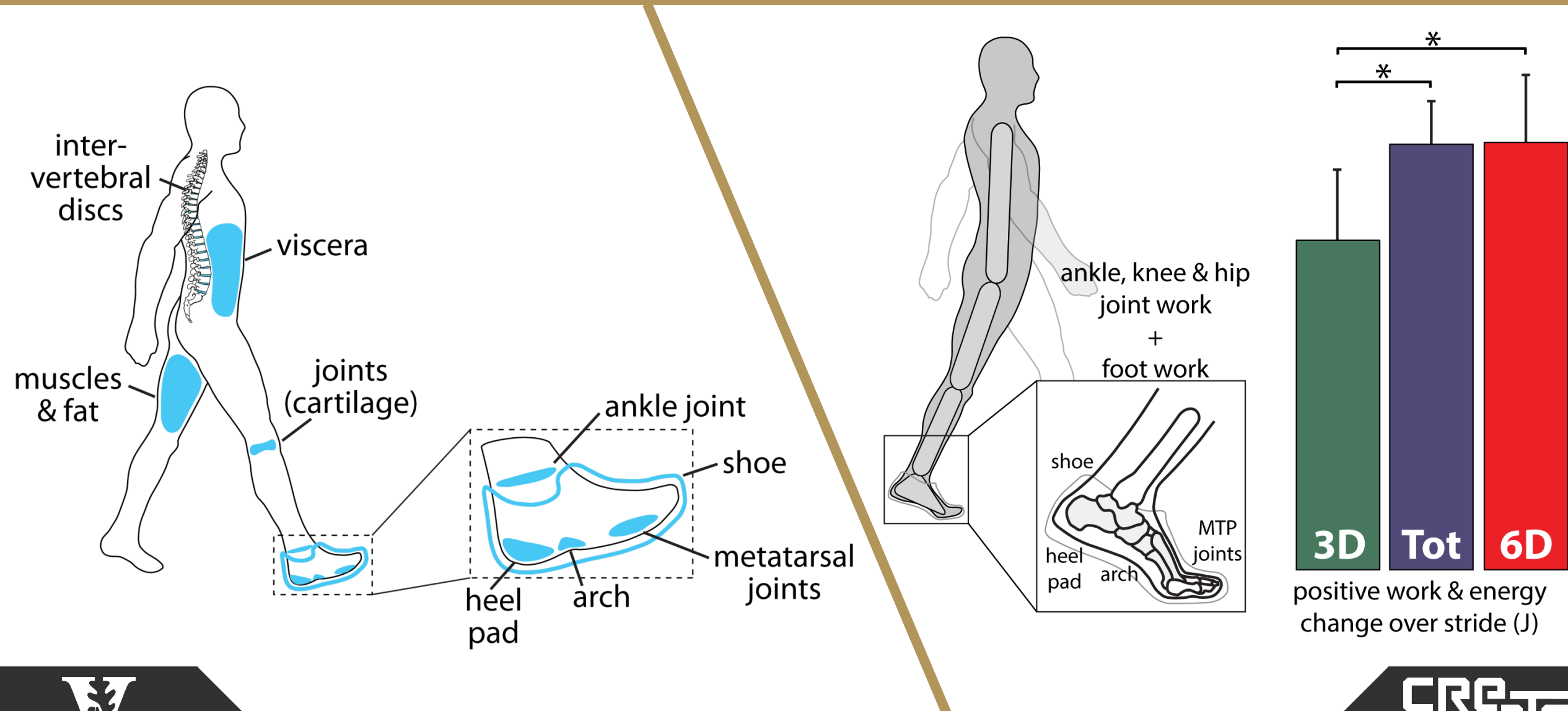
# Why 6DOF vs. 3DOF matters: 50% more hip Push-off work



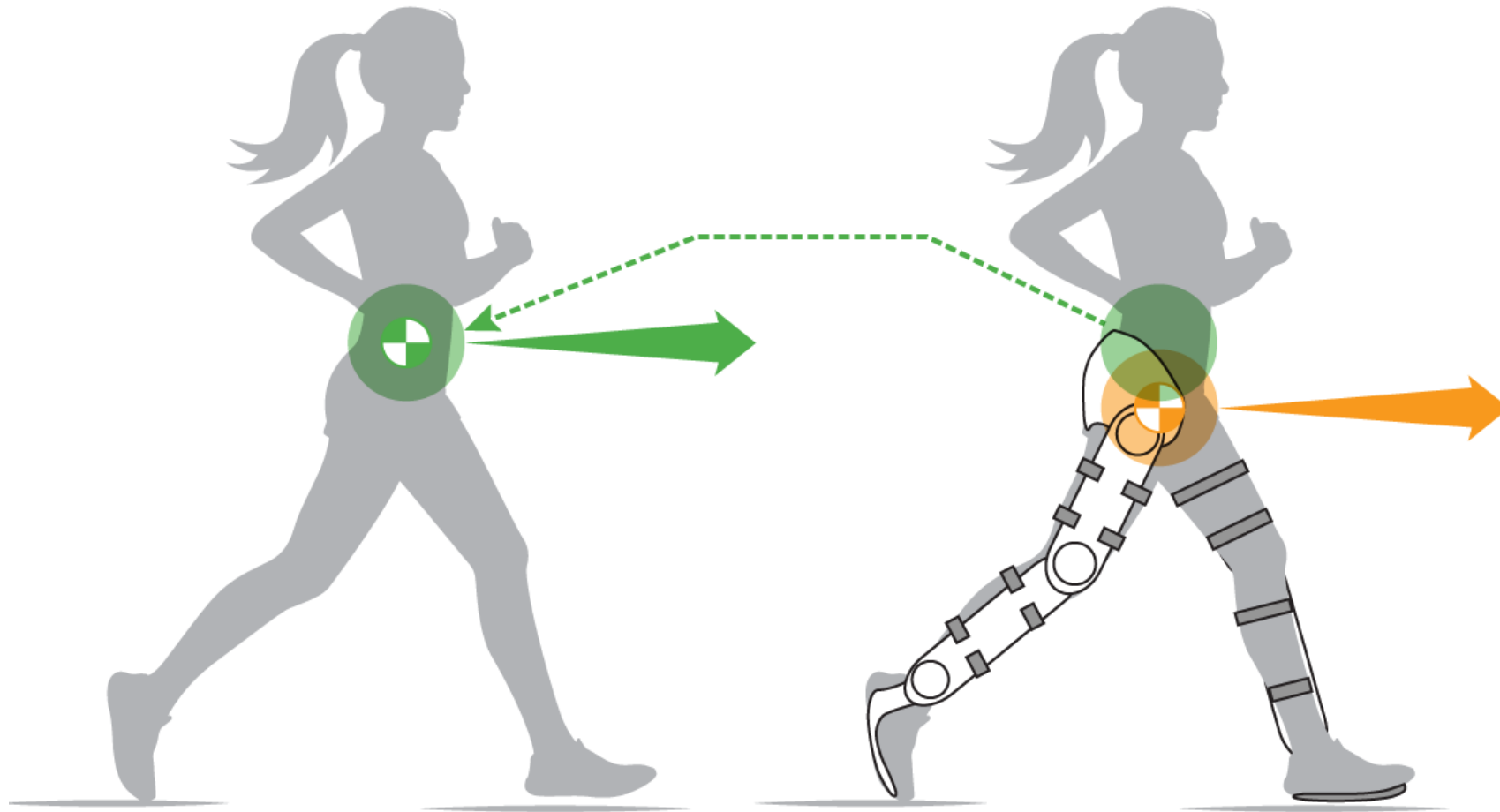
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# Discrepancies $\rightarrow$ soft tissues; completeness of work estimates



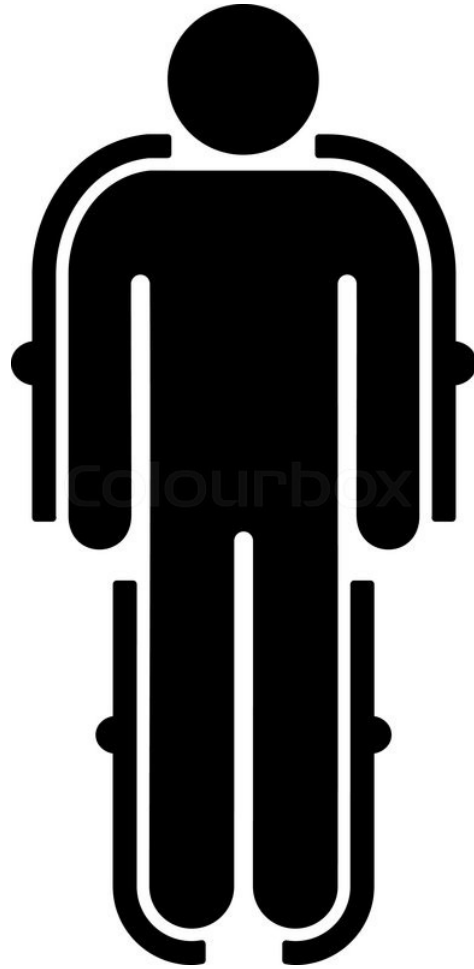
# Whole-Body $\leftrightarrow$ Augmented-Body



# Rise of wearable exoskeletons, exosuits & smart clothing



# Exoskeletons: \$70 million worth sold in 2014



**x 40% CAGR**

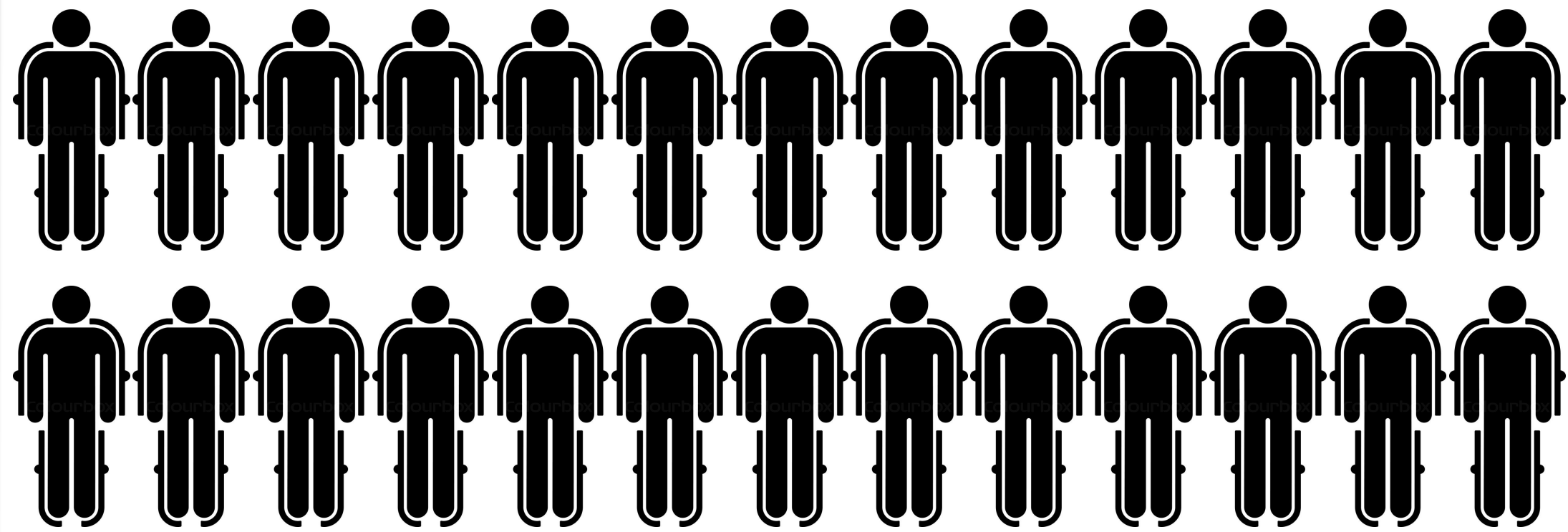
(compounded annual growth rate)

# Exoskeletons: \$2 billion projected for 2025

2014



2025





# What does this mean for biomechanics community?

2014



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# Quantifying human augmentation from wearable devices

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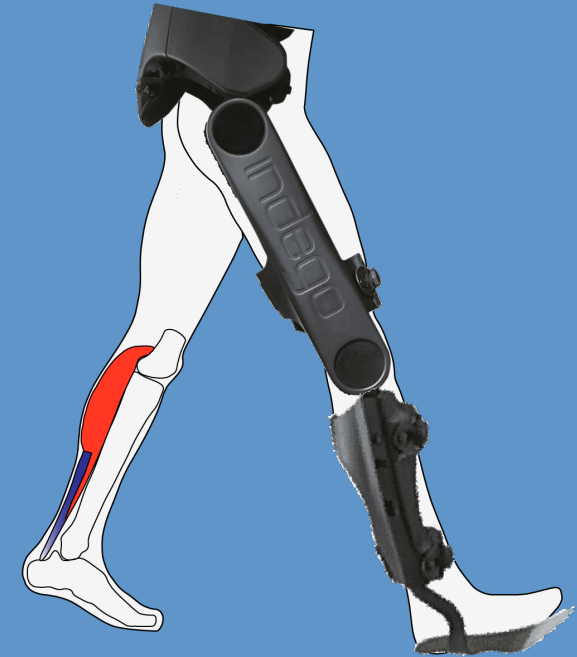


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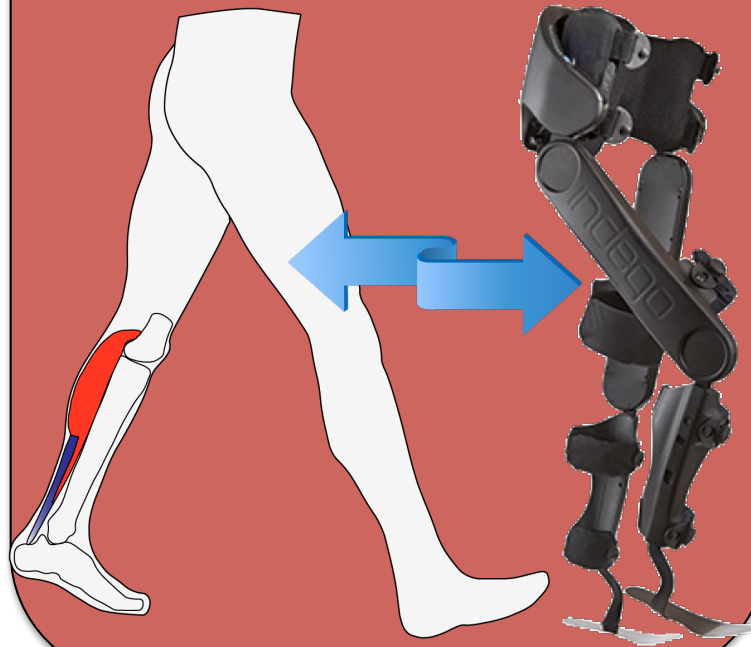


