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# *Advances in Biomechanics Applied to Sports*

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# FAPESP support in numbers\* to *"biomecânica" or "controle motor"*

- 36** Ongoing research grants
- 363** Completed research grants
- 61** Ongoing scholarships in Brazil
- 542** Completed scholarships in Brazil
- 10** Ongoing scholarships abroad
- 35** Completed scholarships abroad
- 1047** All Research Grants and Scholarships

# Current projects/interests of the Biomechanics and Motor Control Laboratory

- Balance control in humans (older individuals)
- Biomechanics of long distance running and injury mechanisms (non-athletes)
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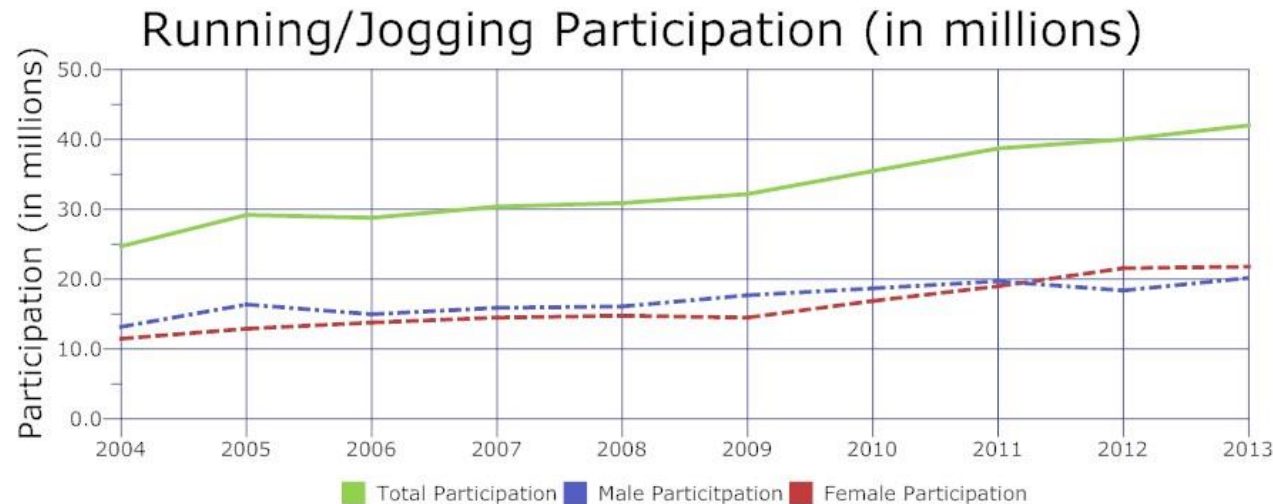
# Biomechanics of long distance running

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# Background

- **Increased running participation**
  - **Brazil: ~4.5 million runners (anecdotal evidence)**
  - **USA: ~30 million<sup>1</sup>**
  - **Increased older runners' participation<sup>2</sup> (healthy aging)**



	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<b>Total Participation</b>	24.7	29.2	28.8	30.4	30.9	32.2	35.5	38.7	40.0	42.0
<b>Male Participation</b>	13.2	16.4	15.0	15.9	16.1	17.7	18.7	19.7	18.4	20.2
<b>Female Participation</b>	11.5	12.9	13.8	14.5	14.8	14.5	16.9	19.0	21.6	21.8

<sup>1</sup><http://www.runningusa.org/>

<sup>2</sup>Jokl et al. (2004) BJSM.

# Background

- **Running injury frequency between 15-85%<sup>1</sup>**
- **Economic burden of a running injury<sup>2</sup>**
  - Direct cost €57.97
  - Indirect costs €115.75
- **Older age has been associated with higher incidence<sup>3</sup>**

<sup>1</sup>Nigg et al. (2015) BJSM; <sup>2</sup>Hespanhol et al. (2015) SJMSS; <sup>3</sup>Nielsen et al. (2013) OJSM.

