

Determination of a mathematical indicator for human stability based on control criteria

(Falling Syndrome)





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One of the most important conquest of human being is to maintain himself in a standing position



Fallings in elderly are a very serious medical, familiar and social problem, it is reported that more than 30% of the population from 60 years and older have suffered at least one fall per year







The effects of ageing on postural control and their consequences for functional dependence and the risk of fall have been documented by observing and analysing the capacity of the subject to stand up from a chair. This is an important indicator of elderly functional independence and also a predictor of falls.





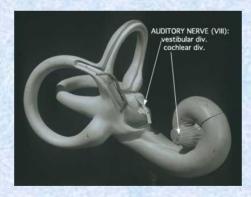




VESTIBULAR, VISUAL AND PROPRIOCEPTIVE SYSTEMS

We are concern on :

The vestibular system is of particular importance because it provides information about movements and orientation in space. It is also involved in visual system development, auditory functioning, muscle tone and posture.







Methodology

45 Cases of study, covering three subjects at least per age decade.

The range of ages were from 6 to 84 years old.

Three different stimulli are considered

The subject was asked to maintain an erected position with his eyes opened during 5 seconds. After that, he was given the order to close his eyes for fifteen seconds and finally he had to stay with his eyes opened in an standing position for five more seconds. The idea is to observe how the vestibular system, visual system and stability at all recover the initial condition after a perturbating stimulus.

We registered the position of two infrared markers located at the head of the subject by means of the APAS system.

The subject was submitted to infrasound waves (1-10 Hz), while he was standing on a baropodometric platform to evaluate the sway.