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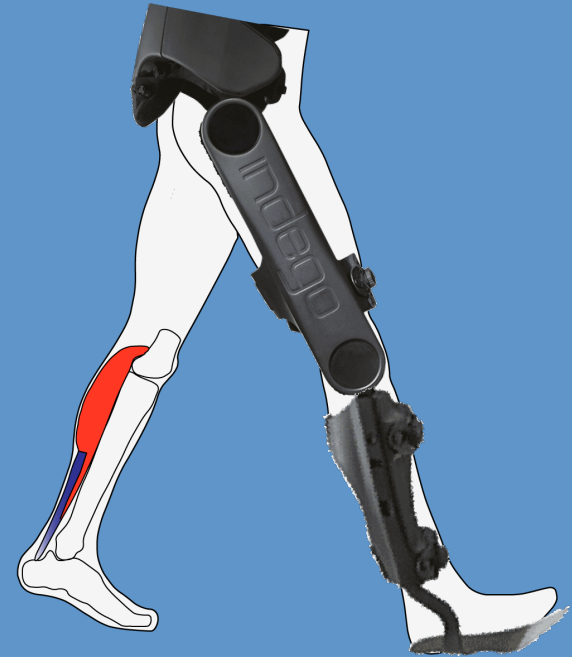
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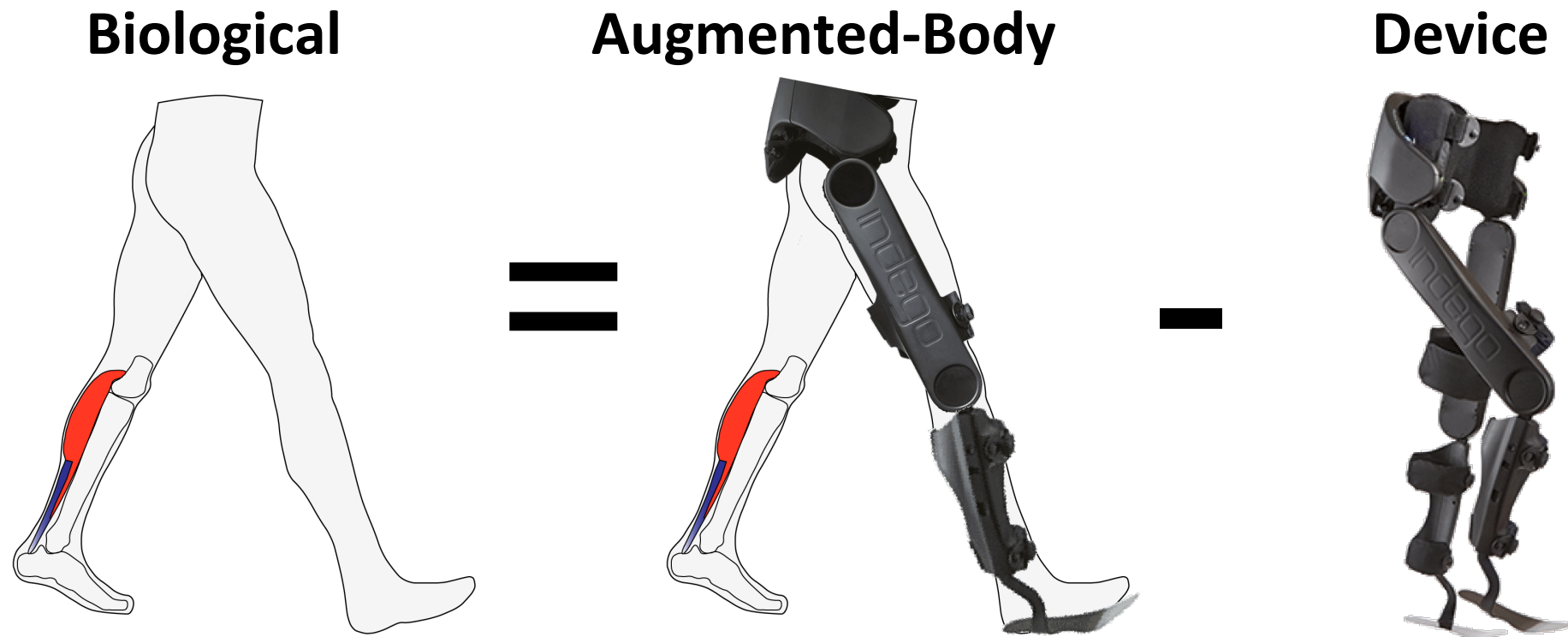
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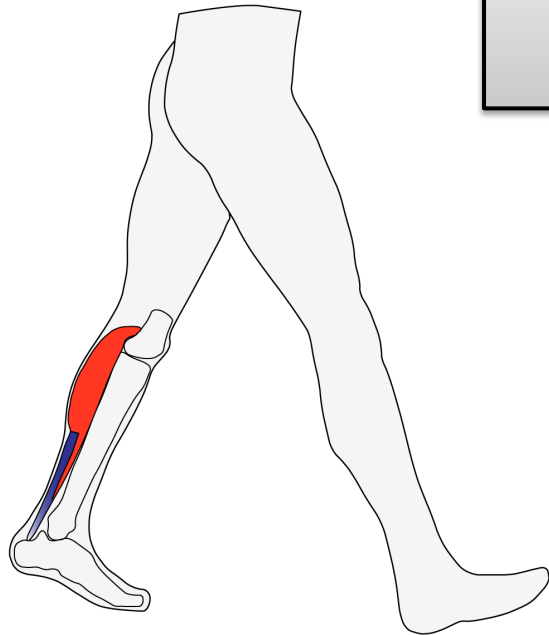


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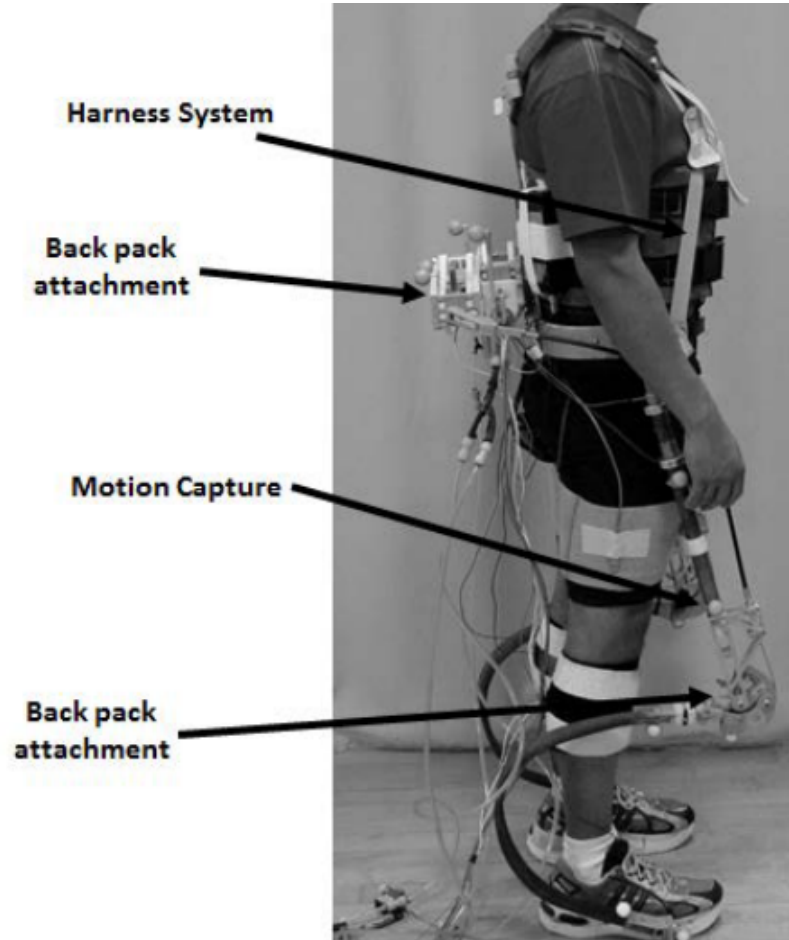
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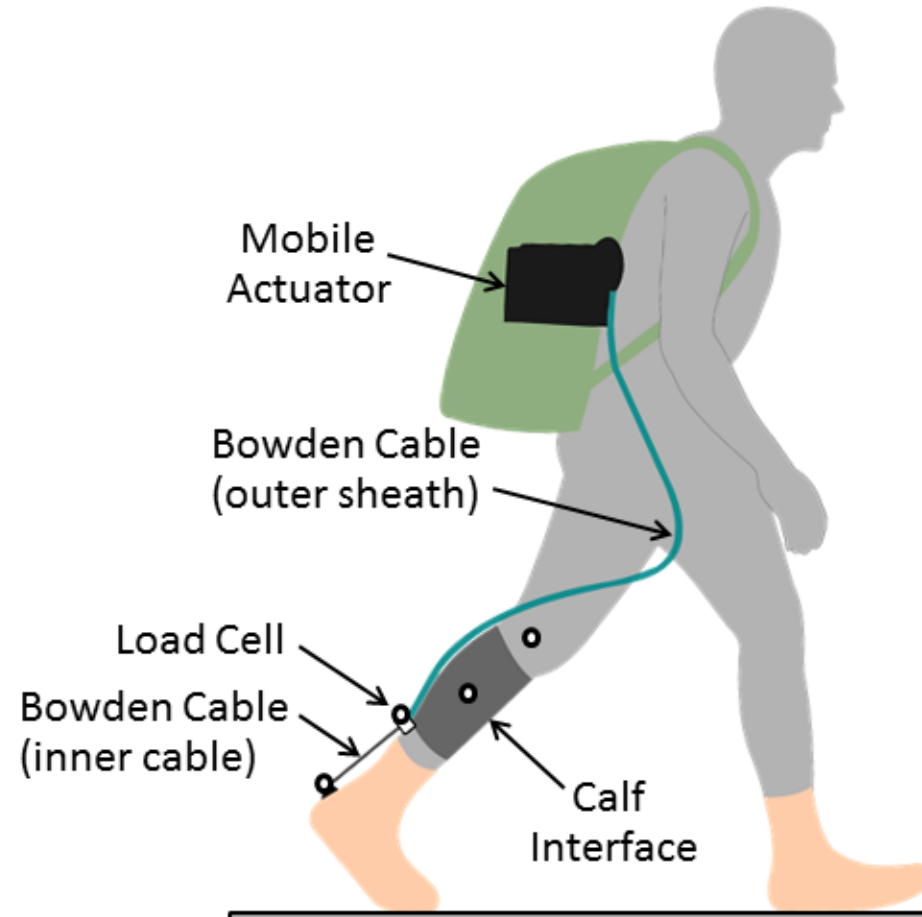


used to interpret how hard  
muscles are working

# Problem: human-device interfaces neglected, but absorb energy



**Running Exoskeleton**  
(Cherry et al. 2016)



**Soft Robotic Exosuit**  
(Asbeck et al. 2014, Yandell et al. 2017)

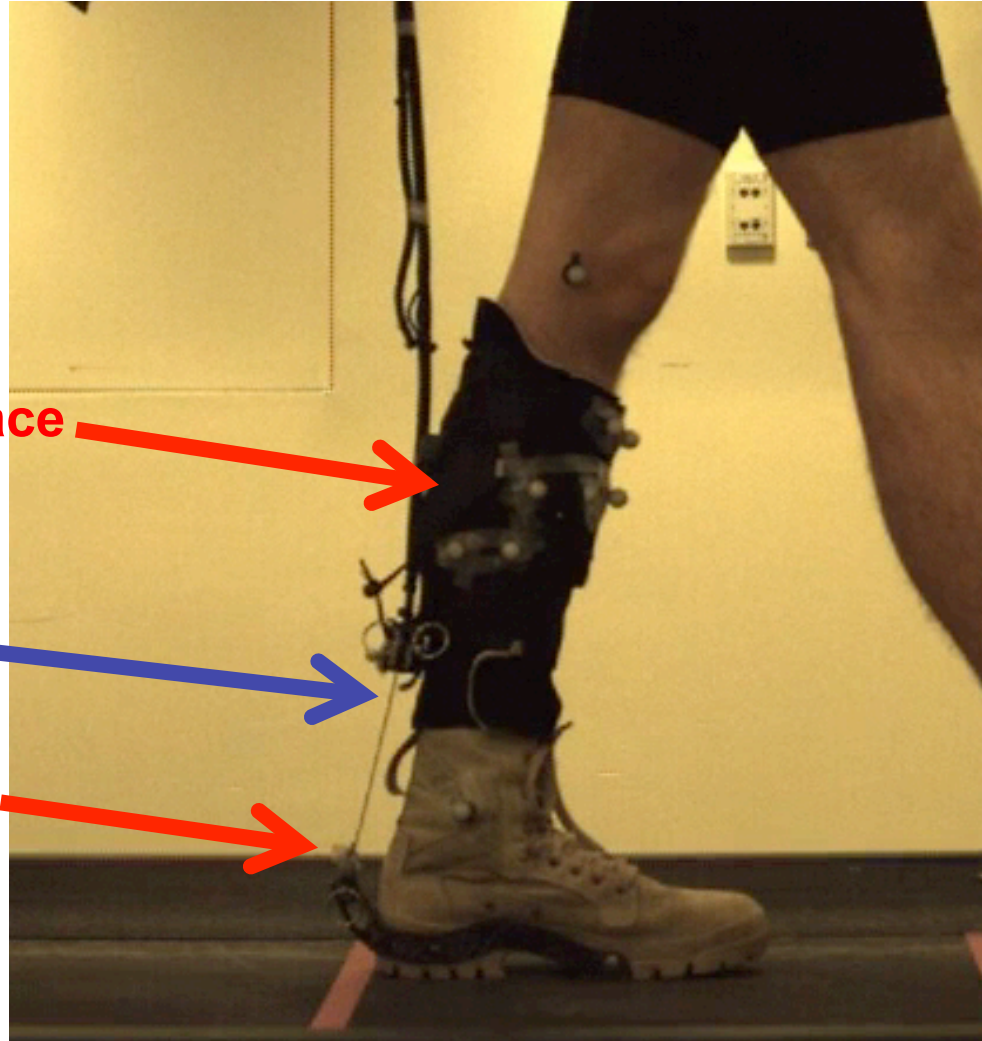
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actuator (above, out of view)

