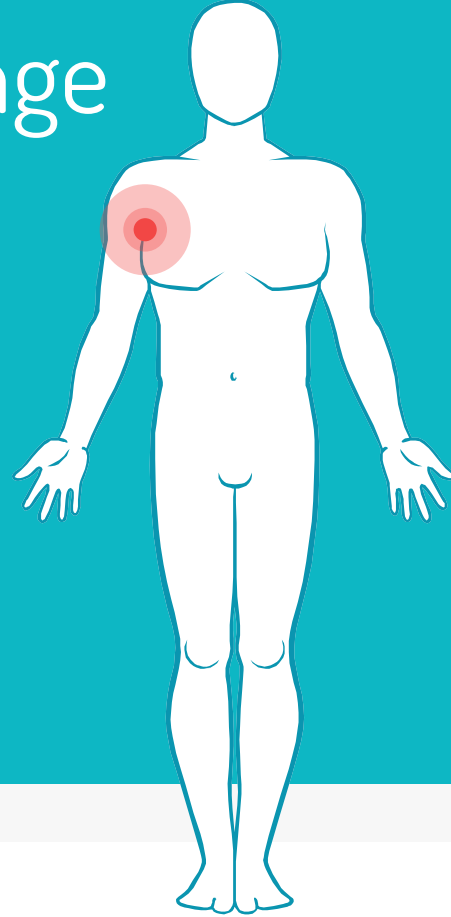


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WHY THIS PS?

Understanding Crutch Users

Who our users are?

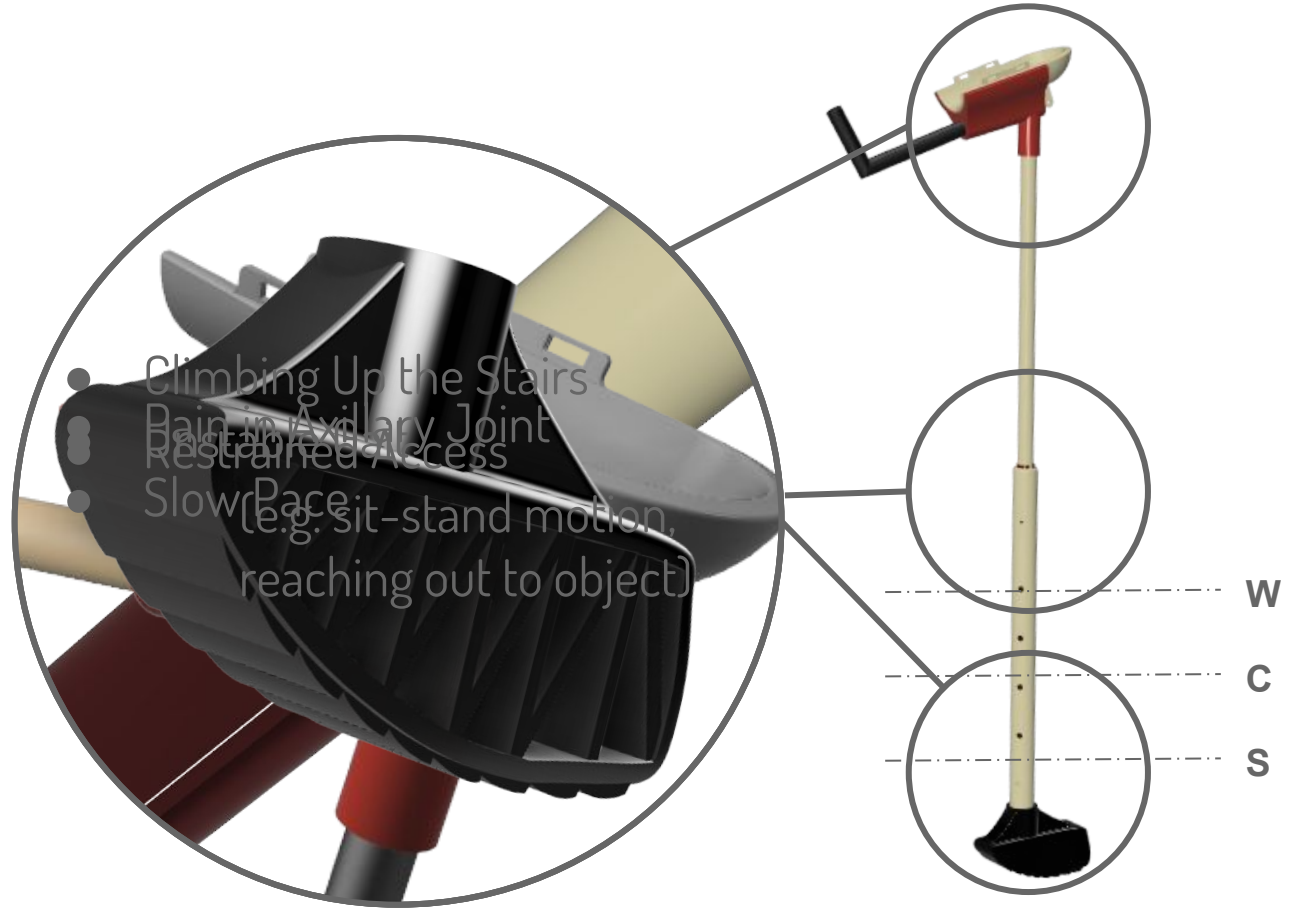
- ❑ Osteoarthritis and Allied Disorders
- ❑ Orthopedic Impairment of Lower Extremity
- ❑ Absence or Loss of Lower Extremities
- ❑ Rheumatoid Arthritis
- ❑ Cerebral Palsy
- ❑ Intervertebral Disc Disorders

