


Injury Criteria for Flex-GTR MCL and Tibia - JAMA Proposal -

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Proposed Human Thresholds

Proposal for Human MCL Threshold

- No data duplication between Konosu et al. (2001) and Ivarsson et al. (2004) : simple average can be justified to take into account as many data as possible
 - Data scaling does not affect injury risk functions for the MCL (bending angle) in both Konosu et al. and Ivarsson et al.
 - Use of Injury Definition B in Ivarsson et al. is more appropriate to reasonably represent failure of the MCL
 - 95% CI curves in Ivarsson et al. should not be used because the estimated risk function provide the best fit to the data
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- Proposed bending angle threshold for human MCL : **19 deg** (virtually the same as previously proposed value)
 - Flex-GTR MCL elongation threshold needs to be investigated based on the response correlation between the Flex-GTR and human lower limb

Proposed Threshold for Human MCL
Knee Bending Angle **19 deg**

Proposal for Human Tibia Moment Threshold

- Only data used by Kerrigan et al. (2004) were used in order to avoid duplicated data entry
 - Unscaled data resulted in different injury risk curve from that obtained using modified scale factors with the average scale factor identical to the average height scale factor
 - Although the average height of the specimens was close to that of 50th percentile male, data scaling should allow more appropriate threshold for the Flex-PLI that represents 50th percentile male anthropometry
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- Proposed bending moment threshold for human tibia : **361 Nm**
 - Flex-GTR tibia bending moment threshold needs to be investigated based on the response correlation between the Flex-GTR and human lower limb

Proposed Threshold for Human Tibia
Tibia Bending Moment **361 Nm**

MCL Injury Measure Conversion

Convert: Human value >>> Flex-GT value

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Human	Human Model	Flex-GT Model	Flex-GT
Tibia bending moment	Tibia bending moment	Tibia bending moment	Tibia bending moment
H_{TBM} (Nm)	HM_{TBM} (Nm)	$FGTM_{TBM}$ (Nm)	FGT_{TBM} (Nm)
312	312	299	299
350	350	337	337

assumption: $H_{TBM} = HM_{TBM}$, $FGT_{MTBM} = FGT_{TBM}$
 $FGT_{MTBM} = 0.9977 * HM_{TBM} - 12.325$ (from reguration curve)

Tentative
threshold values

Human	Human Model	Human Model	Flex-GT model	Flex-GT
Knee bending angle	Knee bending angle	Knee MCL elongation	Knee MCL elongation	Knee MCL elongation
H_{KBA} (deg.)	HM_{KBA} (deg.)	HM_{MCL} (mm)	$FGTM_{MCL}$ (mm)	FGT_{MCL} (mm)
18	18	15	18	18
20	20	17	20	20

