

# Impact of cycling insoles on body statics and performance



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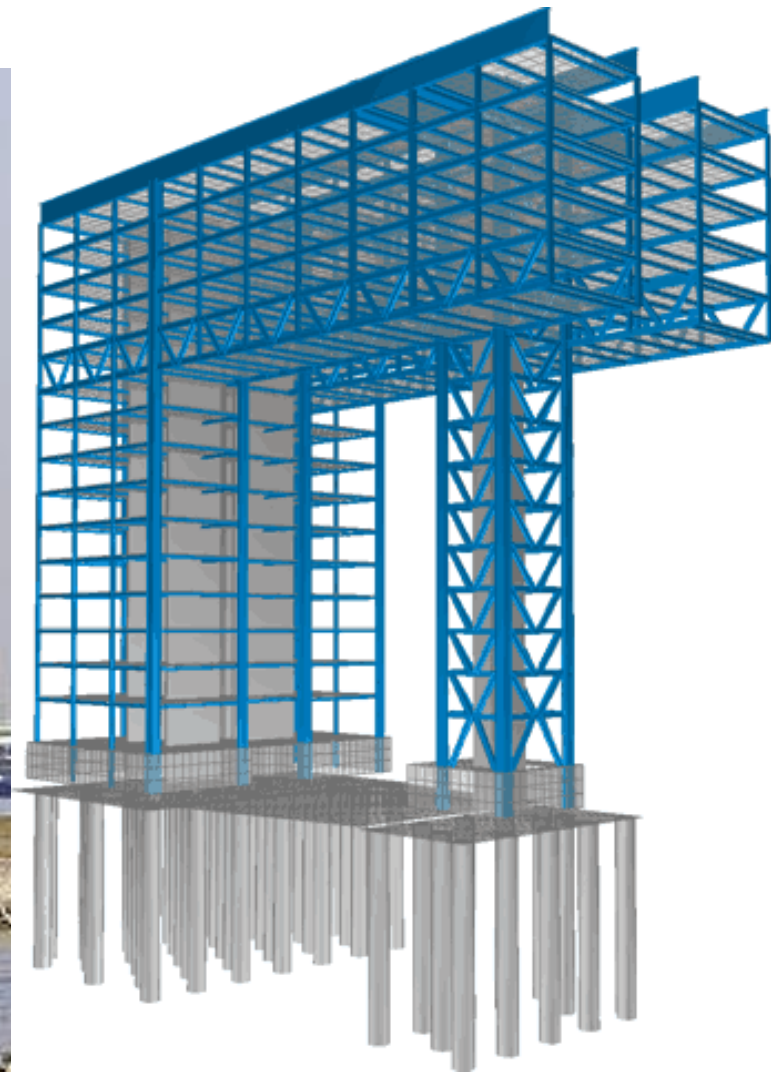
Certified Sport Scientist (Diploma)

Since 1998 sports diagnostics and training

2003 Orthotics for cyclists

2008 Founding of KOM\***SPORT** sports diagnostics

2010 Founding of SOLESTAR cycling insoles





Closed system

100% foot contact

Whole body

Static / Dynamic

4 - 20 cm<sup>2</sup> pedalplatform

Foot : instable structure

=> 33 joints / 26 bones

Long time endurance sport

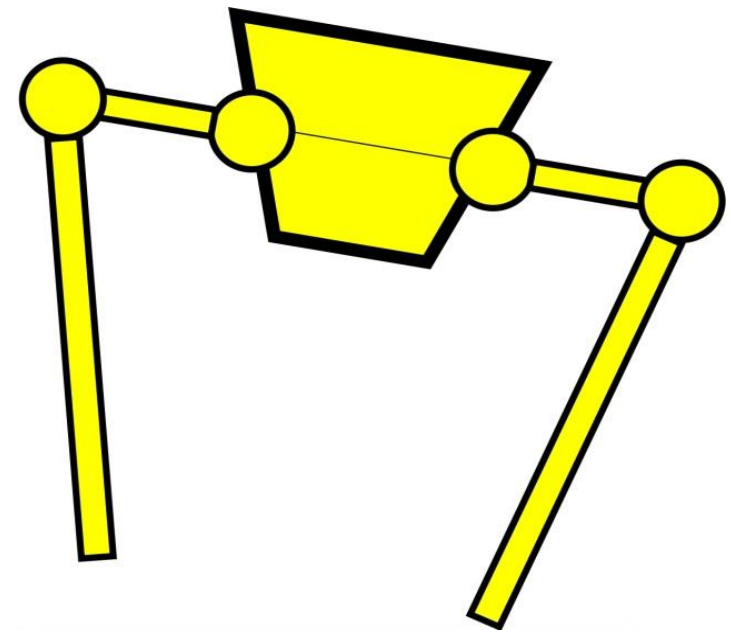
=> Muscle fatigue



The foot is designed for standing, walking and running



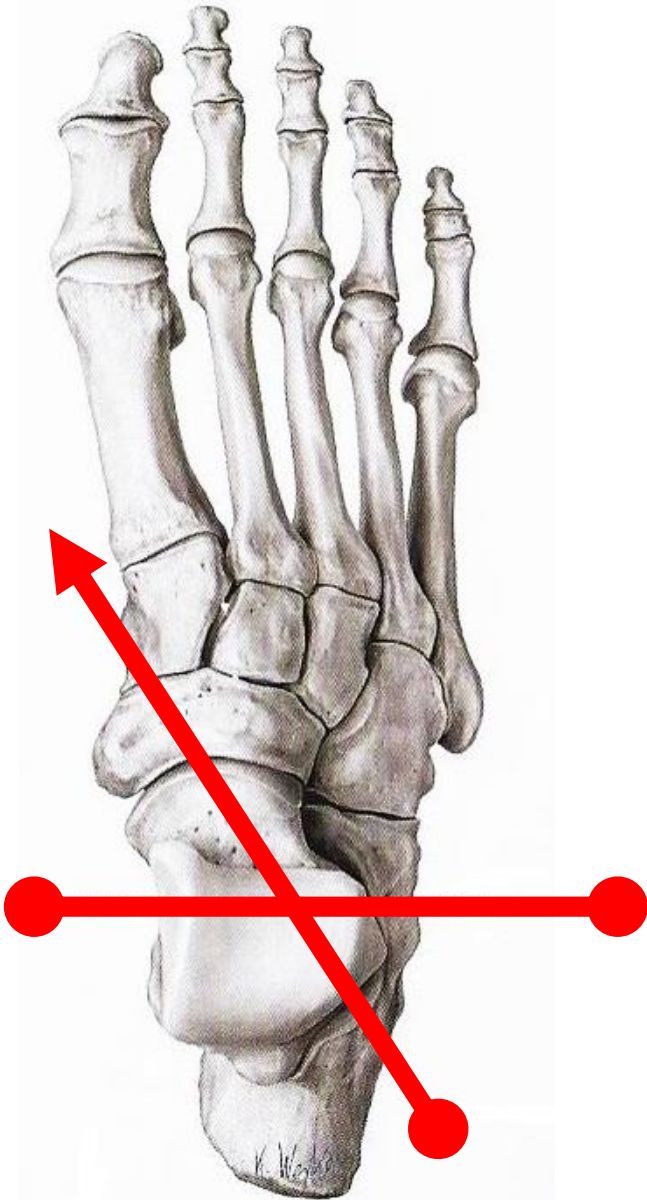
- Evolution -



- Asymmetries -

Differences of the length of legs (<20mm) are within the norm

(Knutson,2005)



33 joints

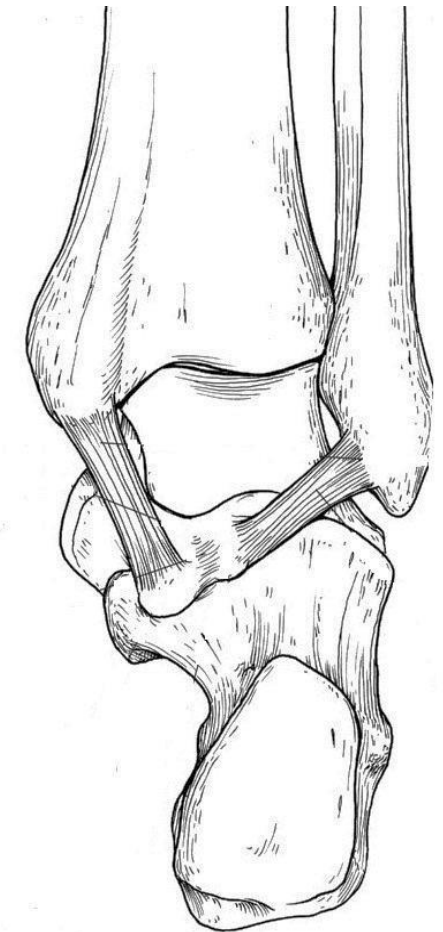
Ankle joint

Malleolus

Subtalar joint

“2” axes

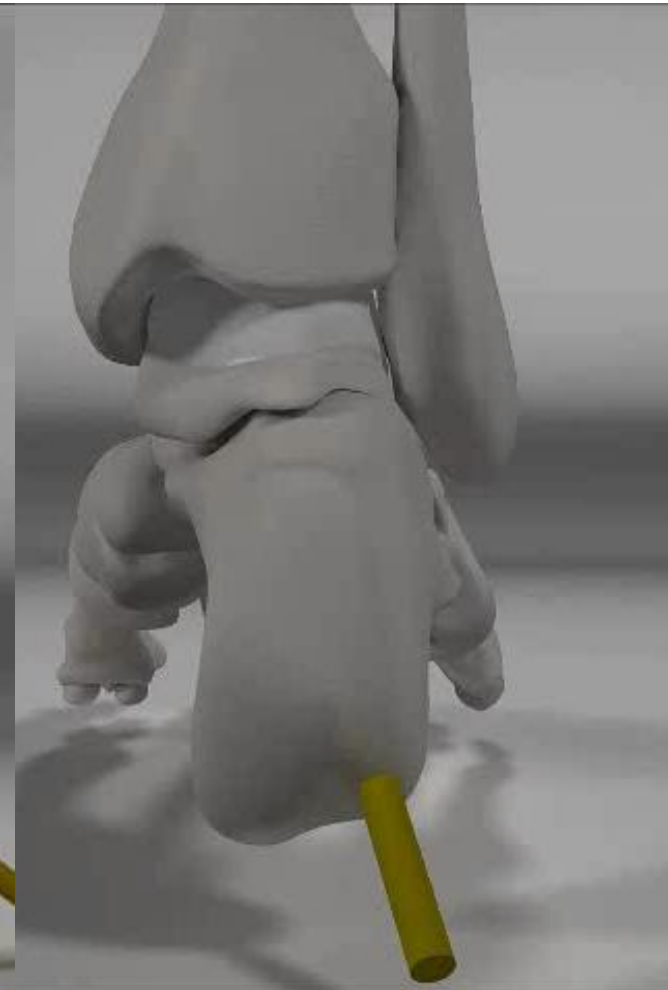
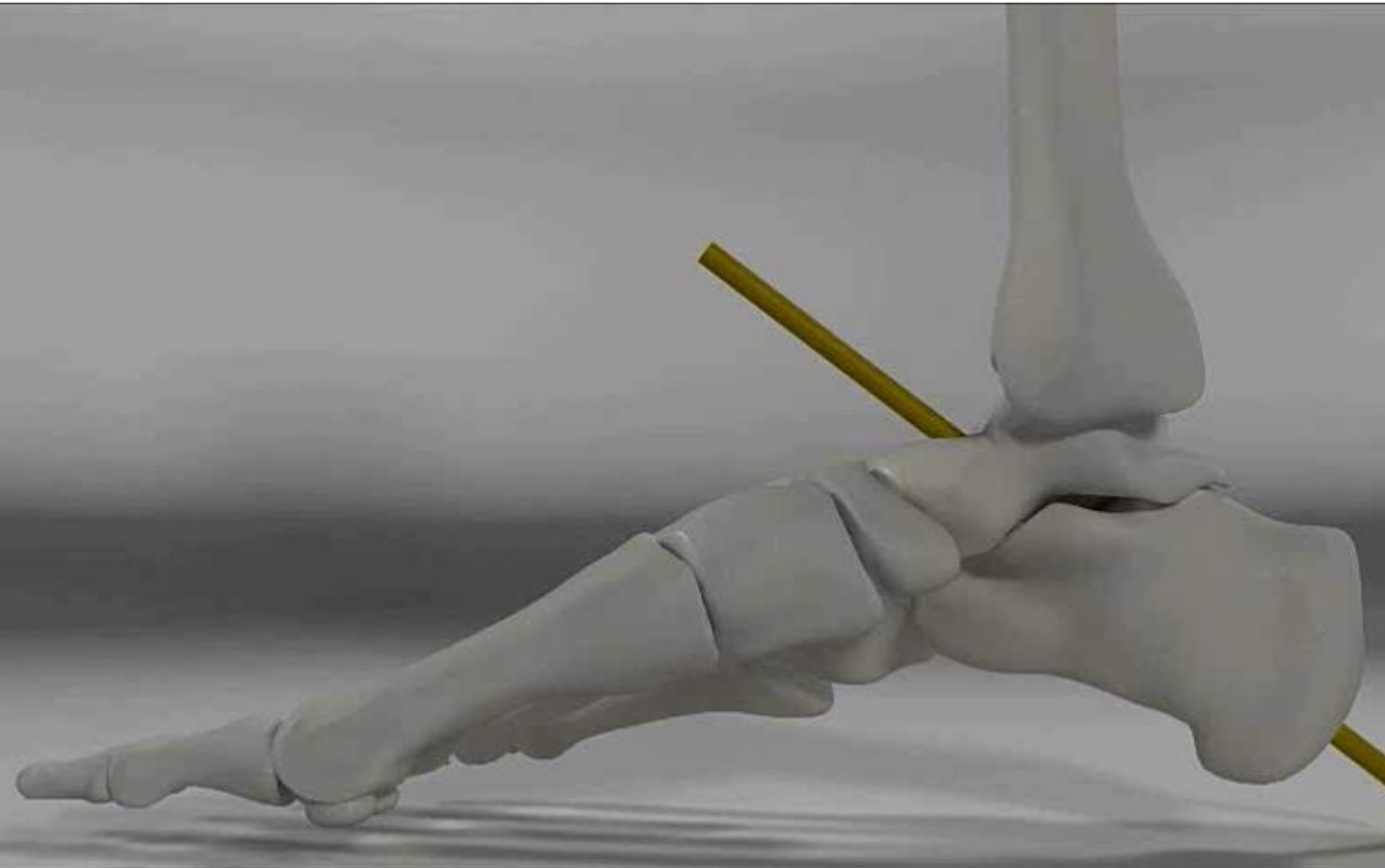
Center of rotation ?

