

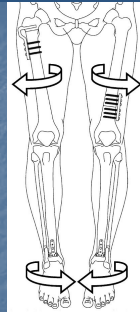
# Biomechanical models for the simulation of Orthopaedic surgery

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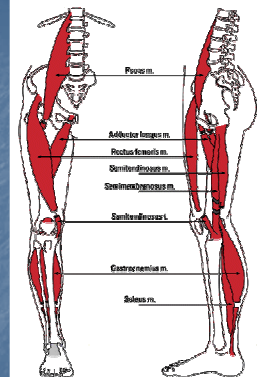
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## Example: multilevel Functional Orthopaedic Surgery



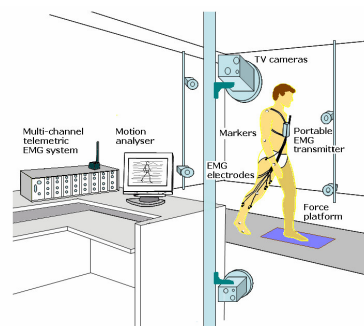
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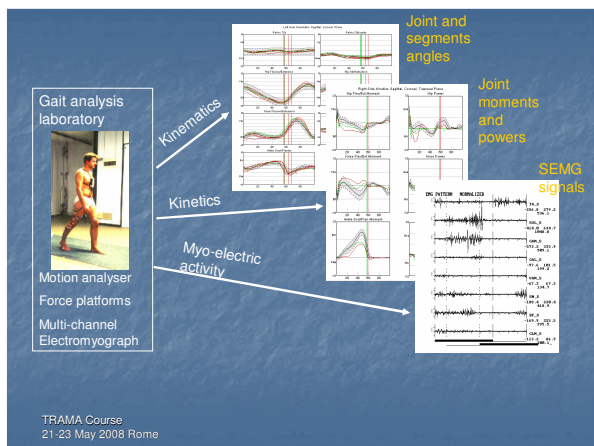


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## Different modes of getting information from movement analysis

- a) Just analysing kinematics, kinetics, and EMG signals
- b) Trying to analyse different variables jointly
- c) Developing models for further analysis
- d) Using additional or alternative movement analysis tools (inertial sensors, wearable devices – not treated here)

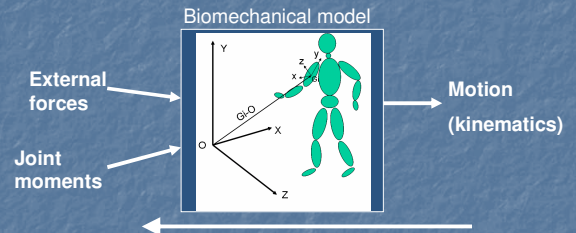
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More information can be obtained through:

- a) Dynamic system's modelling
- b) Musculoskeletal modelling

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**Direct Dynamics Problem  
(forward dynamics)**



You need to know kinematics to compute forces and moments

**Inverse Dynamics Problem  
(inverse dynamics)**

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No gravity force  
Foot-ground interaction yes

Knee hyper-extension forbidden

All muscles flaccid

Contraction of:  
**RIGHT DELTOID**

Example of movement simulation (Direct dynamics problem)

No gravity force  
Foot-ground interaction yes

Knee hyper-extension forbidden

All muscles flaccid

Contraction of:  
**ILIACUS**

All body segments move as a consequence of a single force applied (coupled dynamics)

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$F = K \Delta L$   
 $F = -K \Delta L$

$L_0$  is the equivalent of  $\lambda$  in the Feldman equilibrium point theory ( $\lambda$  is the threshold of the Tonic Stretch Reflex)

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Pelvis fixed in space

No gravity force  
Foot-ground interaction yes

Knee hyper-extension forbidden

All muscles flaccid

Contraction of:  
**SEMIMEMBRANOSUS**

Foot fixed on the floor

No gravity force  
Foot-ground interaction yes

Knee hyper-extension forbidden

All muscles flaccid

Contraction of:  
**SEMIMEMBRANOSUS**

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Dynamic models can be used to simulate movement perturbations and/or see the effects of changing the kinematics