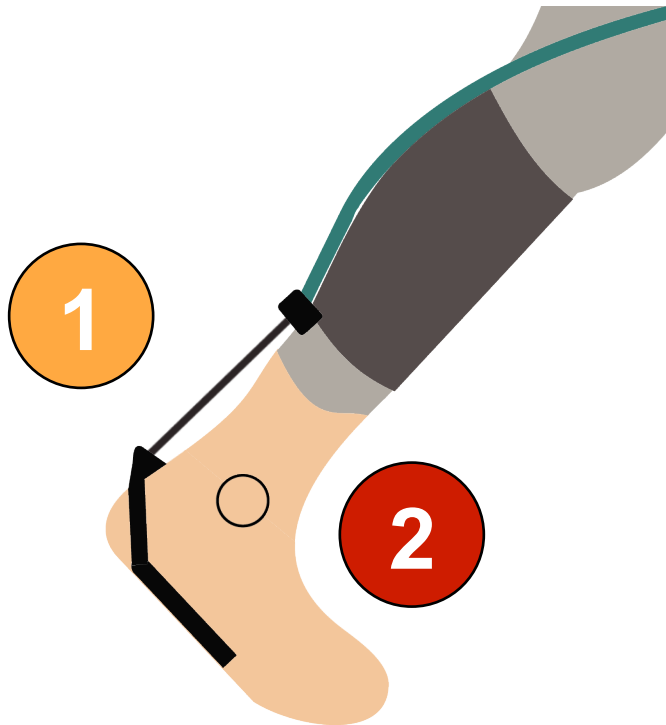
proximal interface

actuator cable

distal interface



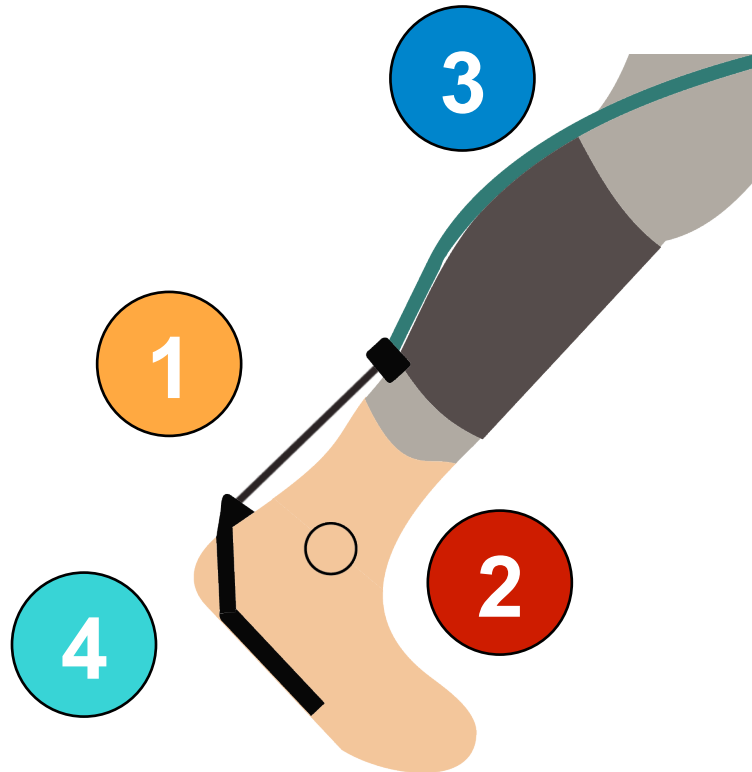
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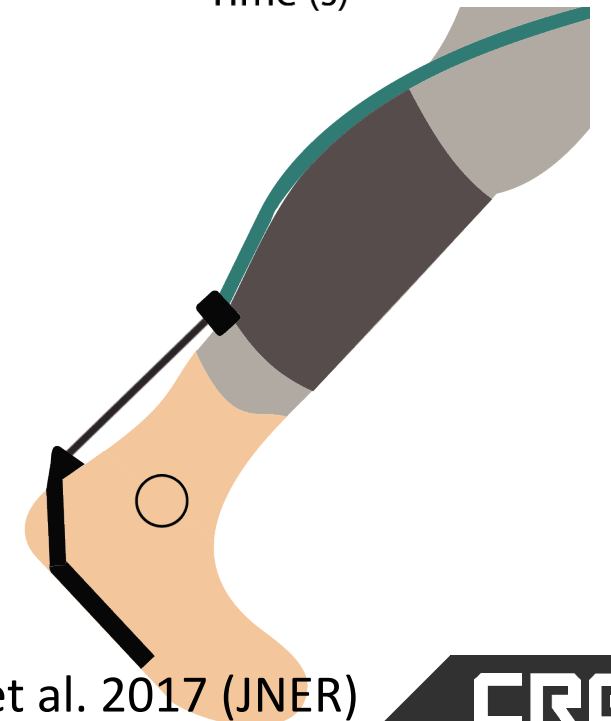
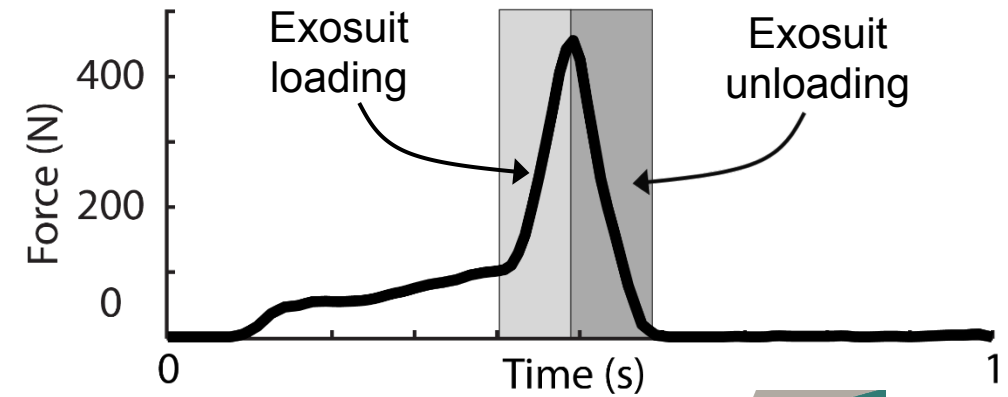
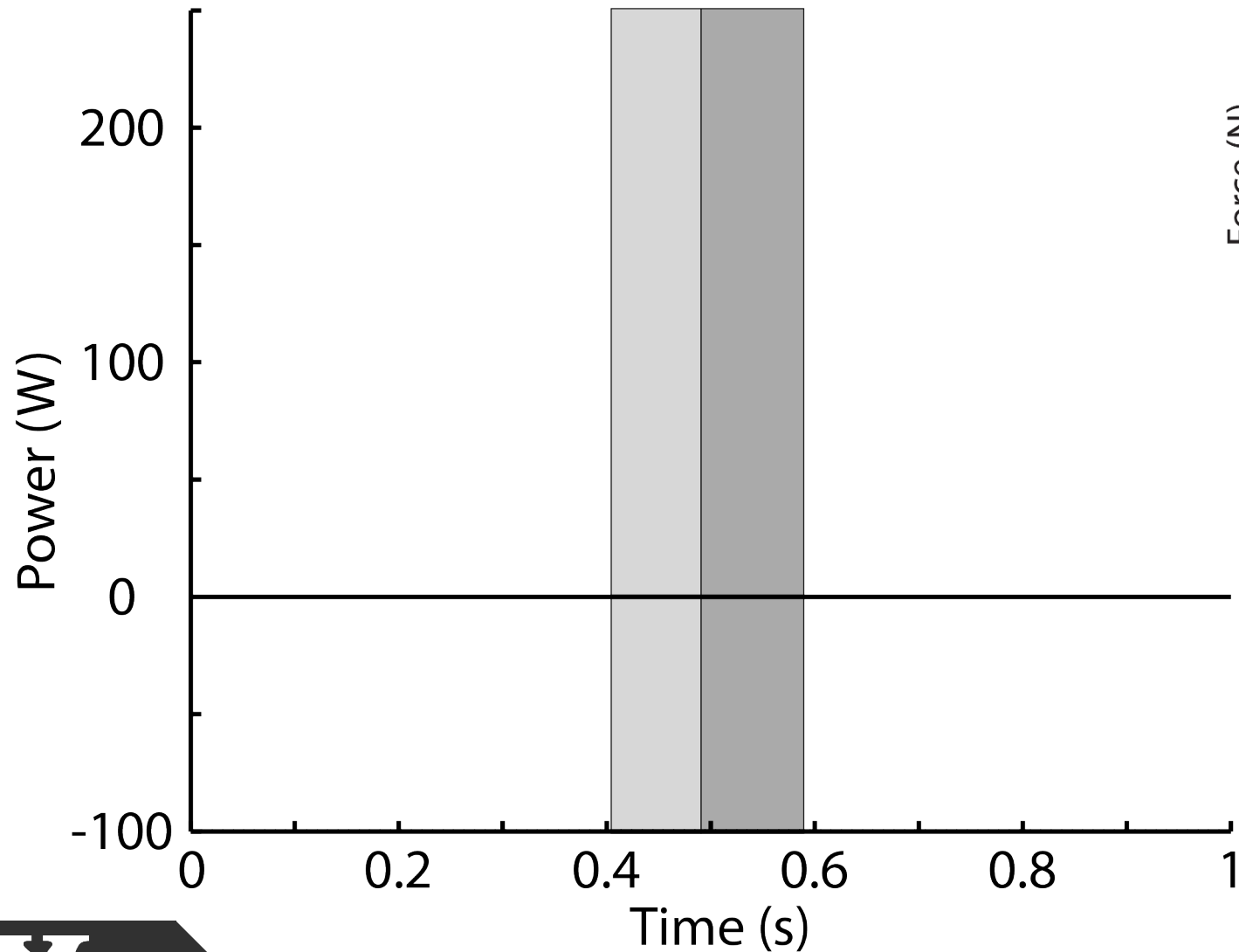


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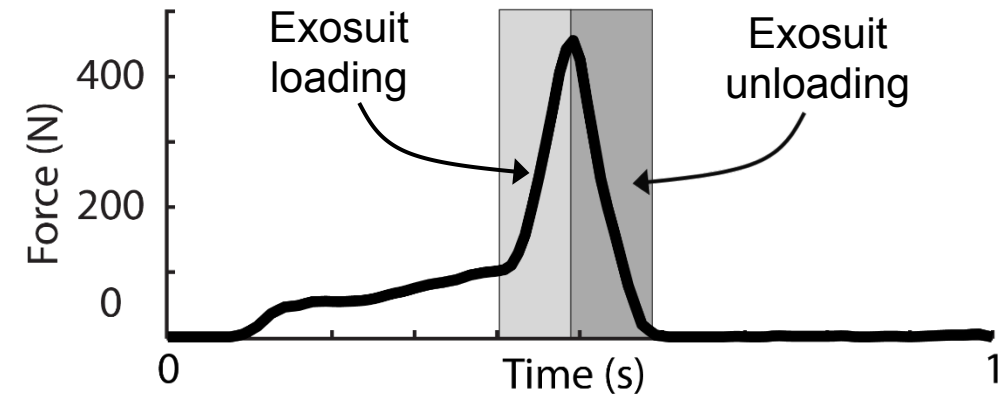
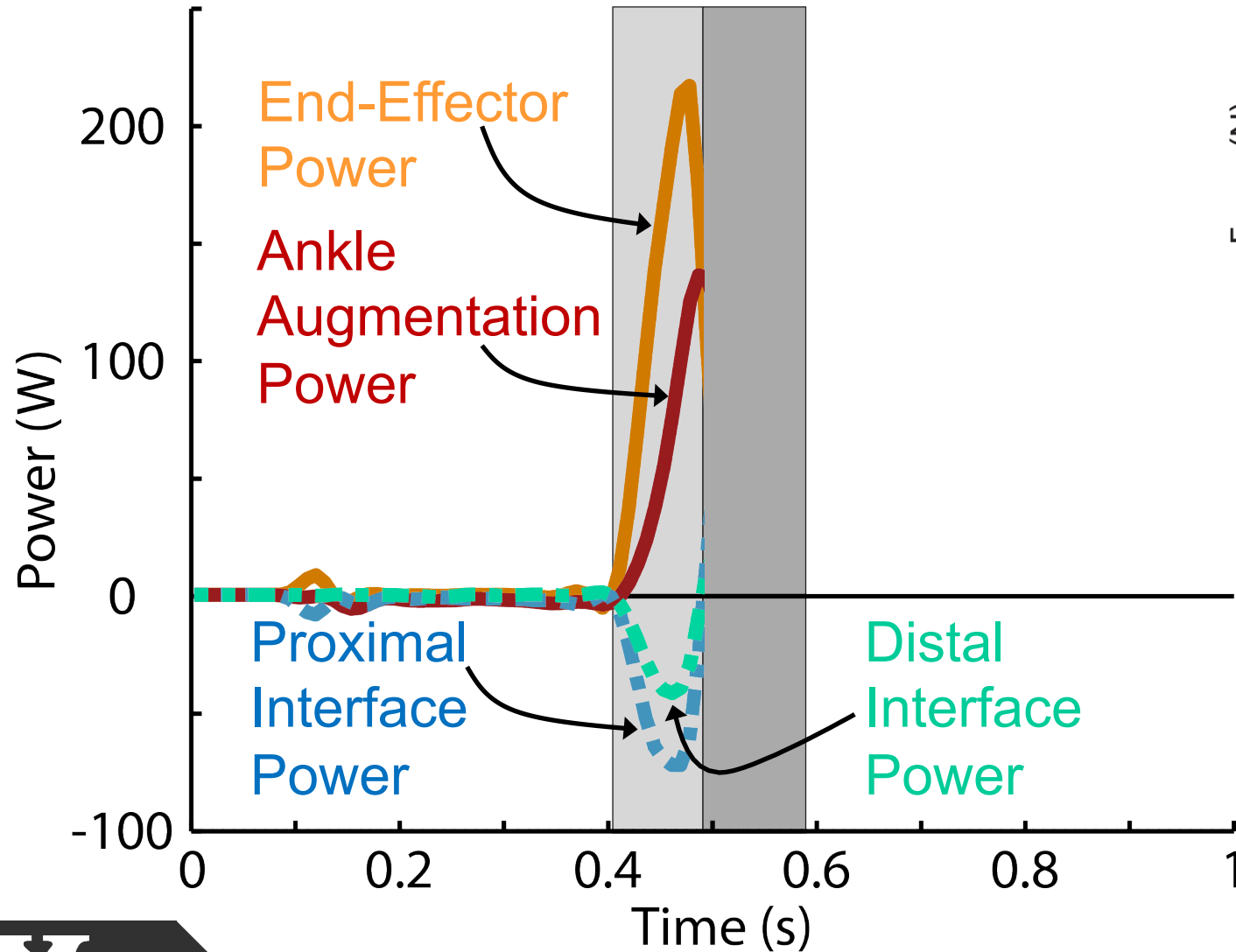
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# Robotic exosuit assisting ankle during walking