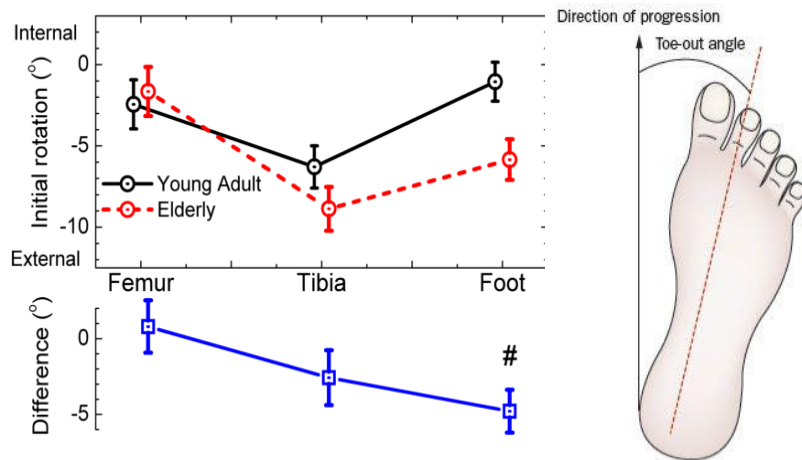
# Background

- **Running injury etiology is likely multifactorial<sup>1</sup>**
  - **Epidemiological data**
  - **Biomechanical studies**
  - **Clinical research**
  - **Behavioral research**
- **Atypical running patterns have been associated with injuries<sup>2</sup>**
- **Age-related changes in running biomechanics have been consistently observed<sup>3,4</sup>**

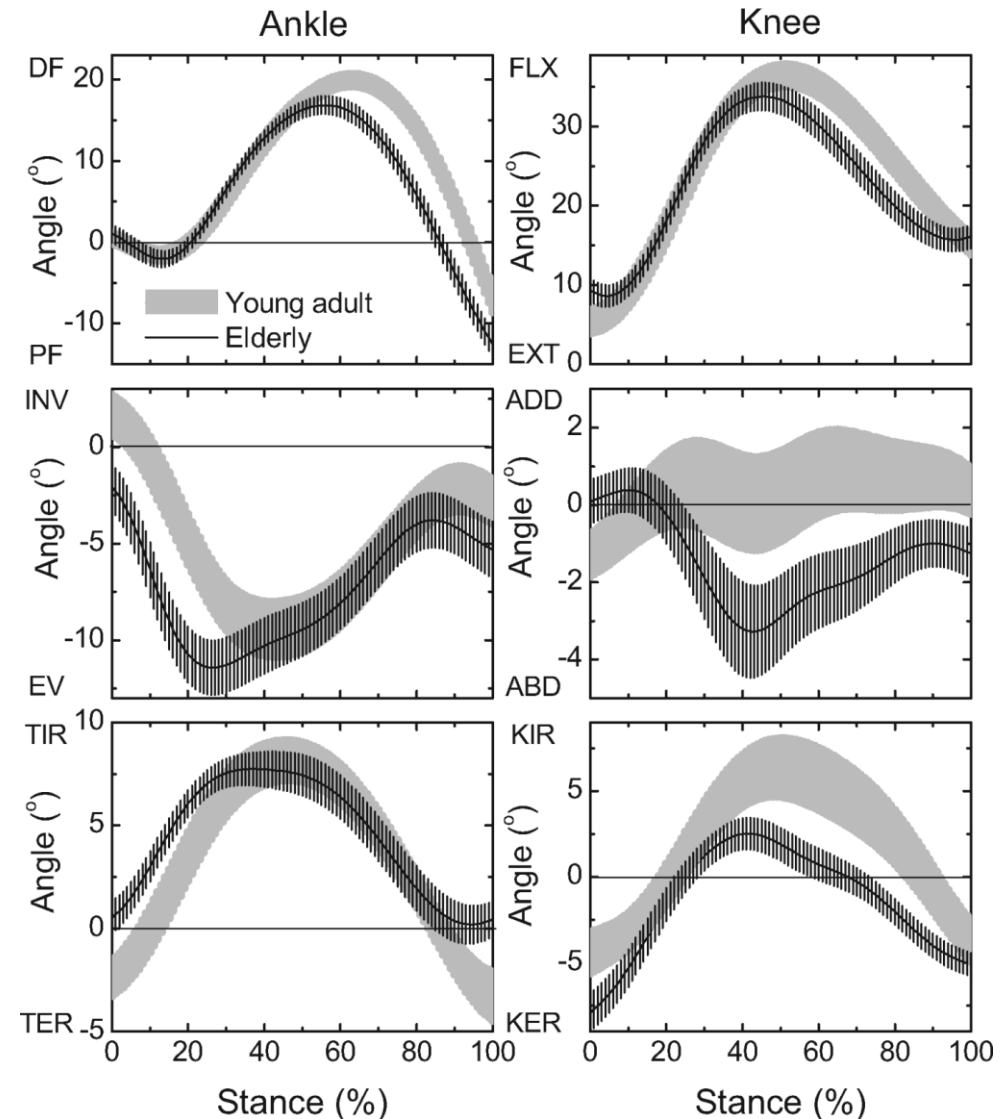
<sup>1</sup>Hulme and Finch (2016) JSHS; <sup>2</sup>Hreljac (2004) MSSE; <sup>3</sup>Fukuchi and Duarte (2008) JSS; <sup>4</sup>Fukuchi et al. (2014) CB.

