

**Informal Group on GTR9 Phase2  
(IG GTR9-PH2)  
1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

**Technical Discussion - Biofidelity**

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Japan Automobile Standards Internationalization Center (JASIC)<sup>1</sup>

# Outline

1. Pedestrian Lower Limb
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3. Flex-PLI
4. Comparison of Component Responses
5. Correlation of Assembly Impact Responses
6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures
7. Tibia Fracture Prediction for Different Bumper Structure
8. Summary

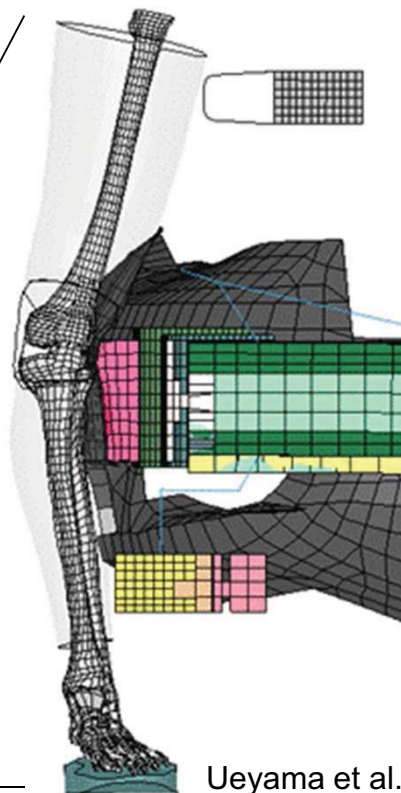
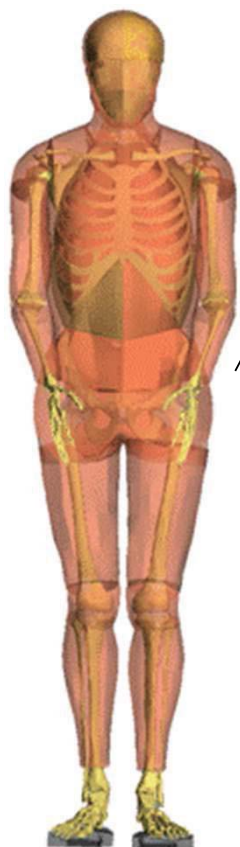
# 1. Pedestrian Lower Limb

- Leg -

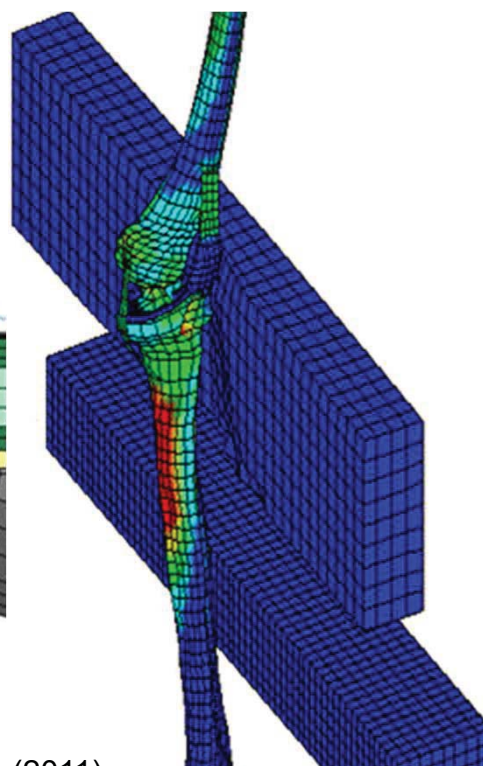
## Response & Injured Locations

### Response

Long bones are bent during a car impact

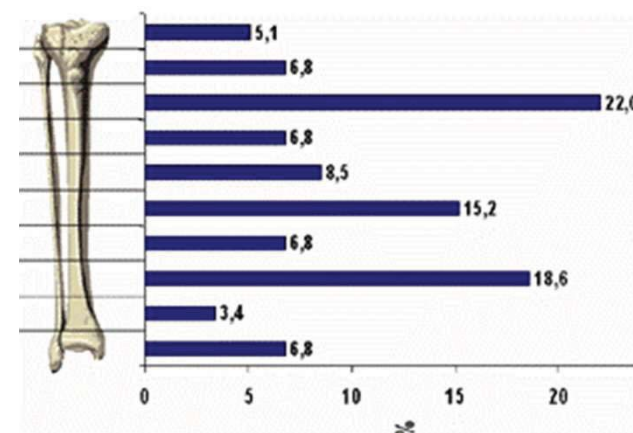


Ueyama et al. (2011)



### Injured Locations

Tibia fracture occurs at multiple locations



### Real-world

### Accident Analysis

Otte et al. (2007)

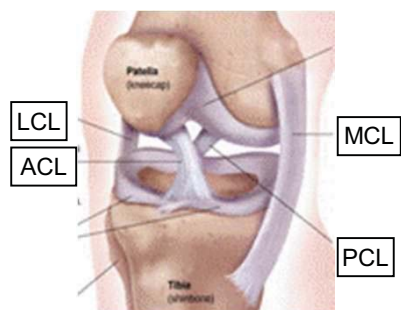
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# 1. Pedestrian Lower Limb

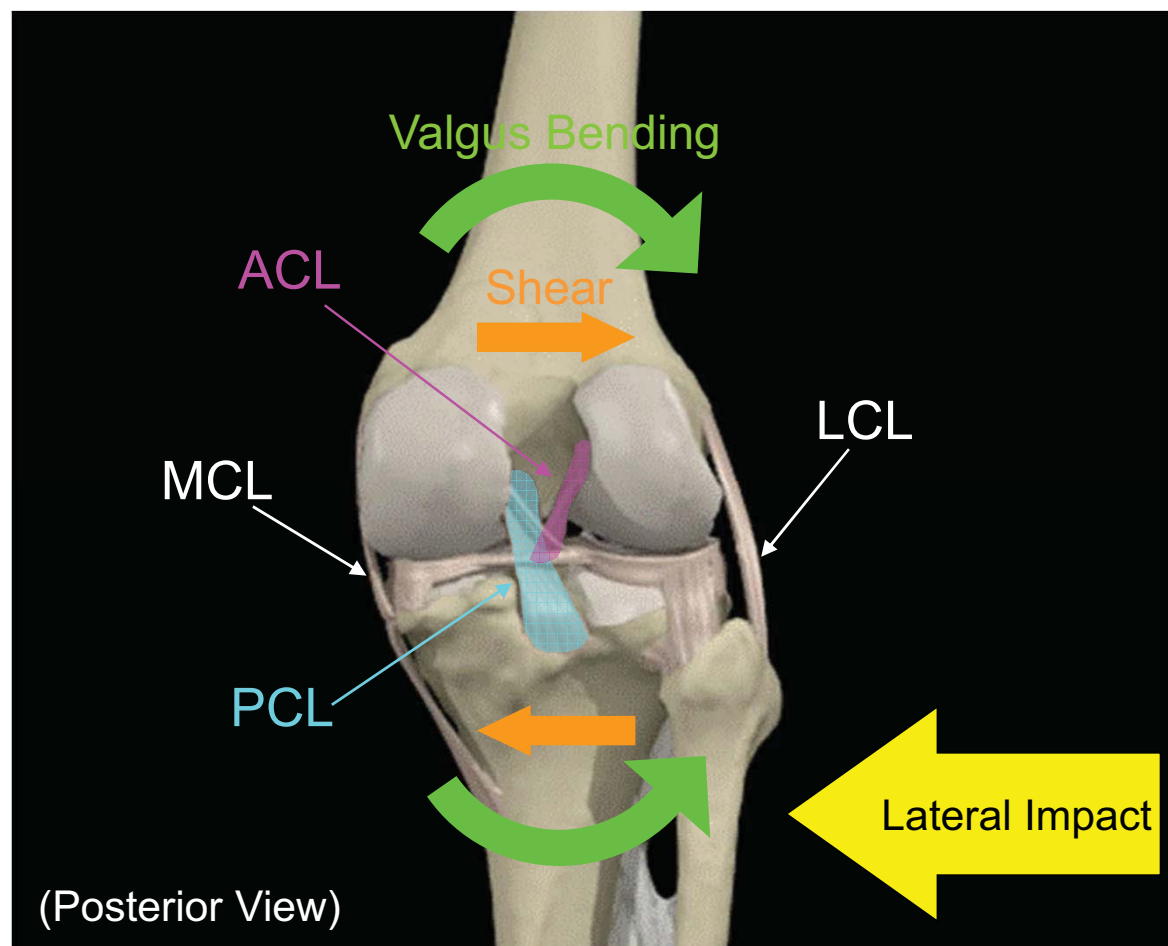
## - Knee Ligaments -

(Anterior-oblique view)



Otte et al. (2005)

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 ACL: Anterior Cruciate Ligament  
 PCL: Posterior Cruciate Ligament  
 LCL: Lateral Collateral Ligament



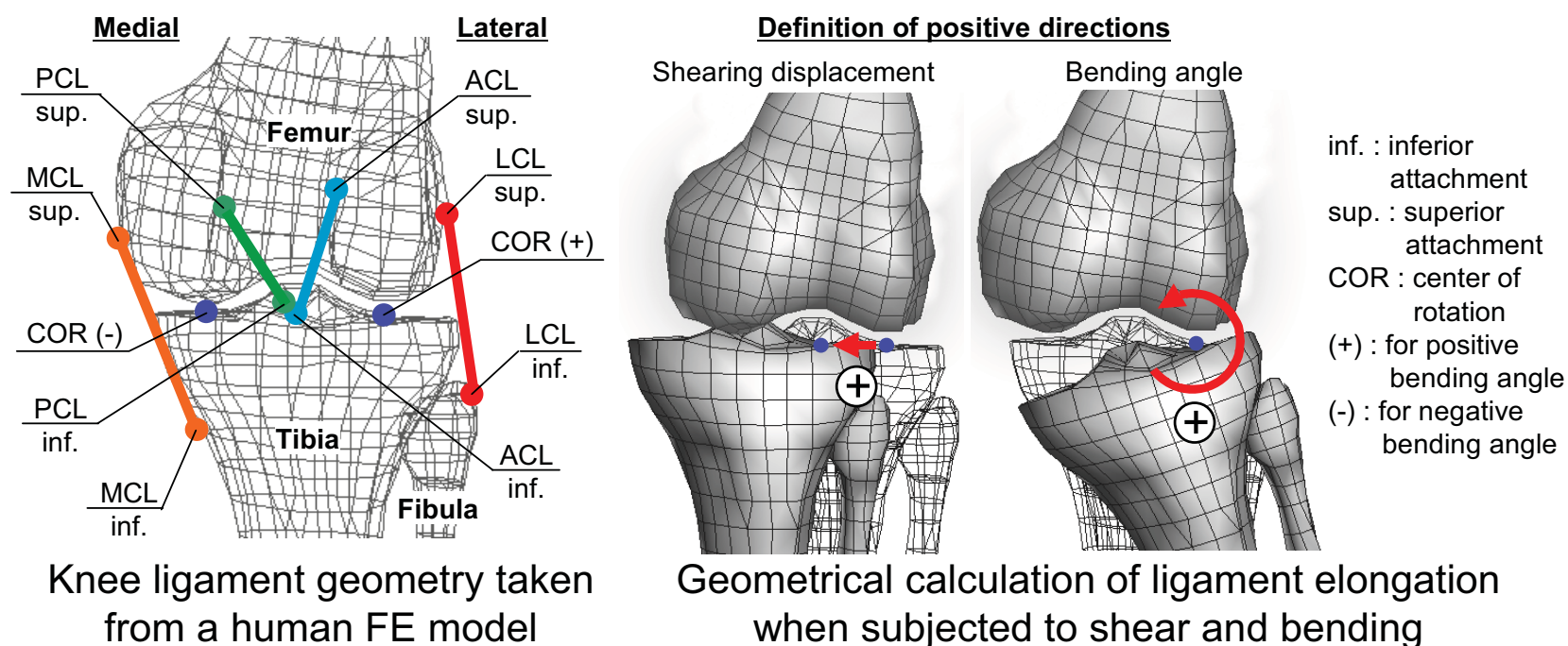
(Posterior View)

**Knee ligaments can be tensed in both shear and bending**

# 1. Pedestrian Lower Limb

## - Knee Ligaments -

Takahashi et al., 2001

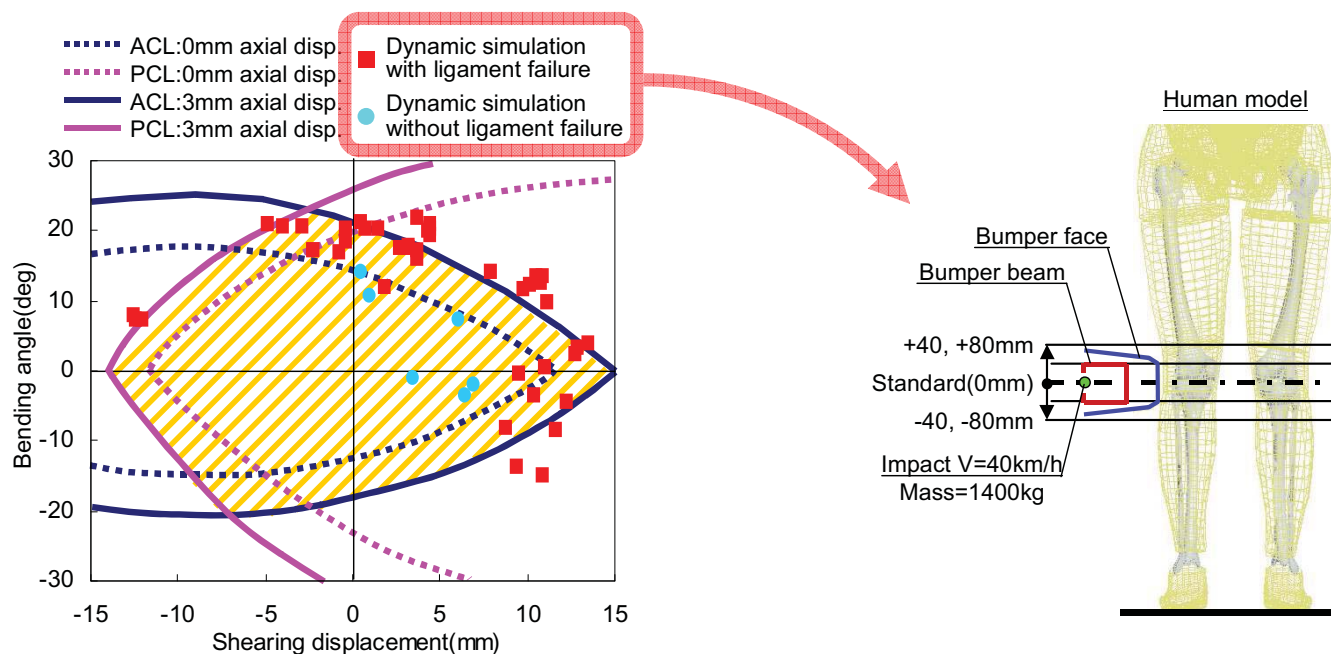


## Geometrical analysis of knee ligament failure criteria when knee joint is subjected to combined lateral shear and valgus bending

# 1. Pedestrian Lower Limb

## - Knee Ligaments -

Takahashi et al., 2001



Injury limits based on strain criteria from a human FE model

- Impact simulations using a human FE model
- Shear disp. and Bend ang. @ ligament failure

- Ligaments elongate due to combined shear and bending
- Separate shear and bending criteria would not represent knee ligament failure mechanism

## 2. TRL Legform

- Leg -

### Response & Injury Criterion

#### Structure

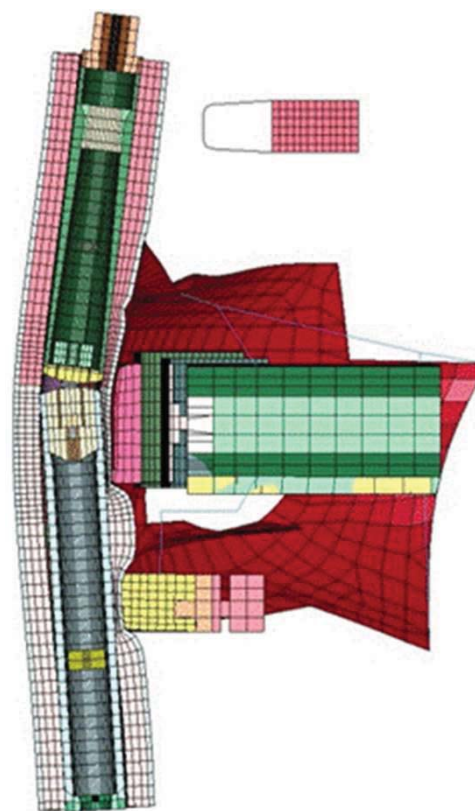
Rigid Long bones

Main unit



#### Response

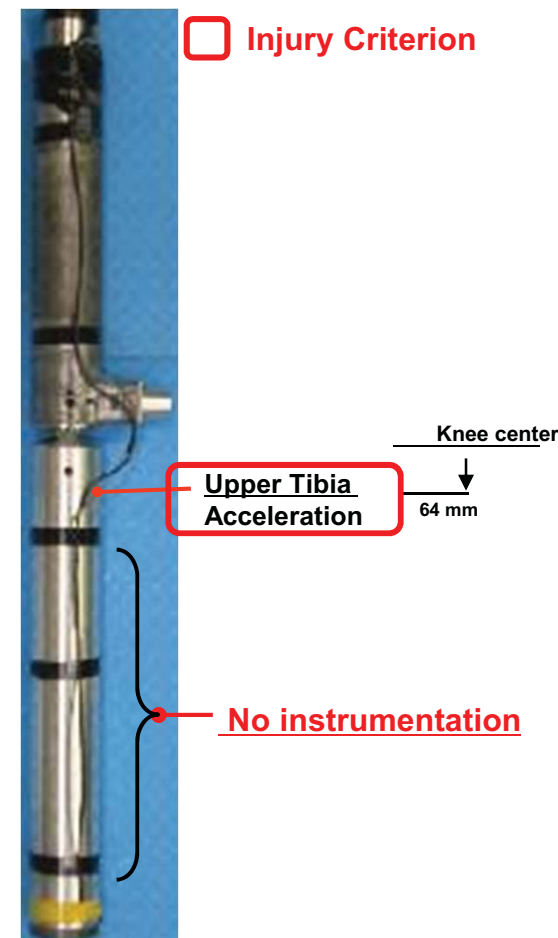
Long bones are not bent during a Car Impact



