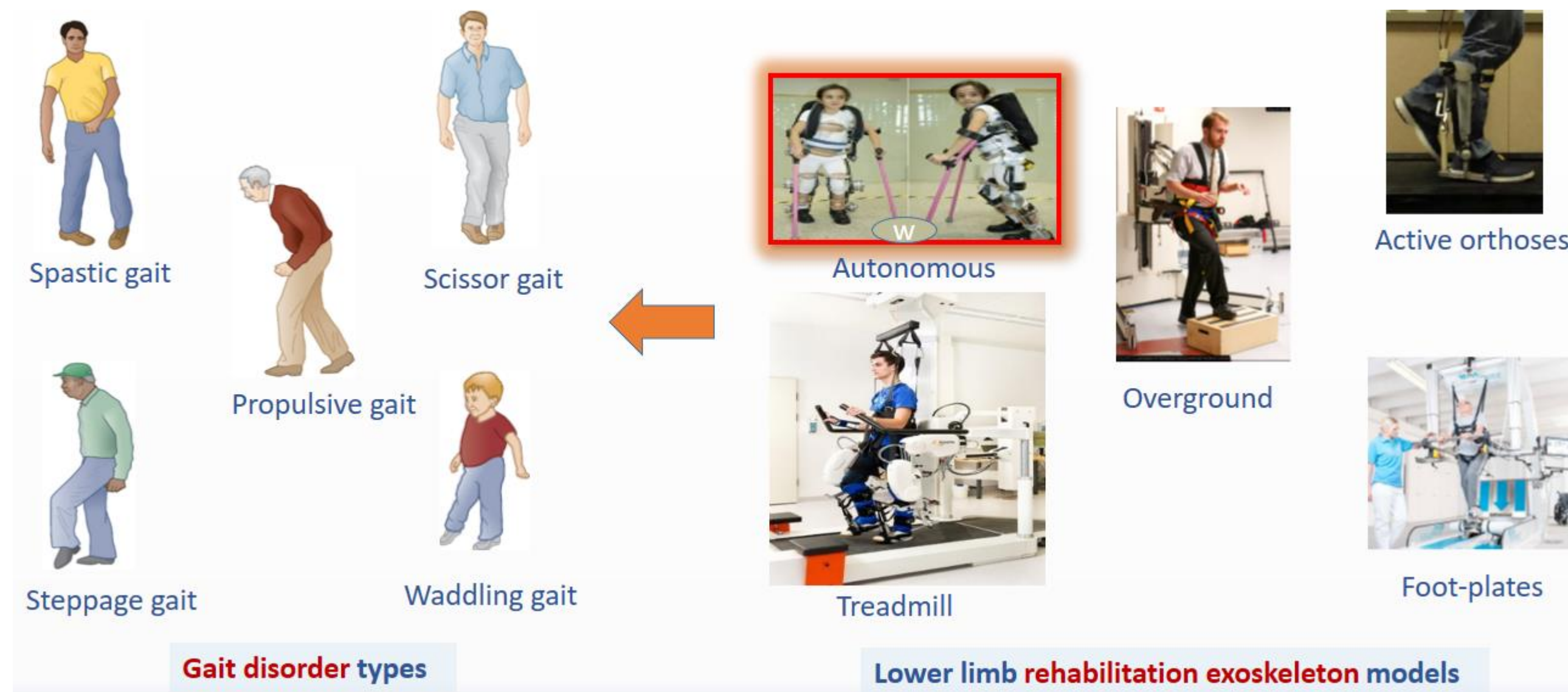


Gait rehabilitation based on bio-kinematic signals

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Challenge and Opportunities



Assist lower-limb movement during walking for people with spasticity, as in cerebral palsy (CP), stroke (cerebral accident vascular : CA) by the Medical Exoskeleton taking into account the ability of their muscles to bring about a movement.

Existing exoskeleton control

Interaction force controllers using impedance or admittance

Musculoskeletal model based on EMG signals

Problems

- Having a Fixed trajectories.
- Does not take into account the physical change of patient while moving.
- Operation is not applicable when muscle disorder
- Users give different EMG signals and variations of speed

For both approaches:

- the capabilities and the walk specificity of each patient are not taken into account.

Needs and Goal



- Needs**
- Assistance where necessary.
 - Experience of patient.
 - Detection of the patient Intention.

- Goal**
- Modularity.
 - Stability.
 - Security.

