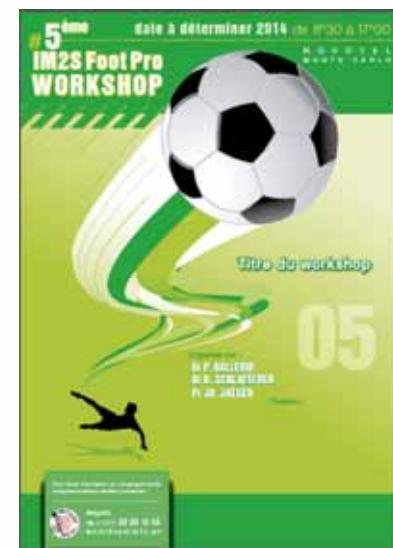


# Tendinopathies around foot and ankle

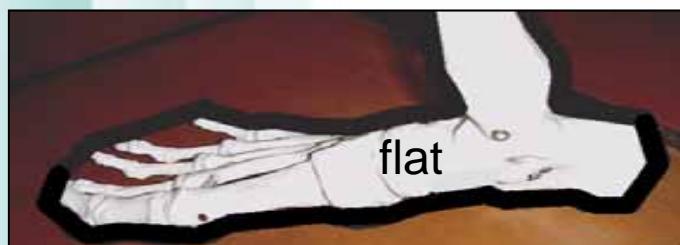
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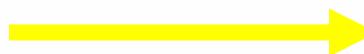
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**28 muscles – 33 articulations**

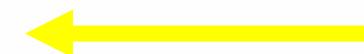
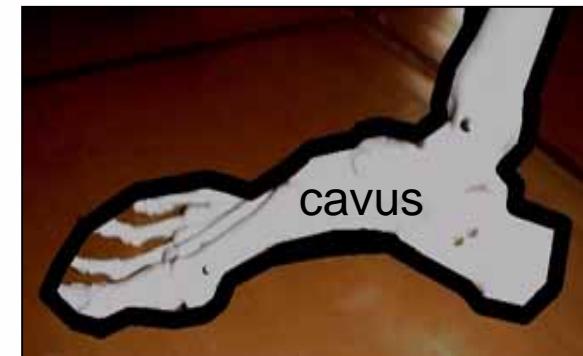
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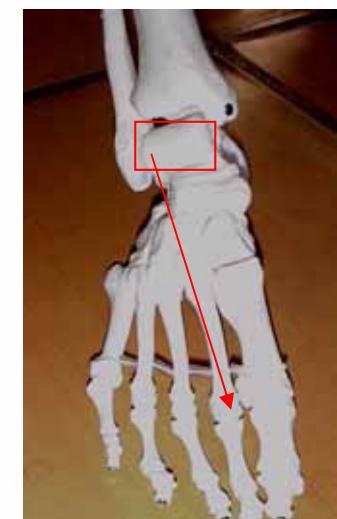
**STABLE**



**INVERSION**



**VISCO-ELASTIC STRUCTURE**



**Stocking**

**ENERGY**



**Distribution**

**pied= COMPLEXITE STRUCTURELLE**

Paquets vasculo-nerveux

**Muscle**

Sd de loge chron.