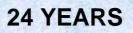




Ages from 6 to 84 years old are involved in the protocol











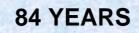












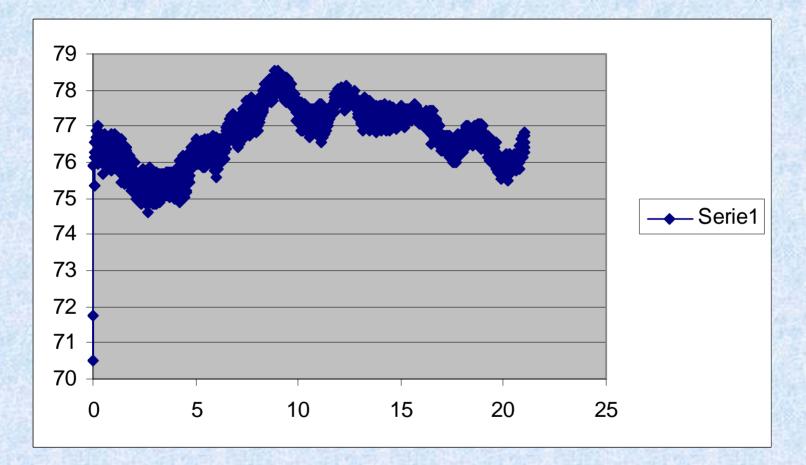




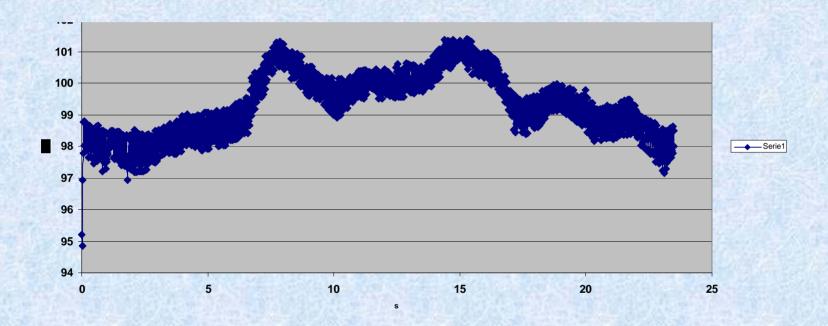


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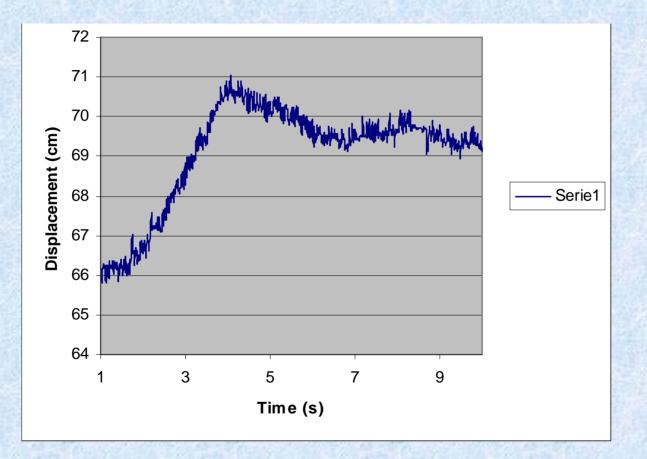




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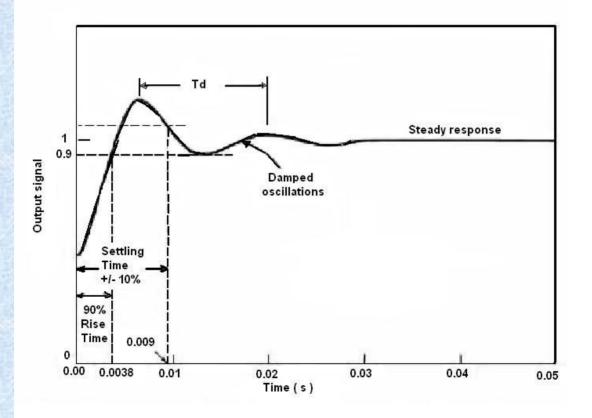
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Model based on Multiple regression algorithm Typical answer of a Second order function



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Second order system



$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2\zeta \omega_n \frac{dy}{dx} + 2\omega_n^2 y = 2\omega_n^2 x$$

$$Y(s) = \left[\frac{\omega_n^2}{s^2 + 2\zeta \omega_n s + \omega_n^2}\right] X(s)$$

Poles
$$s = -\zeta \omega_n \pm j \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

Let
$$\frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\zeta \omega_n}$$
 = time constant... &... $\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$

Then $s = -\alpha \pm j \omega_d$





Second order system

where ω_n is the natural frequency and ζ (zeta) is the damping ratio.

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$
 = natural frequency of the system

$$\zeta = \frac{c}{2\sqrt{km}}$$
 = damping ratio of the system



Second order system

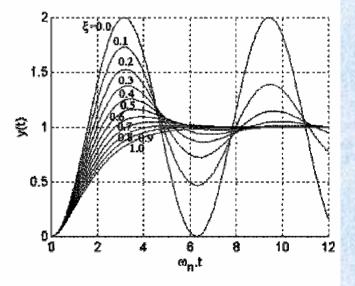


Depending on the value of ζ , three forms of the homogeneous solution are possible:

 $0 < \zeta < 1$ (under damped system solution)

 $\zeta = 1$ (critically damped system solution)

 $\zeta \geq 1$ (over damped system solution)







For underdamped systems, the output oscillates at the frequency ω_d

$$T_d = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_d} = \frac{1}{f_d}$$