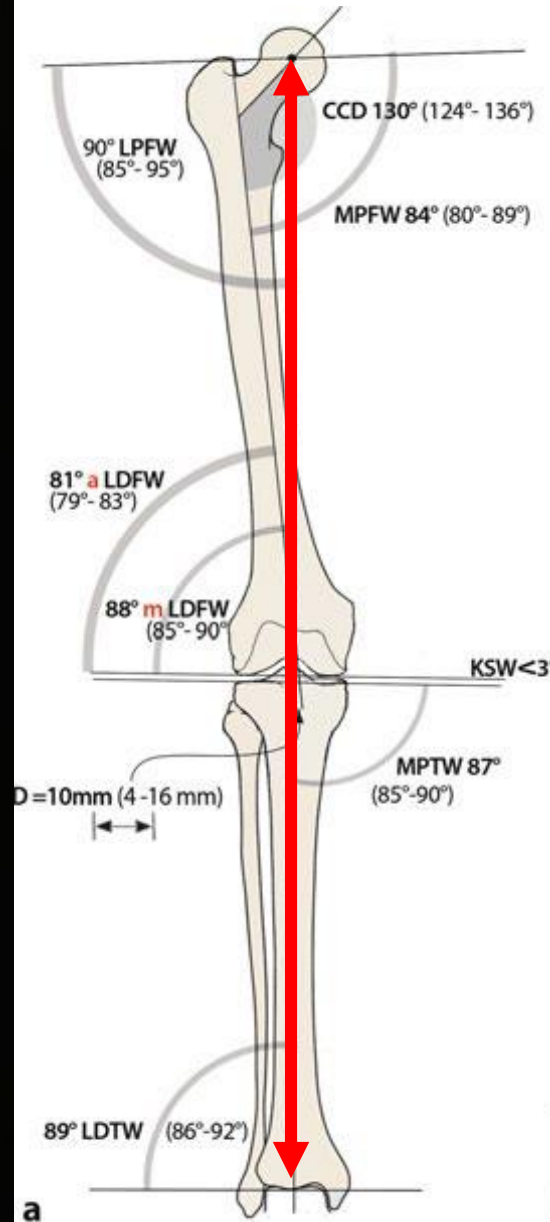


# Pronation

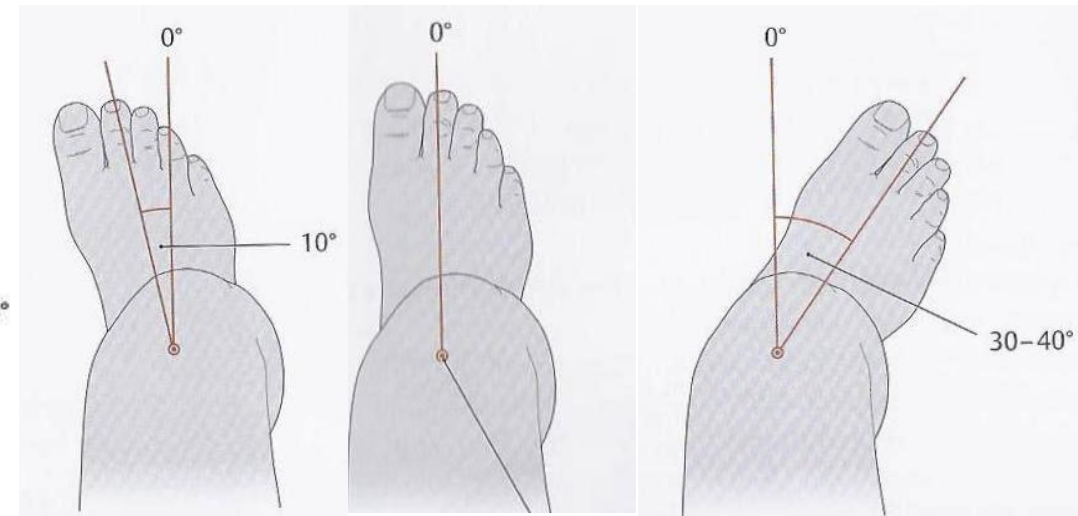


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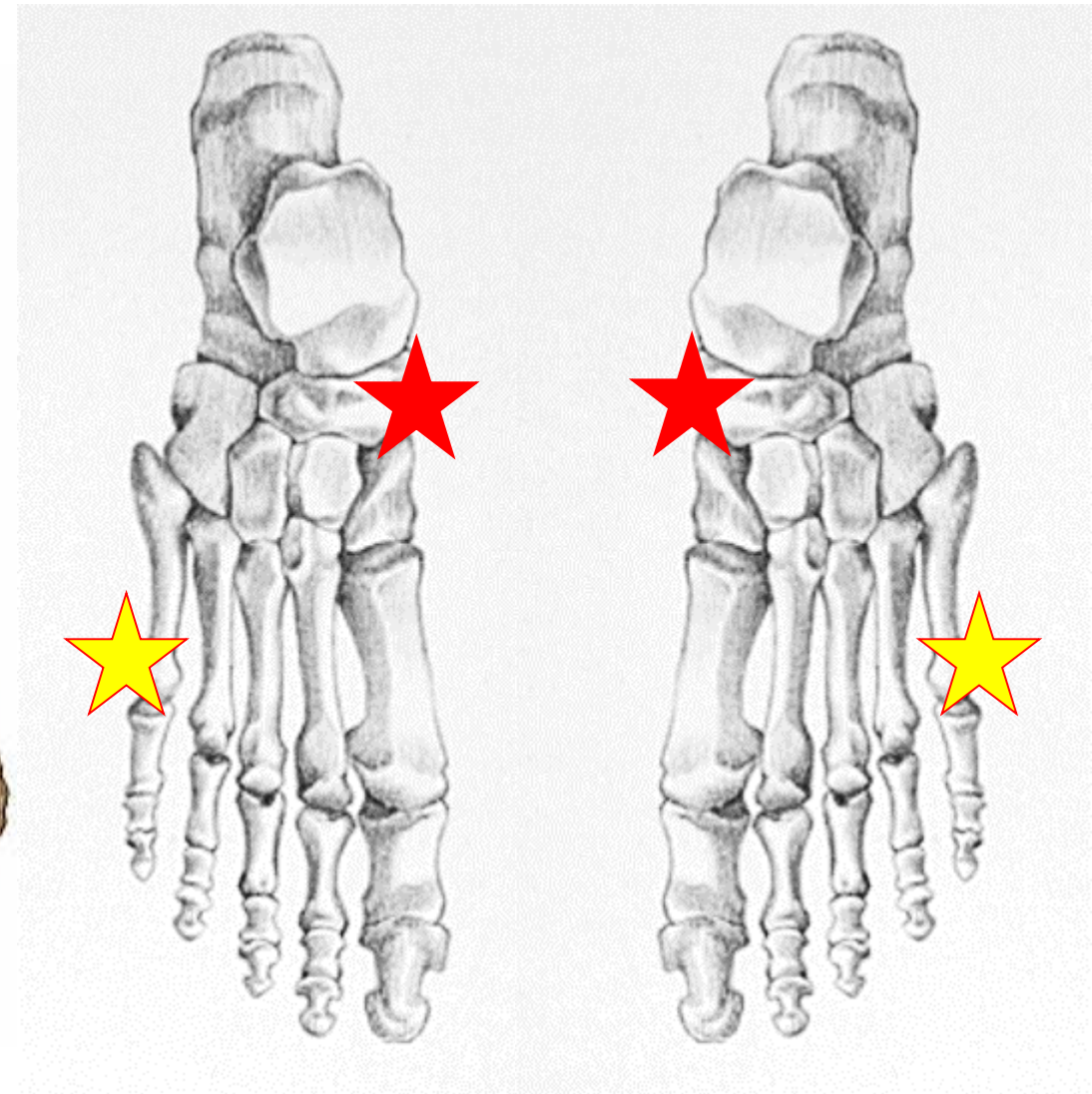
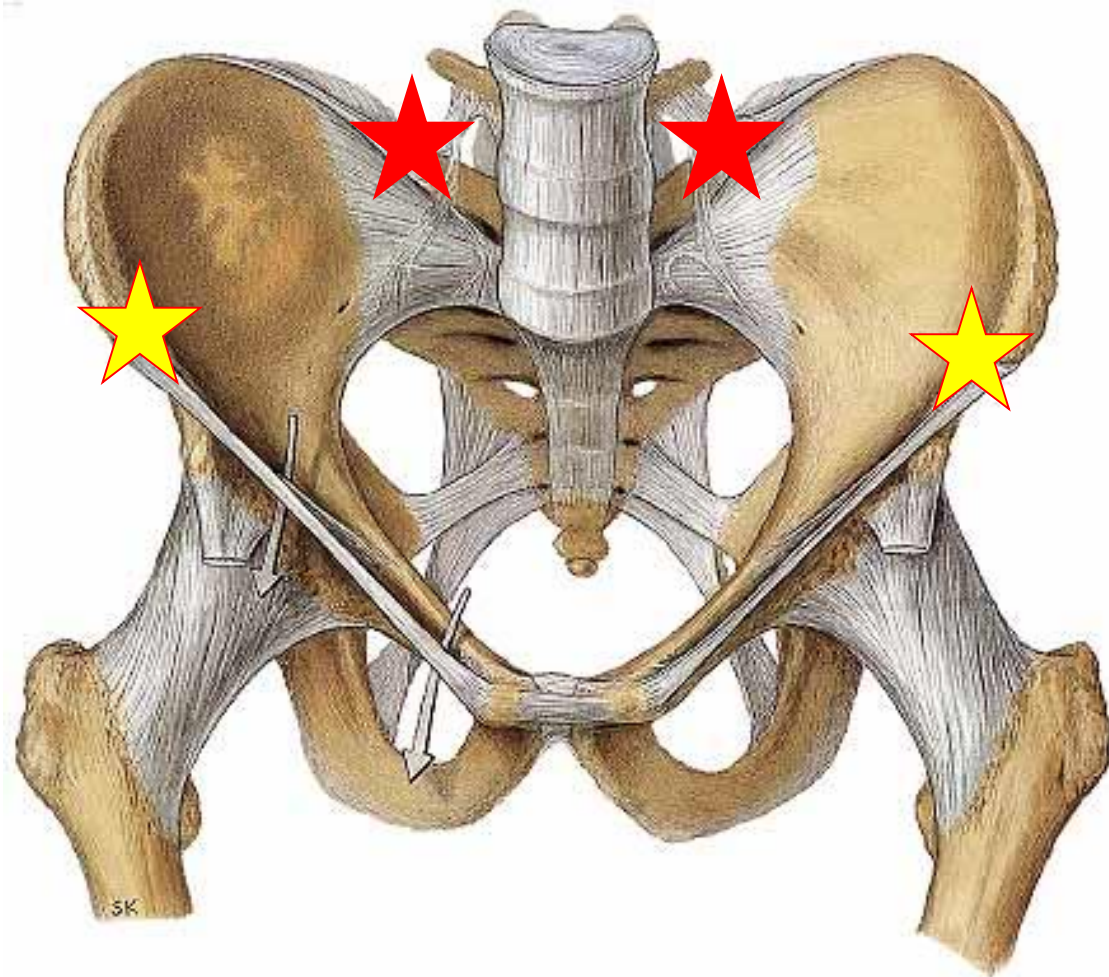
Mikulicz-Line (knee 3° varus)  
lateral open angle (174° average)

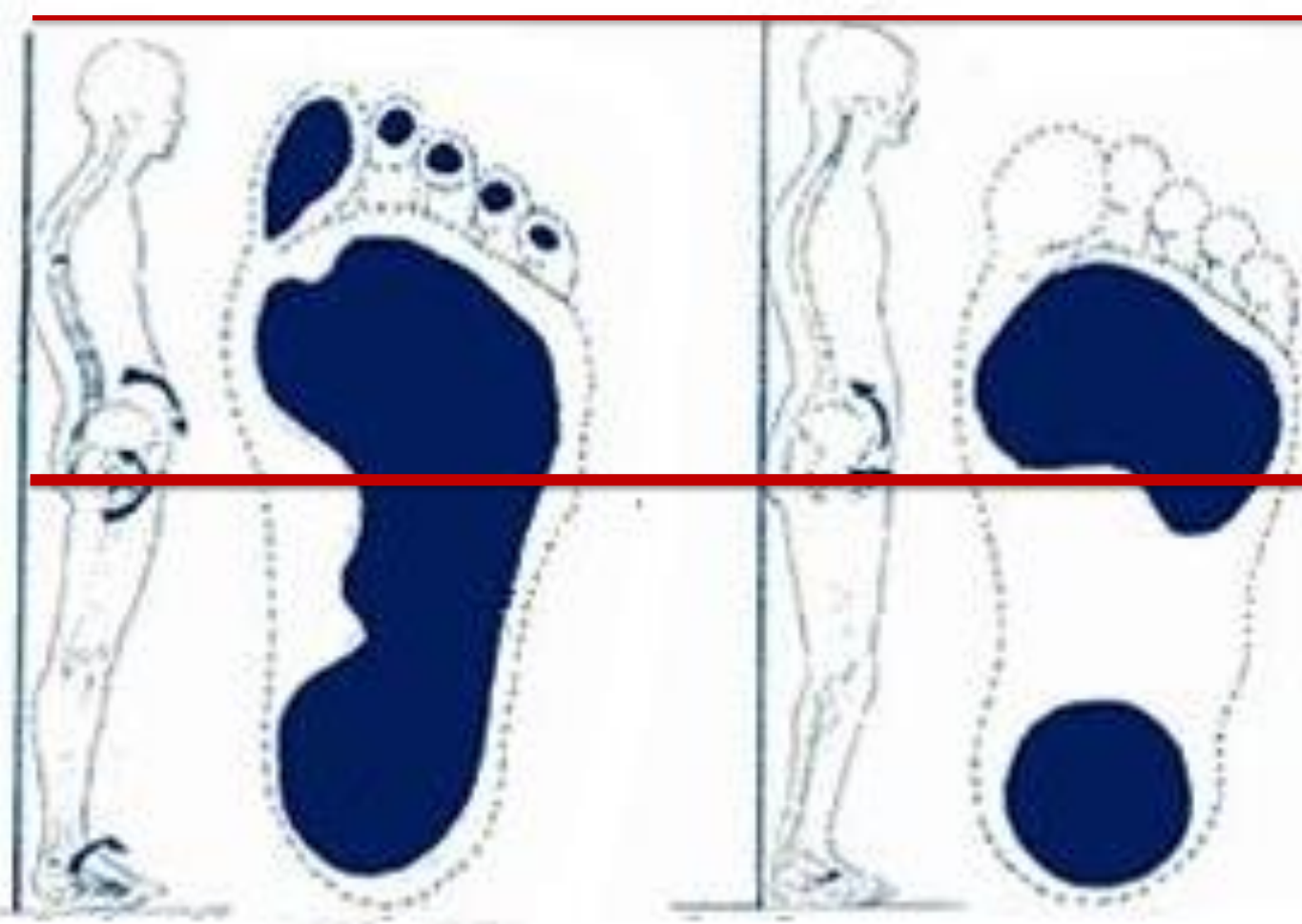


In cycling:

up to 15° knee rotation  
40° knee extension – flexion







Flatfoot

Highfoot

## **Pelvis rotation**

Flatfoot -> anterior

Highfoot -> posterior

## **Body height**

**Leg length**

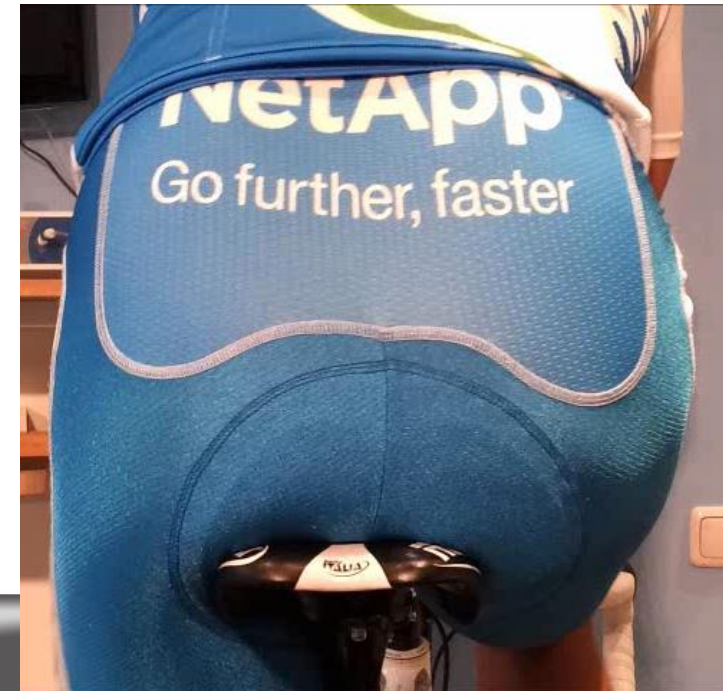
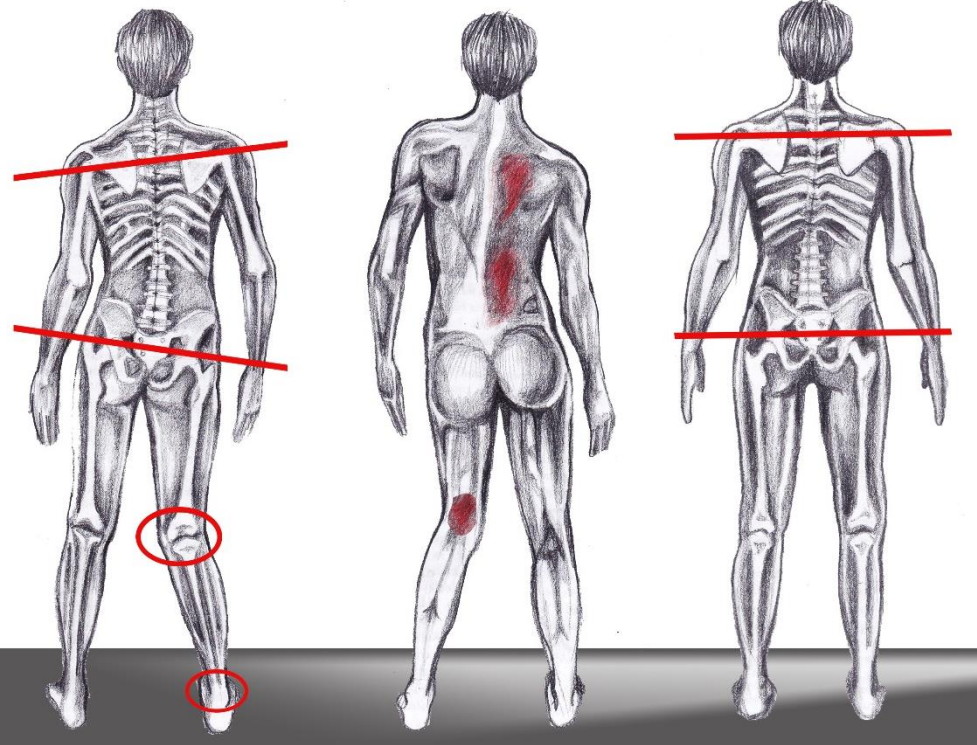
**Range: up to 30mm**



# Dysbalance

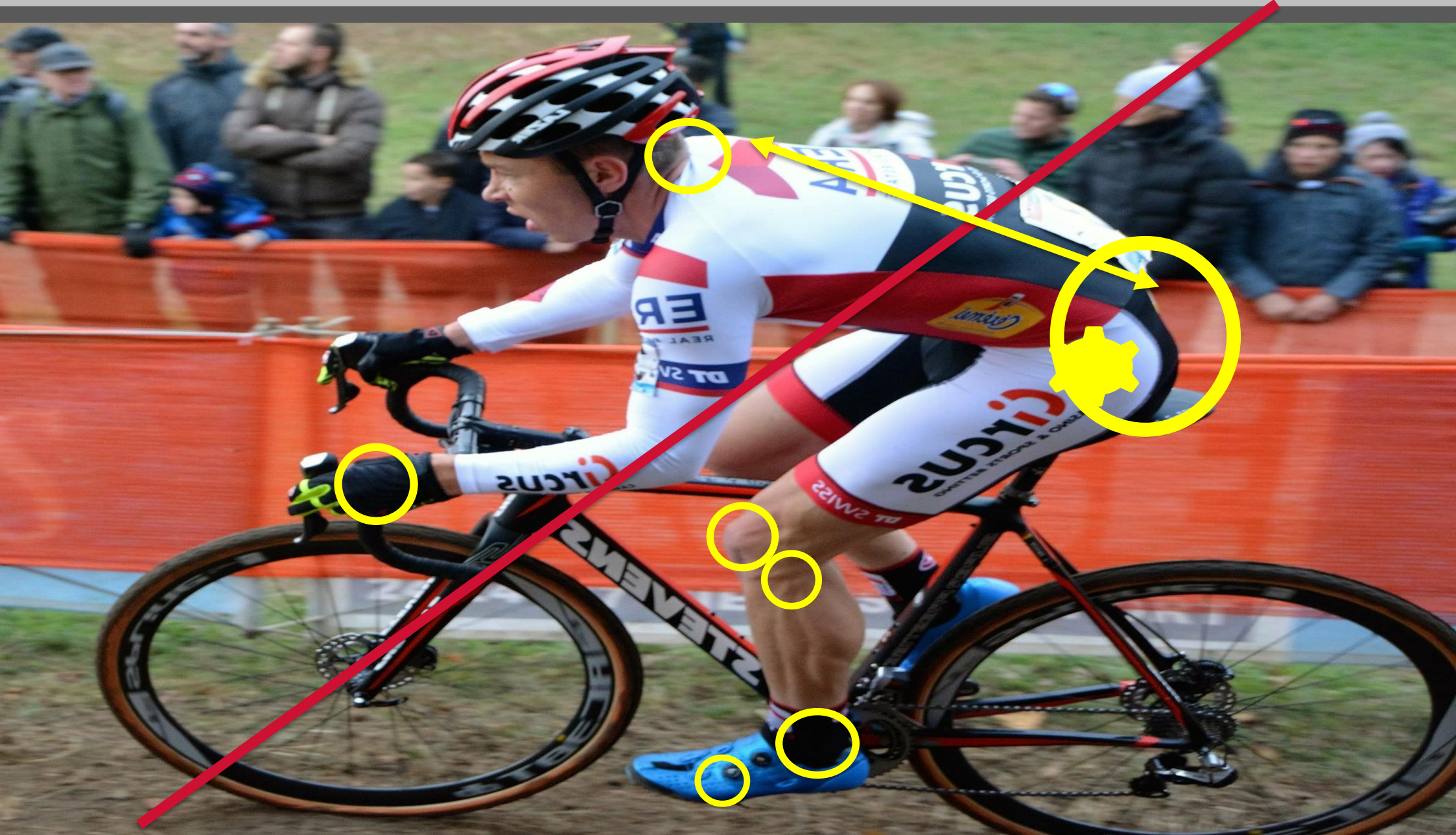


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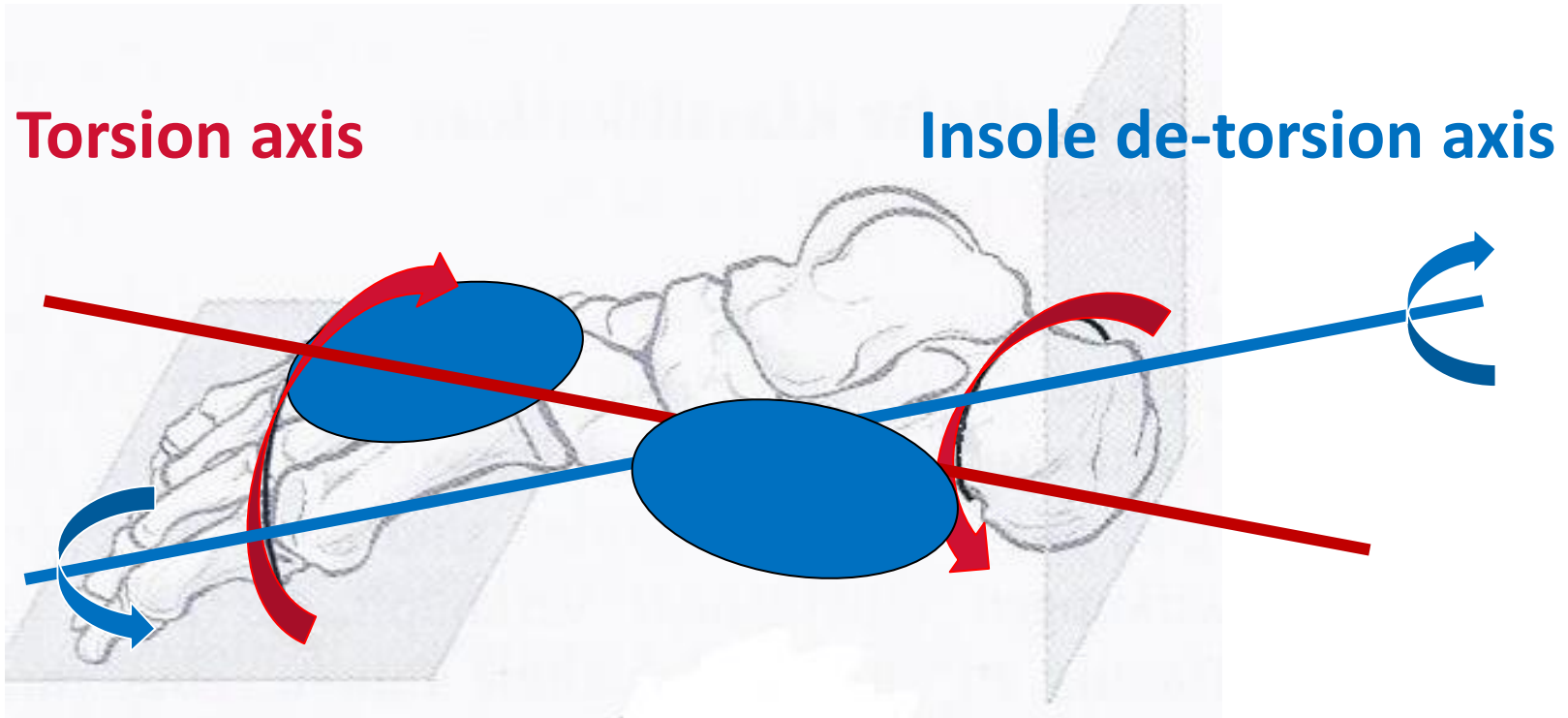




