

– The Shape of Locomotion –  
A Method for Large Scale Analyses of Intra-Limb Coordination

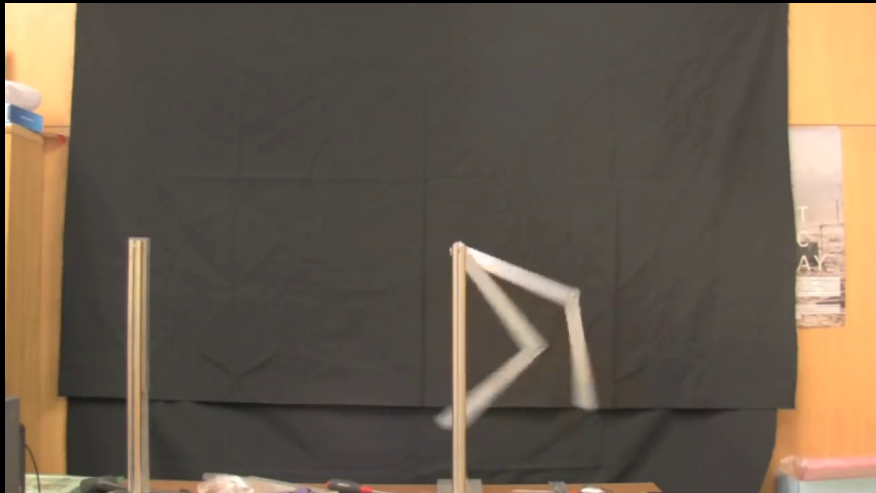
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# Chaos



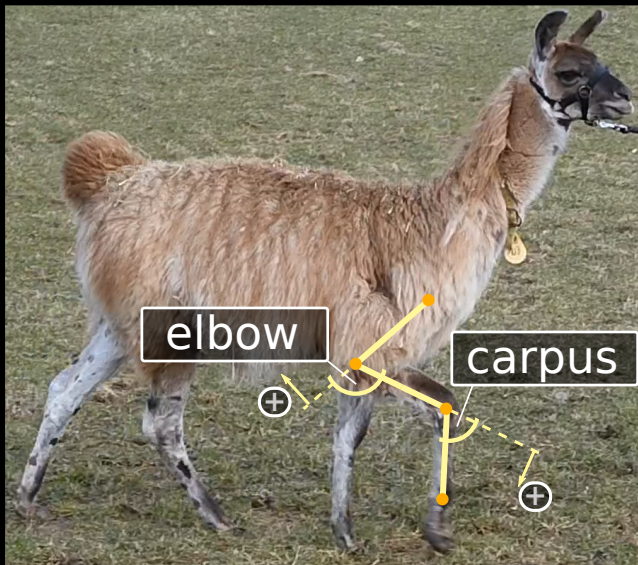
Shunichi Yamamoto, youtube N6cwXkHxLsU (Dec 2, 2011)  
"High Performance Coupled Double Pendulum", played backwards

# Control and Coordination

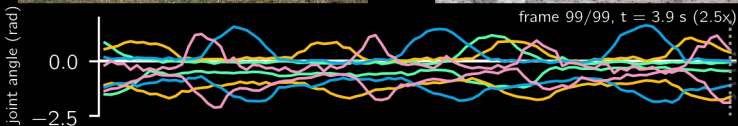
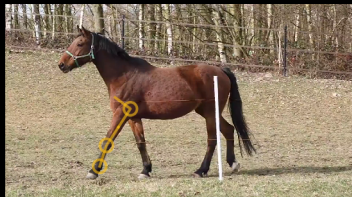


red river hog by *oschu1000*, youtube Z97wAh3IXWc (Dec 8, 2017)  
moose by *ullabri*, youtube GEZ3Ton9w6A (Apr 27, 2011)