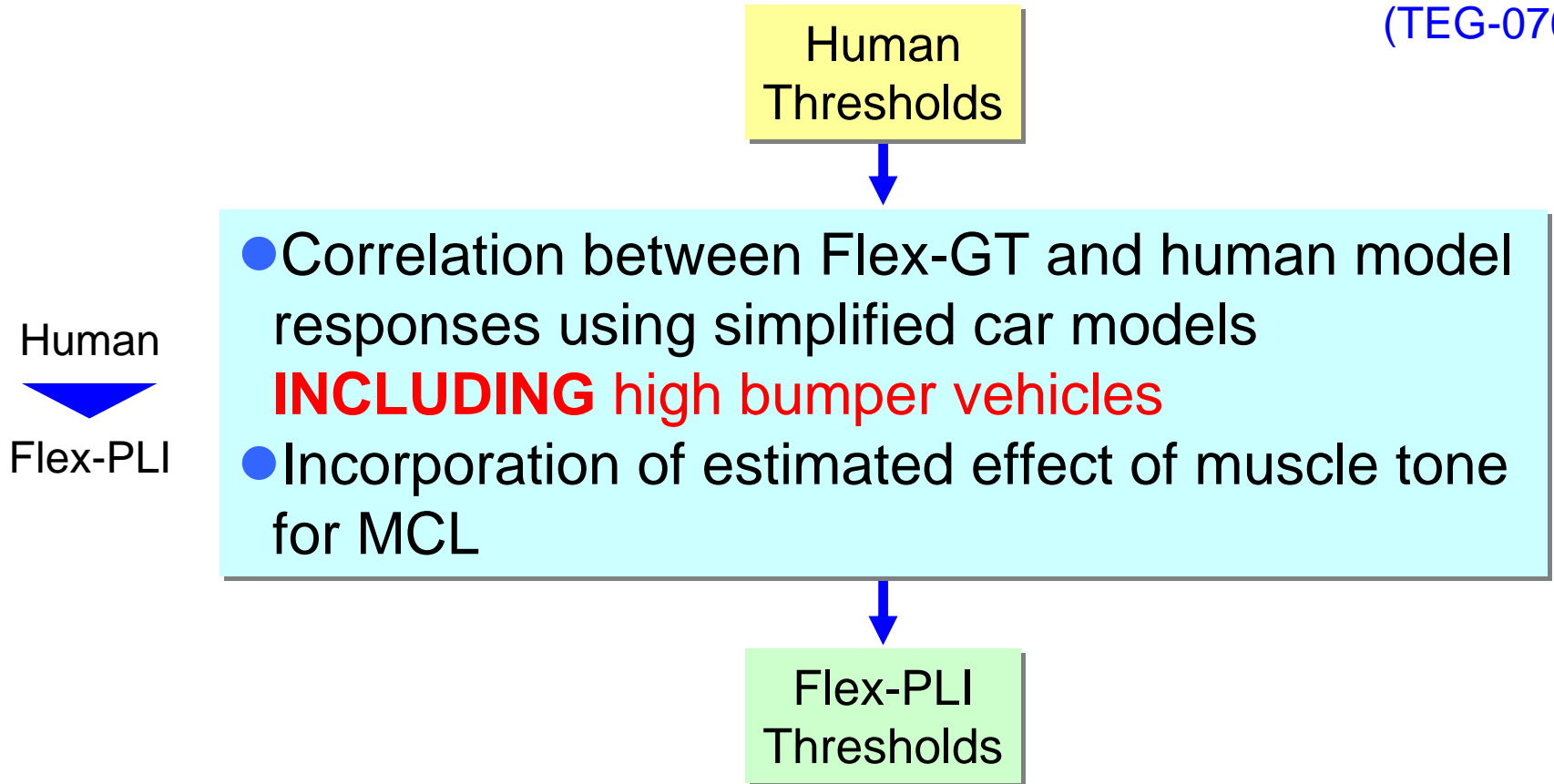
assumption: $H_{KBA} = HM_{KBA}$, $FGT_{MMCL} = FGT_{MCL}$
 $HM_{MCL} = 0.835 * HM_{KBA}$ (from human model output)
 $FGTM_{MCL} = 0.6924 * HM_{MCL} + 8.0156$ (from reguration curve)

Convert human tolerance values to the Flex-GT ones
(use correlation ratio/formula)

- Tibia Bending Moment for Human Model : **361 Nm**
- MCL Elongation for Human Model : $0.835 * 19 \text{ deg} = \mathbf{15.9 \text{ mm}}$