$$\omega_d = \omega_n \sqrt{l - \zeta^2}$$

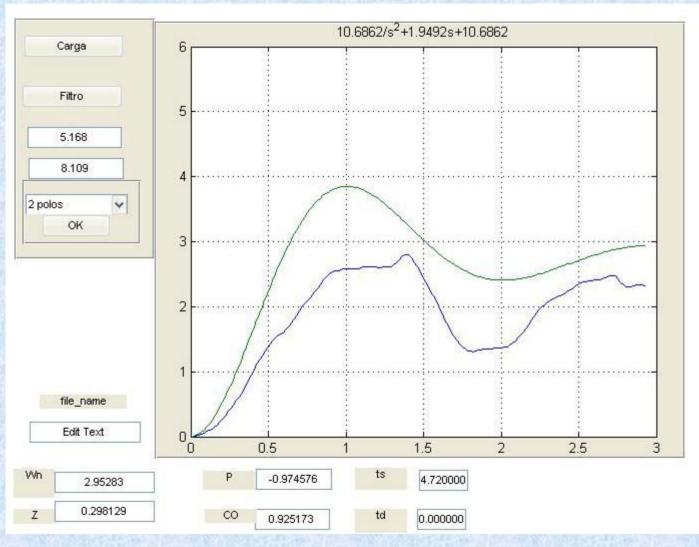
Remember $f = \omega/2\pi$



RESULTS



SCF-X 6AÑOS





CES-X 16 AÑOS

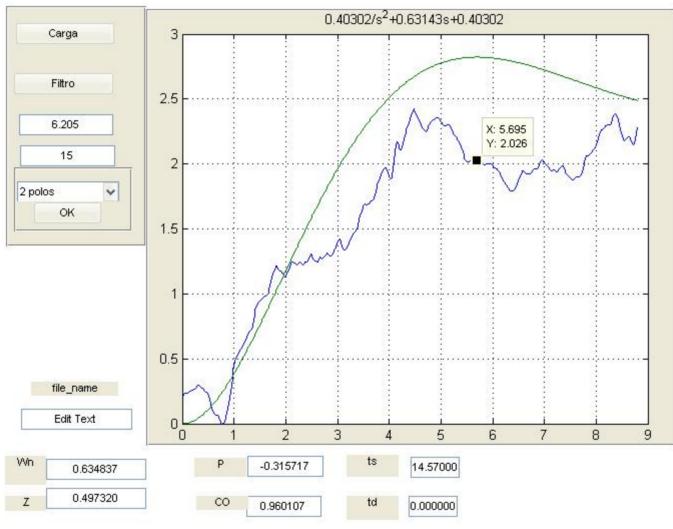






DVO -X 24 AÑOS







HL-X 30AÑOS

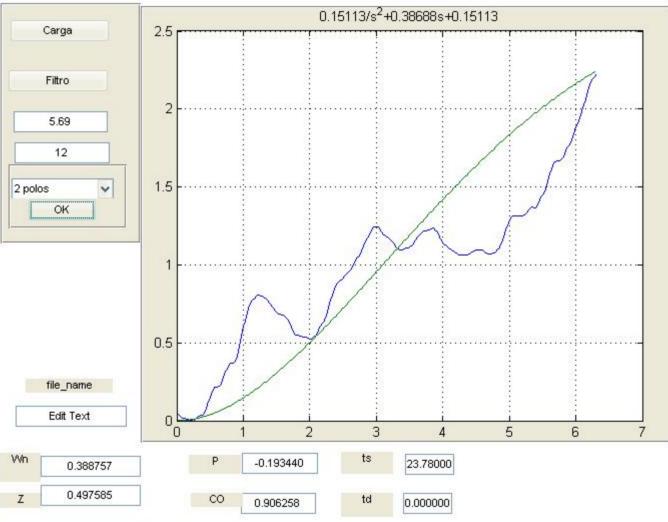






RMG-X 47

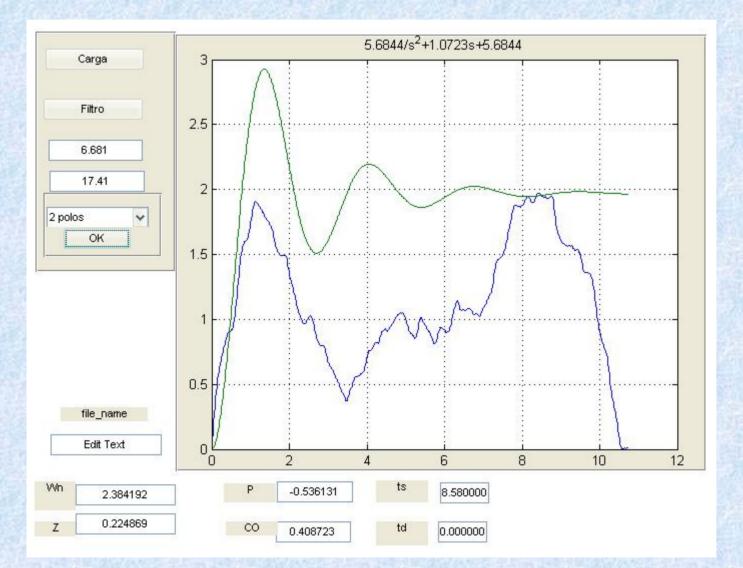






SAMSA –X 69AÑOS







JSE 80 YEARS









Analysis of results

