



# Musculoskeletal modeling of the swimming salamander



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#### Motivation



Understanding the role of muscles during swimming



# Questions



What is the simplest model able to reproduce:

- the kinematics of the animal
- the interaction between muscle stimulation and body dynamics



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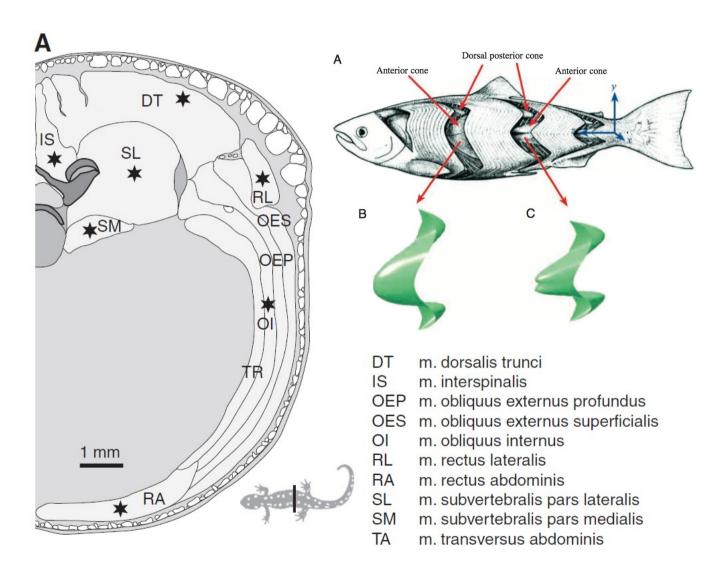


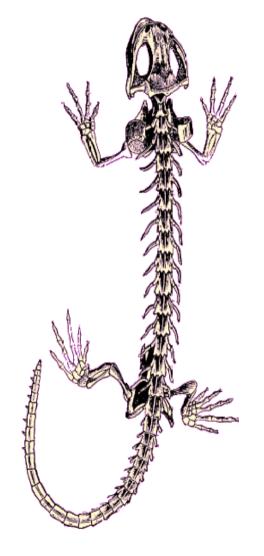
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# Morphology



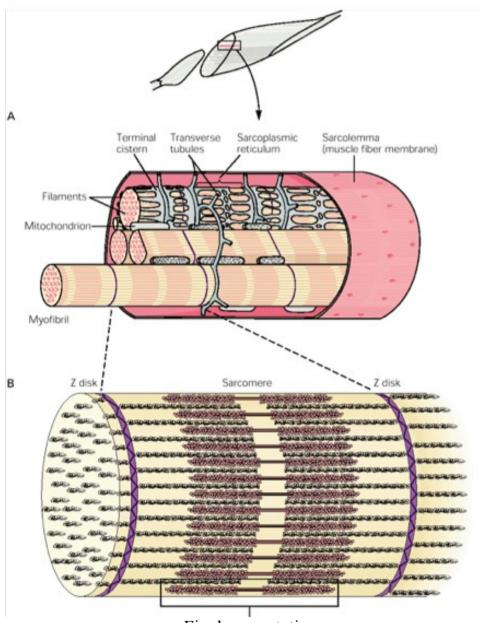






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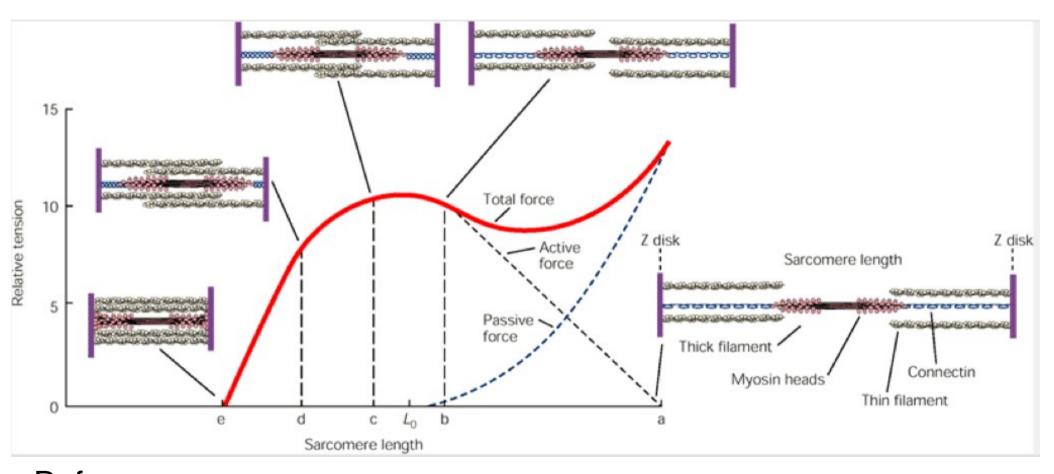






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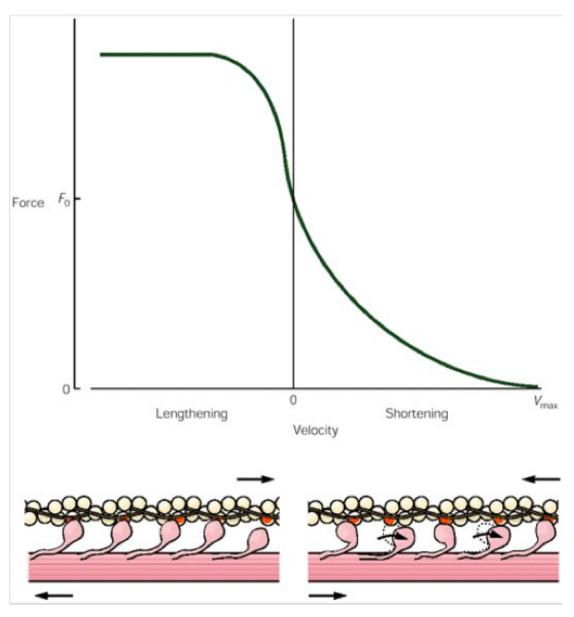


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#### Muscles





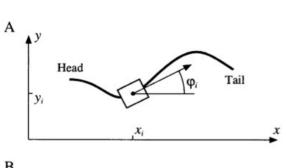


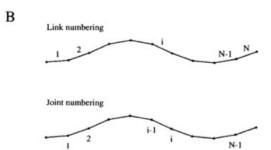
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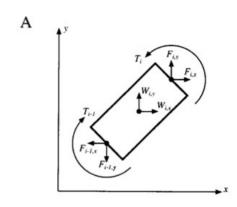


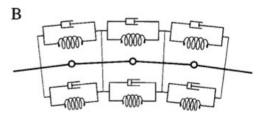
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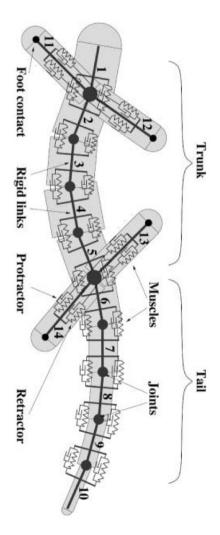




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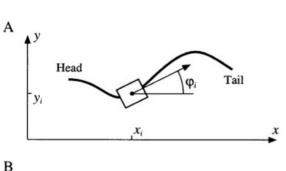