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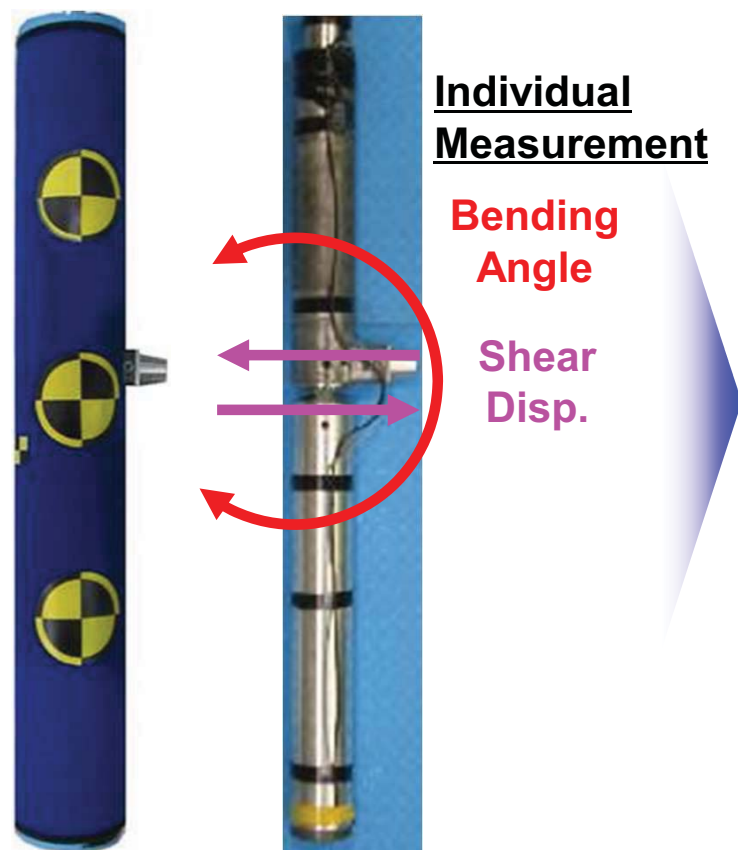
#### Injury Criterion

Upper Tibia Acceleration

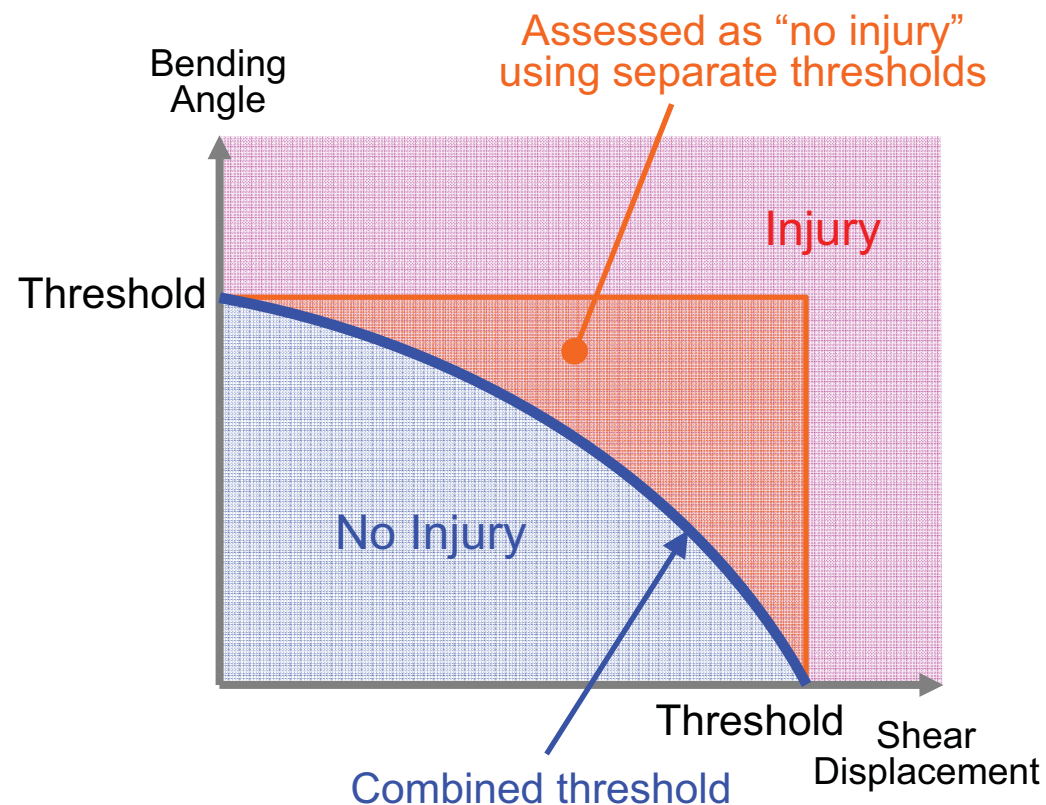


## 2. TRL Legform

- Knee Ligaments -



Individual measurement of shear displacement and bending angle

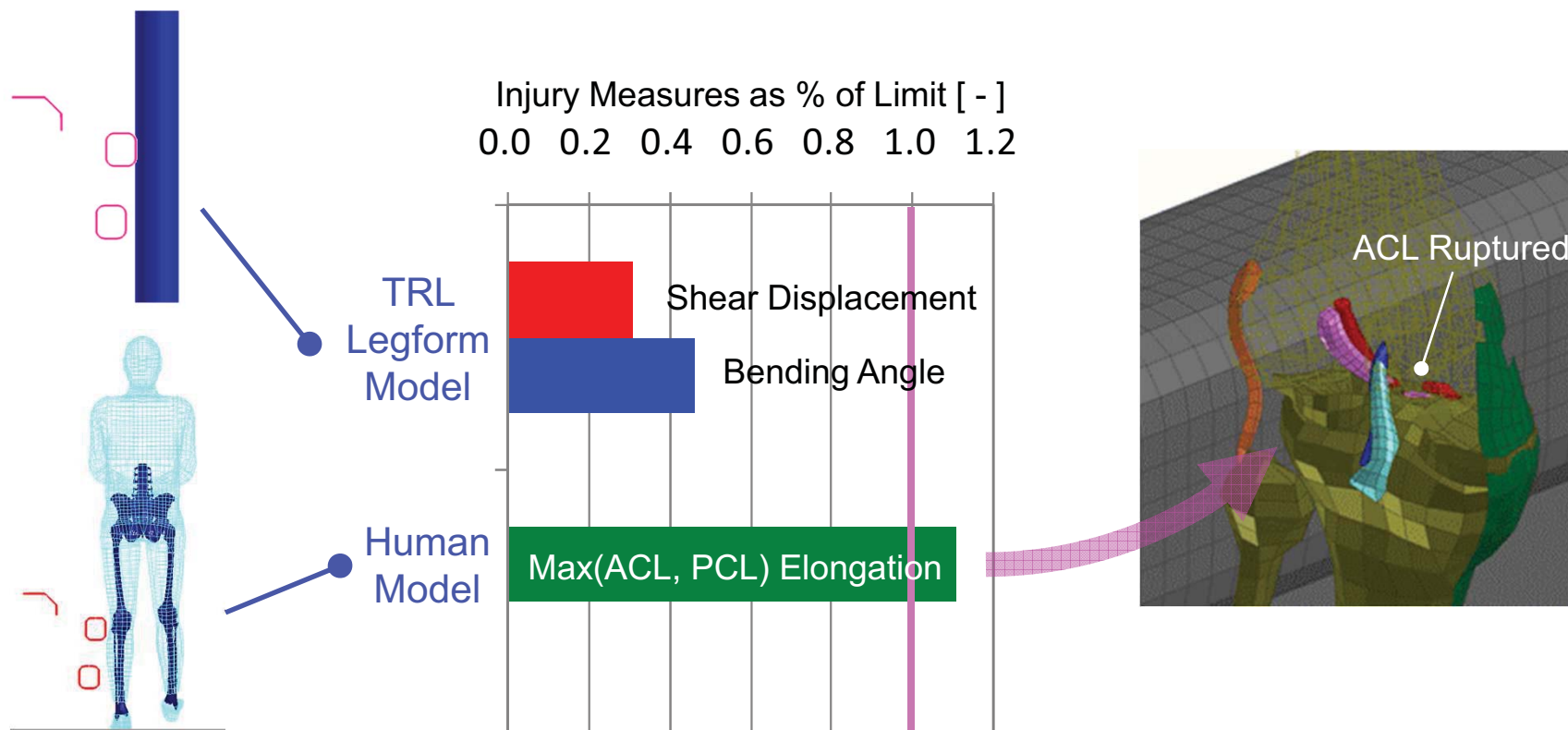


Separate thresholds may lead to inaccurate assessment of injury probability



## 2. TRL Legform

- Knee Ligaments -



Vehicle model : Simplified vehicle model (S4) with modified bumper stiffness

**Knee ligaments (especially cruciate ligaments) may fail even if separate injury measures are below thresholds**

# 3. Flex-PLI

- Leg -

**Structure**  
Flexible Long Bones

**Response**  
Long bones are bent during a Car Impact

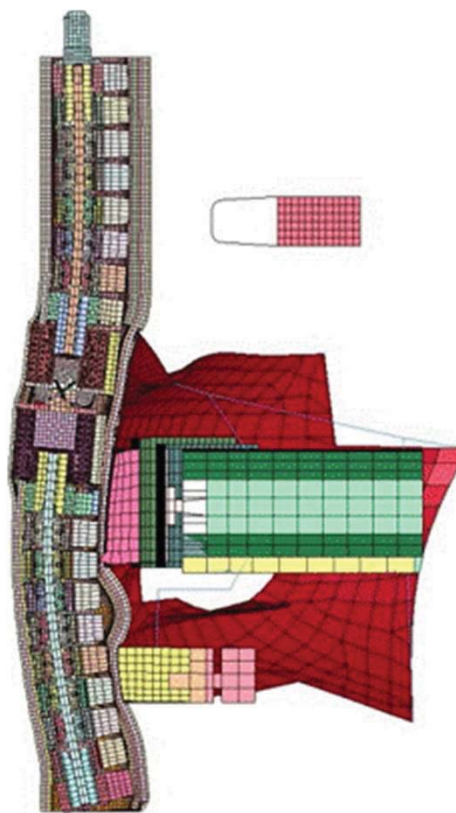
**Injury Criteria**  
Bending Moment at Tibia

Main unit

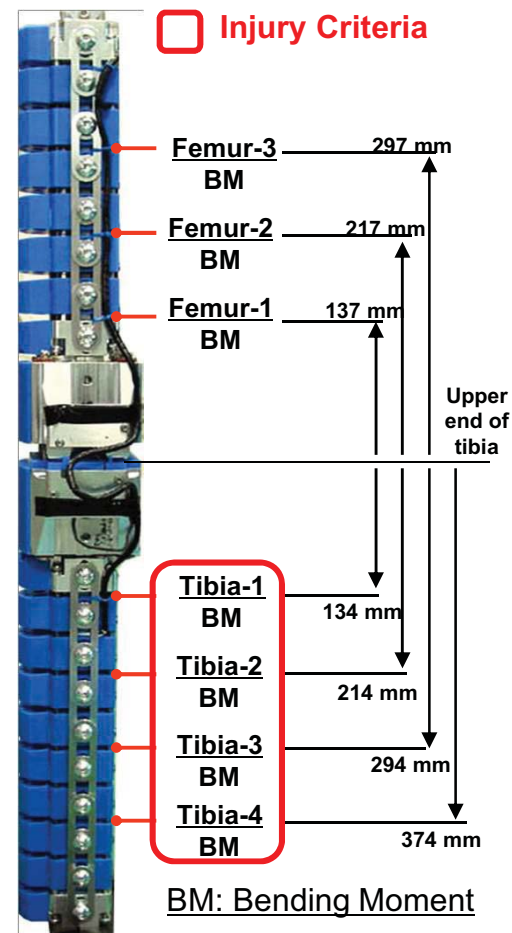


**Femur**  
✓ Flexible as well as human one

**Tibia**  
✓ Flexible as well as human one



Ueyama et al. (2011)

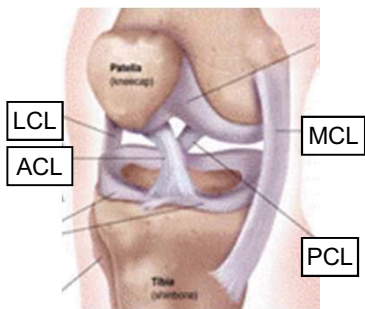


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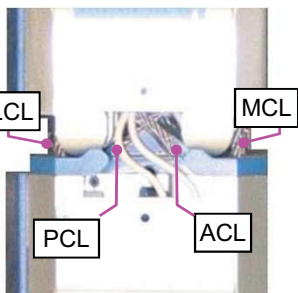
## - Knee Ligaments -

### Structure Knee



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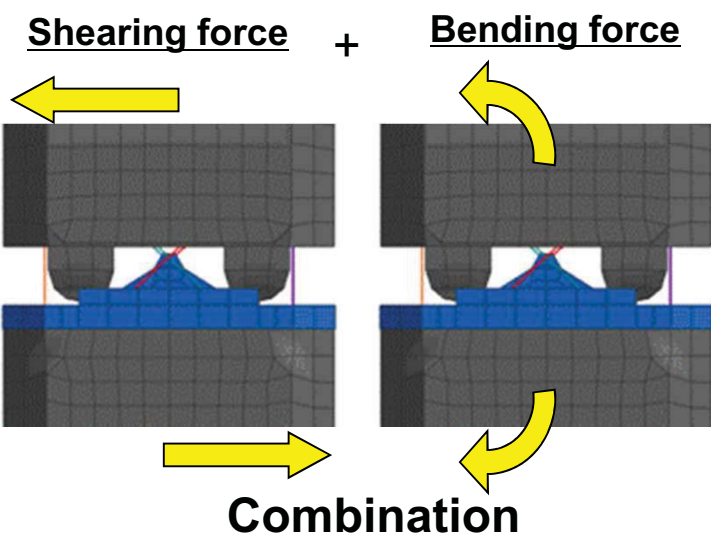
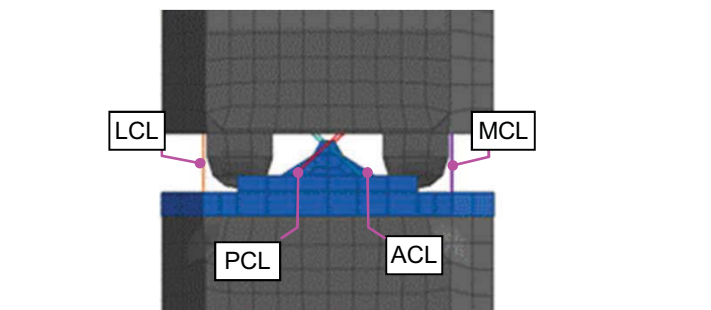
**Knee Ligaments**  
 ✓ **restraint as well as human one**



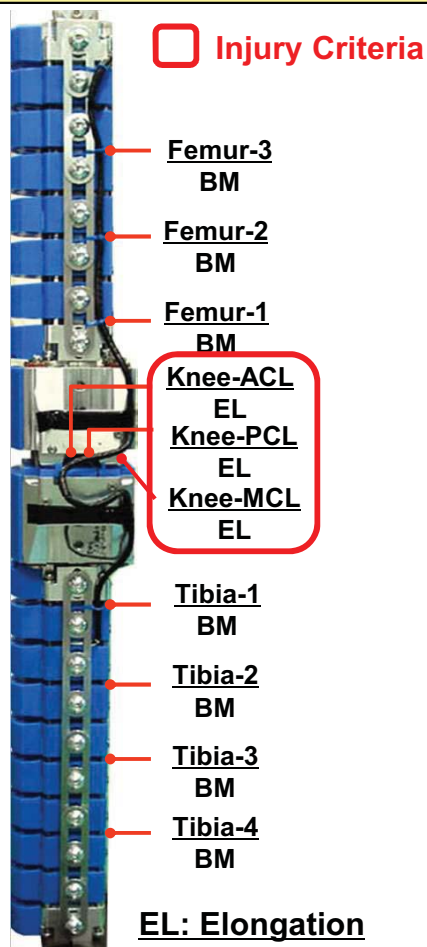
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### Response Knee ligaments are elongated by bending and shearing force