We are improving the mathematical algorithm in order to obtain more consistent information of all the parameters involved, we will be working on statistical procedures to correlate some specific parameters of the second order function with our data.



Infrasound stimulus - Baropodometric platform

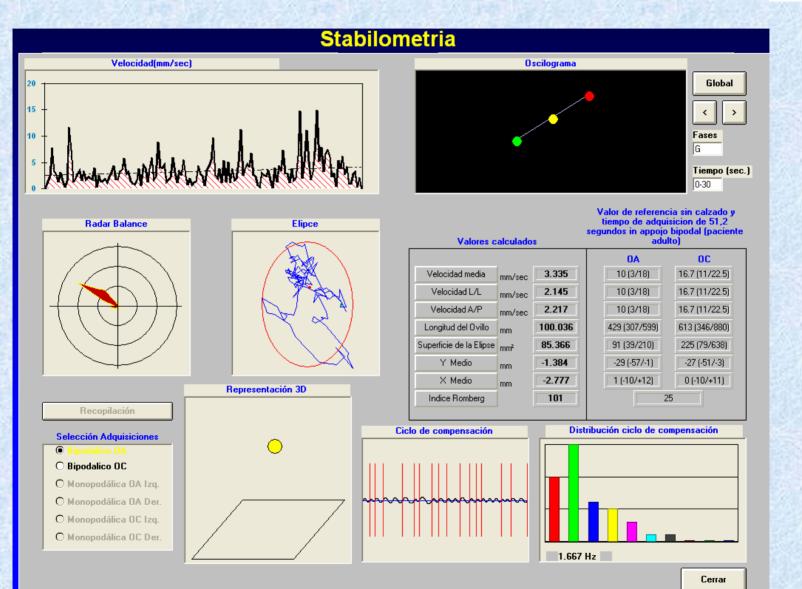






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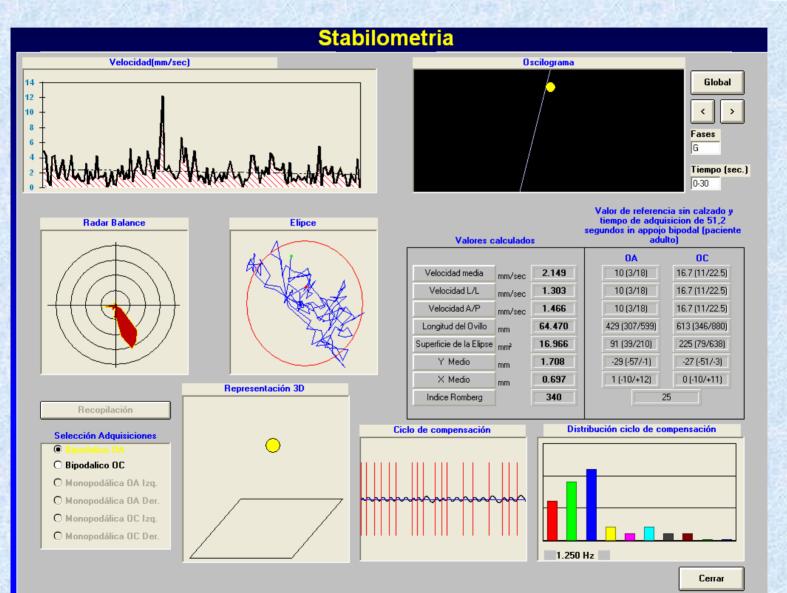