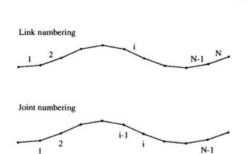
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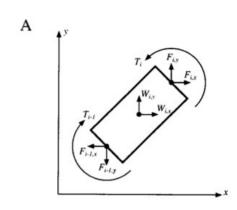


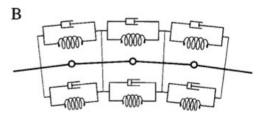
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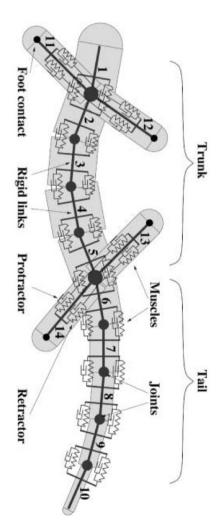




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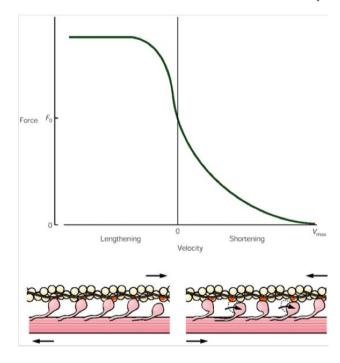




# What is new and Why? BICROB



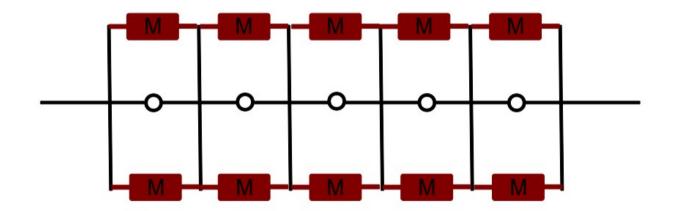
#### Non Linear Muscle Model → Force(Speed) relation



Robotic platform → Reality gap

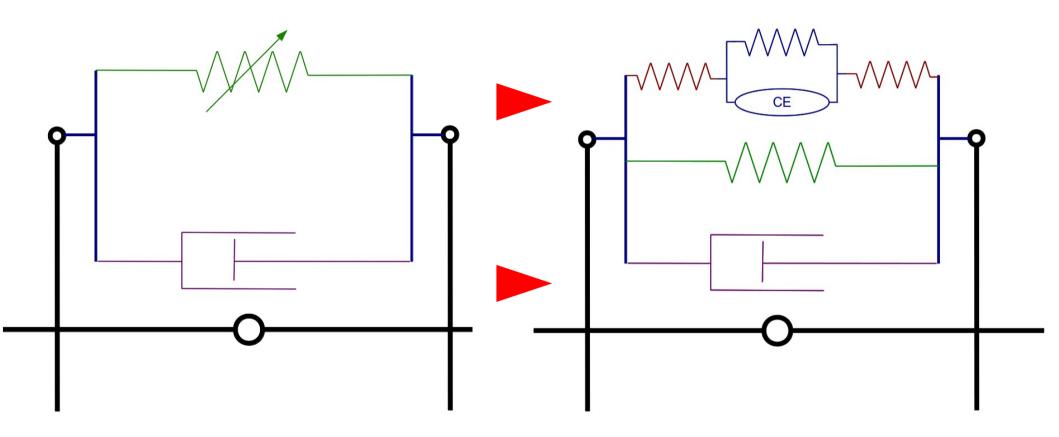






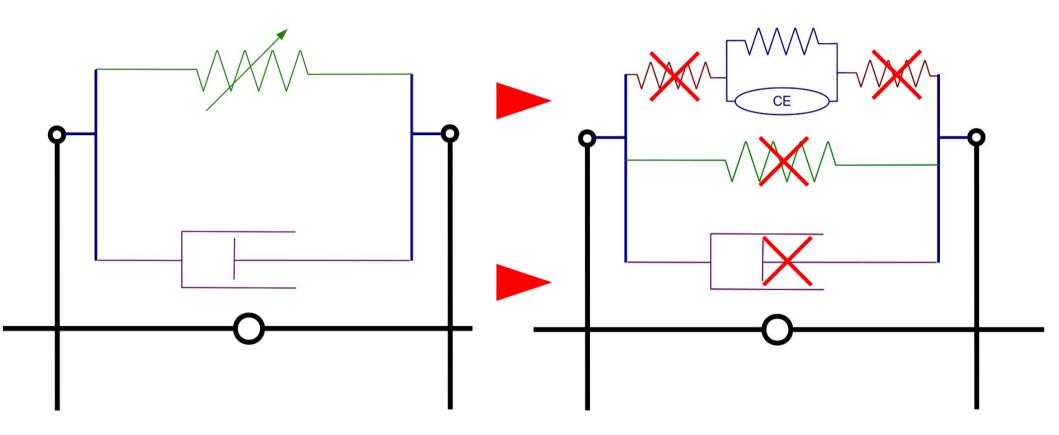






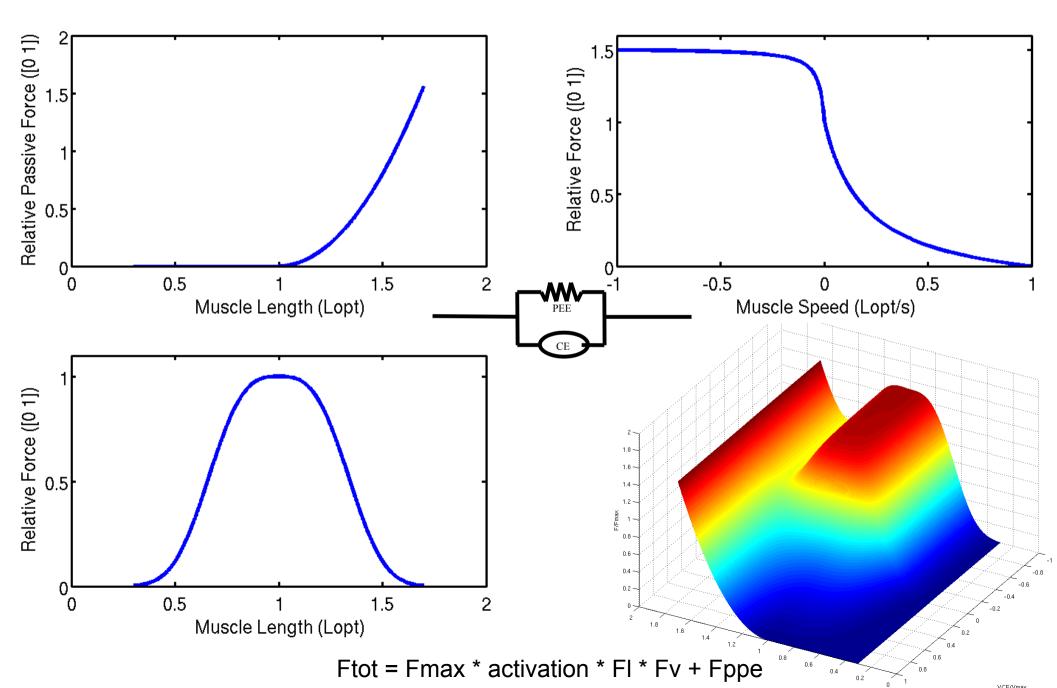














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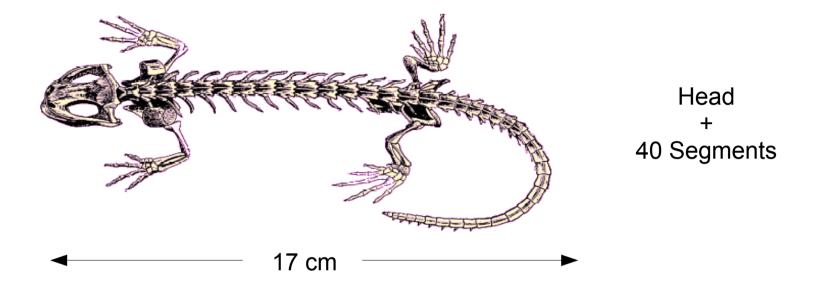


