

# Simulation in Alpine Skiing

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# Data Collection

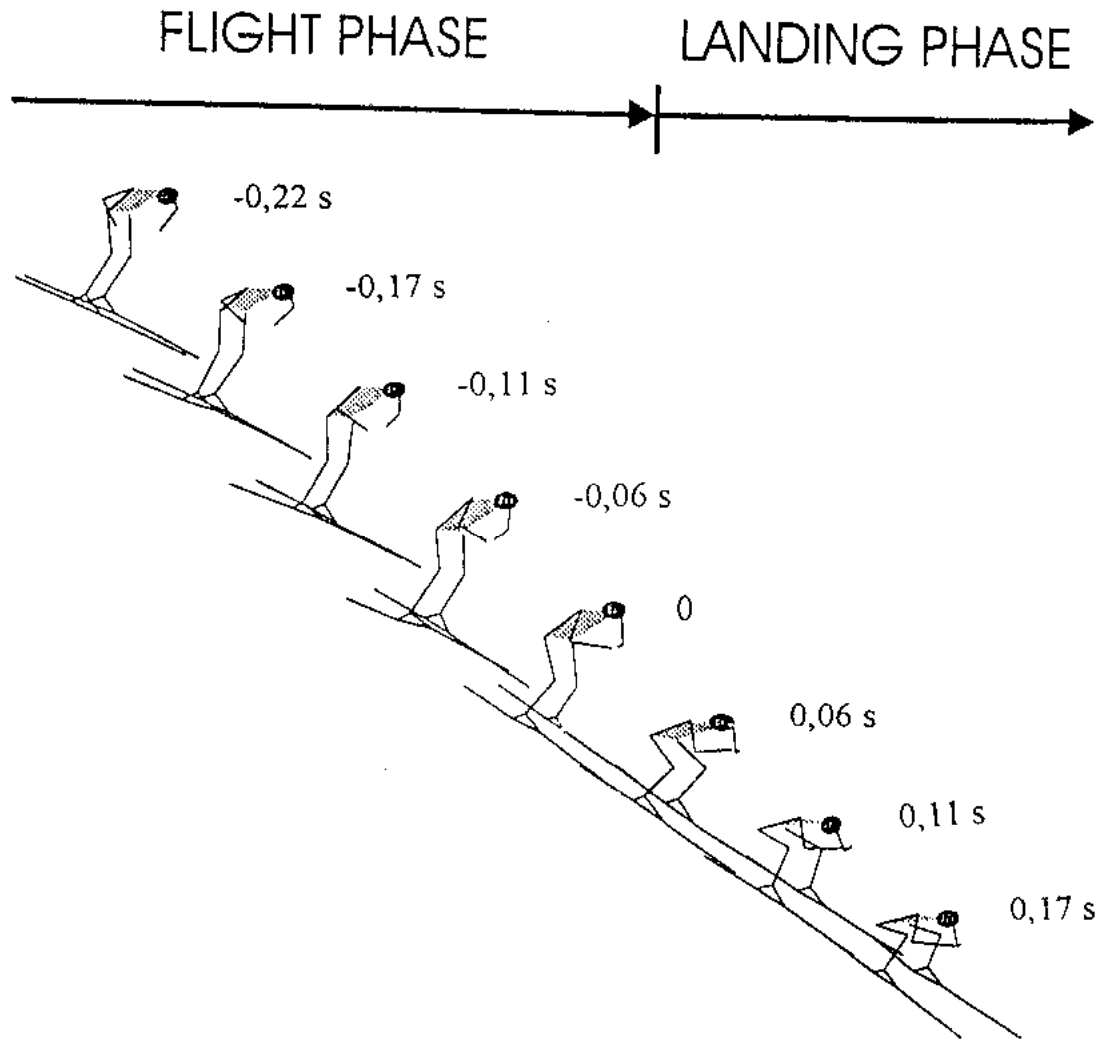
Trajectory of body points

Landing movement after jumps in  
Alpine downhill skiing, Lillehammer

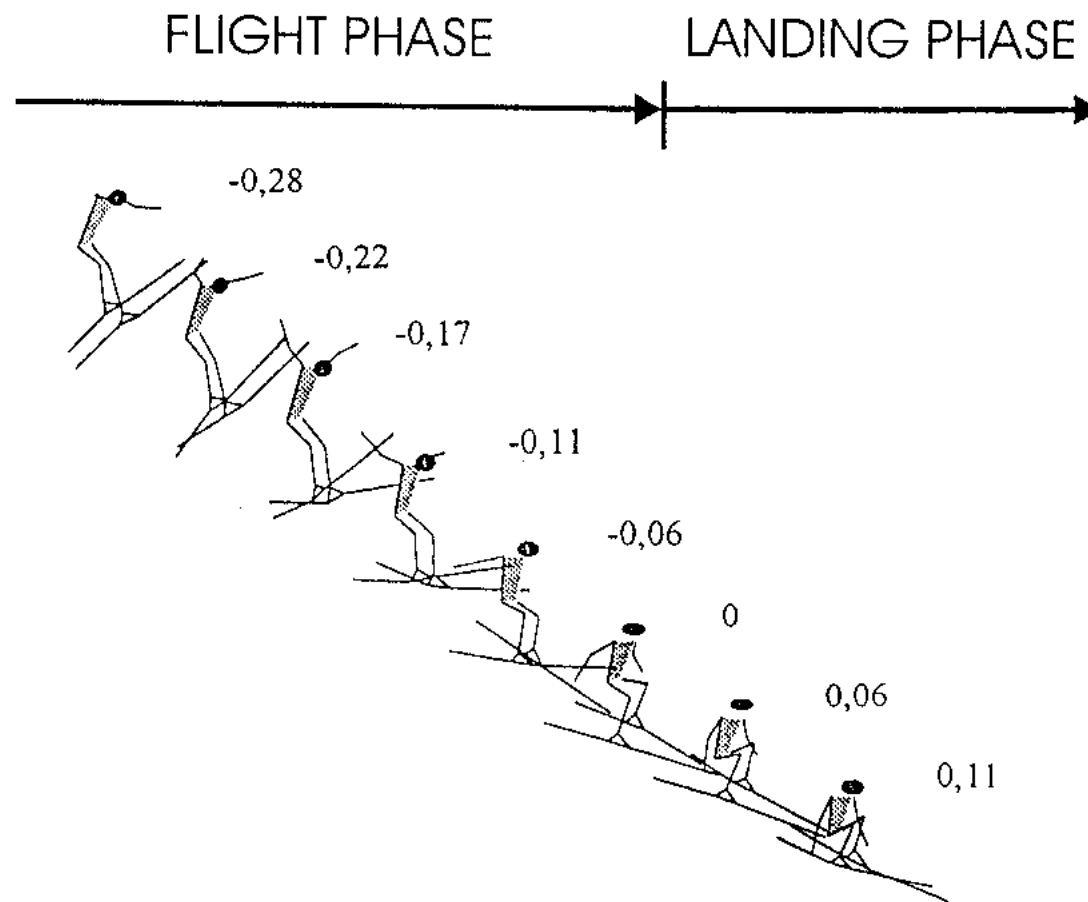
(Carved turns, Lech)

