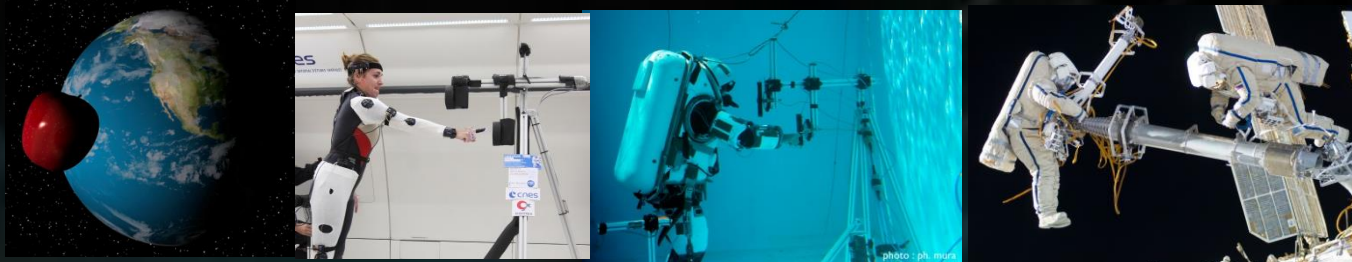


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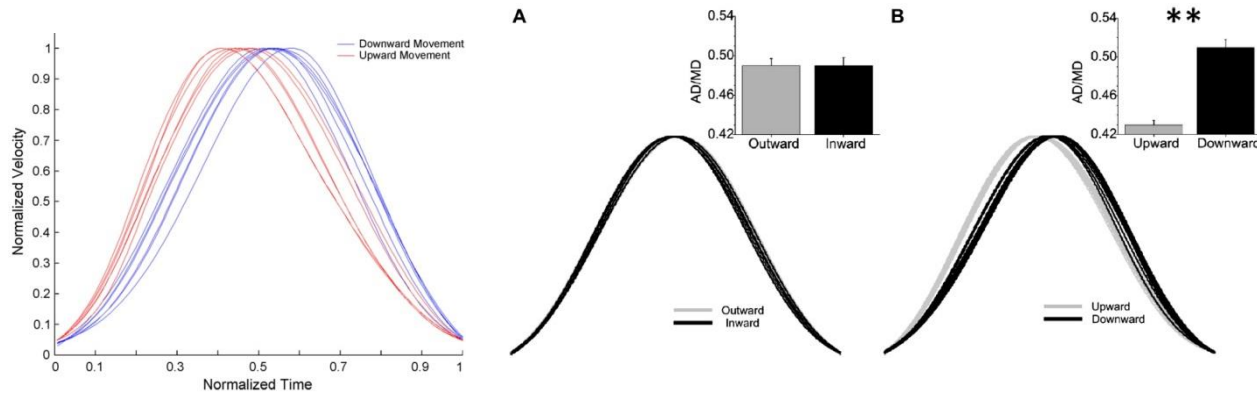


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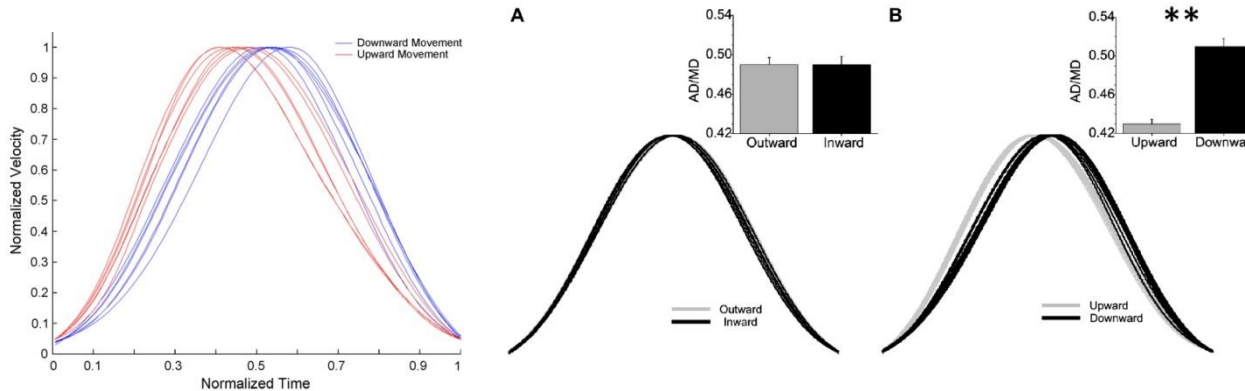


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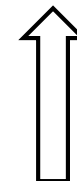
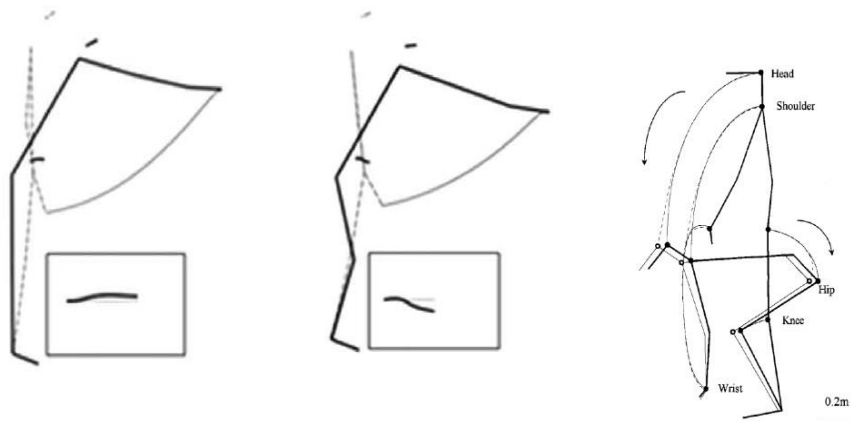
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An ubiquitous force playing an important role in motor control