This lead us to provide

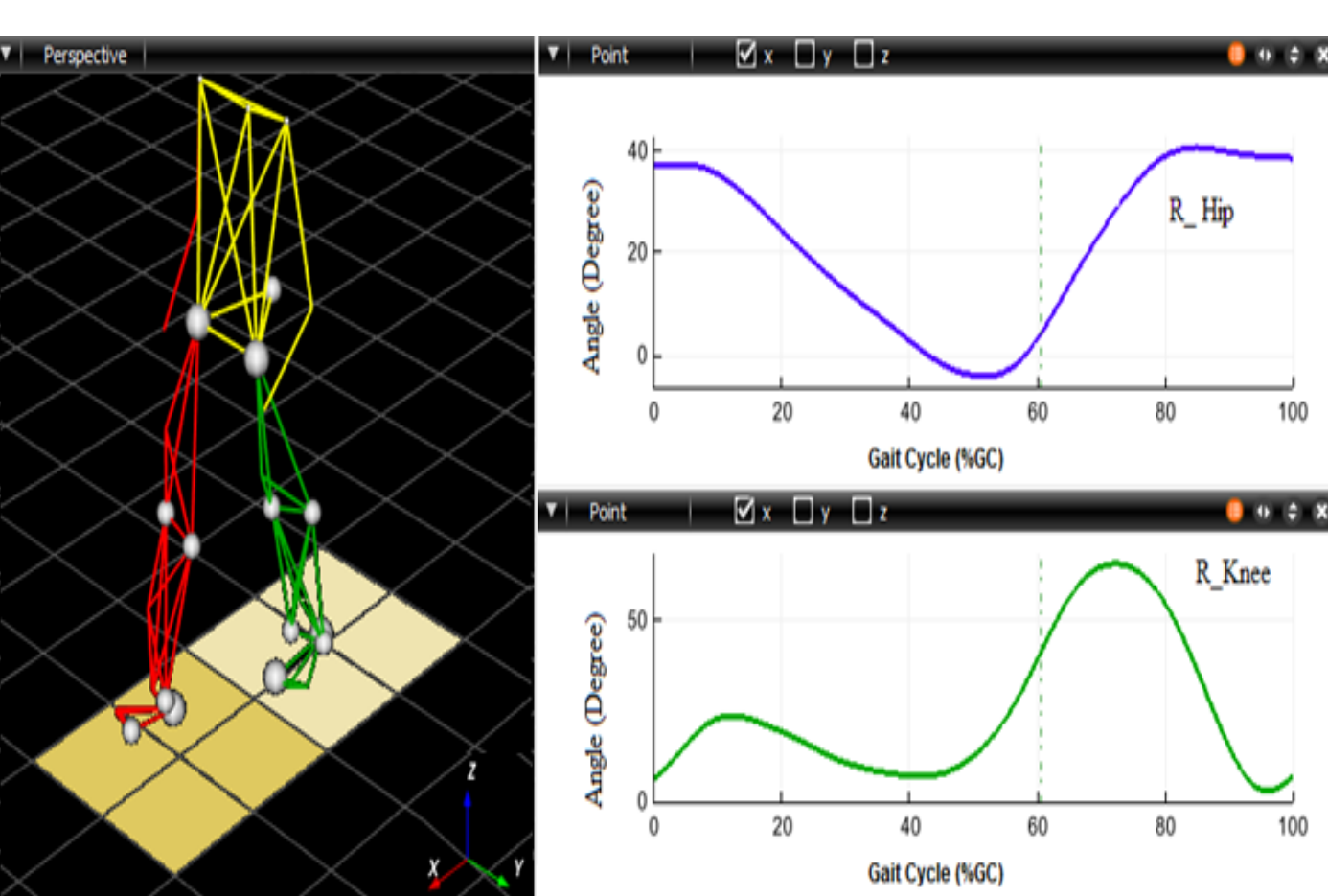
Muscular Co-contraction

Material and method

On 11 gait cycles for 20 subjects (healthy , stroke and cerebral palsy).