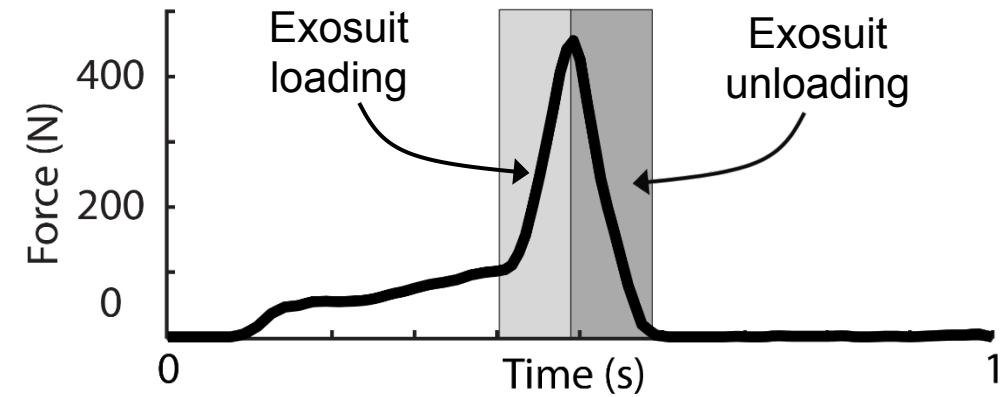
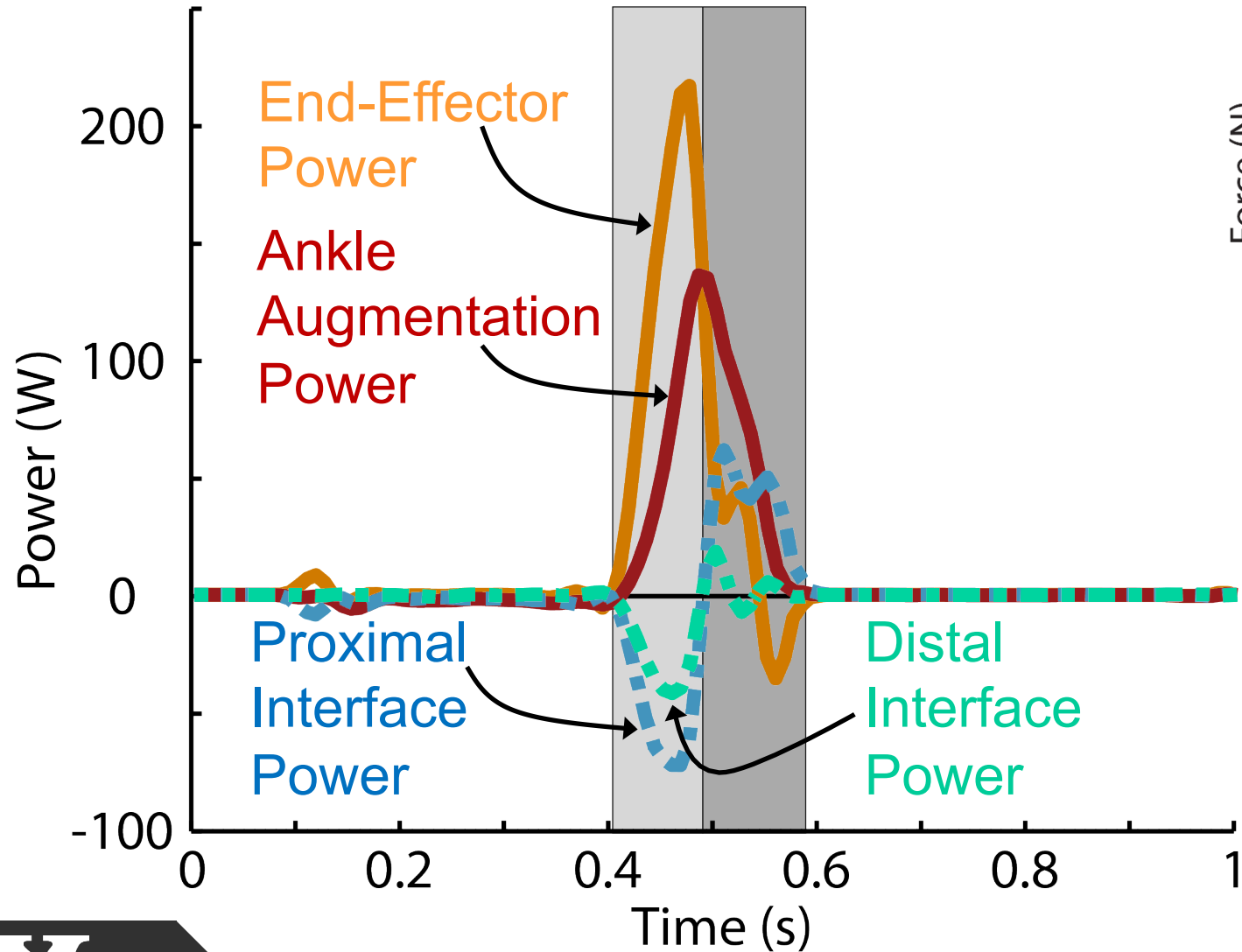


Yandell et al. 2017 (JNER)

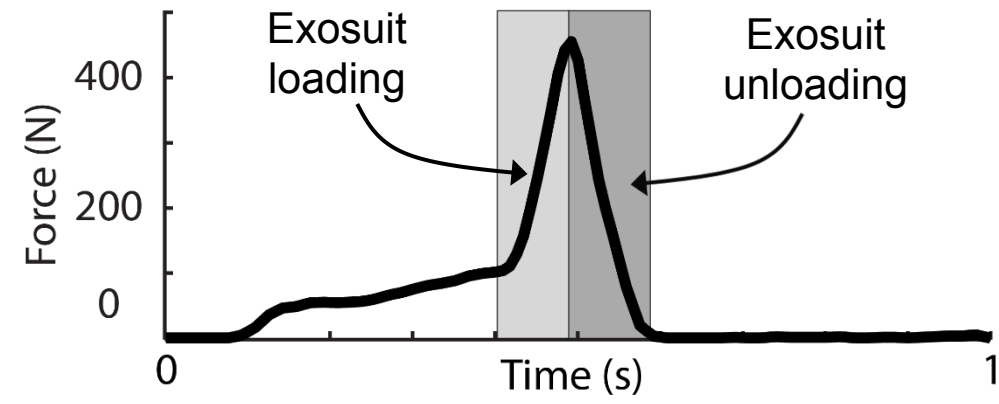
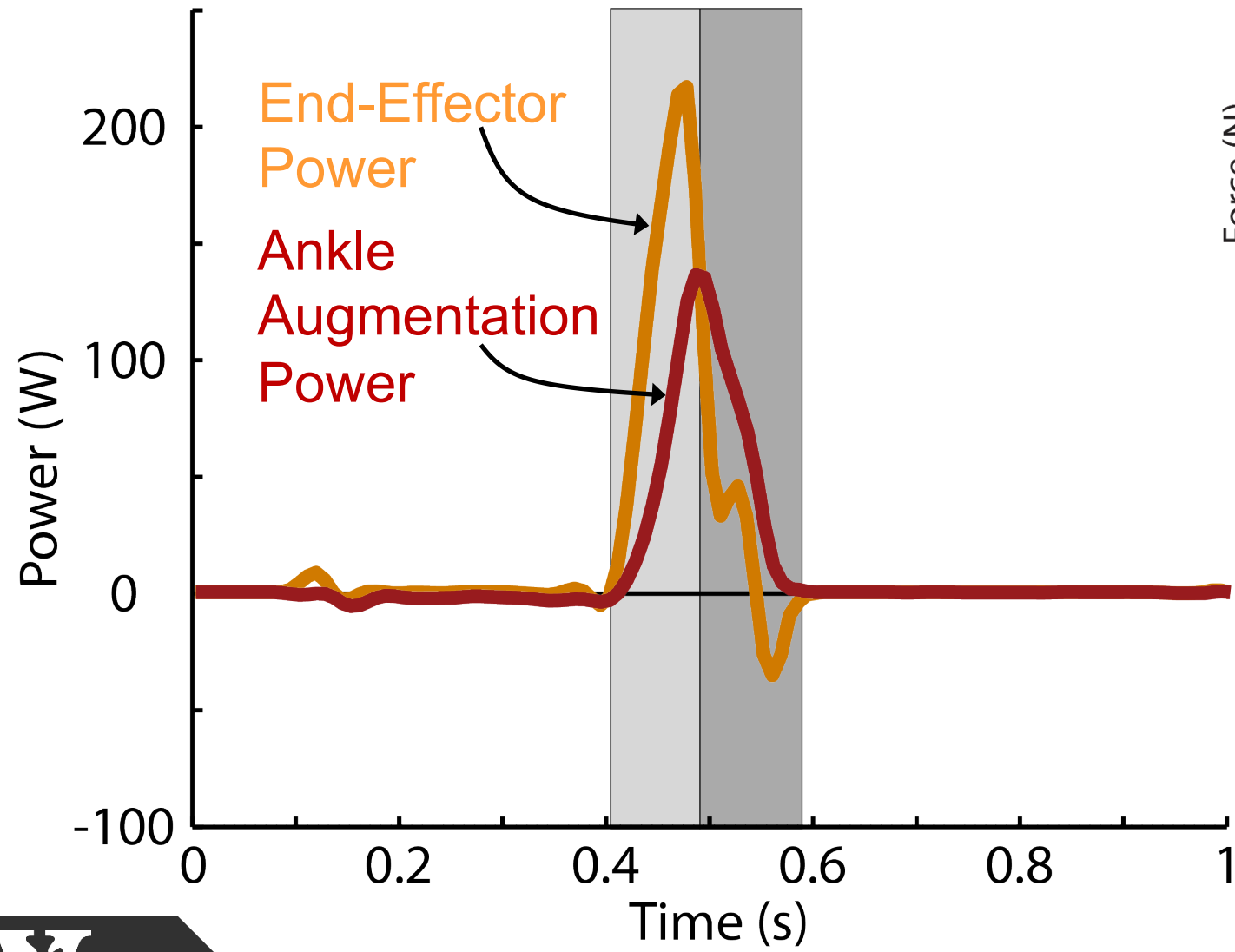
55% of device power was initially absorbed by interfaces



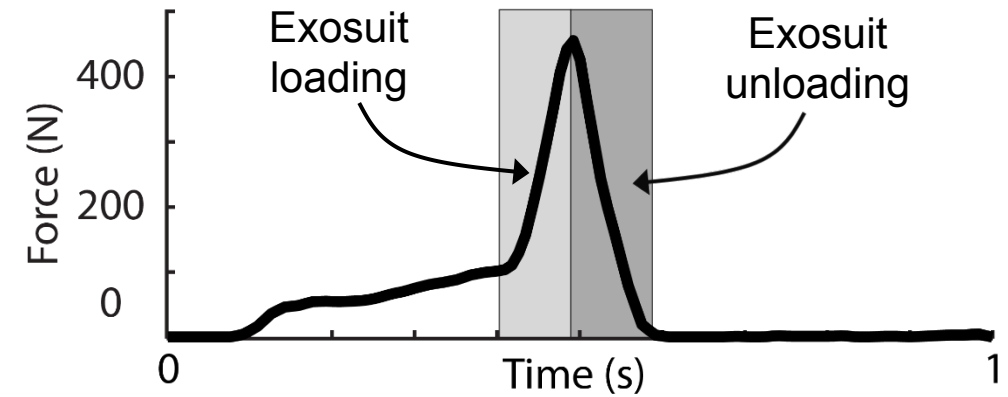
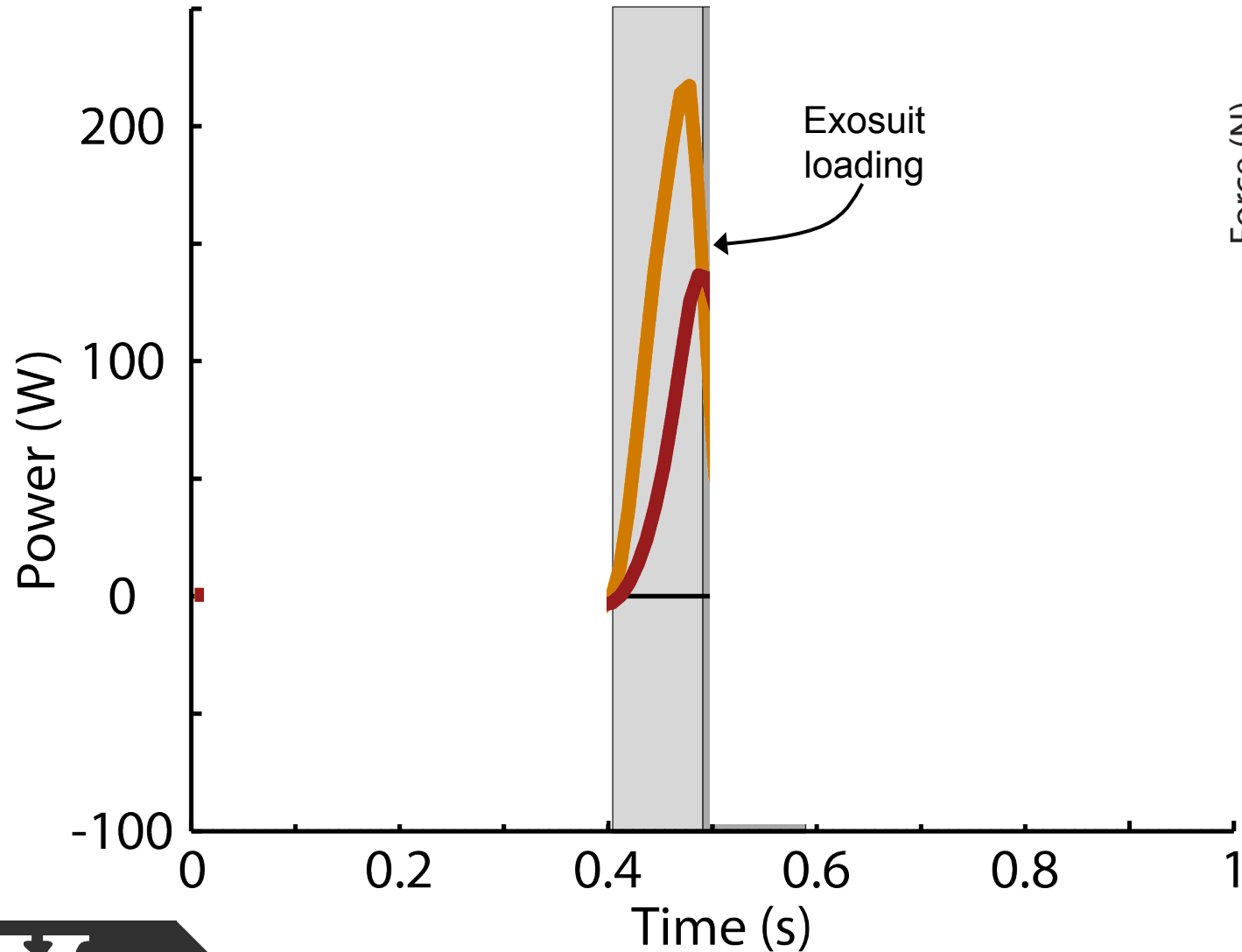
# Most of interface power is then returned viscoelastically