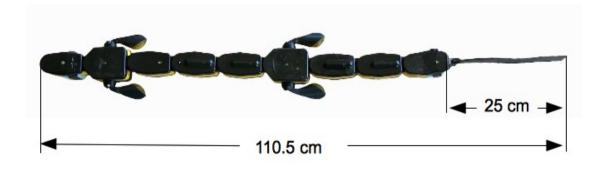
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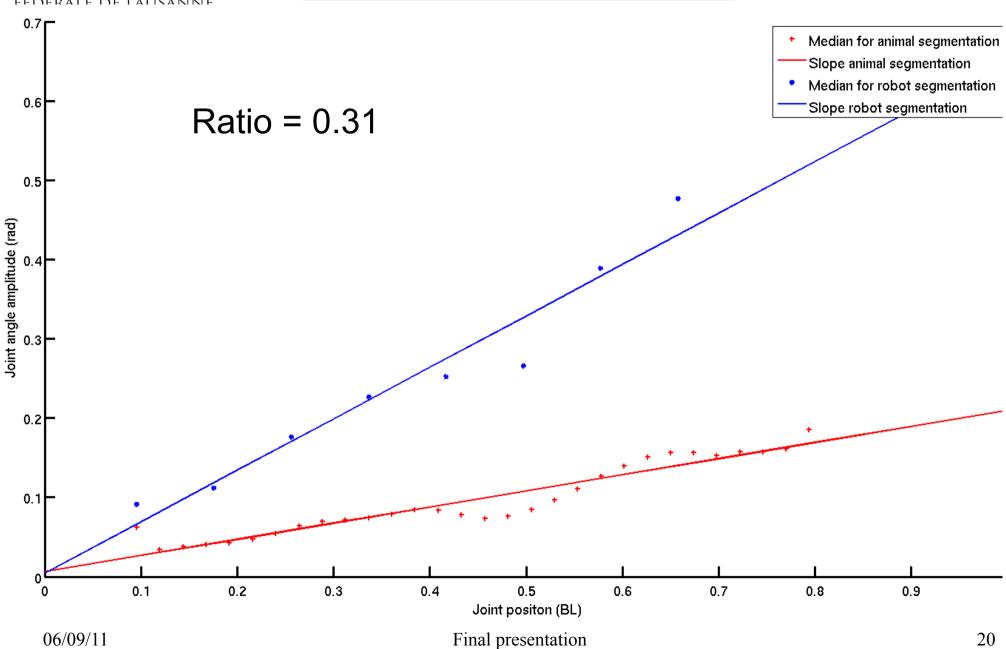






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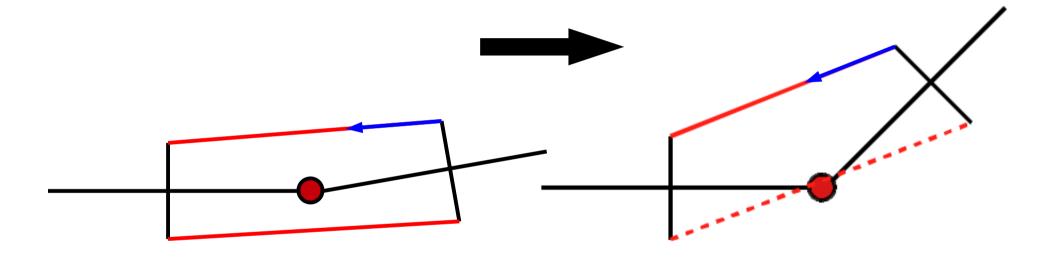






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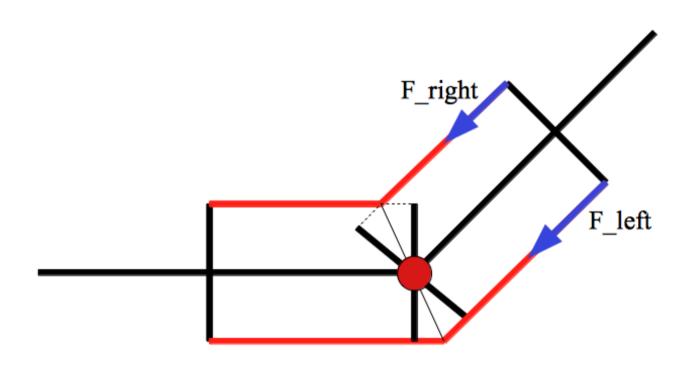






# Solutions

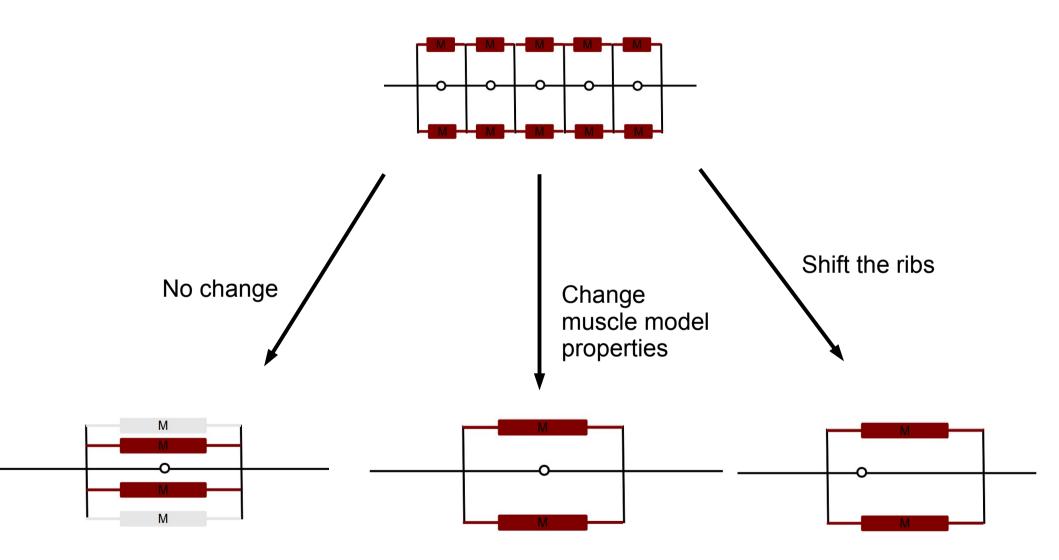






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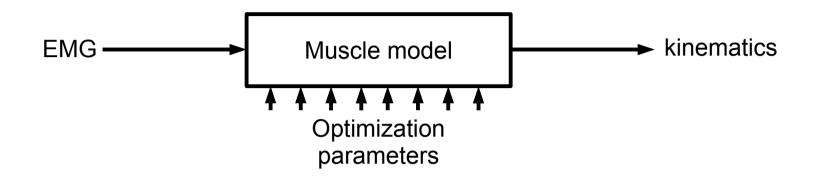


