

Joint Track Machine Learning

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Outline

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Aim 2 - Overcoming Single-Plane Limitations

Aim 3 - Pilot Human Study

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The Problem

- By 2030, roughly 3.5 million Total Knee Arthroplasty (TKA) will be performed in the US [15].
- 20% of patients receiving TKA are dissatisfied.
 - Instability, pain, unnatural [14, 17, 18].
- No reliable method of clinically assessing and quantifying joint dynamics.
 - Human supervision
 - Time consuming
 - Specialized equipment



Our Proposition

Orthopaedic surgeons and clinicians would readily adopt a **practical** and **inexpensive** technology that allows them to **measure** a patient's knee kinematics during **activities of daily living**.

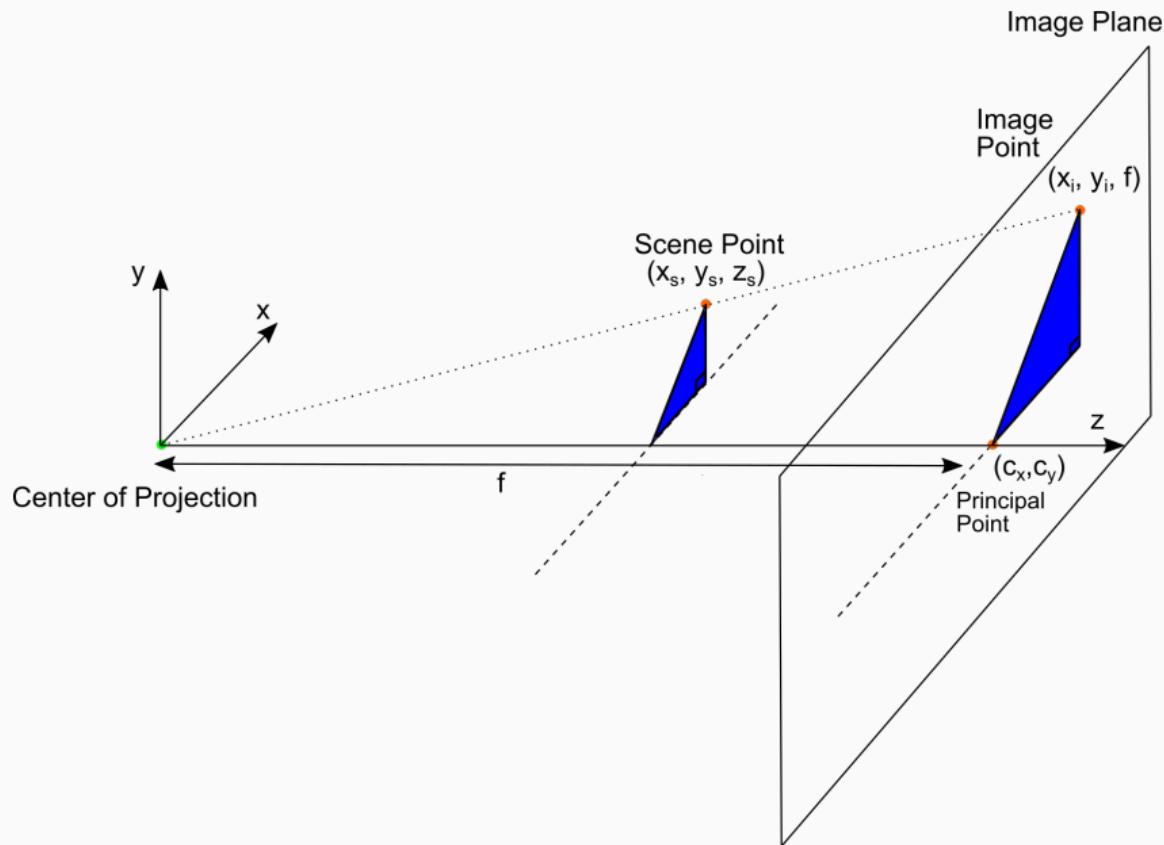


Constraints

- It must fit within a **standard clinical workflow**
- The technology must utilize equipment **commonly found in hospitals**
- There must not be significant **human supervision** nor interaction to generate an examination report.

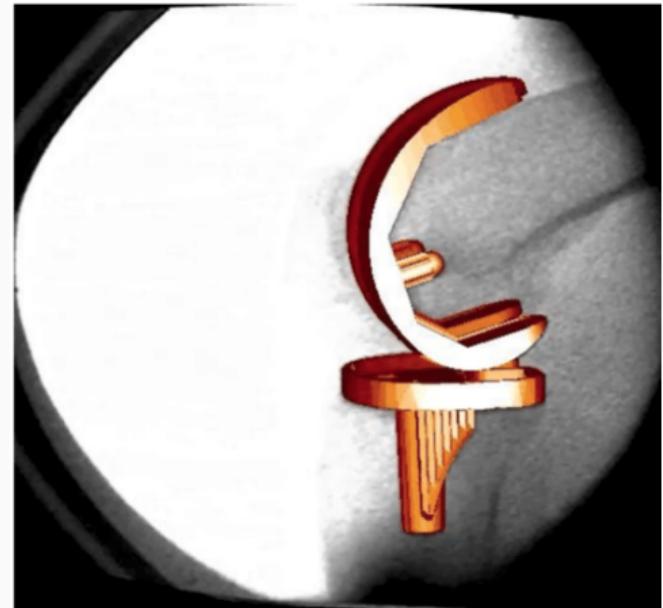


Background - Projective Geometry



Background - Model-Image Registration

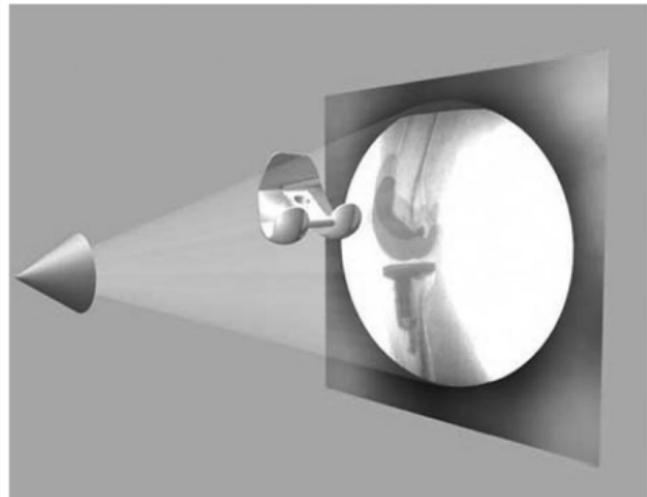
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Historical Overview

Many different approaches have attempted to solve the model-image registration problem.