Data collection and processing system

**Biomechanical model**

Translation reference system

Pelvis

Thigh

Shank

Foot

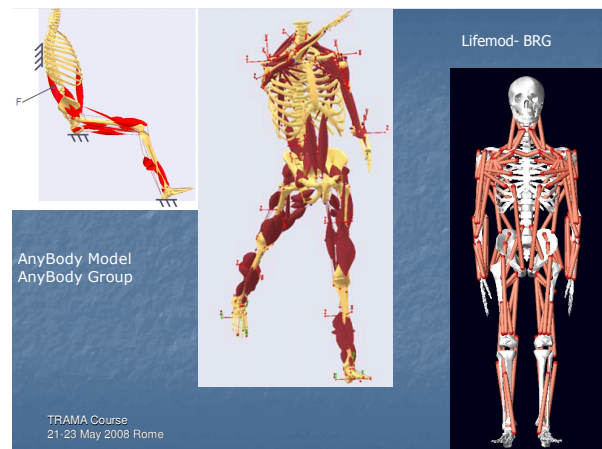
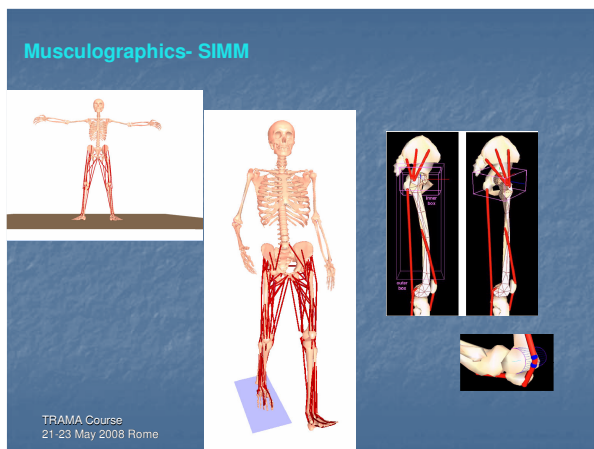
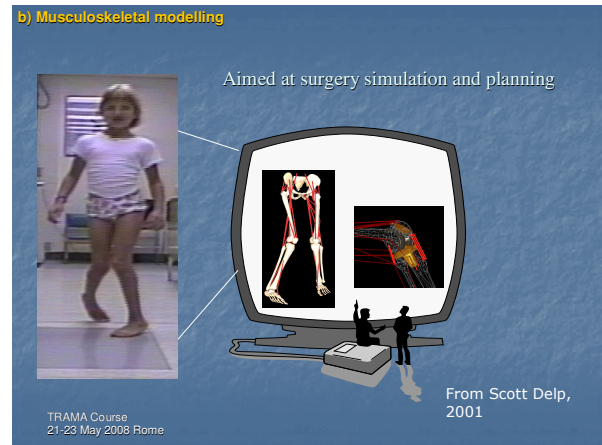
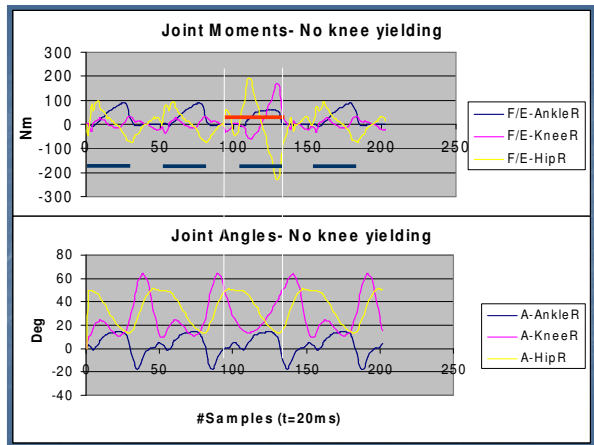
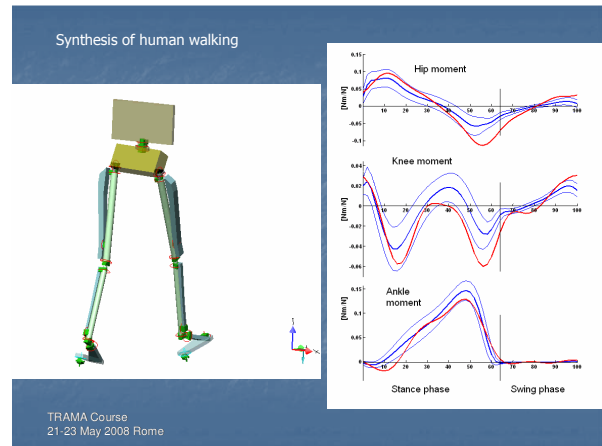
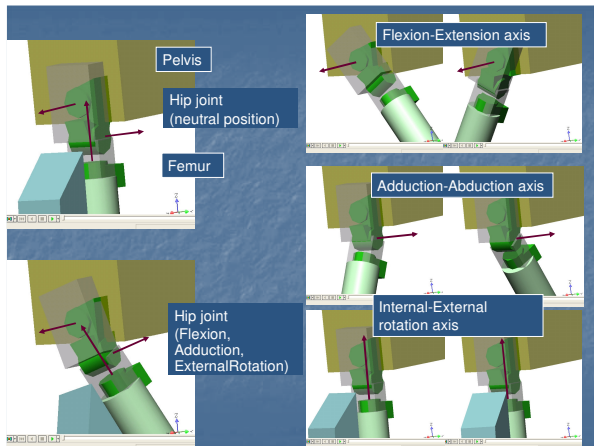
Lumbo-sacral joint (3 d.o.f.)