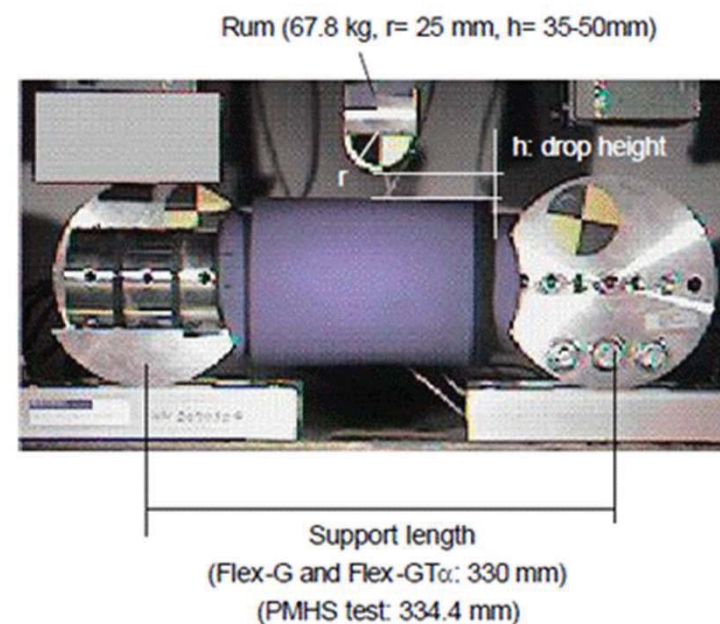
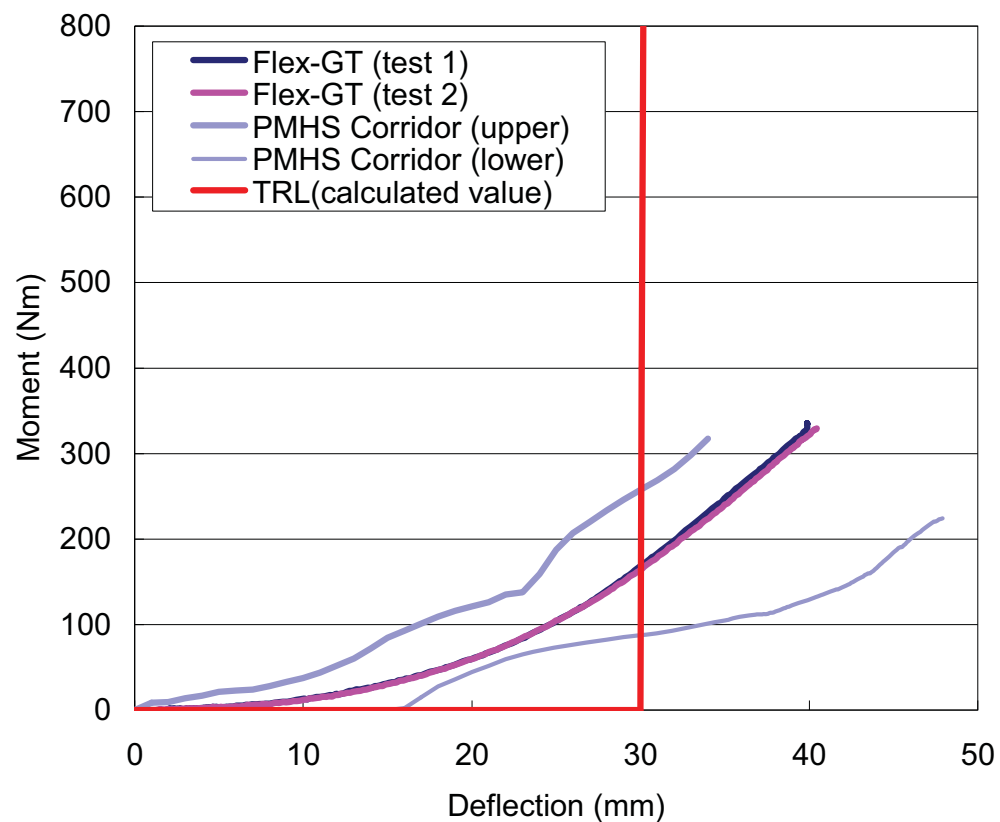
### Injury Criteria Knee Ligaments Elongations



# 4. Comparison of Component Responses

- Tibia Bending -

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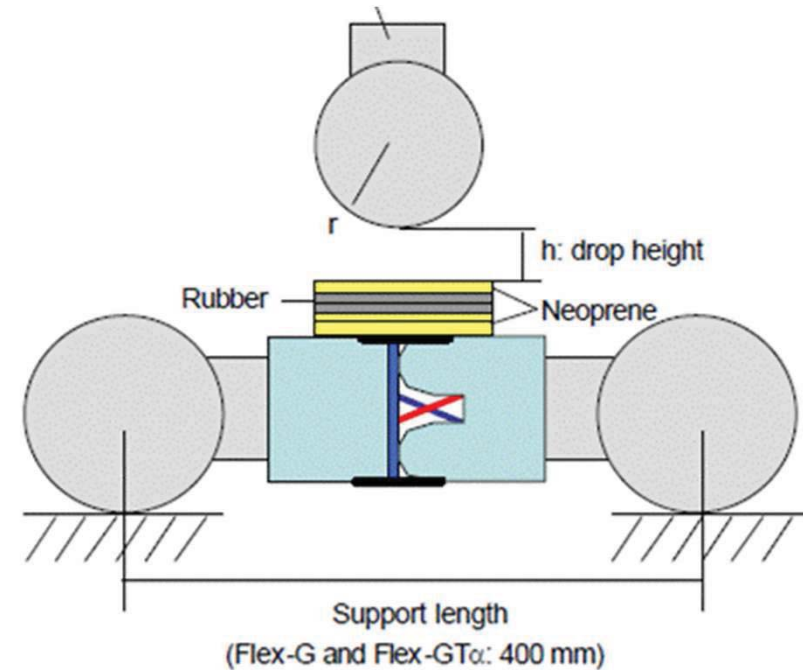
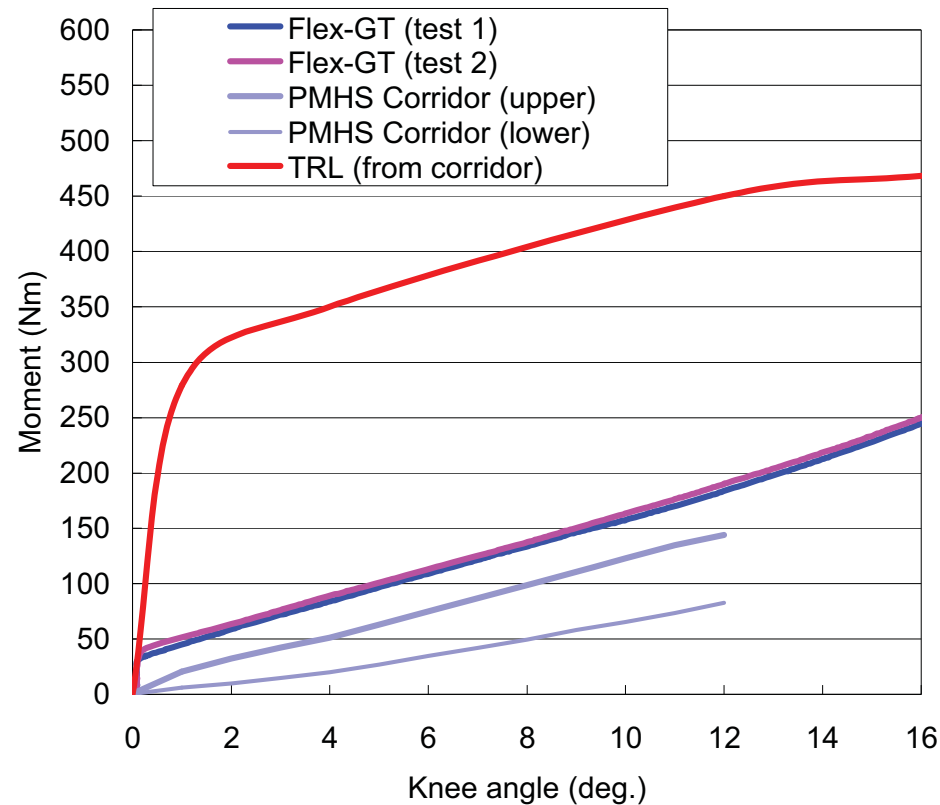


**Flex-PLI tibia response characteristics are much closer to those of human compared to TRL legform**

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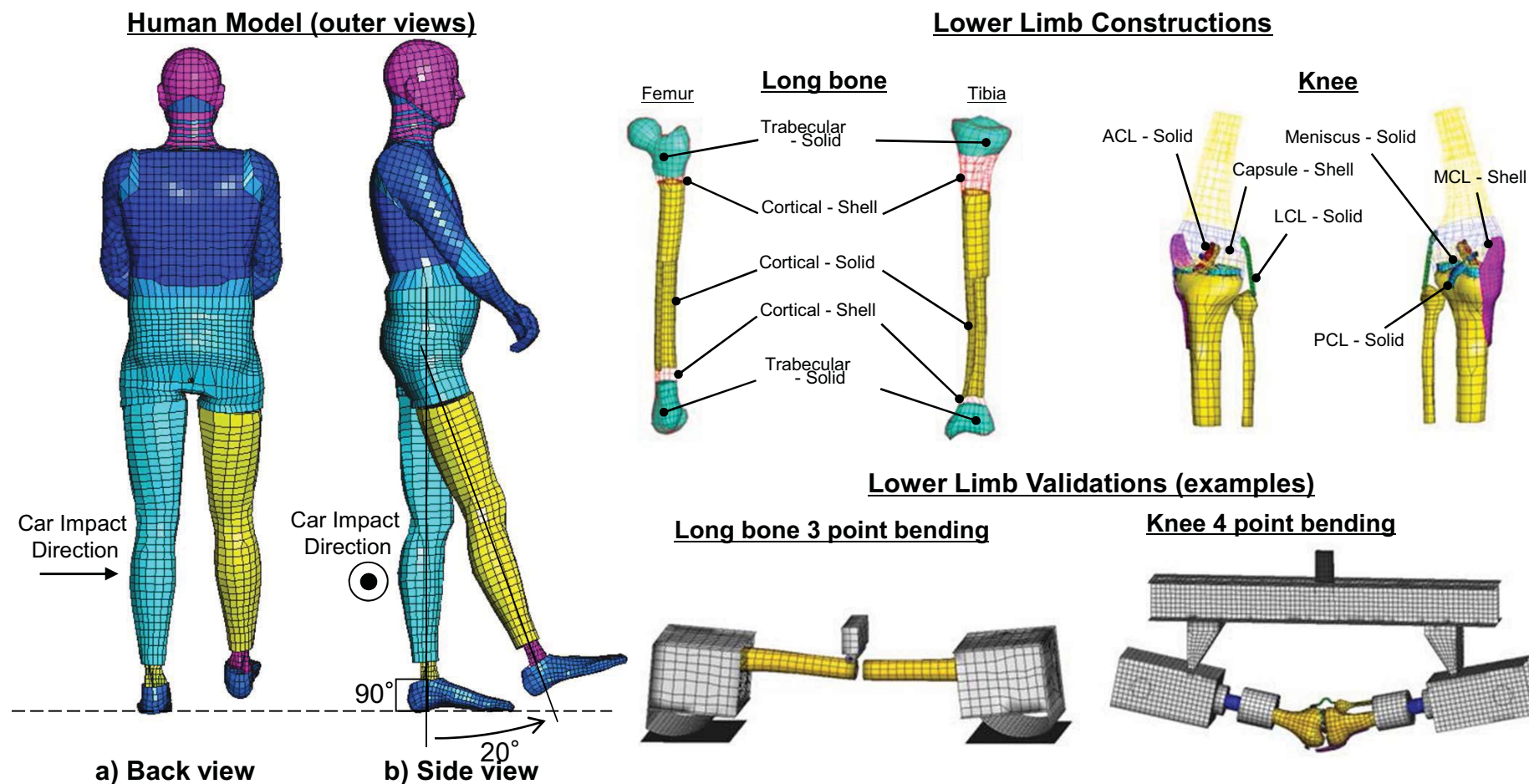
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- **Flex-PLI knee joint is stiffer than that of human**
- **Flex-PLI stiffness is much more comparable to human stiffness than TRL legform**

# 5. Correlation of Assembly Impact Responses

- CAE Correlation Study -  
Human FE Model

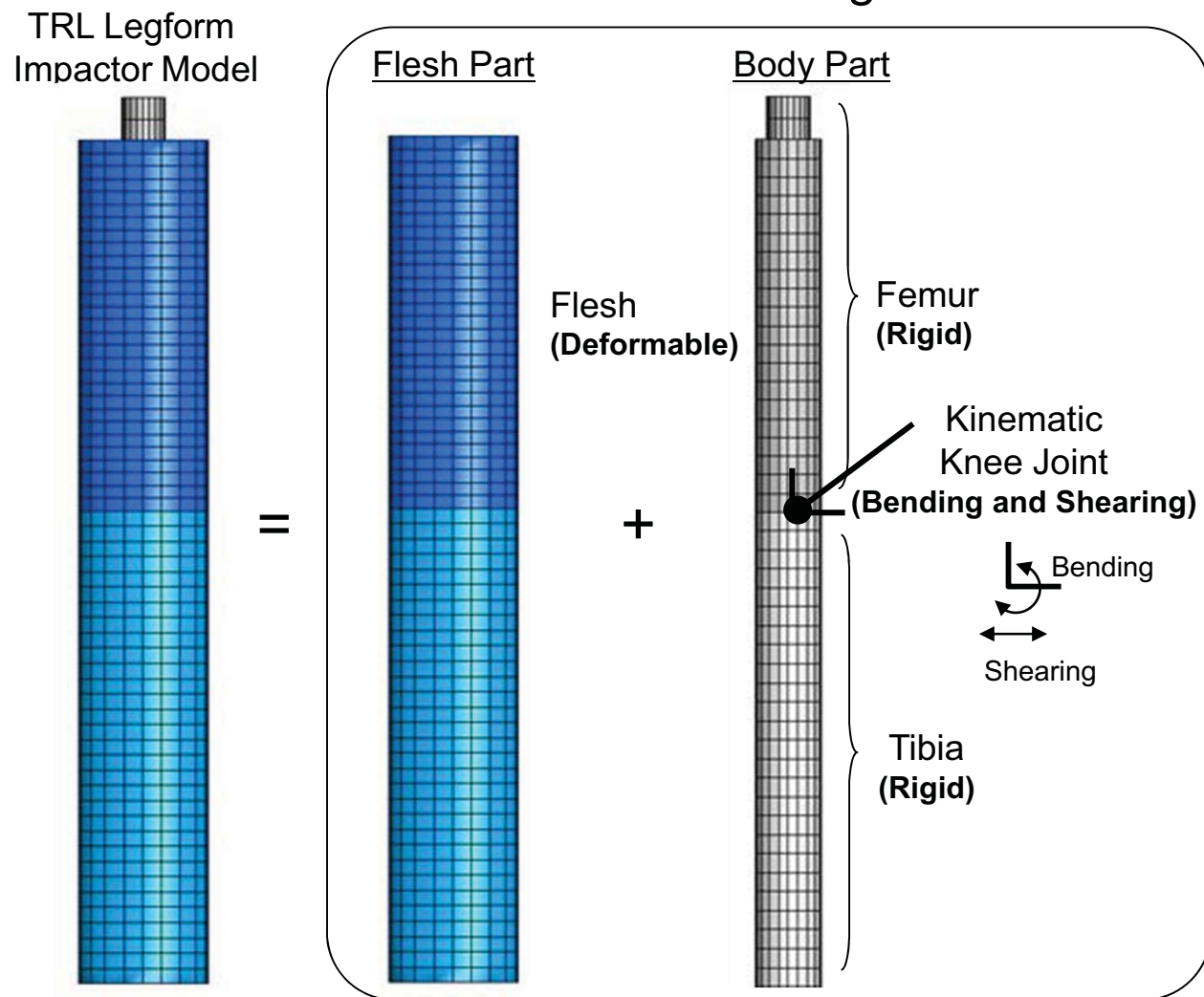


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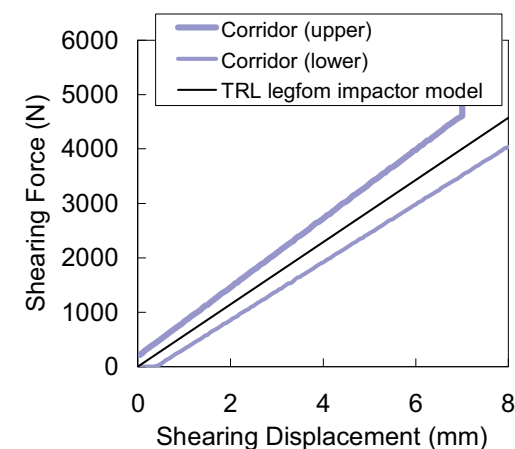
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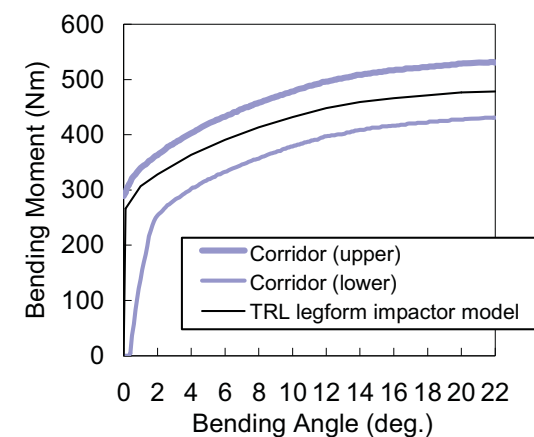
- CAE Correlation Study -  
TRL Legform Model