What problems do they face in common?

- ❑ Pain at Axillary Joints
- ❑ Restrained Access
- ❑ Slower Pace
- ❑ Climbing Up the Stairs
- ❑ Unstable Gait
- ❑ Limited Adaptability

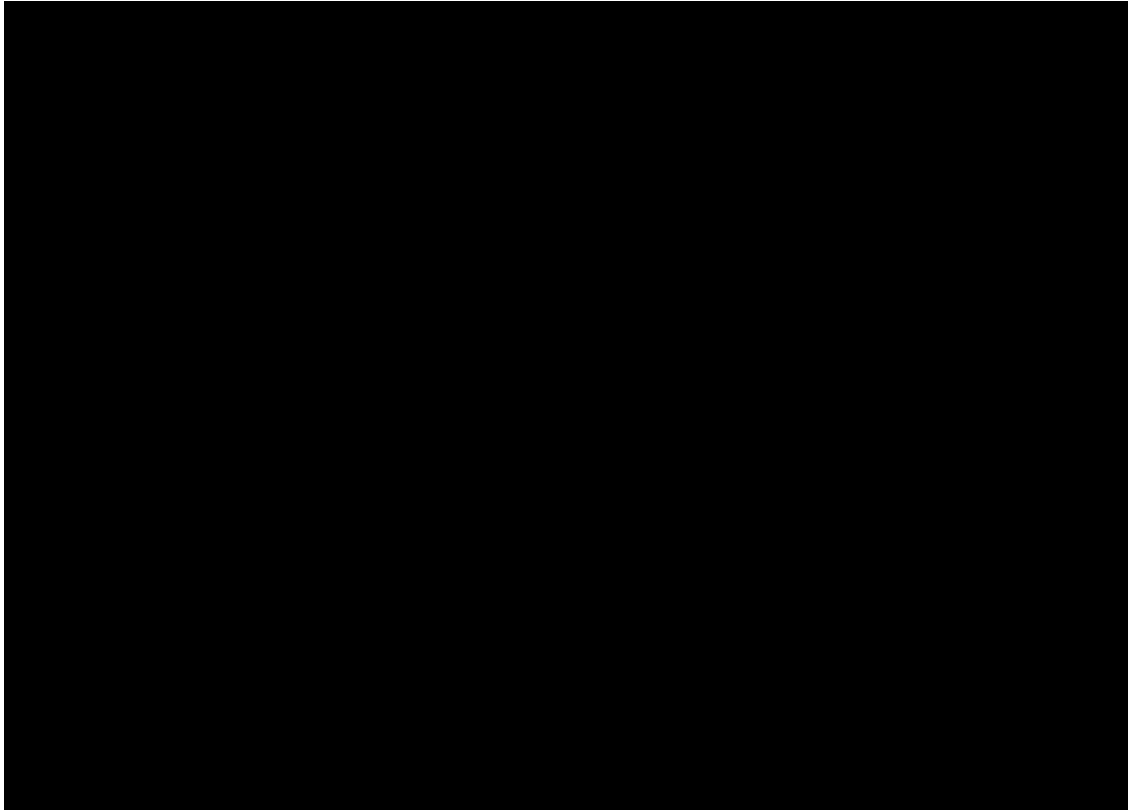
OUR APPROACH

Our Design



PROOF OF CONCEPT

Testing Our Model

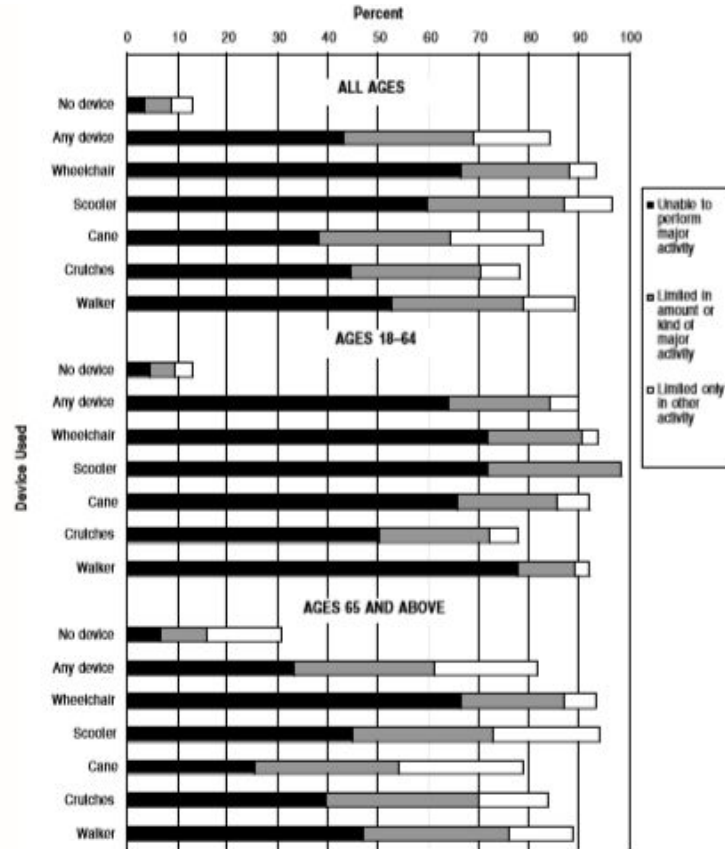


FUTURE GOALS

Design Alterations

- ❏ Weight reduction through extensive research on materials.
- ❏ Introduction and testing of a more robust height adjustment mechanism.
- ❏ Biomechanical analysis followed by design optimisation through experimentation with our current model.
- ❏ Improving ergonomics hence freeing the user from the crutch.

Commercial Potential



Type of crutch	Approx cost
Simple Axillary Crutch	INR 1500 for 1 pair
Forearm Crutches	INR 3000 for 1 pair
M+D elbow crutch	USD 300 for 1 pair (INR 21000)
Our Crutch	INR 4000 for 1 pair