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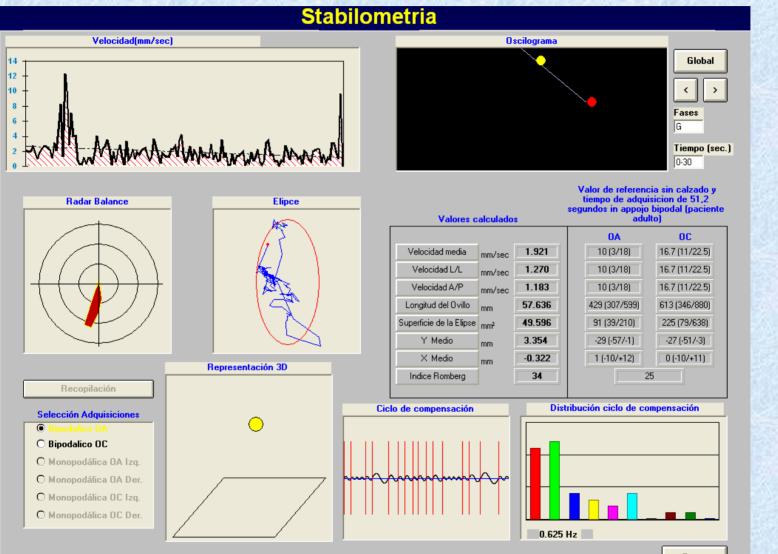






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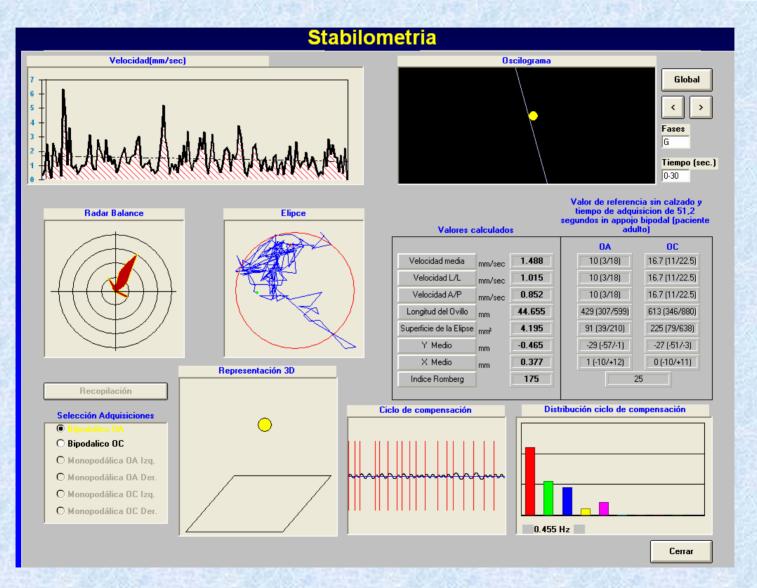


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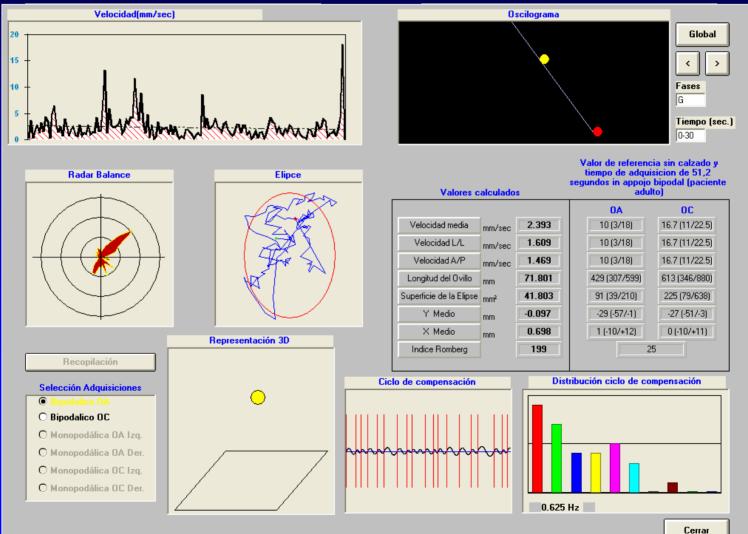