**Knee Shearing Characteristics**



**Knee Bending Characteristics**

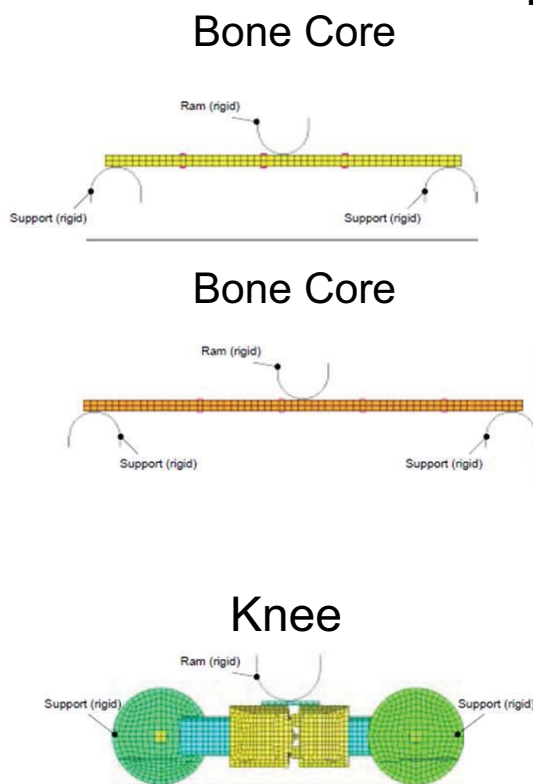
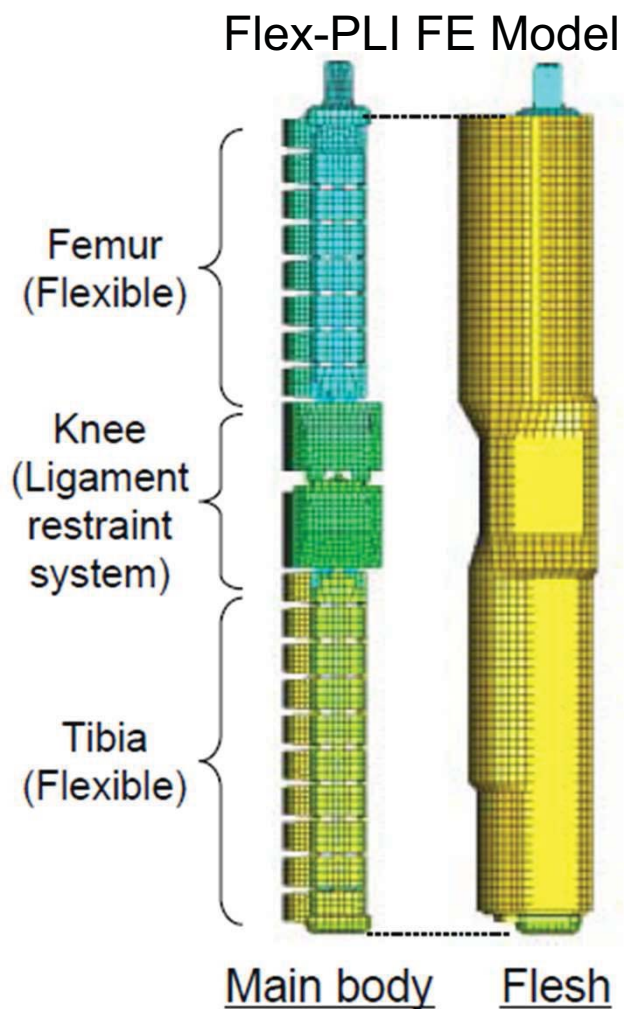


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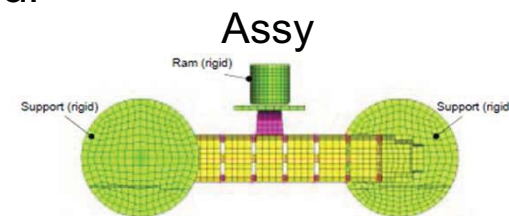
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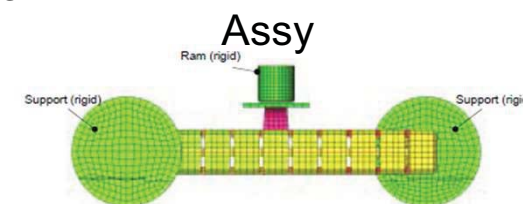
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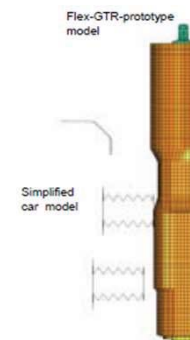
Femur



Tibia



Simplified Vehicle Impact



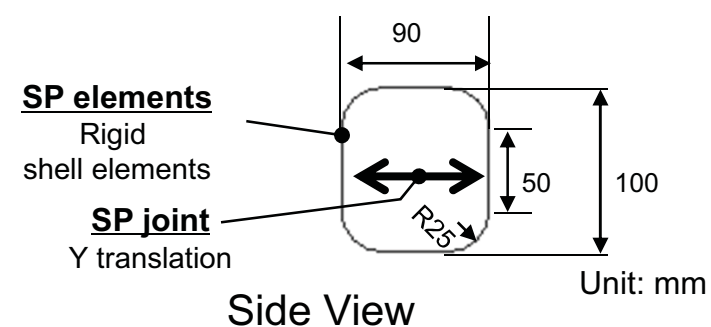
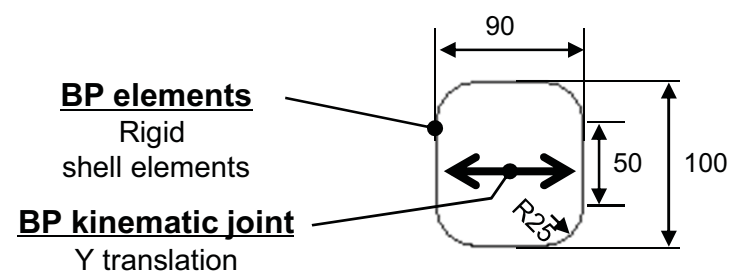
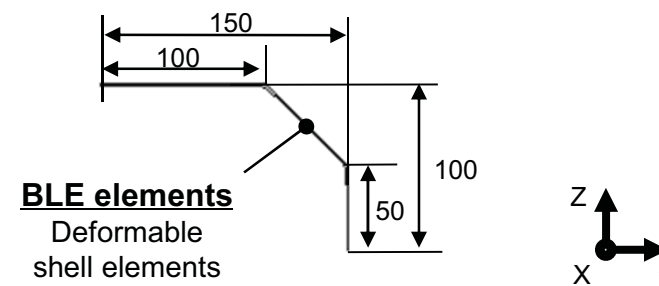
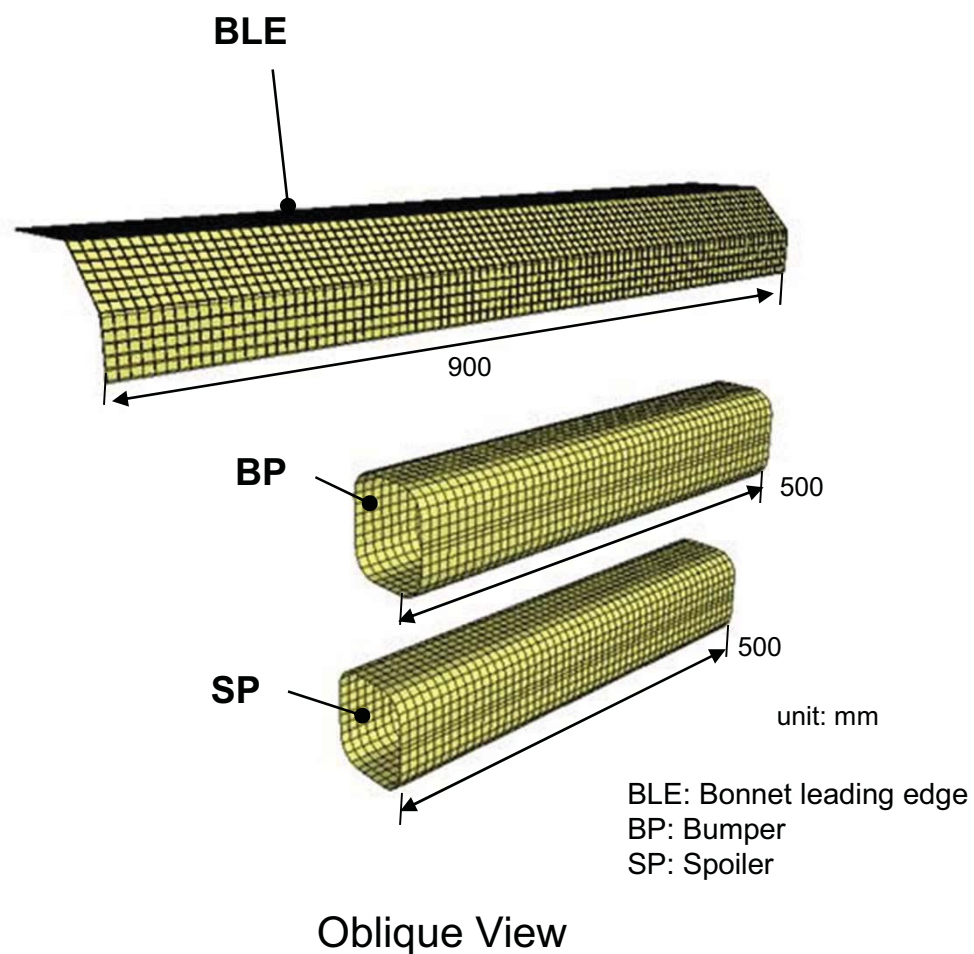


# 5. Correlation of Assembly Impact Responses

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Simplified Vehicle Models

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Simplified Vehicle Model

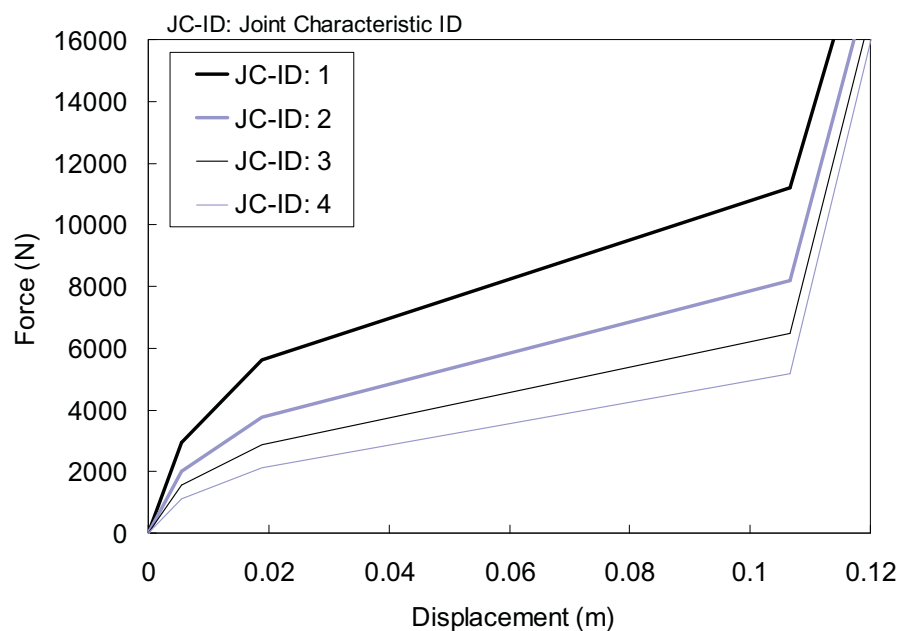


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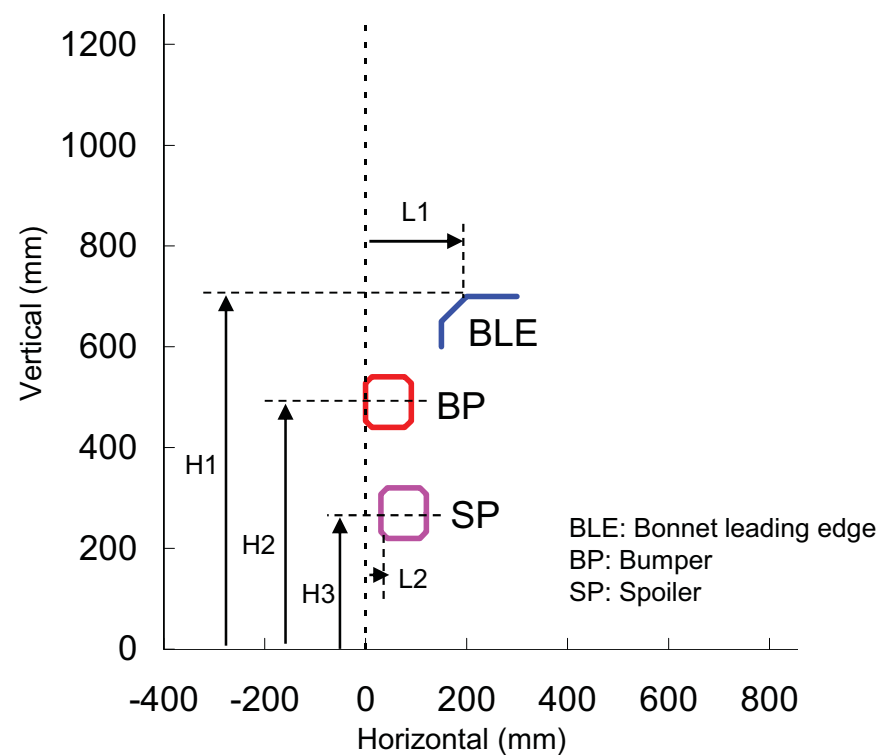
- CAE Correlation Study -  
Simplified Vehicle Models

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Stiffness Characteristics of  
BP and SP Joints



Definitions of Dimensions  
(H1, H2, H3, L1, L2)



# 5. Correlation of Assembly Impact Responses

- CAE Correlation Study -  
Simplified Vehicle Models

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## Setting Parameters

Parameter	Unit	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
K1 (BLE stiffness*)	mm	0.4	0.6	
K2 (BP stiffness**)	JC***	0.7	0.8	1.0
K3 (SP stiffness**)	JC***	0.6	0.8	1.0
H1 (BLE height)	mm	650	700	750
H2 (BP height)	mm	450	490	530
H3 (SP height)	mm	250	270	350
L1 (BLE lead)	mm	125	200	275
L2 (SP lead)	mm	-20	0	30

Design of Experiment Method  
(L18 orthogonal table)

Simulation No.	A K1 (BLE stiffness*) mm	B K2 (BP stiffness**)	C K3 (SP stiffness**)	D H1 (BLE height) mm	E H2 (BP height) mm	F H3 (SP height) mm	G L1 (BLE lead) mm	H L2 (SP lead) mm
S1	0.4	0.7	0.6	650	450	250	125	-20
S2	0.4	0.7	0.8	700	490	270	200	0
S3	0.4	0.7	1.0	750	530	350	275	30
S4	0.4	0.8	0.6	650	490	270	275	30
S5	0.4	0.8	0.8	700	530	350	125	-20
S6	0.4	0.8	1.0	750	450	250	200	0
S7	0.4	1.0	0.6	700	450	350	200	30
S8	0.4	1.0	0.8	750	490	250	275	-20
S9	0.4	1.0	1.0	650	530	270	125	0
S10	0.6	0.7	0.6	750	530	270	200	-20
S11	0.6	0.7	0.8	650	450	350	275	0
S12	0.6	0.7	1.0	700	490	250	125	30
S13	0.6	0.8	0.6	700	530	250	275	0
S14	0.6	0.8	0.8	750	450	270	125	30
S15	0.6	0.8	1.0	650	490	350	200	-20
S16	0.6	1.0	0.6	750	490	350	125	0
S17	0.6	1.0	0.8	650	530	250	200	30
S18	0.6	1.0	1.0	700	450	270	275	-20

\* Stiffness is changed by steel plate thickness.