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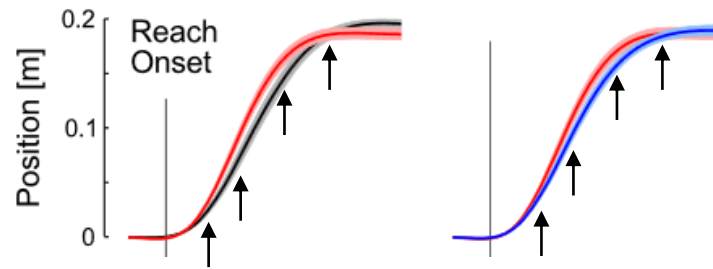
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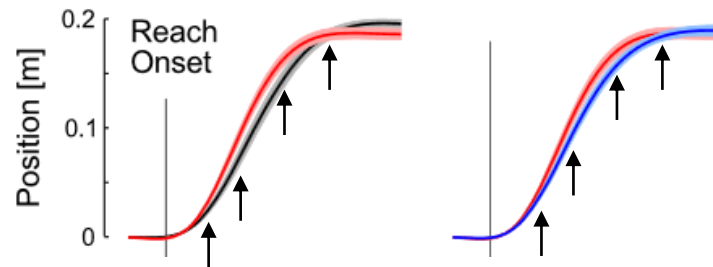
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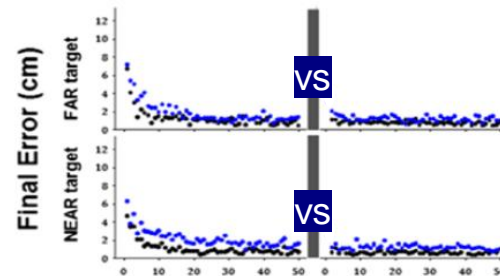
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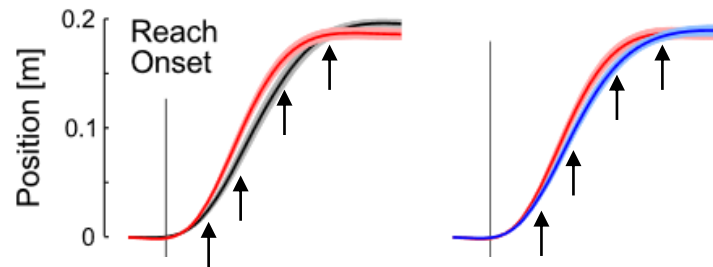
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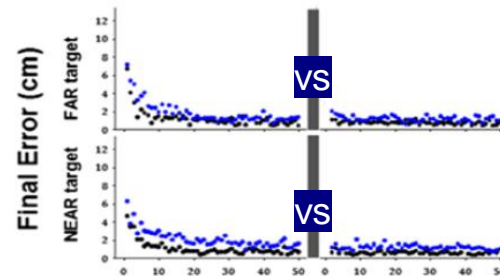
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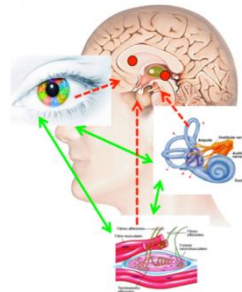
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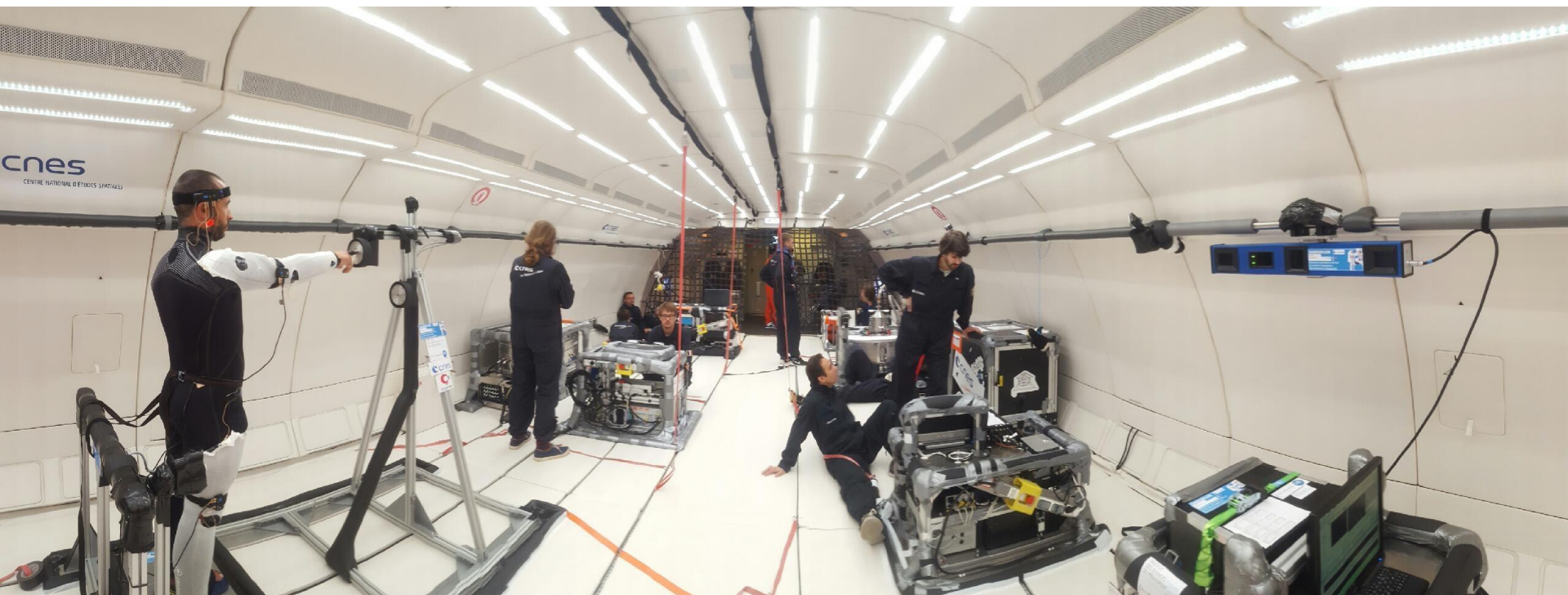


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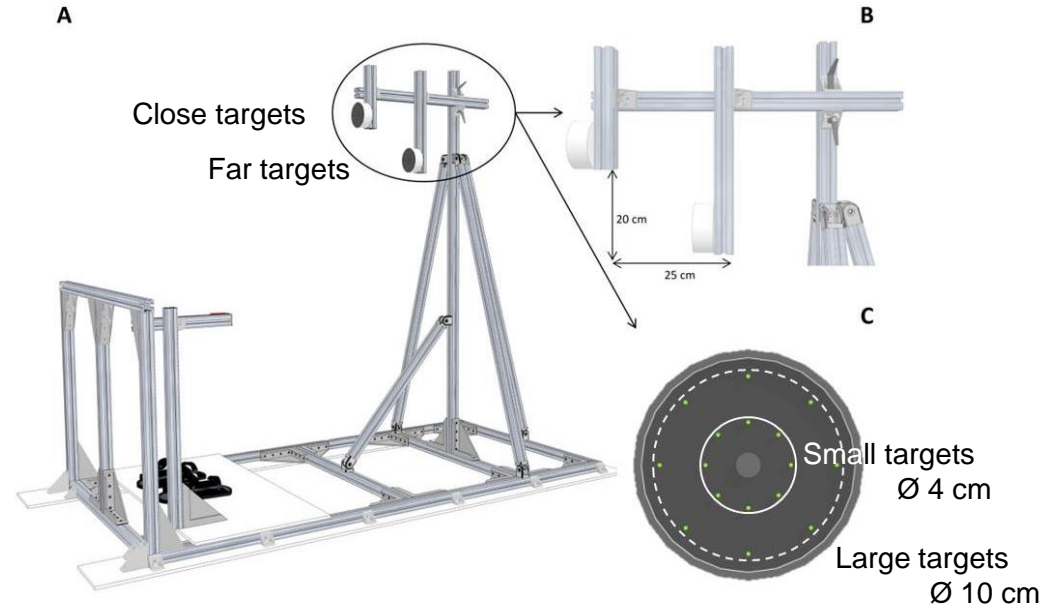