Bio-Kinematic Study:

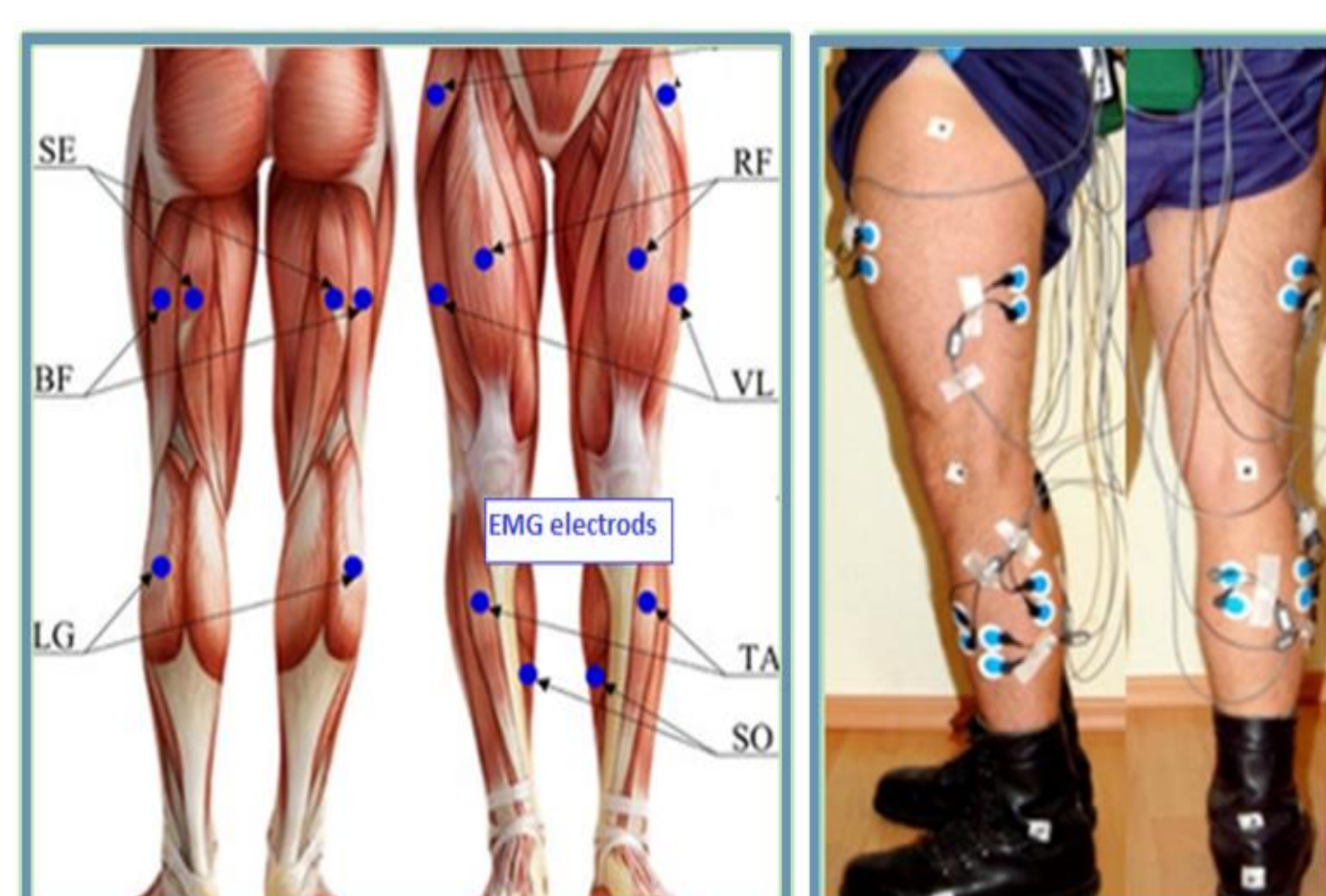
- Kinematics study :



Data for 2 joints , Knee and Hip

on a flat support: in three velocity (slow, normal and fast) Angles "Θ" (Flexion /extension) of each joint

- Electromyography (EMG) study :



only 2 bi-articular muscle groups, hamstring and quadriceps:

Fewer control parameters: biarticular muscle allow to control two joints with limited EMG recording