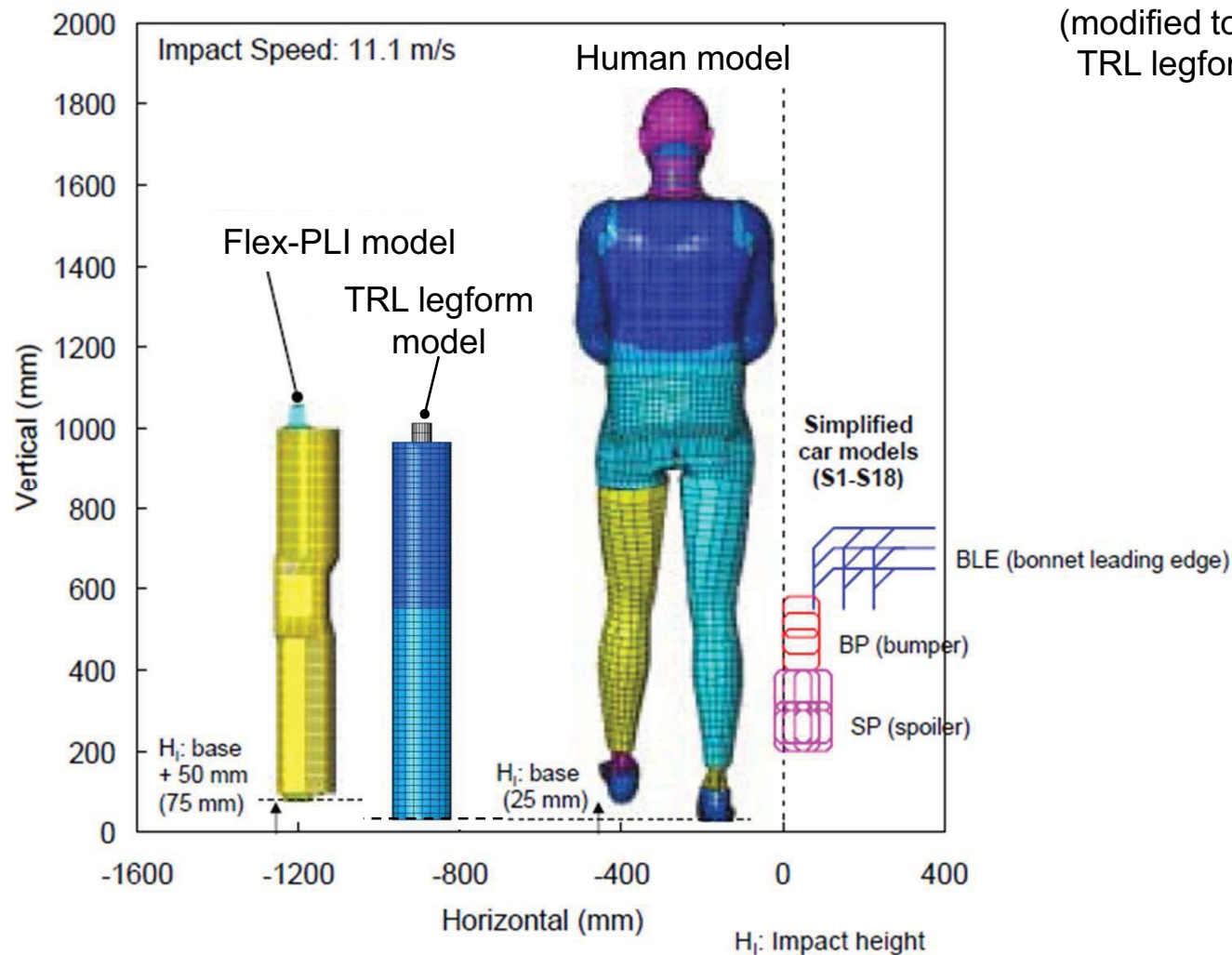
\*\* Stiffness is changed by joint stiffness.

# 5. Correlation of Assembly Impact Responses

- CAE Correlation Study -

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(modified to include  
TRL legform)

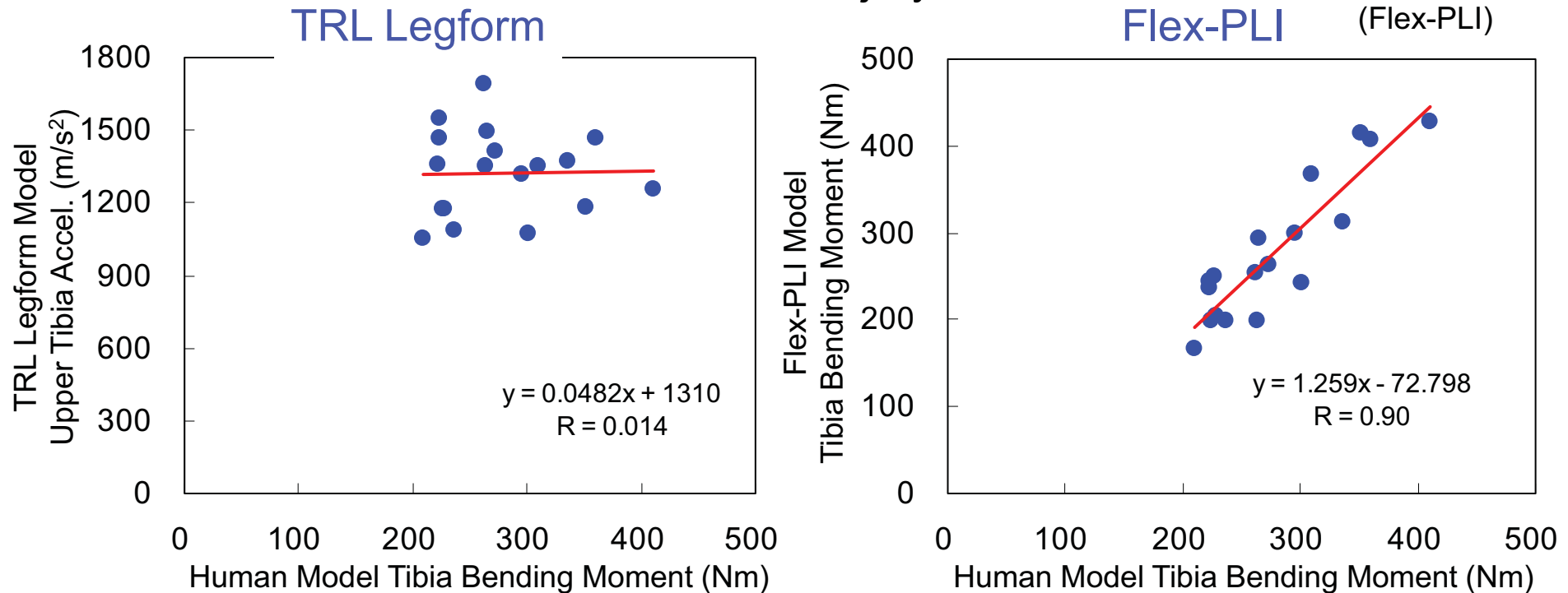


# 5. Correlation of Assembly Impact Responses

- CAE Correlation Study -

Correlation of Tibia Injury Measures

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Konosu et al. (2009)

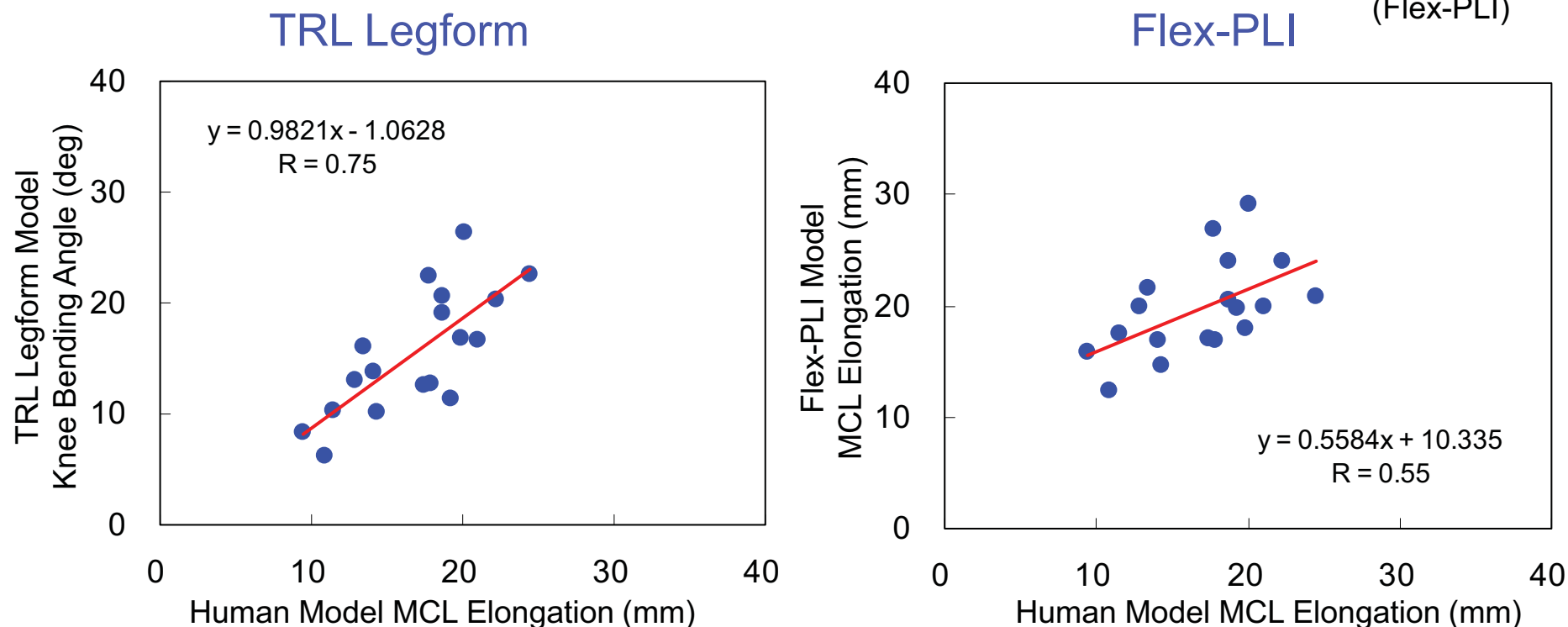
- **No correlation between TRL legform upper tibia acceleration and human tibia bending moment**
- **Good correlation between Flex-PLI and human tibia bending moment**

# 5. Correlation of Assembly Impact Responses

- CAE Correlation Study -  
Correlation of MCL Injury Measures

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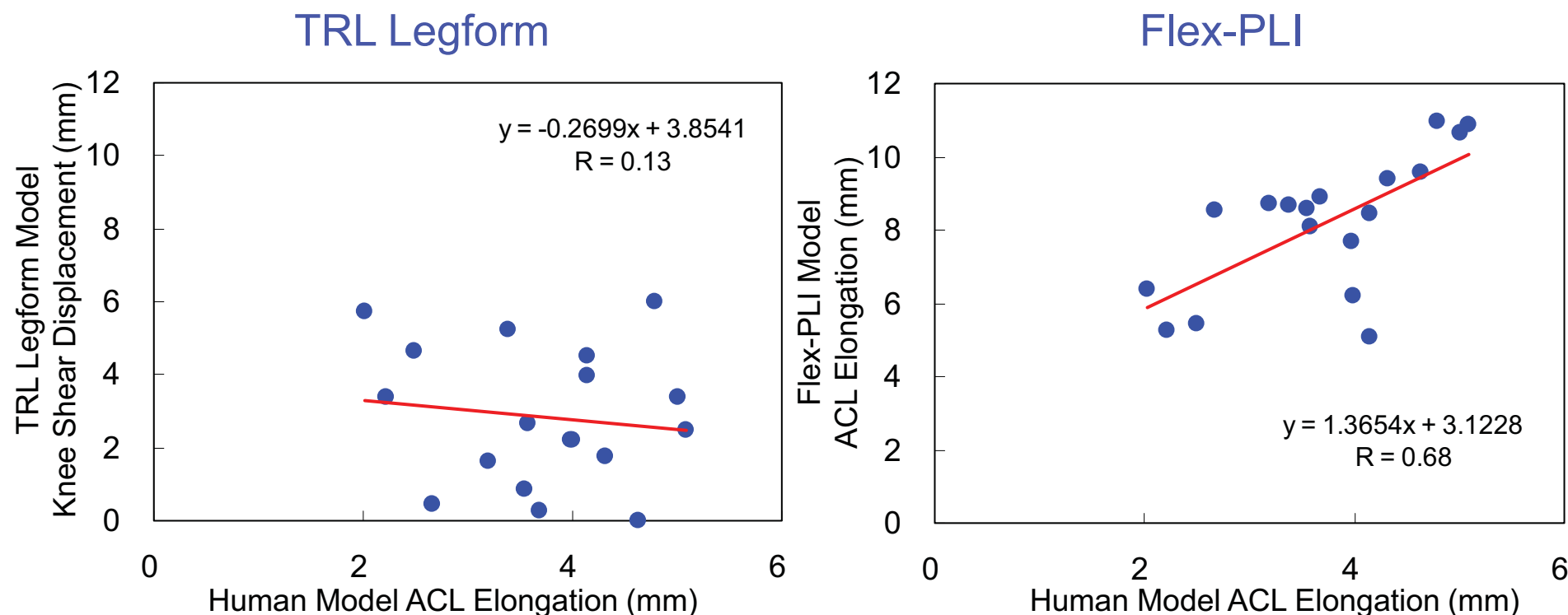
(Flex-PLI)



**Both TRL legform knee bending angle and Flex-PLI MCL elongation show good correlation with human MCL elongation**

# 5. Correlation of Assembly Impact Responses

- CAE Correlation Study -  
Correlation of ACL Injury Measures



- **No correlation between TRL legform knee shear displacement and human ACL elongation**
- **Good correlation between Flex-PLI and human ACL elongation**

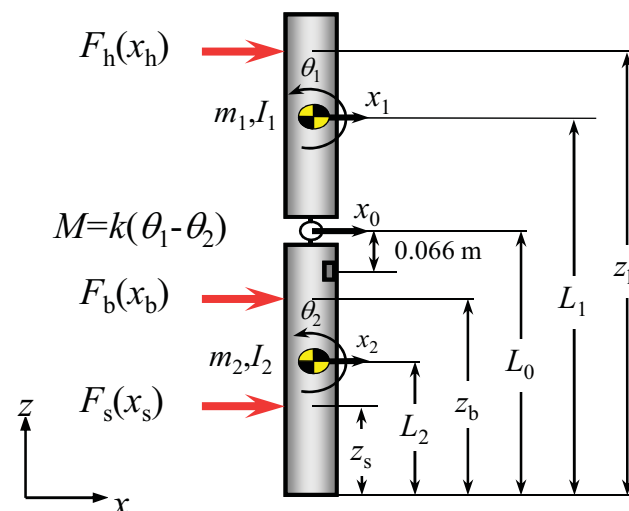
# 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

- Ueyama et al., 2011 -

## Rigid Body Model



**Rigid body model**



## Equation of Motion

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_1 + m_2 & -m_1(L_1 - L_0) & m_2(L_0 - L_2) \\ -m_1(L_1 - L_0) & I_1 + m_1(L_1 - L_0)^2 & 0 \\ m_2(L_0 - L_2) & 0 & I_2 + m_2(L_0 - L_2)^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \ddot{x}_0 \\ \ddot{\theta}_1 \\ \ddot{\theta}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & k & -k \\ 0 & -k & k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ L_0 - z_h & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & L_0 - z_b & L_0 - z_s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_h \\ F_b \\ F_s \end{pmatrix}$$



## 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

- Ueyama et al., 2011 -

Tibia Acceleration

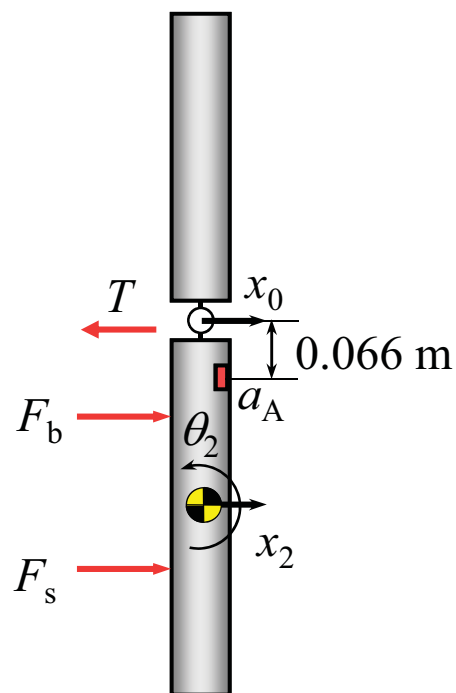
Equation of Motion of tibia

$$m_2 \ddot{x}_2 = F_b + F_s - T$$

$$a_A = \ddot{x}_0 + 0.066 \ddot{\theta}_2$$

$$= \ddot{x}_2 - (L_0 - L_2 - 0.066) \ddot{\theta}_2$$

$$a_A \approx \ddot{x}_2 \approx \frac{F_b + F_s}{m_2}$$



Tibia acceleration



Bumper force

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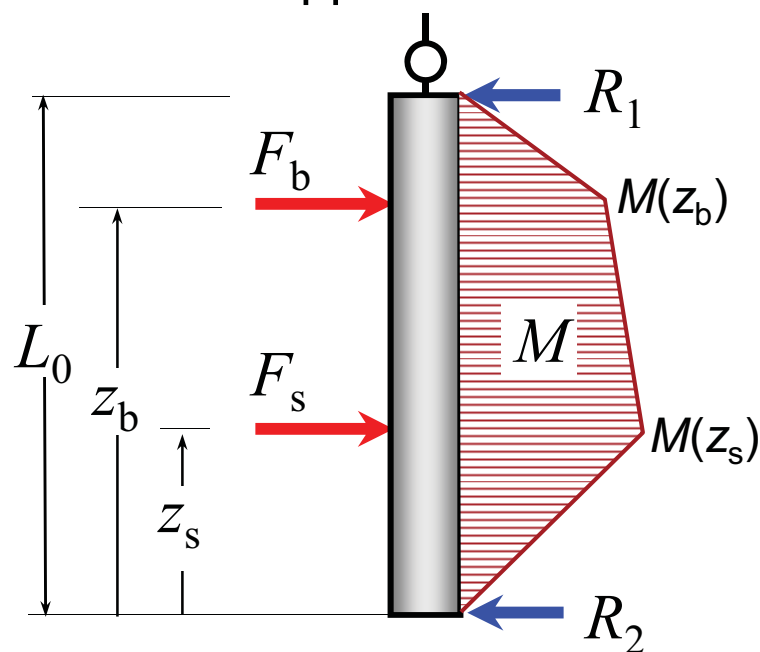
Spoiler force

## 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

- Ueyama et al., 2011 -

### Tibia Bending Moment

For simplicity, instead of inertia force of tibia, approximated reaction force  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  is applied at the both ends of tibia.