# Aging & biomechanics of long distance running

- **↓ stride length**
- **↑ stride frequency**
- **Altered joint kinematics**



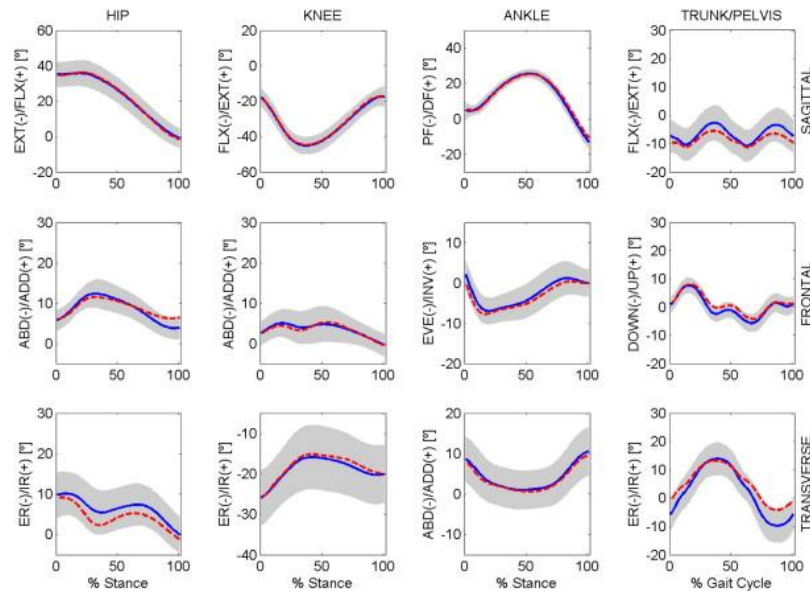
Fukuchi & Duarte (2008)



