

GREEN B SKETCH MODEL: DAMPED STRETCHER

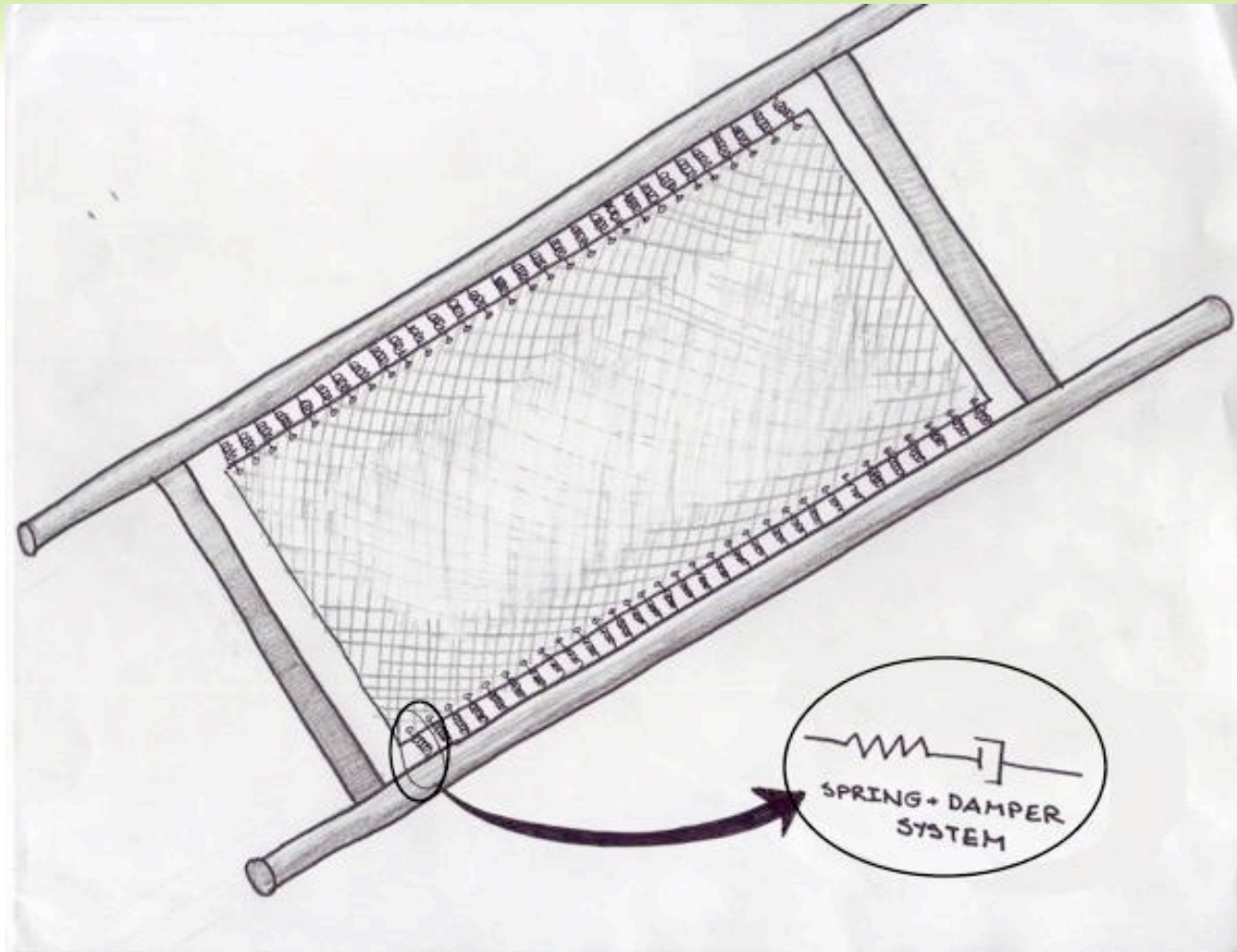