Max. tibia bending moment

$$M(z_s) = \frac{F_b(L_0 - z_b) + F_s(L_0 - z_s)}{L_0} z_s$$

$$M(z_b) = \frac{F_b z_b + F_s z_s}{L_0} (L_0 - z_b)$$

$$M_{\max} = \max \{ M(z_s), M(z_b) \}$$

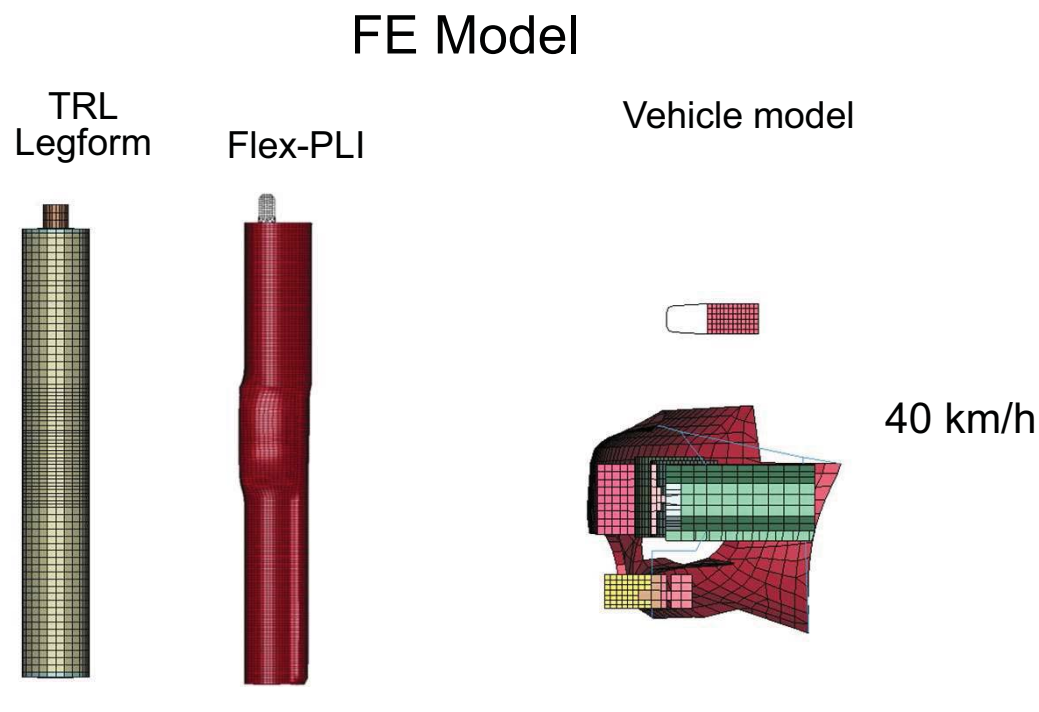
Bending moment

Bumper and spoiler force

Point of force application

## 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

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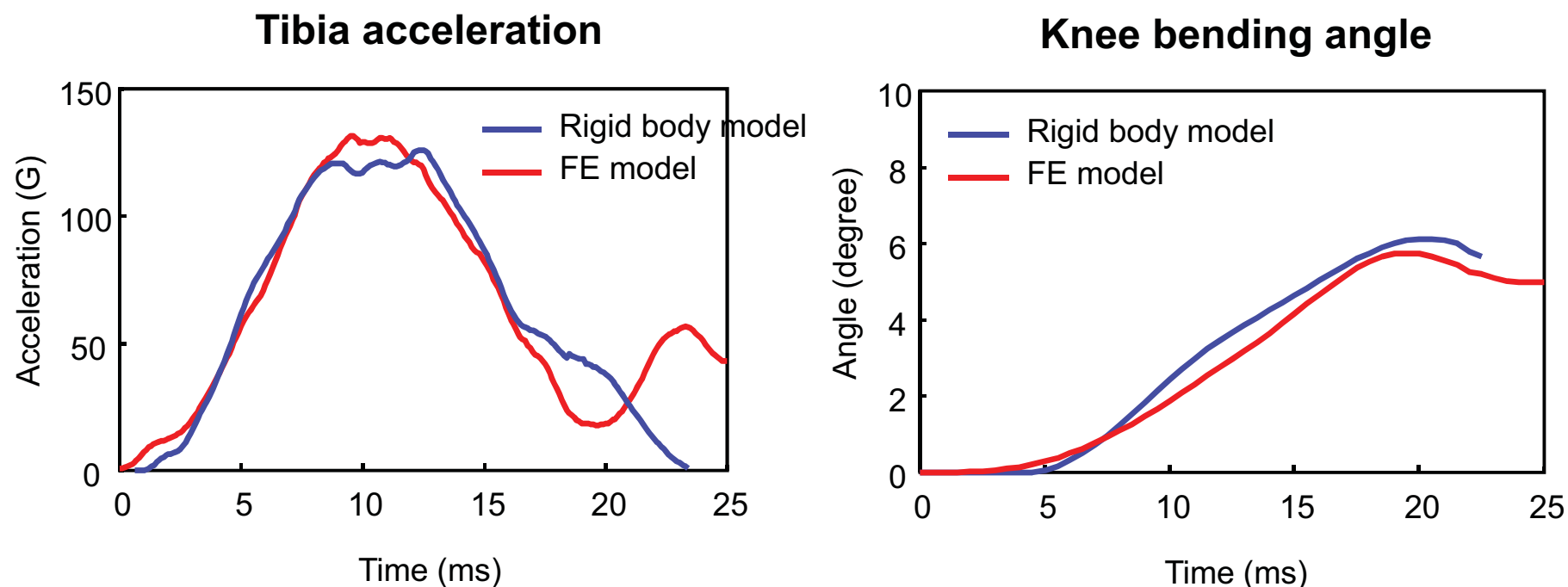


**Validate Equation of Motion obtained from the rigid body model against impact simulation using FE models**

## 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

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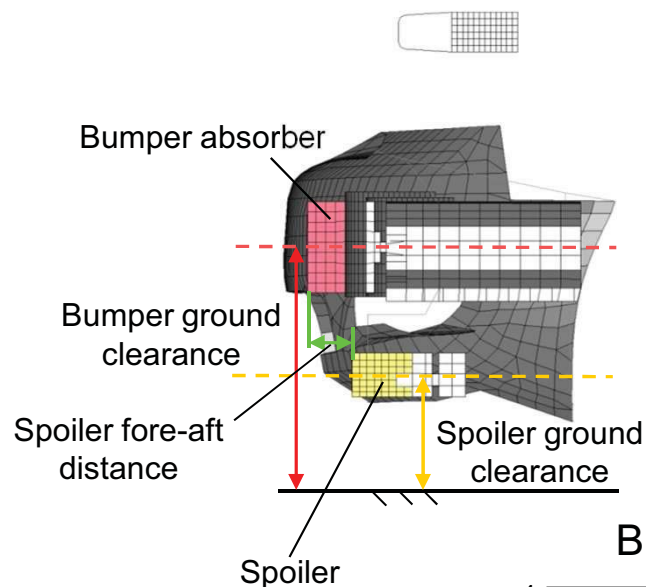
Validation of Rigid Body Model  
(Rigid Body Model vs. TRL legform FE Model)



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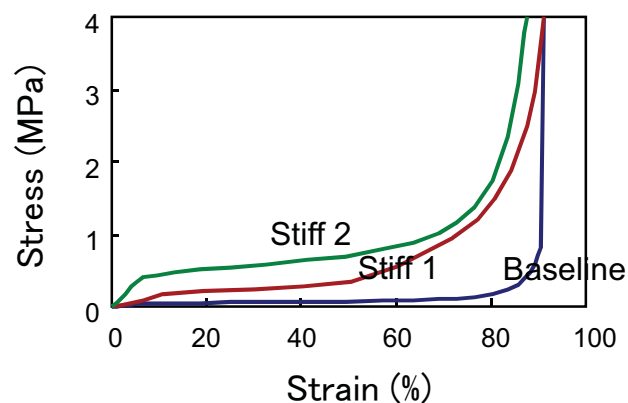
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## Car Model

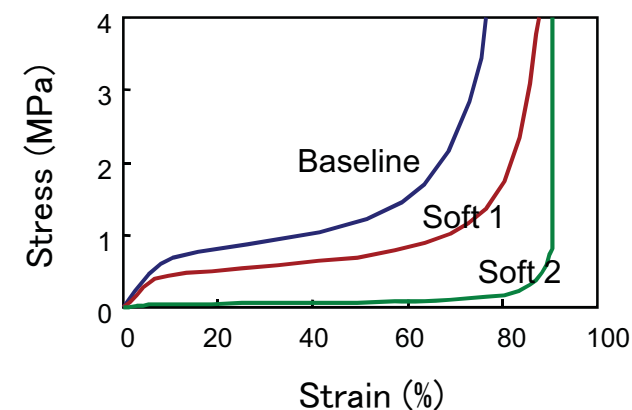


Parameter	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bumper absorber stiffness	Soft	Stiff 1	Stiff 2
Spoiler stiffness	Stiff	Soft 1	Soft 2
Spoiler fore-aft distance	-31 mm	0 mm	+31 mm
Spoiler ground clearance	-34 mm	0 mm	+34 mm
Bumper ground clearance	-21 mm	0 mm	+21 mm

Bumper absorber



Spoiler absorber



# 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

- Ueyama et al., 2011 -

Tibia Acceleration (TRL Legform)

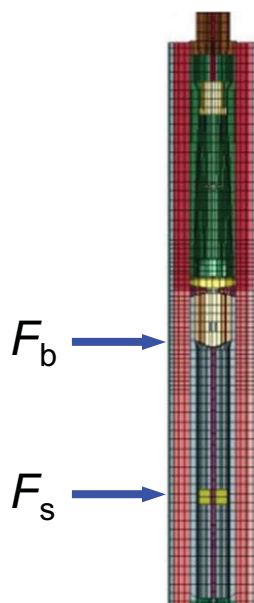
Presumed from Rigid body model

Tibia acc.

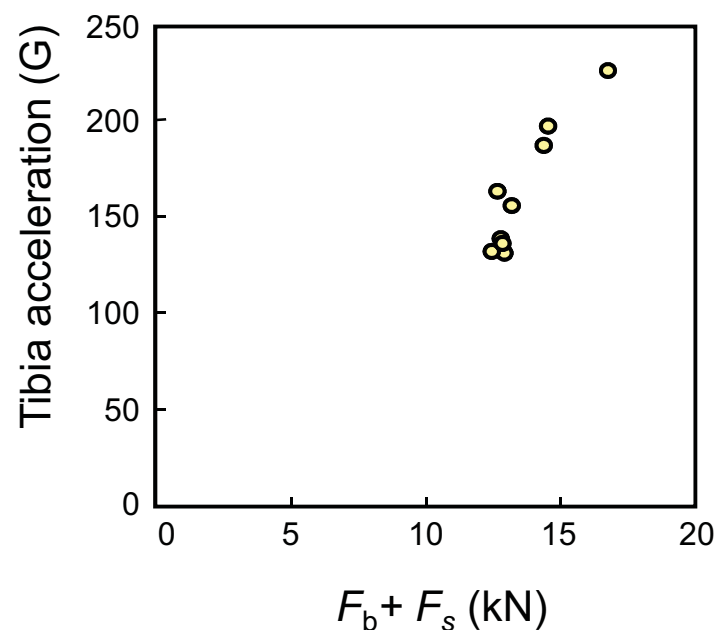


Bumper force

+ Spoiler force



TRL legform FE Model

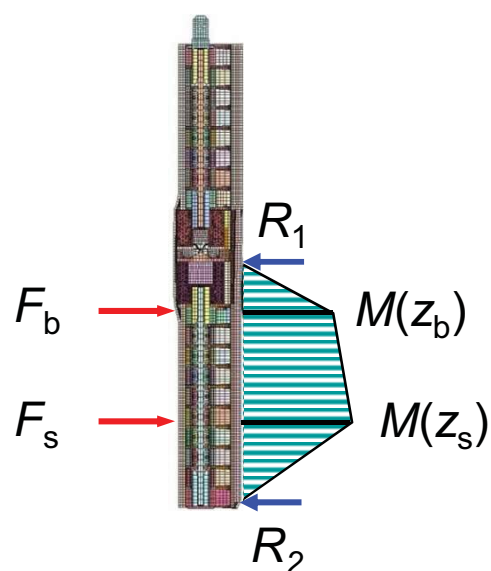


# 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

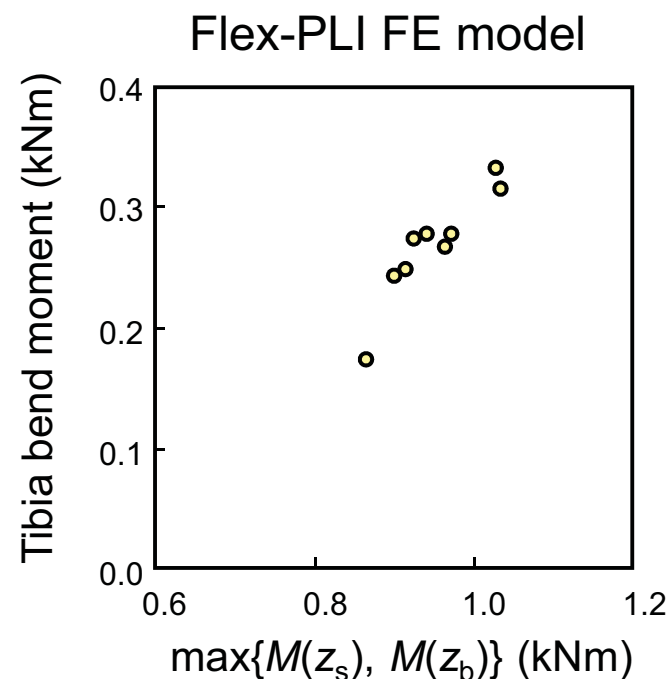
- Ueyama et al., 2011 -

Tibia Bending Moment (Flex-PLI)

Presumed from Rigid body model



Bending moment diagram

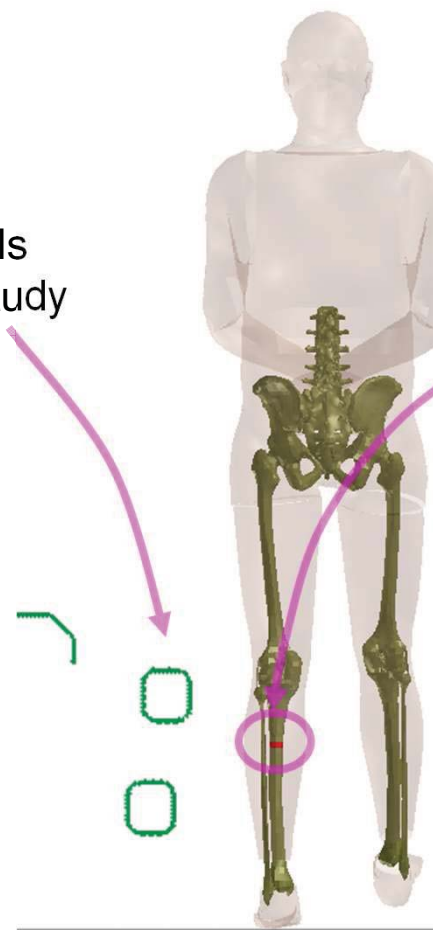


## 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

- Relevant Injury Measures -

### Vehicle model

18 Simplified vehicle models  
used for CAE correlation study



### Output location

(stress, moment, acceleration)