- Pre-computed projections
- Skin-mounted motion Capture
- Biplane Imaging
- Iterative Projections
- Roentgen Stereophotogrammetry

Pre-Computed Projections

- Saving space and memory by pre-computing as much as possible.
- Pre-computed distance maps [34, 6].
- Pre-computed shape libraries [7]

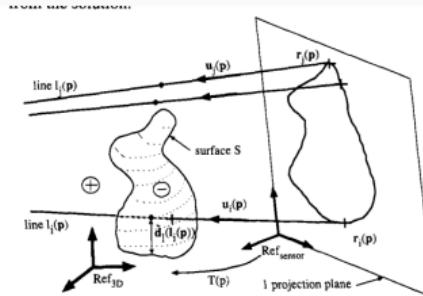
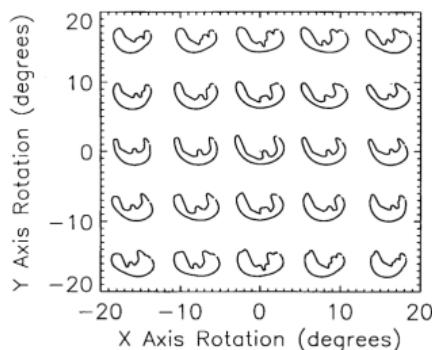


Fig. 2. Projection line to surface distance computation.

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Limitations of Pre-Computed Projections

- Requires an accurate contour from the input image in order to perform calculations.
 - Human supervision for isolated contour
 - Inaccuracy with naive edge detection

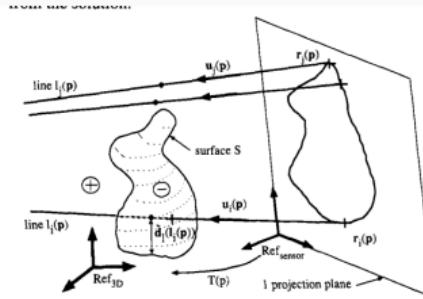
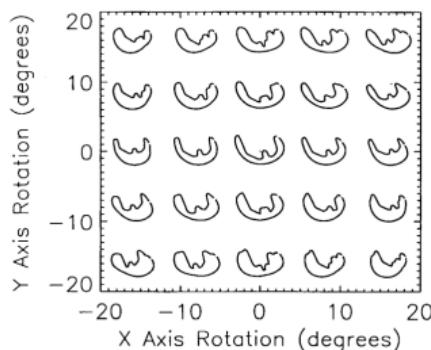


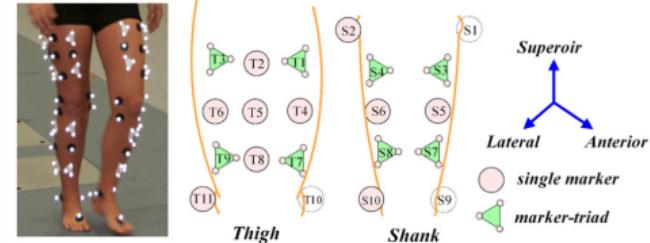
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Motion Capture (MoCap)



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- Can measure motion of MoCap beads very accurately.
- Skin-mounted [16, 19, 21].
- Bone pins [5].



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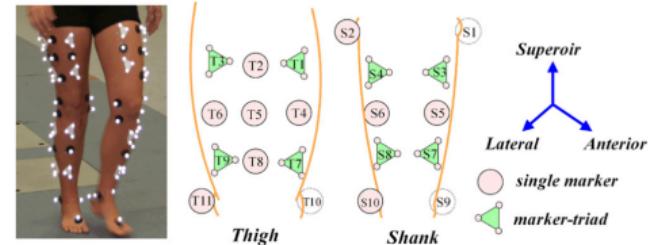
Limitations of Motion Capture

Skin Mounted

- Doesn't accurately describe underlying skeletal motion with clinical accuracy [16, 19, 21].

Bone Pins

- Any volunteers?



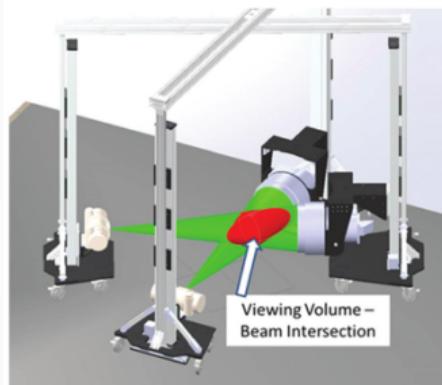
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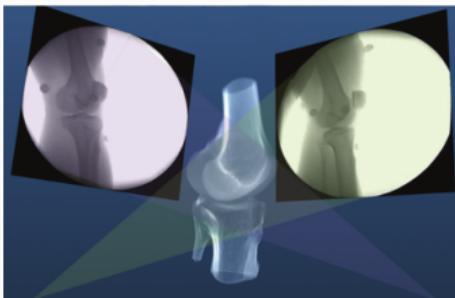
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Biplane Imaging

- Utilizes multiple cameras to resolve 3D position and orientation[20, 29].
 - Highly accurate.
 - Gold Standard.

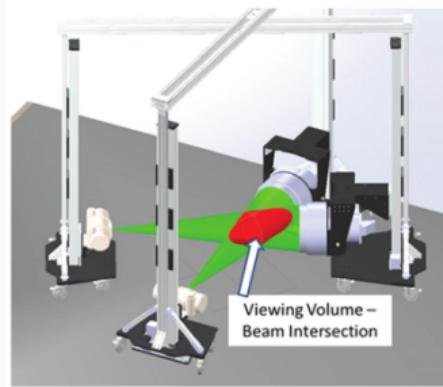


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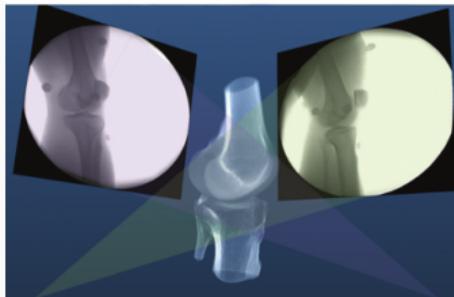


Limitations of Biplane Imaging

- Not many hospitals have biplane fluoroscopy setups.
- Clinically impractical

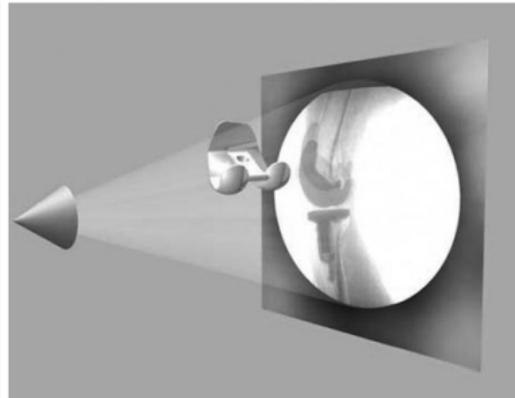


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Iterative Projections

- Take advantage of modern computational graphics pipelines to quickly perform projection matching.
 - Image/Intensity similarity metrics [11]
 - Feature/Contour similarity metrics [24]