# Bottom up System







**Torsion axis**

**Insole de-torsion axis**

**Forefootsupination**

**Rearfootpronation**

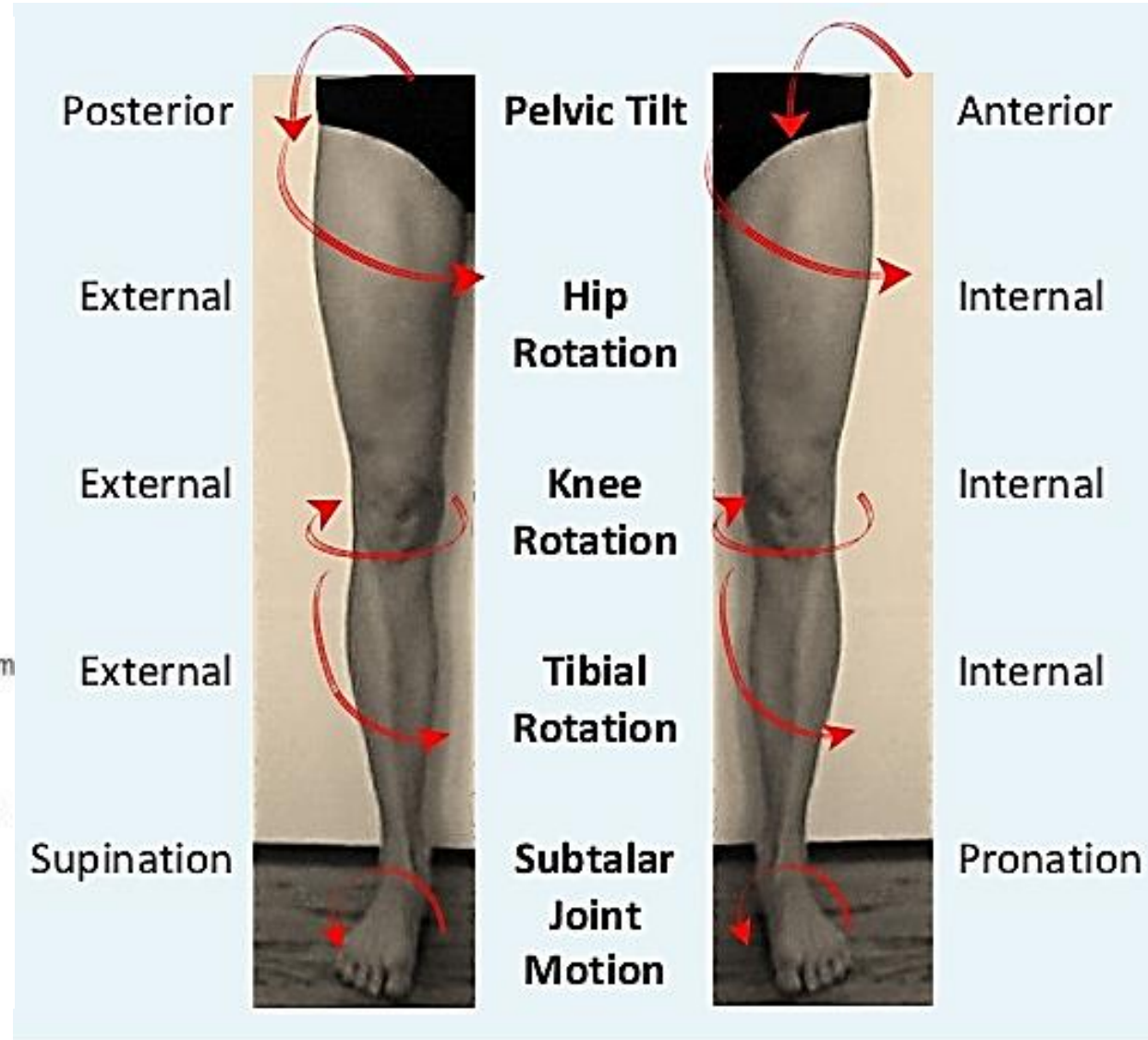
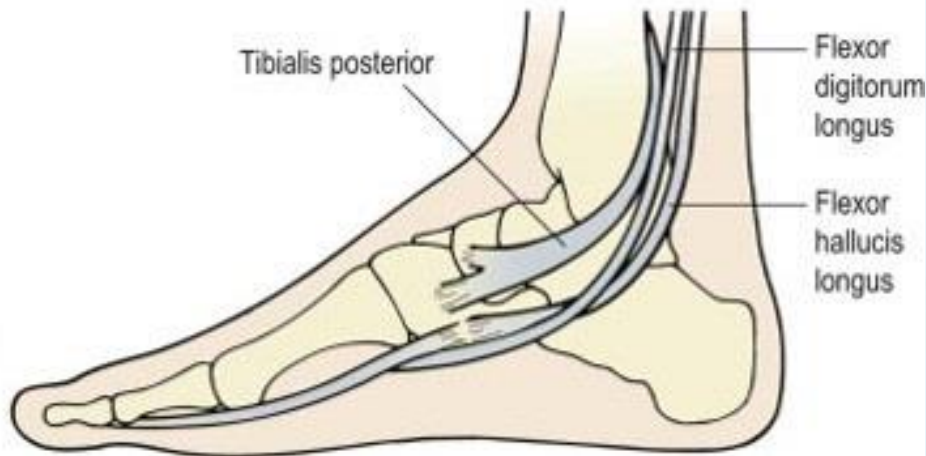
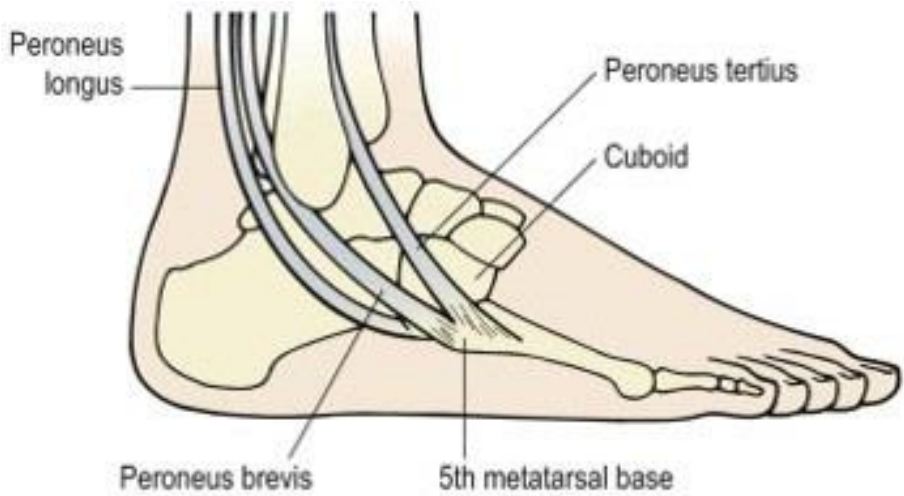
**Pronation support**

**Supination support**

# Chain Reaction



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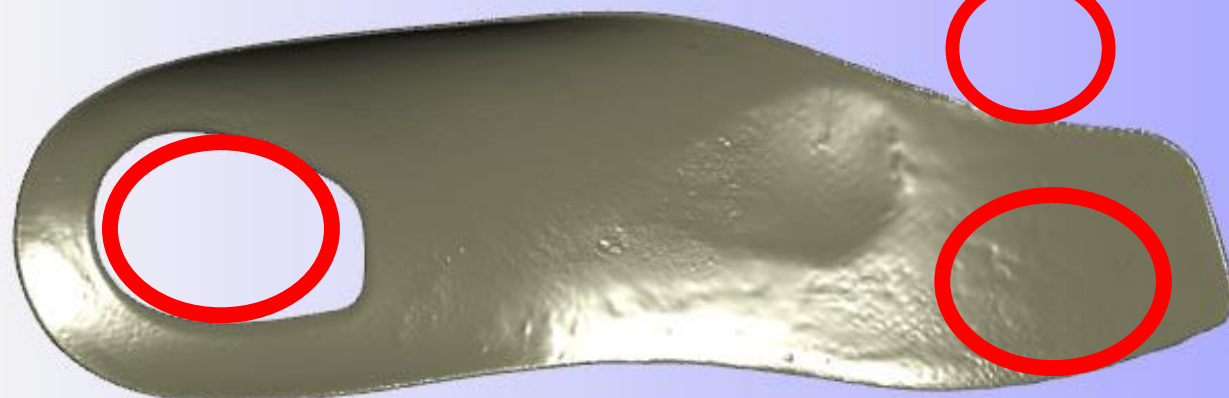




Support subtalar joint

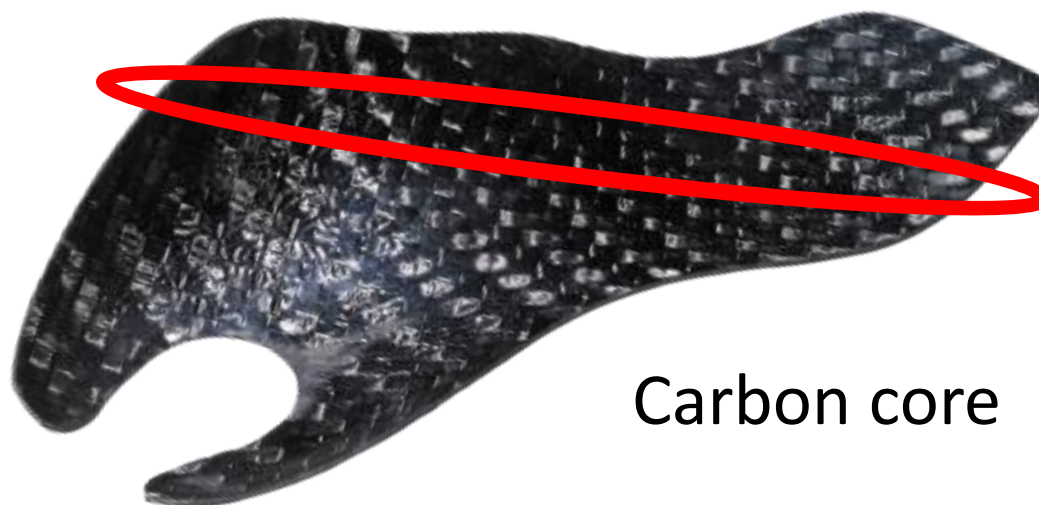


Recess for the 1<sup>st</sup> met



Heel clasp

Lateral raise



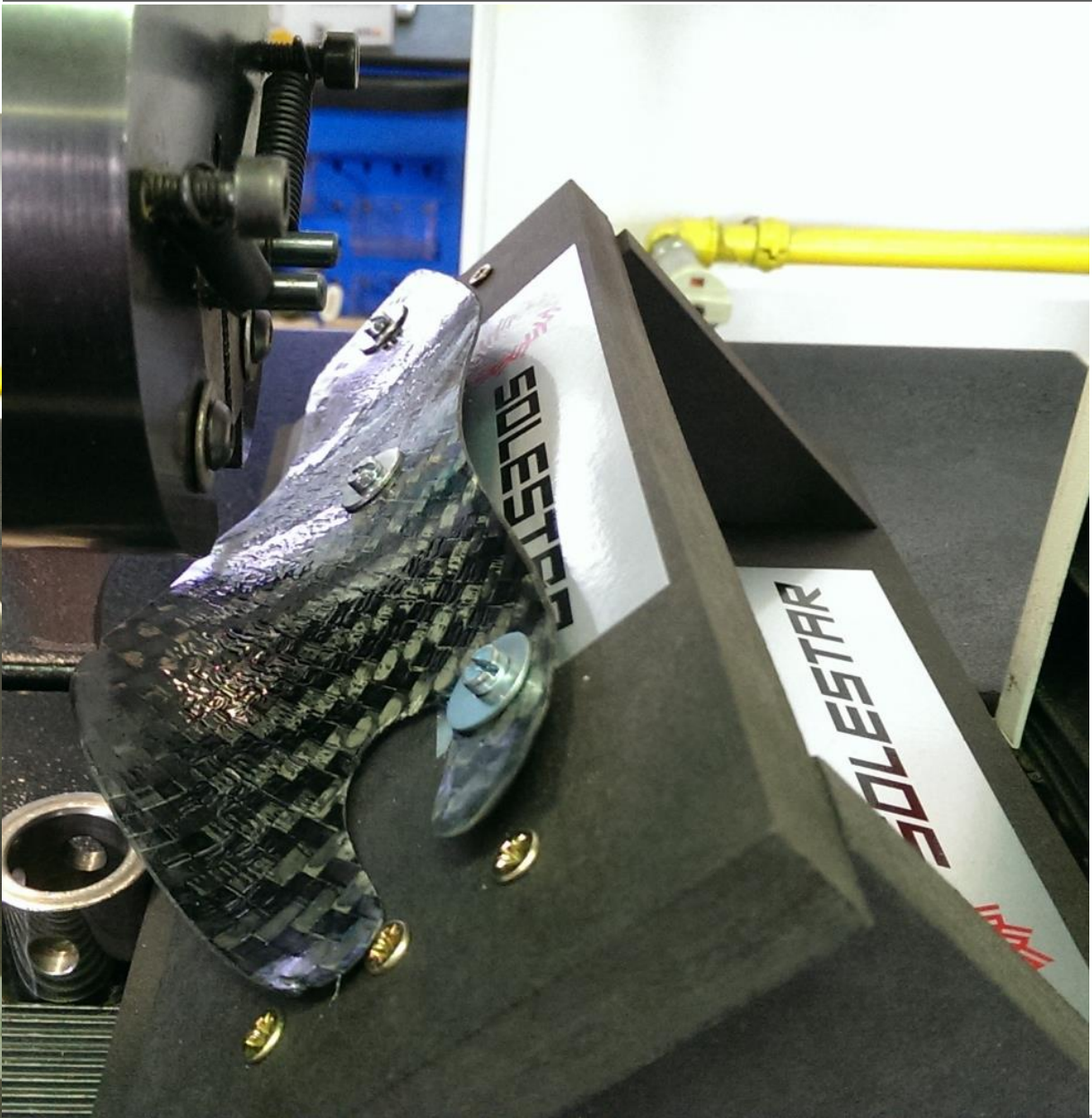
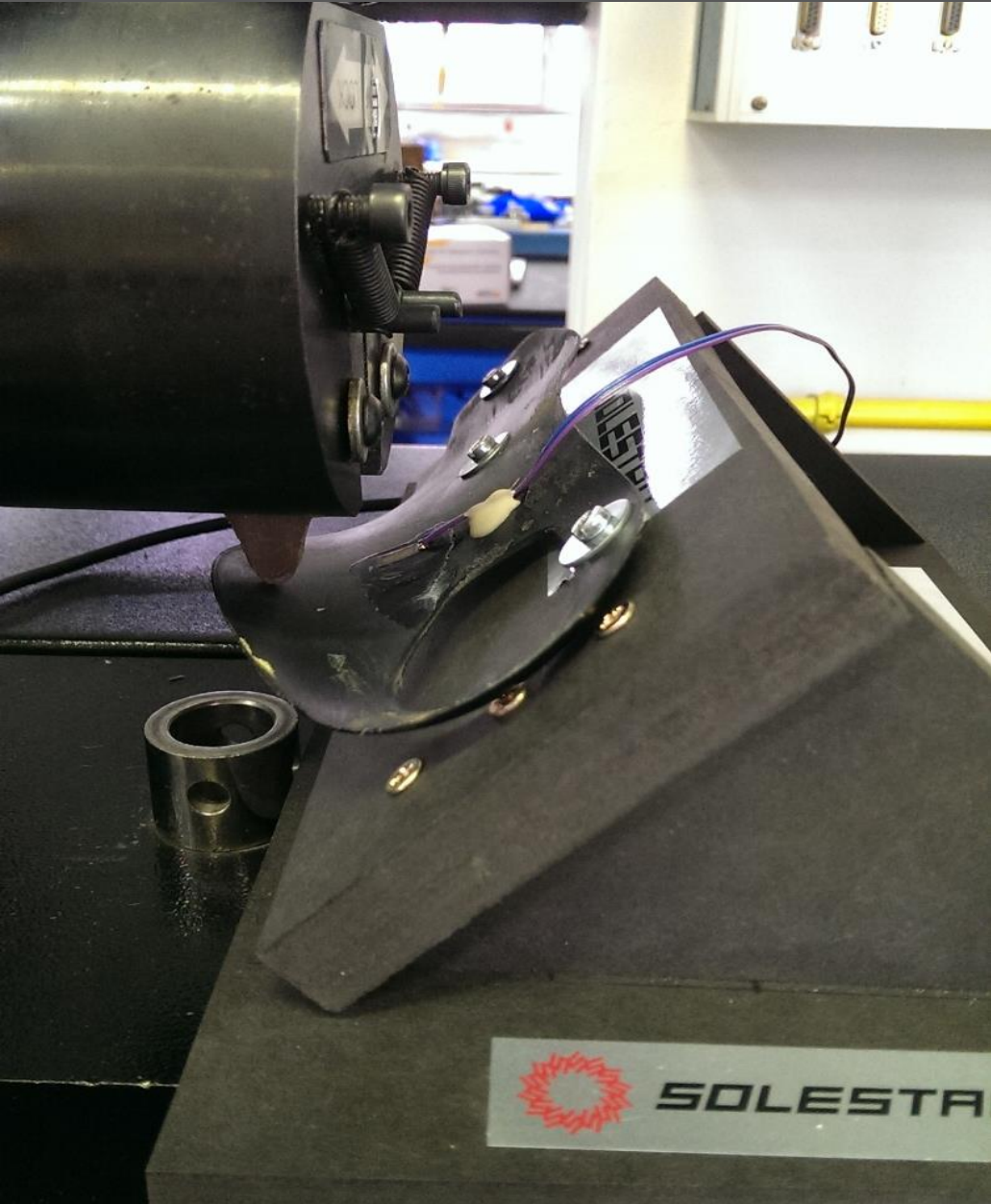
Carbon core



