ARC Farside Meeting Update Task 3: Carotid Artery

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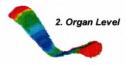
Carotid artery modeling goals

- Computational model of the carotid artery for the prediction of injury
- · What's been done:
 - Develop a robust material model and mesh of the artery (Gayzik et al. RMBS, 2005)
 - Organ level validation of the material model (Gayzik et al. AAAM 2006, Gayzik et al. ASB 2006)
- Currently:
 - Regional level neck model

FE model development strategy



1. Tissue Level





3. Update: Regional Level

Review: Regional neck model Materials: Neck fascia & musculature - "Mat_Viscoelastic Carotid - "Mat_Simplified_rubber Indenter - "Mat_Rigid Contact: Neck to carotid - Auto surf to surf Neck to neck - Tied Boundary: Locked nodes on inferior plane and medial vertetral body space

Update: Regional Model Integration with NHTSA Neck

- Integration of NHTSA model of the head and cervical spine
- Kleinberger, Stapp, 1993
 "Application of Finite Element Techniques to the Study of Cervical Spine Mechanics"
- Application of MCW crash pulse on integrated model



Update: NHTSA neck model

Materials:

Vertebral Bodies, Head - *Mat_Rigid Ligaments, Disks - *Mat_Elastic

Boundary Conditions: Prescribed motion applied to T1 vertebral body

Contact:

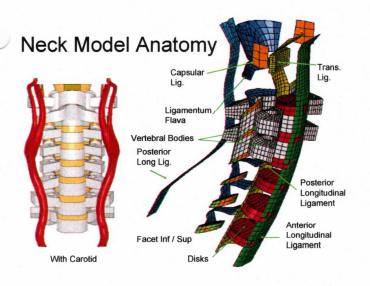
Posterior ligament to posterior aspect of the head – nodes to surface Head Rotation about an anterior/posterior axis – constrained joint revolute

Validation:

Axial Compression: Good agreement with experimental data (Pinter et al. Stapp, 1989) (Myers et al. Stapp 1991) Frontal Flexion: Not favorable agreement (Wismans, STAPP, 1984) (Wismans, STAPP, 1987) Lateral Flexion: No validation performed?



Head Rotation



Regional model simulation matrix

Proposed Methods:

- Apply T1 acceleration boundary condition
- · Validate with belt force data

Test matrix:

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PMHS Test	Carotid	Belt	ΔV
No.	Injury	Position	
134	No	Low	Low
135	Yes	Low	High
140	Yes	High	Low
141	Yes	High	High

PMHS Belt Placement





D-Ring posterior to shoulder, Belt contacts shoulder

High Belt Configuration



D-Ring superior and posterior to shoulder, Belt contacts neck

Update: Combined neck model; **MCW Load Curves**

Materials:

Vertebral Bodies, Head
- "Mat_Rigid
Ligaments, Disks
- "Mat_Elastic
Neck fascia & musculature *Mat_Elastic

Carotid

- *Mat_Simplified_rubber

Boundary:

Prescribed motion from PMHS tests applied to T1 vertebral body

•Top nodes of regional model to constrained to the head Constrained extra

•Preserve NHTSA neck contacts

nodes set

Neck to carotid

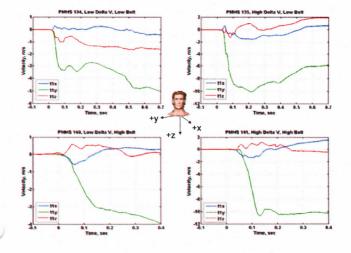
Contact:

Tied surf to surf
 Neck vertebral bodies to neck

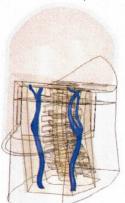
·Auto surf to surf



Head Rotation



Combined Neck Model, Low Delta-V

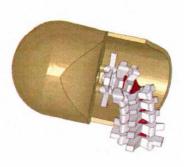






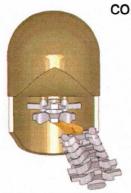
NHTSA Neck, High Delta-V Pulse

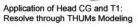
- Concerns:
 - Vertebral body nodal penetration
 - No contacts defined here
 - Facet nodal penetration
 - No contacts between facets
 - Negative volumes
 - Intervertebral Disks



Attempt to resolve by applying both T1 and Head CG as acceleration B.C.

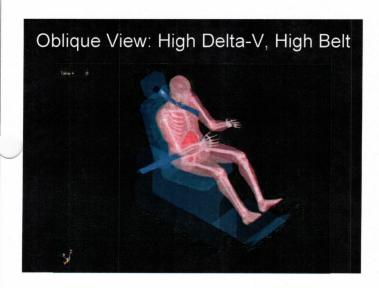
NHTSA Neck, Other modeling concerns

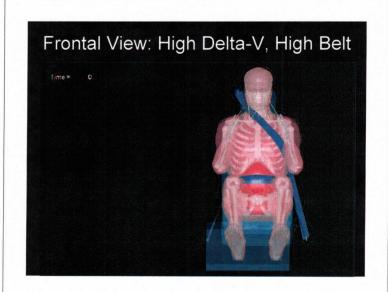


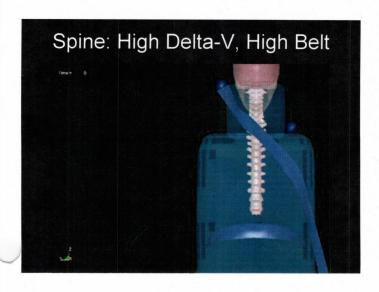


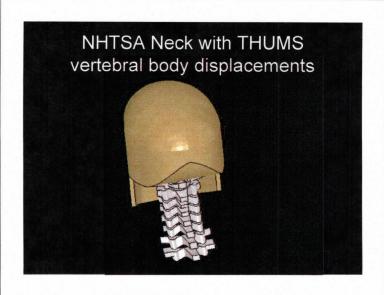


Low belt does not interact with neck: Resolve by adding a shoulder form







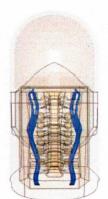


Summary of Update:

- Current modeling issues and tasks: Regional neck model with embedded carotid artery
 - NHTSA neck in lateral flexion
 - · Contacts, negative volumes, kinematics
 - Belt interaction with the neck fascia
 - · Belt slips off of neck given a low belt

Current Focus

- Integrate THUMs results into full neck model
- Add shoulder interaction structure for the low belt case
- Assess strain in the carotid





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