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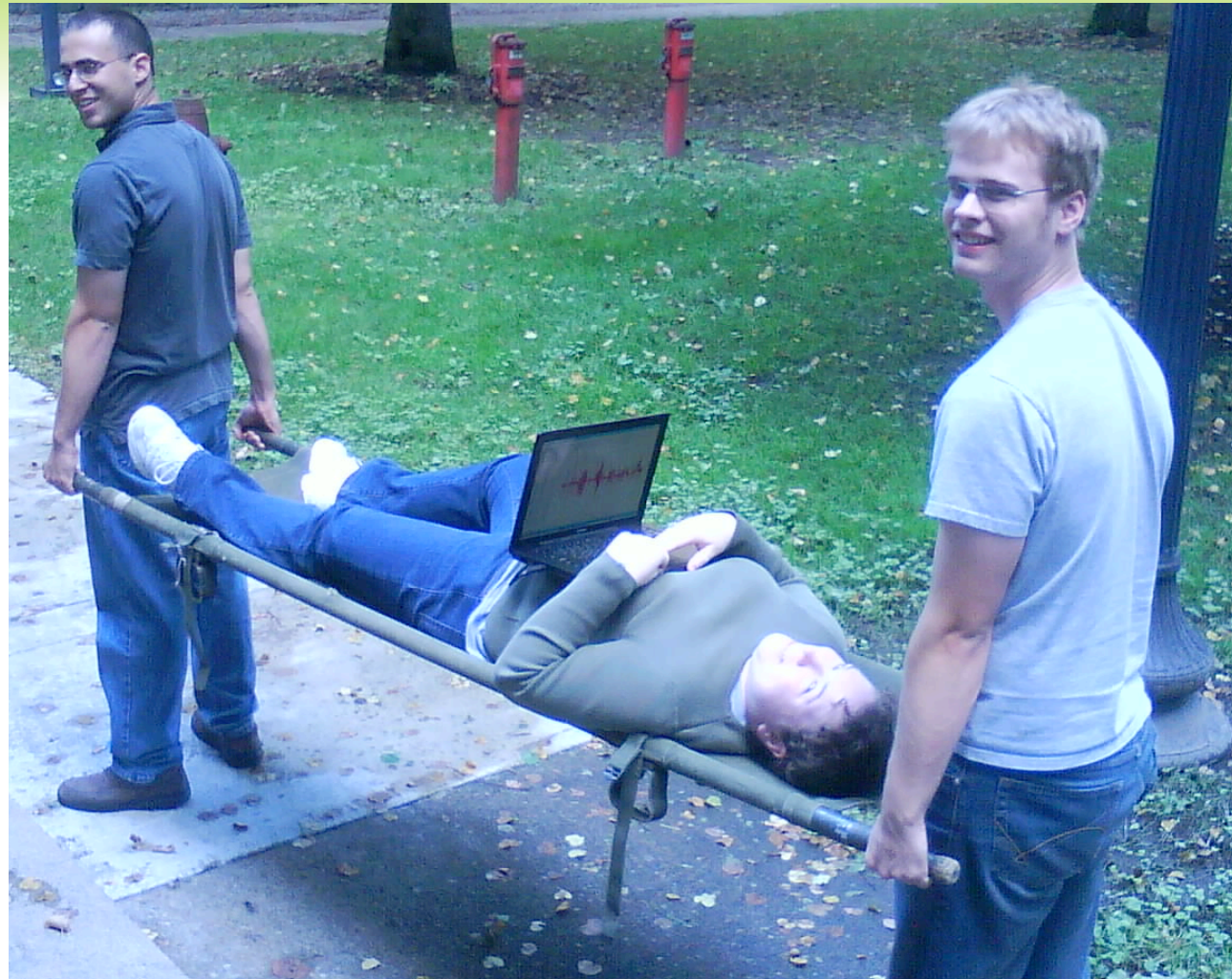
THE PROBLEM

