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### THE INFLUENCE OF ACTIVE PRONATION AND SUPINATION ON THE MOVEMENT OF THE LOWER LIMBS AND PELVIS DURING GAIT

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### Foot

During locomotion of the lower extremity, the following functions are required from the foot:

STATIC – support (the energy absorption during impact)
DYNAMIC – locomotion (the take-off execution)

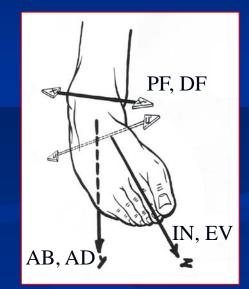
**—** The foot has to be sufficiently flexible but also sufficiently rigid.

Every step starts the foot as elastic, flexible and adaptable structure. And stop it as a rigid lever.

# Movement of the foot

#### unclear terminology

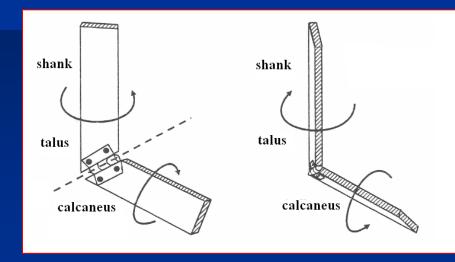
supination, pronation complex movements (Valmassy; Williams & Warnick; Reynolds)



# adduction + inversion + plantar flexion $\rightarrow$ supinationabduction + eversion + dorsiflexion $\rightarrow$ pronation

# Movement of the limb

The movements in the joints of the foot and lower limb are realized in the kinematic chain



Theory × Experimental studies

Aim

to evaluate the influence of active pronation and supination on the movement of the lower limbs and pelvis during gait

# Research question

Is kinematics of lower limbs and pelvis influenced by movement of the foot (pronation, supination) during gait?

### Material and methods

Thirty male subjects
age 23.8±2.48 years
height 182.7±5.9 cm
weight 79.0±8.2 kg

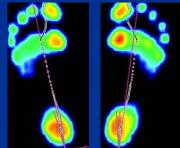
## Material and methods

- Vicon MX system (Vicon Motion Systems, Oxford, UK)
- 7 infrared cameras, 200 Hz

Normal gait
Gait with active foot pronation
Gait with active foot supination



- Subjects were instructed before measurement
- Visual control of pronation and supination using pressure distribution analysis





## Material and methods

Sixteen reflective markers Plug-in gait model (pelvis and lower limbs) - Angular kinematics of the ankle, knee, hip and pelvis in all three planes Vicon Nexus Vicon Polygon Statistics - sign test







Ankle

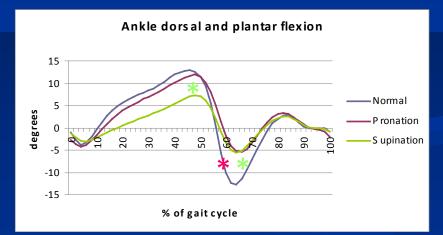
**Dorsal flexion** 

Pronation Supination

Plantar flexion

Pronation Supination





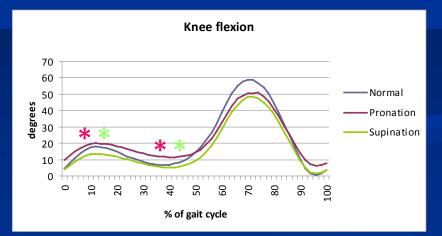
Internal rotation
transversal plane
Pronation
Supination



### **K**nee

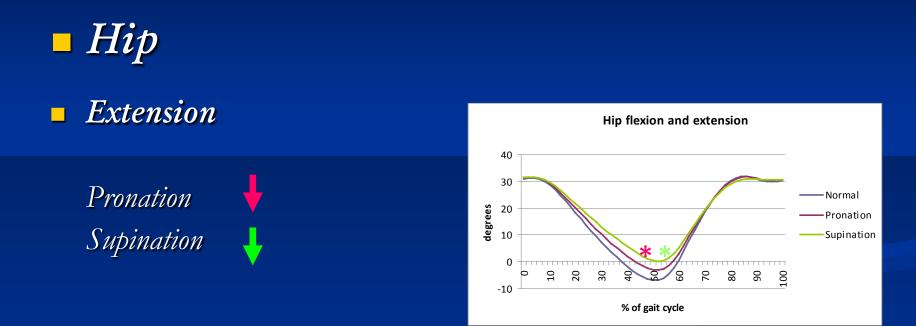
- Flexion and extension during stance phase
  - Pronation Supination

 Valgosity (shank abduction) frontal plane
Pronation
Supination



Internal rotation
transversal plane
Pronation
Supination





 Abduction, Adduction Range of movement
Pronation
Supination



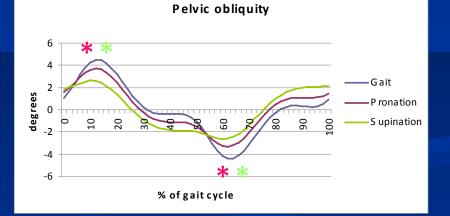
Pronation Supination



### Pelvis

 Pelvic obliquity ROM frontal plane

> Pronation Supination



Pelvic tilt - anteversion
sagittal plane
Pronation
Supination

Pelvic rotation ROM transversal plane

without differences



Differences in knee joint but mainly in kinetics area
varus moment (Kakihana et al., 2005, Fukano et al., 2007, Russell & Hamill, 2011)

Certain relationship between foot and hip suggest Souza et al (2010). They show temporal coupling of rearfoot pronation with hip internal rotation and rearfoot supination with hip external rotation during walking stance

The effects of medially wedged and laterally wedged foot orthoses on knee, hip and pelvis kinematics were generally minimal (Nester et al. 2003)

# Limitations and future research

Self-selected speed x kinematic data



Kinetics data

Correlation between pressure distribution and lower limb kinematics



Gait with active foot pronation and gait with active supination affect the movement of the whole lower limb and pelvis

Supination

- Smaller knee flexion and extension during stance phase
- Smaller knee internal rotation

Smaller knee valgozity

For both pronation and supination

Reduced range of movement of pelvic obliquity and anteversion

**Reduced** hip extension and external rotation

# Thank you for your attention



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