# Core Stiffness



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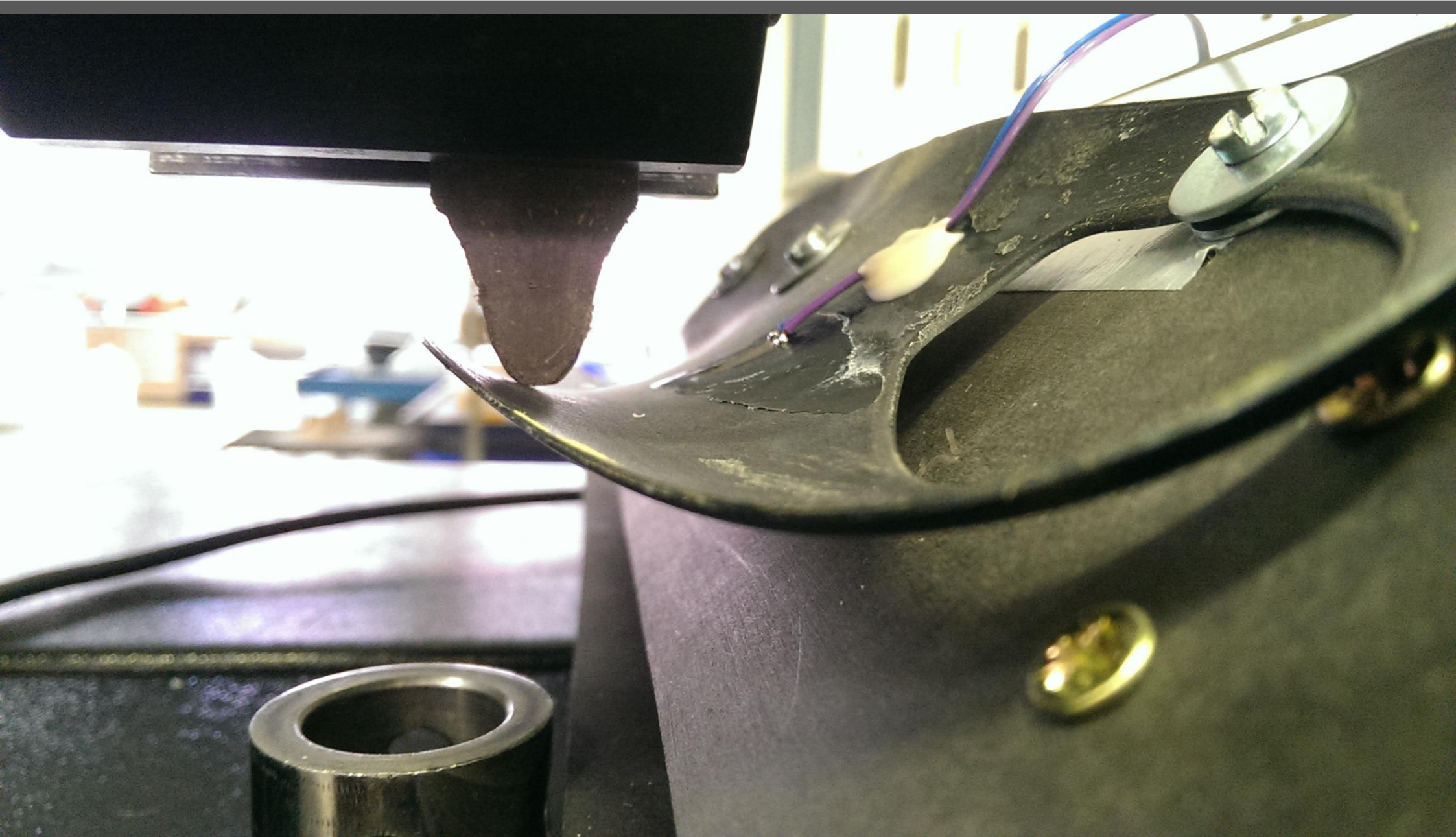




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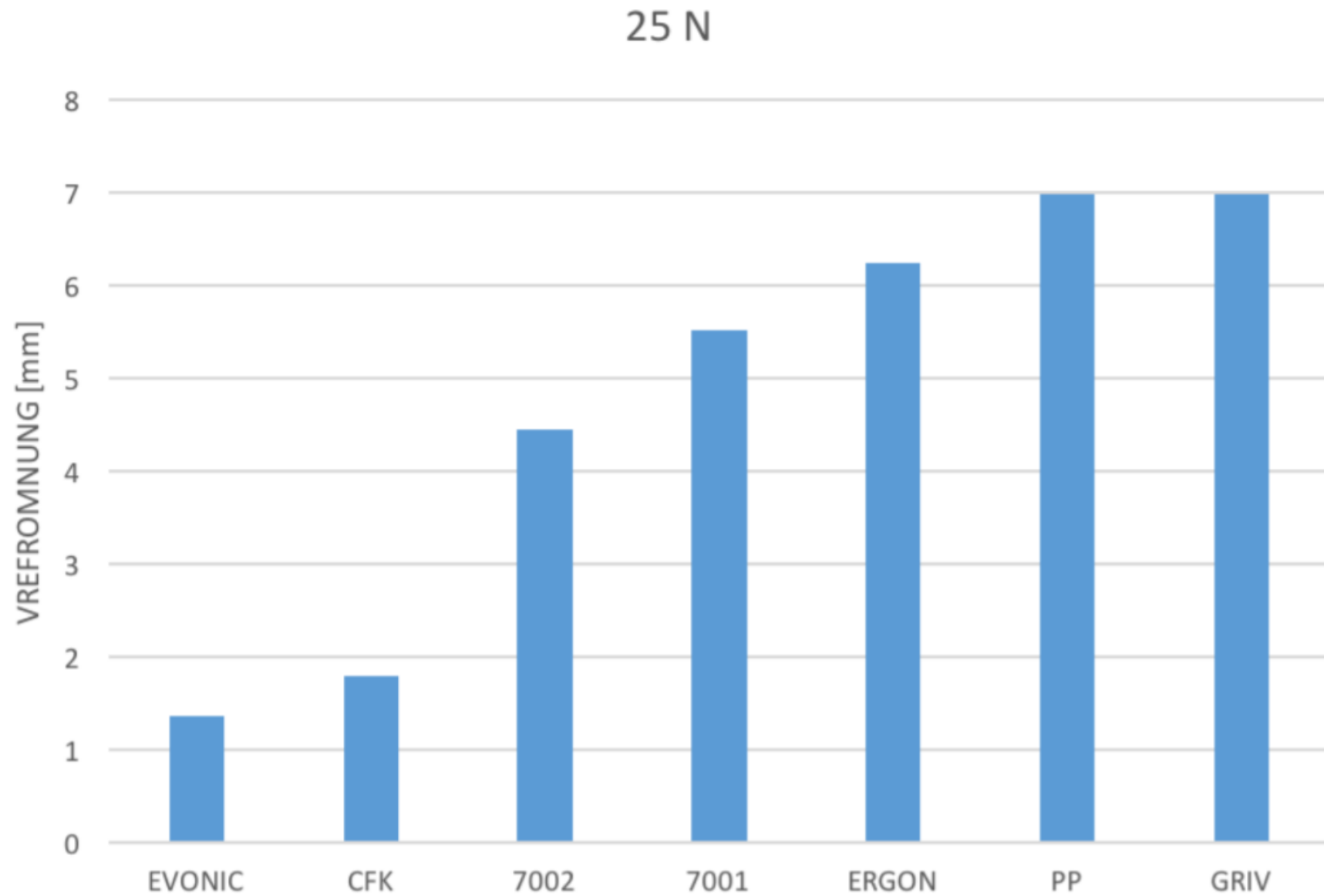
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# Core Stiffness



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Fixing the ankle joint

Fore foot counter support

Deeper placement 1<sup>st</sup> met

**=> STABILIZATION DELTA!**



## **Optimal power transmission and reduction of the shear forces**

⇒ The SOLESTAR insole fixes the foot in a neutral position during the whole pedaling action (reduction of backfootpronation and forefootsupination)

## **Asymmetries and disbalances are regulated in their functional system**

⇒ The operating mode of the SOLESTAR insoles and individual adjustments reduce loss of power and overburdening

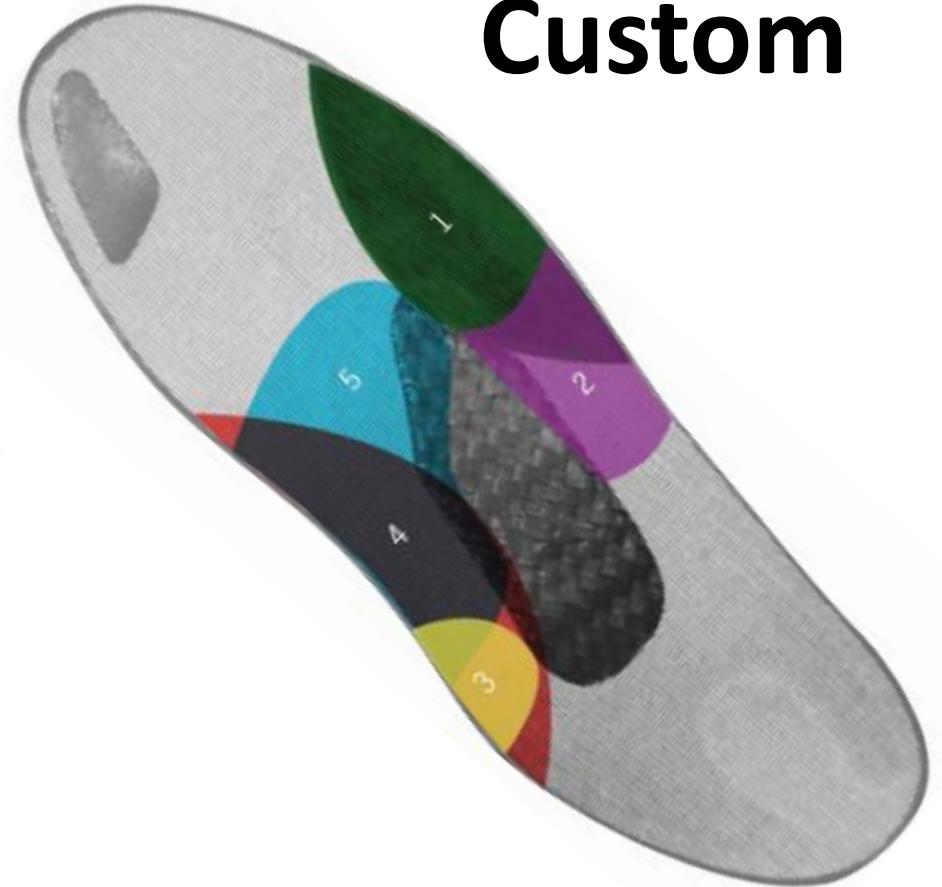


## Standard

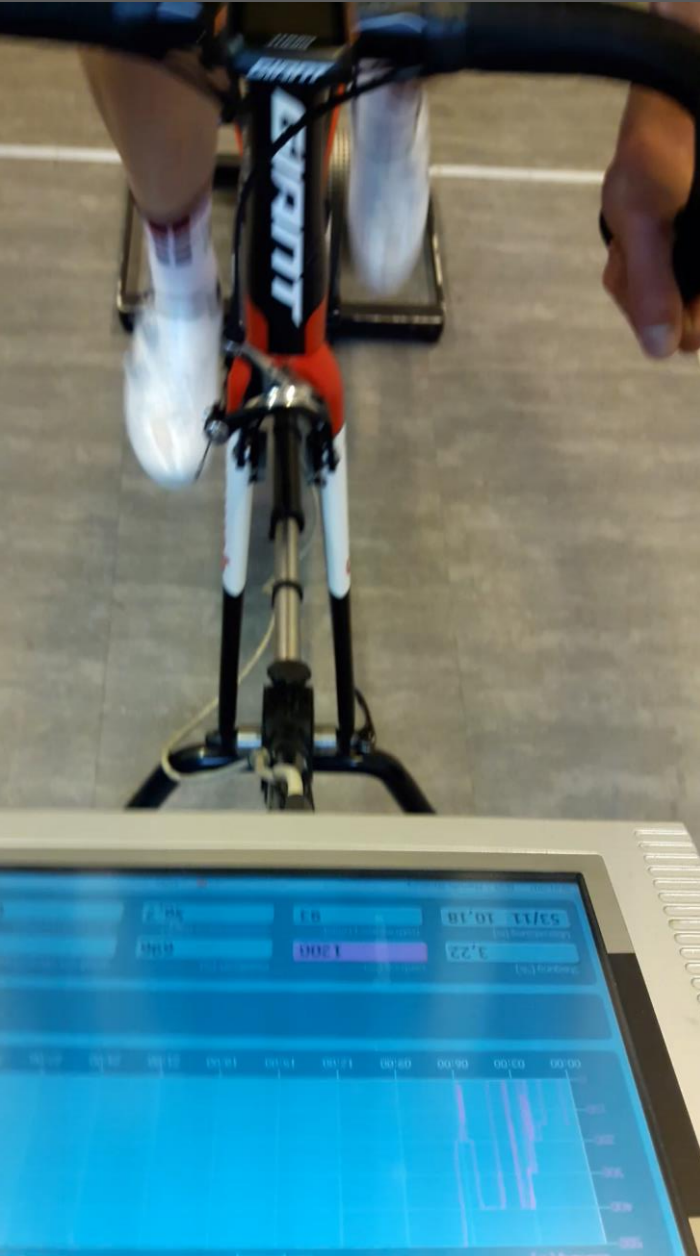


**90 %**

## Custom



**100 %**



**Power [Watt] =**

**Cadence [1/min] x Pedalforce [Newton]**

**Example:**

**Power 300 Watt**

**90 [1/m] x 180[N]      -      110 [1/m] x 150 [N]**

# Functional Problem



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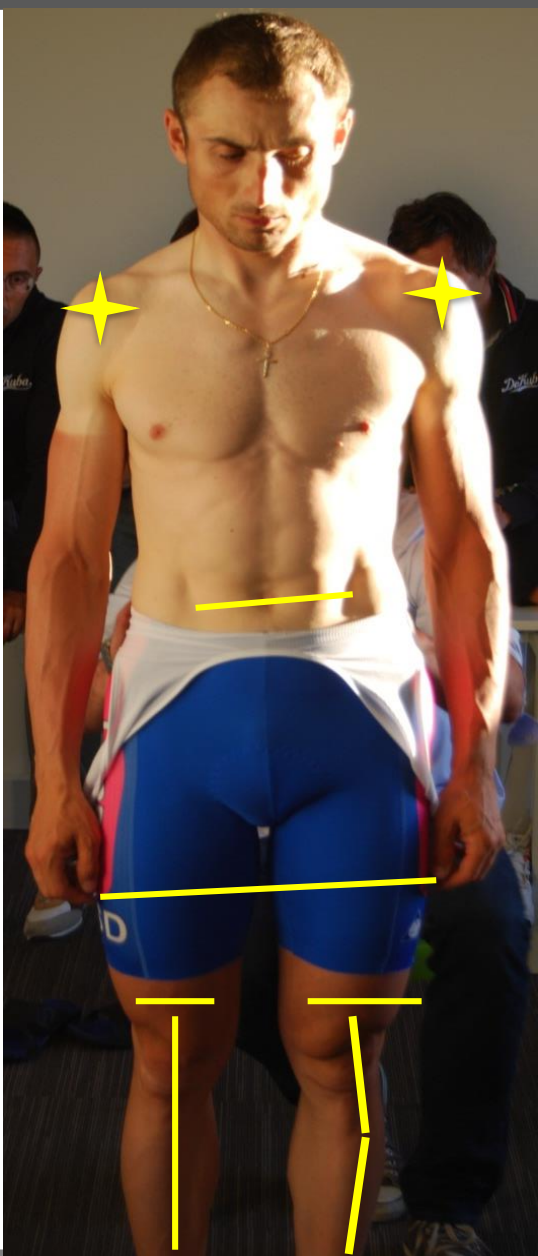
**Shoulder**

**Pelvis**

**Hand**

**Muscle structure**

**Legs**





# Functional Problem





# Vorlauf Test – standing flexion test



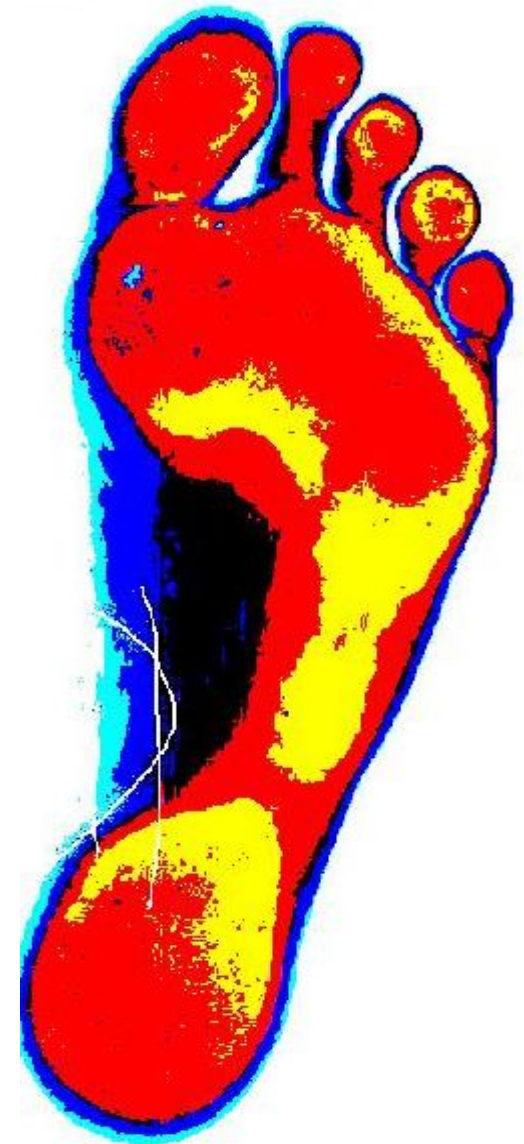
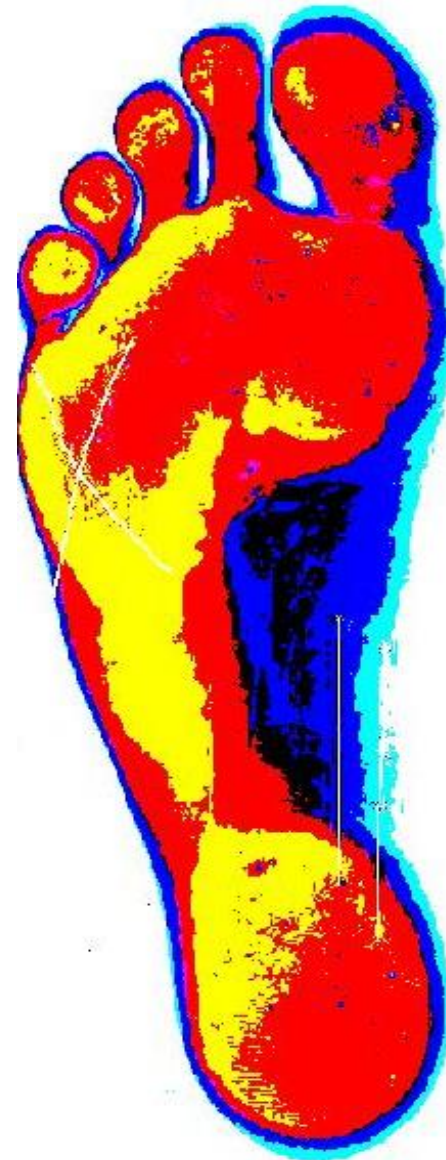
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# Vorlauf Position on the Bike







# Squadtesting



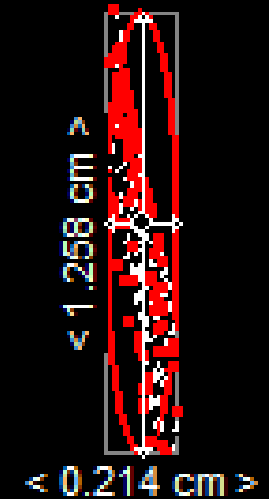
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**Pelvis**  
**Hip**  
**Femur**  
**Knee**  
**Tibia**  
**Fibula**  
**Malleolus**  
**Subtalar joint**  
**Toe**

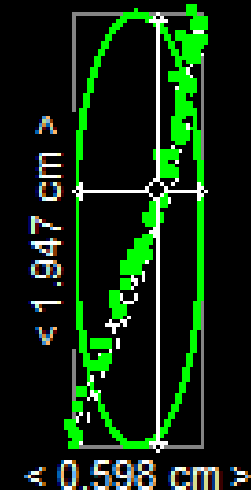
## Left Foot Center Of Force

Oberfläche= 0.211cm<sup>2</sup> - Ausgewählte Punkte : 90%



## Right Foot Center Of Force

Oberfläche= 0.914cm<sup>2</sup> - Ausgewählte Punkte : 90%

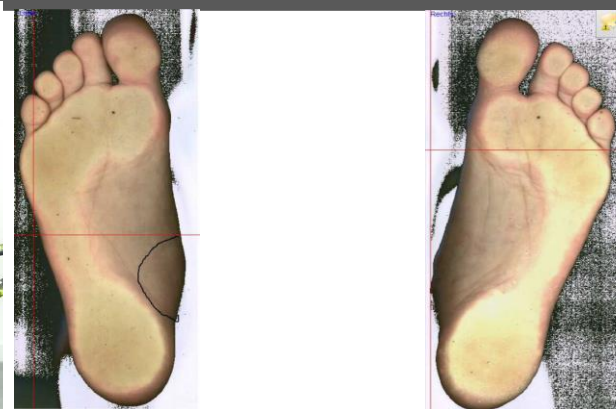




# Procedure



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# Off the Bike



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# Knee Overload



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“Wout Van Aert is suffering from friction between the tendons in his knee and his kneecap” (jan 2017)



Links



Rechts



# The End - THANK YOU



Tom Wirtgen  
Luxembourg U23 - ITT



Jean-Pierre Drucker  
Luxembourg - ITT



Stefan Küng  
Switzerland - ITT



Tobias Ludvigsson  
Sweden - ITT



Marcus Burghardt  
Germany - Road



Patrick Haller  
Germany U23 - ITT



Oliver Naesen  
Belgium - Road



Luka Mezgec  
Slovenia - Road



Steve Cummings  
Great Britain - Road & ITT



Trixi Worrack  
Germany - ITT



Sara Penton  
Sweden - Road



Gregor Mühlberger  
Austria - Road

Congratulations to these 2017 National  
Champions riding with SOLESTAR!