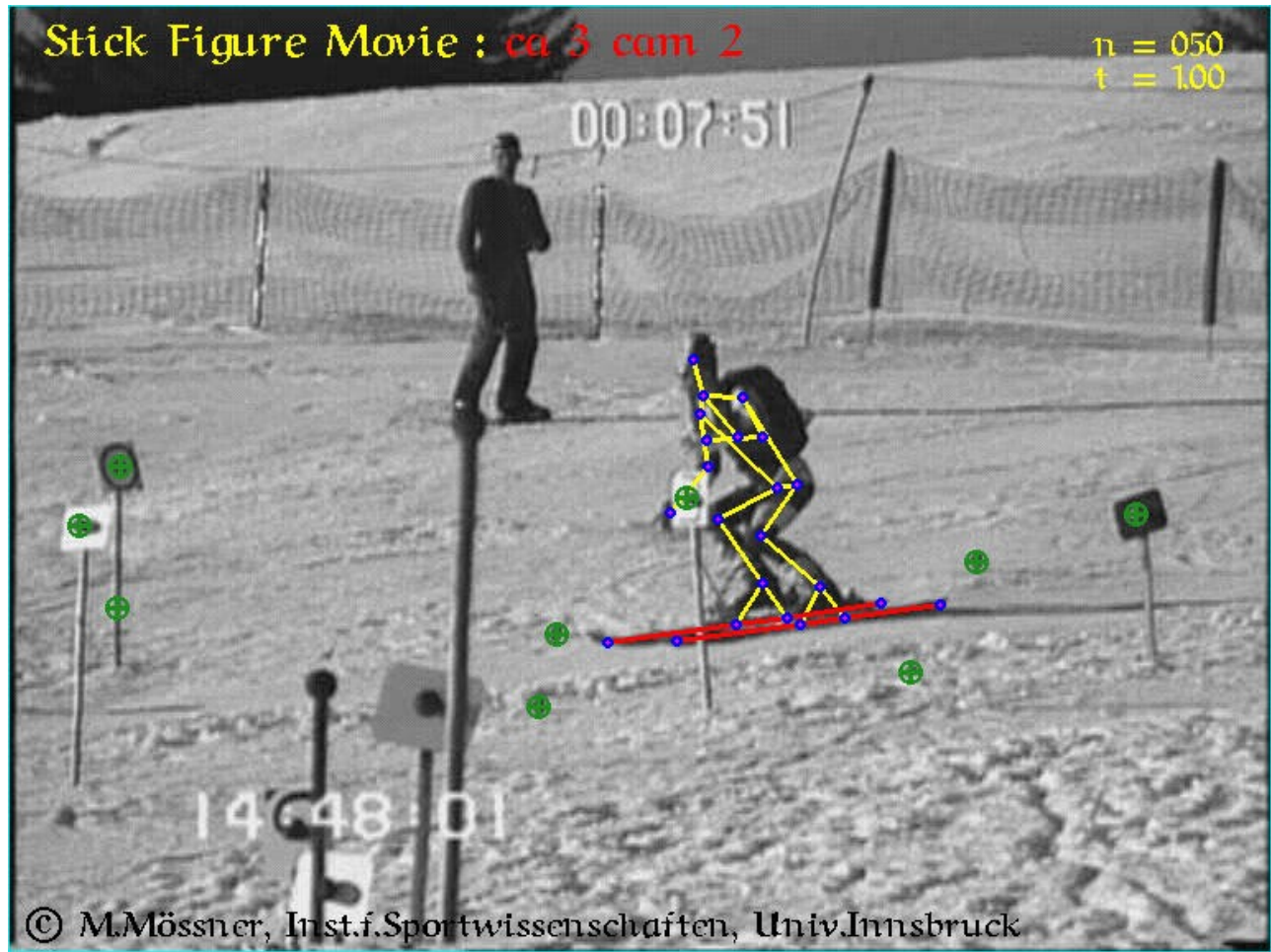
Turn, World Cup race, Streif, Kitzbühel

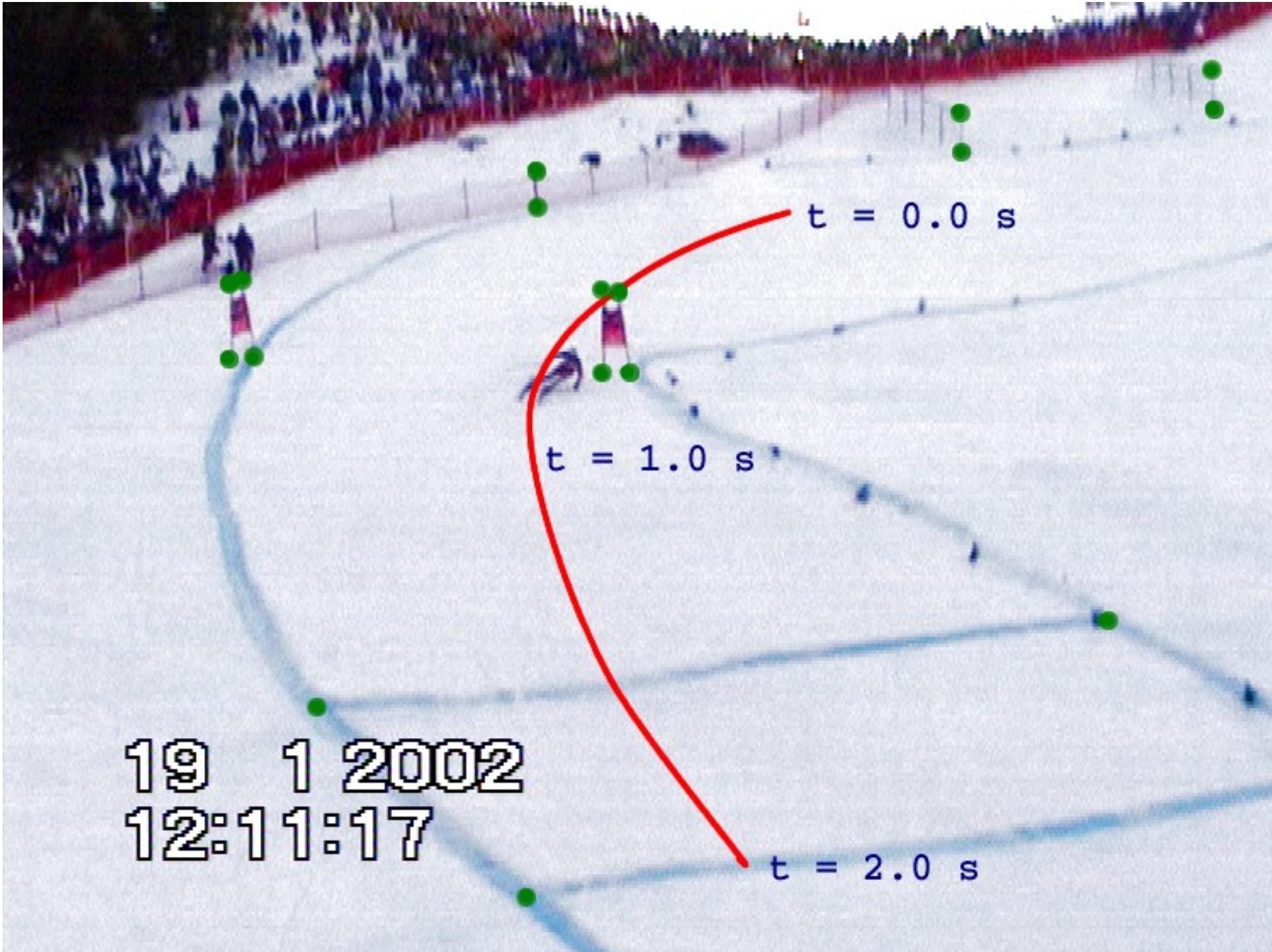
# Optimal landing



# Landing in backward position







$t = 0.0 \text{ s}$

$t = 1.0 \text{ s}$

$t = 2.0 \text{ s}$

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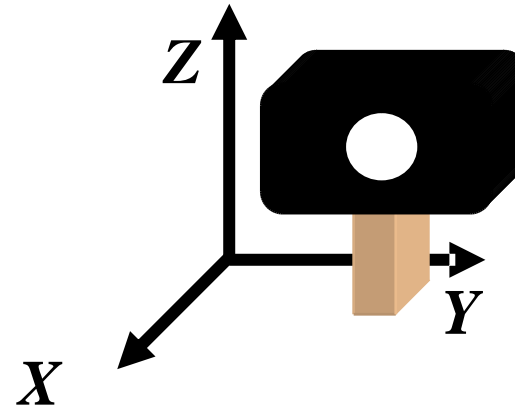
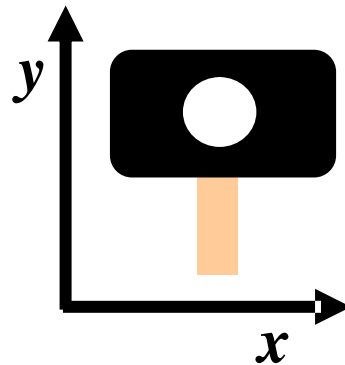
# Direct linear transformation

$$x = \frac{b_1 X + b_2 Y + b_3 Z + b_4}{b_9 X + b_{10} Y + b_{11} Z + 1} \quad y = \frac{b_5 X + b_6 Y + b_7 Z + b_8}{b_9 X + b_{10} Y + b_{11} Z + 1}$$