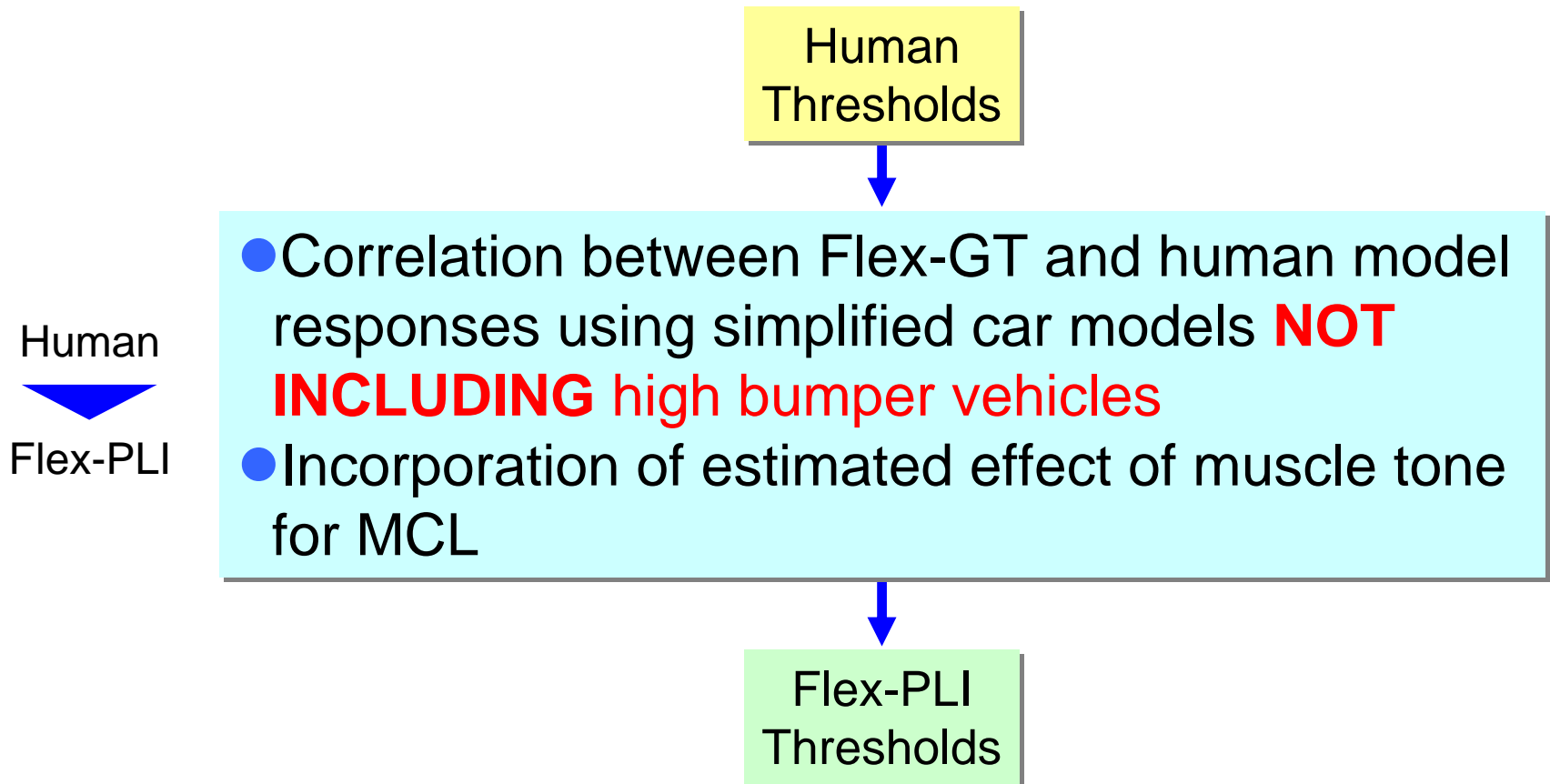
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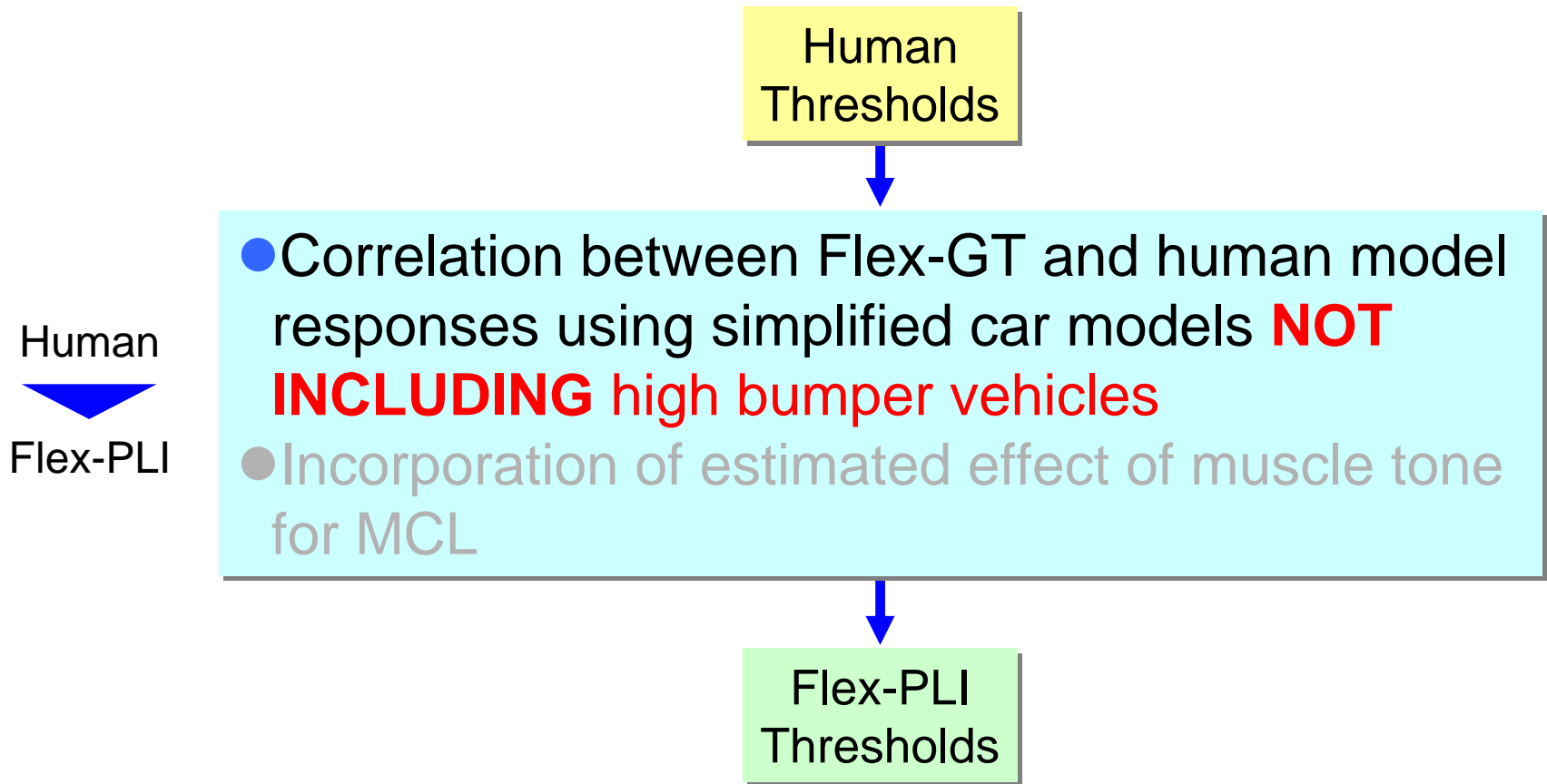
Question was raised regarding the representativeness of the simplified vehicle models for high bumper vehicles