THANK YOU

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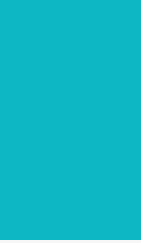
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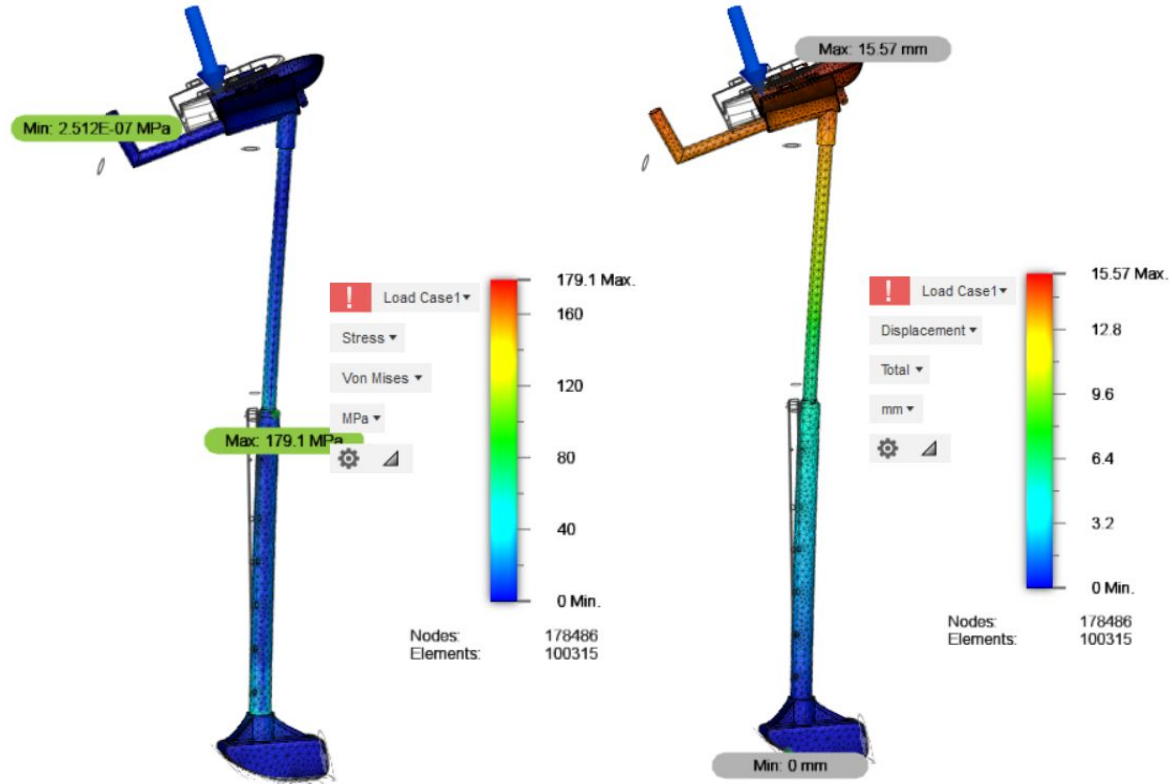
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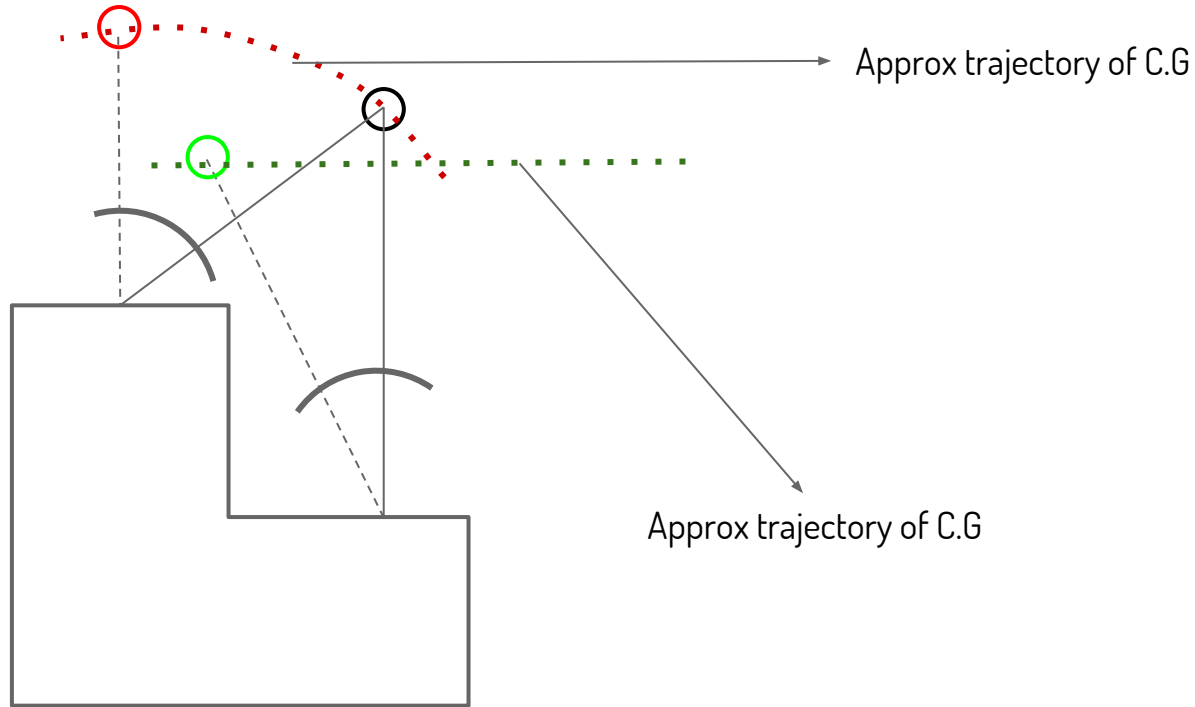
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Mechanical Analysis



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*diagram for representational purposes only

Market Analysis

Table H. Leading conditions[†] associated with the use of crutches, all ages.

Condition	Persons (1000s)	Proportion of device users (%)
All conditions	492	100.00
1 Osteoarthritis and allied disorders	59	11.92
2 Orthopedic impairment of lower extremity	55	11.09
3 Absence or loss of lower extremity	47	9.45
4 Chronic injuries or late effects of injuries	40	8.04
5 Orthopedic impairment of back or neck	25	4.98
6 Rheumatoid arthritis and other inflammatory polyarthropathies	21	4.33
7 Cerebral palsy	20	4.02
8 Orthopedic impairment of hip and/or pelvis	19	3.92
9 Intervertebral disc disorders	17	3.43
10 Other paralysis	11 *	2.32 *

[†]Conditions reported as the main cause of functional or activity limitation (see text).

*Standard error exceeds 30 percent of the estimate.

Alternative Mechanisms