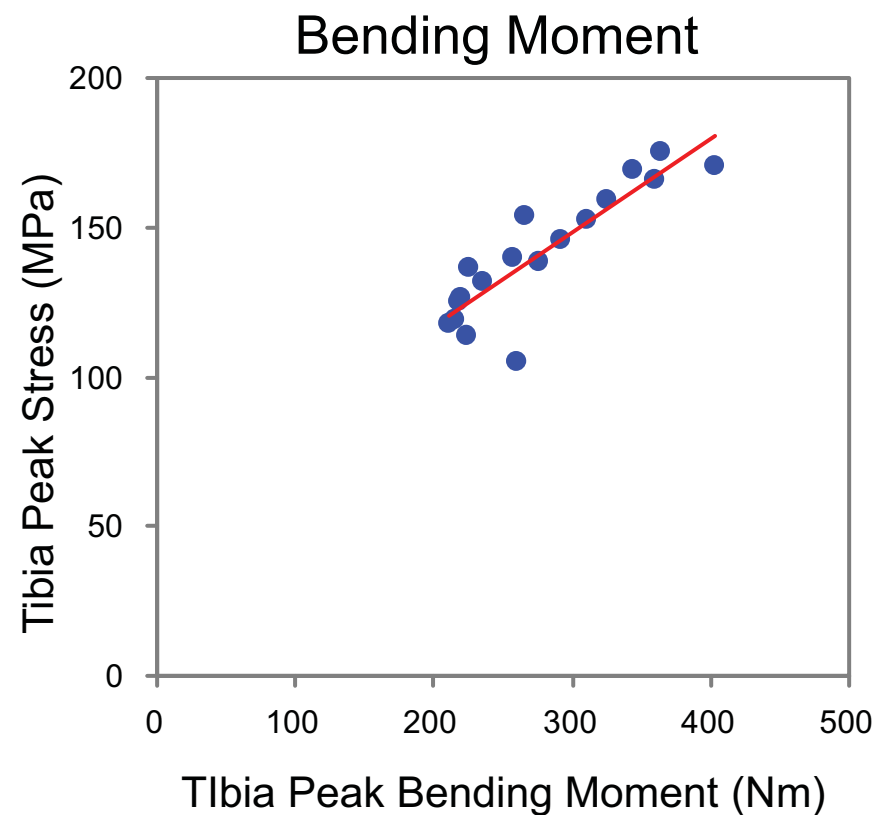
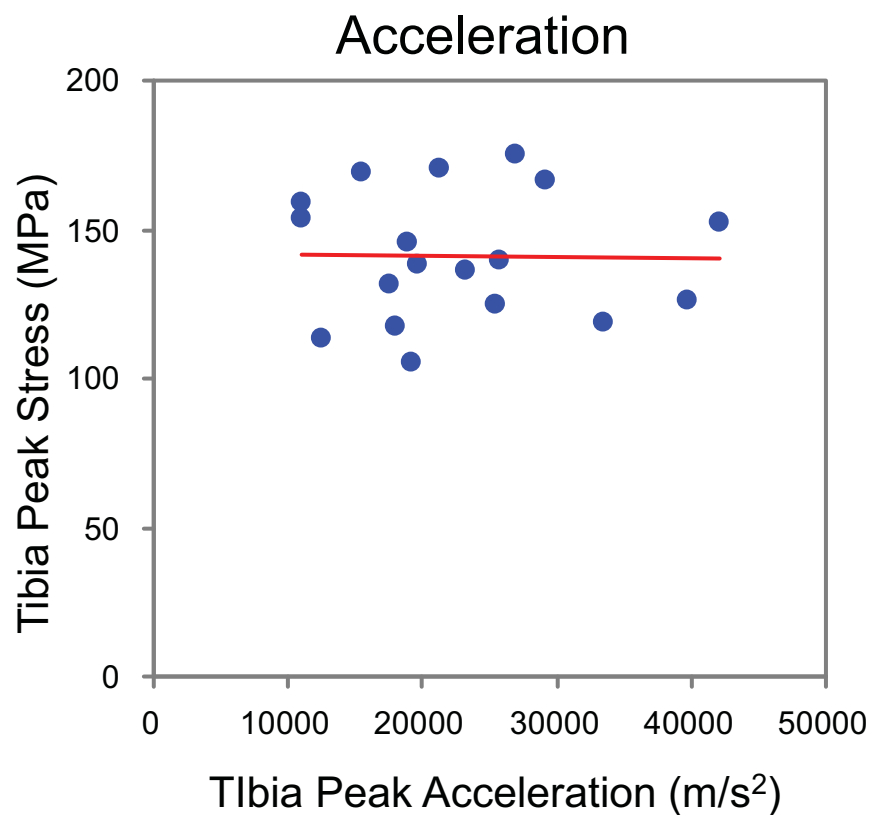
- Cross-section corresponding to Tibia-1 of Flex-PLI
- This location provided the largest injury measures for all of the 18 vehicle models

**Investigate which of the measures used with the impactors  
is more relevant to tibia stress**



## 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

- Acceleration / Bending Moment vs. Stress -



**Tibia bending moment correlate with tibia peak stress much better than upper tibia acceleration**

## 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

- Threshold for Tibia Fracture from Biomechanical Data -

Bending Moment: **310Nm**

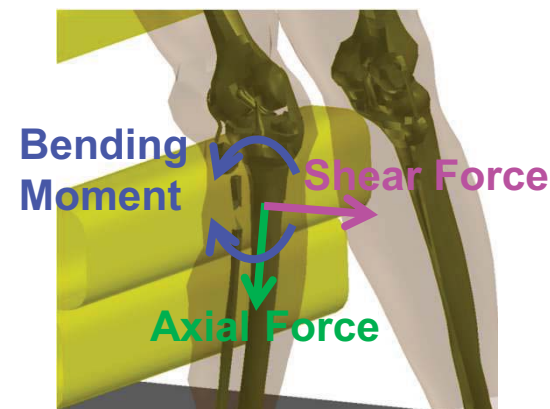
310Nm                      Bending Moment                      (1)

Axial Force: **6.2kN**

10.4 kN                      Compressive Axial Force                      (2)

131.4 MPa                      Compressive Strength                      (3)

78.8 MPa                      Tensile Strength                      (3)



$$\rightarrow \text{Tensile Axial Force} = \text{Compressive Axial Force} \times \frac{\text{Tensile Strength}}{\text{Compressive Strength}} = 6.2 \text{ kN}$$

Shear Force: **8.4kN**

10.4 kN                      Compressive Axial Force                      (2)

131.4 MPa                      Compressive Strength                      (3)

106.0 MPa                      Transverse Strength                      (3)

$$\rightarrow \text{Shear Force} = \text{Compressive Axial Force} \times \frac{\text{Transverse Strength}}{\text{Compressive Strength}} = 8.4 \text{ kN}$$

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## 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

- Comparison of Time Histories of Tibia Fracture Measures -

Car-A  
(Passenger Car)



Car-B  
(SUV; LBRLH < 425mm)

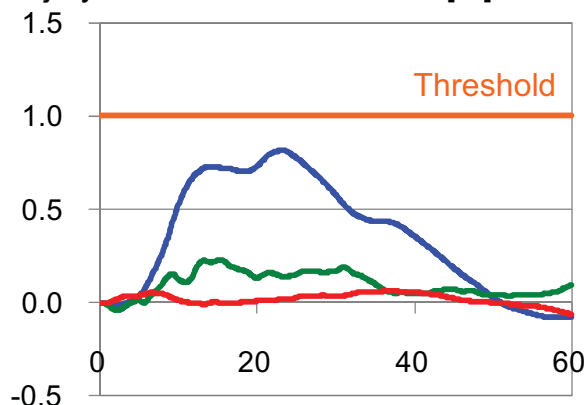


Car-C  
(SUV; LBRLH > 425mm)

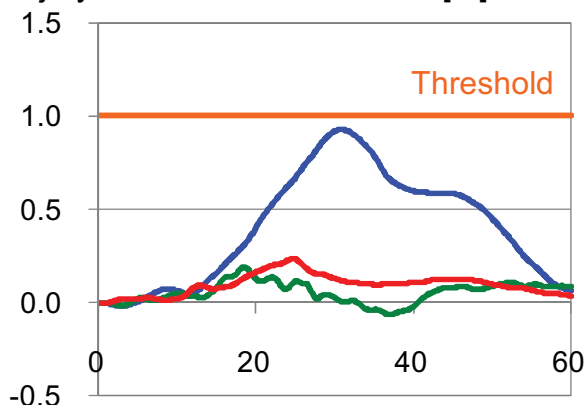


— Bending Moment    — Axial Force    — Shear Force

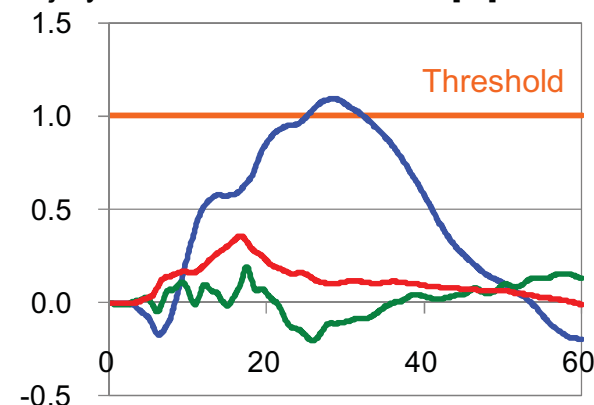
Injury Measures as % of Limit [ - ]



Injury Measures as % of Limit [ - ]



Injury Measures as % of Limit [ - ]



**Peak normalized bending moment is predominant in all three fracture measures**

# 6. Determinants of Tibia Fracture Measures

- Kallieris et al. (1988)-

881725

## New Aspects of Pedestrian Protection Loading and Injury Pattern in Simulated Pedestrian Accidents

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University of Heidelberg

### ABSTRACT

The paper presents a report about car pedestrian impact simulations. The front of a production car, which was mounted on a platform moving on rails was used as impact

comparison between the loadings in the various velocity ranges is made.

INTRODUCTION - The pedestrian is the weakest partner in road traffic. In collisions with vehicles the tolerance limit is already exceeded at

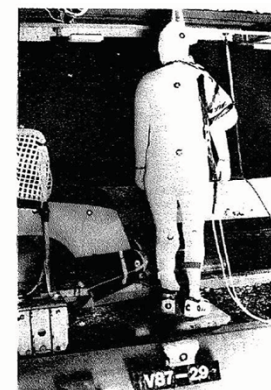


Fig. 1. Position of the PMHS relative to the car.

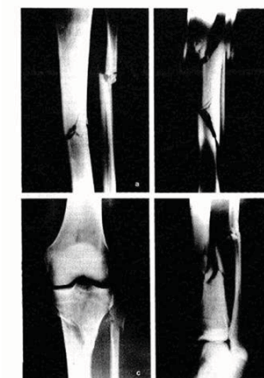


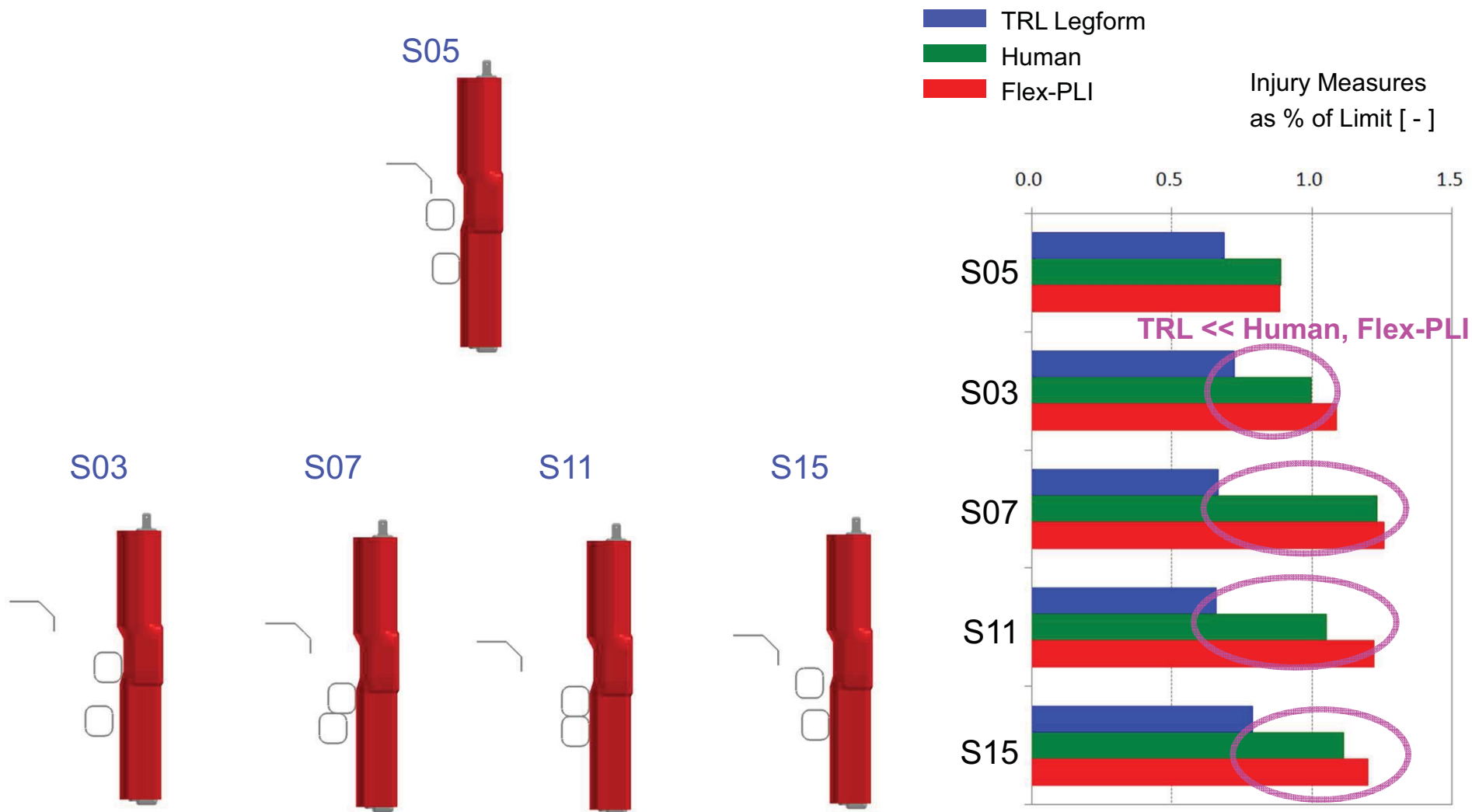
Fig. 4. Anterior-posterior x-rays of fractured tibia and fibula  
a) Non-imp. 872z, b) Non-imp. 872b, c) Non-imp. 872f, d) Non-imp. 872a

- Full-scale car-pedestrian impact tests using 11 PMHSs
- Open tibia and fibula fractures in 8 cases
- When fractured, the tibia and fibula were taken out for a thorough autopsy
- Fracture of tibia and fibula can be explained by **bending strain**

Reference: Kallieris D., Schmidt G., New Aspects of Pedestrian Protection Loading and Injury Pattern in Simulated Pedestrian Accidents, 32<sup>nd</sup> Stapp Car Crash Conference Proceedings, SAE Paper Number 881725 (1988)

# 7. Tibia Fracture Prediction

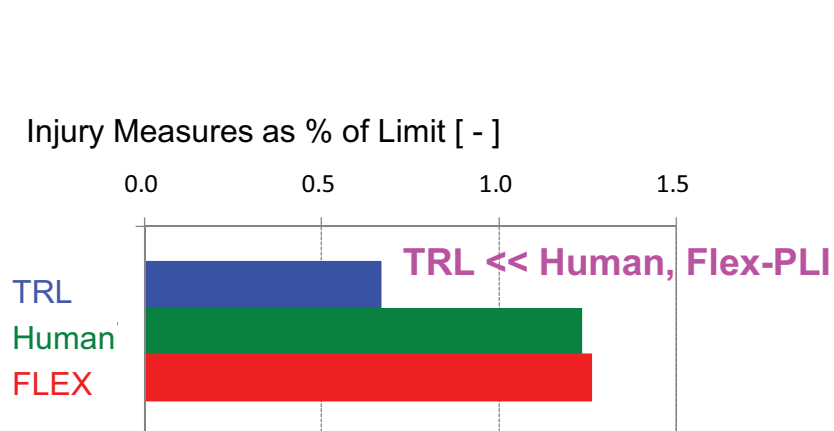
- Comparison of Normalized Tibia Fracture Measures -



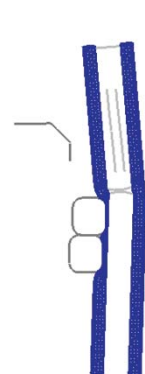
TRL legform : Upper Tibia Acceleration  
 Human : Tibia Bending Moment  
 Flex-PLI : Tibia Bending Moment

# 7. Tibia Fracture Prediction

- Comparison of Kinematics: S07 -



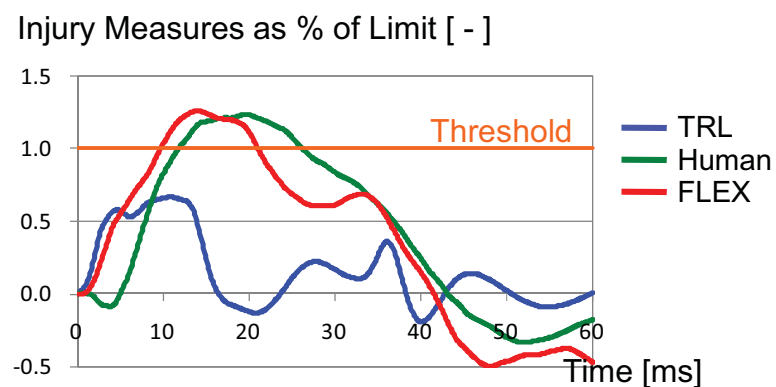
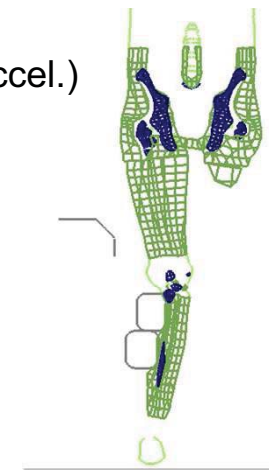
TRL Legform  
11 ms  
(Peak of TRL legform Model upper tibia accel.)