Human -> Flex-GTR Conversion



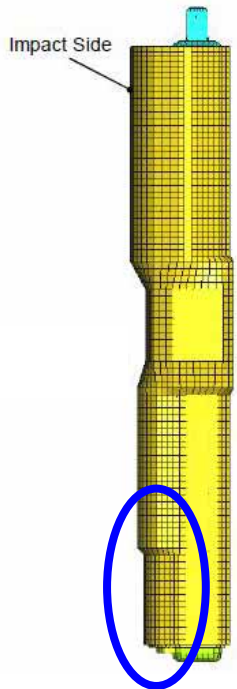
- Difficult to systematically represent high bumper vehicle fleet
- Decreased human – Flex-GTR correlation for high bumper vehicles

Human -> Flex-GTR Conversion



Human - Flex-GTR Response Correlation

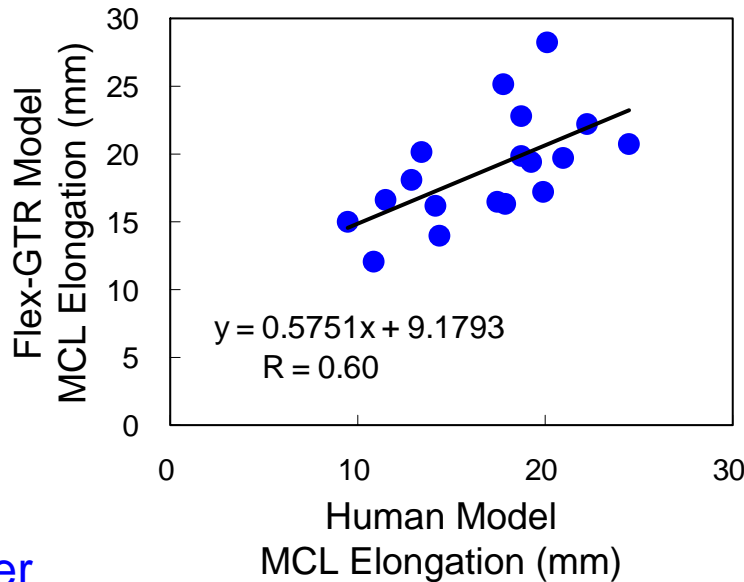
Flex-GTR Prototype