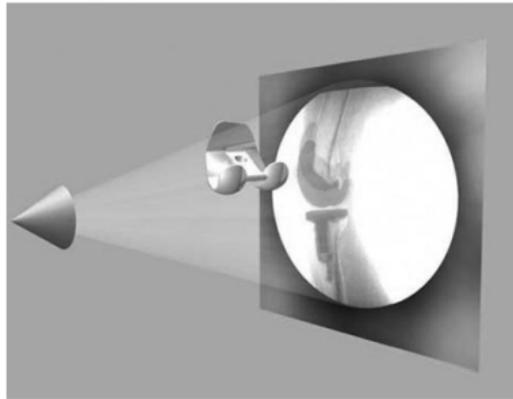
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Limitations of (historic) Iterative Projection Methods

- Requires human supervision for:
 - Pose initialization
 - Escaping local minima
 - Implant detection
- Chaotic and Noisy objective function



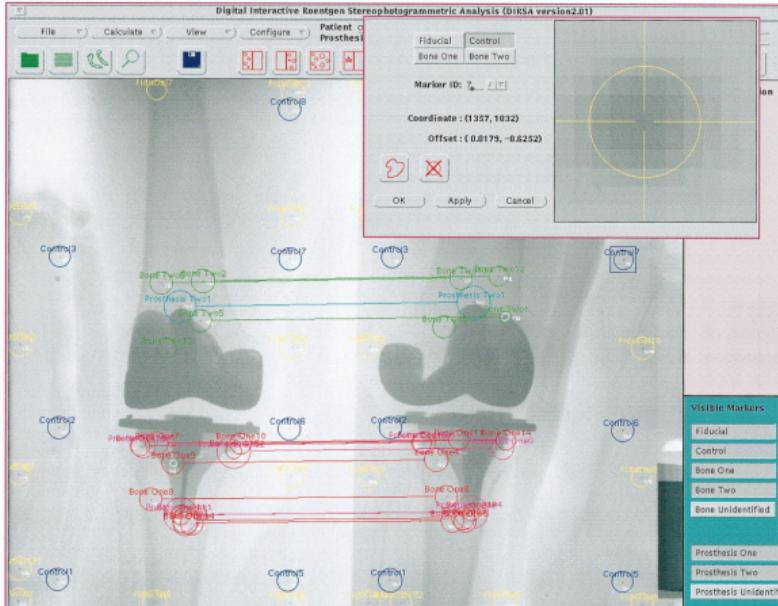
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Roentgen Stereophotogrammetry (RSA)

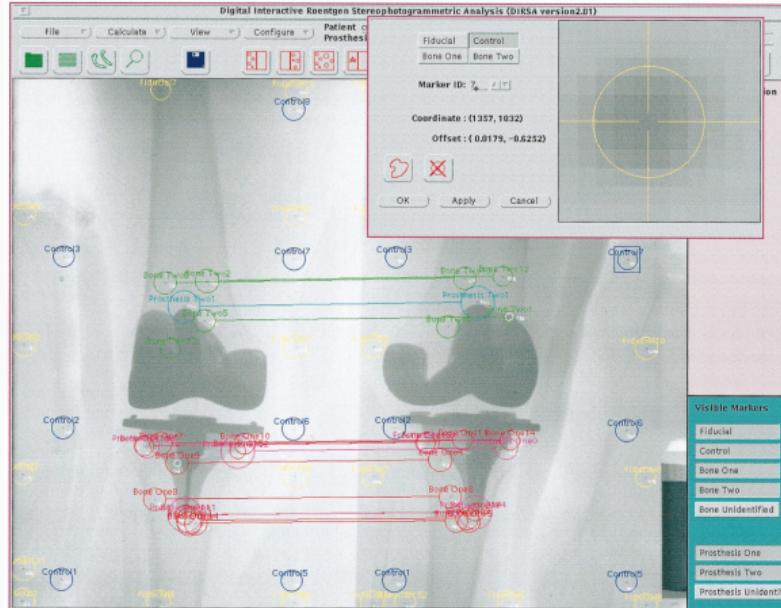
- Uses implanted tantalum beads for motion tracking [10, 4]
- Extremely accurate [12, 13]
- Gold standard Measurement [33]



From [10]

Limitations of RSA

- Involves additional surgical procedures for inserting tantalum beads.
- Human supervision
- Bi-plane imaging



From [10]

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Aims 1/2

Joint Track Machine

Learning and Overcoming

Single-Plane Limitations

Aim 3/4

Pilot Trials and

Standardized Kinematics

Exam

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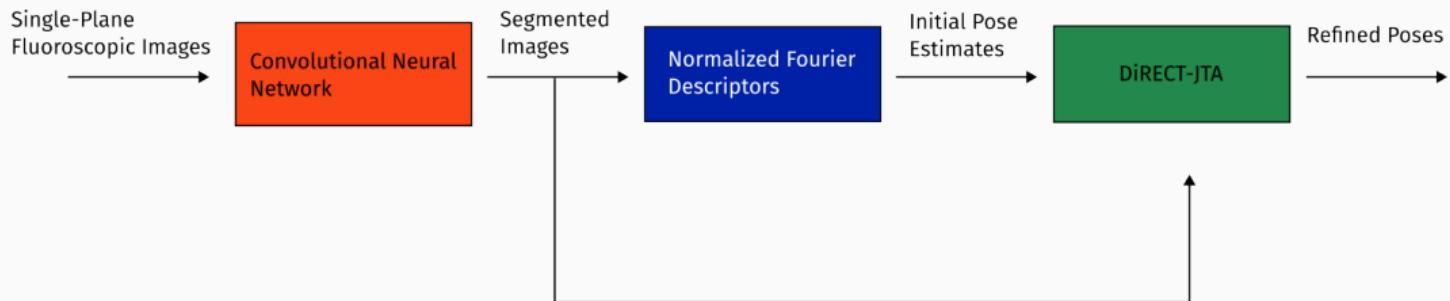
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Goal

Demonstrate the feasibility of a fully autonomous, model-image registration pipeline.