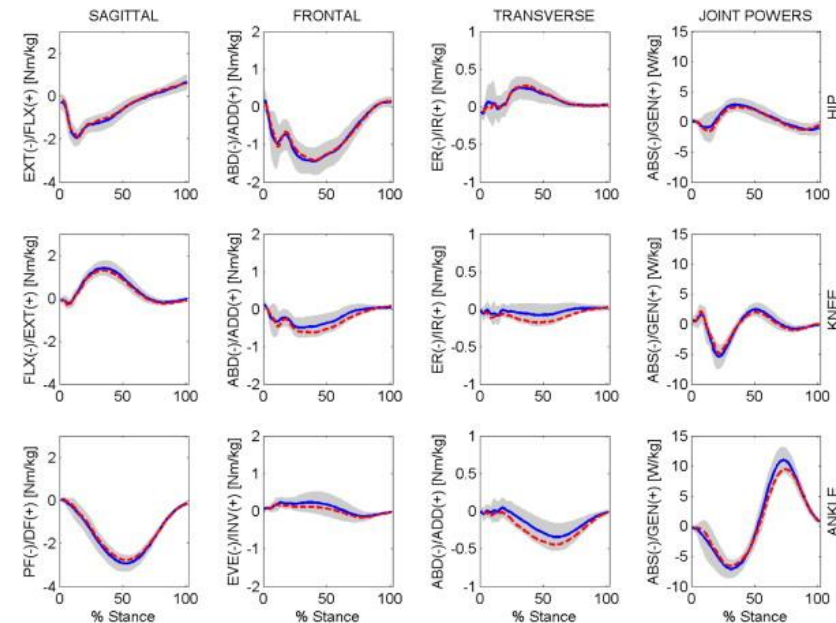


# Aging & biomechanics of long distance running

- **↓ flexibility and ↓ muscle strength in older runners**
- **Atypical gait in older runners**



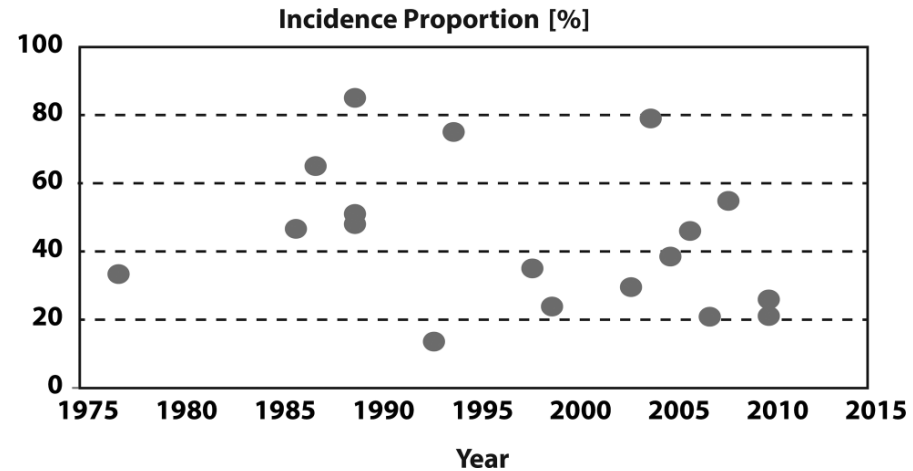
**Kinematics**



**Kinetics**

# The Problem

- **Despite intense research the injury rates have not declined<sup>1</sup>**

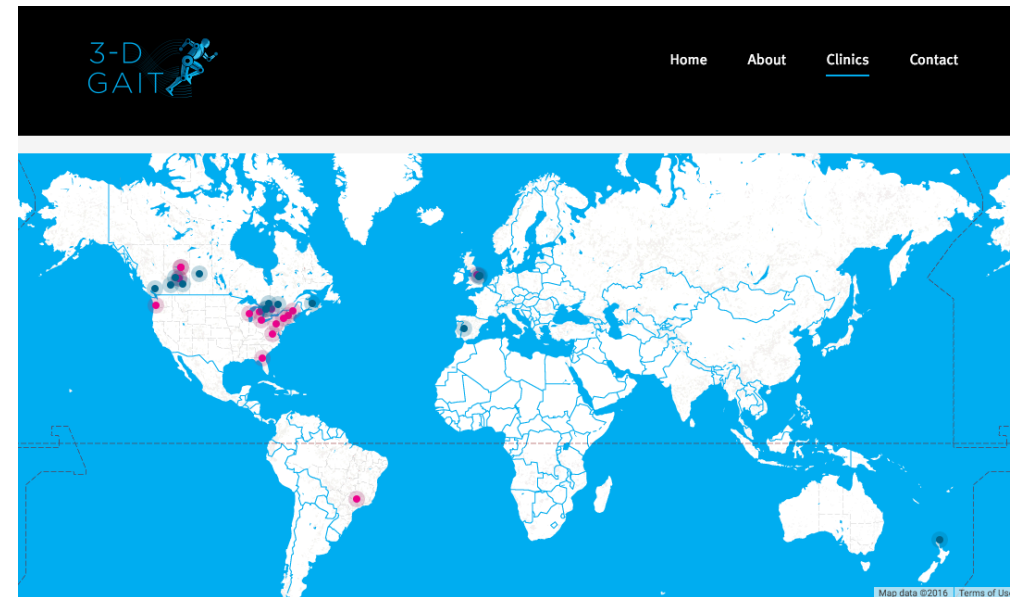


- **Complex nature of running biomechanics data has been examined by simplistic approaches<sup>2</sup>**
- **What is the typical and atypical (injured) running pattern?**

<sup>1</sup>Nigg et al.(2015) BJSM; <sup>2</sup>Chau (2001) GP; <sup>3</sup>Mullineaux et al. (2001) JSS.