Bis hier ENDE

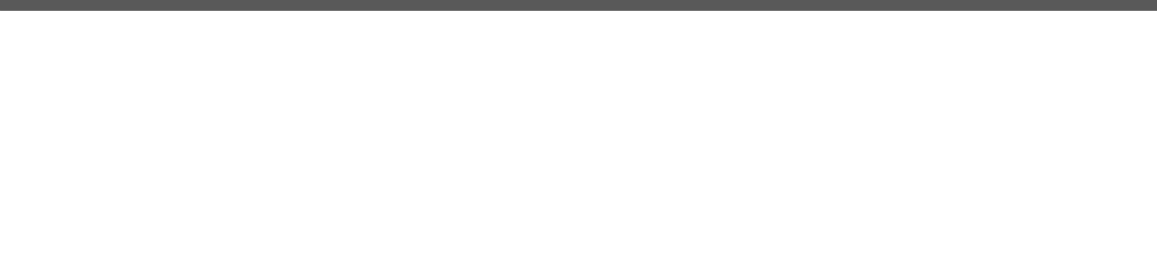


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# The Foot



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## Soft problems

- blisters
- hard skin
- warts
- corns and callus
- metatarsal problems
- sinew inflammation

## Clinical problems

- flat foot
- high arch foot
- club foot
- pigeon toes
- hallux valgus
- metatarsalgia

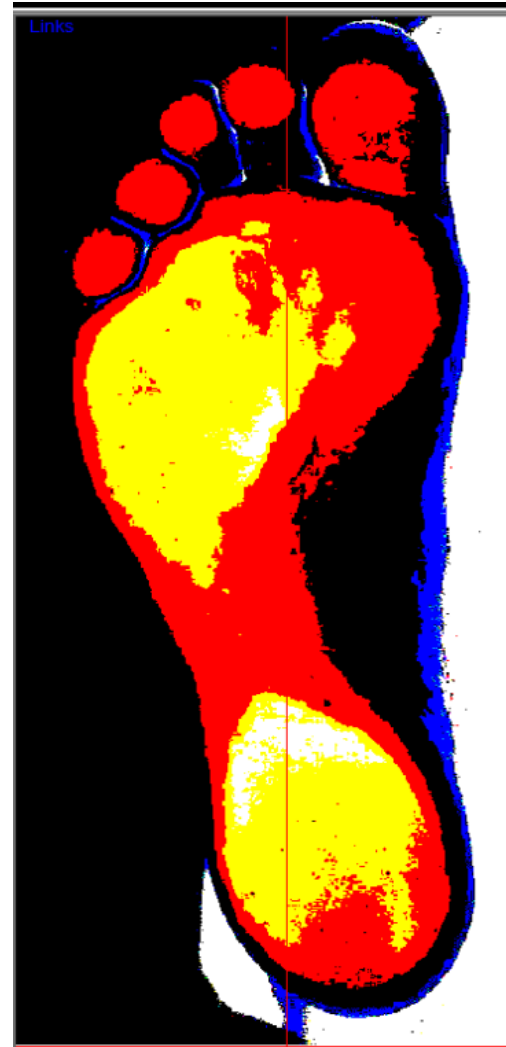


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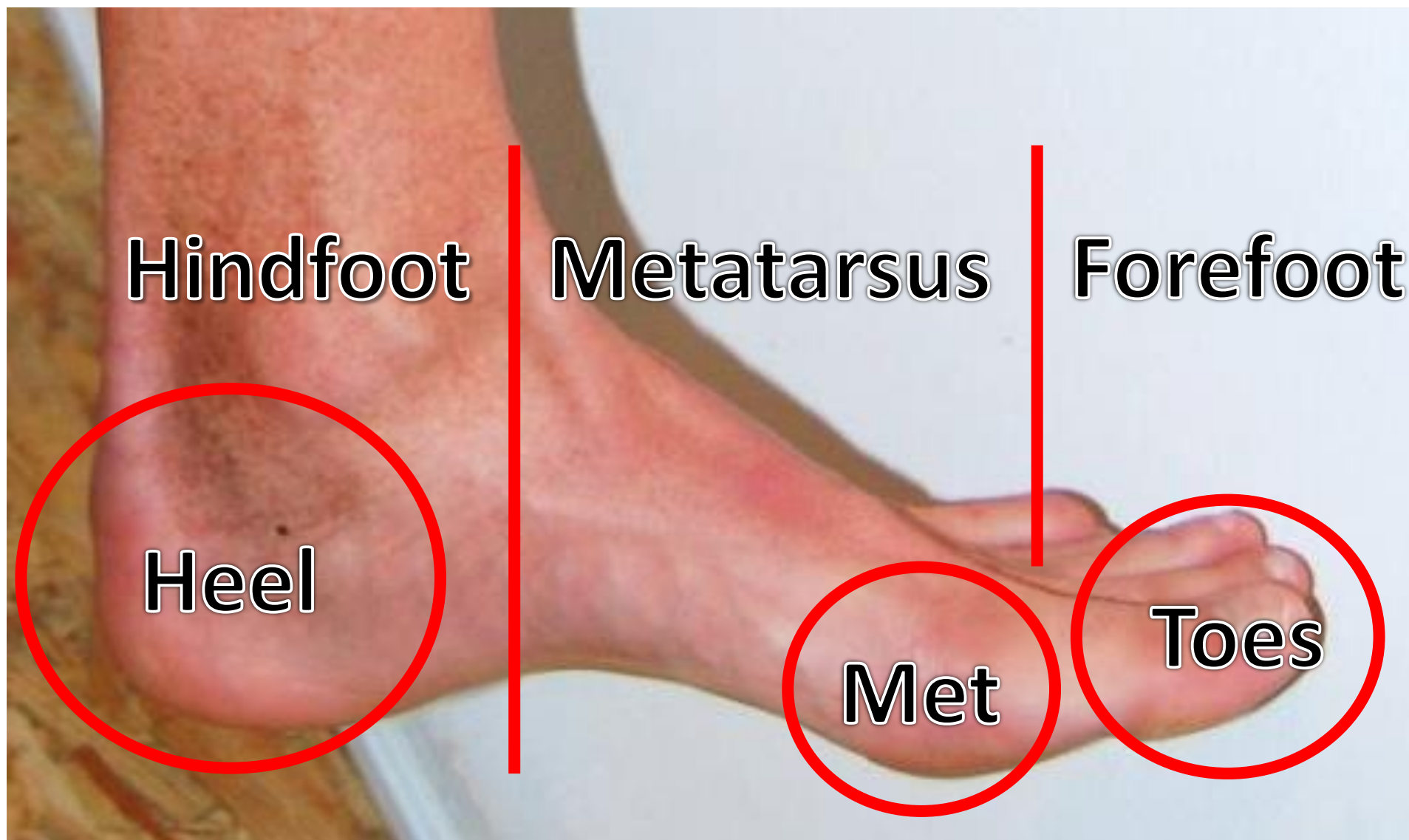






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# Musculare Dysbalances



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Volume

Definition

Tightness

Intermuscular

Intramuscular





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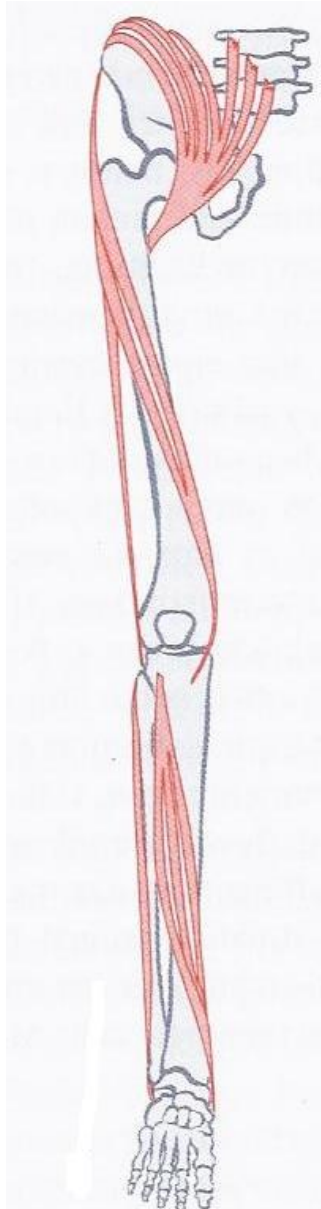




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Bones  
Joints  
Muscles  
Sinews  
Ligaments  
Cartilage



Neutral



Valgus

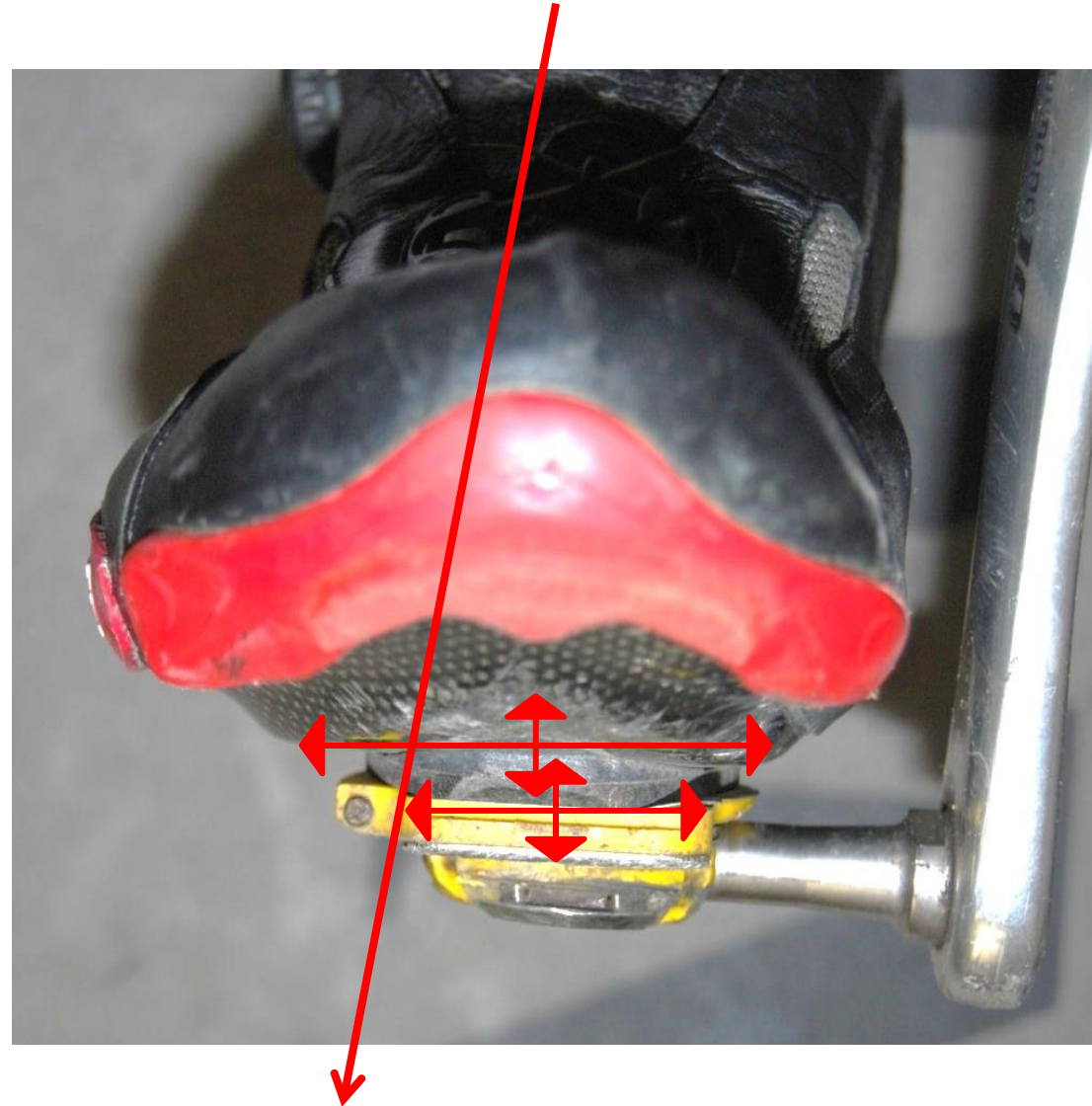


Varus

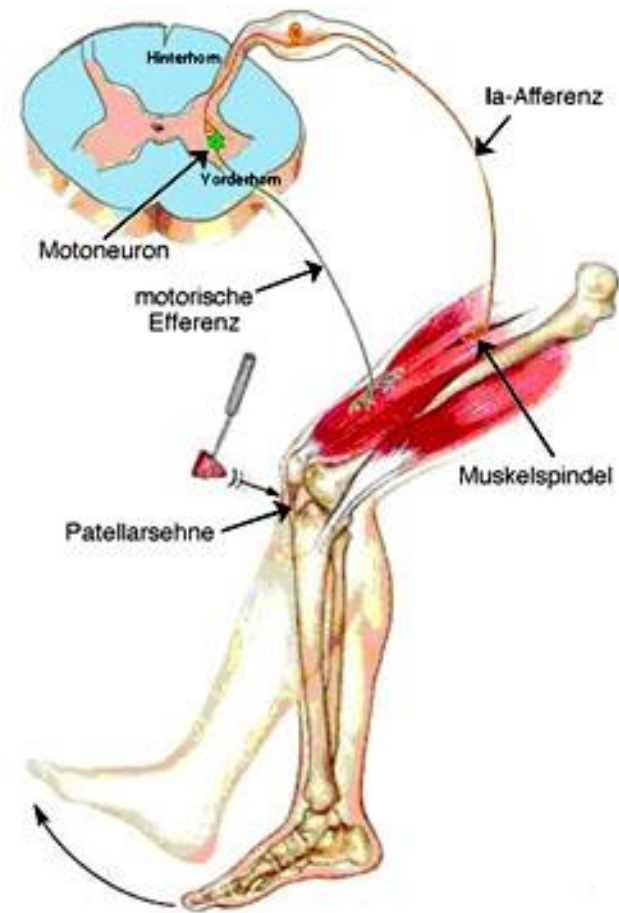
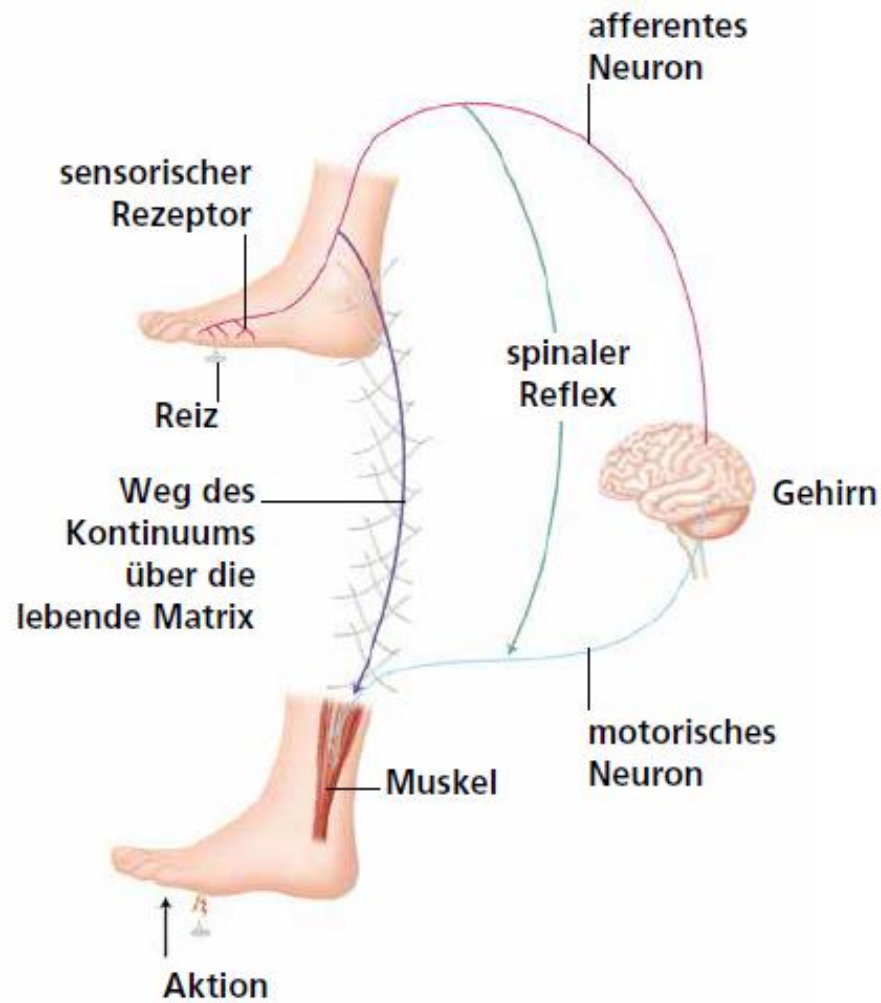