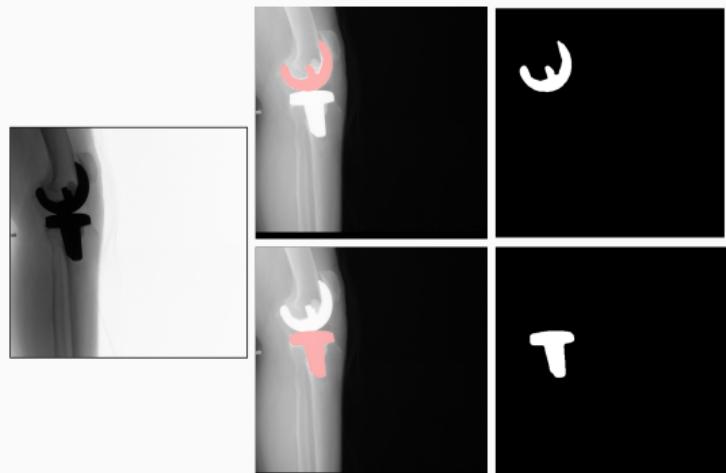
Method

- Three-tiered approach
 - Convolutional Neural networks (CNN) for autonomous implant detection
 - Normalized Fourier Descriptor shape libraries
 - Robust contour-based global optimization scheme



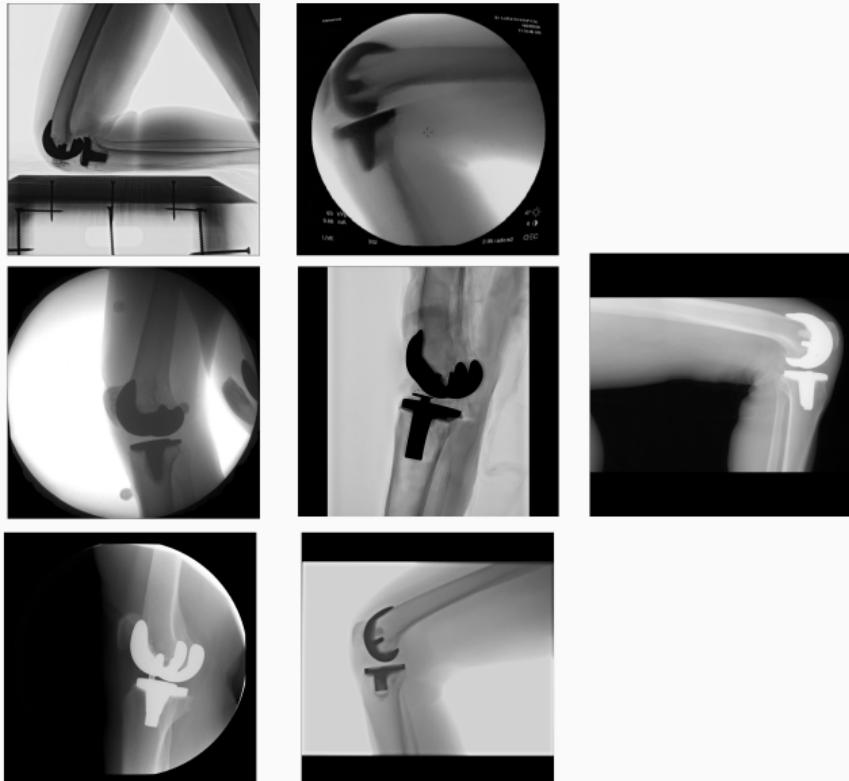
Autonomous Implant Detection Using Convolutional Neural Networks

- 2 CNNs
 - Femoral and Tibial implants
- High Resolution Network [27]



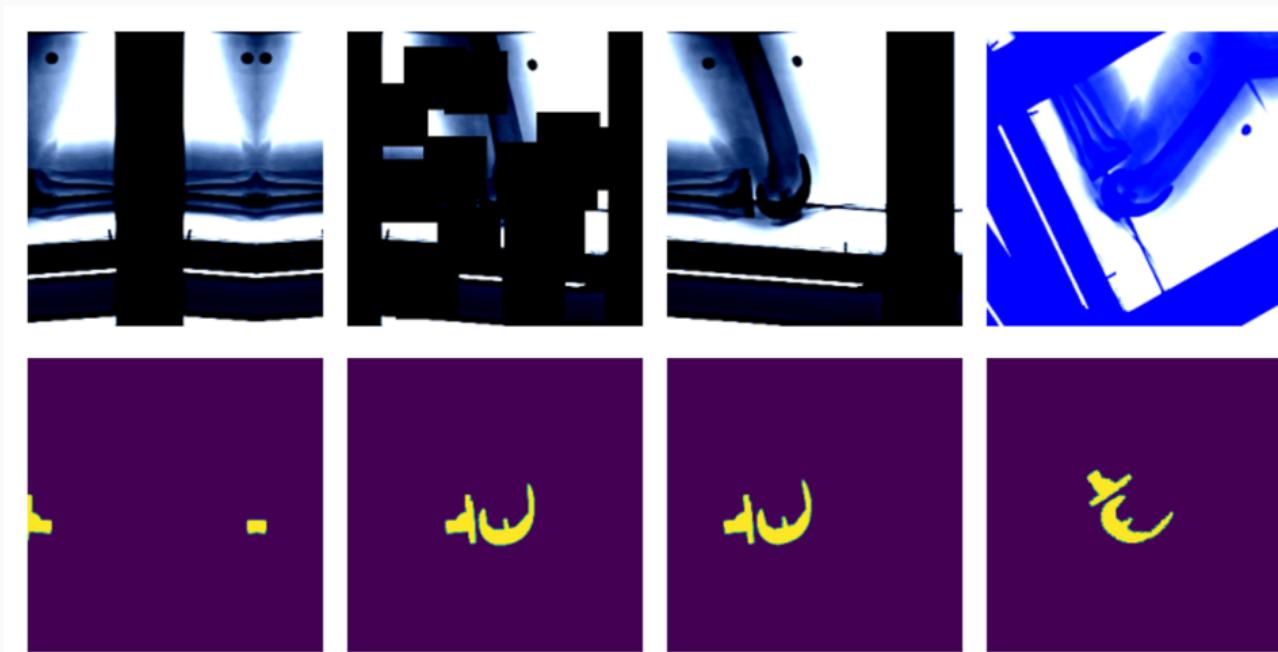
Neural Network Data

- ~8000 images
 - 7 TKA kinematics studies
 - 71 subjects
 - 7 implant manufacturers
 - 36 distinct implants
 - Squat, lunge, kneel, stair ascent



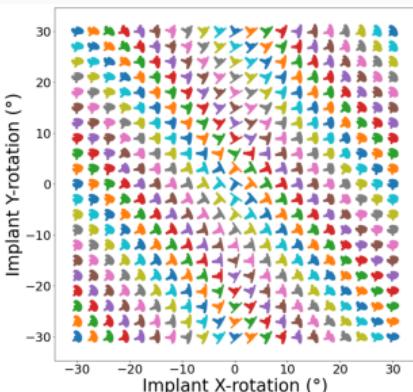
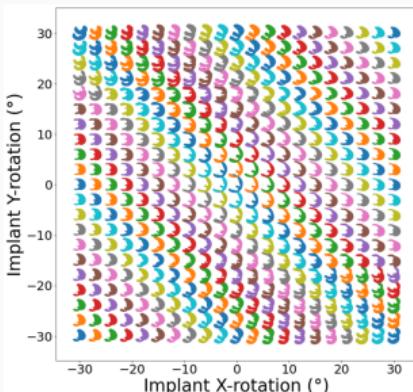
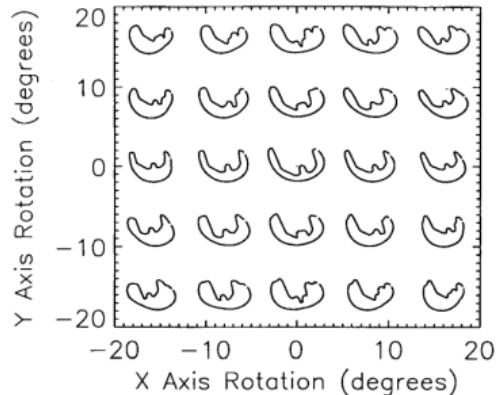
Neural Network Robustness

- Additional augmentations introduced during training [25].