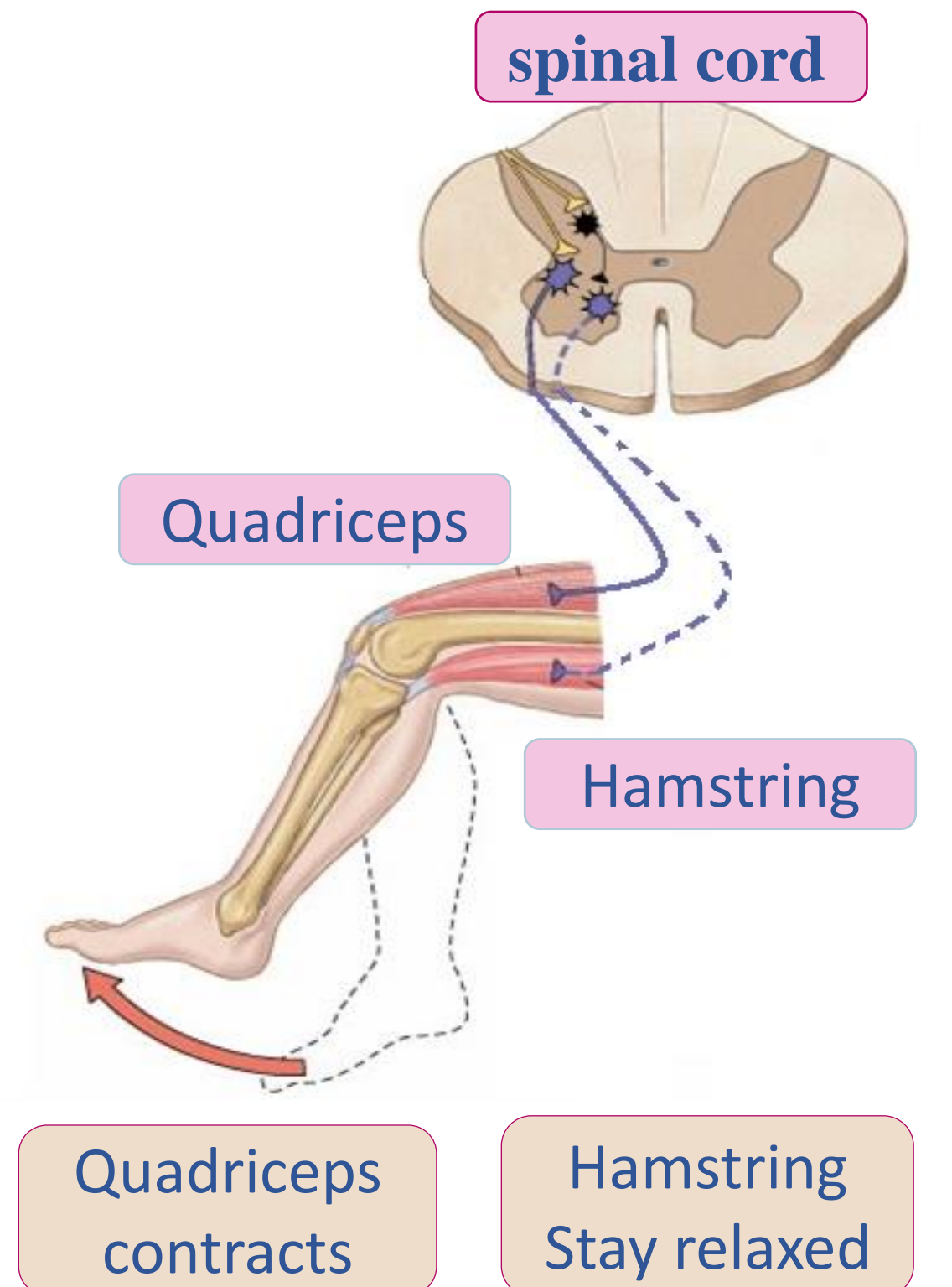
Related works

Co-contraction index: After the determination of the walking sequence (double support, unipodal phase, ...), CCI is computed as a ratio between agonist and antagonist muscles. Numerous definitions of CCI in the literature, focus on the most precise.

$$CCI_1 = \frac{2 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (ENV_{emg_{AGO}}(t) \cap ENV_{emg_{ANTA}}(t)) dt}{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} ENV_{emg_{AGO}}(t) + ENV_{emg_{ANTA}}(t) dt} \times 100$$

$$CCI_2 = \frac{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} (ENV_{emg_{AGO}}(t) \cap ENV_{emg_{ANTA}}(t)) dt}{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} (ENV_{emg_{AGO}}(t) \cup ENV_{emg_{ANTA}}(t)) dt} \times 100$$

	Movement	Agonists	Antagonists
Hip	Flexion	Quadriceps	Hamstrings
	Extension	Hamstrings	Quadriceps
Knee	Flexion	Hamstrings	Quadriceps
	Extension	Quadriceps	Hamstrings



Novel neuro-motor control scheme (NMI)

