

AMBITION: What has been done so far?



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NeuroCIMT #7 Project Goals

Develop and evaluate an on-body sensing and real-time biofeedback system for optimal, patient-tailored motor rehabilitation in neurological disorders, aimed at understanding neural repair and compensation in motor performance of upper and lower extremities during daily life.

- **Restitution vs. Substitution**
Understanding differences between true neurological repair and appearance of alternate/compensatory patterns
- **Ambulatory Sensing in ADL**
Feasibility of wearables in measuring quality of movement in ADL
- **Biofeedback Modalities**
Identifying intelligent feedback and feedback modalities to improve quality of motor function

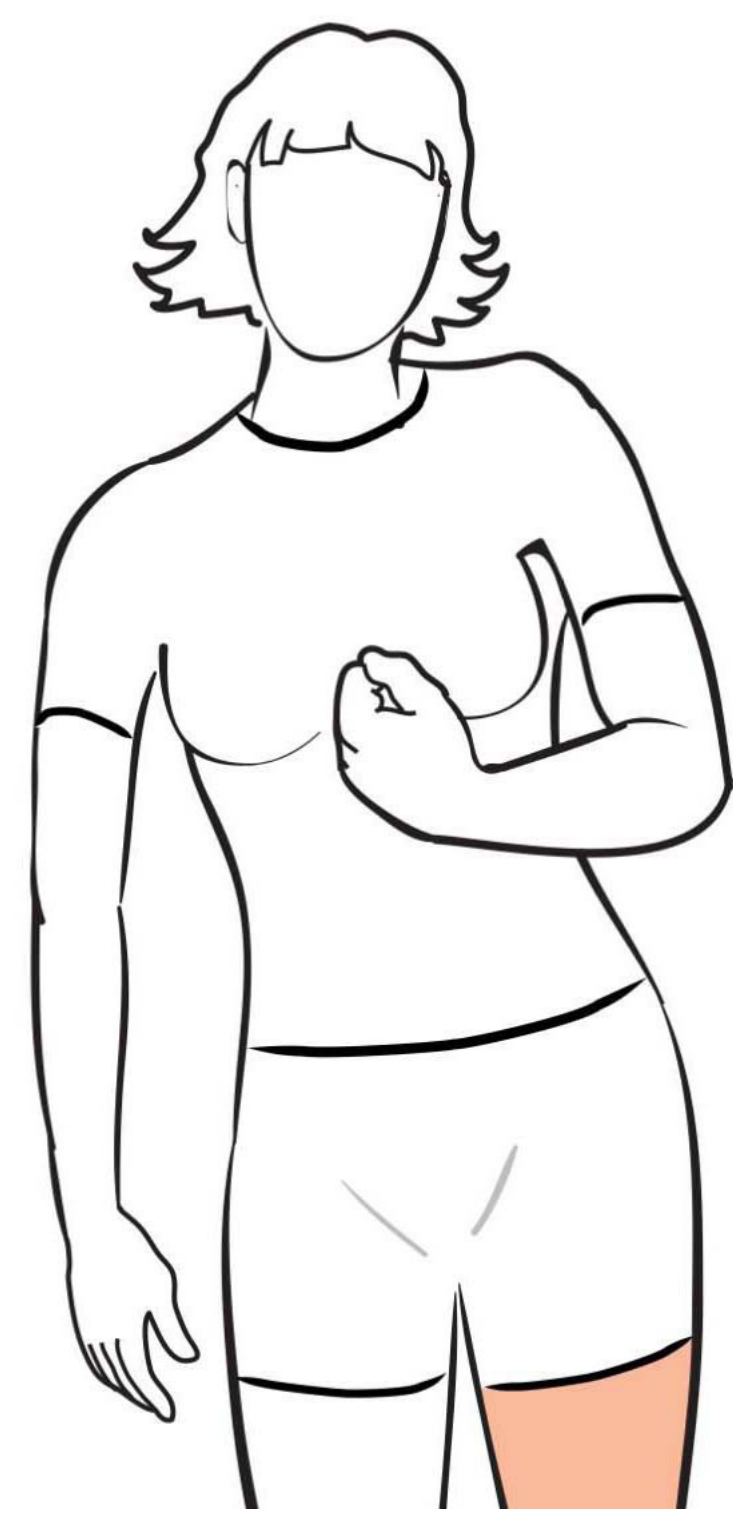


Fig 1: Compensatory movement strategies exhibited by hemiplegic subjects

Questions asked..