# Possible approach for a solution

- A public database of running ranging from demographics, biomechanical, musculoskeletal function and epidemiological data with a large population of runners.



<http://3dgaitanalysis.com/>

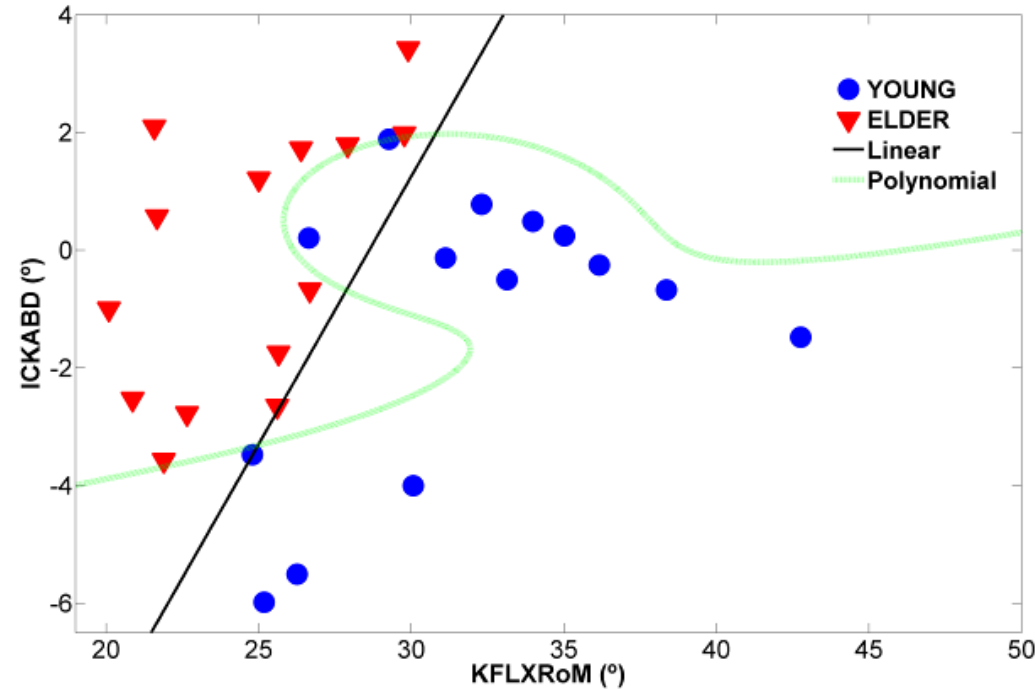
# Public running database

- To provide good quality data to the scientific community
- Development and testing of novel and robust data analysis approaches to address the complex, multivariate nature of running injuries etiology



<http://mobilize.stanford.edu>

# Aging & biomechanics of long distance running



- **85% overall classification accuracy rate**
- **100% classification accuracy rate was achieved**  
**when only six kinematic features were combined**

Fukuchi et al. (2011)