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#### Method





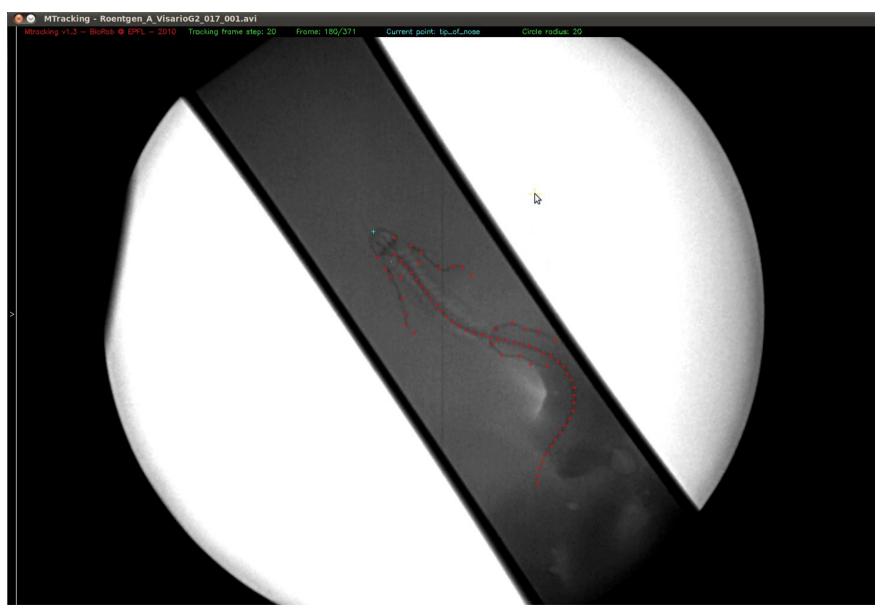
Input : EMG Delvolvé

Parameters: Fmax, Lopt, Joint width

Fitness: Match the X-Ray avg kinematics



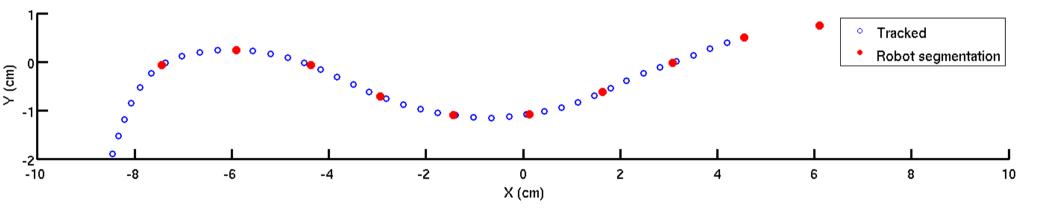


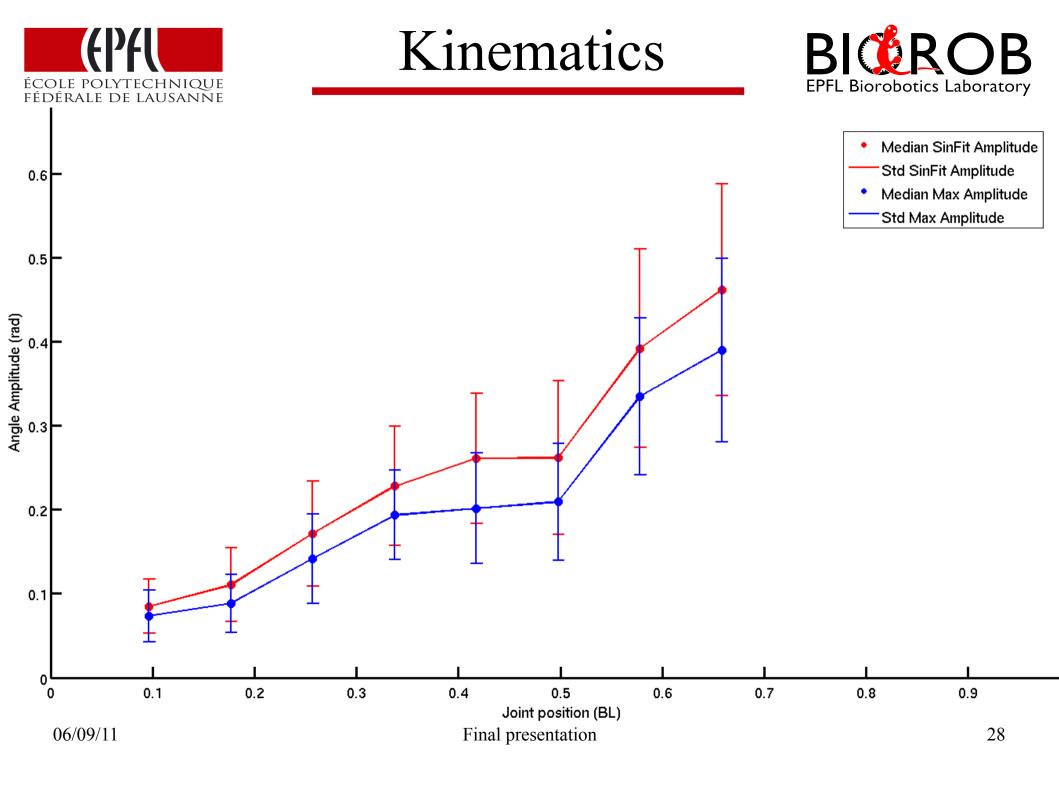