$x, y$  image coordinates

$X, Y, Z$  object coordinates

$b_i$  DLT-parameters



# Control points at Russi jump



# Camera position at Russi jump



# Video frame on PC



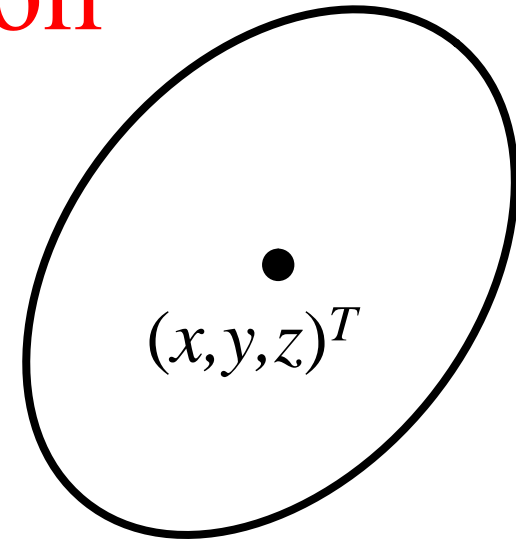
# Unconstrained Newton-Euler equation of motion

$$m\ddot{x} = f_x$$

$$m\ddot{y} = f_y$$

$$m\ddot{z} = f_z$$

$$M\ddot{y} = f$$



Rigid body

center of gravity:  $y=(x, y, z)^T$

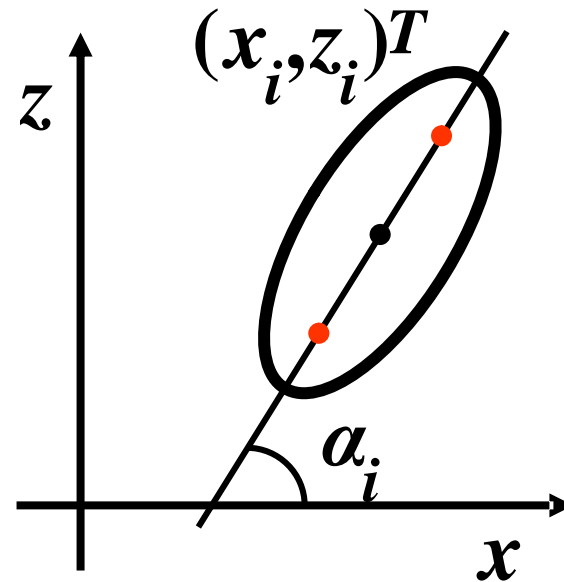
$$J\dot{\omega} = n - \omega \times J\omega$$