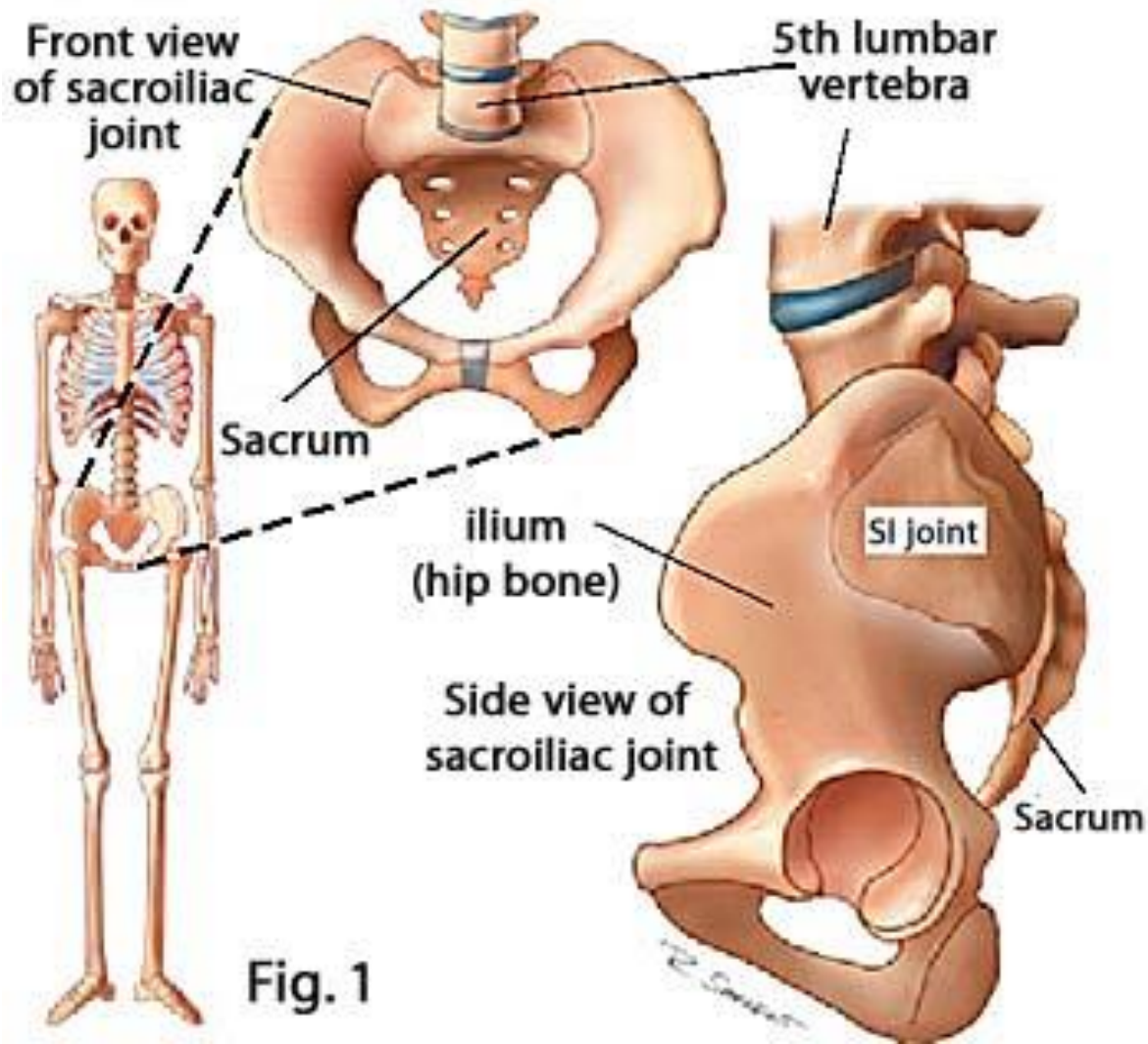


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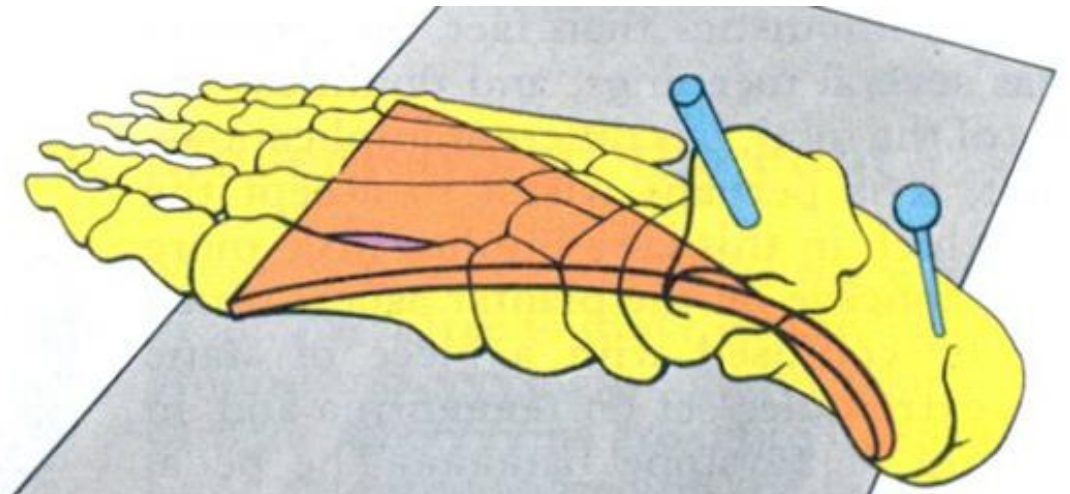
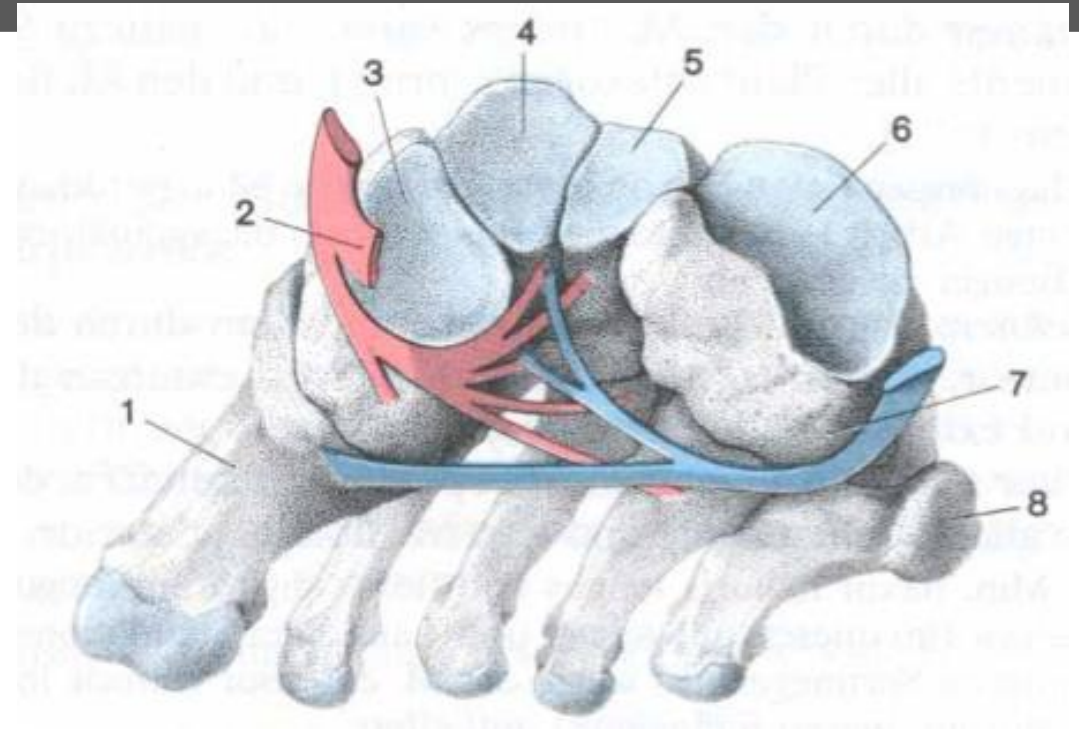




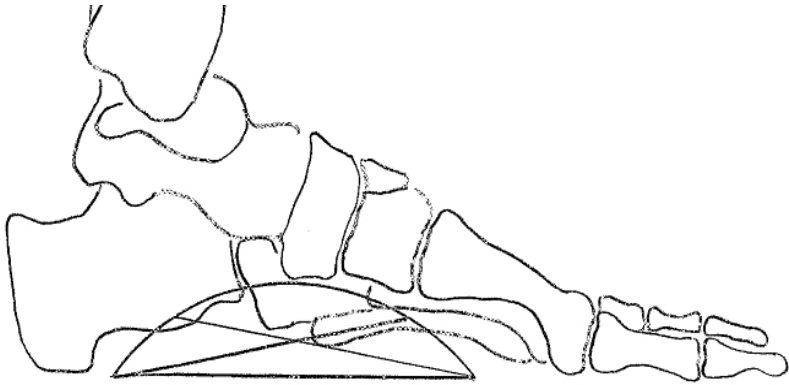
Stabilisations-“Steigbügel“ M. tibialis posterior medial : Peronealsehnen lateral  
(verlaufen von medial und lateral unter das Fußgewölbe)



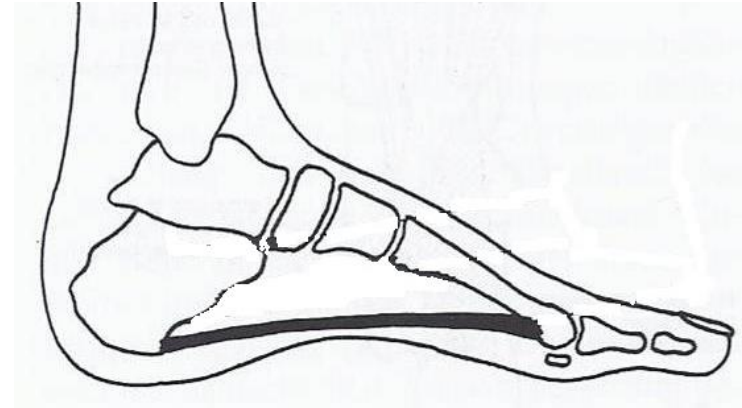
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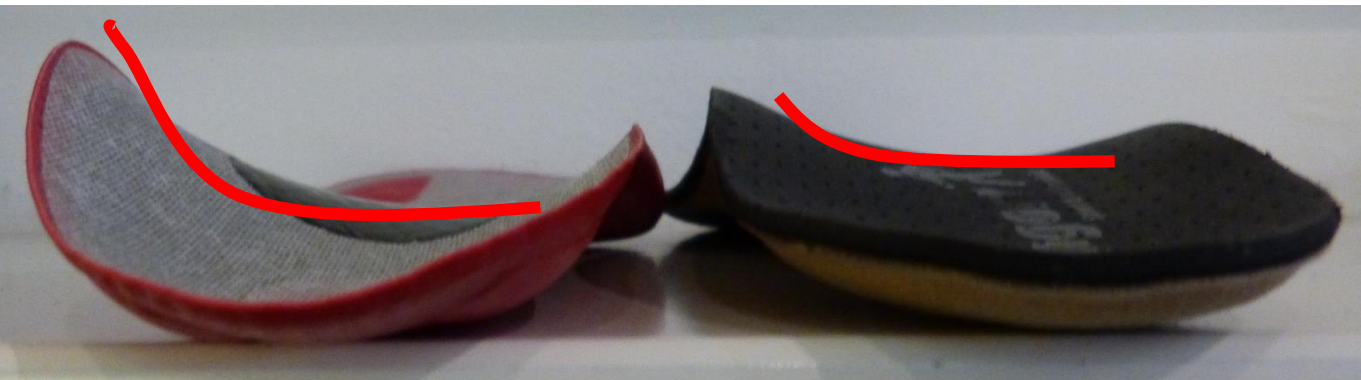




Maximum support of subtalar joint



Free movement of plantar fascia



Gradation of the medial support is important

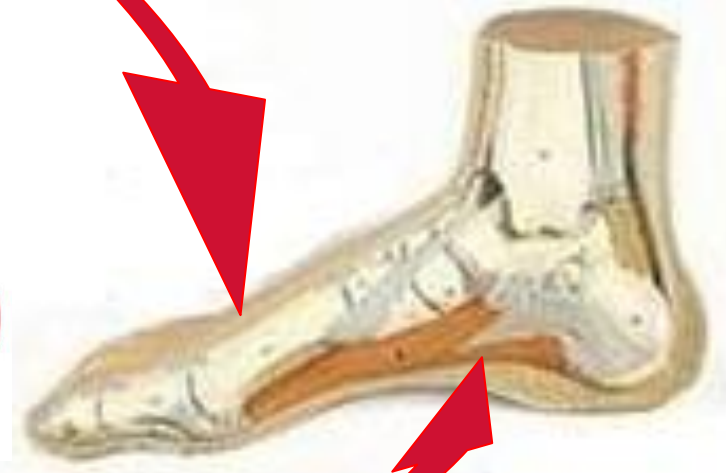
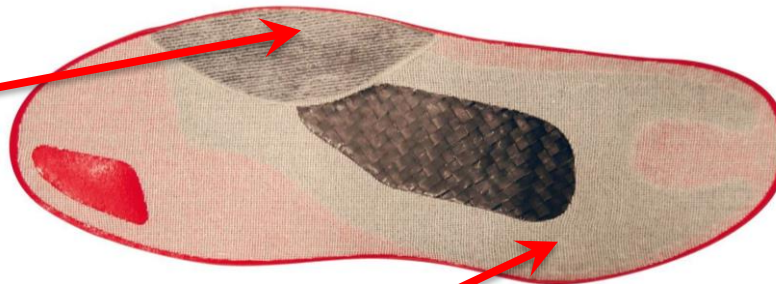
# Neutral Zero Position



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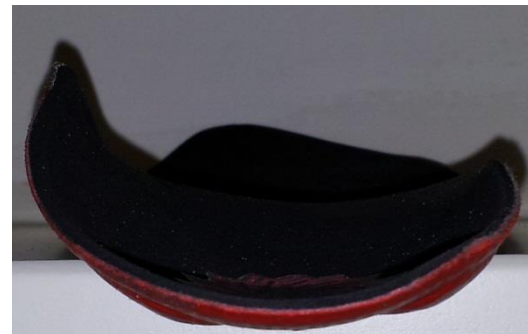
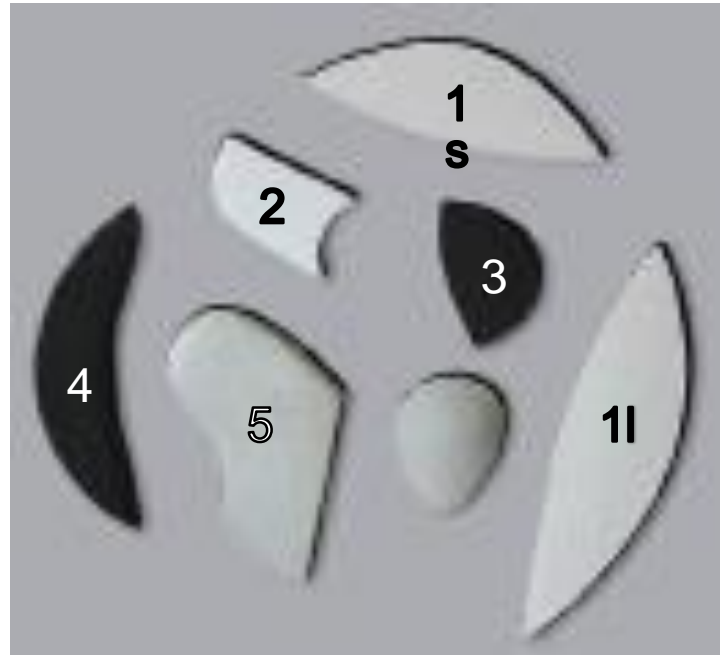
High foot



Neutral zero position



Flat foot



Resistive force

Sensomotoric

Decompression

Covermaterial

Heat molding





## Diagnosis:

Hip rotation – right side

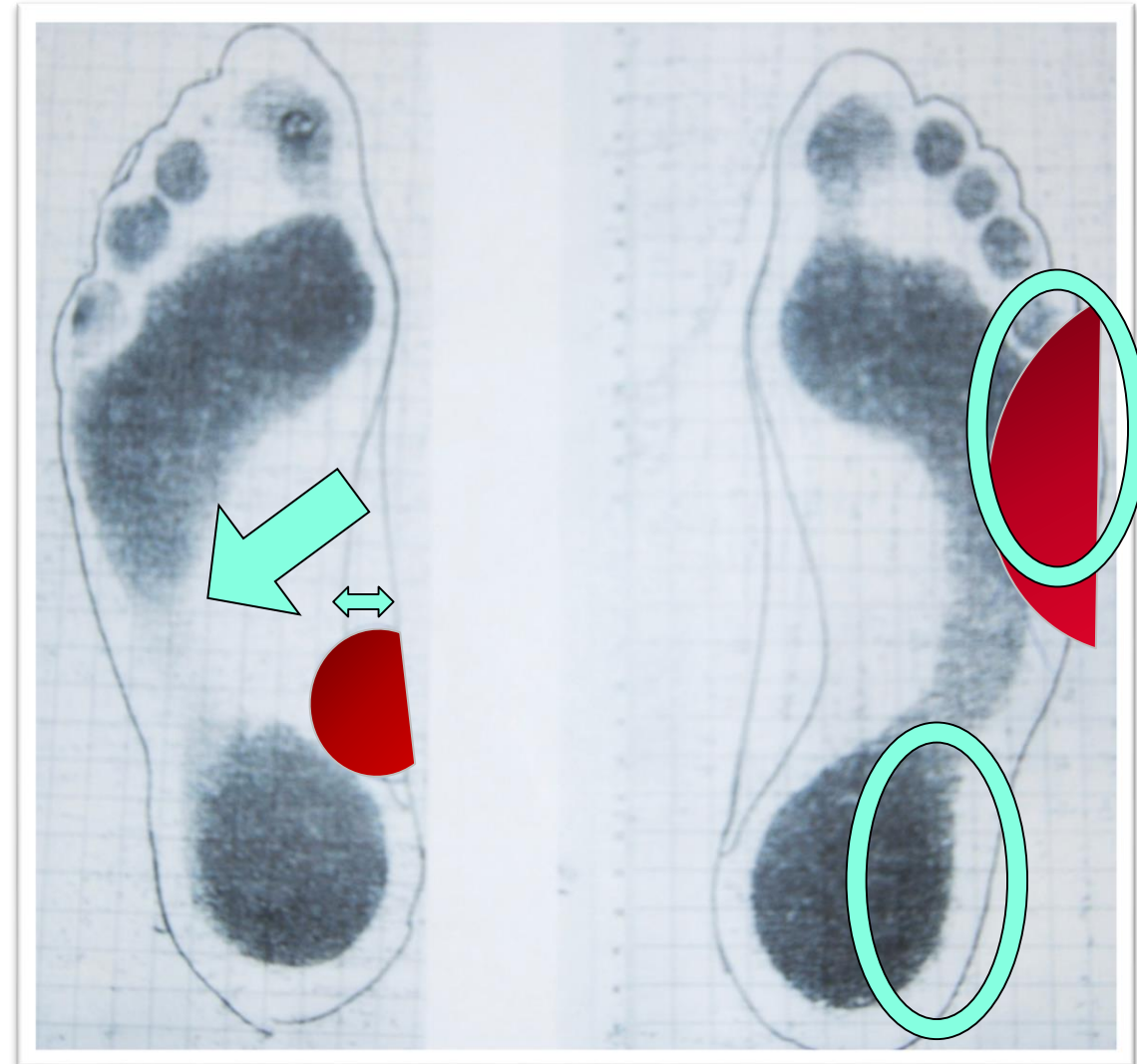
Skew foot

Varus position - right foot

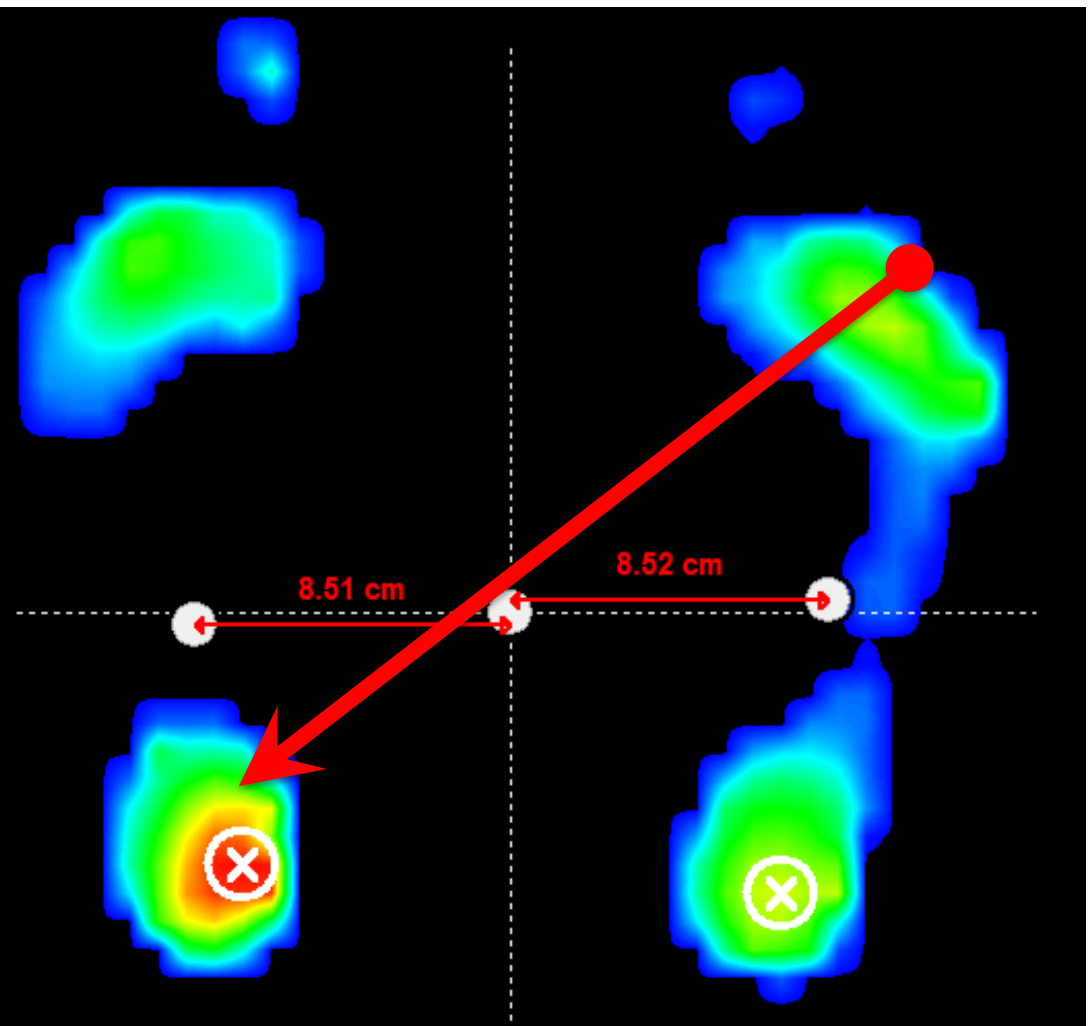
## Action:

Long pronation wedge right

Short sub wedge left



# Practice II



# Asymmetric Foot



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# Malposition



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# Example B II







**Deutsche  
Sporthochschule Köln**  
German Sport University Cologne  
Dr. Achim Schmidt

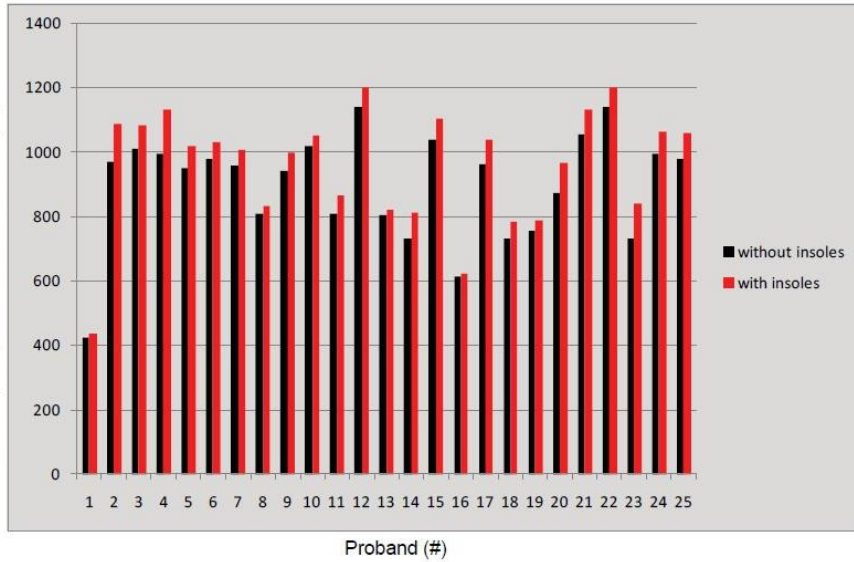


Cyclus 2 Ergometer

<b>Participants:</b>	30 (hobby/amateur/pro)
<b>Pre-test:</b>	3 x 8 sec sprint-test isokinetic maximum test with original insoles
<b>Test result:</b>	Peak – Cut
<b>Treatment:</b>	2 weeks adaption without any sprint specific training
<b>Retest:</b>	Same as pretest



# Study Results

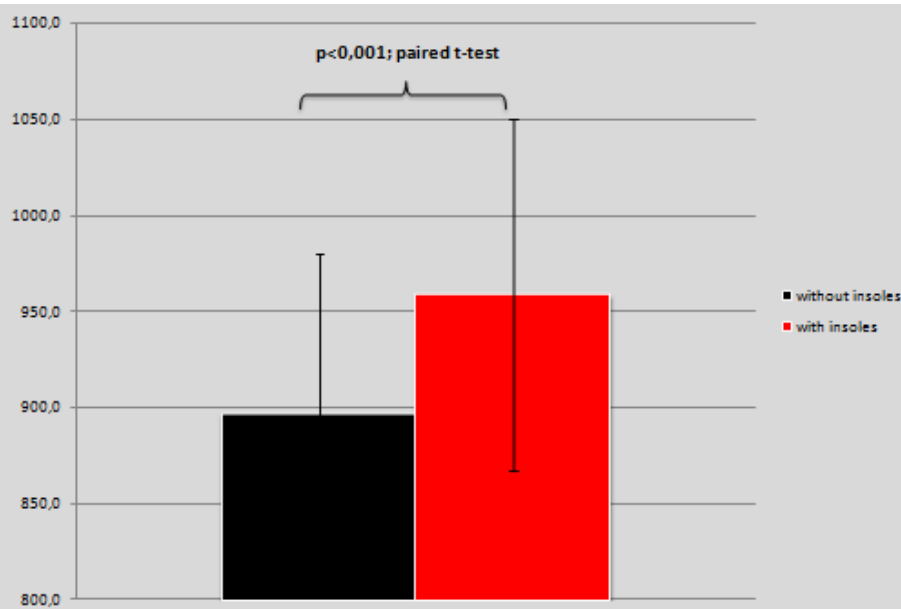


Average sprint performance 8 seconds:

Without: 896.9 +/- 167.3 W

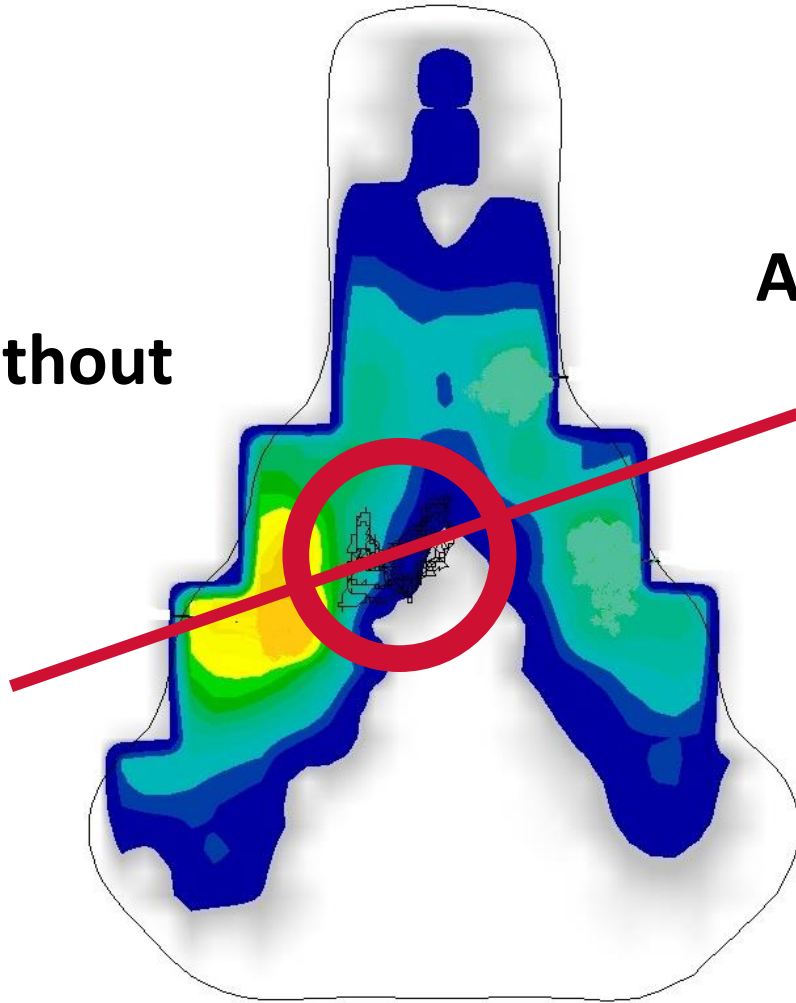
With: 958.7 +/- 183.0 W

**+ 61.9 W = 6.9 %**



Liverpool, UK, July 2011

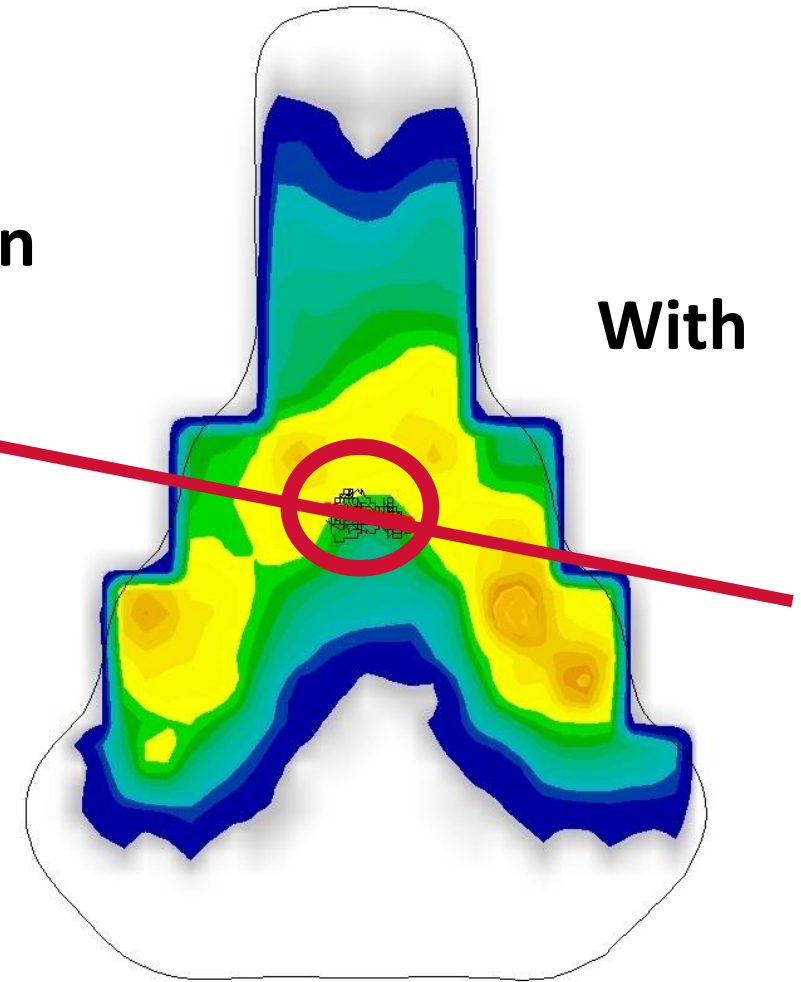
**Without**



**Axis of rotation**

**Translation**

**With**



# Comparison Bike



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**Without**



**With**







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# WORKSHOP

# Foot pressure



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Suche Knees C. 23.11.2011 12:30 Vansummeren J. 24.11.2011 10:34

Datum : 24.11.2011 10:34

**Allgemein**

Stabilometer

3D Darstellung

Video

Druck:  
 Mean  Max

Ausgewählte Stelle

-

**Durchschnittlicher Druck**  
22.00 Kpa 26.24 Kpa

**Max Druck**  
51.66 Kpa 78.71 Kpa

**Oberfläche**  
97.44 cm2 95.12 cm2  
51 % 49 %

**Gewichtsverteilung**

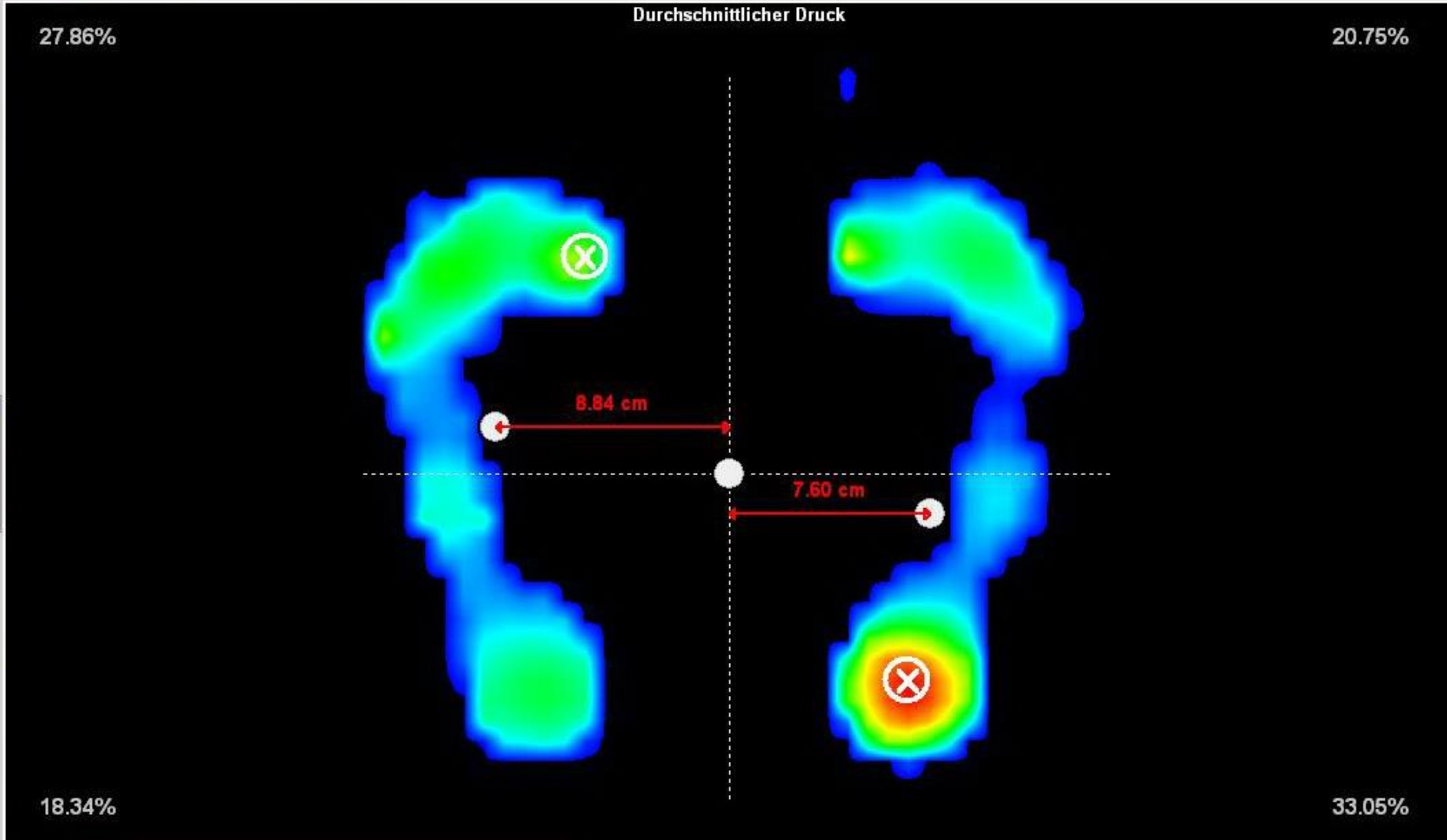
60%	39%
40%	61%
46%	54%
49%	51%

**Tools and display**

Distance  Angle

Maße anzeigen

**Notizen**





Suche SCHLECK A. 13/12/2012 18:33

Datum : 13/12/2012 18:33

**Allgemein**

Stabilometer

3D Darstellung

Video

**Max Druck**

146.24 Kpa	92.62 Kpa
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**Oberfläche**

67.86 cm2	75.40 cm2
47%	53%

**Gewichtsverteilung**

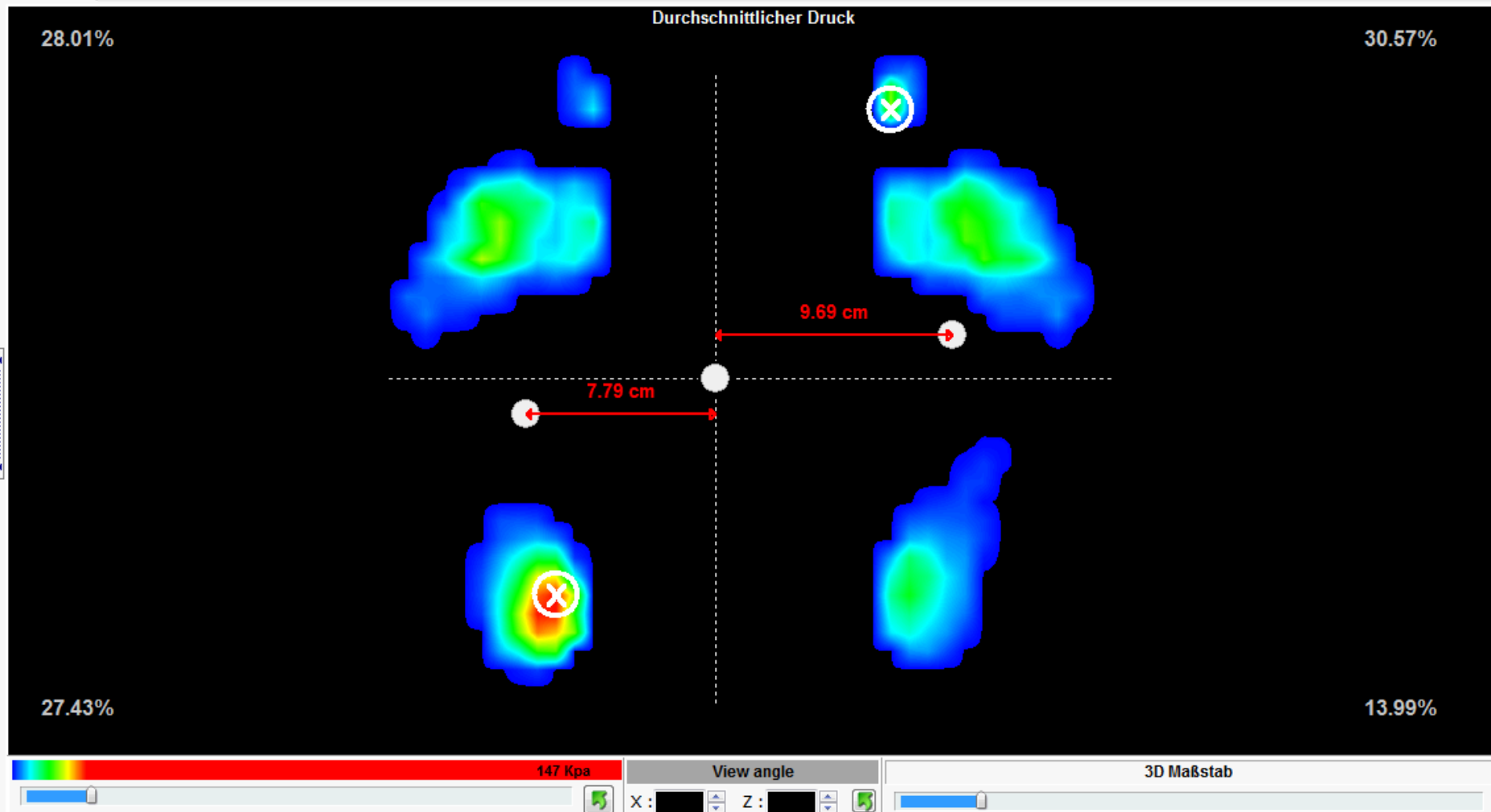
51%	69%
49%	31%

**Tools and display**

Distance  Angle

Maße anzeigen  Show Stabulo Cross

**Notizen**







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Datum : 23/11/2011 12:30

- Allgemein
- Stabilometer
- 3D Darstellung
- Video

Max Druck

99.46 Kpa	86.81 Kpa
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Oberfläche

71.92 cm2	73.08 cm2
50%	50%

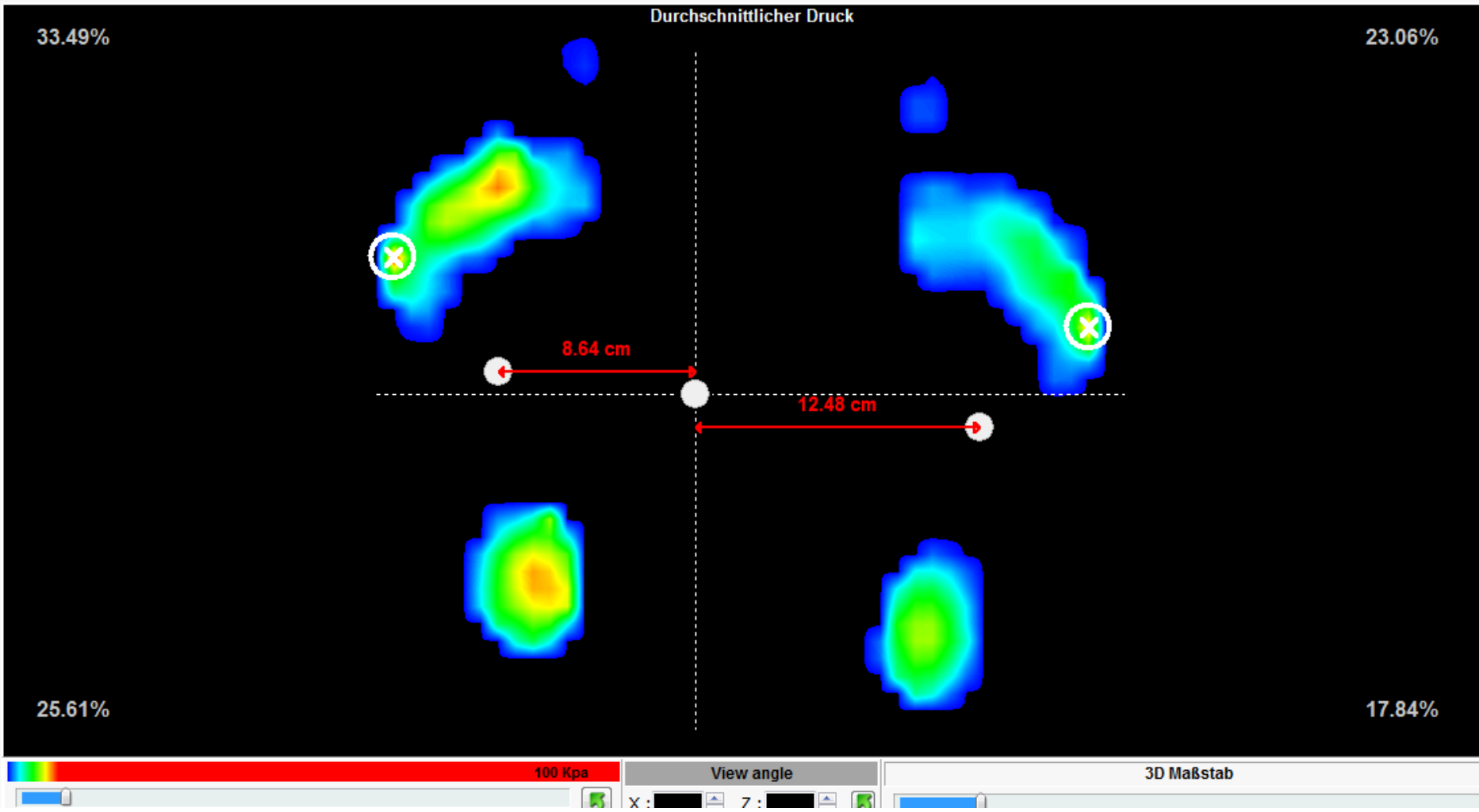
Gewichtsverteilung

57%	56%
43%	44%
59%	41%
43%	

Tools and display

- Distance
- Angle
- Maße anzeigen
- Show Stabulo Cross

Notizen





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- Allgemein
- Stabilometer
- 3D Darstellung
- Video

