





Prévention des plaies de pression : comment la biomécanique des tissus mous peut-elle assister les dispositifs médicaux?

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Biomechanics of human soft tissue and materials





Soft tissue modeling in the context of pressure ulcer prevention



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Pressure ulcers (PU)

Etiology of Pressure Sores



Pressure ulcers

Two processes

Superficial: possible to detect visually



Deep tissue: not possible to detect visually



Pressure ulcer prevention



10% at hospital

among SCI persons







An embedded pressure mat 100% textile









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- Two outer layers form a matrix that defines the spatial resolution of the sensor: the nylon fibers coated with silver conduct current
- Any normal forces exerted onto the middle layer change the electrical resistance of the material : fibers are coated with polymers

Cannard F., Diot B., Lavarenne A, Lavarenne E., Vuillerme N. & Payan Y. (2016). *Device intended for measuring pressure from a flexible, foldable, and/or extendable object made of a textile material and comprising a measurement device -* Num: US 9,448,127 B2.

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• Central unit + bluetooth



Perrier A., Vuillerme N., Luboz V., Bucki M., Cannard F., Diot B., Colin D., Rin D., Bourg J.P. & Payan Y. (2014). Smart Diabetic Socks: Embedded device for diabetic foot prevention. *Innovation and Research in BioMedical engineering*, Vol 32 n°2, pp. 72-76.

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Technological transfer of the textile sock (some tens thousands of socks sold in the US by Palarum Company)





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Etiology of Deep Tissue Injuries



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ε_i: « ischemia » deformations threshold (around 20%)
ε_m: « mechanical » deformations threshold (around 50%)

A "numerical" biomarker to compute the internal strains A biomechanical Finite Element model

1. An embedded measurements of the pressure at skin surface



2. An on-line estimation of the internal strains with a patient-specific biomechanical model of the soft tissues





Patient-specific foot geometry





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Image segmentation (machine learning techniques based on CNN)



Perrier et al., 2015

Patient-specific foot geometry



Generic constitutive parameters



Ou et al., 2018

Patient-specific constitutive parameters



In vivo tissue aspiration - VLASTIC, Elahi et al., 2019



Finite Element foot model



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Trebbi *et al.,* 2022







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Reduced Order Modeling



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