# Constrained equation of motion in 2D

$$m_i \ddot{x}_i = f_{xi} + r_{xi}$$

$$m_i \ddot{z}_i = f_{zi} + r_{zi}$$

$$I_i \ddot{\alpha}_i = f_{\alpha i} + r_{\alpha i}$$



**unconstrained**  $r=0$

# Constrained Newton-Euler equation of motion

$$M\ddot{y} = f + r \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{f} \text{ applied forces} \\ \mathbf{r} \text{ reaction forces} \end{array}$$
$$g(y, t) = 0 \quad \text{geometric constraint}$$
$$G = g_y$$
$$r = -G^T \lambda \quad \text{d'Alembert's principle}$$
$$M\ddot{y} + G^T \lambda = f \quad \text{DAE}$$

# Constrained Newton-Euler equation of motion

$$M\ddot{y} + G^T \lambda = f \quad \text{DAE}$$

$$g(y, t) = 0 \quad \text{index 3} \quad \text{position level}$$

$$G\dot{y} = g^1 \quad \text{index 2} \quad \text{velocity level}$$

$$G\ddot{y} = g^2 \quad \text{index 1} \quad \text{acceler. level}$$

$$G = g_y$$

# Equation of motion

$$\begin{bmatrix} I & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{u} \\ \dot{v} \\ \dot{w} \\ \dot{\lambda} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} T(u,t)v \\ w \\ Mw + G^T \lambda - f \\ Gv - g^1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Index-2-DAE