**Tendon → tendinopathies**

Gaine

Jonction myo-tendineuse

Zone moyenne  
hypovasculaire

Poulie fibreuse  
Tunnel ostéo-fibreux

**Insertion osseuse**  
enthésopathies

**Os et articulations**

aponévroses

Peau ,ongle, bourses  
séreuses

Capiton  
grasseux

# Tendon function is complex

## Main function :

- **muscle force transmission,**

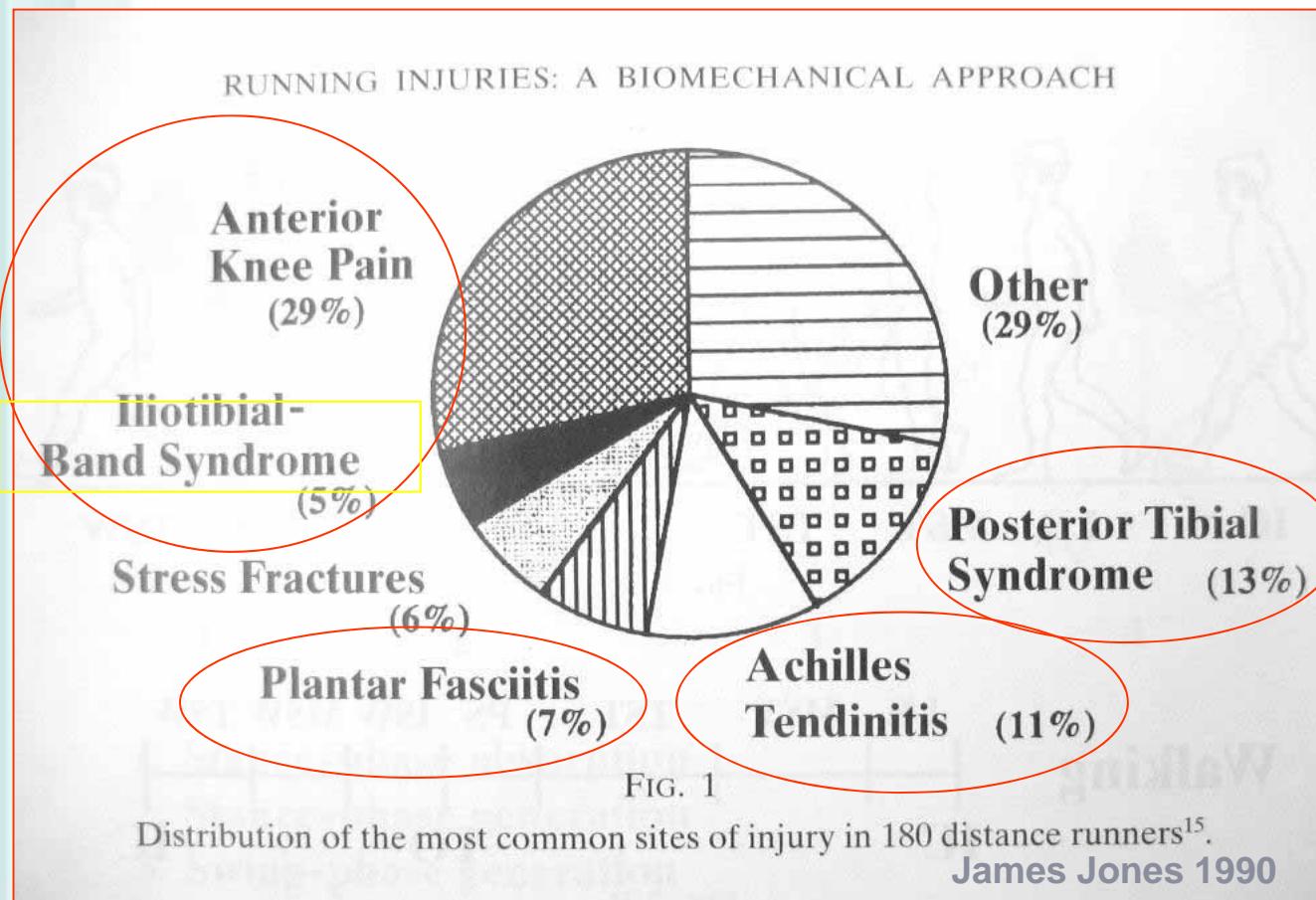
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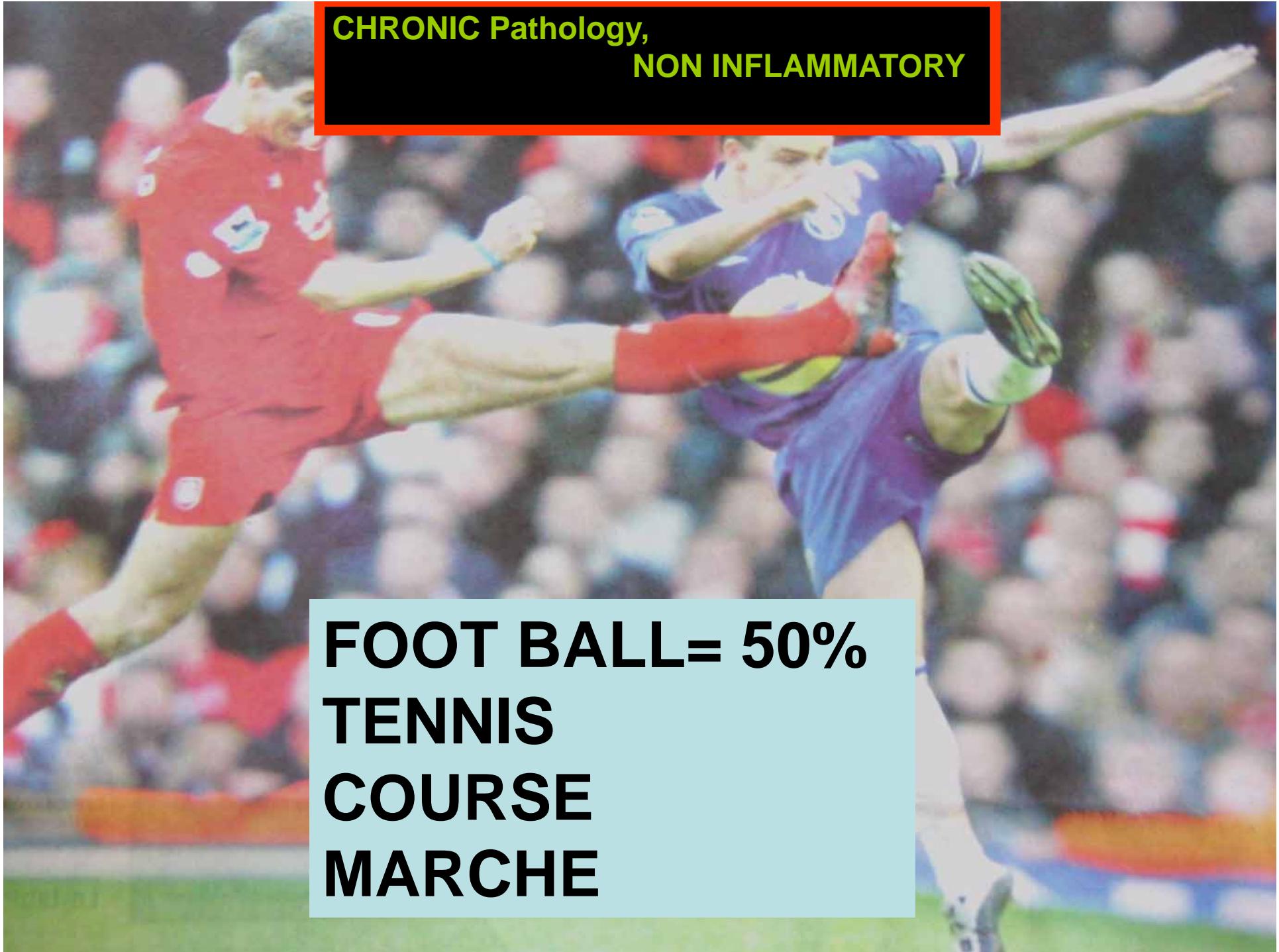
- - Force dissipating;
- -Elastic energy storing;
- -Viscoelasticity (protect the muscle);
- -Stabilizing effect of the joints
- - Articulating surface.