Q1: Feasibility of using pressure insoles over force sensors as a wearable setup for measuring gait & balance.

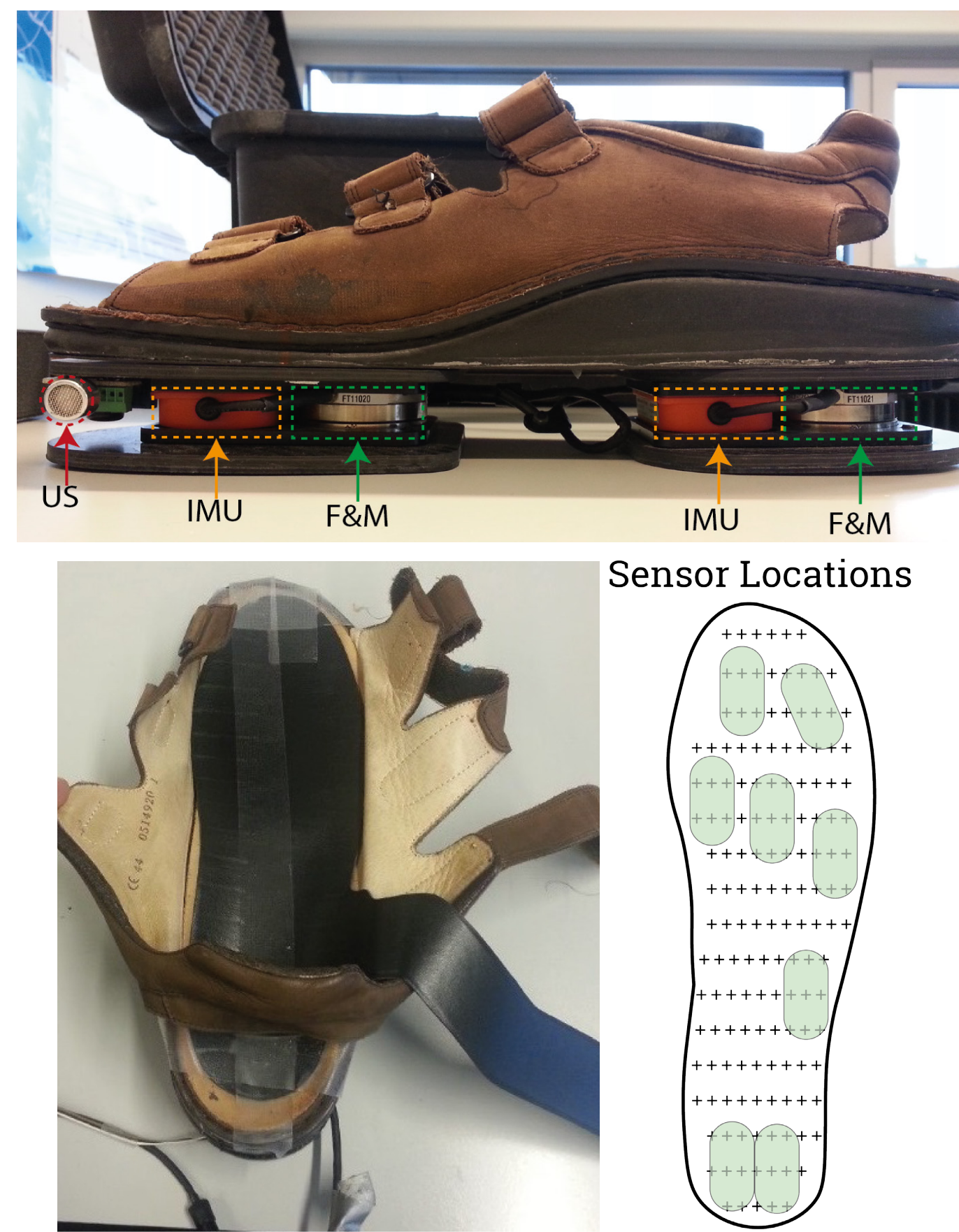


Fig 2: Experimental Setup of ForceShoe and Pressure sensors

Take Away:

- 1D Pressure as replacement for 3D forces and moments
- Contribution of foot kinematics and kinetics towards CoM/XCoM estimations
- Influence of high/low frequency CoM information on stability margins
- Estimating XCoM without any kinetics