NormoG



MicroG

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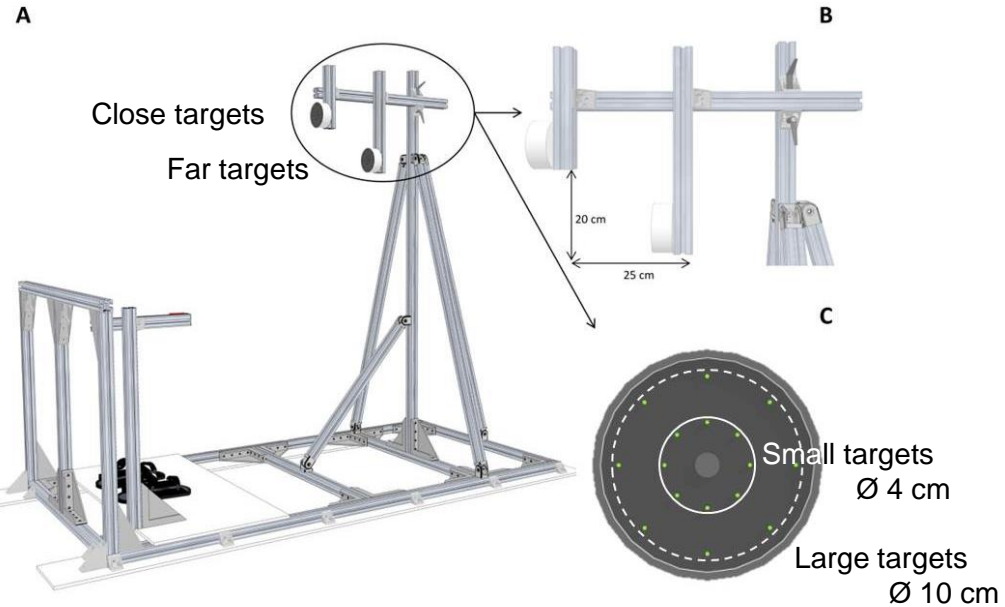


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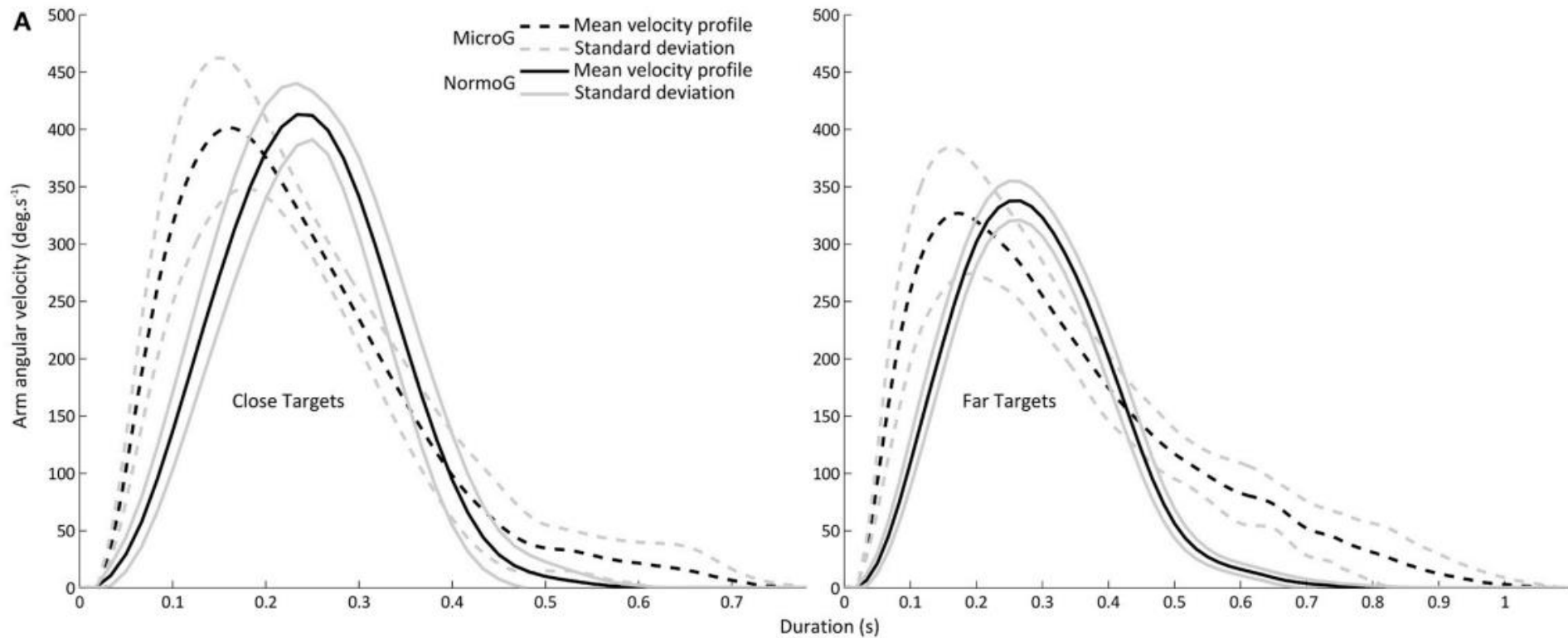
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- ✈ Movement duration (655 ms) and reaction time (326 ms) unaffected by the Environment
- ✈ Success rate unaffected by the Environment (>95%)
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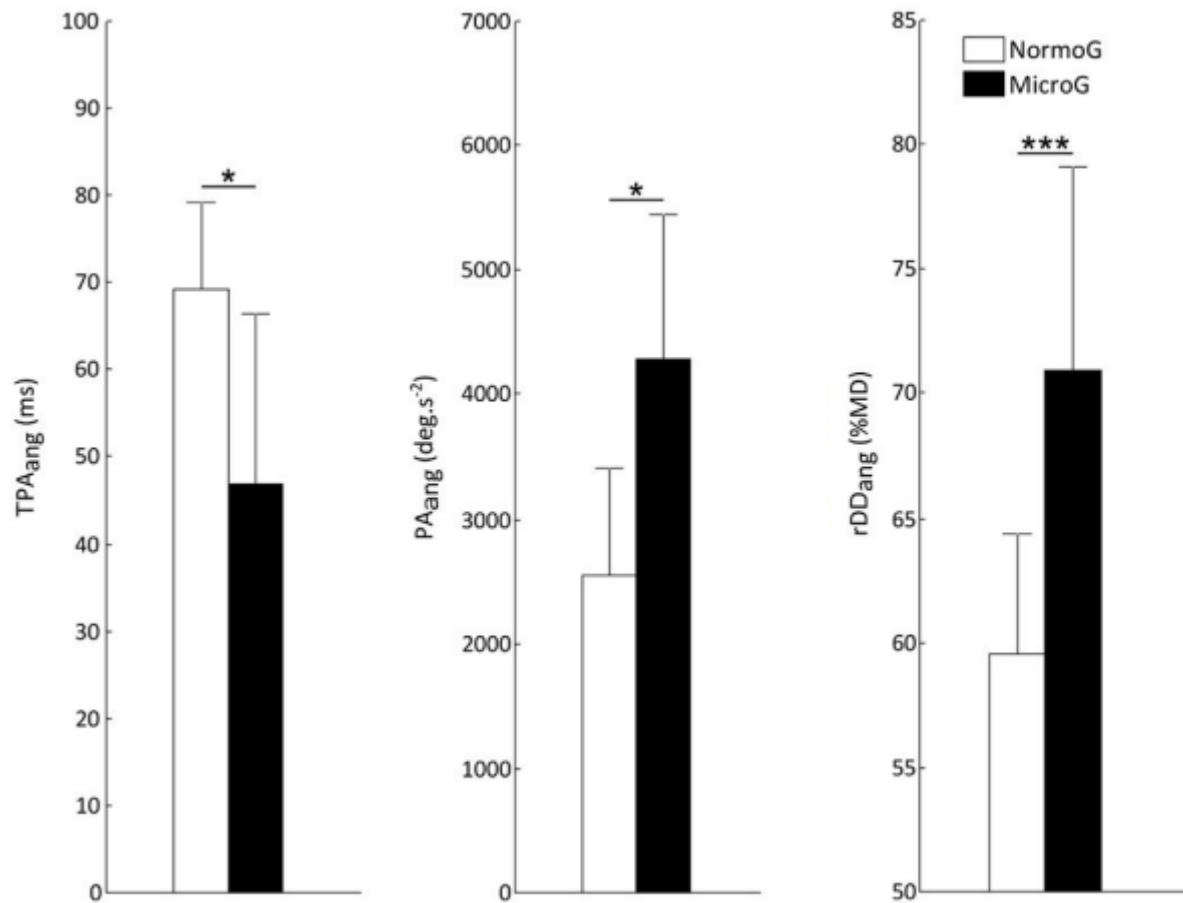
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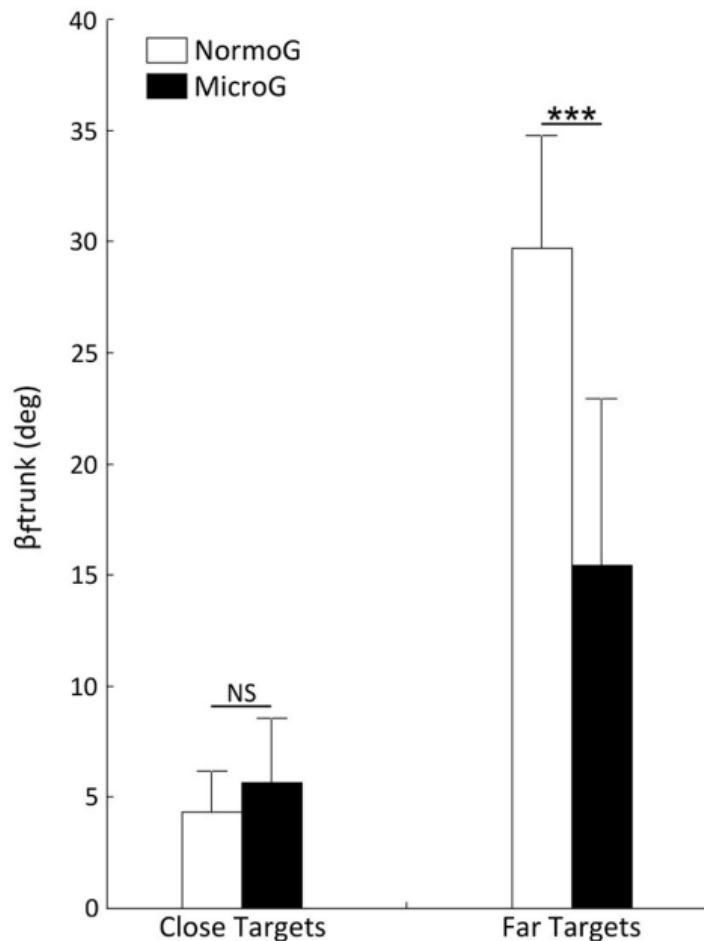