# aponeurosis and tendons = 2/3 of lesions

30 to 50% of all sports injury  
Renstrom 1991

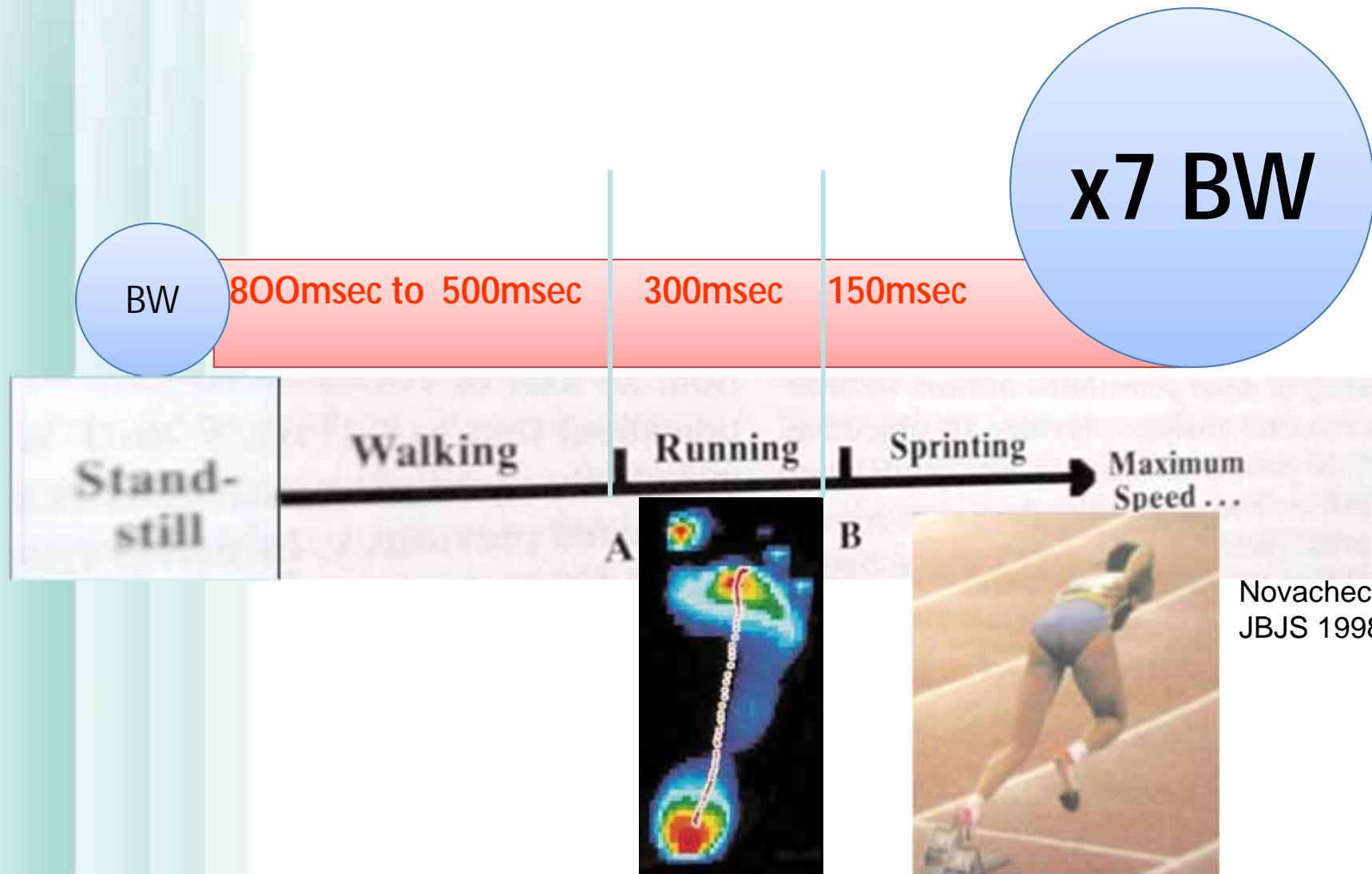




**CHRONIC Pathology,  
NON INFLAMMATORY**

**FOOT BALL= 50%  
TENNIS  
COURSE  
MARCHE**

# Speed increases forces , load and ROM



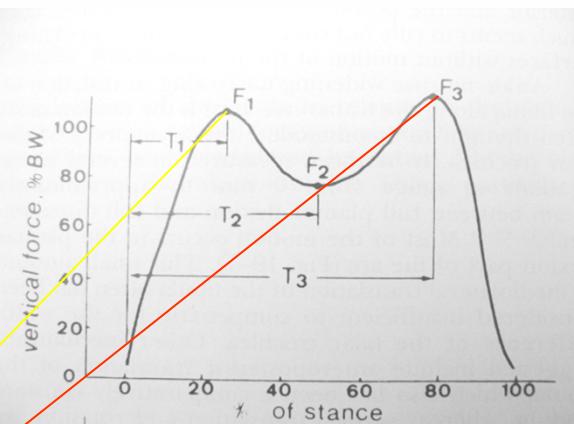
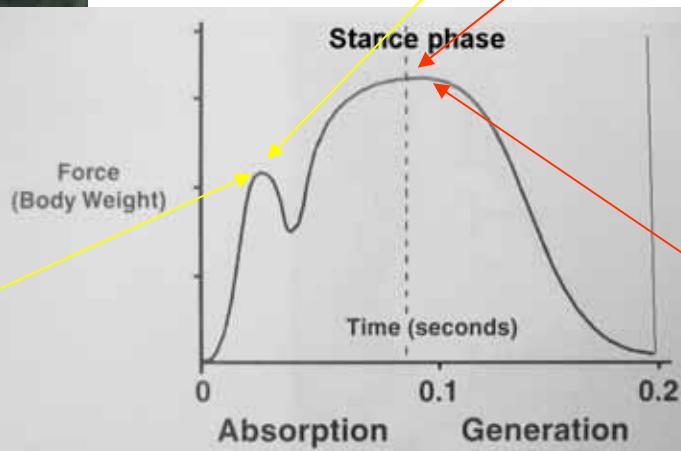
Tendon become stiffer under high stresses in order to absorb energy

Harmfull forces  
are not during heel strike,  
but just after **during loading response and midstance**



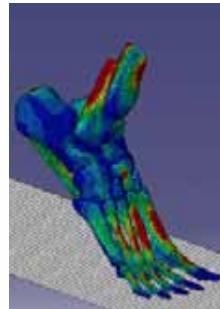
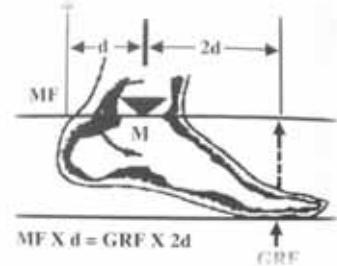
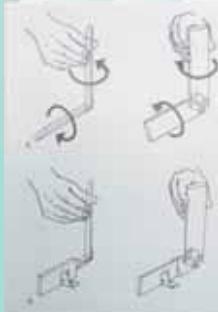
gait

running



# Une autre vision de la biomécanique

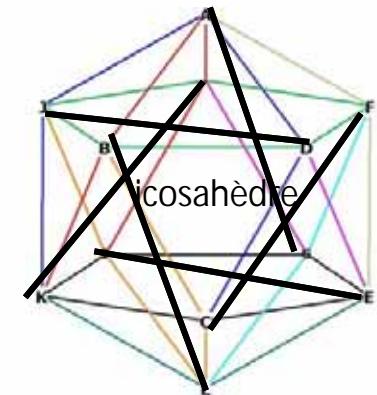
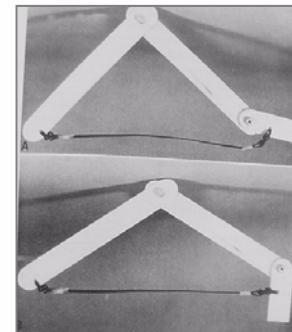
## Mécanique des axes et leviers