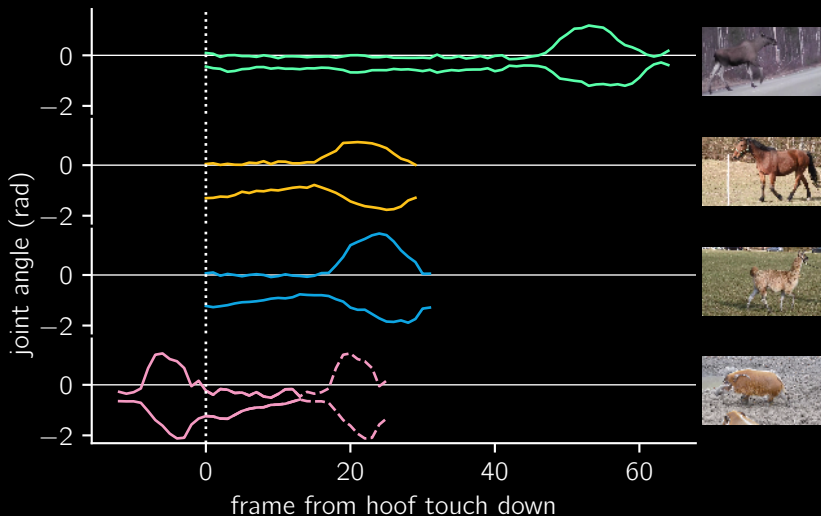
# Joint Angles



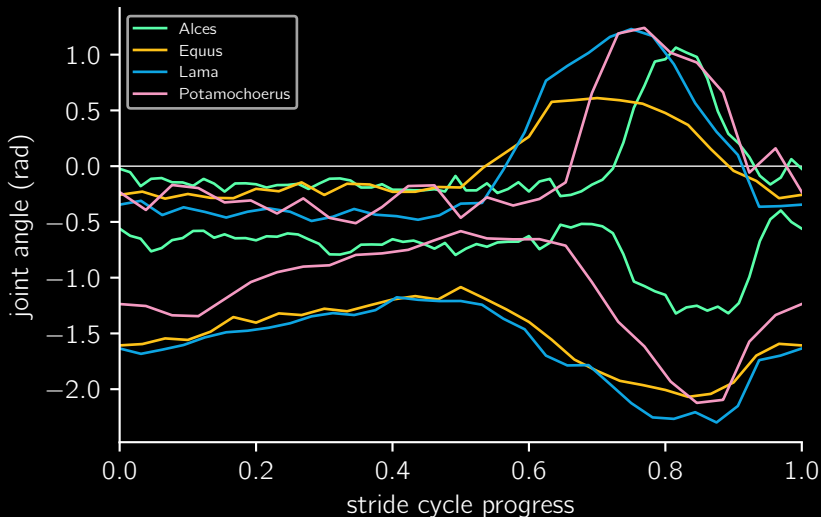
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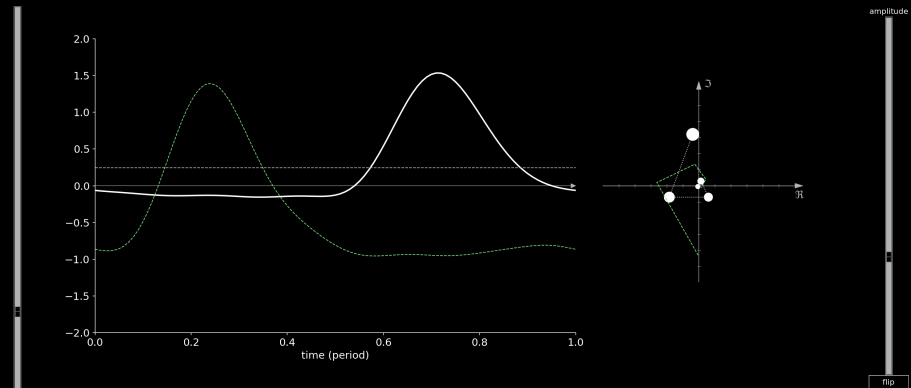
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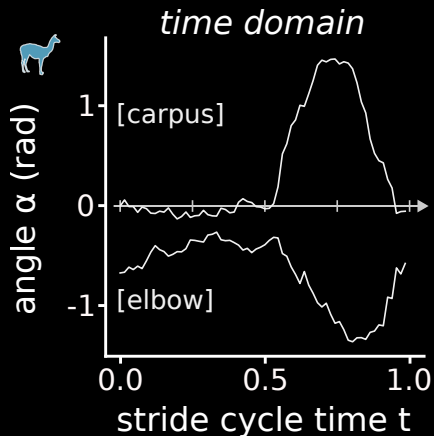
phase