# Biomechanics of long distance running

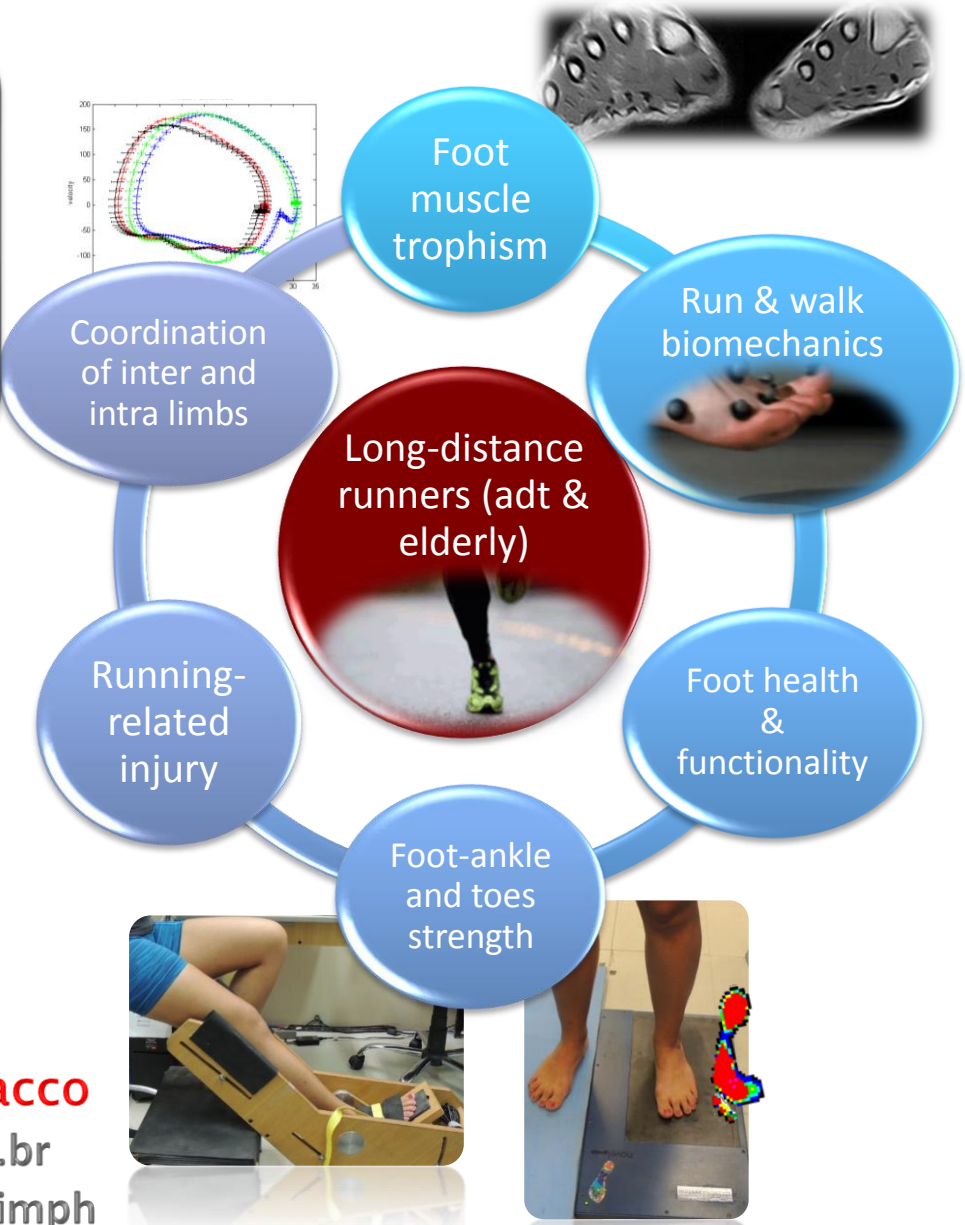
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- But there are still too many unsolved problems with the biomechanics of long distance running and injury mechanisms ...

**Aim** - Investigate the effects of :  
 (1) a "ground-up" therapeutic approach and  
 (2) aging on...  
 ... running and gait biomechanics, on lower limbs coordination, on strength and functionality of the muscles of the lower limbs and on the prevention of running-related injuries.