Knee joint (2 d.o.f.)

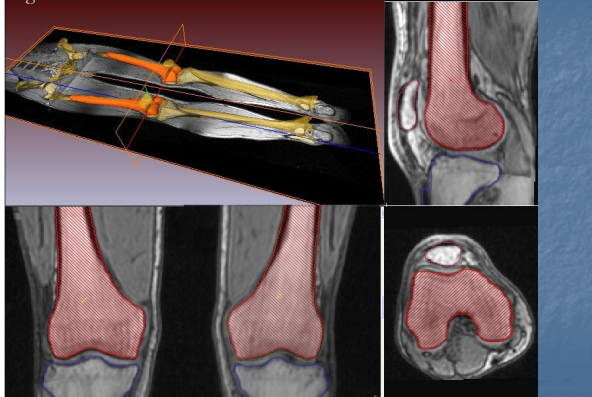
Ankle joint (2 d.o.f.)

Ground reaction (forces and moments)

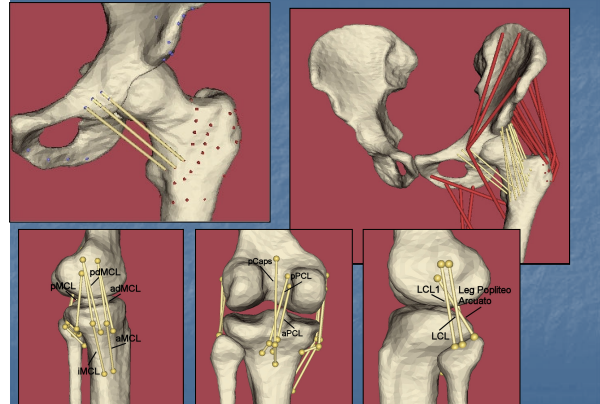
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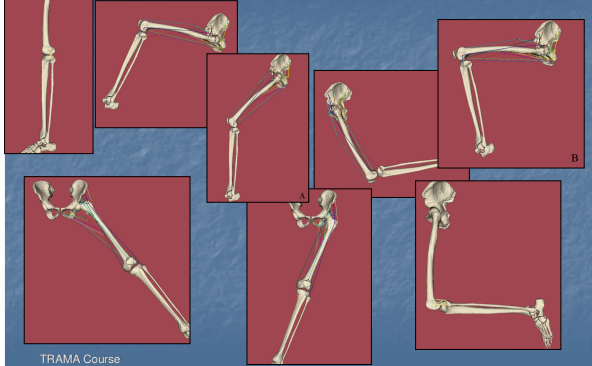
Anthropometric data collection from bio-images and segmentation