center	Re0	Re1	Im1	Re2	Im2	Re3	Im3	Re4	Im4	Re5	Im5
0.247	-0.038	0.320	-0.184	-0.071	0.060	-0.071	0.013	0.029	-0.006	-0.005	

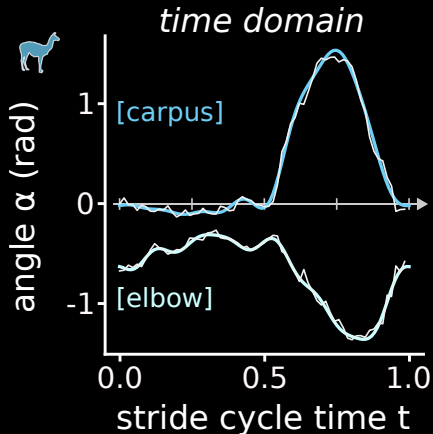
superimpose set ref  show  mean elbow carpus dzt real zero quit



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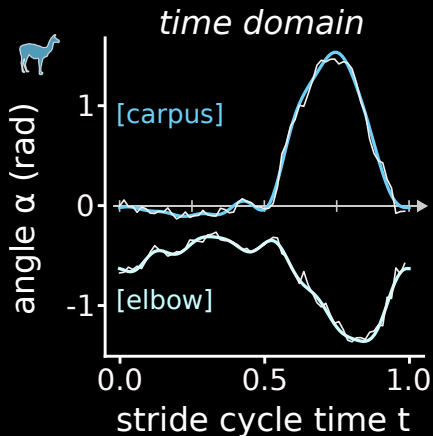
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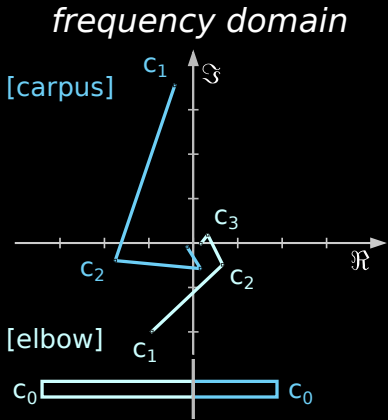
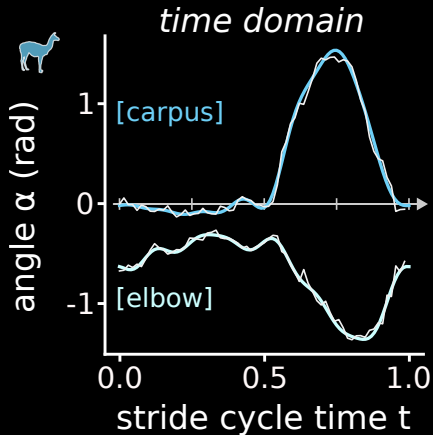
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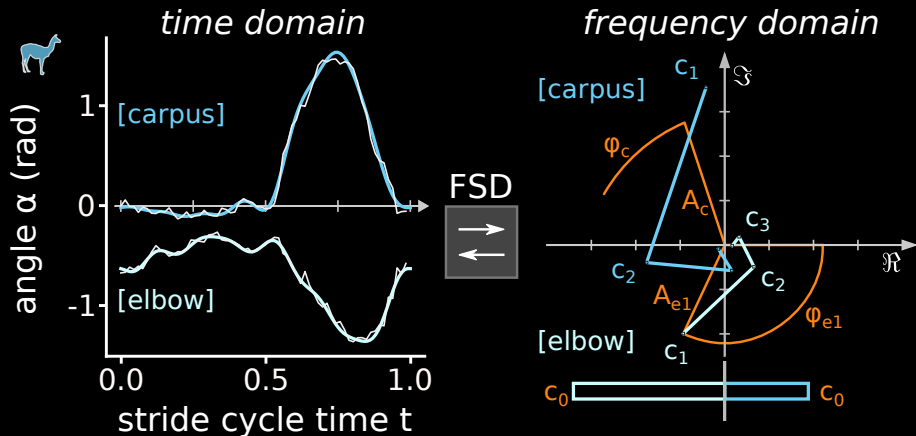
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amplitude  $A = \sum_{n=1}^N \sqrt{\Re(c_n)^2 + \Im(c_n)^2} = \sum_{i=1}^N |A_i|$