- Linéaire (retour à zéro)
- Structure discontinue
- Dépendant de la gravité
- Unidirectionnel
- Haute énergie
- Articulation à axe fixe

## Biotenségrité

Les os ne se touchent jamais  
Ils sont en suspension dans les fascia en assurant leur mise en tension

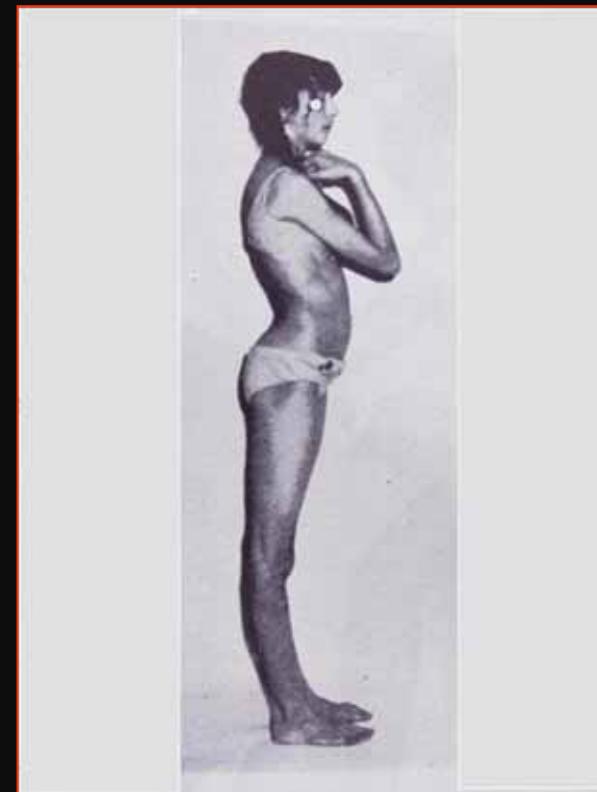


- Non linéaire (tjs sous tension)
- Structure continue
- Indépendant de la gravité
- Pluridirectionnel
- Basse énergie
- Articulations axes évolutifs

Tenségrité= déformabilité sous la contrainte



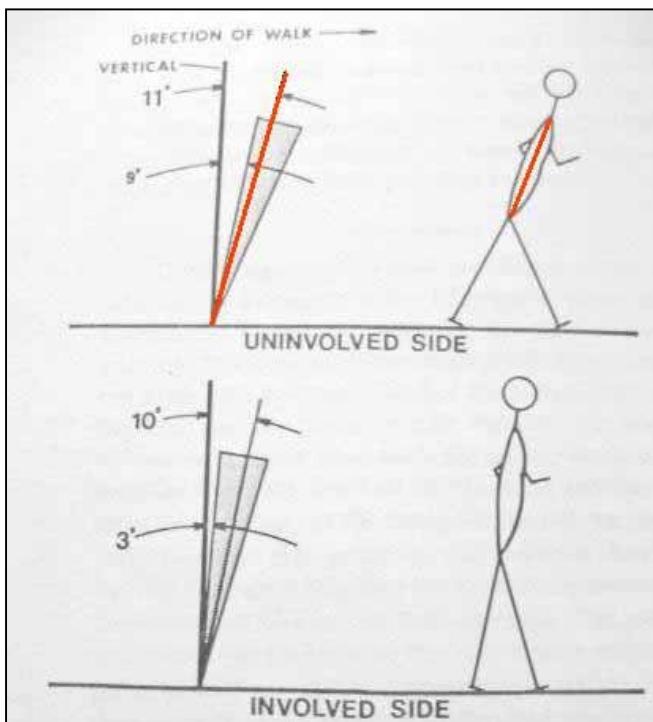
the loss of tensegrity balance  
= less deformability  
over stressed strutures

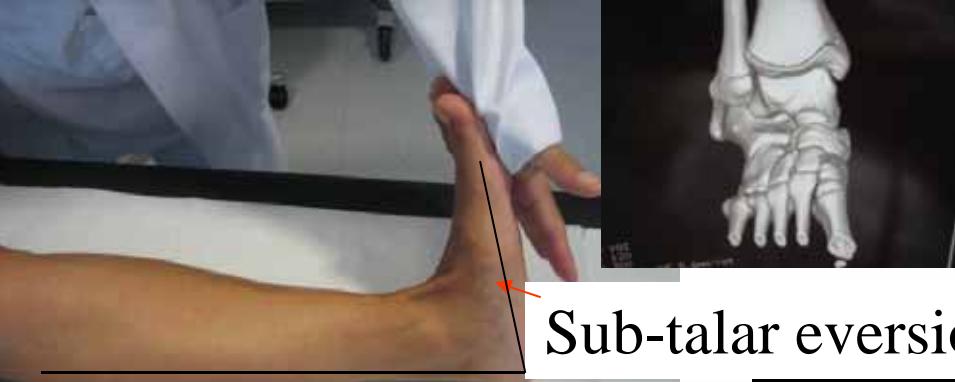


# Pe: gastrocnemius tightness



Enability or difficulties for bare foot walking  
Lack of endurance  
Difficulties of climbing speed  
Difficulties to run or accelerate, to jump  
Veinous problems