Solved with RADAU 5 (Hairer-Wanner)  
MATLAB-version of Ch. Engstler

# Jumps in Alpine skiing

Ton van den Bogert

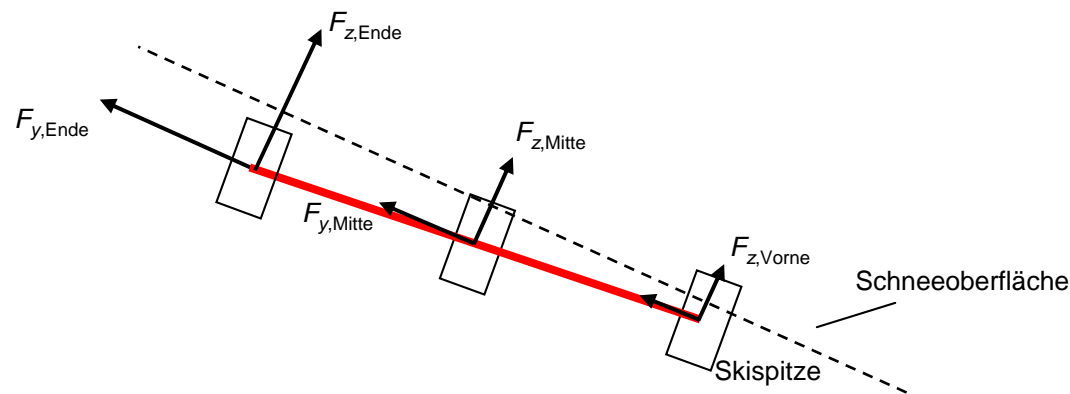
Karin Gerritsen

Kurt Schindelwig

# Force between snow and ski

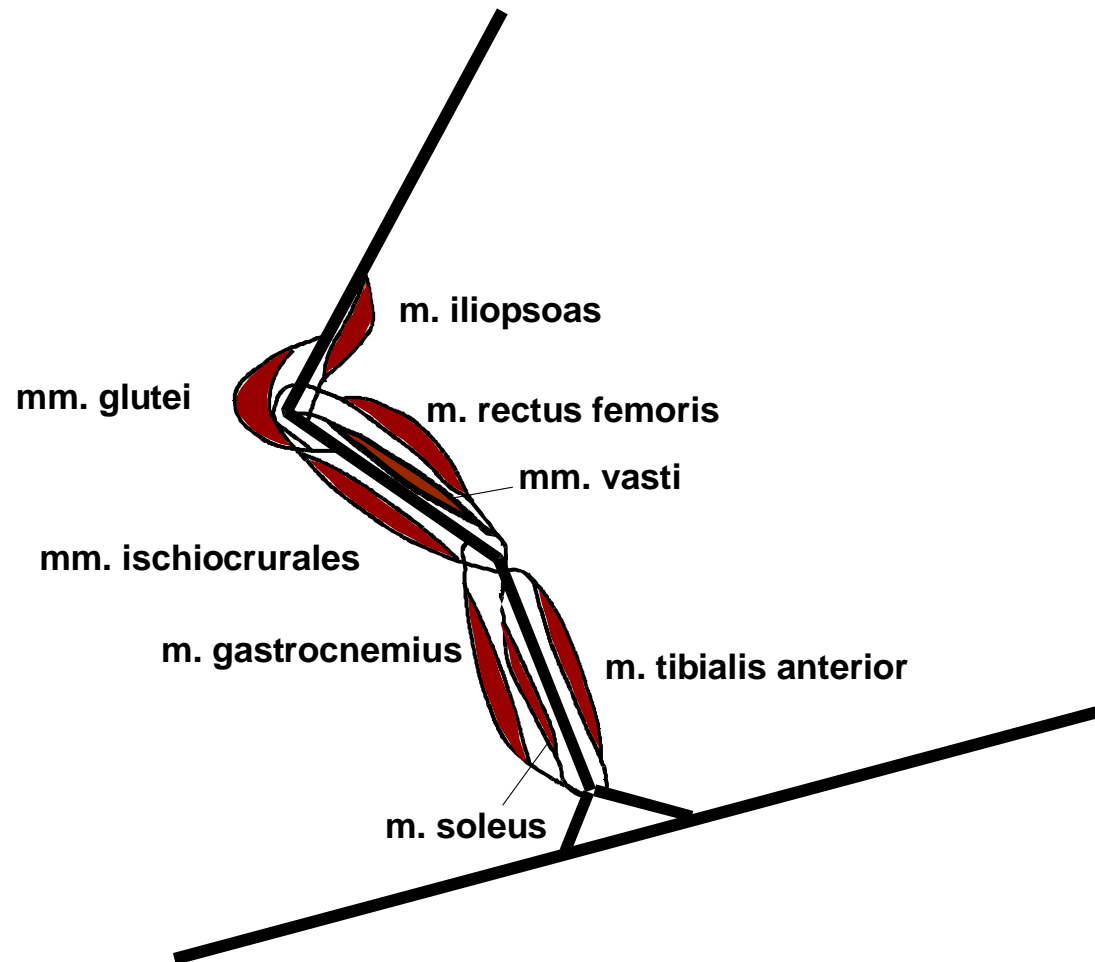
$$F_z = a|z|^p (1 - bz)$$

Force between snow and ski  
normal to snow surface



**3 nonlinear viscoelastic contact elements**

# Musculo-skeletal model of a skier



muscle model van Soest, Bobbert 1993

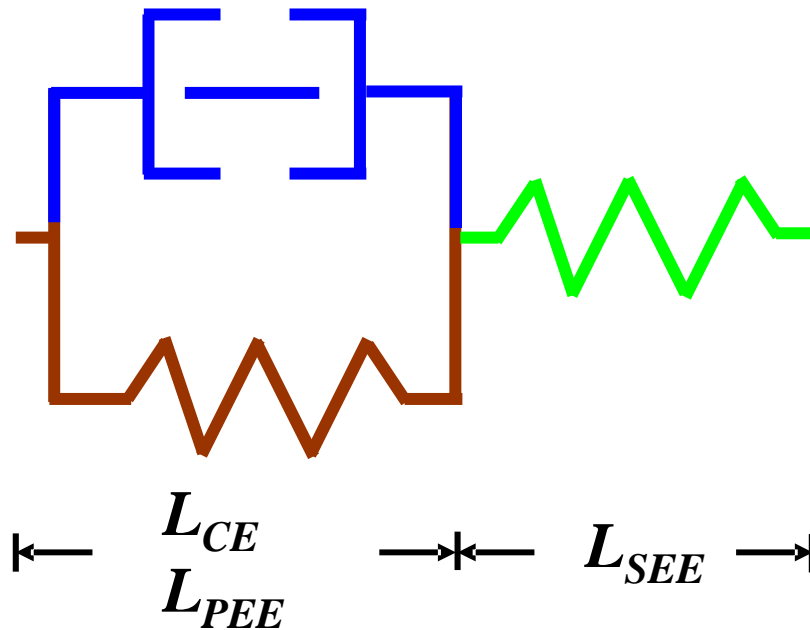
# Muscle force

production of force – contractile element

ligaments - seriell elastic element

connective tissue - parallel elastic element

# Muscle model of Hill



total length

$$L = L_{CE} + L_{SEE}$$

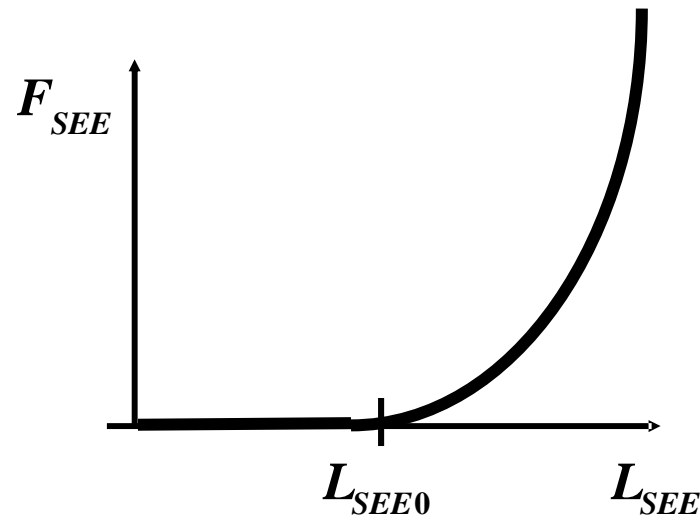
**CE** contractile element

**SEE** seriell elastic element

**PEE** parallel elastic element

## Force of seriell-elastic elements

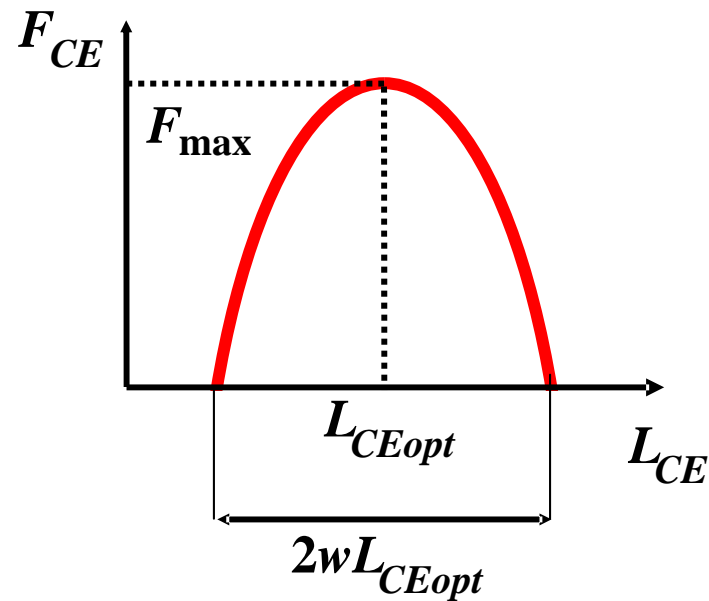
$$F_{SEE} = f(L_{SEE}) = f(L - L_{CE})$$