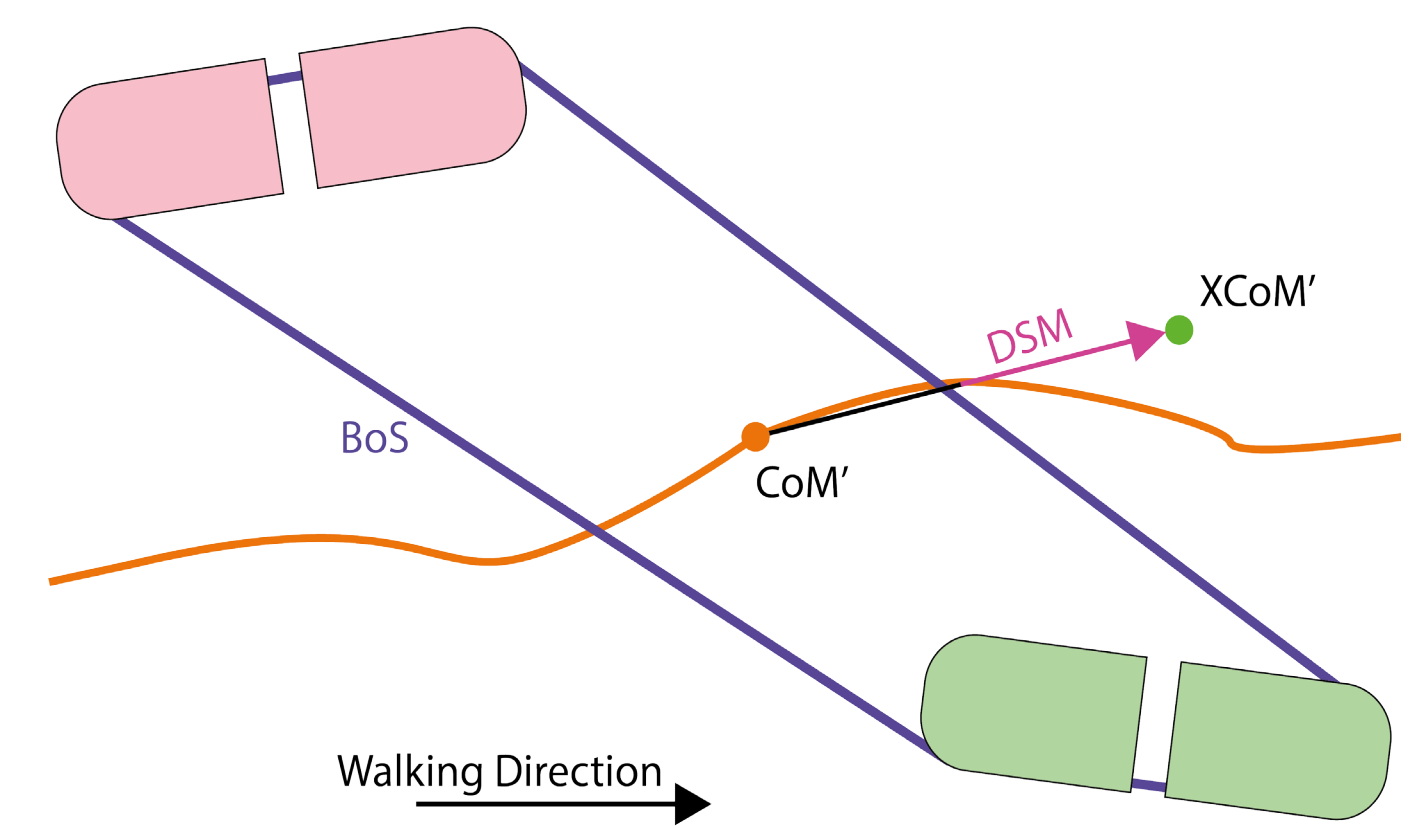


Fig 3: Graphical definitions of stability parameters

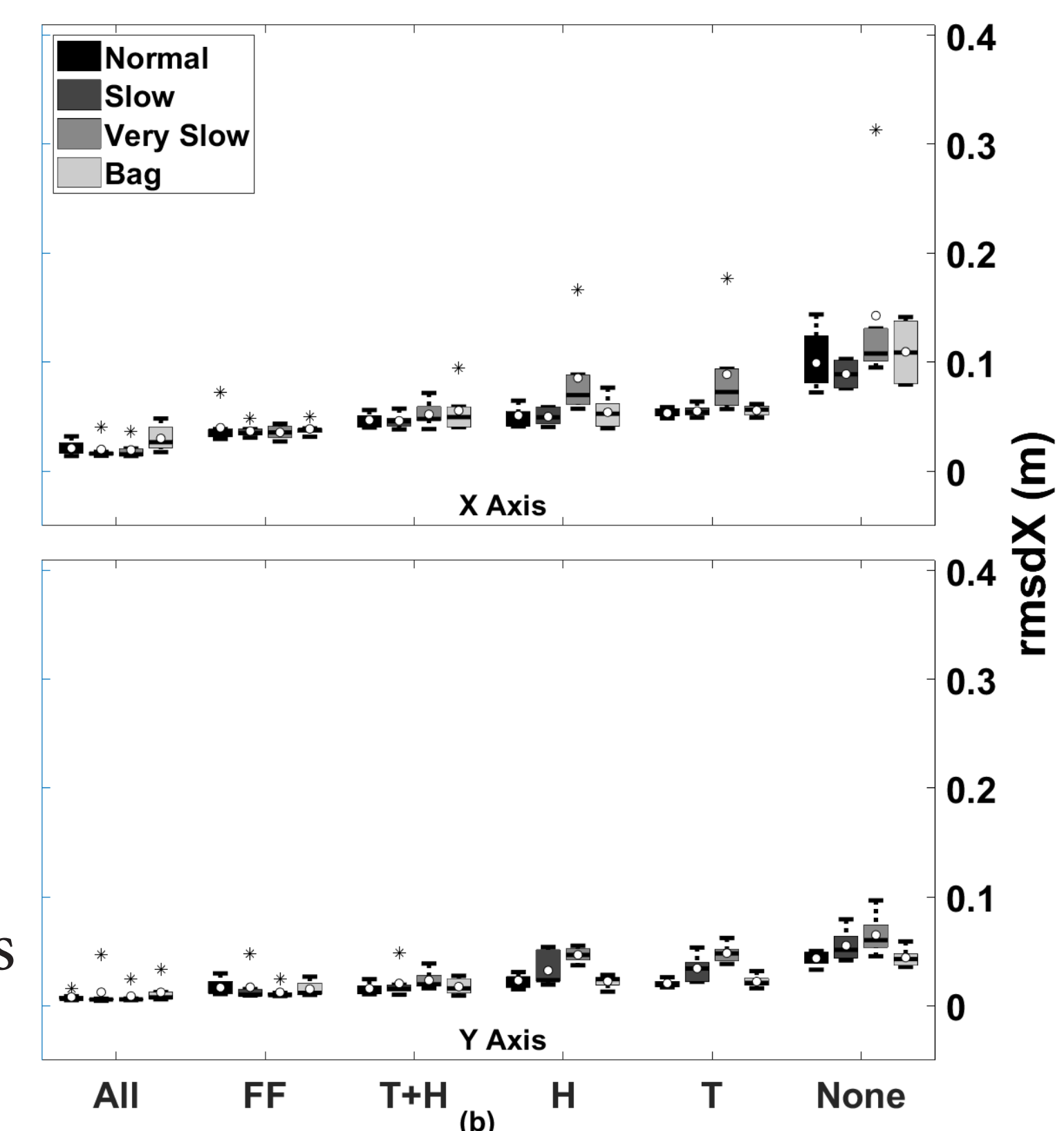