**Max Druck**

109.05 Kpa	136.28 Kpa
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**Oberfläche**

61.48 cm <sup>2</sup> 48%	66.70 cm <sup>2</sup> 52%
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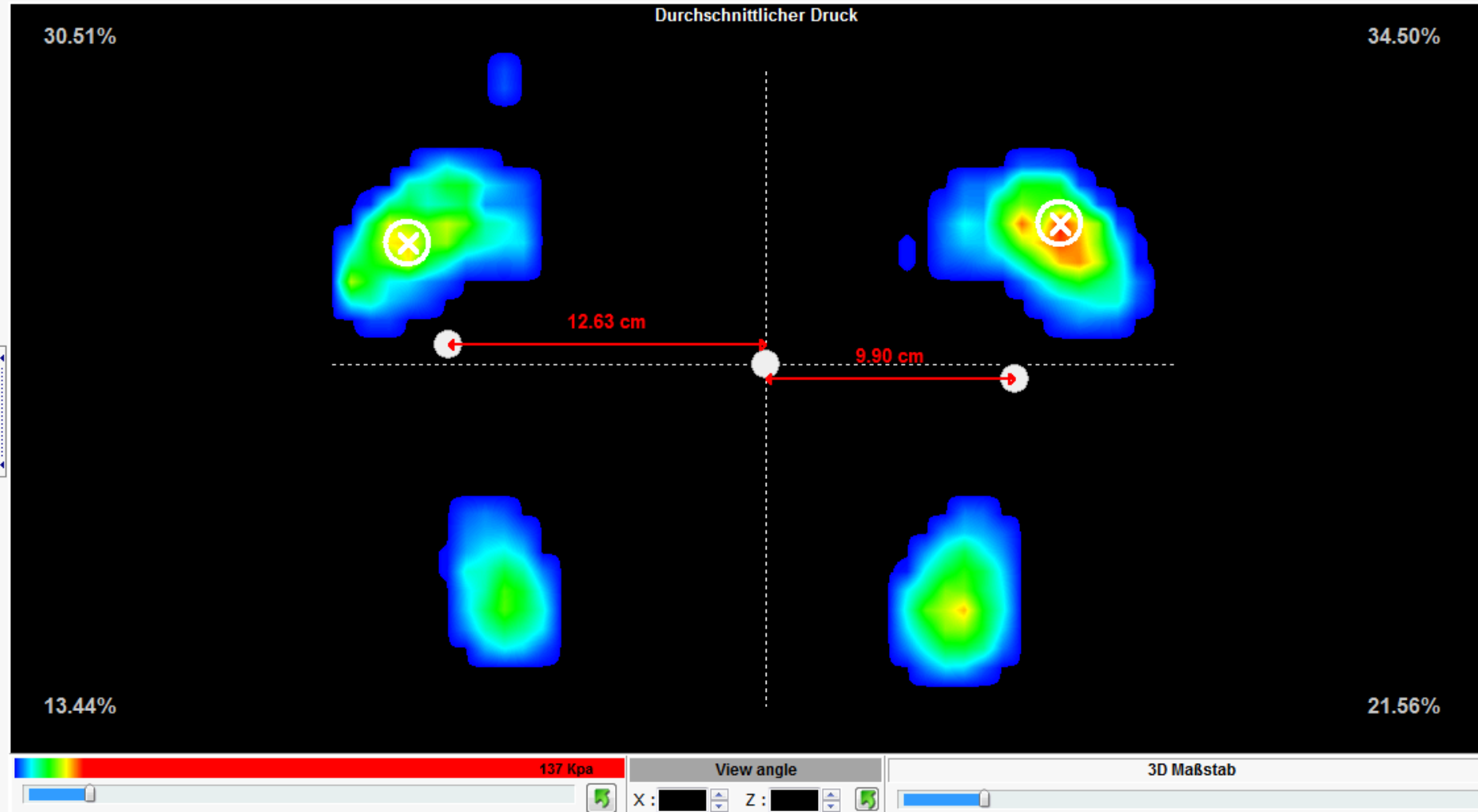
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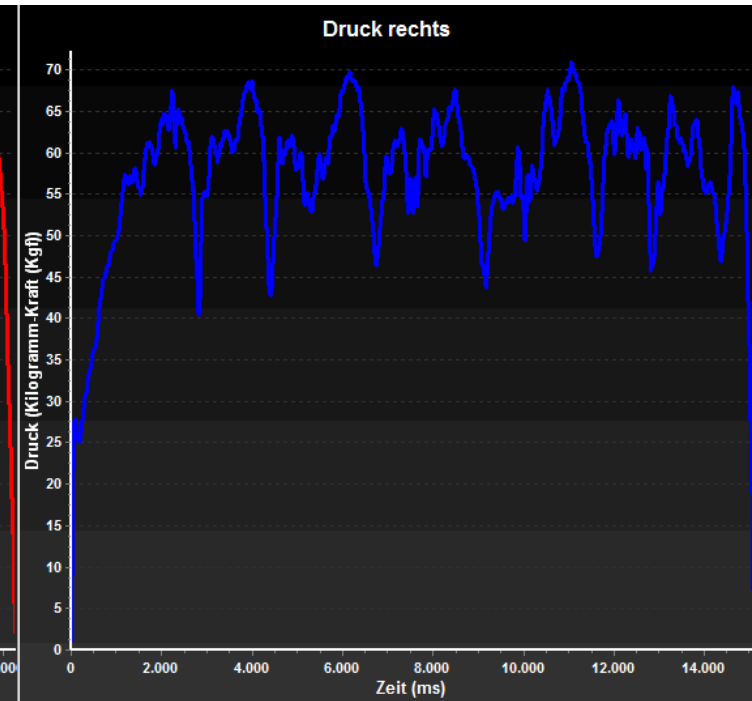
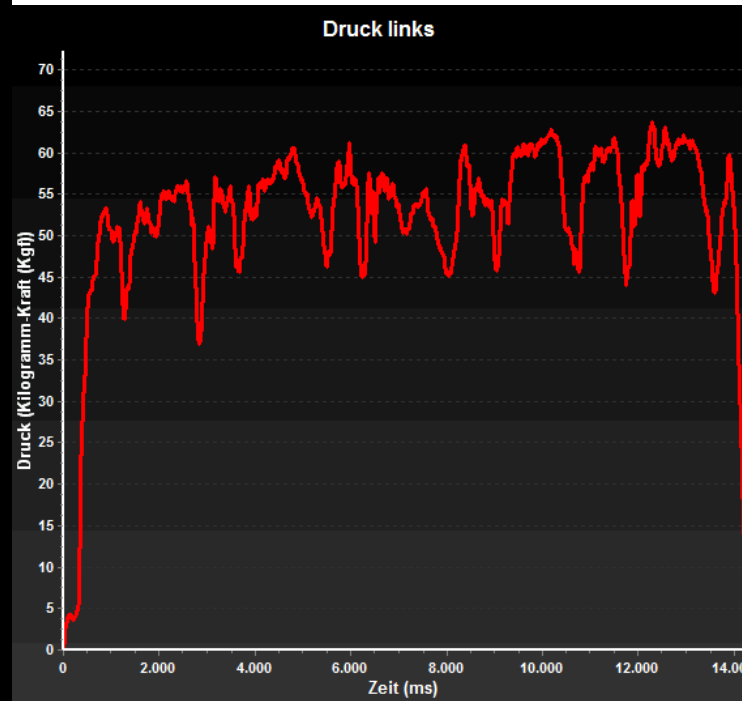
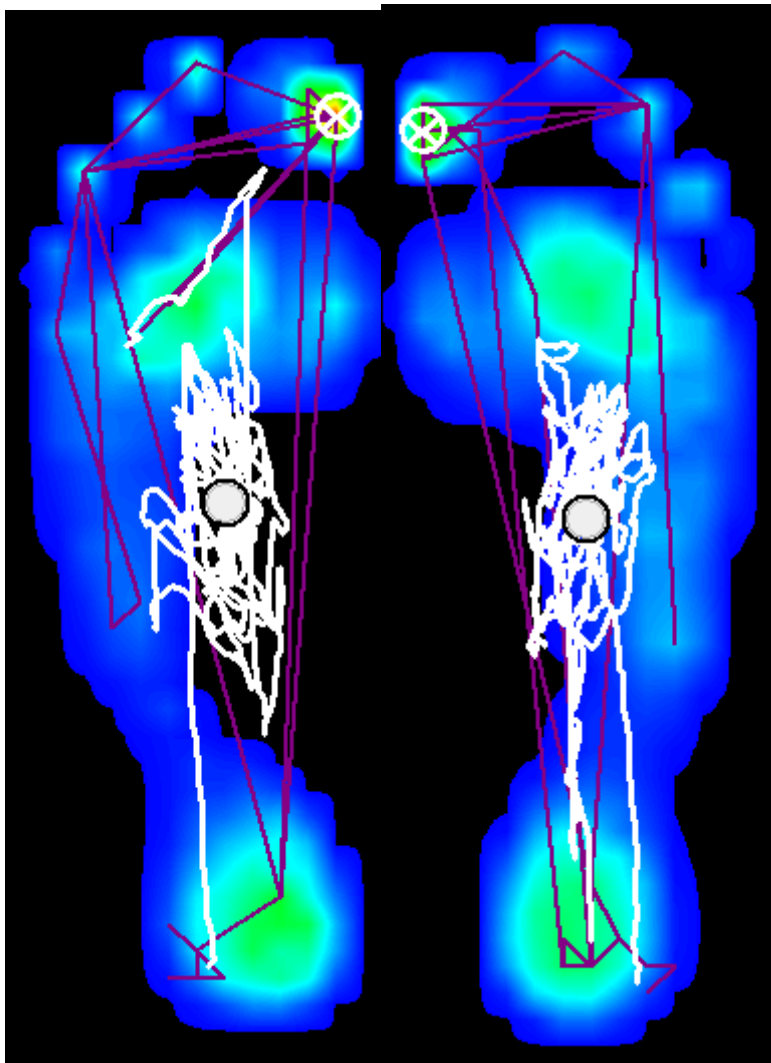
69%	62%
31%	38%
44%	56%
65%	35%

**Tools and display**

- Distance
- Angle
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# Foot scan



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Rothballe pro - [Rothballe pro Fuss-Scan]

15.01.2012 Cancellara Fabian / 2056

Links Rechts

**Basisfarben**

Unterer Wert: 138  
Oberer Wert: 225

Schritt 2 Zeit 250

Invertieren

Funktionen

15.01.2012 15.01.2012

Montag, 17. September 2012 16:36 Allgemeiner Benutzer Privat Version 2008.0.59

Start Rothballe pro Rothballe pro - [Rot... Kneesi Scan.JPG - Paint 100% 16:36

# Podotrack



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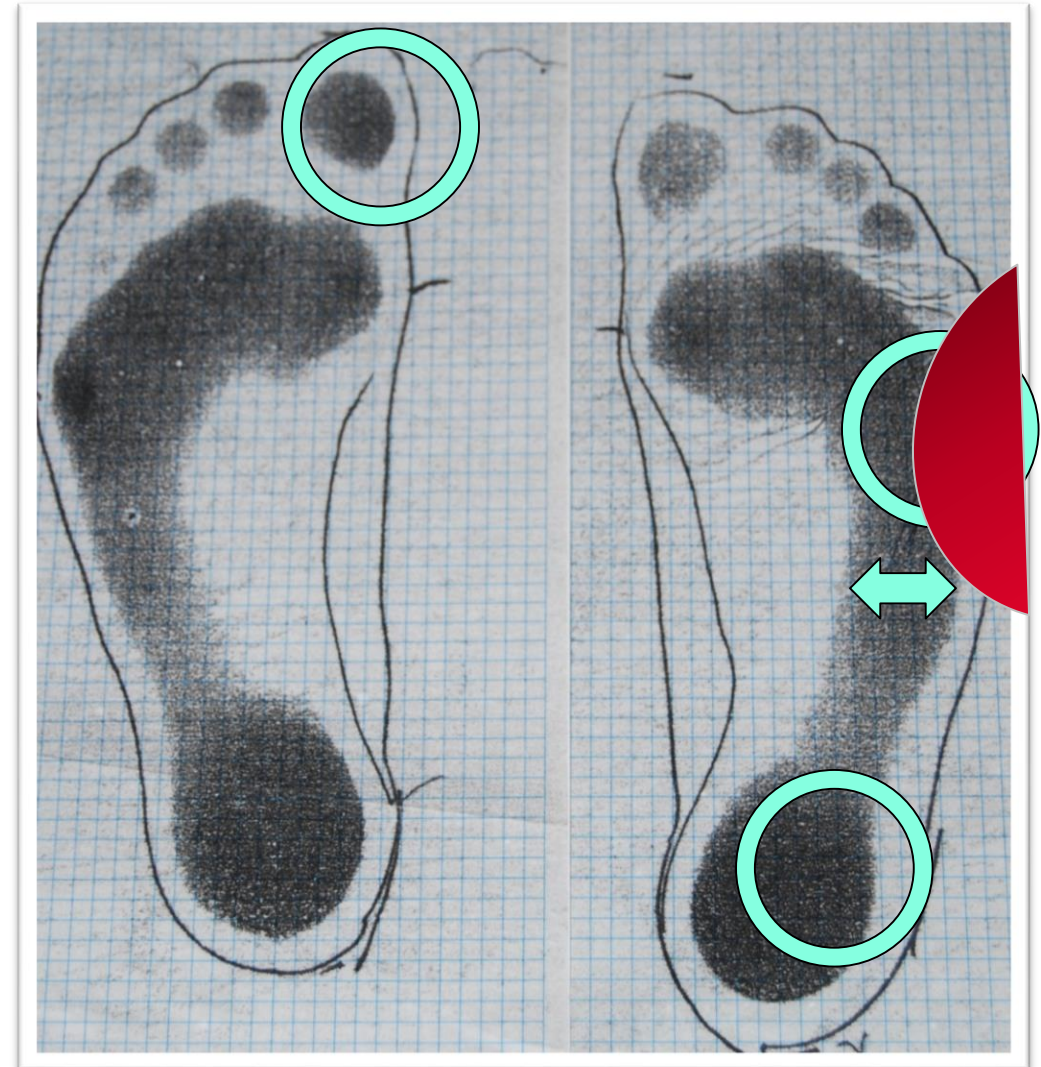


Diagnosis:

Hip rotation – right side

Action:

Long pronation wedge right





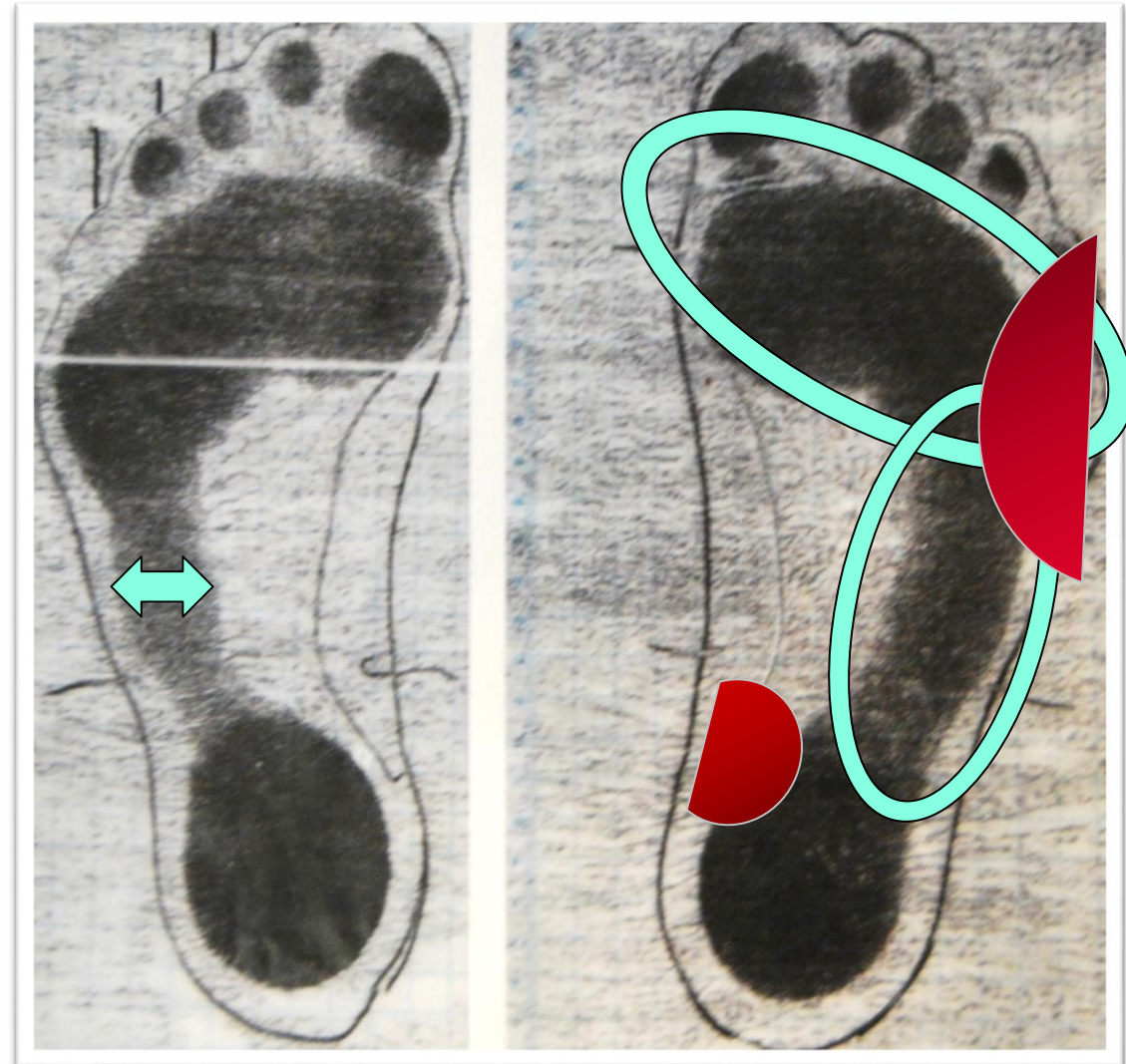


## Diagnosis:

Difference in Leg Length --  
functional or anatomical

## Action:

Long pronation wedge right  
Short sub wedge right





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