## Force of parallel-elastic elements

$$F_{PEE} = f(L_{PEE}) = f(L_{CE})$$

# Force-length-relation



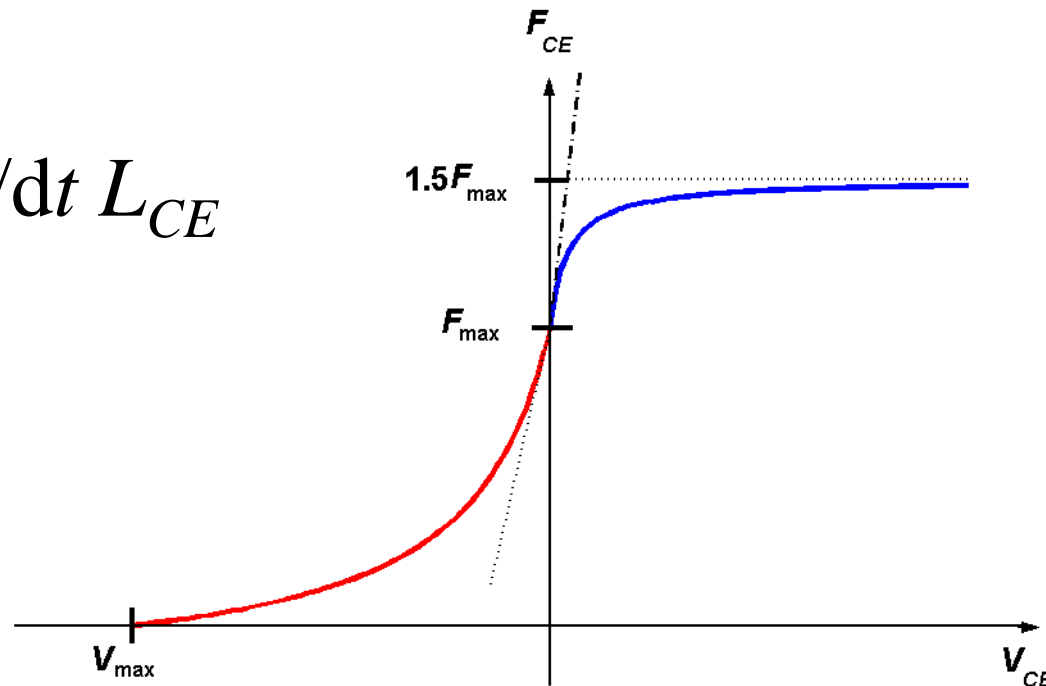
$F_{max}$  maximal  
isometric force

isometric  $v_{CE} = 0$

maximal activation  $q = 1$

# Force-velocity relation

$$v_{CE} = d/dt L_{CE}$$



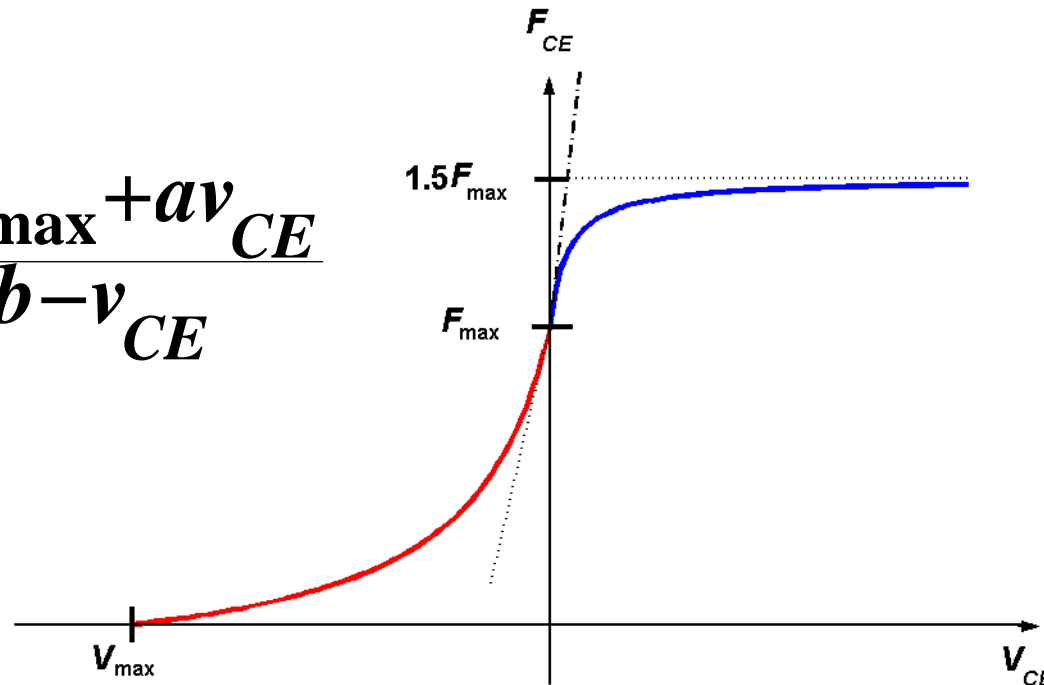
maximal activation  $q = 1$

optimal muscle length  $L_{CE} = L_{CEopt}$

# Hill equation (1938)

## Force-velocity relation

$$F_{CE} = \frac{bF_{\max} + av_{CE}}{b - v_{CE}}$$



concentric  
contraction

# Activation model (Hatze 1981)

## muscle activation

$$F_{CE} = q F_{\max} \quad q = \frac{q_0 + [\rho(L_{CE})\gamma]^2}{1 + [\rho(L_{CE})\gamma]^2}$$

$L_{CE}$  length of the contractile elements

$\gamma$  calcium-ion concentration

$q_0 = 0.005$  value of the non activated muscle

$$\rho(L_{CE}) = 66200 \frac{1.90}{2.90 \frac{L_{CEopt}}{L_{CE}} - 1}$$

$L_{CEopt}$  optimal length of contractile elements

# Activation model (Hatze 1981)

Ordinary differential equation for  
the calcium-ion concentration  $\gamma$

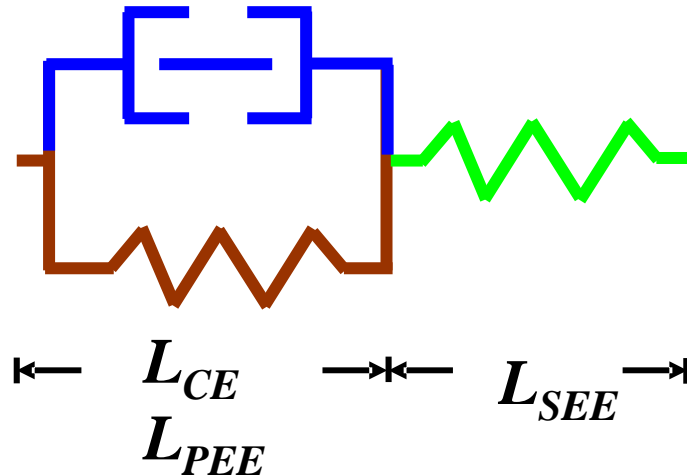
$$\frac{d\gamma}{dt} = m(c\eta - \gamma), \quad \gamma(0) = \gamma_0$$