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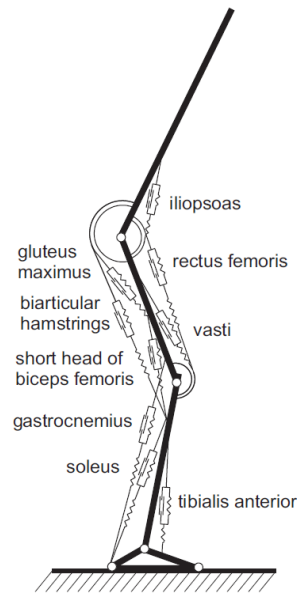


**(some) Collaborators in São Paulo State**

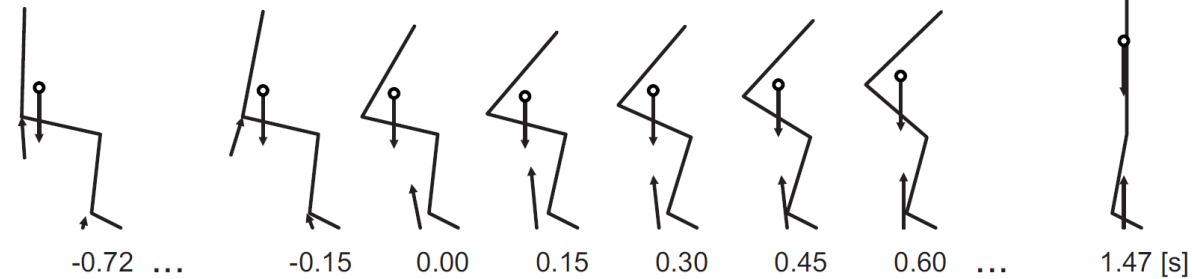


# Optimal Control of Human Movement

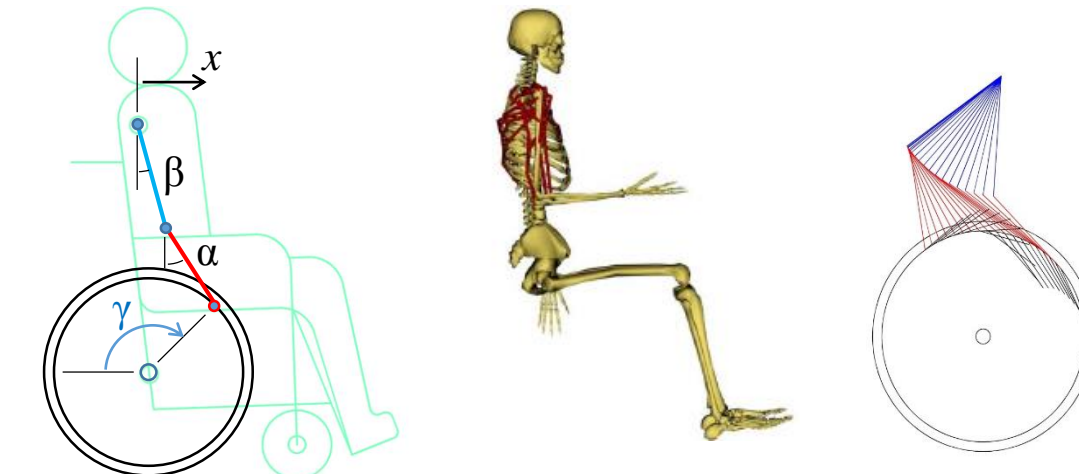
- **Marko Ackermann – FEI University, São Bernardo do Campo, Brazil**
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## Sit-to-stand task (CNPq Project: 402831/2012-8, Marco Vaz, PA)