Current stretchers are uncomfortable and the large forces they cause can exacerbate spinal and neck injuries

THE IDEA: A DAMPED STRETCHER

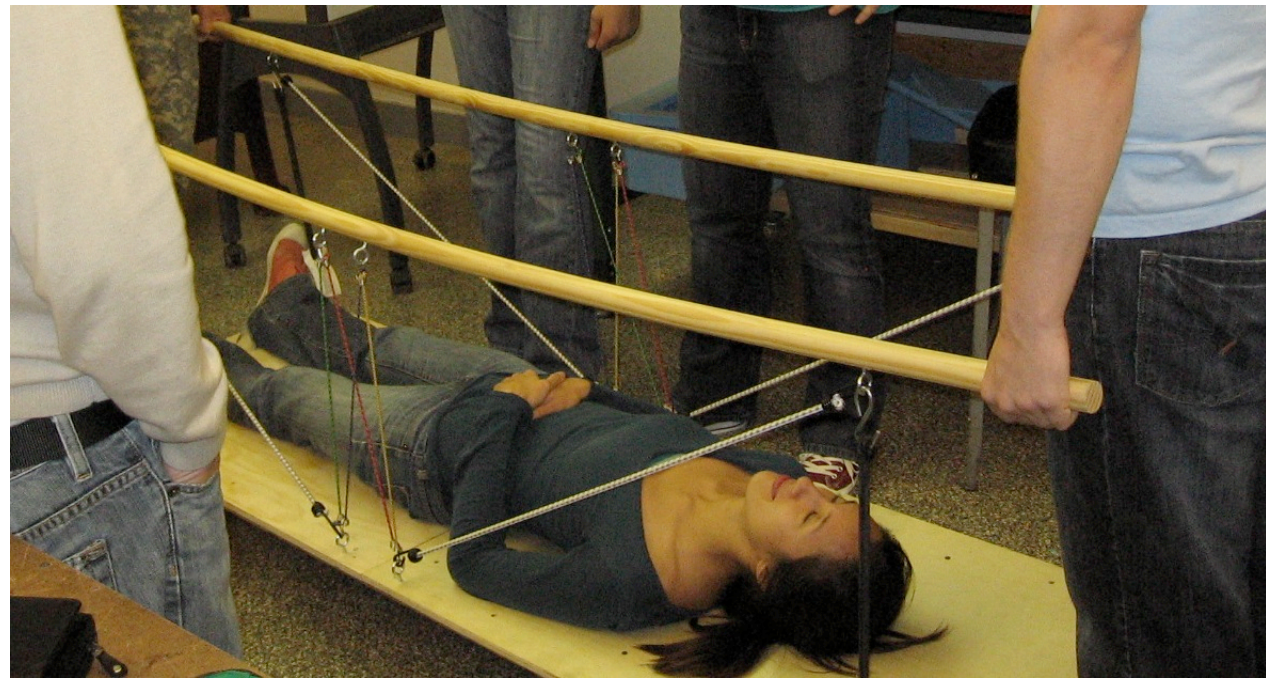


'Typical' Stretcher Demonstration