Fig 5: Comparisons of XCoM estimated using ForceShoe and Subject Specific Models for different walking tasks

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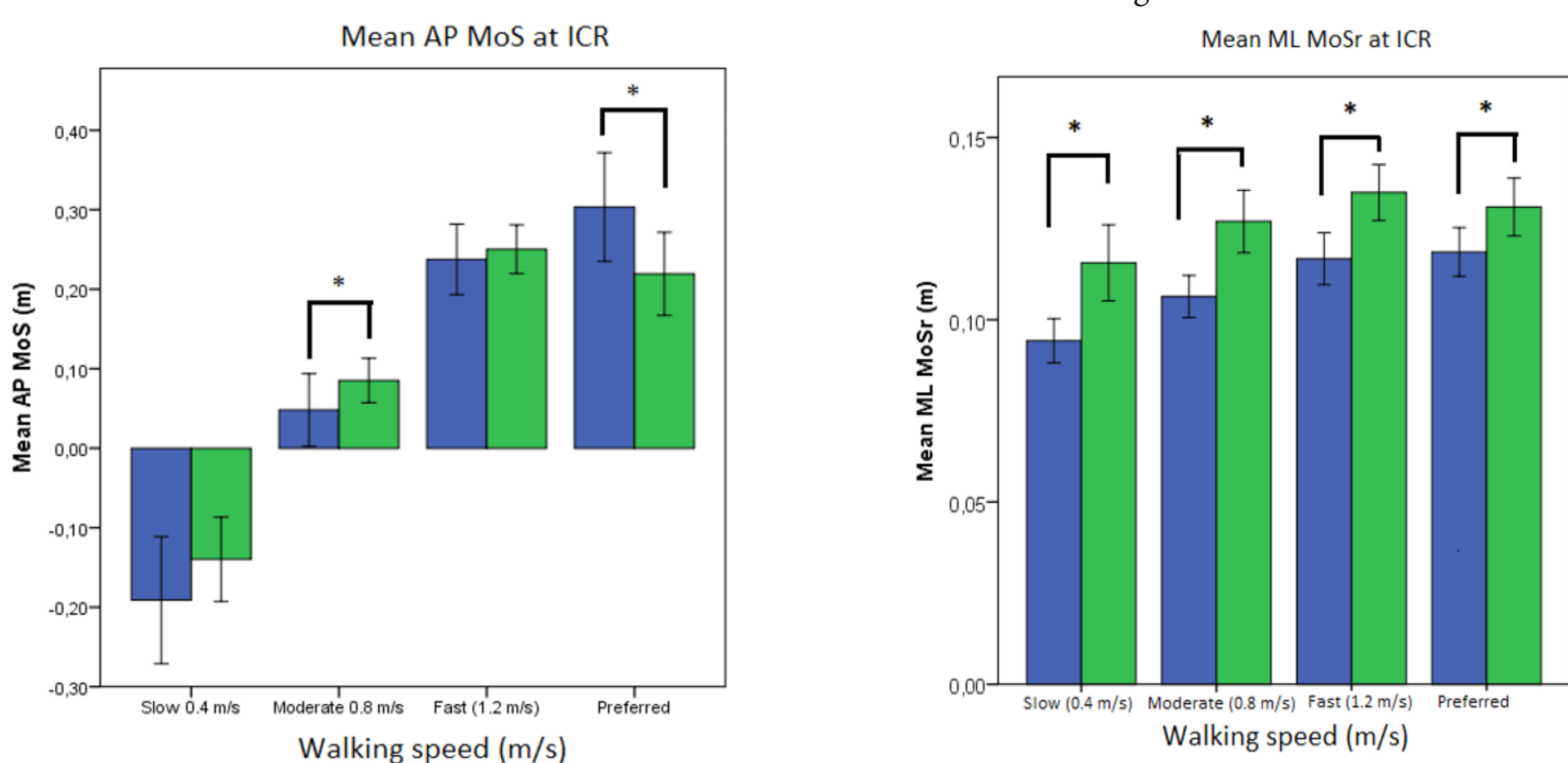
Q2: Influence of walking speed and casting on dynamic margins of stability (DMoS).