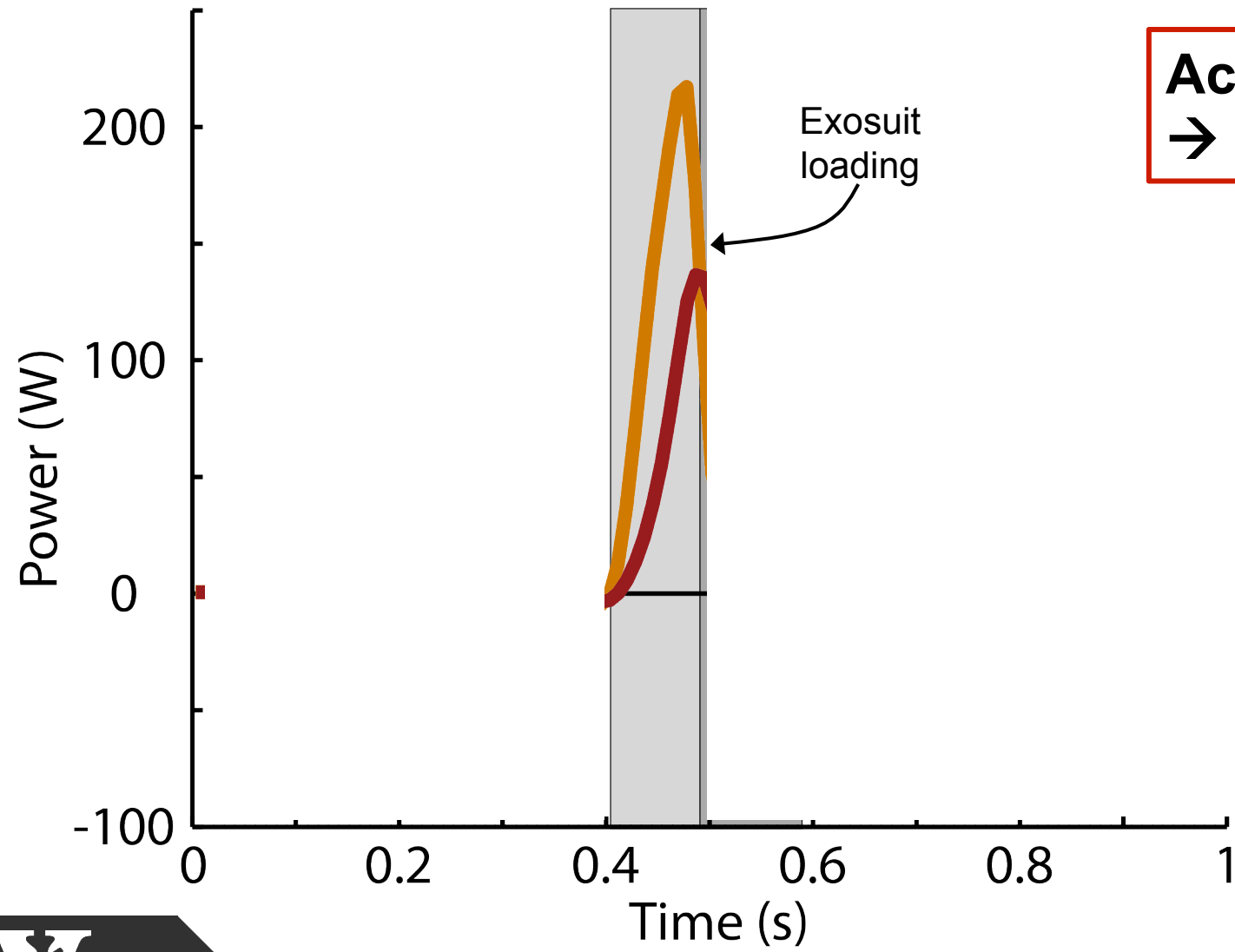
75% of device work assists ankle over stride, but timing delayed



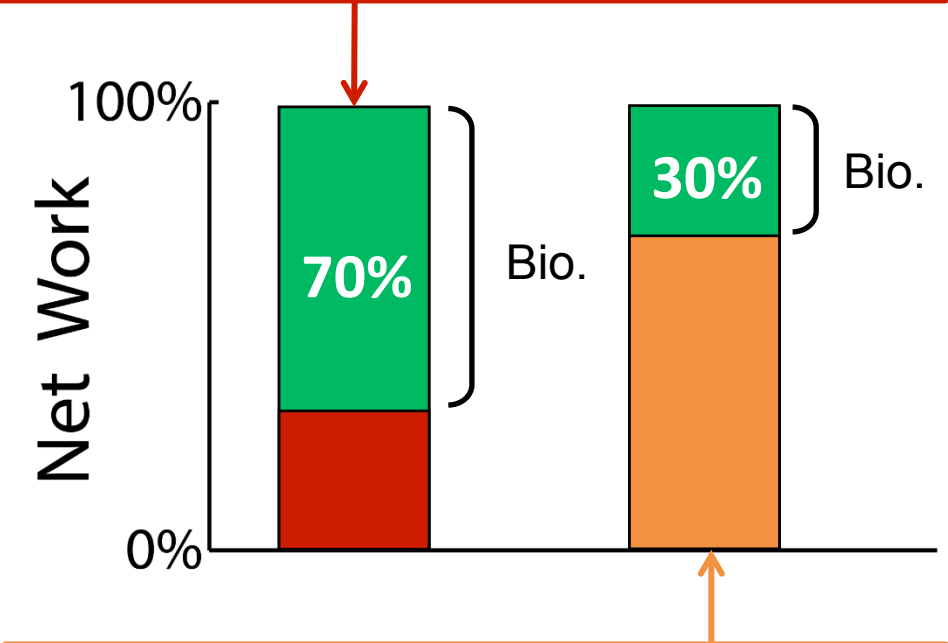
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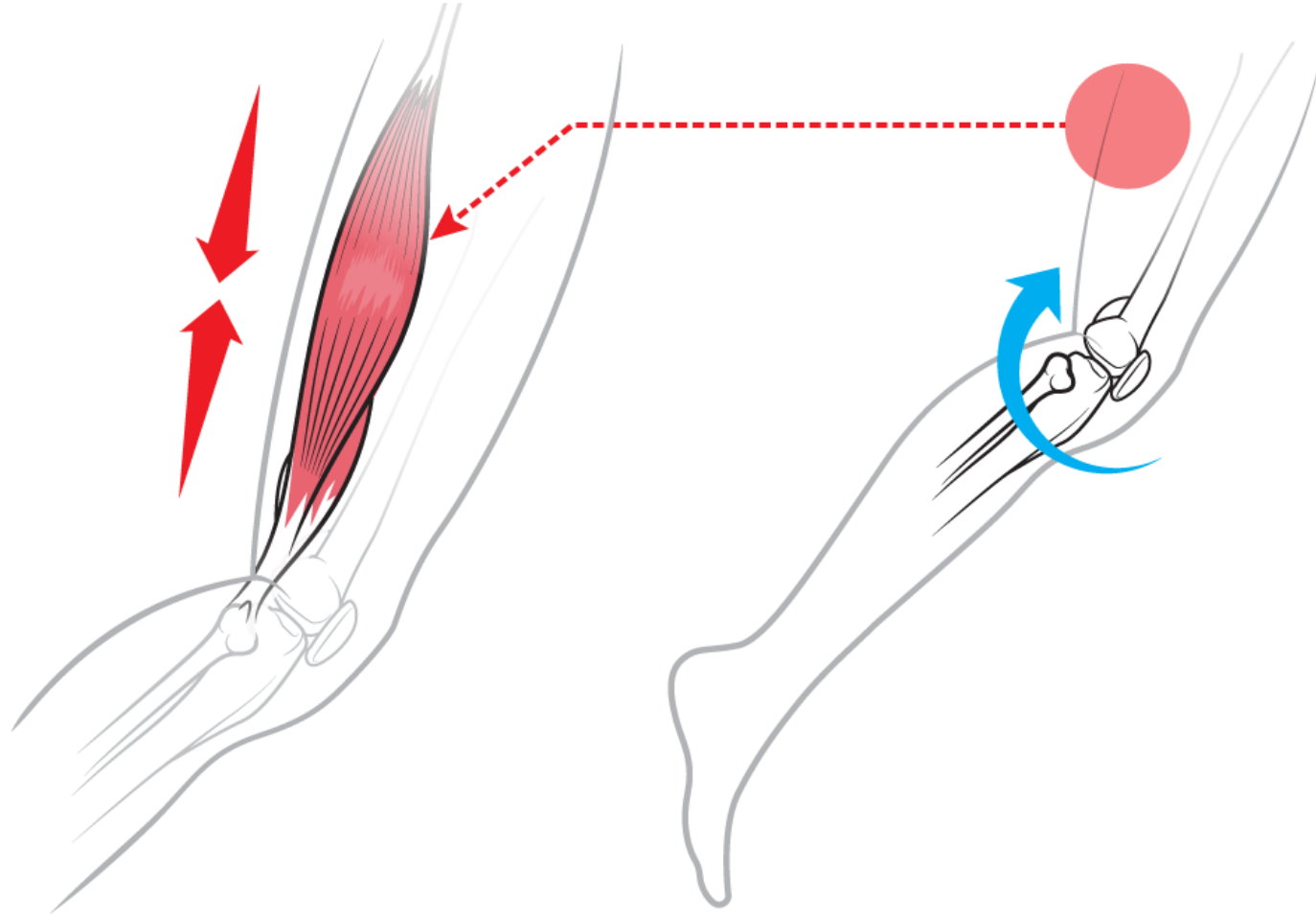


**Accounting for interface dynamics  
→ human dominates**



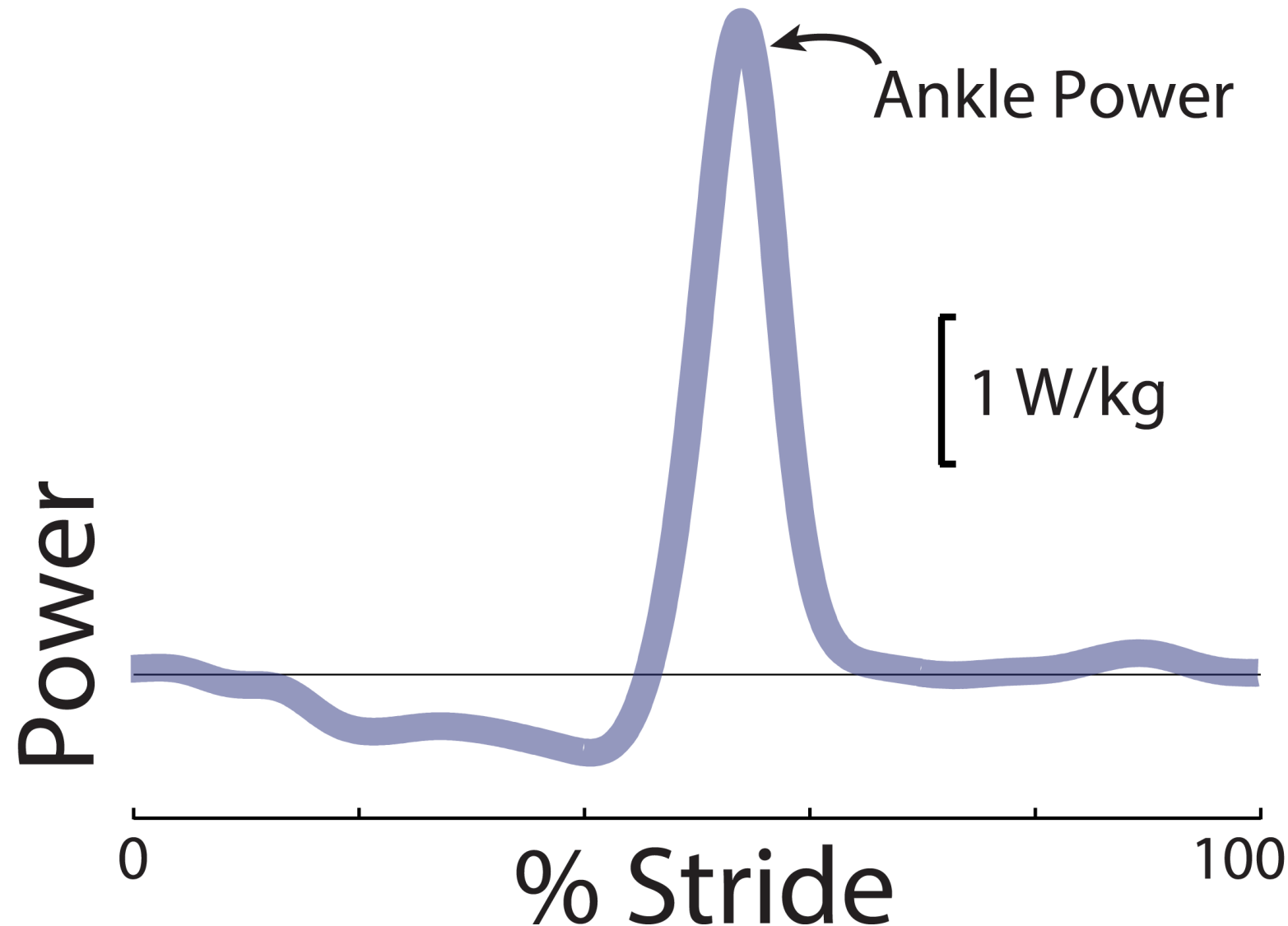
**Ignoring interface dynamics  
→ device dominates**

# Muscle-Tendon $\leftrightarrow$ Joint-Segment





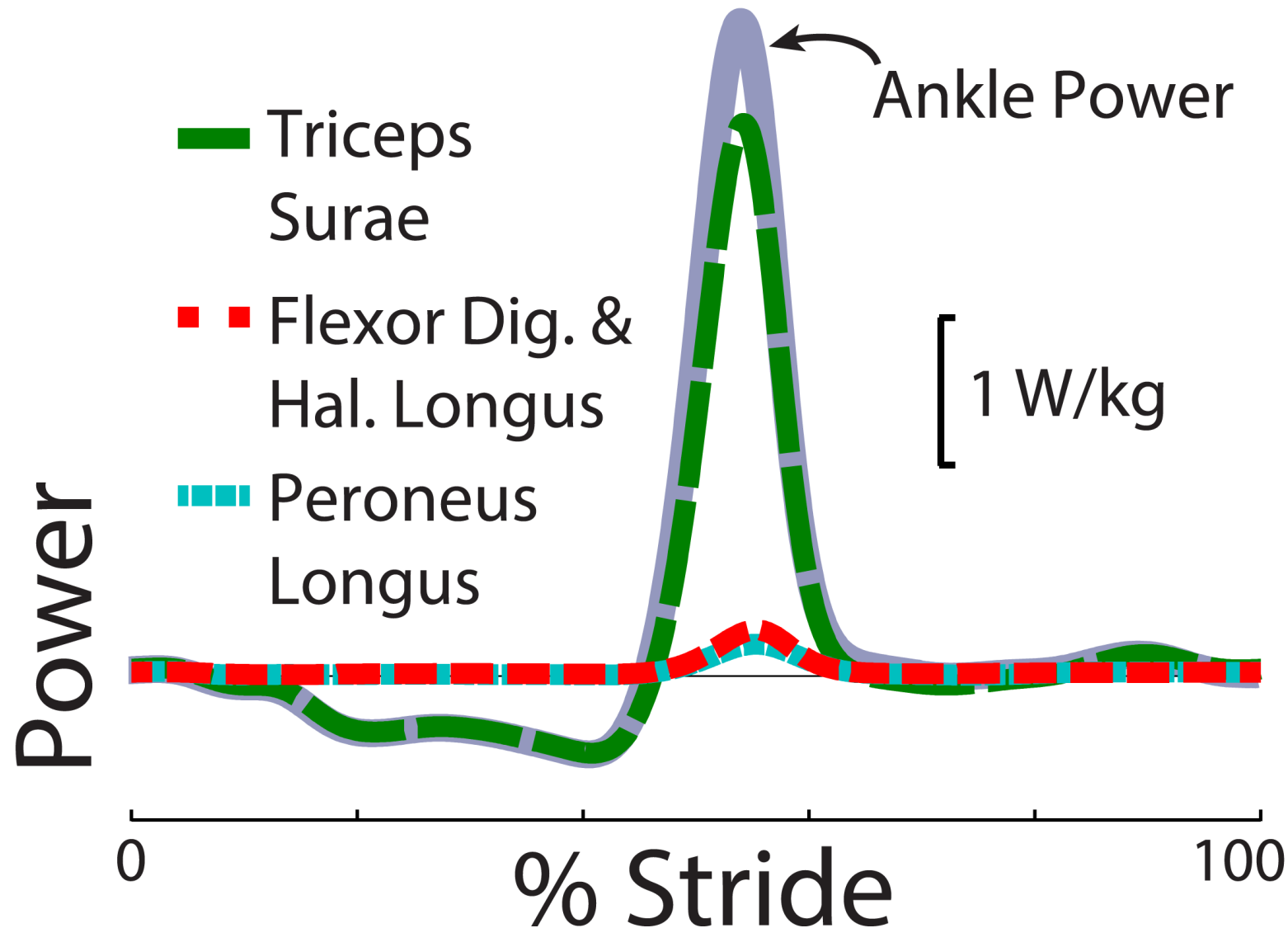
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Honert & Zelik 2016



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# Hard to assess, but literature suggests discrepancy

What is mechanical function of foot during push-off in walking or running?