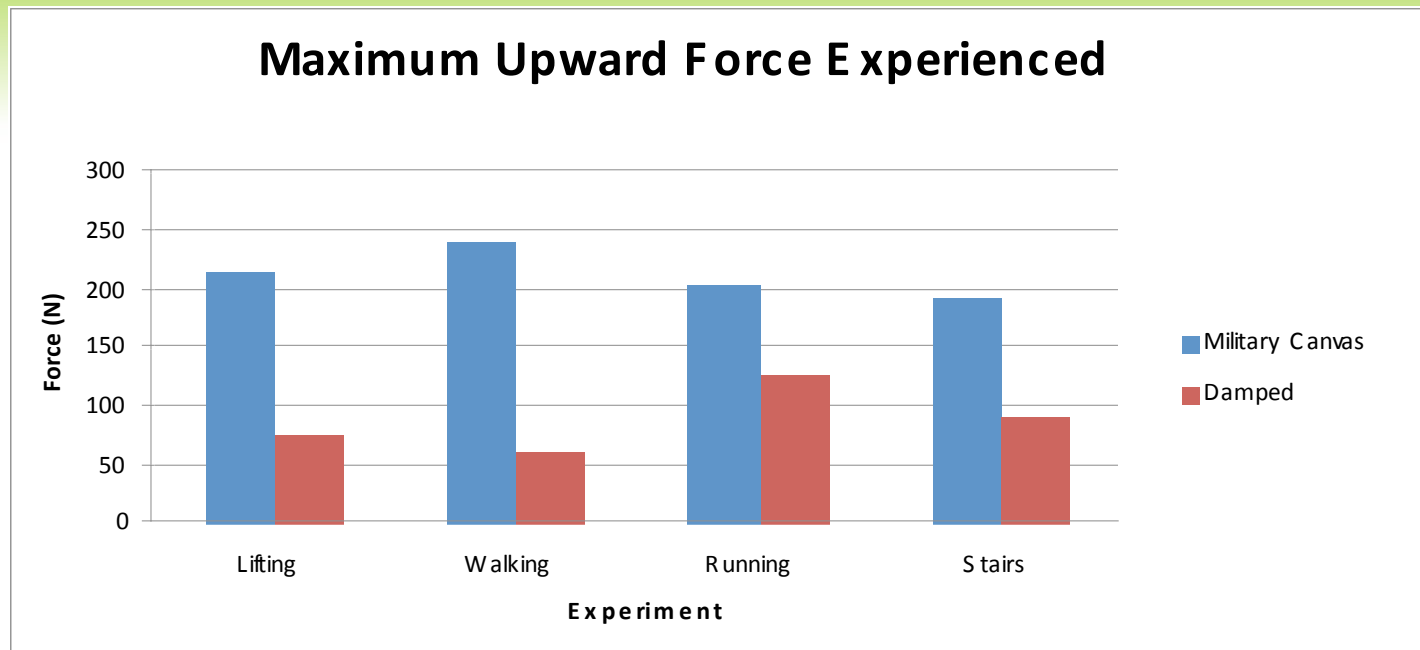


The Damped Stretcher

A proof of concept that damping could significantly reduce forces



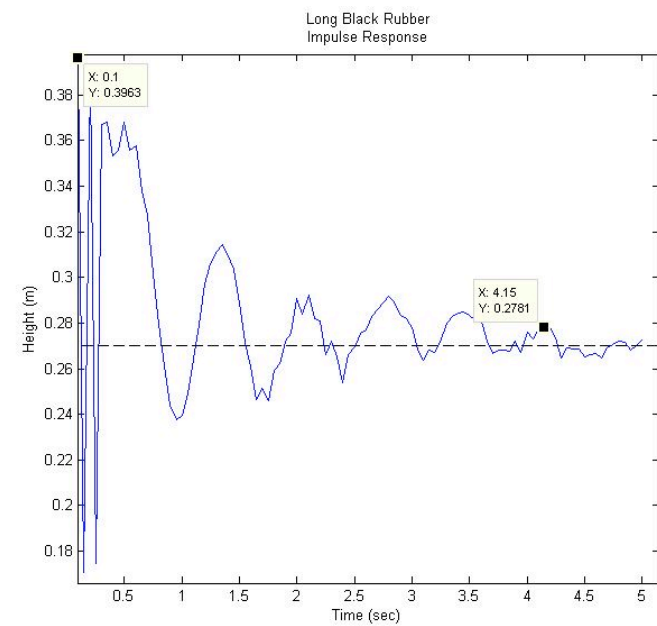
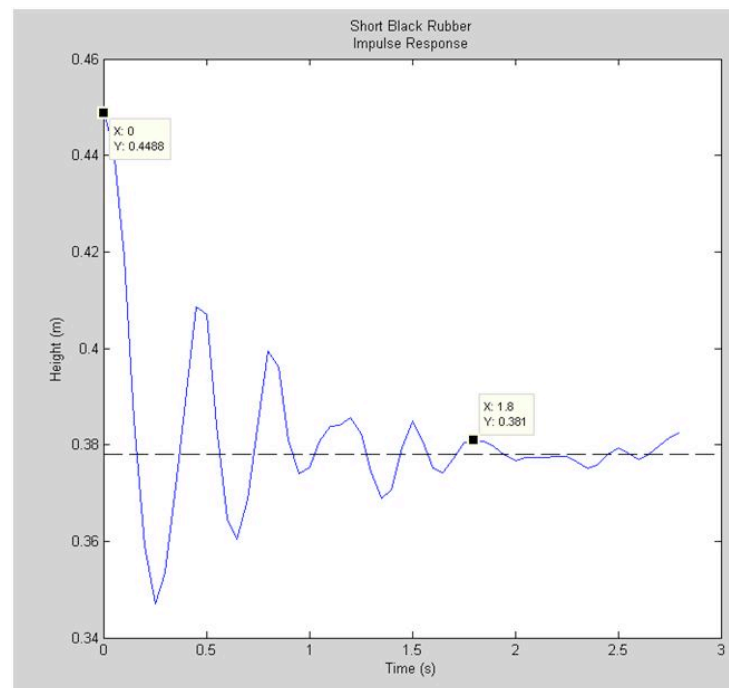
TESTING RESULTS