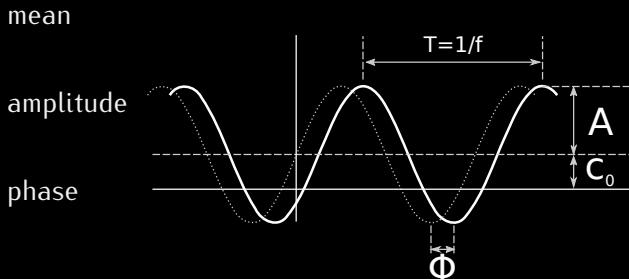
phase  $\phi_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \cdot \arctan2(-\Im(c_n), \Re(c_n))$

$$\Phi = \frac{\sum_{n>0}^N (\phi_n - \phi_{n-1}) \cdot \frac{A_n}{n}}{\sum_{n>0} \frac{A_n}{n}}$$

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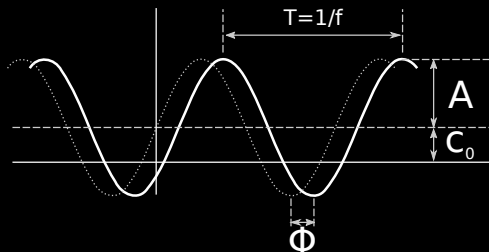
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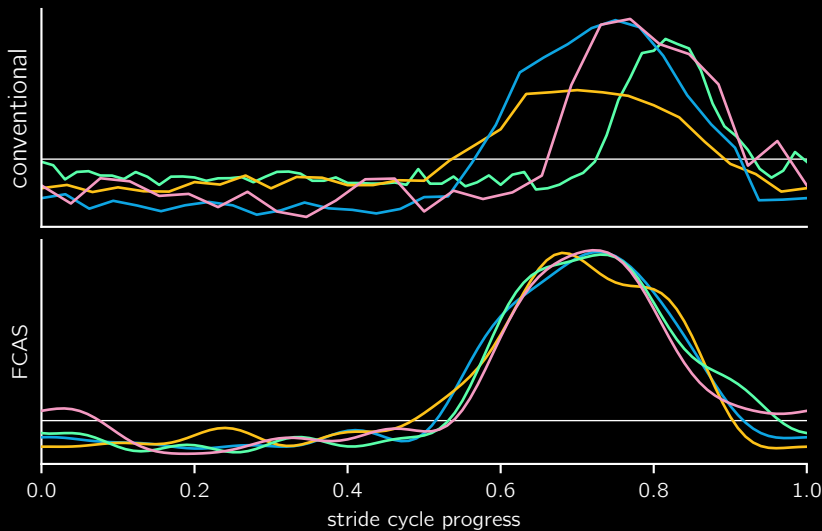
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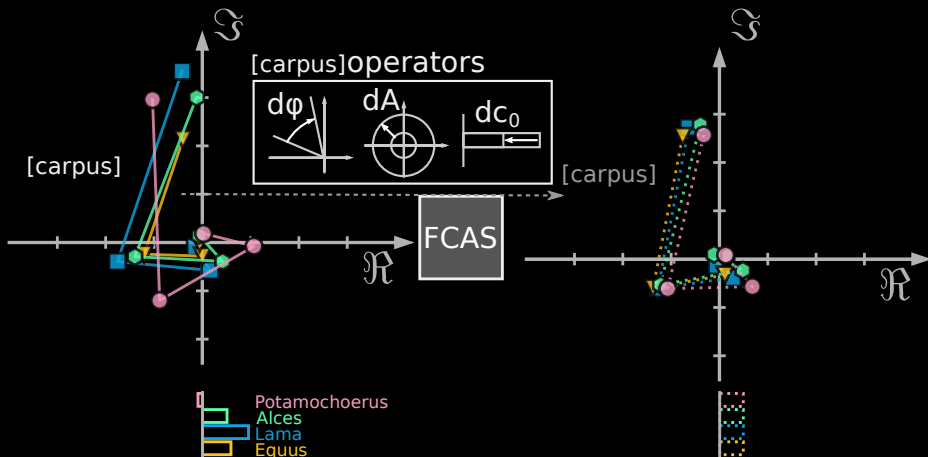