Soft tissue modelling: muscles and ligaments



Checking for flexion-extension, adduction-abduction, internal external rotation and different joint movements



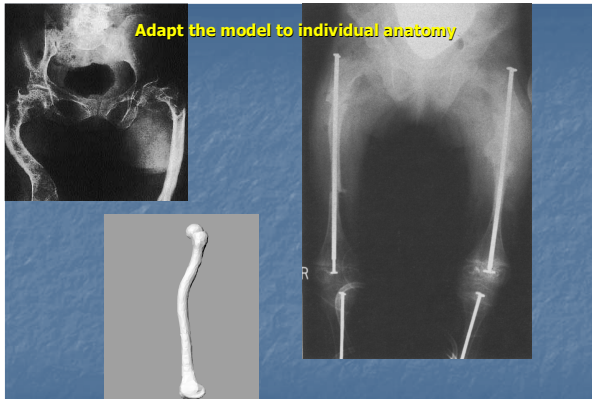
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How to use musculoskeletal models

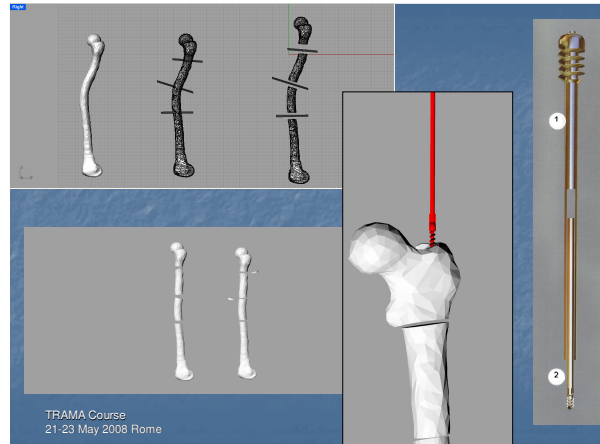
- Adapt the model to individual anatomy
- Input the actual joint kinematics
- Input joint limitations (from clinical tests): they correspond to limits of muscle lengthening
- Simulation of normal walking (virtual muscle length): we can see which muscles overcome their muscle lengthening limits

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Adapt the model to individual anatomy



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### Analysis of 9 CP children (crouched)

All values in mm

Patient #	Rectus Femoris			Semimembranosus			Iliacus		
	Max L. (rest)	Max L. (crouched)	Max L. (rest)	Max L. (rest)	Max L. (crouched)	Max L. (rest)	Max L. (rest)	Max L. (crouched)	Max L. (rest)
1197XA	393,2	418,2	437	318,9	320	319,5	126,2	135,5	123,2
1227XA	524,1	559,3	577,9	431,1	444,7	441	166,7	183,3	177,0
1233XA	534,4	545,2	574,7	419,5	438,2	423,8	161,1	172,8	168
1220XA	527,8	519,1	553,6	365,1	410,6	370,1	150	156,9	149,2
1011XA	341,8	355	381,8	278,3	289,4	285,2	116,2	127,7	119,1
1196XA	507,1	573	666	448,3	478,6	472,5	175,8	185,2	175,1
1203XA	377	382,4	410,5	299	295,23	308,1	126	130,9	120,3
1143XA	436,2	445,2	449	307,9	335,9	323,3	137,9	145,3	142
1282XA	470,9	488,9	502,3	359,4	381,2	370,3	136,4	159,8	149,5
AV	463,6	475,0	501,4	358,2	377,0	365,4	144,0	155,2	147,0
SD	64,9	53,5	45,1	30,7	43,2	35,8	7,2	17,1	16,8

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Musculoskeletal modelling can help identifying short muscles and plan for proper intervention, but....