MCL

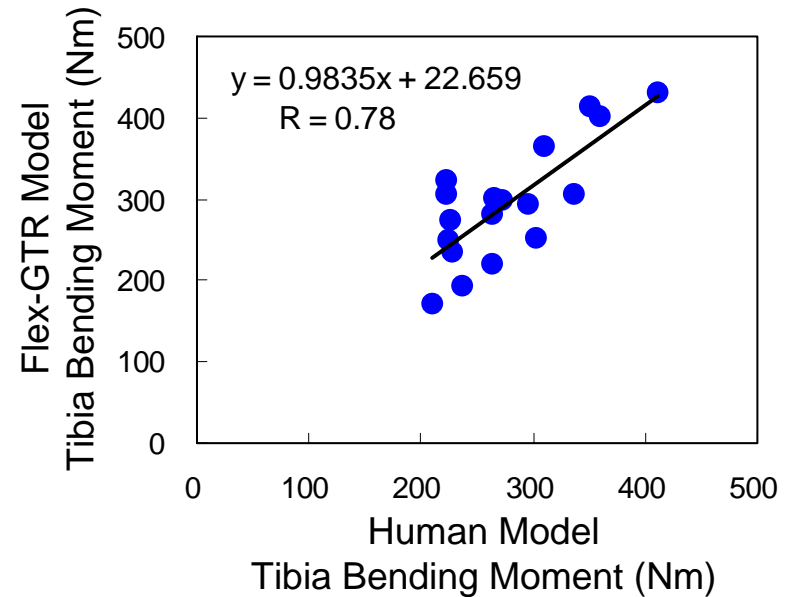
Tibia

Flex-GTR vs. Human Model



R = 0.60

Flex-GTR vs. Human Model

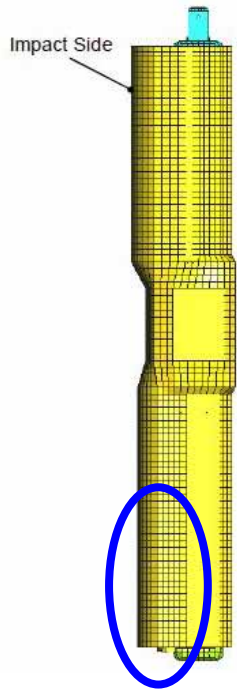


R = 0.78

Original
Flesh Rubber

Human - Flex-GTR Response Correlation

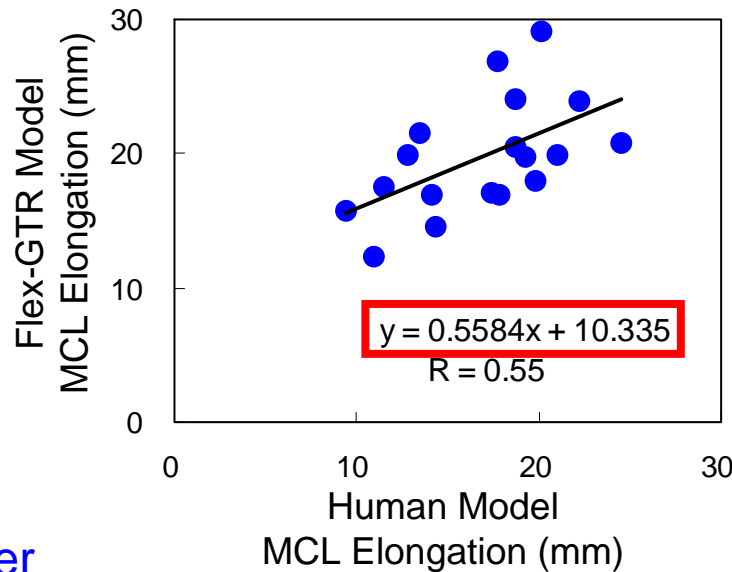
Flex-GTR Prototype w/Extended Flesh Rubber