1/ Immediate reorganization of focal kinematics for arm angular elevation:

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- ⇓
- ↗ relative deceleration duration
  - Peak and mean Velocity unaffected

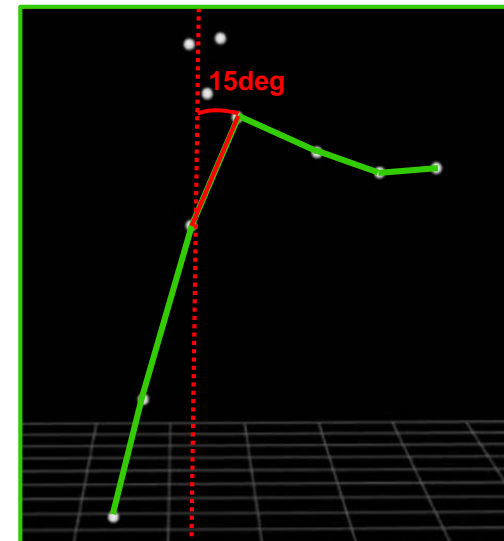
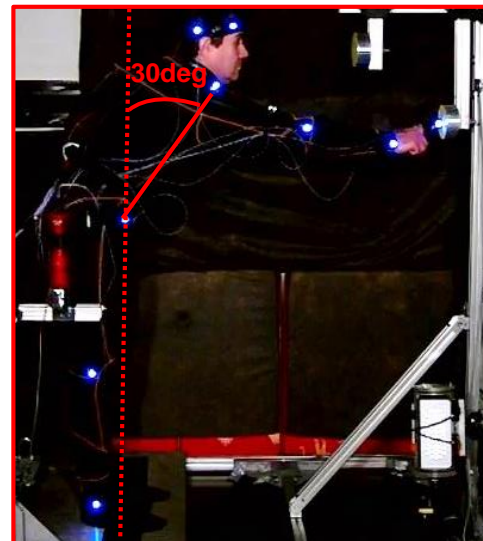
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## Postural component



2/ Immediate reorganization of postural strategy serving whole-body reaching:

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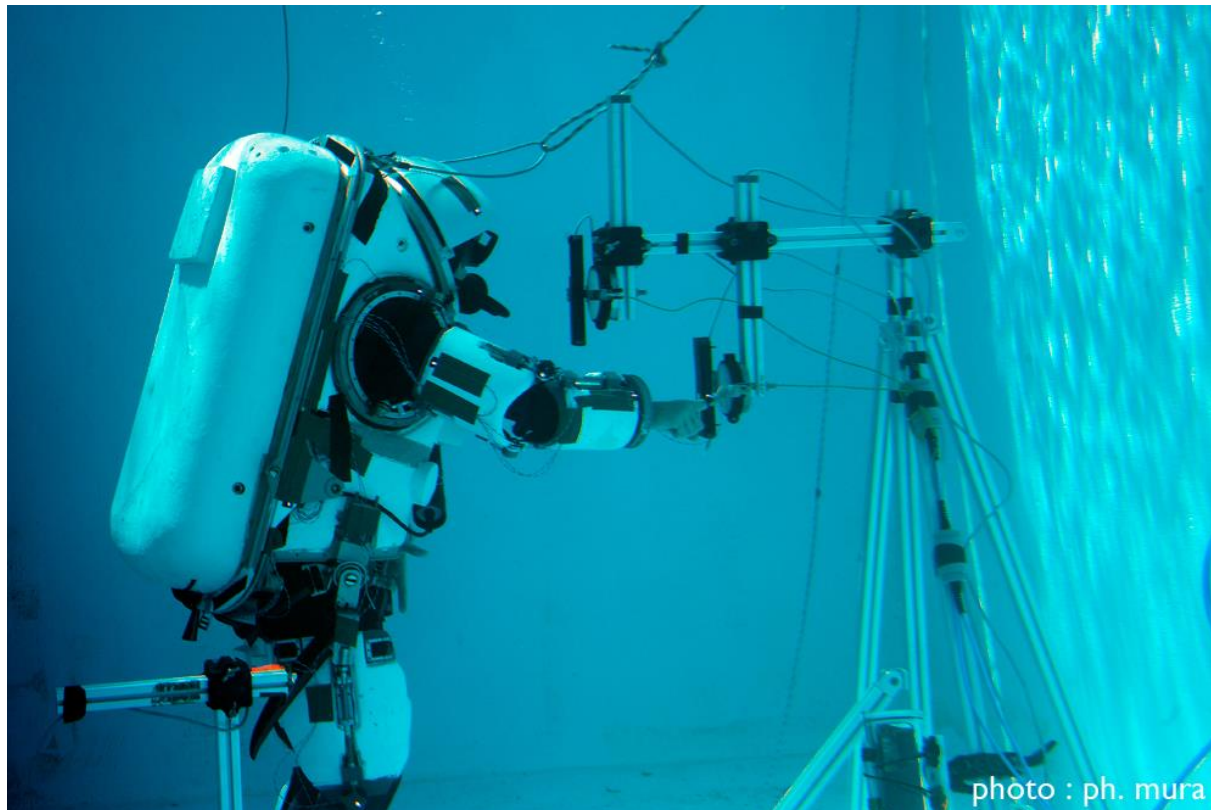