Muscle models must be improved (wrapping surfaces, joint kinematics)

Anthropometric data should be better estimated on the individual subjects

Muscular and tendineous components should be better identified

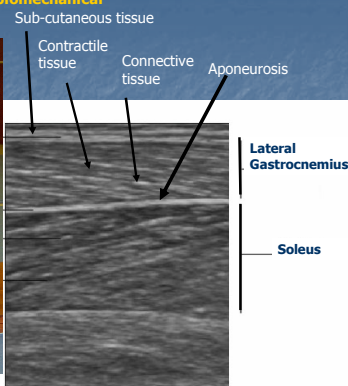
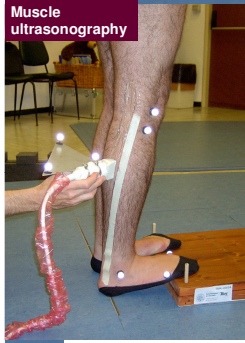
Clinical test measurements must be included in the procedure

Motor control mechanisms and neural and muscular plasticity need to be better understood

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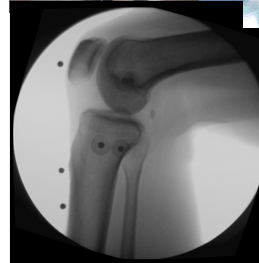
### Integration of bio-images into biomechanical model

#### Muscle ultrasonography



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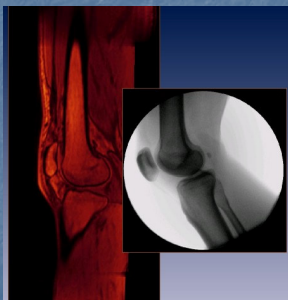
### Fluoroscopy



#### Advantages:

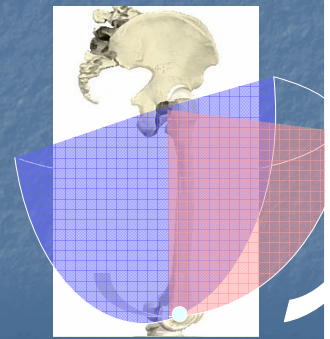
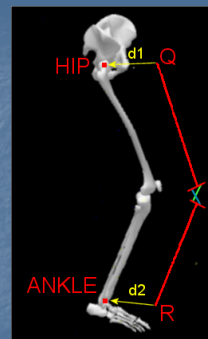
- Kinematic images
  - Good resolution
  - Low radiation doses
- #### weak-points:
- Image distortion
  - Limited field of view

### Identification of Ligaments



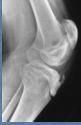
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### Optimal identification of joint centres and axes of rotation



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**The problem of Rotula Alta in CP children**



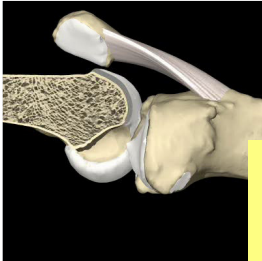
Surgical intervention



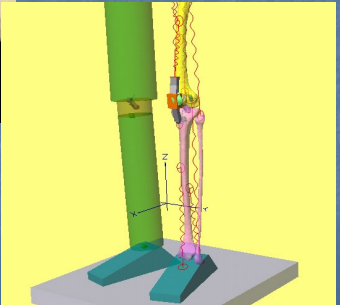
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**Models can help understanding the biomechanical effects of surgery**

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