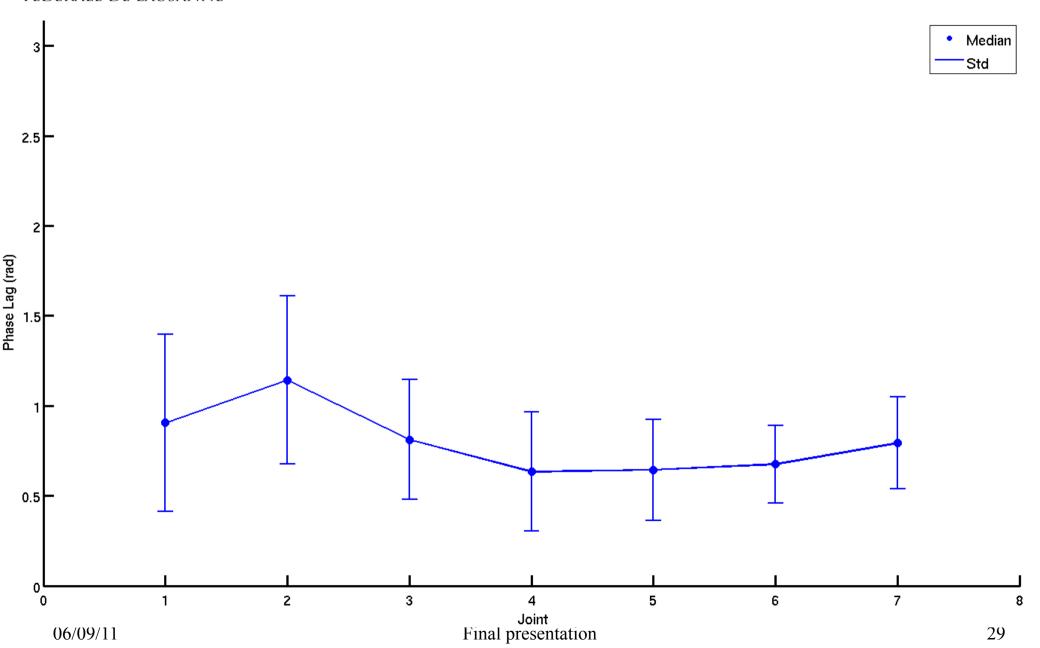






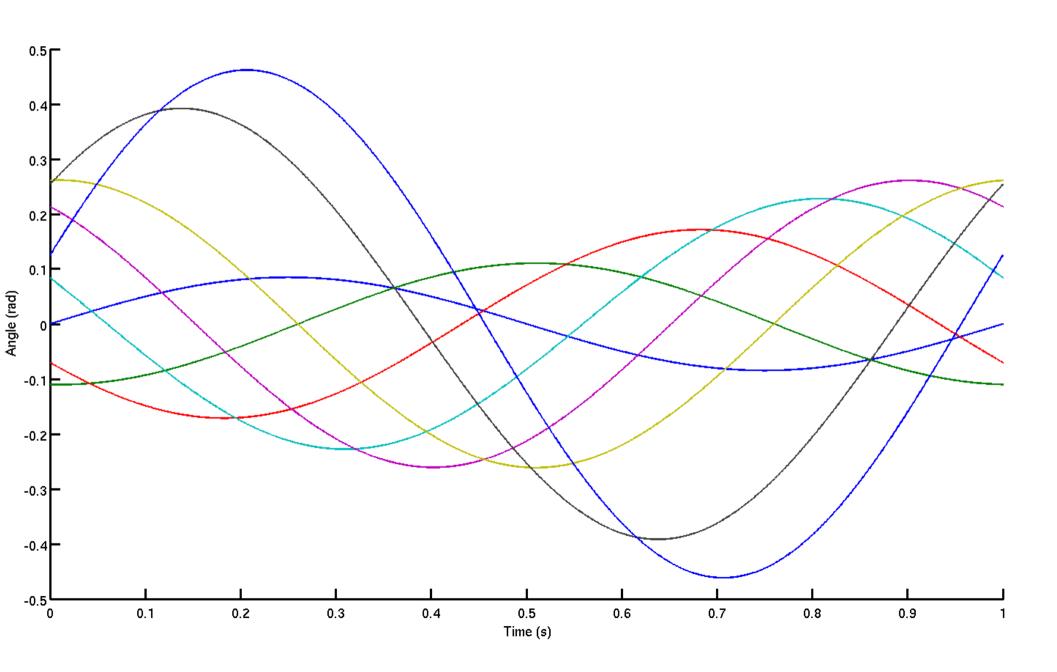






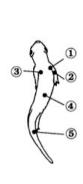


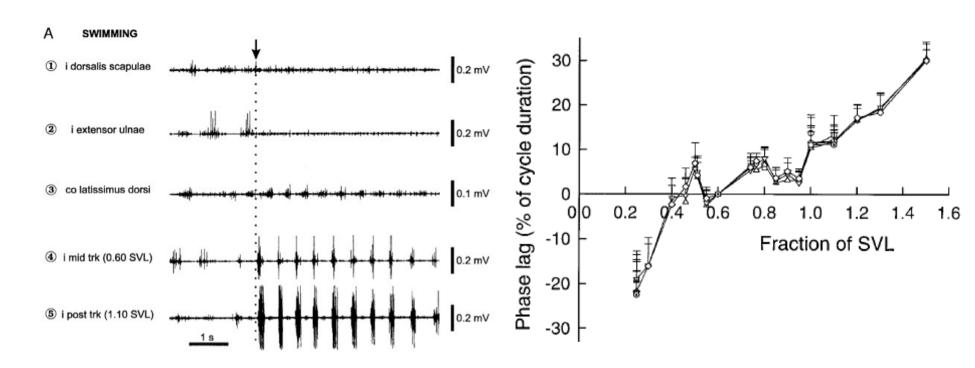










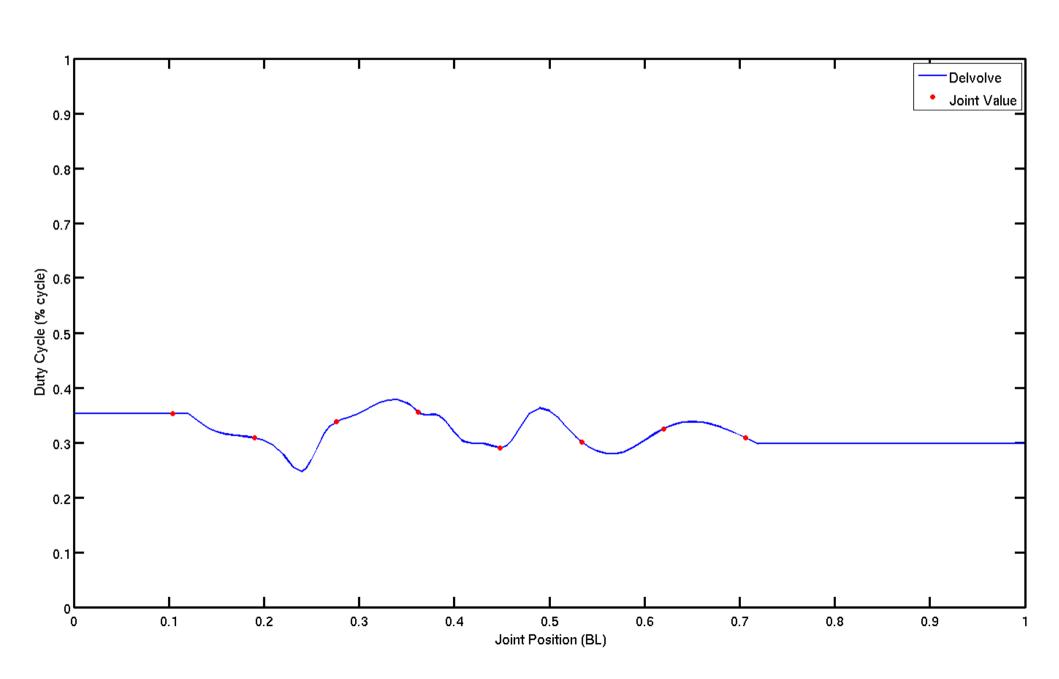


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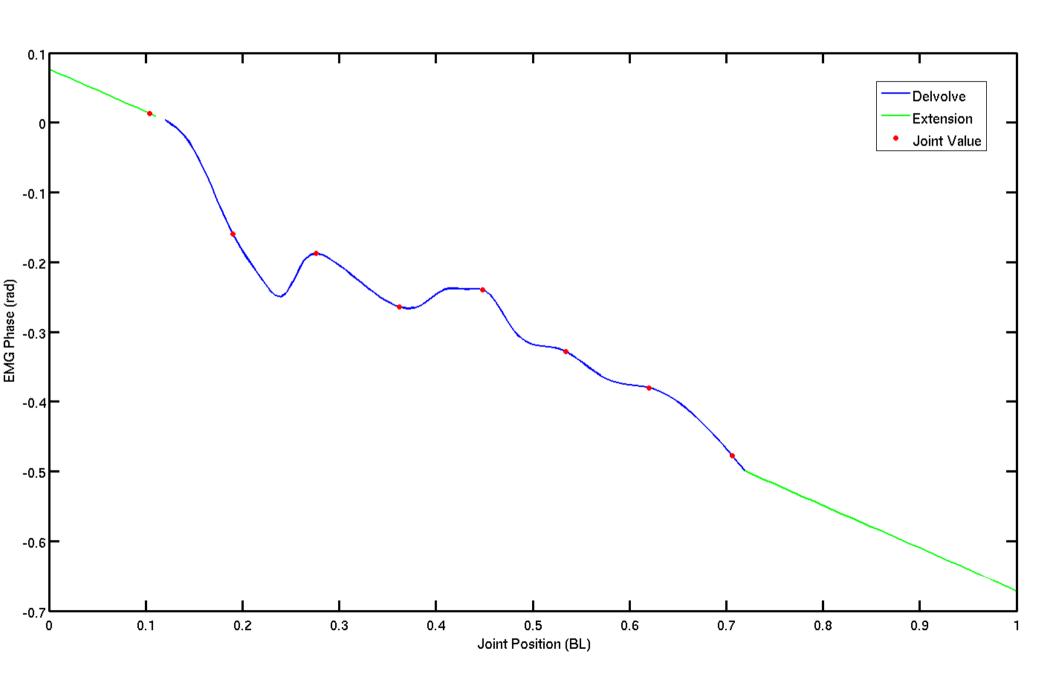