Normalized Fourier Descriptor Shape Libraries

- Pose initialization using segmentation output.
- $\pm 30^\circ$ library span at 3° increments.



Pose Refinement Using Global Optimization

- Two main features
 - Objective function
 - Optimization routine

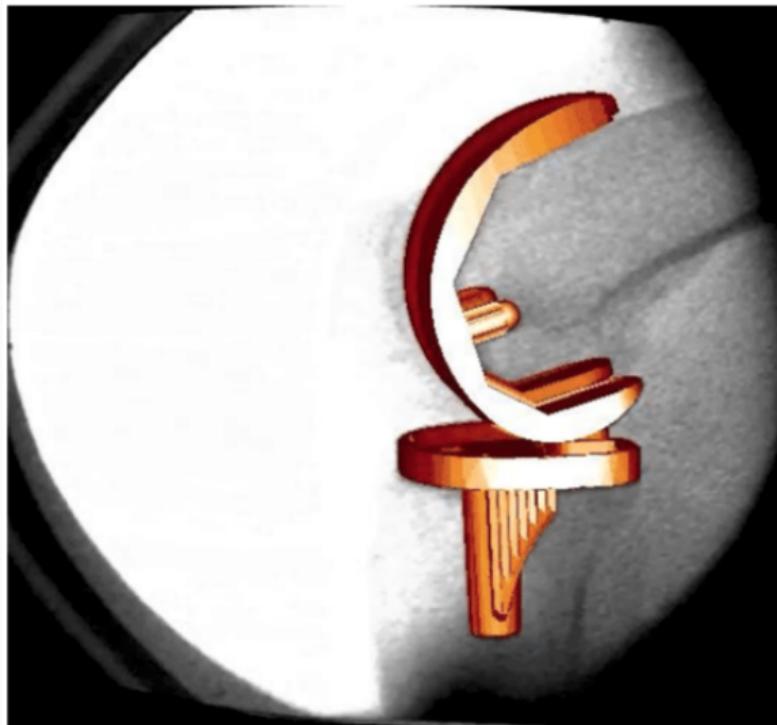
$$\underset{x}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{f(x) : x \in \Omega\}$$

Contour-based Objective Function

- With accurate projection, contours provide a strong heuristic for orientation.
- Overlapping pixels between CNN segmentation and projected implant.
 - L_1 norm has quick parallel computation.

$$J = \sum_{i \in H} \sum_{j \in W} |I_{ij} - P_{ij}| = L_1(I, P)$$

- Sensitive to minor perturbations



Improving Robustness

- Dilation decreases sensitivity to perturbations.
- Multi-stage optimization can reduce dilation back to original edges.

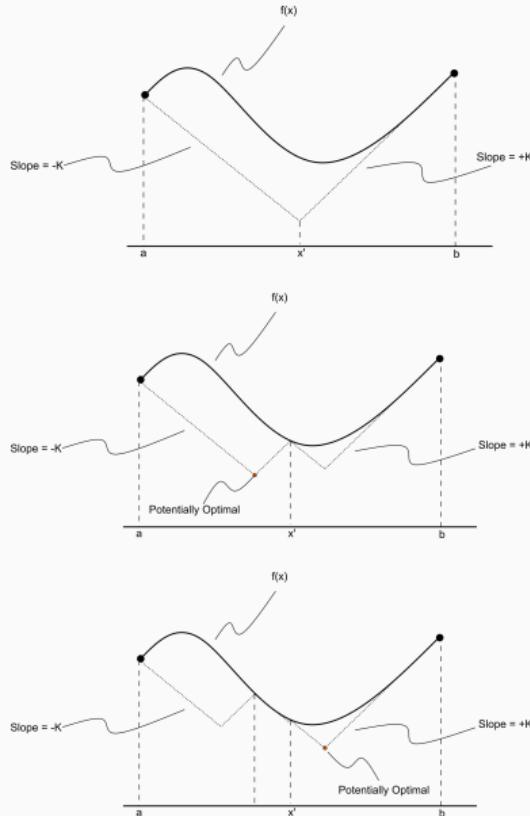


Optimization Routine

- No analytic form of the objective function exists, it **must** be sampled at points of interest.
 - Black Box Optimization [22, 28]

Lipschitzian Optimization

- Robust, global, black-box optimization routine if Lipschitz constant (K) is known [2].
- Lipschitz constant bounds the rate of change of a function.
- What if you don't know the Lipschitz constant?

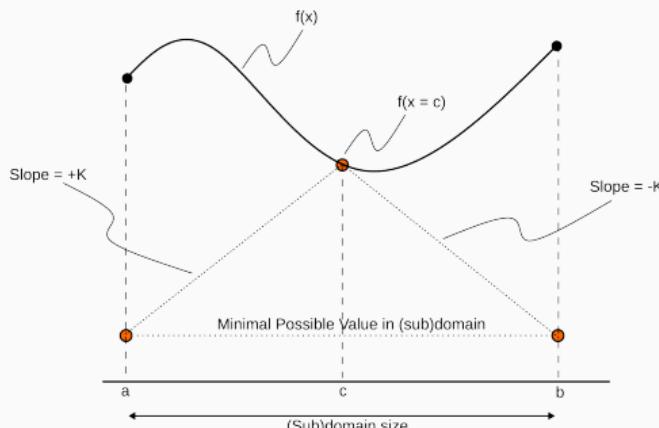


Lipschitzian Optimization without the Lipschitz Constant

Lipschitzian Optimization Without the Lipschitz Constant

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- Sample end-points instead of intersecting lines.
- Potentially optimal regions based on value at center and total size.
 - Trisect potentially optimal regions and re-sample centers