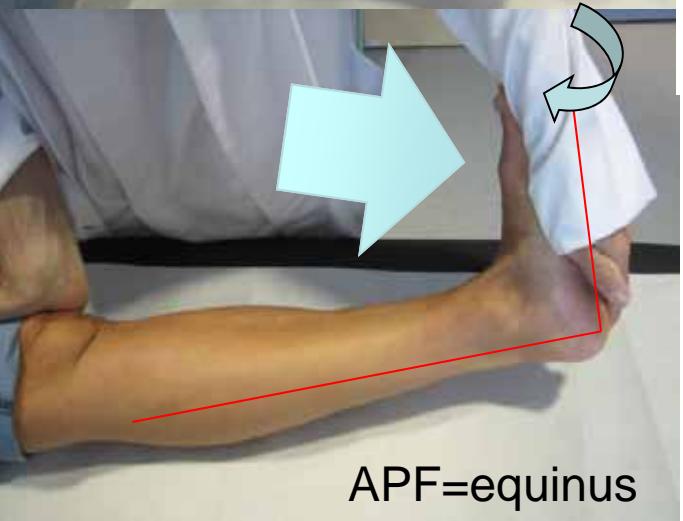




Sub-talar joint movement  
Masks the gastrocnemius  
Equinus



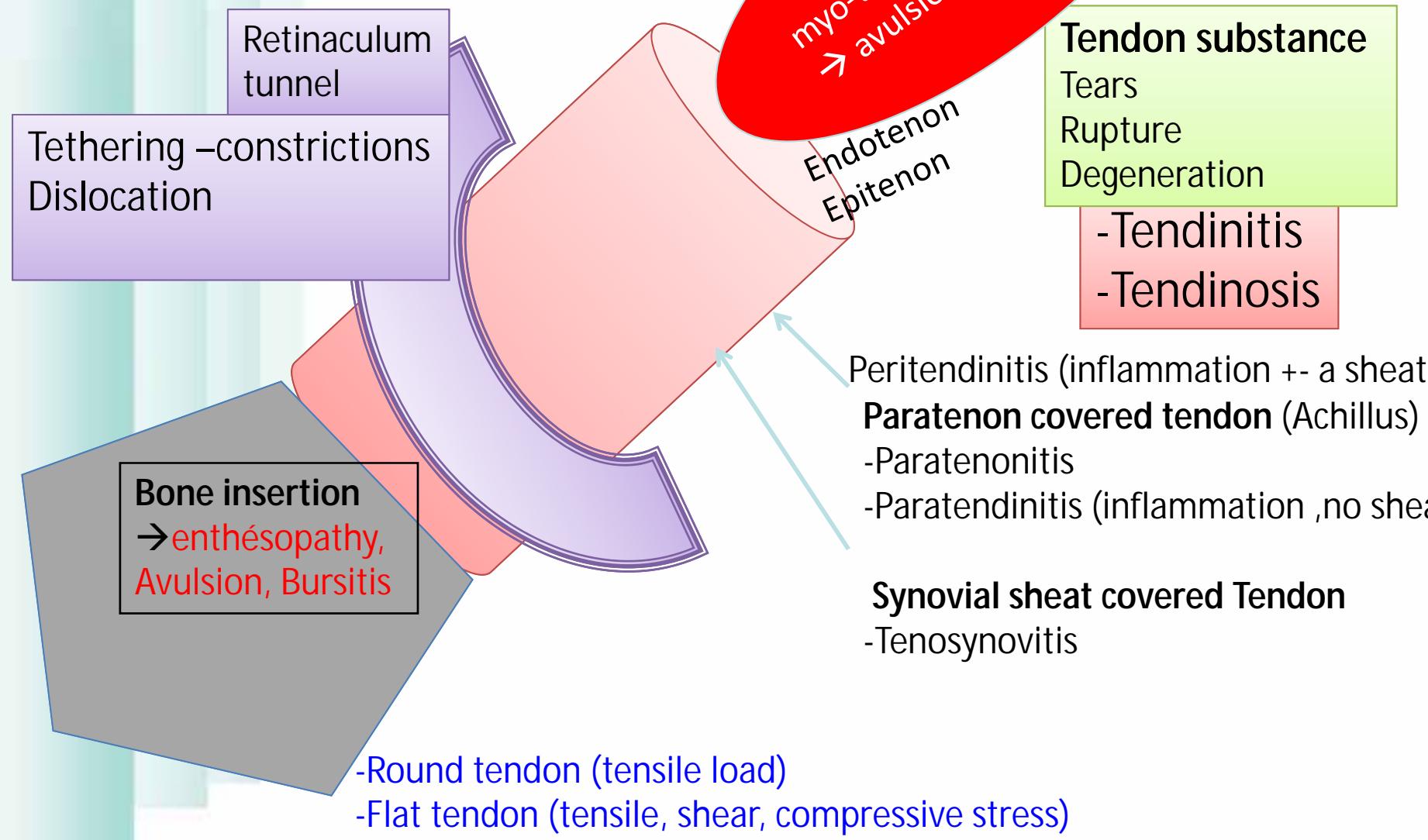
Flexed knee



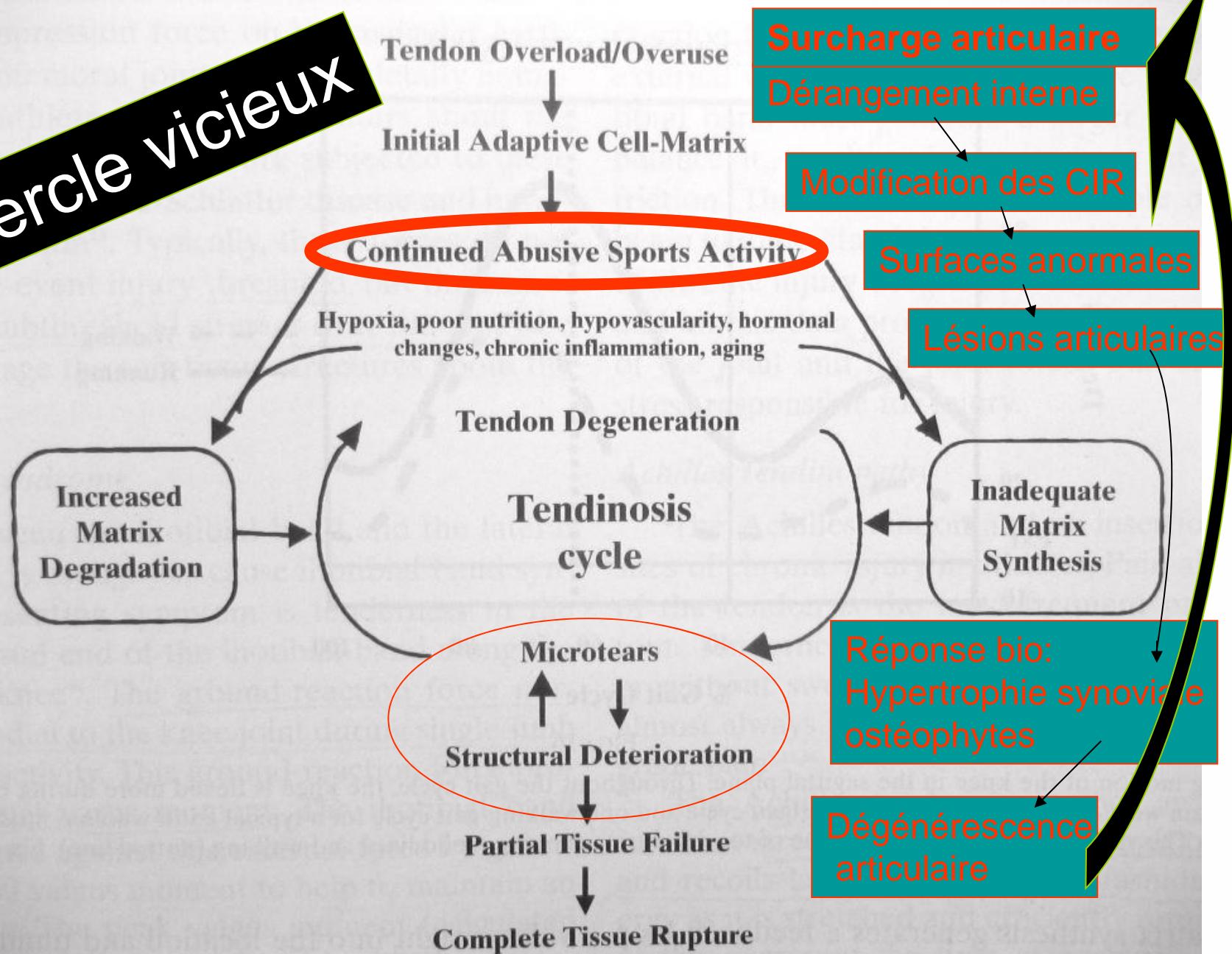
Extended knee  
Stretch the inverted foot



# Tendon problems



# Le cercle vicieux



Leadbetter 1992, Novacheck 1998

Frankel 1971

- 
- **TENDINOSIS**
  - degenerative process
  - **absence of inflammatory cells,**
  - fibers desorientation
  - collagene degeneration,
  - hypercellularity and vascular nerve ingrowth

Non symptomatic-

# Etiologic factors Imbalance

## Excess of contrains: extrinsic F

- Training errors
- Ground structure (hard)
- Shoes (pronation control)
- Iatrogenic
  - (fluoroquinolones
  - steroids ...)