**Control parameter: relative stimulation rate**

$$\eta = \frac{f}{f_{\max}} \quad 0 \leq \eta \leq 1$$

$f$  stimulation rate,  
 $f_{\max}$  maximum stimulation rate

# Equilibrium



$$F_{CE} = F_{SEE} - F_{PEE} = f(L, L_{CE})$$

$$L_{SEE} = L - L_{CE}, \quad L_{PEE} = L_{CE}$$

$$F_{CE}(L, v_{CE}, q) = f(L, L_{CE})$$

Solving for  $v_{CE}$

$$v_{CE} = \mathbf{d/dt} L_{CE} = f_H(L, L_{CE}, q(\gamma, L_{CE}))$$

# State of a muscle

## three state variables

$$L, L_{CE}, \gamma$$

$L$  actual muscle length

$L_{CE}$  length of the contractile element

$\gamma$  calcium-ion concentration

# Force of muscle-ligament complex

according to Hill-Modell

Input:  $L$ ,  $L_{CE}$ ,  $\gamma$

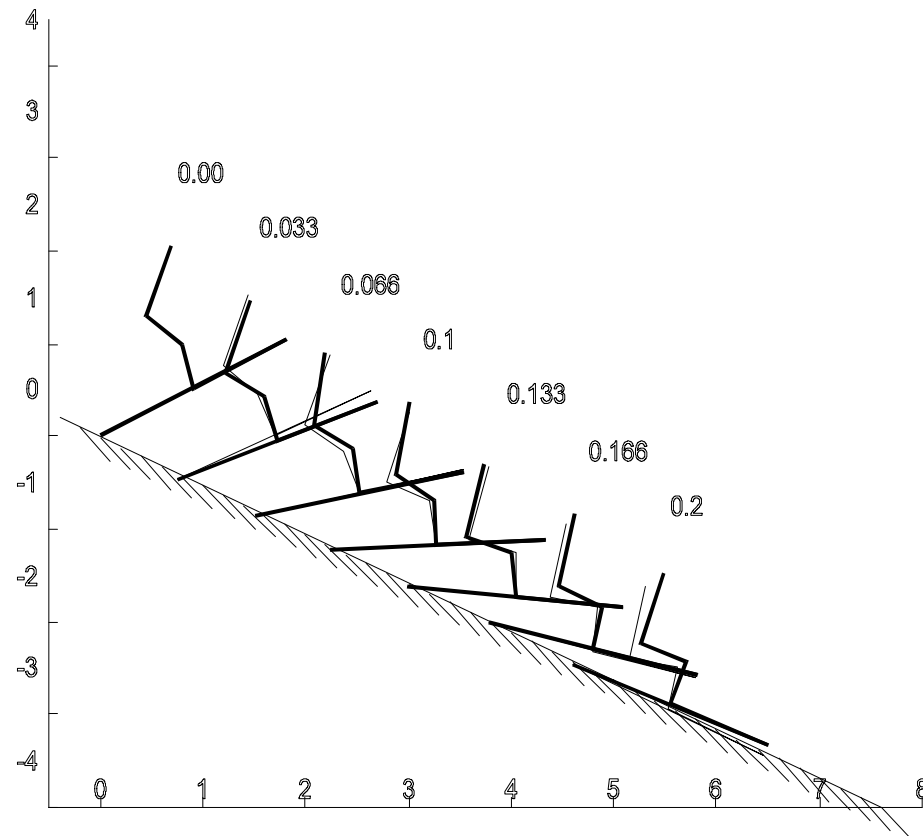
compute equivalent torque

muscle force times

lever arm  $D_k$  for joint  $k$

$D_k$  constant

# Comparison measured (—) and simulated (—) landing movement



# Turns in *Alpine* skiing

## Simulation with DADS

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# Trajectory of a ski racer

$$x(t) = (X(t), Y(t), Z(t))^T$$

position as a function of time

Mean value between the toe pieces  
of the left and right binding

## Track

$$Z - h(X, Y) = 0$$

$$Y - s(X) = 0$$

## Position constraint

$$g(x, t) = 0$$

# Equation of Motion

Skier modelled as a mass point

descriptor form dependent coordinates  $x$

Differential-Algebraic Equation DAE

$$m\ddot{x} = f + r \quad \text{ODE}$$

$$g(x, t) = 0 \quad \text{algebraic equation}$$

$f$  applied forces

$r$  reaction forces  $r = -g_x^T \lambda$

# Applied forces

gravity   snow friction   drag

$$f = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -mg \end{pmatrix} - \mu N t - \frac{1}{2} c_d A \rho v^2 t$$