Trisecting Region

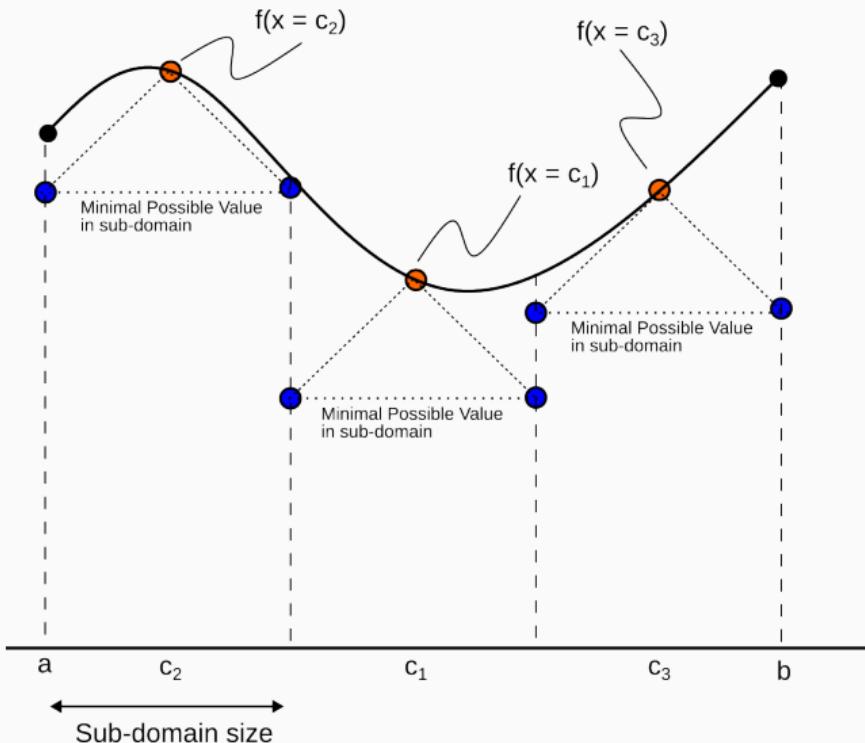
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Where

$f(x = c_i) \equiv$ Sampled function value

$d(c_i) \equiv$ Sub-domain size

for $i \in [1, N]$



Another Iteration

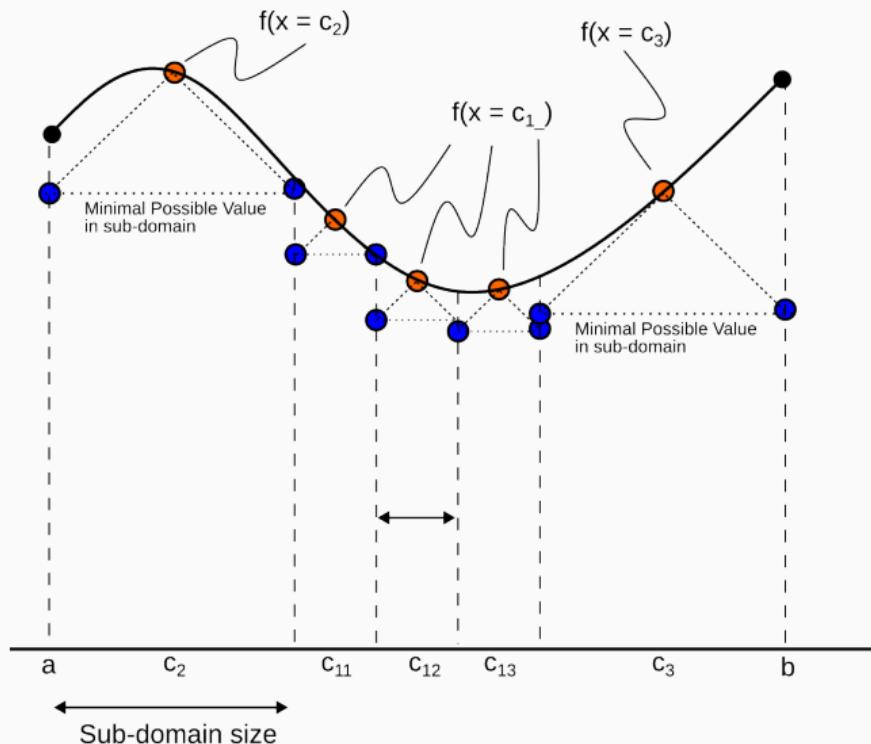
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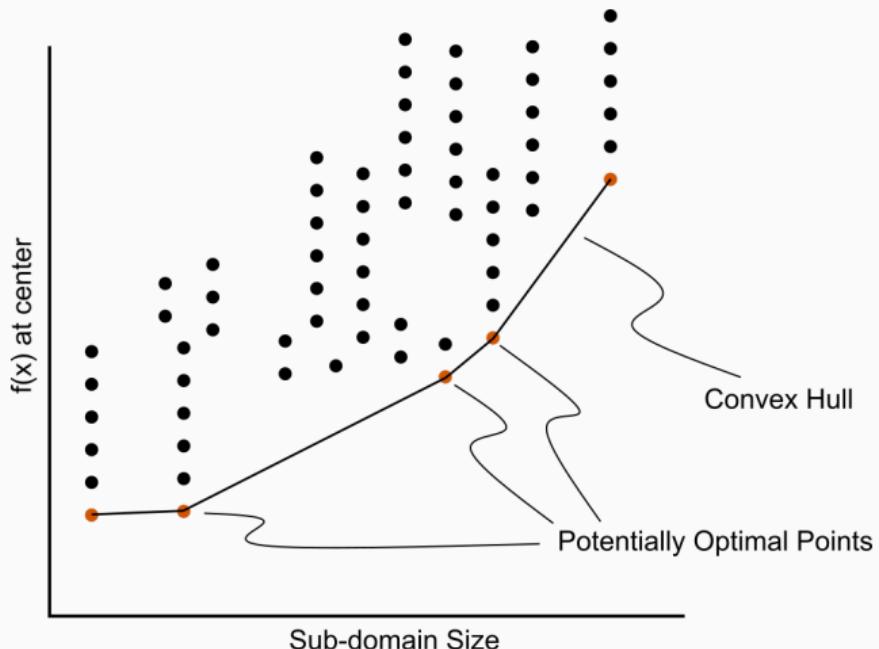
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Determining Potentially Optimal Regions

- Convex hull [1, 3, 9, 8] of region size vs. center value



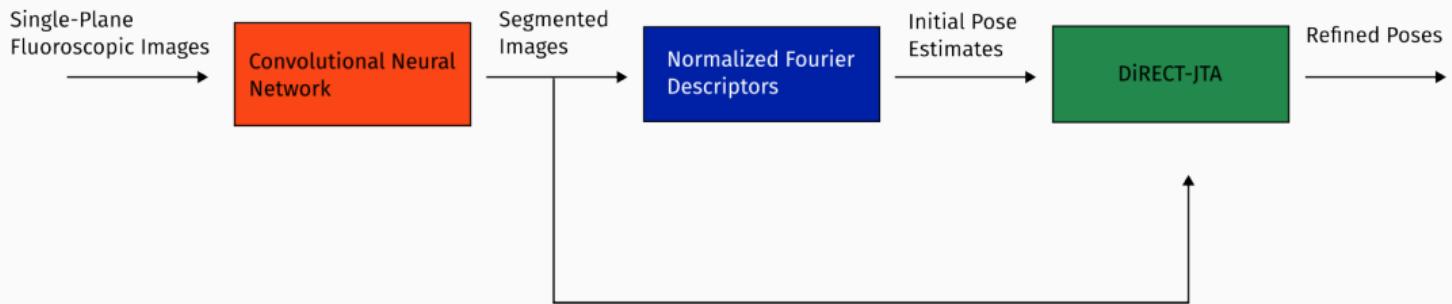
DiRECT for Joint Track Machine Learning

- Search region is along all 6 degrees of freedom.
 - Normalize to [0, 1].
- Three stages, each with decreasing levels of dilation.
 - Iteration budget for each stage.