Test Subject: There's a palpable difference between the two—damped, despite the hard backboard, is more comfortable

DAMPING

If you're worried about resonance...don't. Frequency of someone walking: 2 Hz; natural frequency of our dampers: 1.2 Hz



BENCHMARKING

The Talon Stretcher:
Foldable, Undamped,
and \$1000

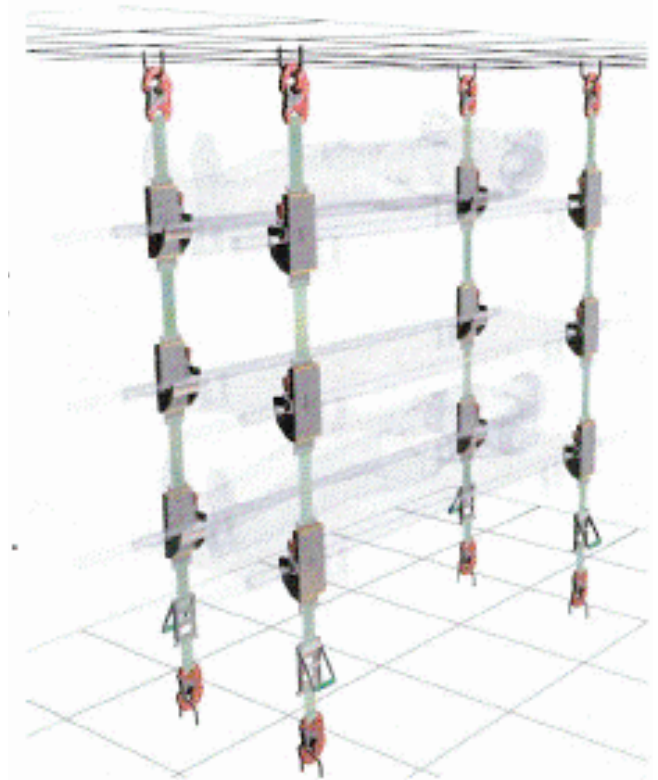
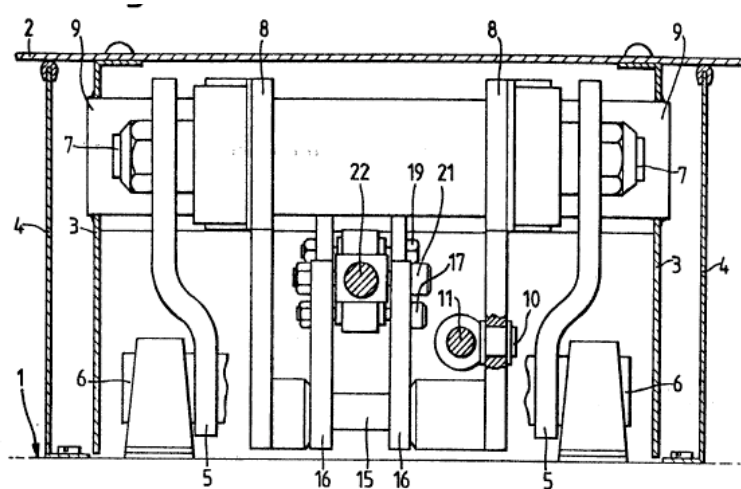


Poleless Stretcher:
“You might as well
just use a poncho”



BENCHMARKING

Damped, but by no means portable



MARKET DATA

- ③ 40,000 ambulances in the U.S.
- ③ 4,500 hospital emergency rooms
- ③ 12,000 spinal cord injuries per year—and most have to be transported by stretcher
- ③ 10,000 Army combat vehicles

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FUTURE PROBLEMS

- ⊙ Lightweight
- ⊙ Portable
- ⊙ Reduce impact with ground
- ⊙ Damping in multiple directions