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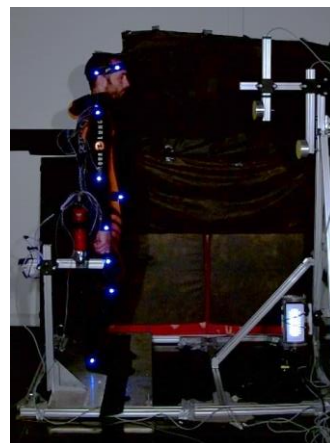
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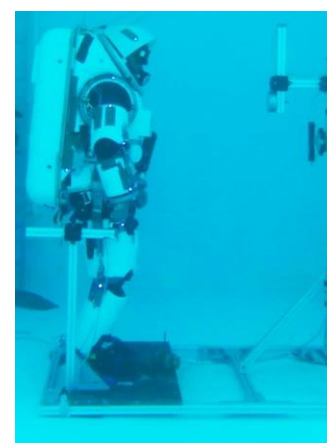
Land

Gravity



Aqua

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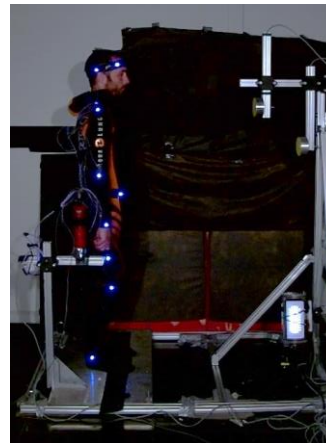


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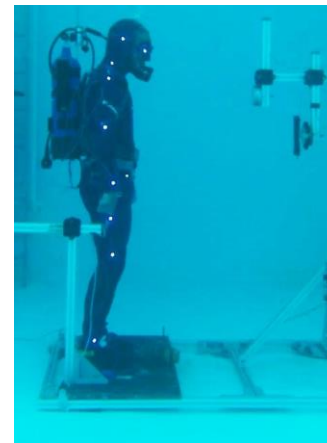
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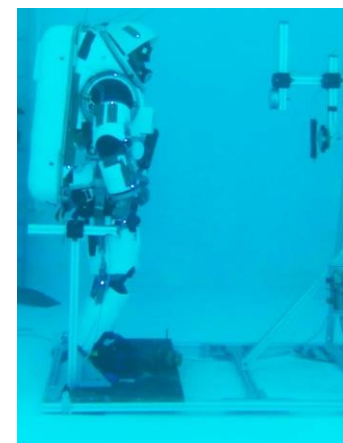
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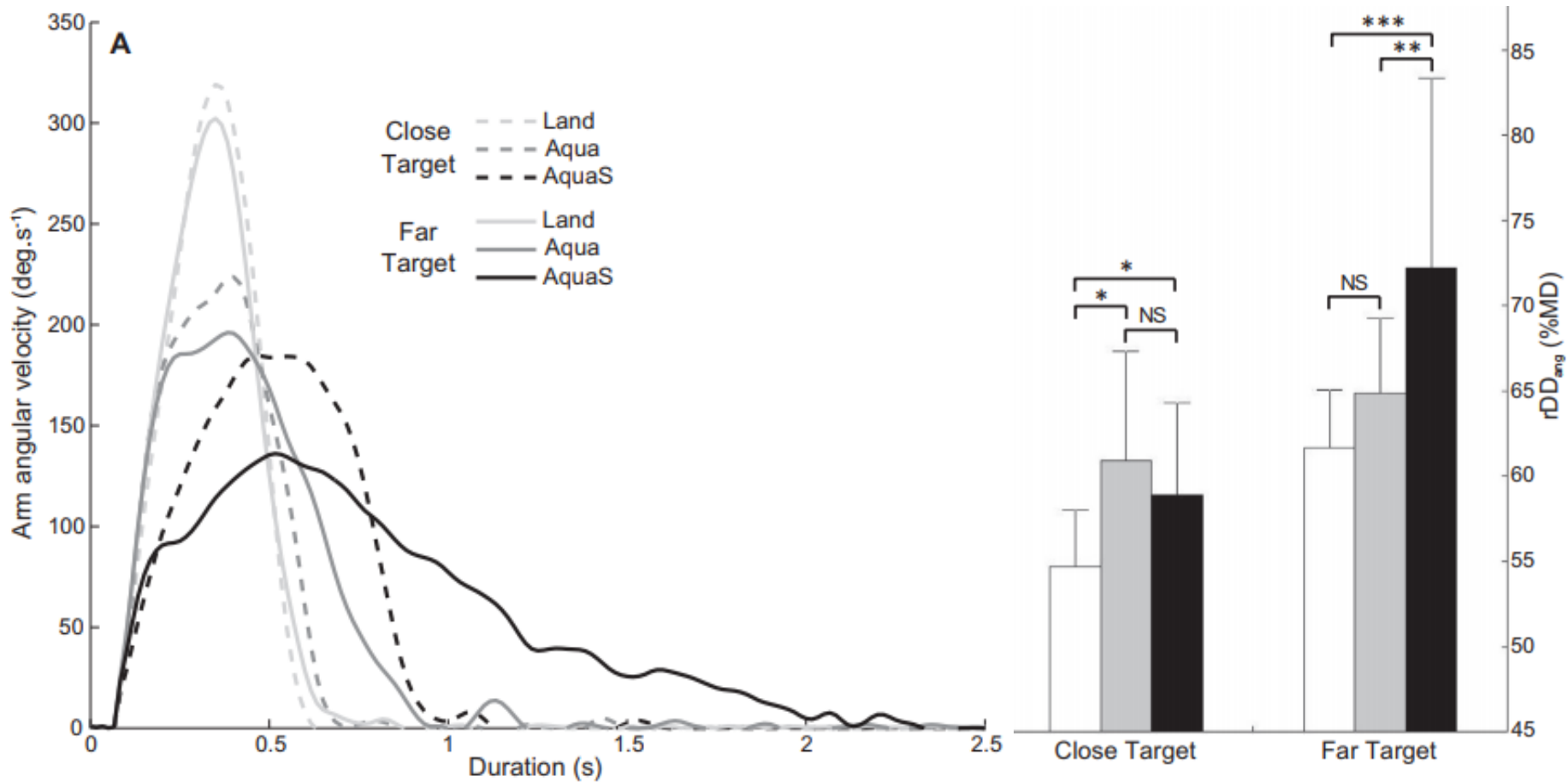