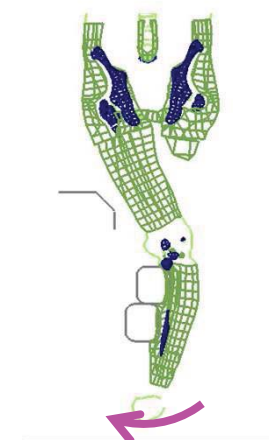
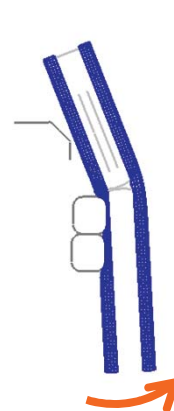
Flex-PLI



Human



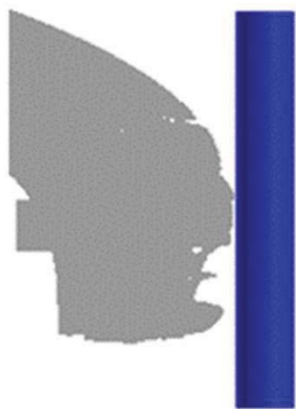
20 ms  
(Peak of Human Model bending moment)



**TRL legform lacks rotation of the leg underneath the bumper, which yields peak bending moment for human and Flex-PLI**

# 7. Tibia Fracture Prediction

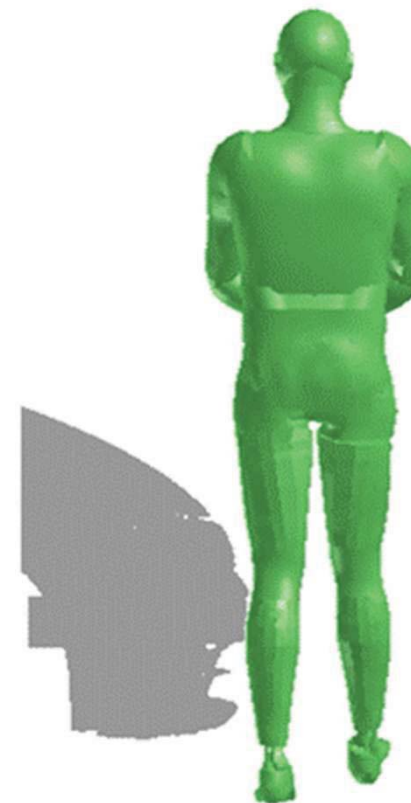
TRL Legform Model



Flex-PLI Model



Human Model

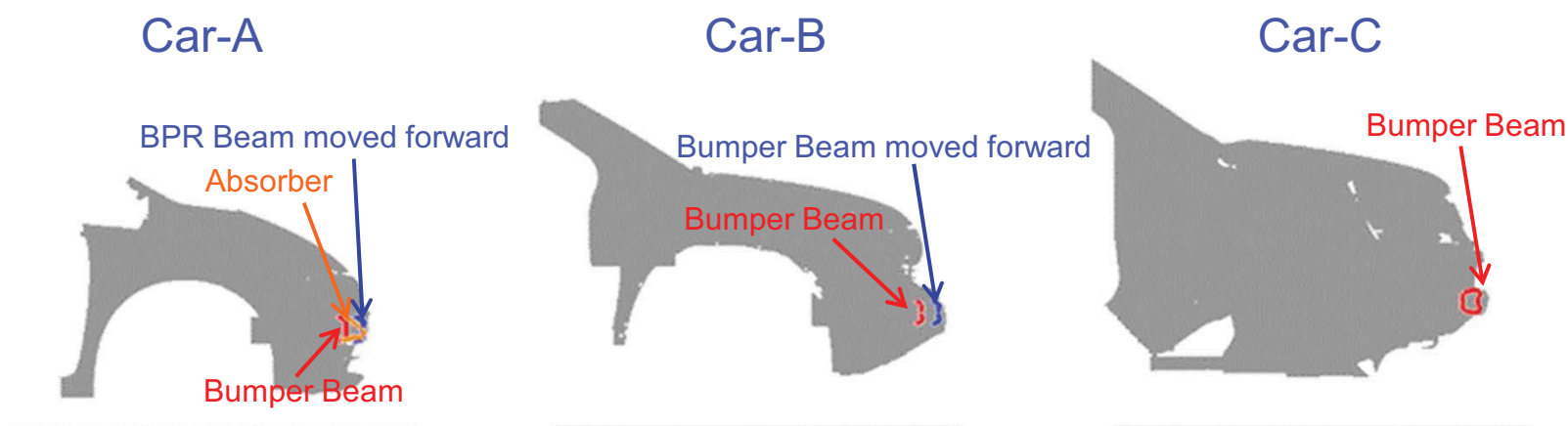


**Human Model : Same as the one used for  
CAE correlation study**

# 7. Tibia Fracture Prediction

- Vehicle Models -

ID	Vehicle Information	Bumper Specification
Car-A Original	Passenger Car	Original
Car-A Modified		without Absorber, Stiffer Bumper Beam
Car-B Original	SUV (LBRLH < 425 mm)	Original
Car-B Modified		Stiffer Bumper Beam
Car-C Original	SUV (LBRLH > 425 mm)	Original
Car-C Modified		without Bumper Beam

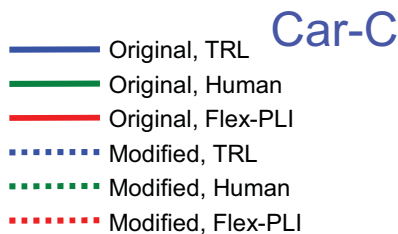
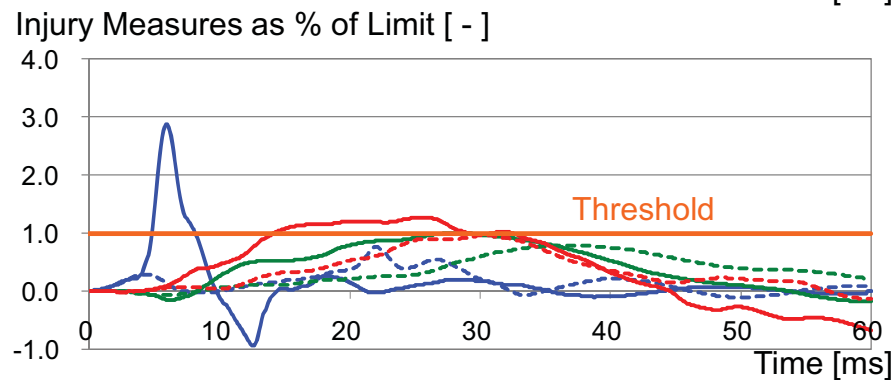
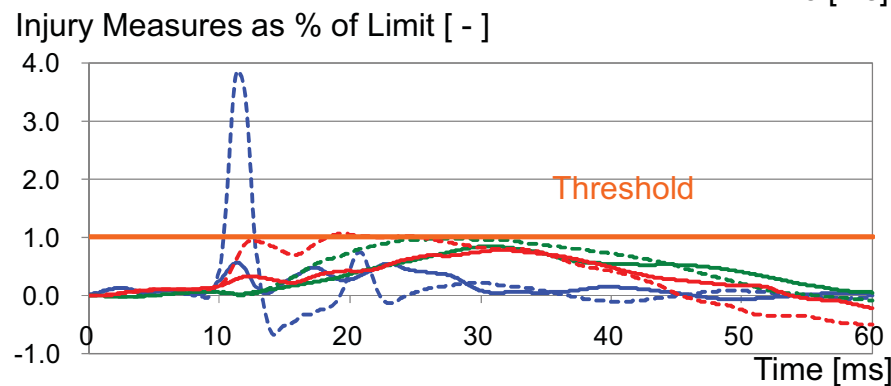
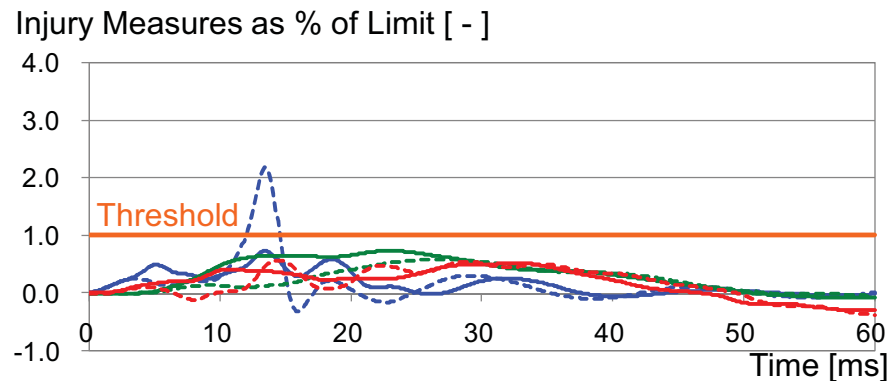
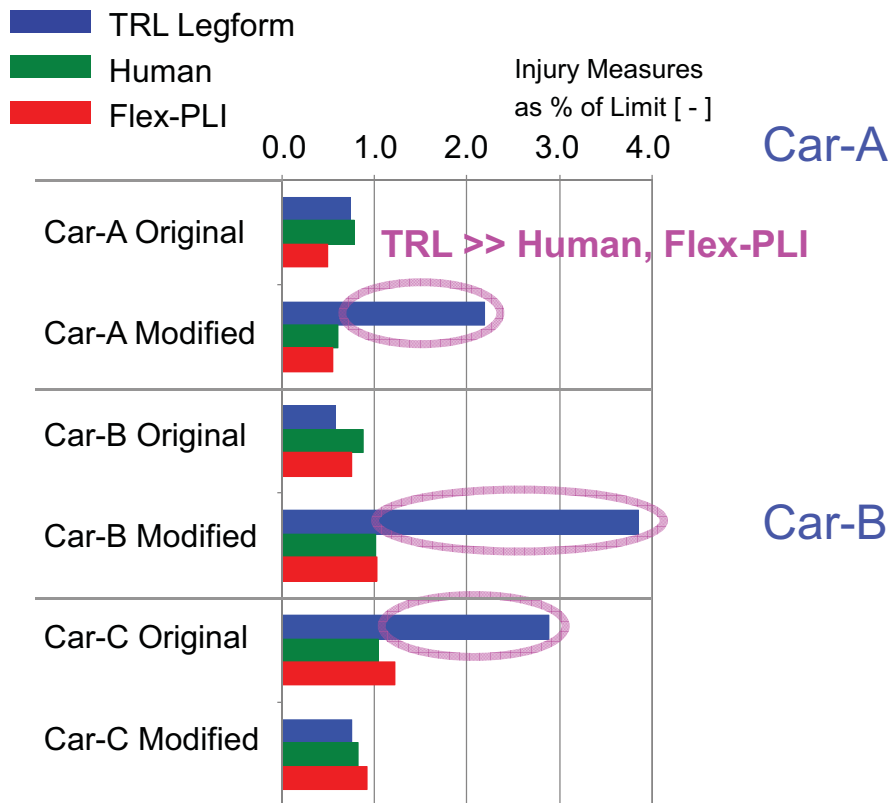


**Modified bumper structure to represent bottoming**



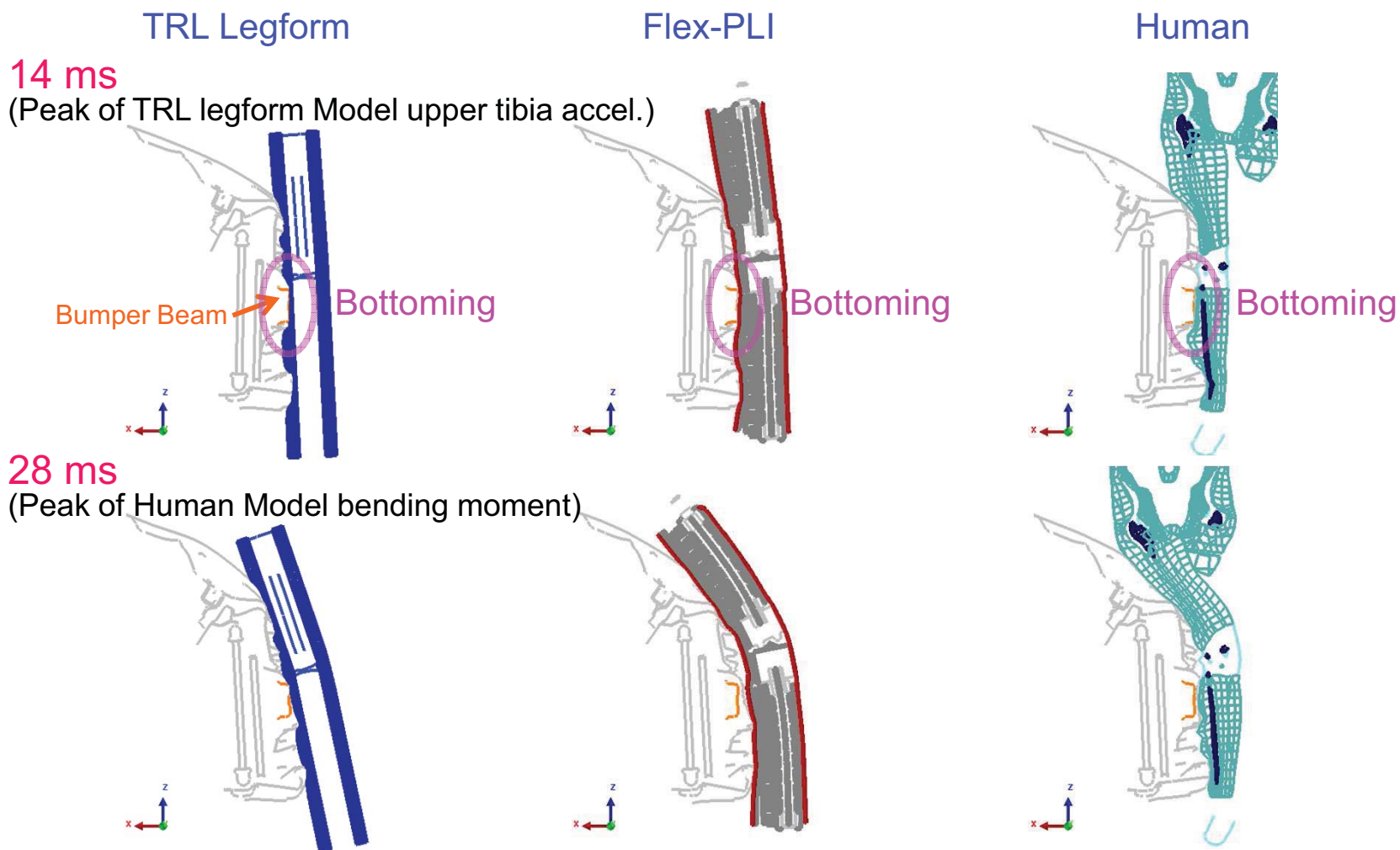
# 7. Tibia Fracture Prediction

- Comparison of Normalized Tibia Fracture Measures -



# 7. Tibia Fracture Prediction

- Comparison of Bumper Deformation (Car-A Modified) -



- Bumper bottomed out for all cases
- Tibia fracture measure dramatically increased only for TRL legform

## 8. Summary

- In vehicle impacts,
  - The tibia of both human and Flex-PLI bends due to impact from the vehicle, while the tibia of TRL legform is too stiff to represent bending
  - The knee ligaments of both human and Flex-PLI elongate due to combined bending and shear, while TRL legform uses separate bending and shear measures
- Component responses of Flex-PLI are much more biofidelic than those of TRL legform in terms of tibia and knee bending
- Correlation of assembly impact responses with human has been significantly improved with Flex-PLI for tibia fracture and knee shear measures

## 8. Summary (Contd.)

- Determinants of tibia fracture measures are different between TRL legform and Flex-PLI – sensitivity of loading location is much lower with TRL legform than with Flex-PLI and human
- For the human leg, the most critical injury measure is bending moment, which is used for the Flex-PLI
- For vehicles with a large bumper protrusion relative to the BLE, TRL legform tends to predict lower normalized injury values compared to human and Flex-PLI
- TRL legform upper tibia acceleration is way much more sensitive to bumper bottoming compared to Flex-PLI and human tibia bending moment

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