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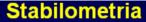
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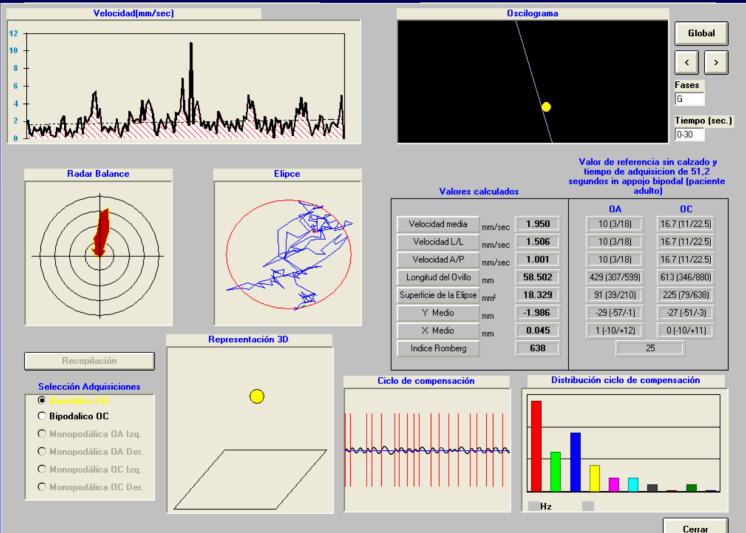




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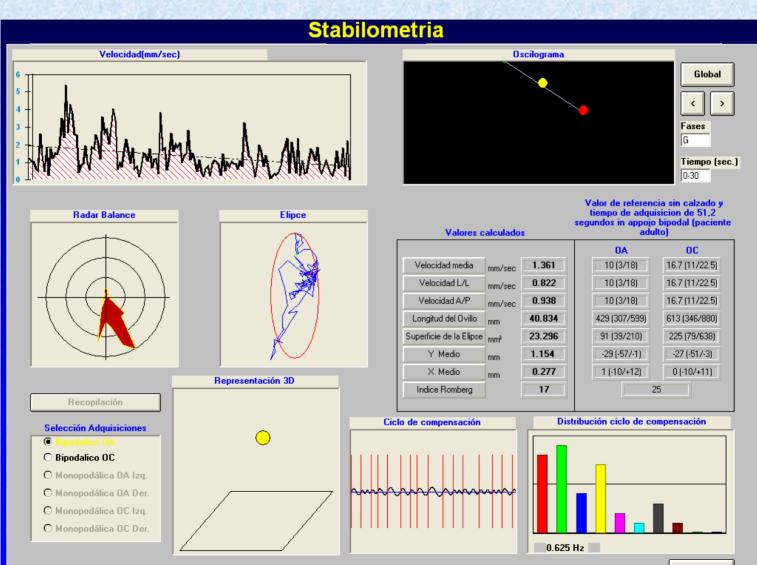






MAL 55 YEARS NO ST.