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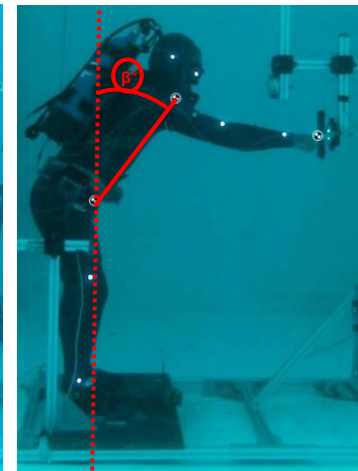
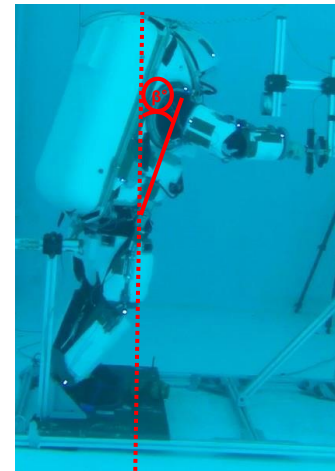
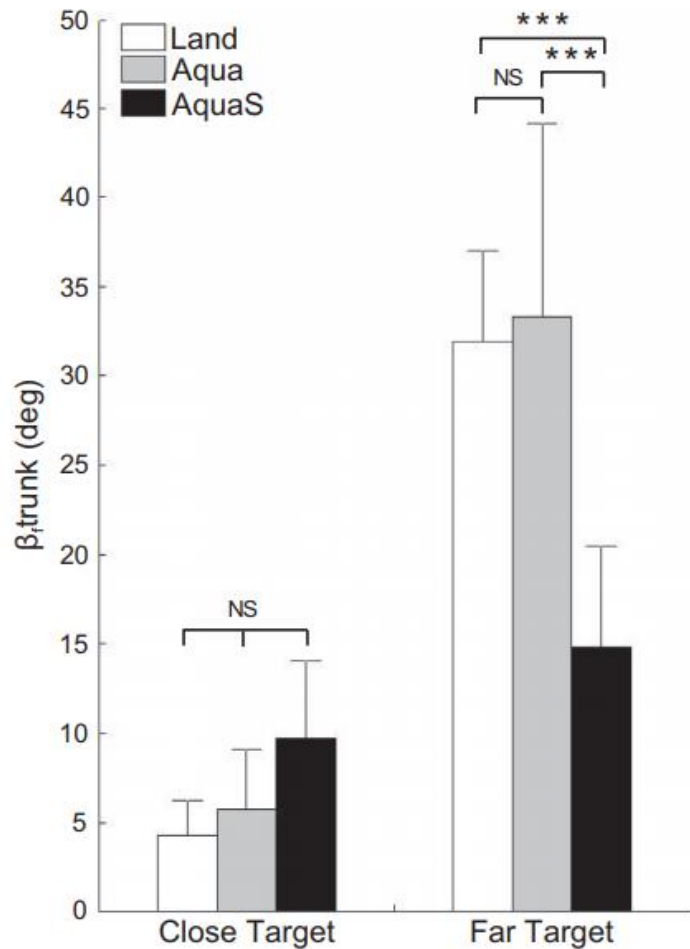
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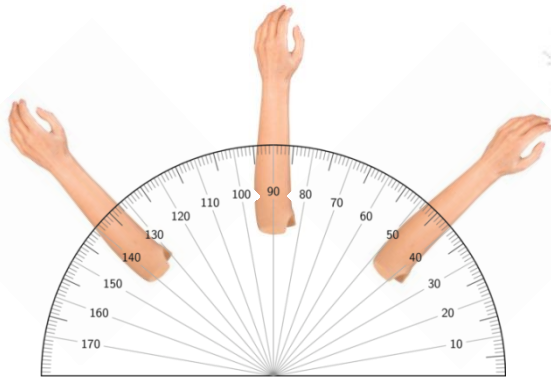
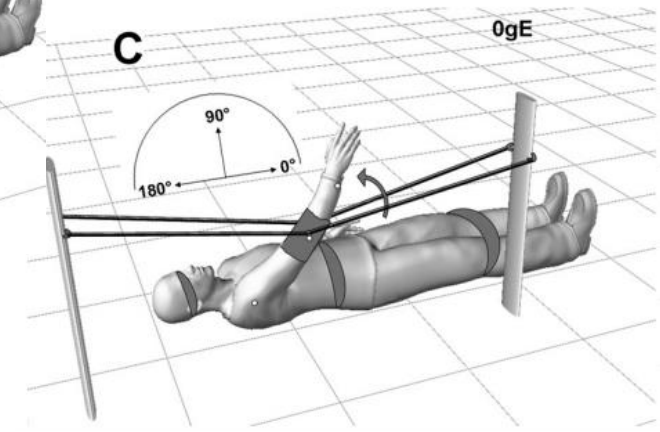
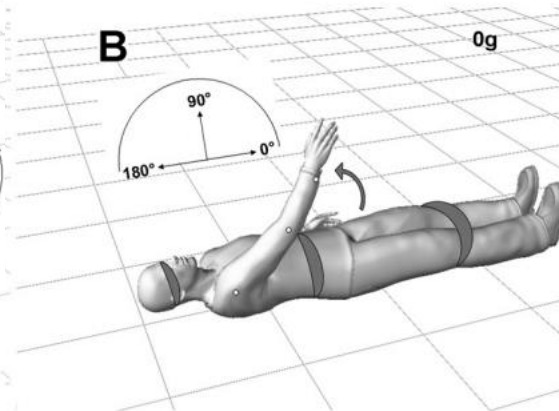
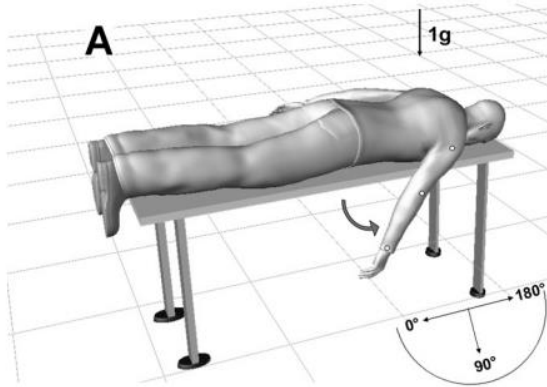
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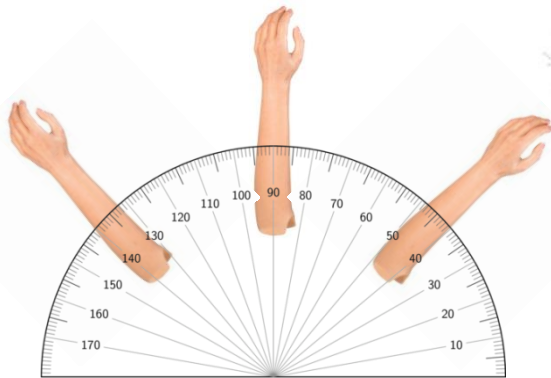