Stage	Budget [Iterations]	Search Range [mm,deg]	Dilation (pixels)
“Tree”	~20,000	±45	5
“Branch”	~20,000	±25	3
“Leaf”	~10,000	±100 (z_{trans}) / ±3 (<i>else</i>)	1

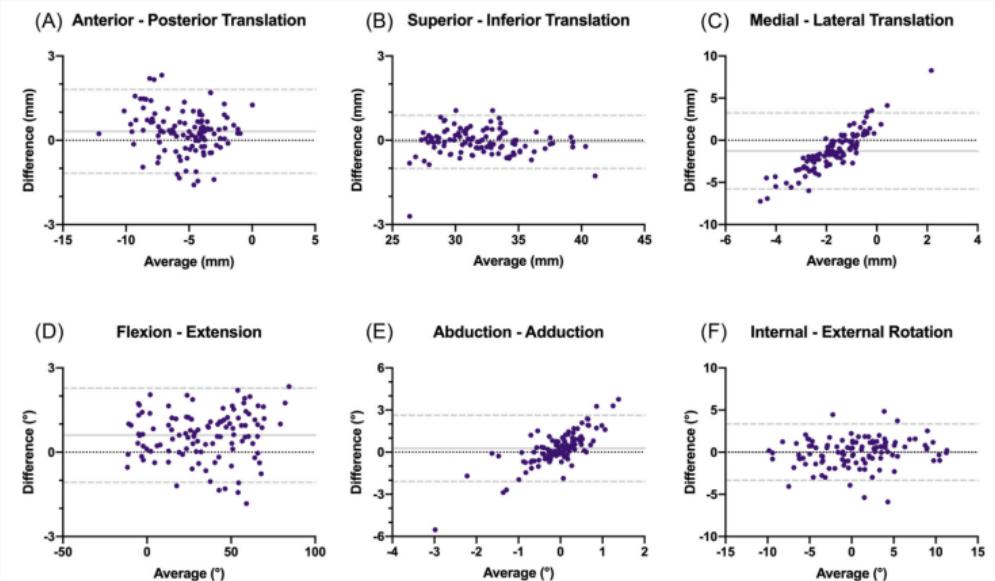
Testing Performance

Now that we have our refined poses, how well does our system perform?



Validation

- Independent research group using Model-Based RSA.
- Determine the level of concordance between the two measurement systems
 - Bland-Altman Plots
- Achieved clinically acceptable accuracy [33, 32].
- Highly repeatable



Awards

The work presented in this aim won the HAP Paul Award for Best Paper from the International Society for Technology in Arthroplasty's 2022 Annual Meeting.



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Goal

- The goal of this aim is to validate and test methods that can overcome single-plane limitations for model-image registration.
 - Out-of-plane (OOP) Translation
 - Symmetry Traps

Translation

- Depth perception is lost when using a single camera.
- Utilize a virtual “spring” to constrain relative OOP translation between implant components.

$$J = \alpha L_1(I, P) + \beta ML(Fem, Tib)$$

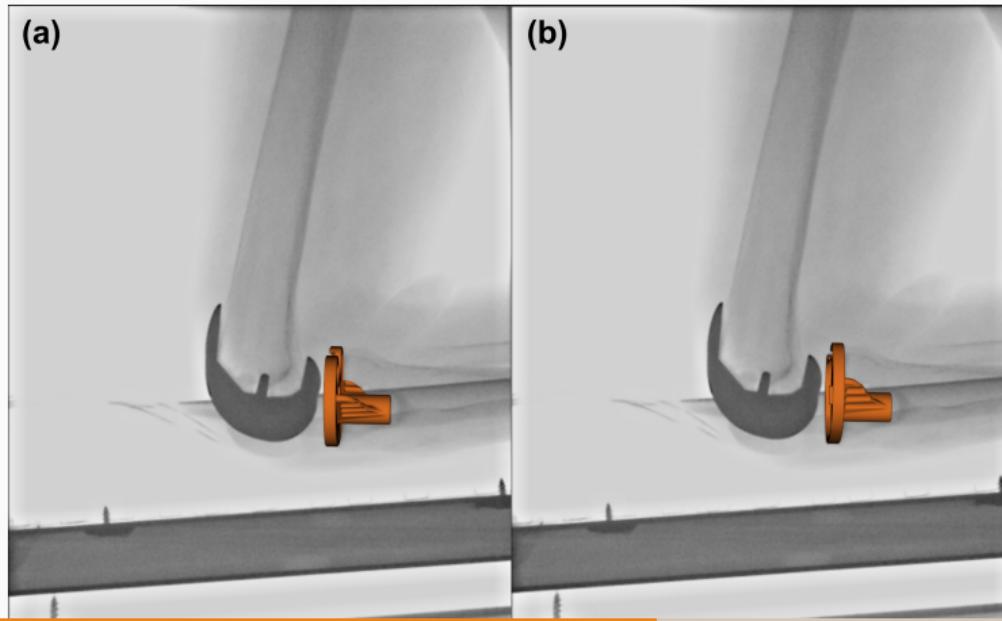
Where

$ML \equiv$ Relative mediolateral translation

Symmetry Traps

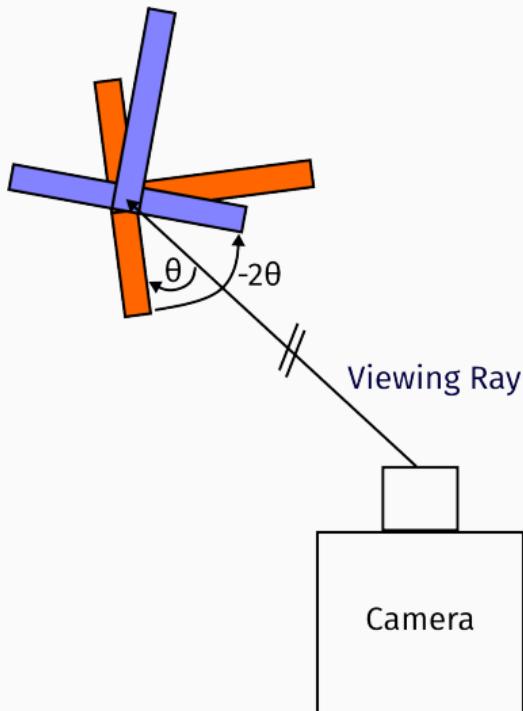
With a symmetric tibial implant, the contour is not always a perfect heuristic for true pose. Human operators typically utilize relative varus-valgus to determine correct pose.

Found “ambiguous zone” within 3° of pure lateral pose with high propensity for symmetry traps [32].