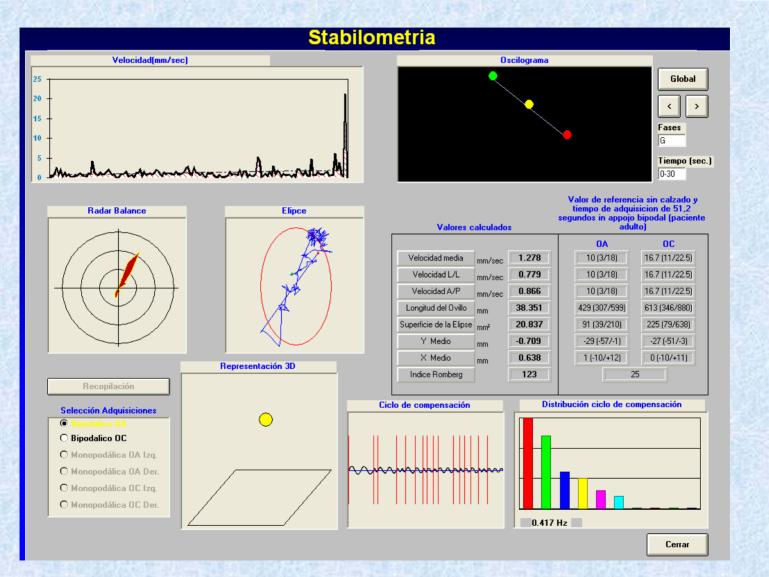


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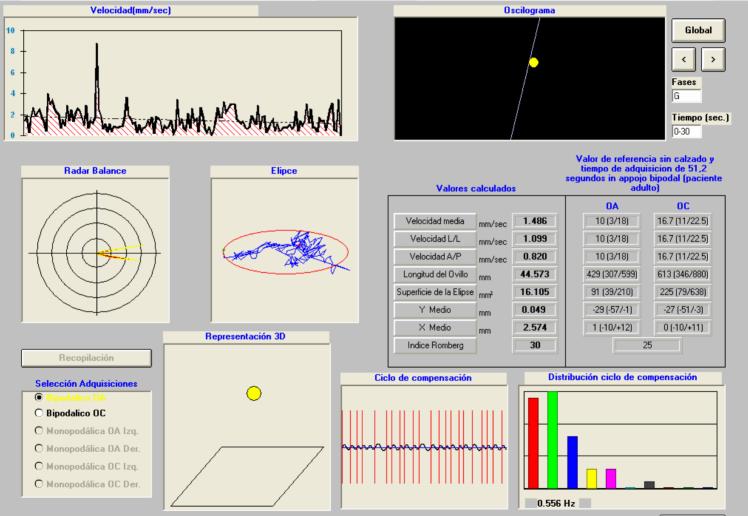






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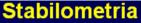


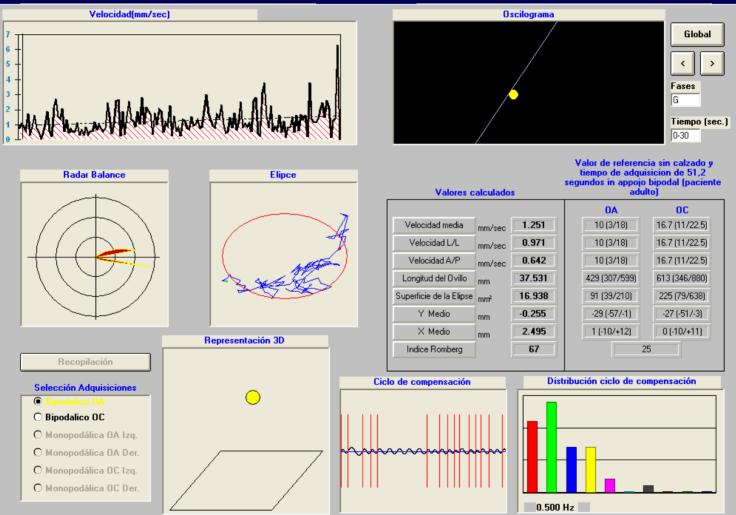
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Analysis of results

Stimulation with infrasound waves give us information about proprioceptive sensors, it is important to cuantify the amount of pressure generated for the mechanical waves in order to correlate the risk of falling with some mechanical artifacts that we cannot hear but are present around us.

Third stimulus

We are working on the third stimulus, this is a vibratory system, as soon as we have some results we will let you know.

THANK YOU