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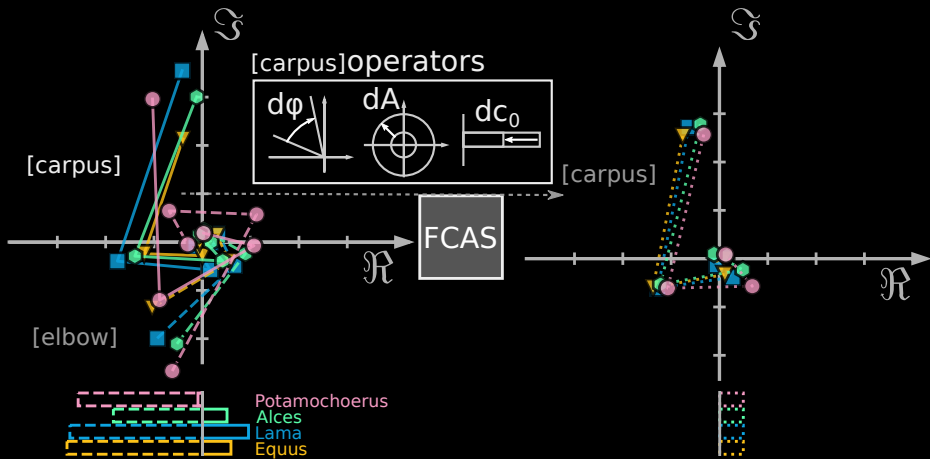
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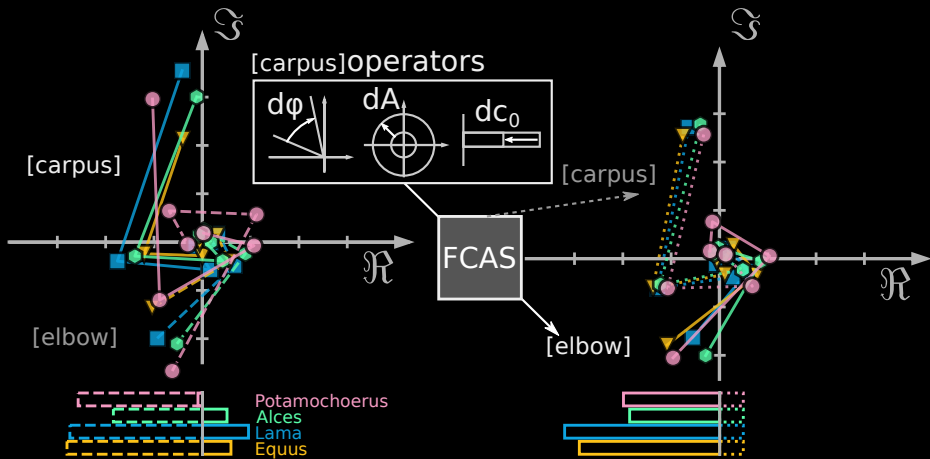
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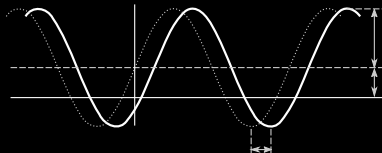
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# Summary

- ▶ Fourier Series
- ▶ affine components
- ▶ relative joint profiles
- ▶ geometric intuition



## References

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