Solving the Symmetric Pose

1. Create a vector from the camera origin to the implant origin (viewing ray).
2. Determine the axis (\vec{m}) and angle (θ) of rotation between the viewing ray and the symmetric (mediolateral) axis.
3. Rotate the implant -2θ about the same axis.
4. The final location is the symmetric pose of the object.



Four Approaches

- Virtual ligaments
- Binary selection between two poses
- Bland-Altman Calibration Constant
- Fully Connected Network

Virtual Ligaments

$$J = \alpha L_1(I, P) + \beta ML(Fem, Tib) + \gamma VV(Fem, Tib)$$

Where

$VV \equiv$ Relative Varus-Valgus rotation

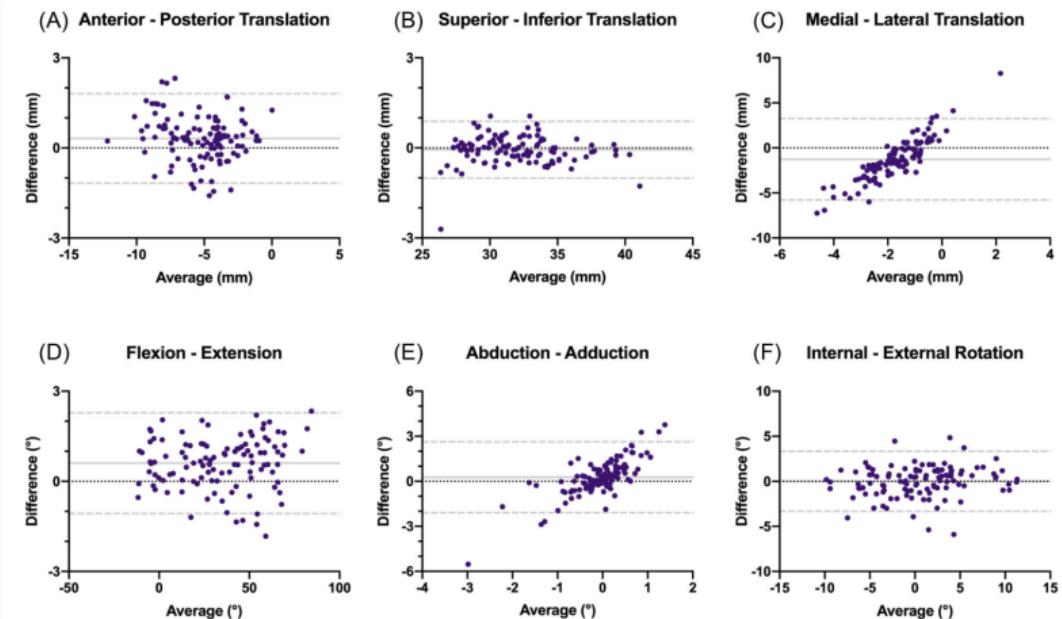
Binary Selection

1. Determine optimized pose using $L_1 + ML$
2. Calculate symmetric pose.
3. Pick pose with lower relative VV

This method can simplify the selection criteria (one fewer hyperparameter).

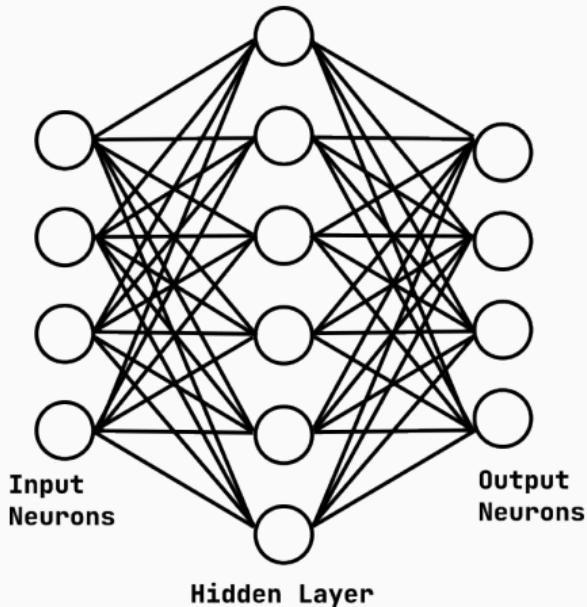
Bland-Altman Calibration Constant

- Utilizing Bland-Altmann plots from gold-standard kinematics, create a “correction constant” for relative varus/valgus (ad/abduction) angles.
- Notice linear trend in BA plots.



Fully Connected Network

- Encode symmetric pose calculation into FCN.
- Feed femoral and tibial **pose** into network.
 - “Keep” or “Switch”
- Could incorporate categorical features as well
 - Weightbearing vs non-weightbearing
 - Activity (walking, stair, lunge, etc)



Timeline

- All kinematics data has already been collected.
- Completed Methods
 - Virtual Ligaments
- In Progress
 - Binary Selection
- Pending Methods
 - Bland-Altman Calibration
 - Fully Connected Network

Journal paper will be ready for submission by June.

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Goal

No kinematics studies have exclusively utilized Joint Track Machine Learning; let's be the first.

What are we measuring?

- Kinematics
- Time to full examination report
 - Time/frame
 - Usage hiccups
 - Symmetry traps

Methods

- 20-30 patients
- ~Dozen activities with fluoroscopic machine
 - Weightbearing and Non-weightbearing
 - Static and Dynamic

IRB approval ~4 months out.

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Goal

Establish a “standard kinematics exam” by determining the most statistically and anatomically relevant fluoroscopic image(s) to capture during a clinical visit.

Motivation

- We have standardized pain/outcome scores
 - KOOS, KSS, FJS, etc..
- No standardized kinematics examination
 - Per-study differences
 - No reason to standardize

Autonomous kinematics measurements allow researchers to spend more time asking and answering questions rather than fiddling with annoying software.

Method

- Use images and kinematics from Aim 3.
- Utilize statistical methods to determine covariance and causal/corollary relationships.
 - Clustering
 - Transformers [26, 23, 31, 30] (“translating” movements into outcomes and other movements)

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Joint Track Auto Toolkit (JTAT)

Create a freely available Python library that allows other researchers to utilize JTML's model-image registration framework. Extra emphasis will be placed on extensibility to allow other researchers to compose their own registration pipelines.

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Timeline

Date(s)	Event
2015-2019	Mech. Eng. B.S, Magna Cum Laude, UF
April 2019 - April 2020	Internship at Exactech
April 2020	Started in Miller Lab
August 2020	Officially Started PhD at UF
November 2021	Best Presentation Award at ISTA: Emerging Technologies
April 2022	Submitted JTML for HAP Paul Award
September 2022	HAP Paul Award at ISTA 2022
June 2023	Single-plane limitations paper submitted
July 2023	Est. IRB Approval
August 2023	v1.0 JTAT
December 2023 ~ May 2024	Patient Data Fully Collected (Aims 3/4)
August 2024	Papers for Aims 3/4 Submitted
December 2024 - April 2025	Est. Graduation

Thank you!

Thanks for listening!!

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