PERIPROSTHETIC FRACTURE MODELLING USING A COMBINED FINITE ELEMENT – SMOOTH PARTICLE HYDRODYNAMIC METHOD

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- Third most common reason for revision surgeries (*Maier, 2015*)
- High rate of PFFs during the early postoperative (EP) period (*Abdel et al., 2016*)
- Computer models help to predict EP fractures
- Due to the lack of bone ingrowth in EP period the interface mechanics is decisive





- Highly deformed trabecular bone transforms into bone debris.
- Previous studies use element erosion strategy (Miles et al, 2015; Ovesy, 2020).
- Element erosion cause unphysical material loss.



Develop and validate a model to predict PPFs using a combined approach based on finite element (FE) and smoothed particle hydrodynamics (SPH) methods



Bone Debris

Bone debris formations

(Bätz et al., Clin. Biomech., 73: 234-240, 2020).



Element erosion



Interface Modeling

Implanted Femur PP

PPF Verification





Interface Modeling

Implanted Femur PPF

PPF Validation



METHODS – COMBINED SPH-FE APPROACH





Interface Modeling

Implanted Femur PPF Verification



METHODS – INTERFACE VALIDATION



Simplified stem insertion experiment Generated SPH particles with presented by Ovesy (2020) eroded elements 0.5 mm **Investigated Parameters** Displacement [mm] -15 Conic **Erosion onset:** 0.5 mm Probe **0.07, 0.13, 0.19** (Jungmann, 2011) **SPH** resolution: 0.5 mm None, 1, and 4 SPH particles per eroded element Bone 0 Time BV/TV: %29.9 $\mu = 0.20$ (Damm et al., 2015; Grant et al., 2007)

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METHODS – PARAMETRIC FEMUR MODELS





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METHODS – VIRTUAL IMPLANTING





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METHODS - PPF VERIFICATION





RESULTS





RESULTS - INTERFACE MODELING





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RESULTS - PPF VERIFICATION





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- Combined SPH-FE approach can represent the stem insertion experiment realistically
- Reduced sensitivity on element erosion criteria using the combined SPH-FE approach
- PPF simulations provided comparable results with the experiments
- Pull out forces were predicted with large error and bone debris mechanics require further research
- In near future models will be validated based on ex-vivo experiments
- In future developed models can be used to optimize stem designs and the intraoperative procedures which might help to migrate PFFs

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