Ker et al. 1987  
Stearne et al. 2016

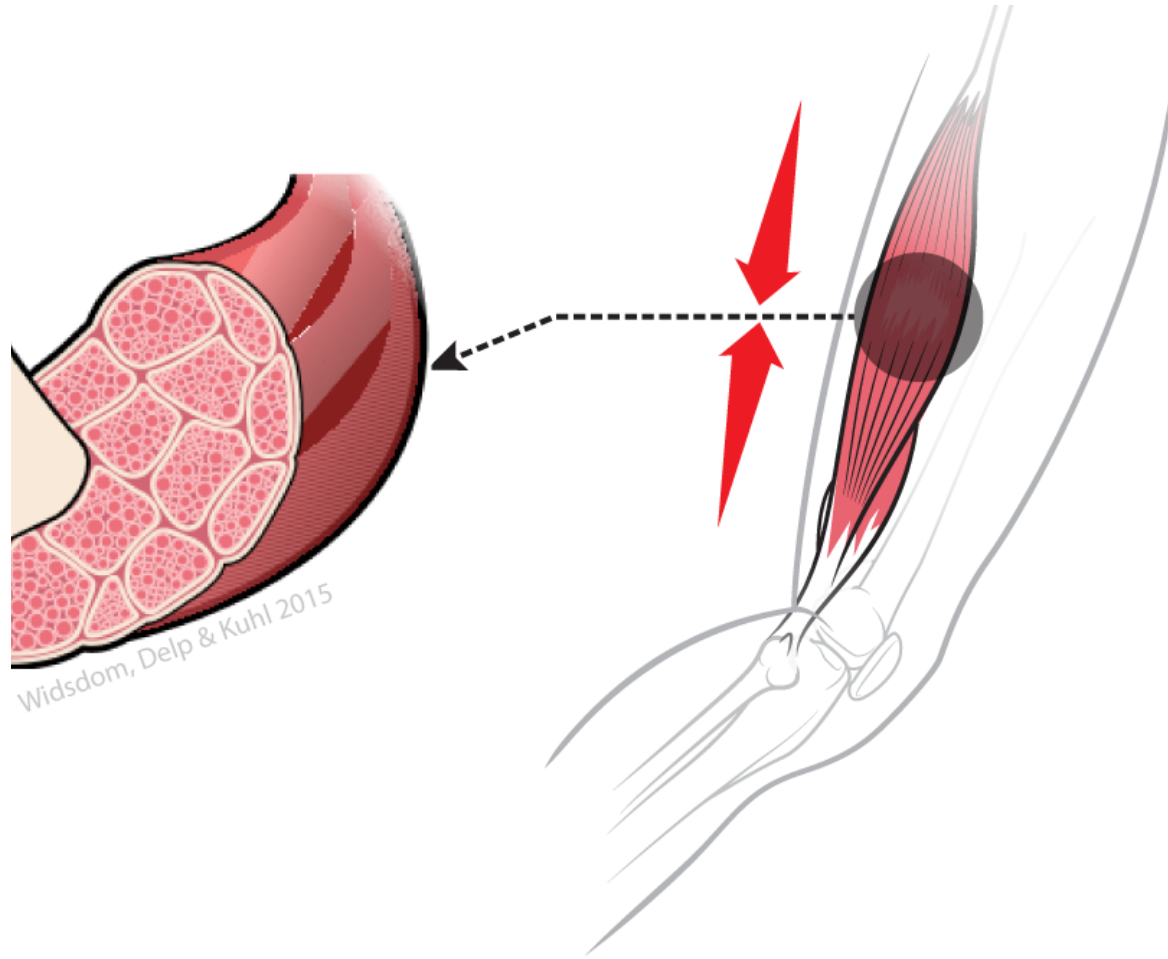
**Acts like a spring!**



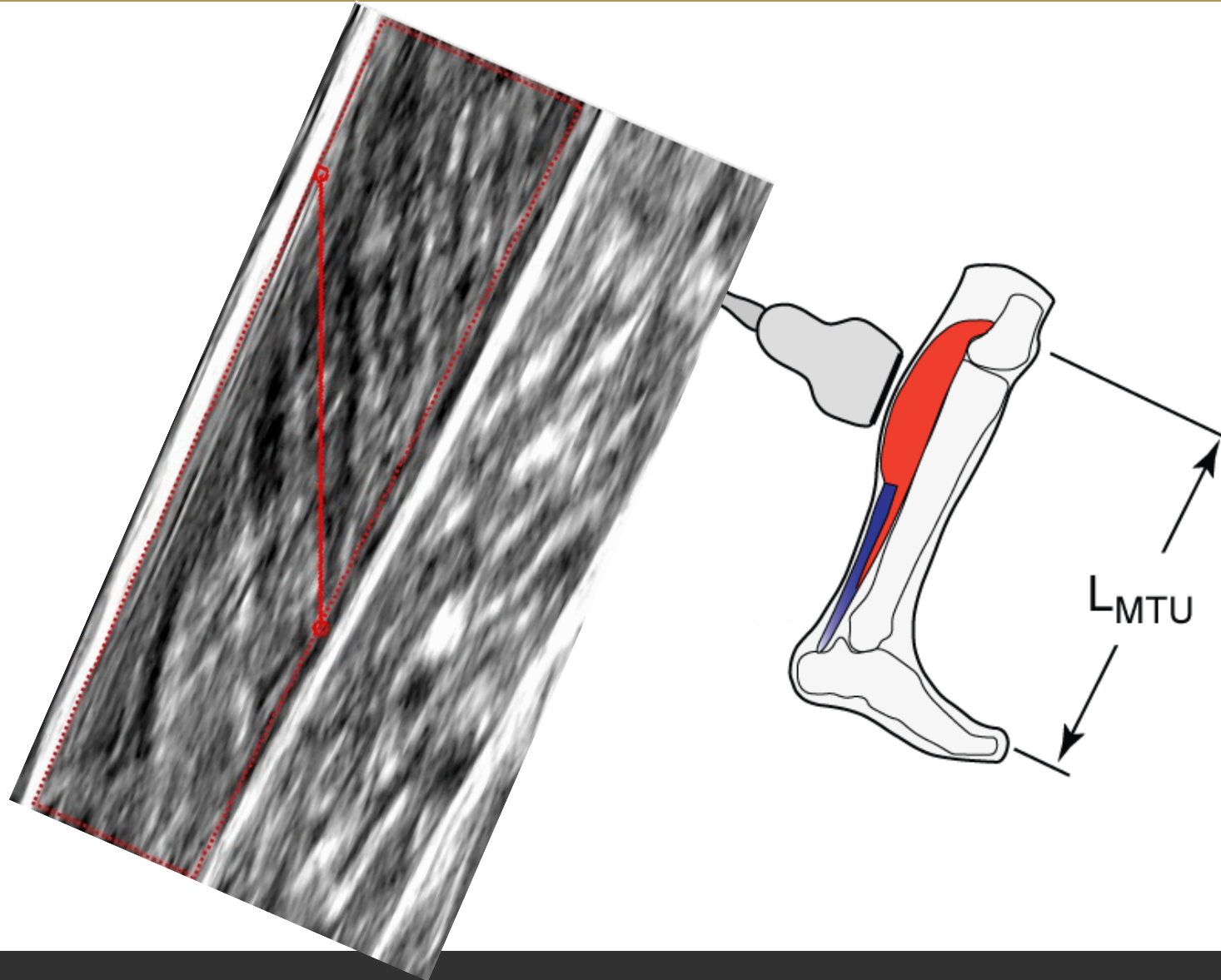
Stefanyshyn & Nigg 1997  
Takahashi & Stanhope 2013

**Acts like a damper!**

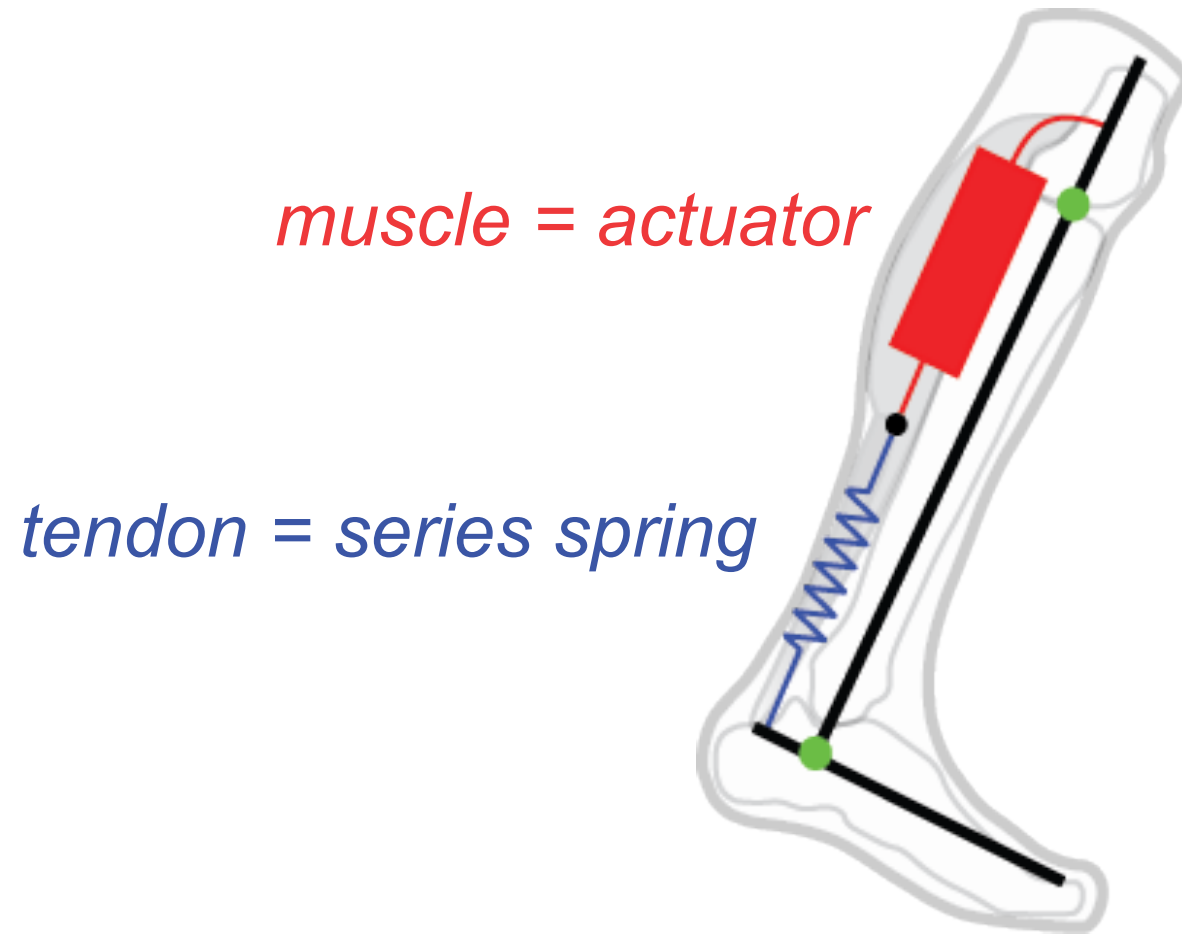
# Muscle vs. Tendon $\leftrightarrow$ Muscle-Tendon Unit (MTU)



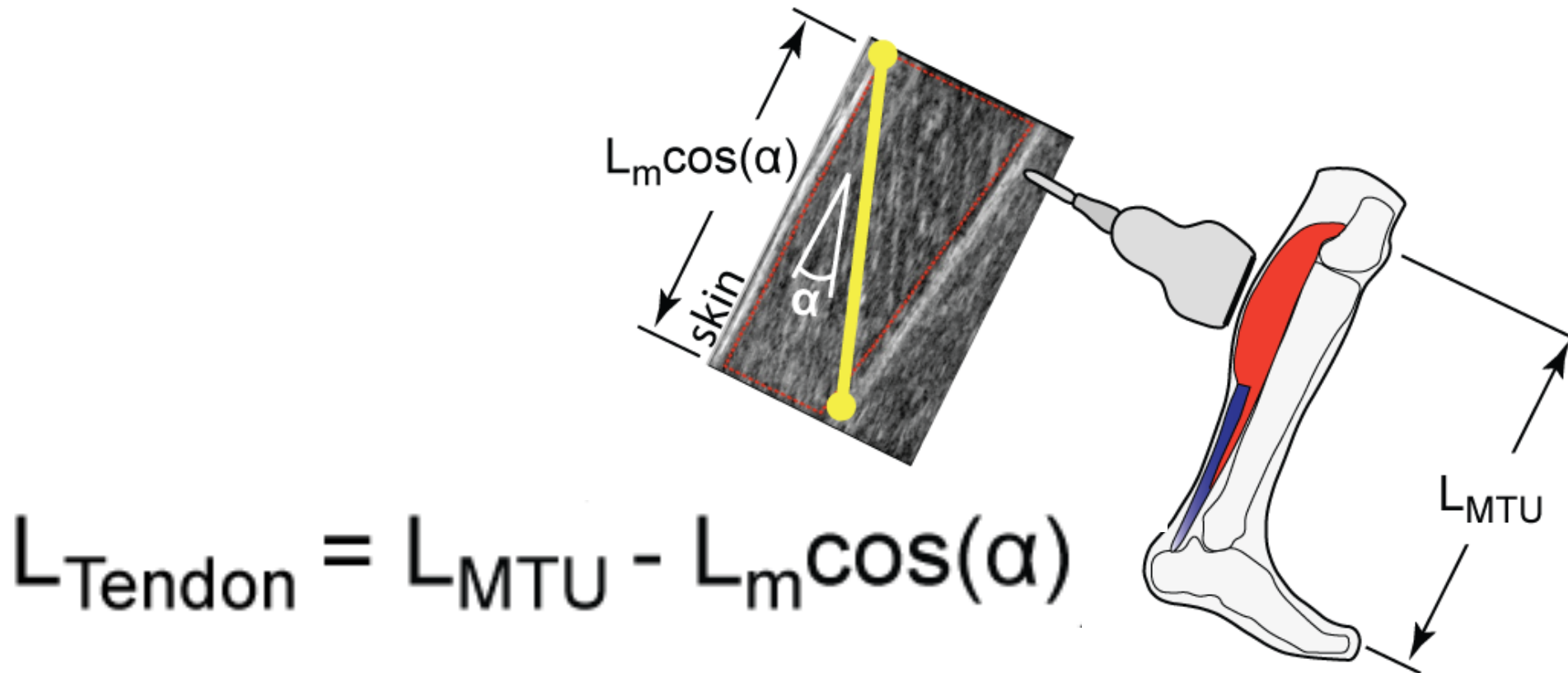
# Ultrasound can track muscle fascicles, tendon or junction