Extended
Flesh Rubber

MCL

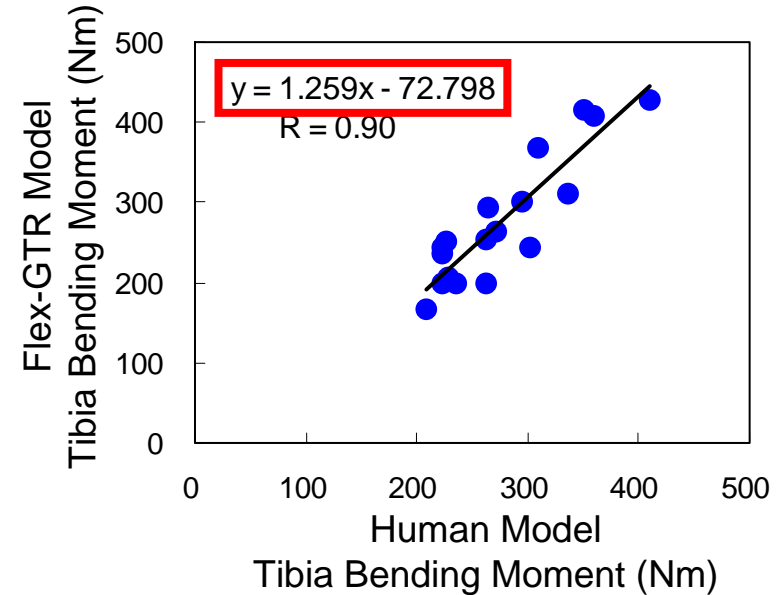
Flex-GTR vs. Human Model



$R = 0.55$

Tibia

Flex-GTR vs. Human Model

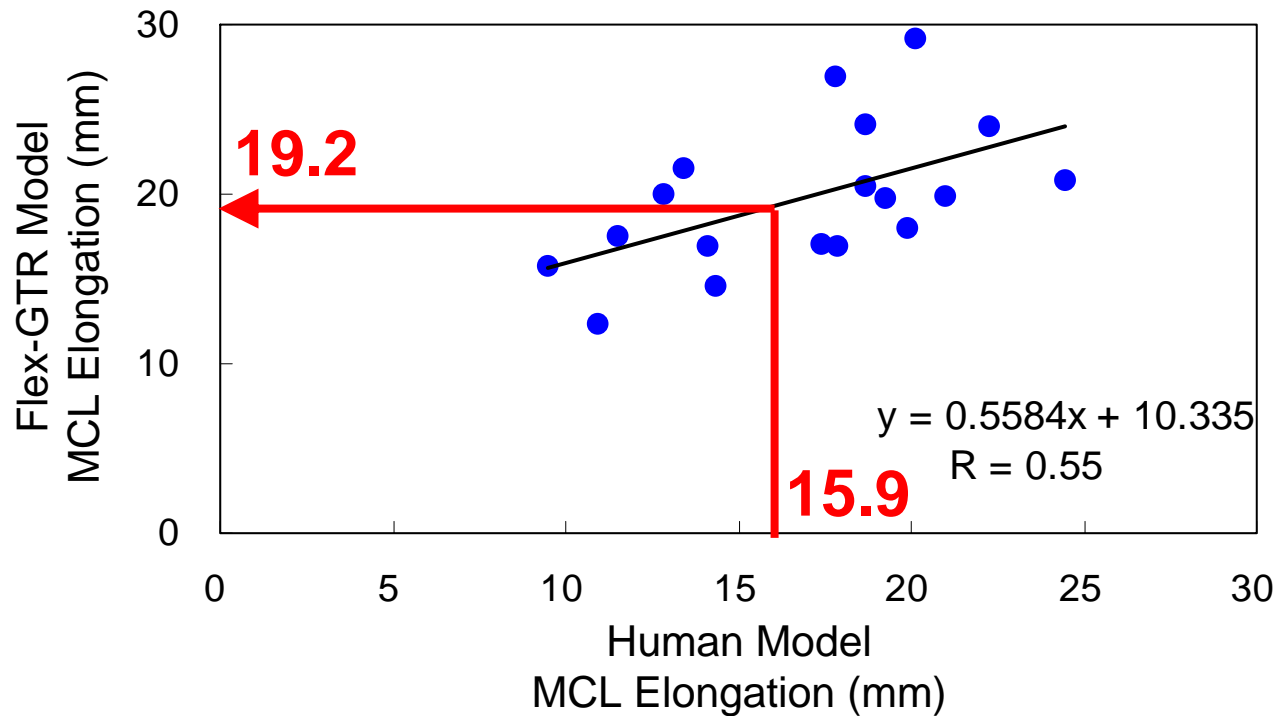


$R = 0.90$

- Better correlation for tibia bending moment with extended flesh rubber
- Use results for extended flesh rubber to convert injury thresholds from human to Flex-GTR