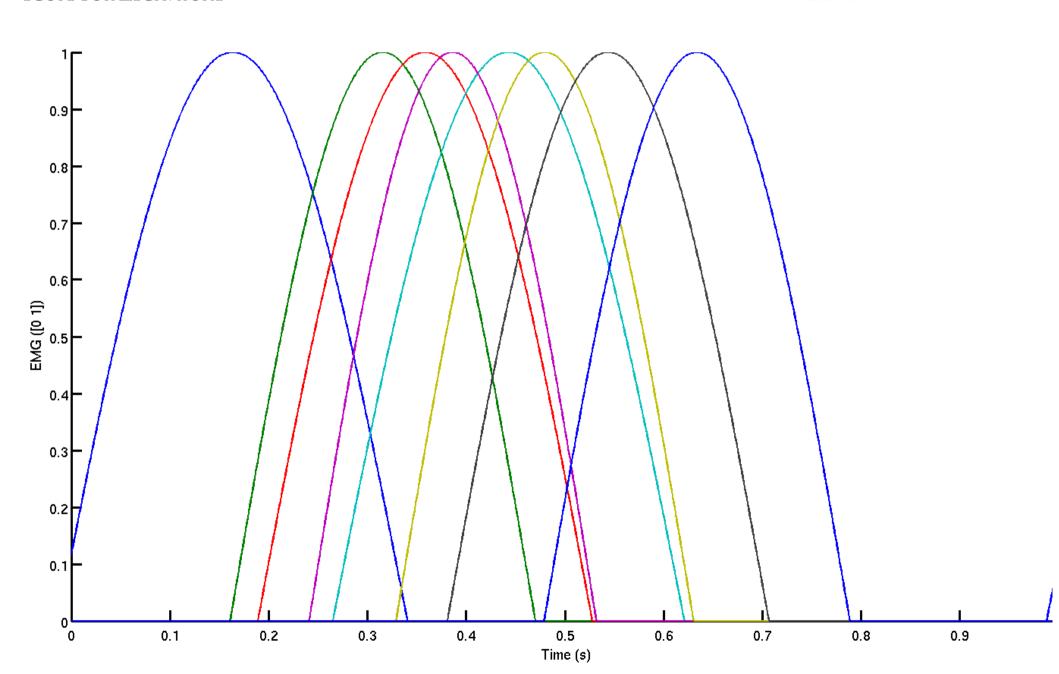










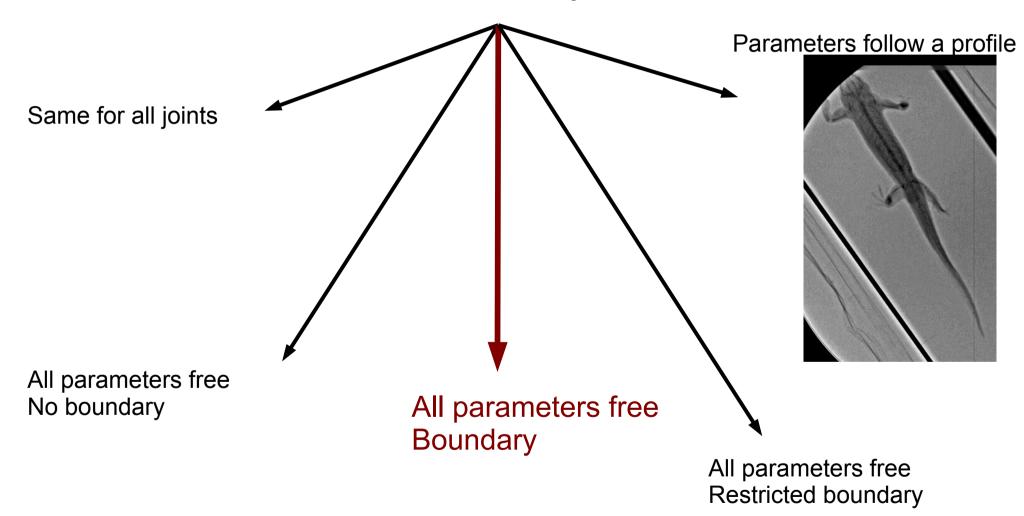




# Setup



#### Parameters: Fmax, Lopt, Joint width





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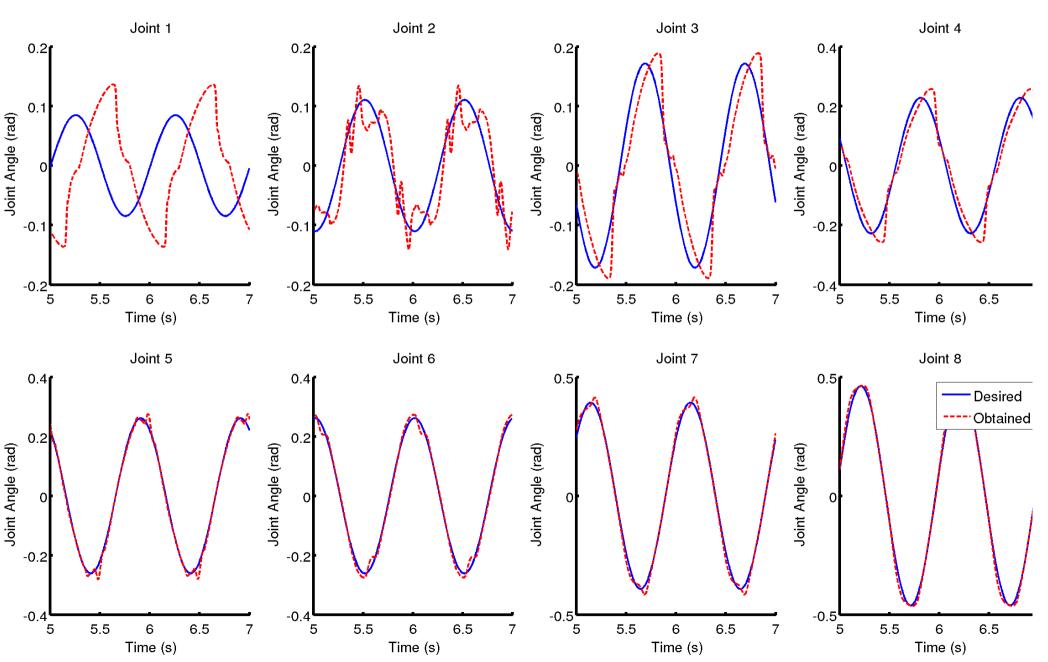