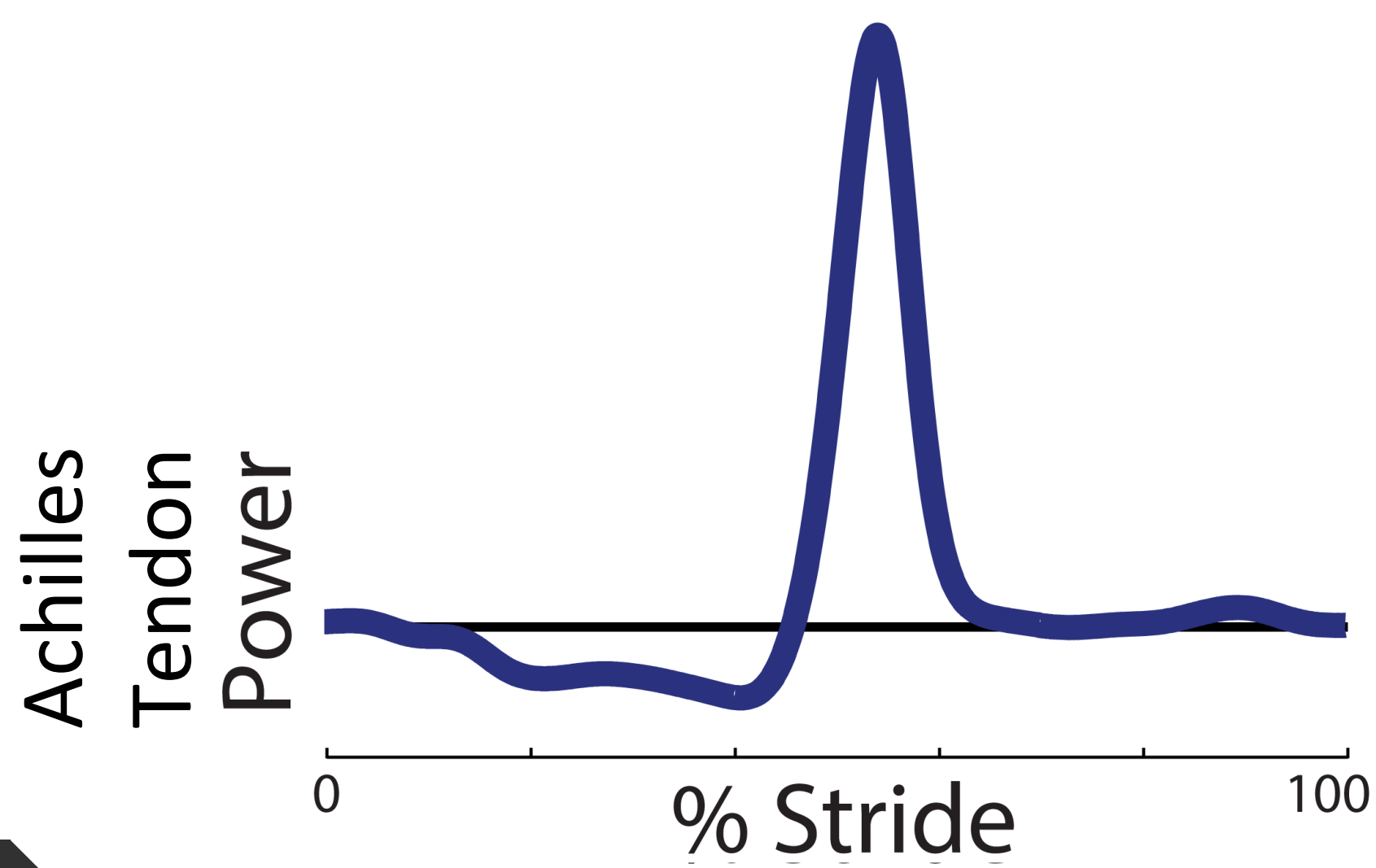
# Presumption: Tendon spring loaded in series with muscle



Presumption: Tendon (Passive) = MTU – Muscle (Active)

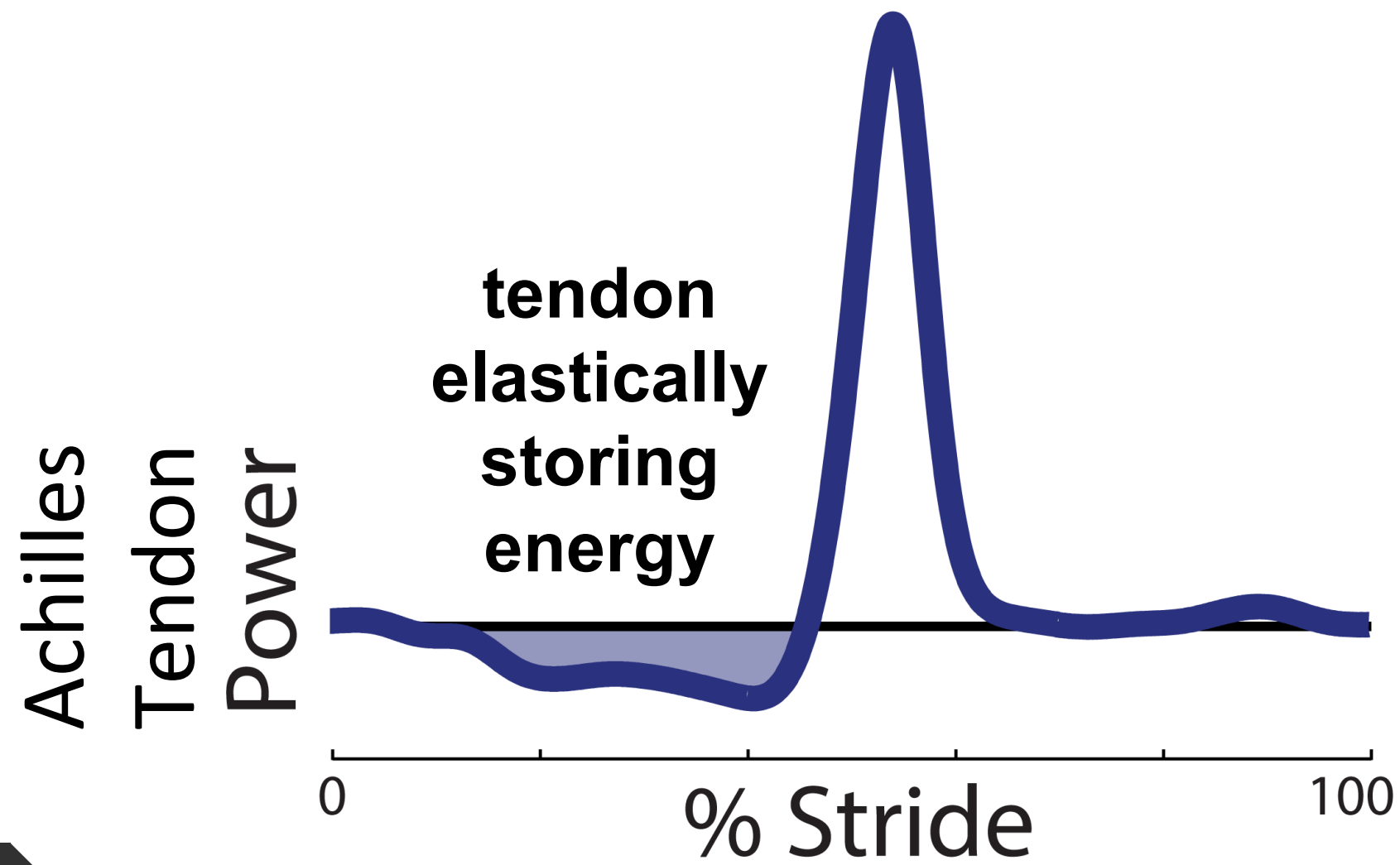


Problem: tendon estimated to return more energy than it stores

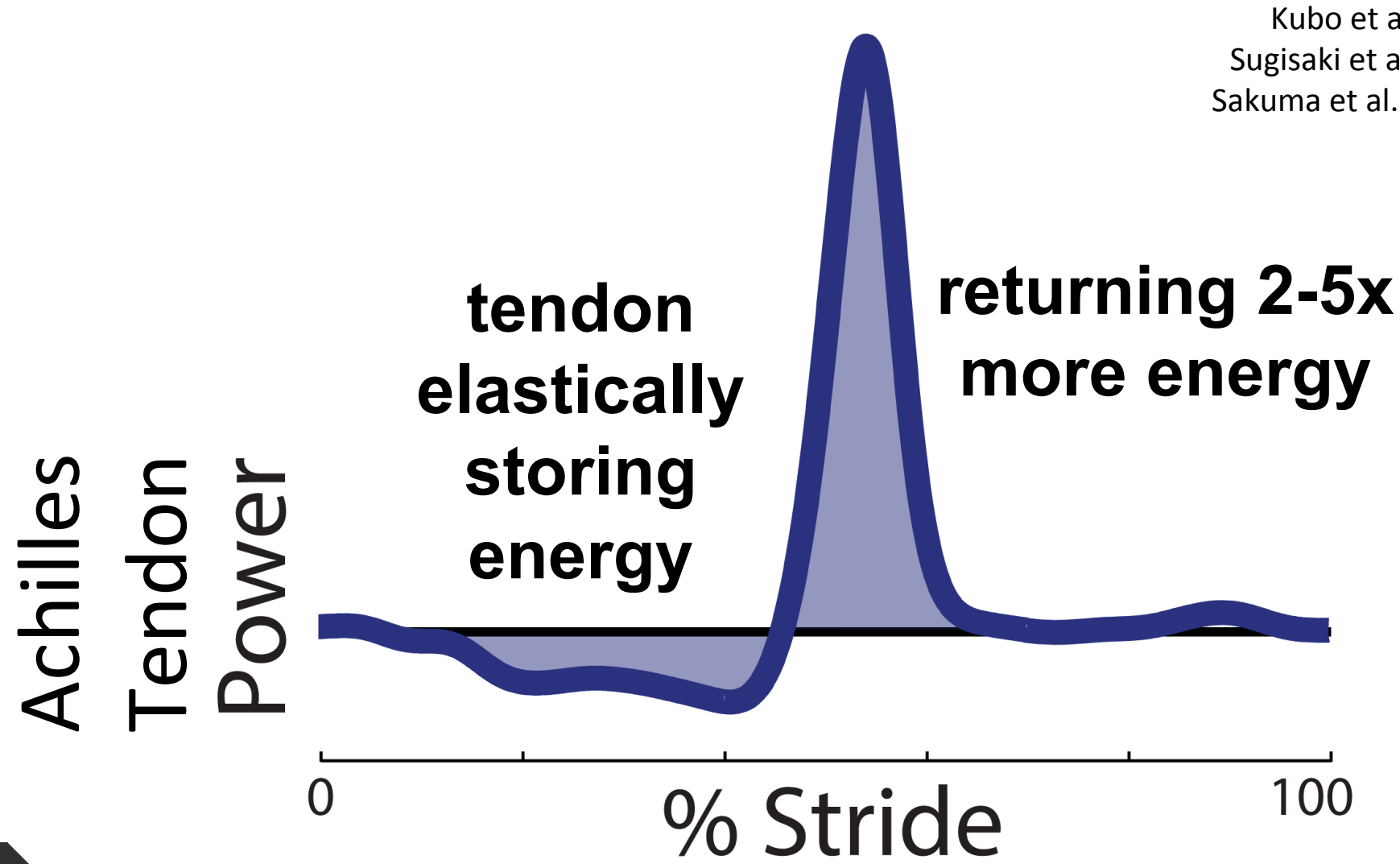




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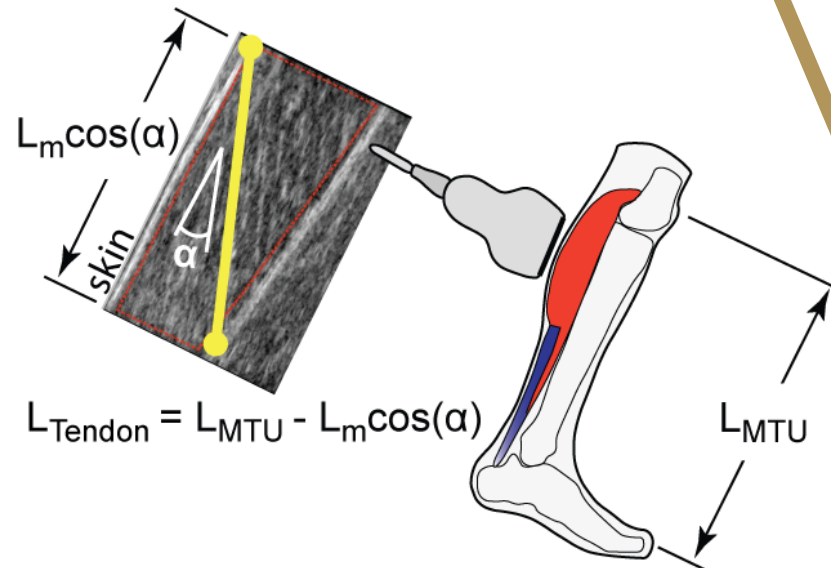
# Problem: tendon estimated to return more energy than it stores



Kubo et al. 2000, Ishikawa et al. 2005,  
Sugisaki et al. 2005, Nigg & Herzog 2007,  
Sakuma et al. 2012, Farris & Sawicki 2012,  
Zelik & Franz 2017