$t$    unit vector in tangential direction    $t = \frac{v}{\|v\|}$

$\mu$    friction coefficient

$N$    normal force    $N = \|r\|$

$c_d A$    drag area

$\rho$    density

$v$    velocity

# Snow friction and drag area

piecewise constant values

$$t_{i-1} \leq t \leq t_i \quad \mu_i \quad (c_d A)_i$$

determination of  $\mu_i$ ,  $(c_d A)_i$ ,  $t_i$

by a least squares argument

$$\sum \|x(t_i) - x_i\|^2 \quad \text{minimum}$$

$x(t_i)$  DAE-solution at time  $t_i$

$x_i$  smoothed DLT-result at time  $t_i$

# Software for Computation

Computations were performed in MATLAB

DAE-solver

**RADAU5** of Hairer-Wanner

MATLAB-Version by Ch. Engstler

Optimization problem

Nelder-Mead simplex algorithmus

# Results

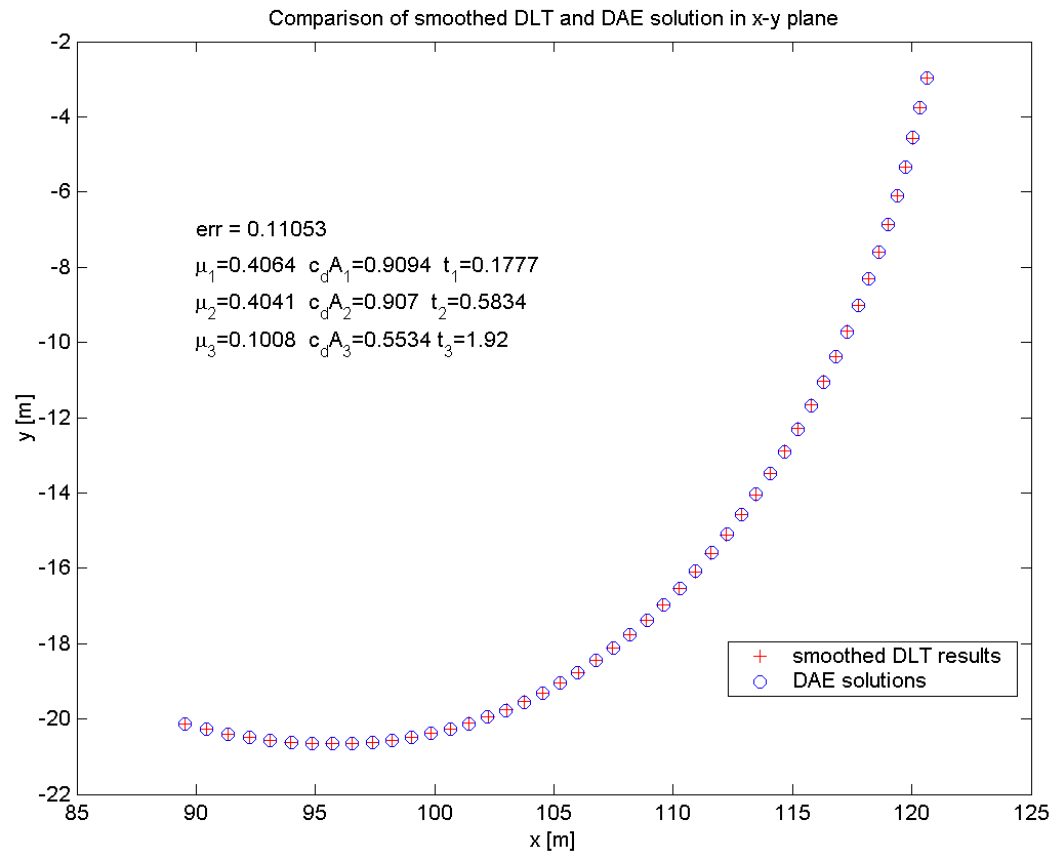
truncated values

|         | $t < 0.58$ | $t > 0.58$ |
|---------|------------|------------|
| $\mu$   | 0.40       | 0.10       |
| $c_d A$ | 0.90       | 0.55       |

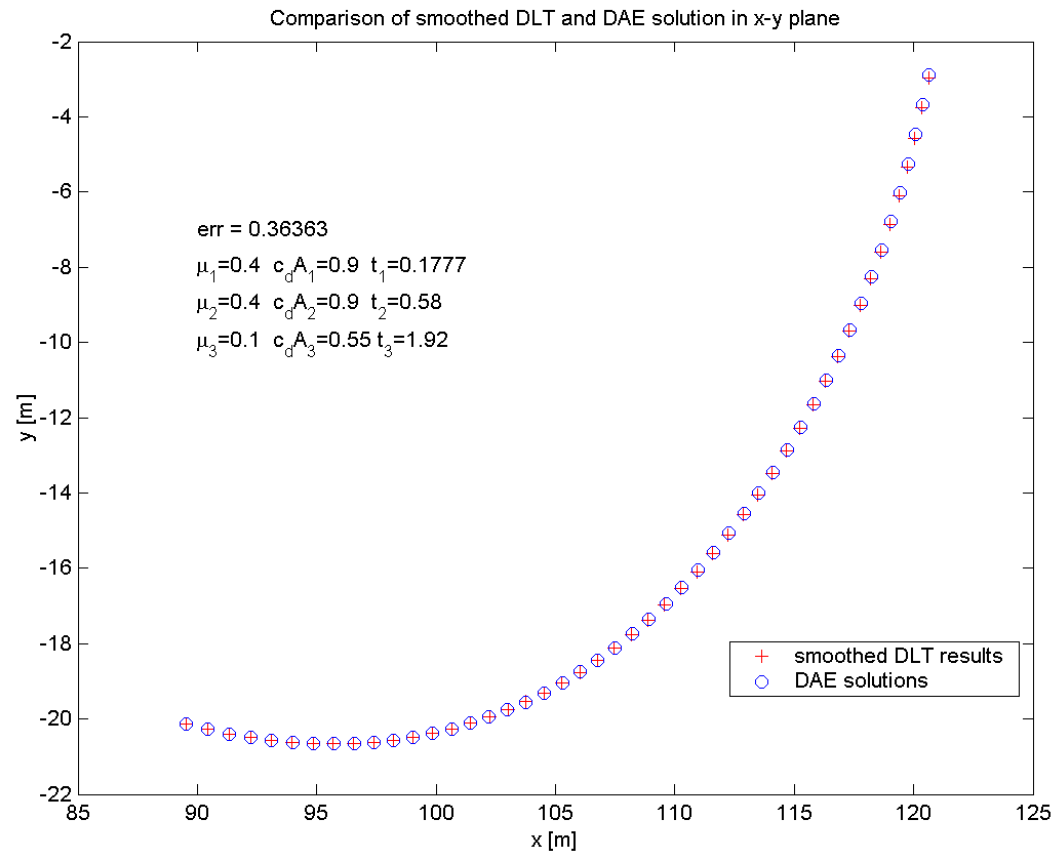
more exact values

|                  |                  |                      |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| [0, 0.1777]      | $\mu_1 = 0.4064$ | $(c_d A)_1 = 0.9094$ |
| [0.1777, 0.5834] | $\mu_2 = 0.4041$ | $(c_d A)_2 = 0.9070$ |
| [0.5834, 1.9200] | $\mu_1 = 0.1008$ | $(c_d A)_1 = 0.5534$ |

# Comparison more exact values



# Comparison truncated values



# Conclusions

In Alpine skiing biomechanical studies under race conditions are possible. The results are reasonable, although circumstances for data collection are not optimal: no markers, position of control points must not disturb the racers, difficulties with commercial rights

Results like loading of the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) as function of velocity or inclination of the slope during landing or the possibility of a rupture of the ACL without falling are interesting applications in medicine.

Informations on snow friction and drag in race conditions are interesting results, but a video analysis is expensive (digitizing the data, geodetic surveying).

# Applications

**Determination of an optimal trajectory**

**Virtual skiing, with vibration devices, in analogy to flight simulators**

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