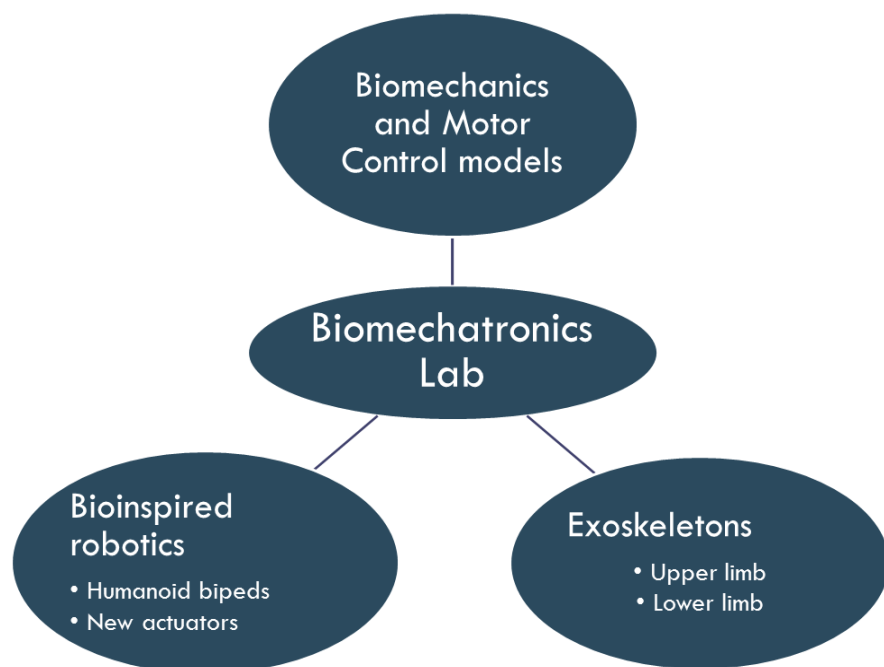
## Wheelchair propulsion



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**Biomechatronics = Biomechanics + Motor Control (Natuurlijk! -F.C.T. vd Helm-)**

**Models of the human motor control system from a control engineering perspective**



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## Exoskeleton



Miranda et al, 2012

## Human



Da Vinci L, 1490

Assist

Measure

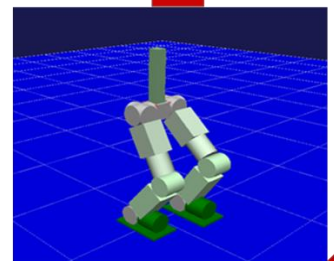


Tripping humans for science

Analyze

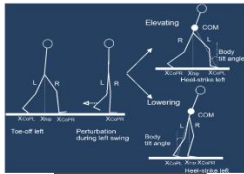
Forner-Cordero et al, Gait&Posture, 2003  
J. Biomech., 2006

## Robots



Rossi et al, 2014

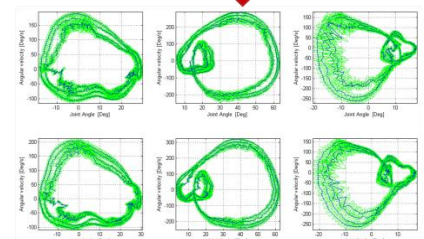
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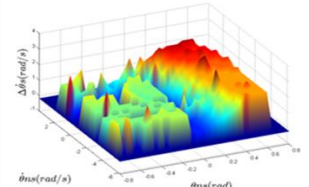
Gallego et al, 2012

Design

Models

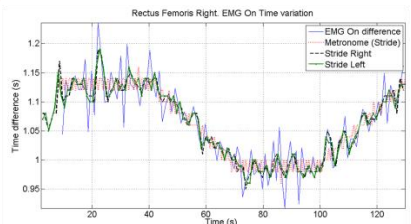
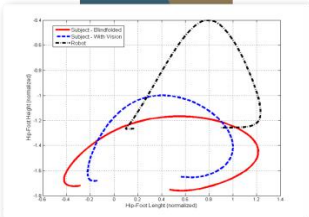
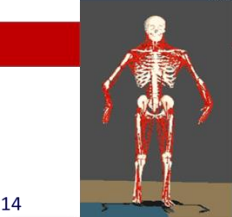


Experimental Limit Cycles of human gait used to define stability limits



Basin of Attraction of the stable Limit Cycle Density Function

Rossi et al, 2014



Forner-Cordero et al, 2014

Forner-Cordero A; Rodrigues ST; Duysens J. Obstacle crossing differences between blind and blindfolded subjects after haptic exploration. J Motor Behavior (in press)

Forner-Cordero A; Itiki C; Souza R; Lourenco JCMC; Krebs HI (2014). Experimental assessment of gait with rhythmic auditory perturbations. BioRob2014



# Diabetic Neuropathy

**Kinematics, Kinetics, Plantar pressure**

**sEMG multichannel**

CONTROLE	AUSENTE	INTERMEDIÁRIO	GRAVE

**RCT Effect foot exercises in PP & gait speed**

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