$\text{argmin}_t |f'(t)|$; where $f(t) = ENV(emg_{ATNAGO}(t) \cap emg_{AGO}(t))$

$$Rx(t) = h_1(t).f_0 + h_2(t).p_0 + h_3(t).f_1 + h_4(t).p_1 ;$$

where : h_1, h_2, h_3 and $h_4 \in H_e$; p_0 and p_1 tangent at f_0 and f_1

$$NMI = CCI_2 + Rx(t).CCI_3$$

- Find peaks
- Interpolate
- Neuro-Motor Index

Specificities of Neuro-Motor Index (NMI):

- calculate in the joint flexion/extension sequence
- Online method for control

Linearize the results using canonical correlation analysis CCA

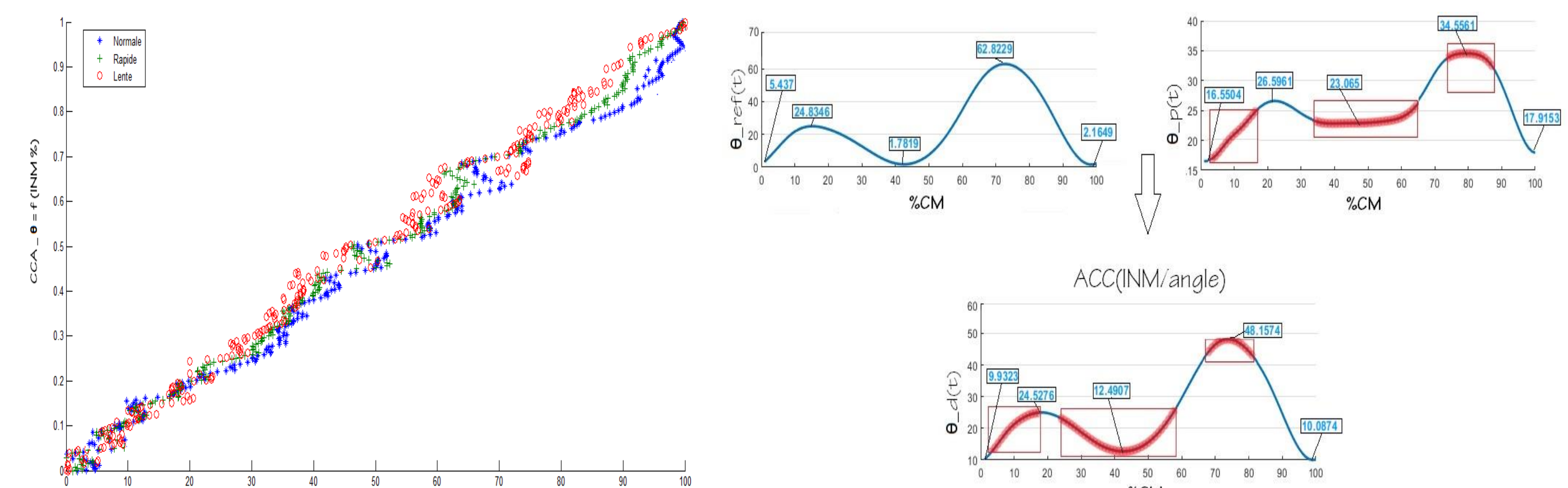
- Extract the underlying correlation of joint angles and co-contraction
- Finds linear combinations such that the is maximized
- Finds a new gait angle using healthy angles for reference

$$\text{Corr}(I_k, \Theta_j) = \rho(I, \Theta) = \frac{\text{cov}(I, \Theta)}{\sigma_I \sigma_\Theta} = \frac{E[(\Theta - \mu_\Theta)(I - \mu_I)]}{\sigma_I \sigma_\Theta}$$

$$\text{CORR}(CCA_{ik})_j = \frac{\text{cov}(CCA1, CCA2, CCA3)}{\sqrt{\text{cov}(CCA1, CCA1, CCA3). \text{cov}(CCA2, CCA2, CCA3)}}$$

Results

On our data from healthy subjects, with three velocities (slow, normal, and fast), And for stroke and cerebral palsy subjects



CCA applied at three groups (Θ, I); Θ represents the knee joint angle during complete gait cycle, and I represents NMI

CCA applied at NMI and the knee angles for stroke subject. Healthy angles are used for reference

for a three velocities:

- The correlation is almost linear , The percentage of correlation is very high
- for stroke and cerebral palsy subjects :**
- The resulting angle is improved while respecting the muscular capacity

Conclusion

- Control an rehabilitation exoskeleton should be done with collaboration and secure.
- The effectiveness of bio kinematic-based for control strategy was investigated to achieve the needed secure use and collaboration.
- NMI can find a relation between co-contraction muscles and joint angles.
- CCA can find a new gait angle that takes into account muscle capacity