Take Away:

- Subjects reduced their step lengths when casted, when walking at moderate and fast speeds.
- DMoS in AP direction increases when walking speed increases, as XCoM falls further outside BoS.
- DMoS increases in ML direction when walking speed increases, but only true for slow and fast speeds when casted.
- DMoS is thus sensitive to walking speed and asymmetrical walking.
- Study also shows compensation strategies of healthy subjects towards induced asymmetry.



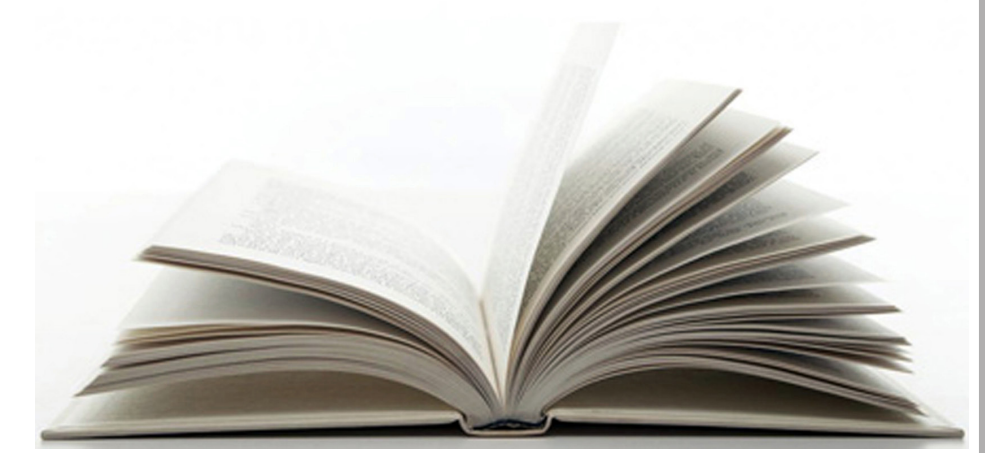
Fig 6: GRAIL lab and a casted foot



Current and Future Studies

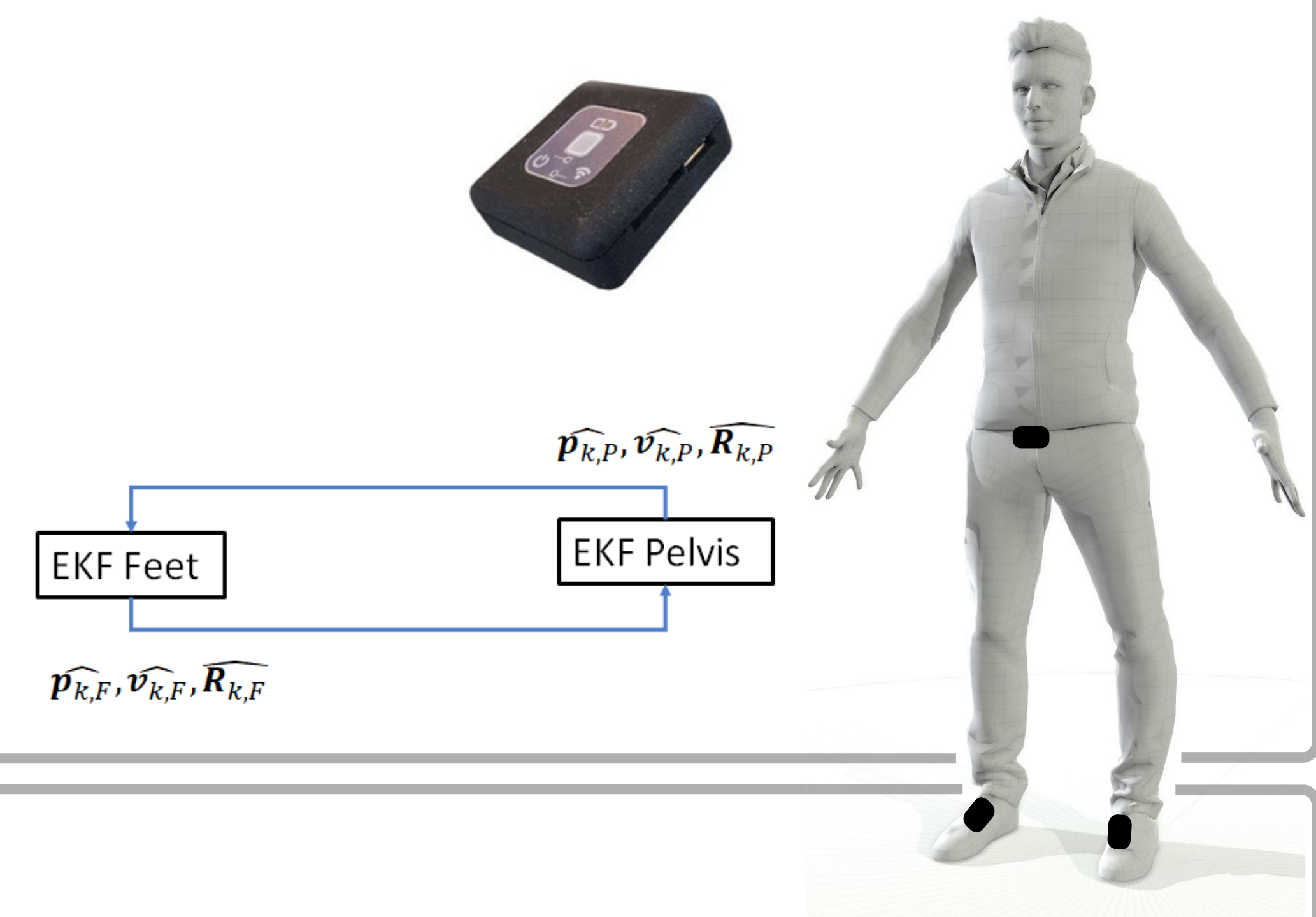
Q3: How are movement related body functions measured by kine(ma)tic metrics in stroke subjects during a reach and grasp task?

- Systematic Literature Review
- Reaching as a functional task
- Assessing reliable, valid, and responsive upper limb kinematics measurable by an ambulant setup
- Registration of review: PROSPERO CRD42018100648
- Completion of full TIAB screening
- Full text screening underway
- Stroke Rehabilitation and Recovery Round Table



Q4: Feasibility of an IMU (pelvis & feet) only approach, for ambulatory estimation of stability.

- IMU based approach
 - * Kinematics
 - * Forces
 - * Relative distance estimations
- Foot IMUs
 - * Foot kinematics
- Pelvis IMU
 - * CoM oscillations
 - * Body kinetics



Future Studies:

- Studies on Stroke subjects
- Ambulatory UE sensing during ADL
 - * Minimal and contextual sensing
- Biofeedback Modalities
 - * Quality of motor function
 - * Feedback Modalities

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