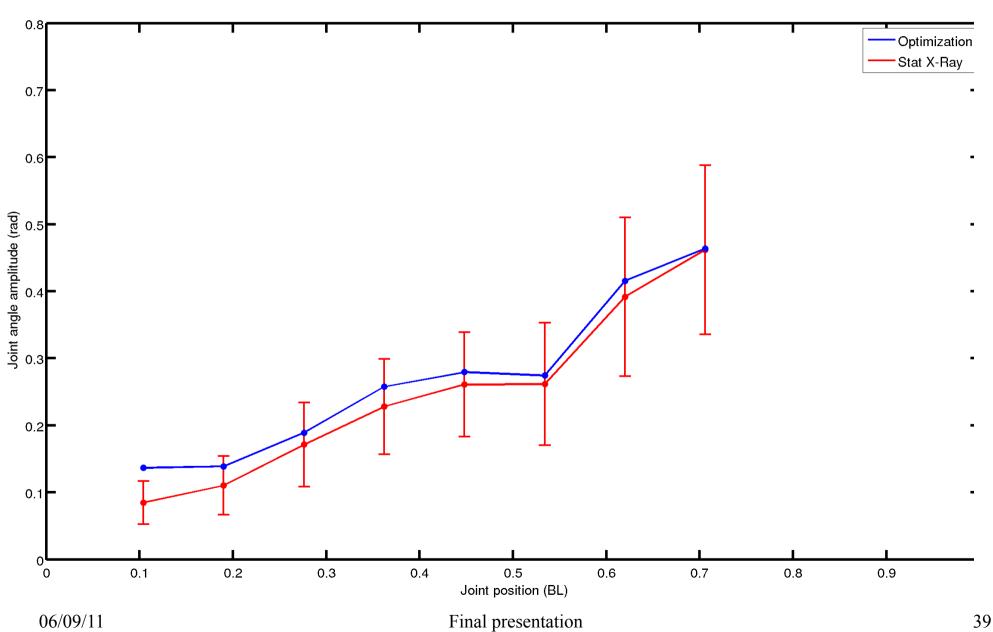






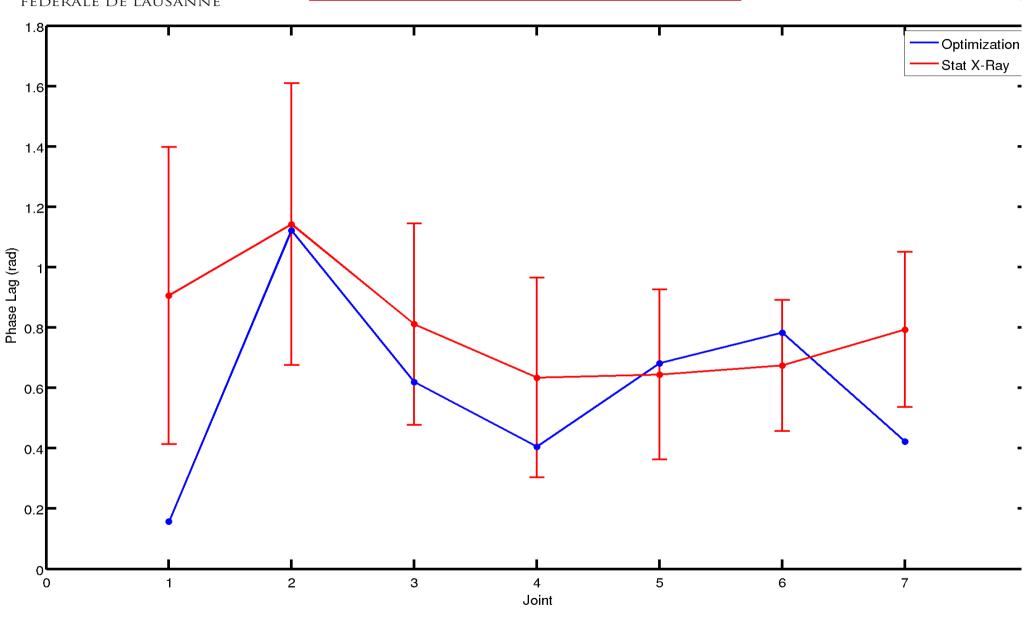






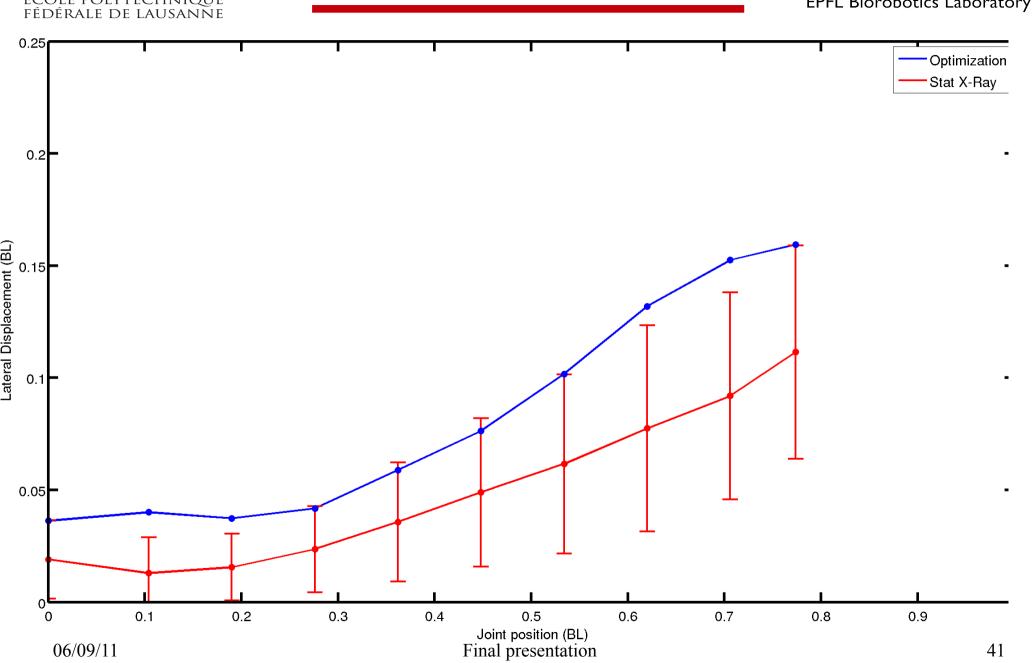












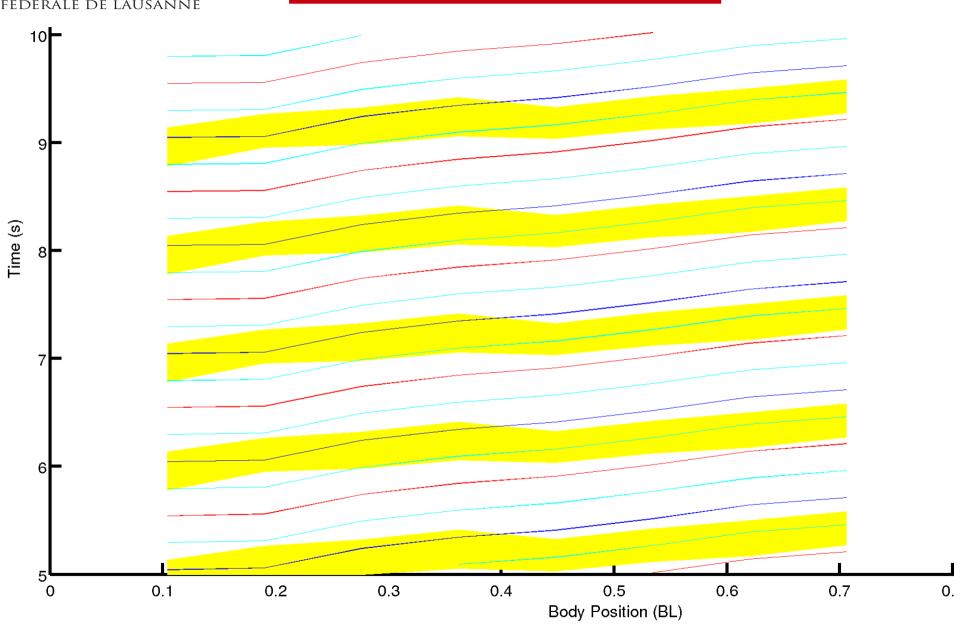






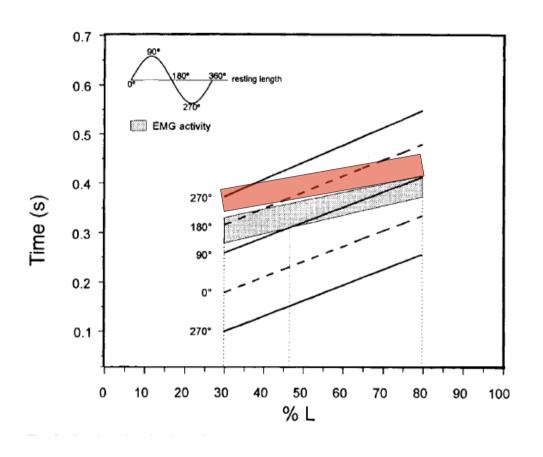










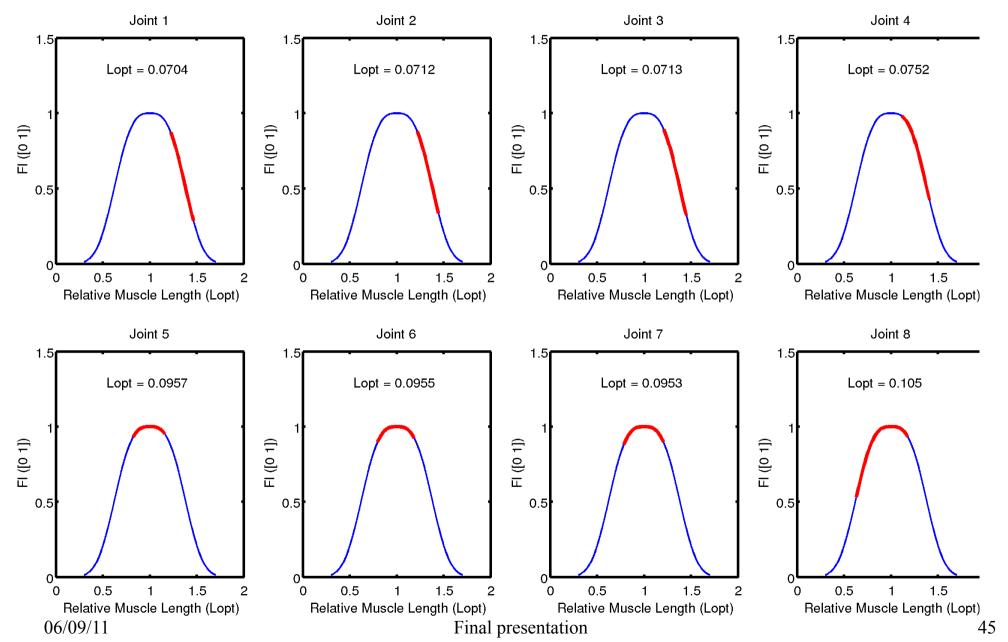


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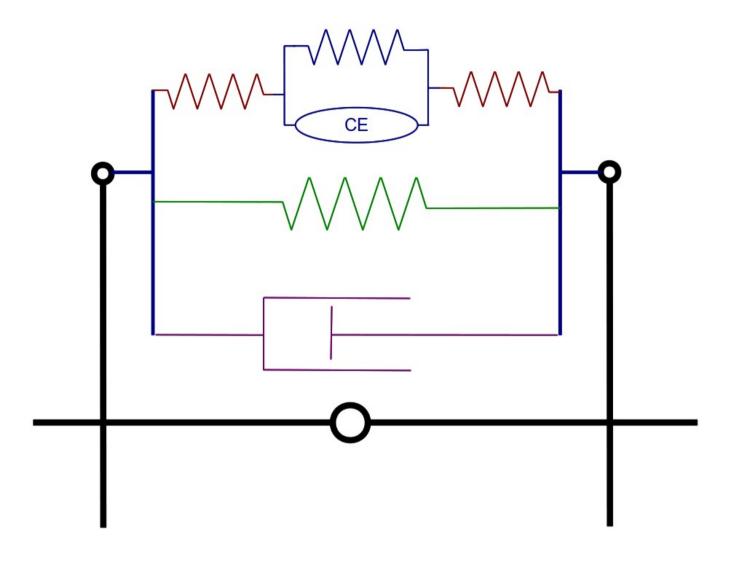


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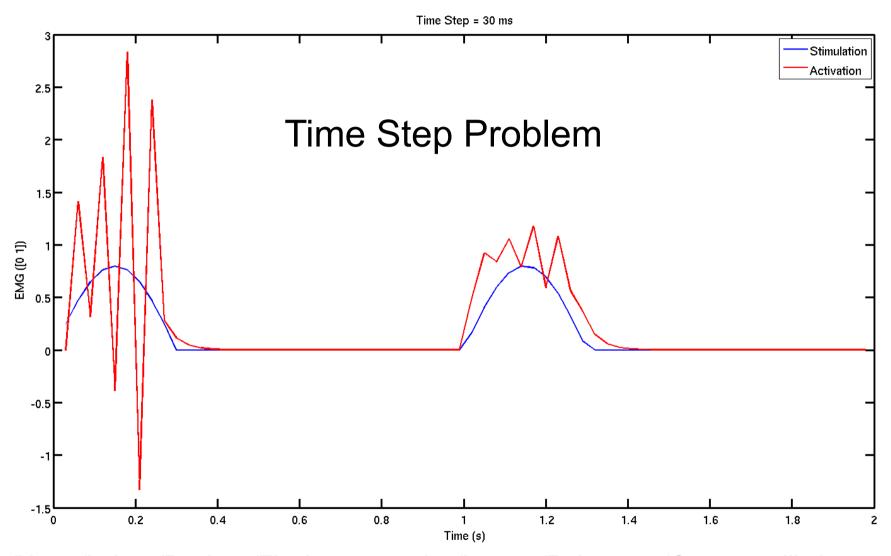


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### Problem





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### Solutions



#### Decrease the time step:

- Initial  $\rightarrow$  40 ms
- Delete CPG + unnecessary request → 15 ms
- Communication without acknowledge → 11 ms
- Broadcast protocol → 5-7 ms





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### **Future Works**



Tendons + Spring

EMG with coupled oscillators + feedback

Computation in each robotic segment





### Thank you for your time

Any questions?