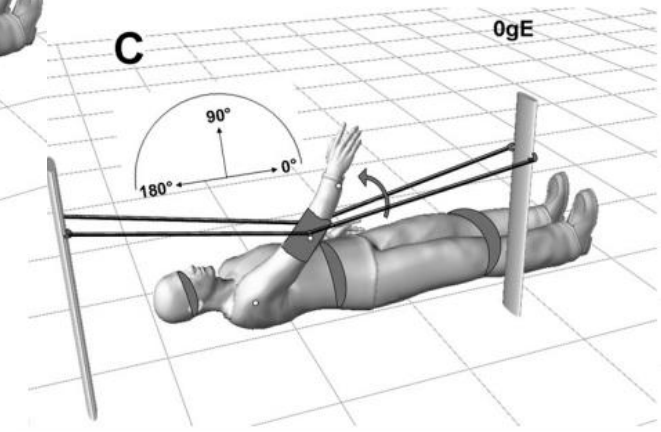
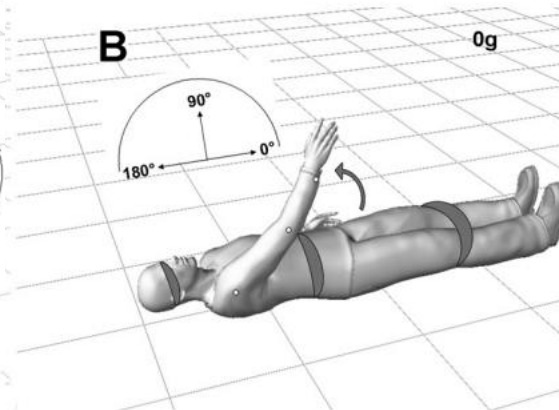
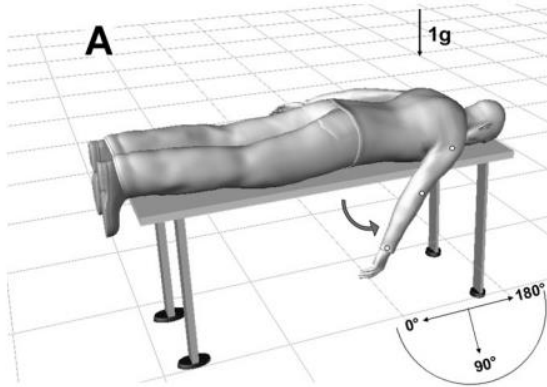
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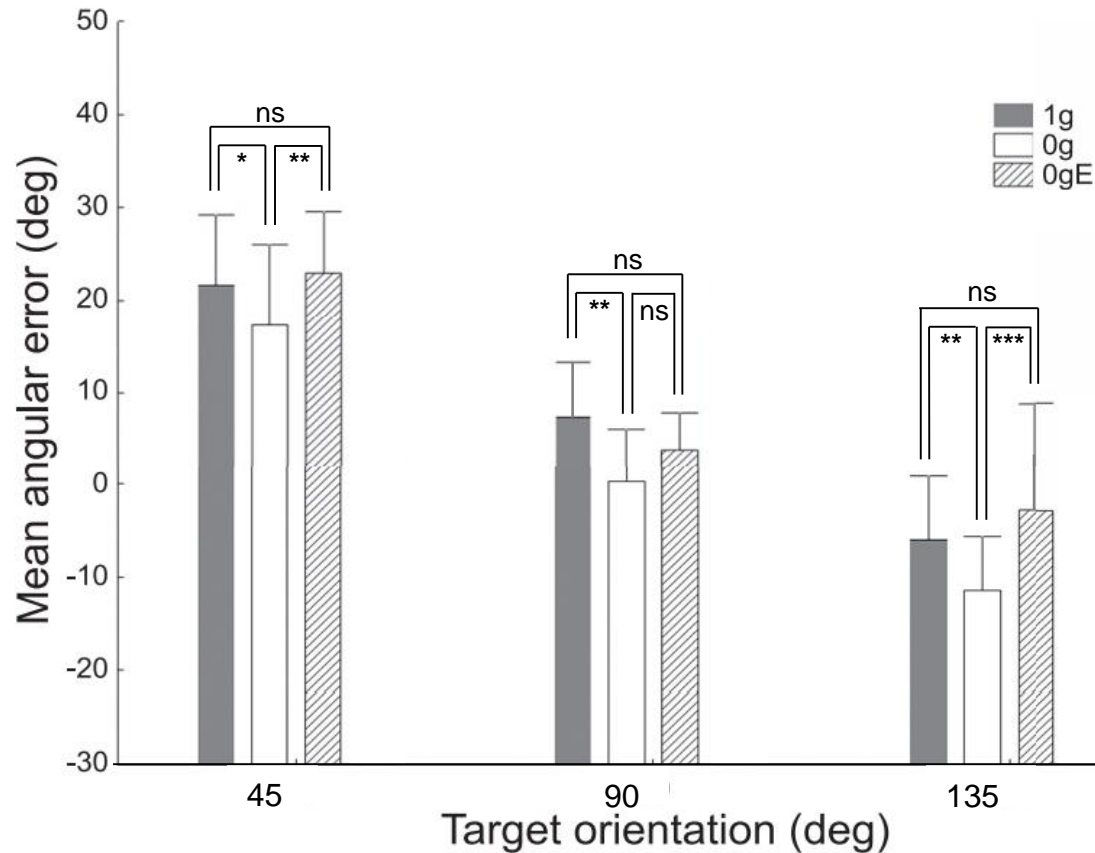
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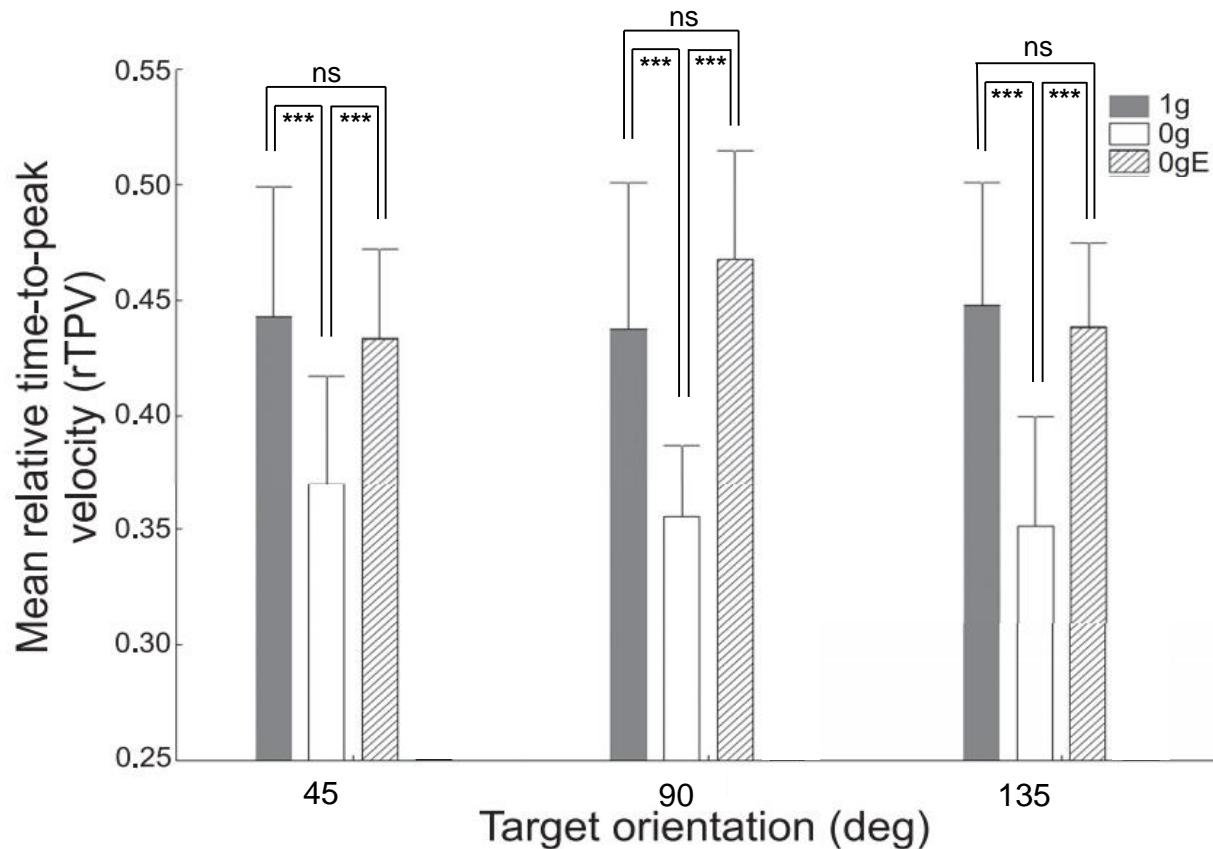
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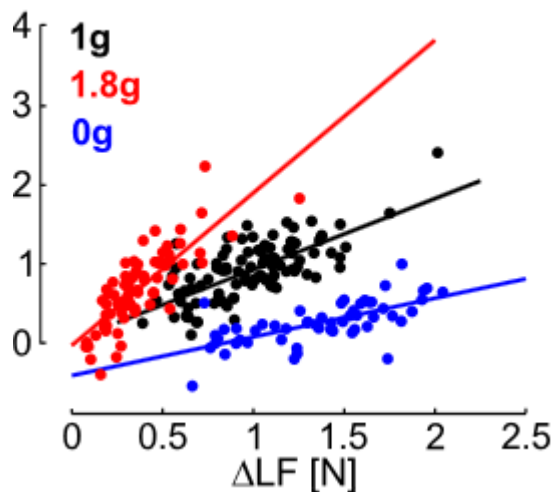
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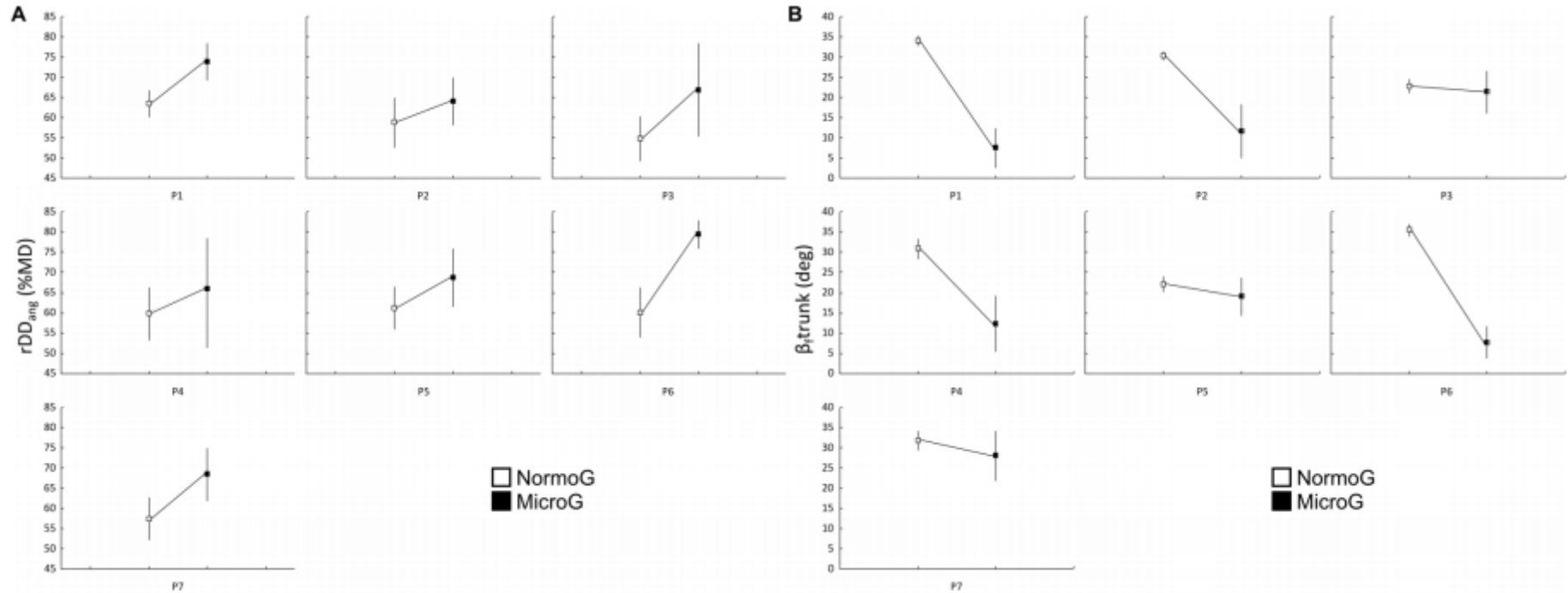
## Crevecoeur et al. 2014