# Alternative methods $\rightarrow$ more plausible tendon energy return

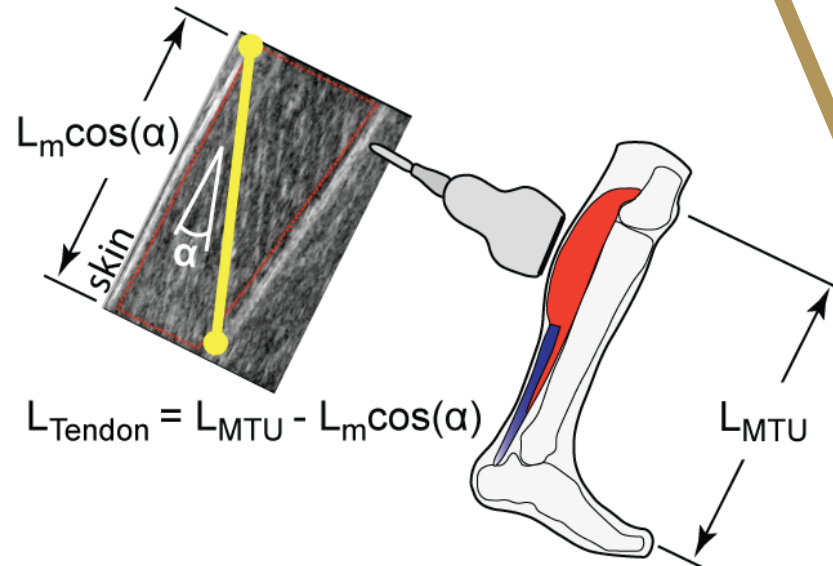
## Track Muscle Fascicle



**1 J stored,  
2-5 J returned**

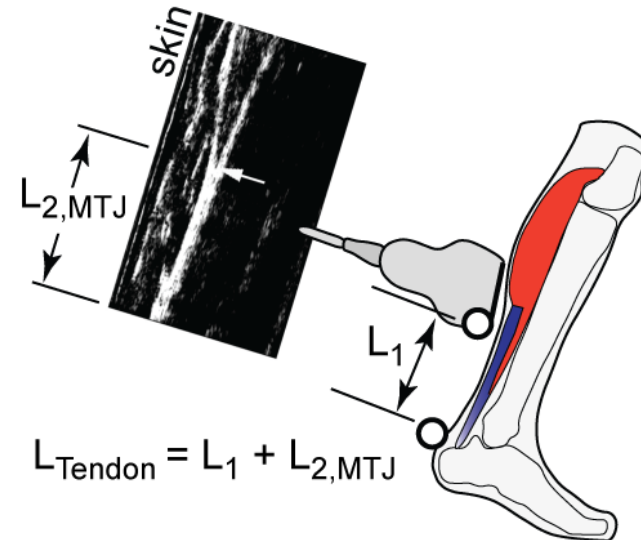
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## Track Muscle Fascicle



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## Track Muscle-Tendon Junction

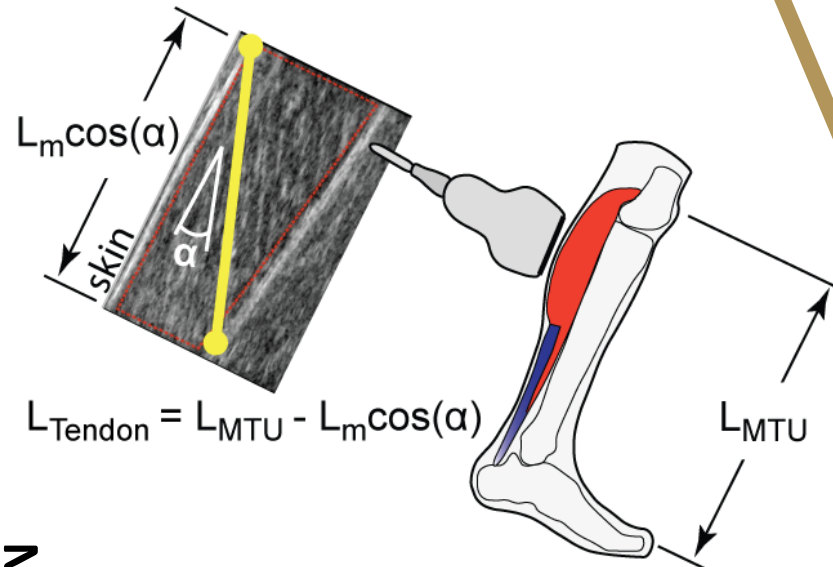


**1 J stored,  
0.5-0.9 J returned**

# Alternative methods $\rightarrow$ more plausible tendon energy return

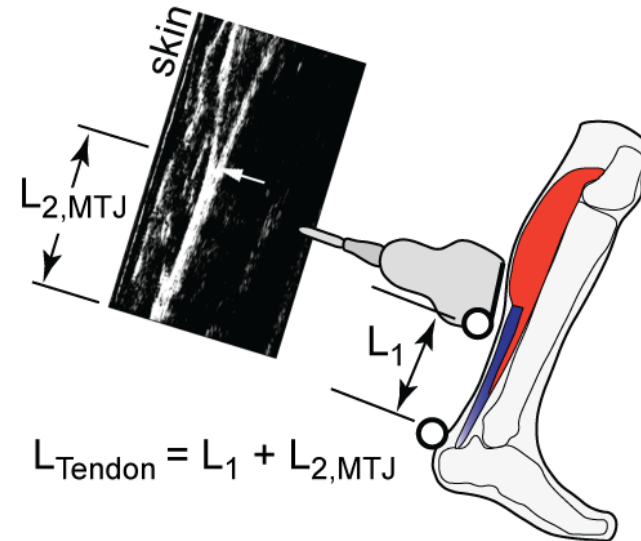
but exhibit unexpected trends with gait speed

## Track Muscle Fascicle



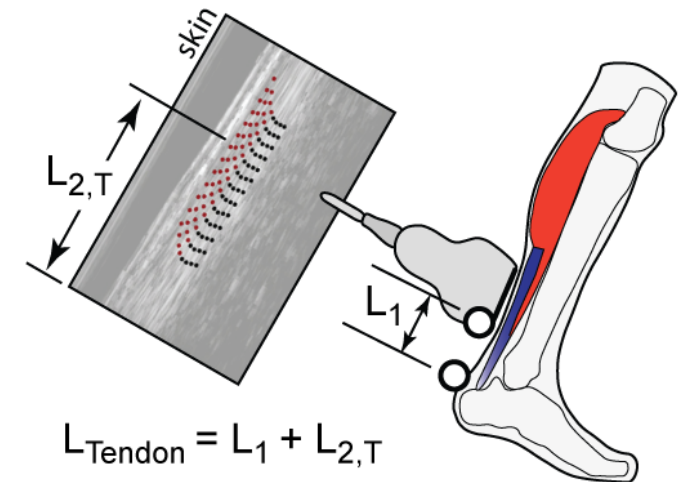
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## Track Muscle-Tendon Junction



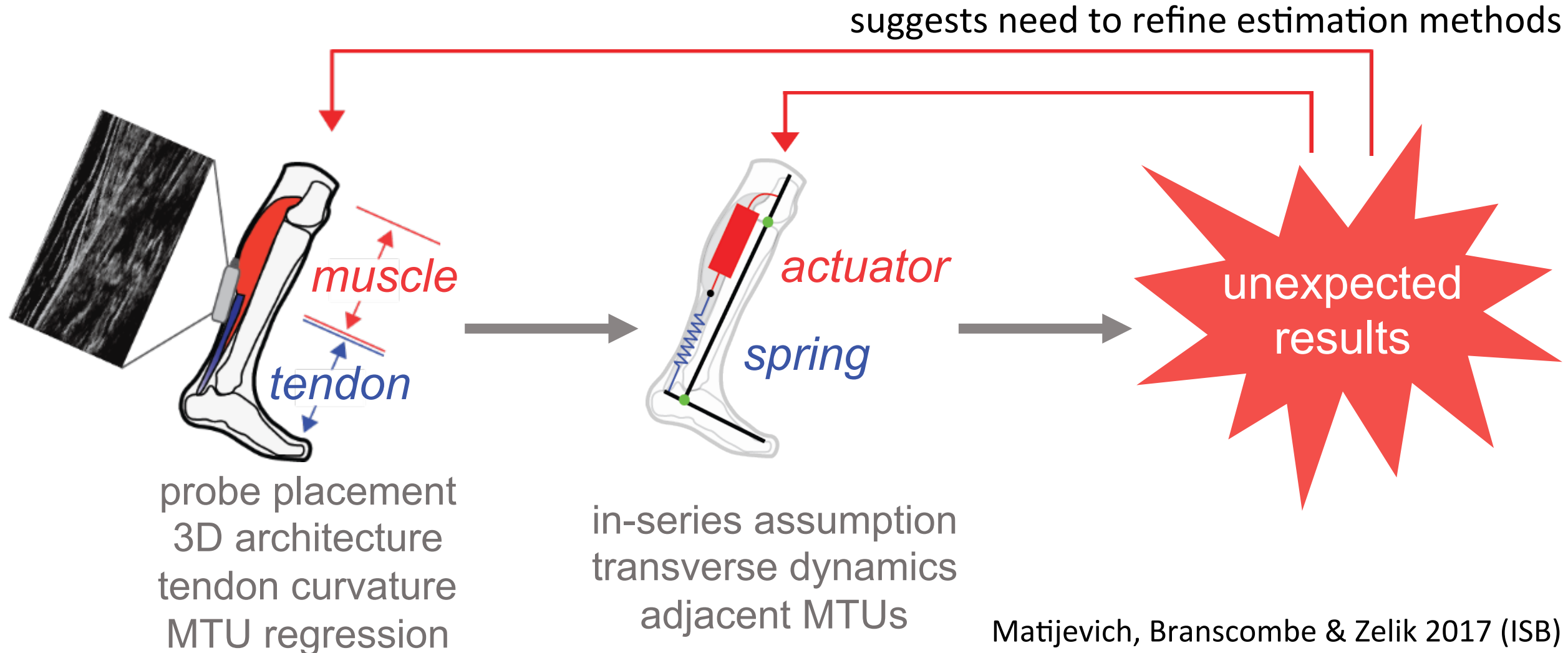
1 J stored,  
0.5-0.9 J returned

## Track Local Tendon Elongation

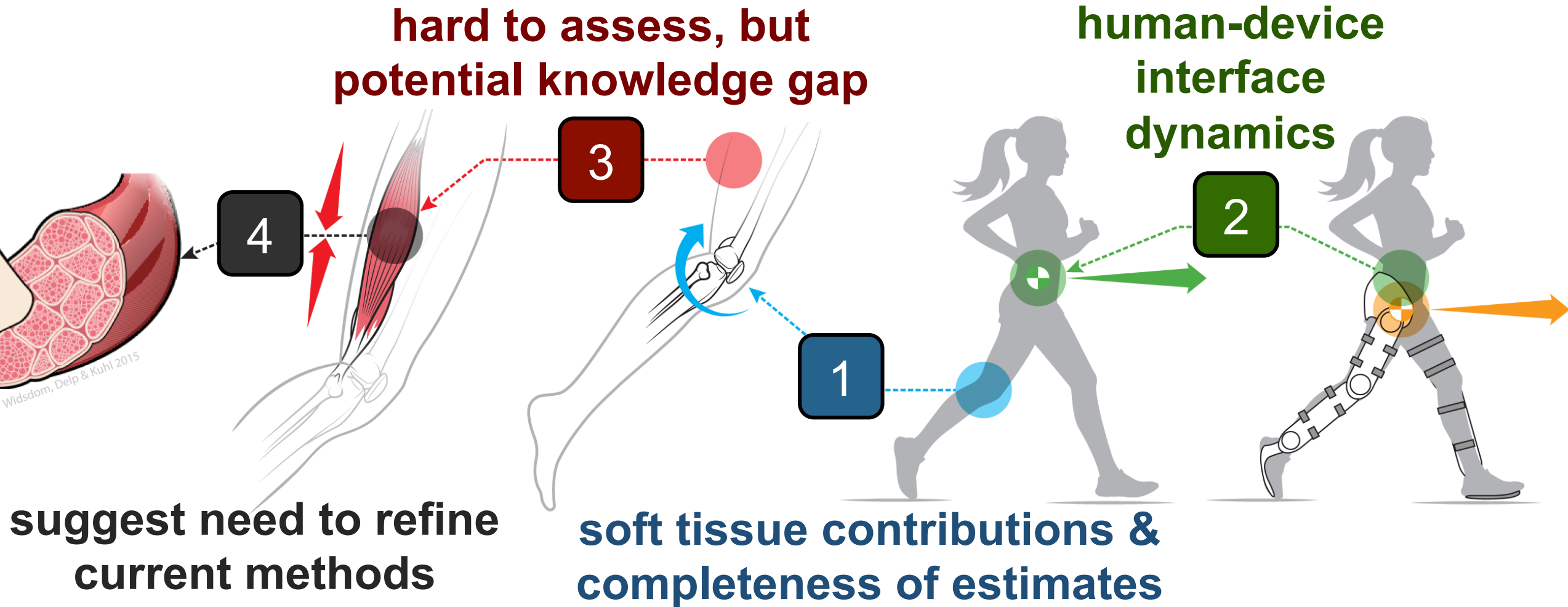


1 J stored,  
0.7-1 J returned

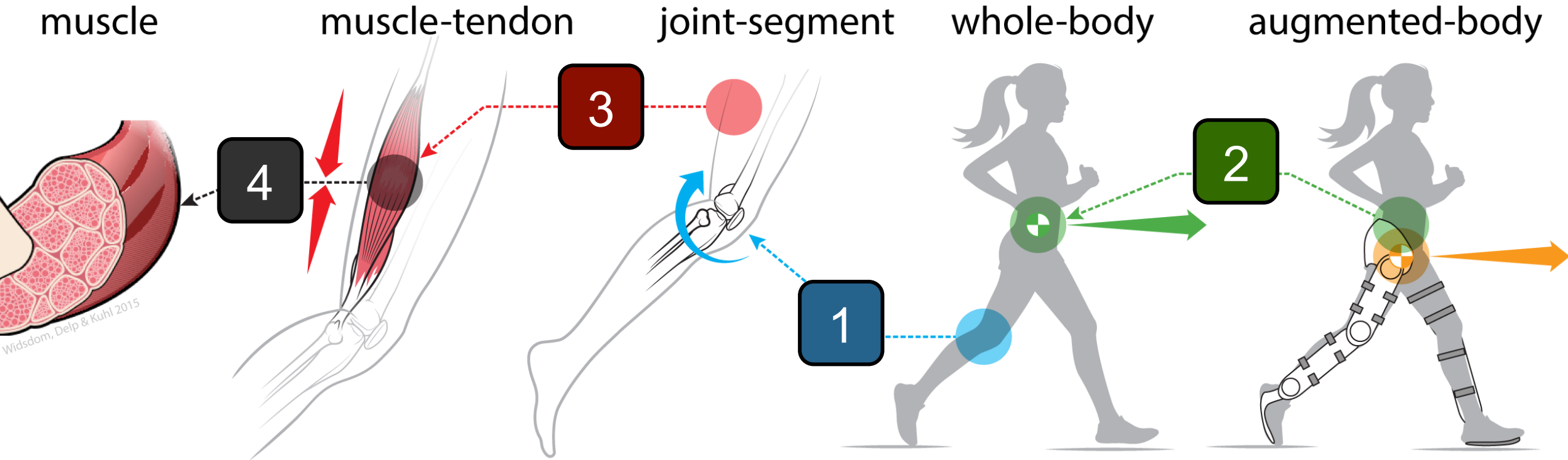
## Discrepancy → Partitioning muscle vs. tendon is complicated



## Discrepancies between scales provide important insights



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