MCL Threshold Conversion

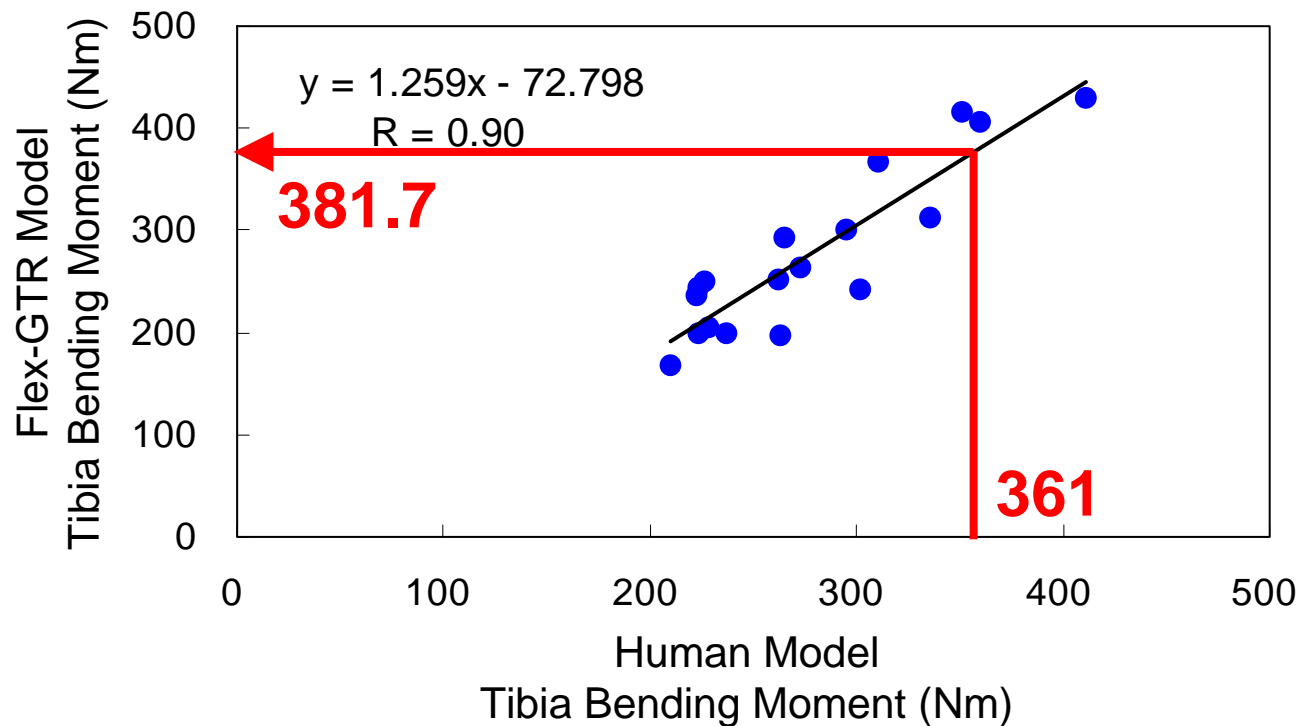
Flex-GTR vs. Human Model



Converted Flex-GTR MCL Elongation : **19.2 mm**

Tibia Threshold Conversion

Flex-GTR vs. Human Model



Converted Flex-GTR Tibia Bending Moment :
381.7 Nm

Human -> Flex-GTR Conversion

Human
Thresholds



- Correlation between Flex-GT and human model responses using simplified car models **NOT INCLUDING** high bumper vehicles
- Incorporation of estimated effect of muscle tone for MCL



Flex-PLI
Thresholds

Human
▼
Flex-PLI

Effect of Muscle Tone

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110. These studies suggest a bending limit in the range of 15° to 21° for knee protection. The informal group determined that a value close to the upper limit (21°) of this range should be considered, and not the average. The absence of muscle tone in the PMHS tests reduced the knee stiffness of the subjects, and the high rigidity of the impactor bones transferred to the knee joint a part of the impact energy normally absorbed by the deformation of human long bones. For these reasons, a bending limit of 19° was selected for this gtr.

Lloyd and Buchanan (2001)



David G. Lloyd, Thomas S. Buchanan
Strategies of muscular support of varus and valgus isometric loads at the human knee

J. of Biomechanics 34 (2001) 1257-1267

- For volunteers, average contribution to varus is $17 \pm 9.7\%$ and **to valgus is $10 \pm 6.3\%$** of externally applied moment
- Flex-GTR MCL threshold incorporating effect of muscle tone : $19.2 \text{ mm} * 1.1 = \mathbf{21.1 \text{ mm}}$

Proposal for Flex-GTR Injury Threshold

- Correlation functions derived from data NOT INCLUDING high bumper vehicles were used for threshold conversion
- Correlation functions with an extended flesh rubber were used for significantly improved correlation for the tibia bending moment
- Converted thresholds were 19.2 mm for MCL, and 381.7 Nm for Tibia
- Incorporation of muscle tone effect yielded the MCL elongation threshold of 21.1 mm



- Proposed elongation threshold for Flex-GTR MCL : **21 mm**
- Proposed bending moment threshold for Flex-GTR tibia : **380 Nm**