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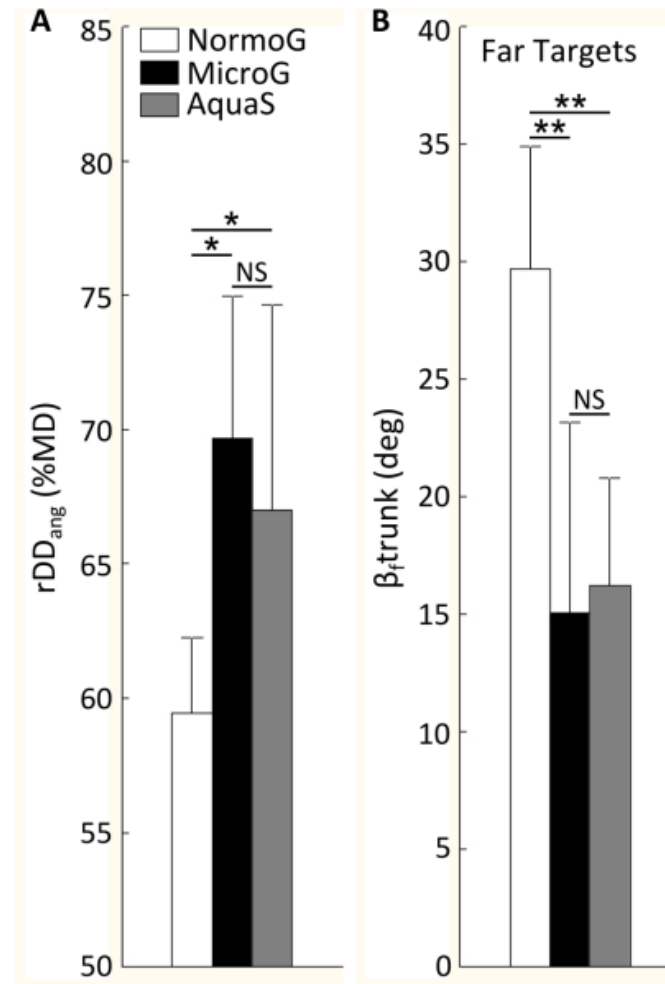
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