## Tendon weakness: intrinsic F

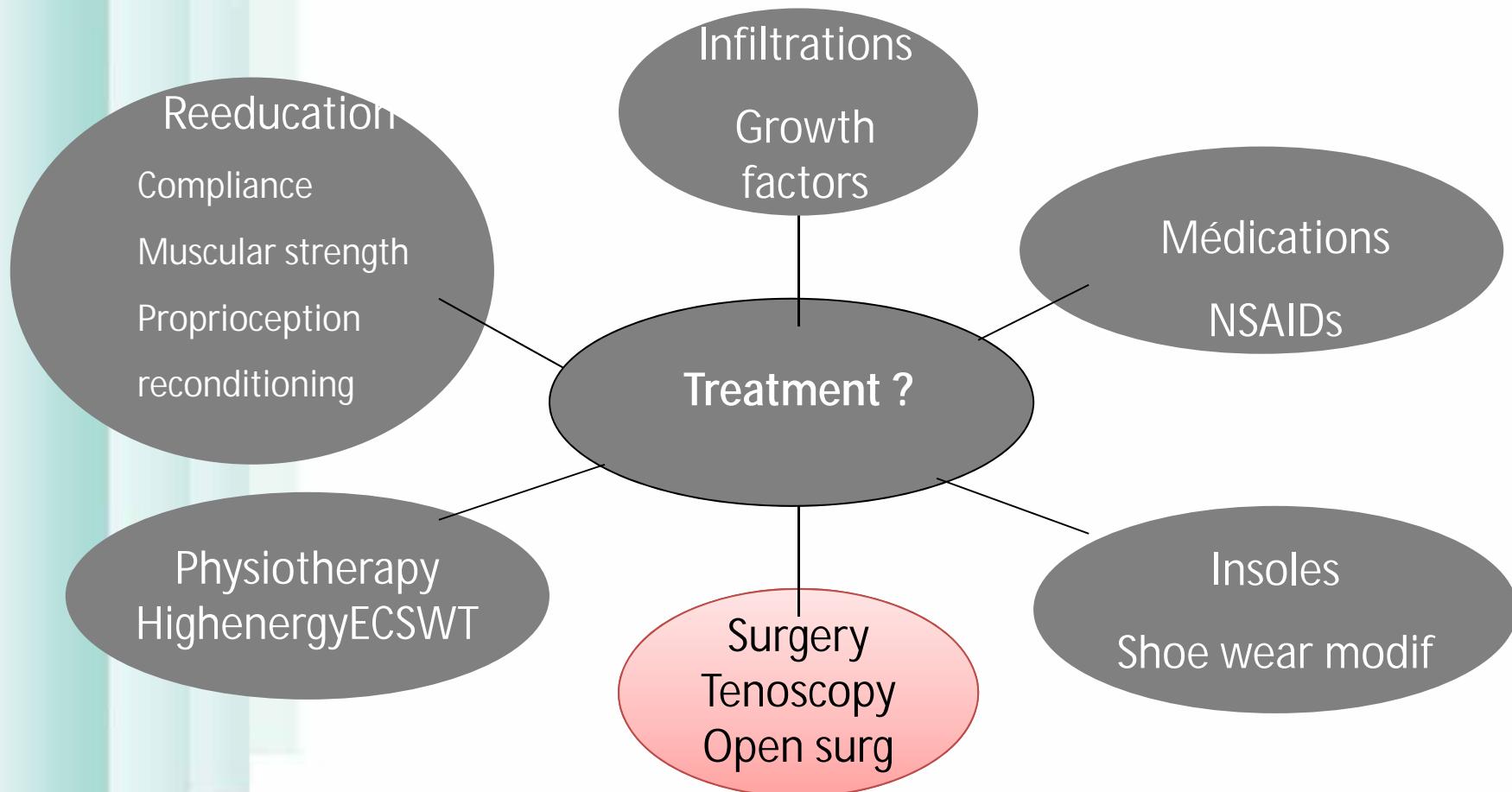
- Age, weight
- Compliance and length
- Anatomical particularities
- Lower extremity malalignment
- Leg length discrepancy
- Metabolic factors (ph, H<sub>2</sub>O)
- Fatigue,muscular weakness

Combination of extrinsic and intrinsic factors

# Tendinopathy

Their treatment are challenging problems

**Careful evaluation prior to embarking on a specific treatment**



1970 s  
immobility



1990 s  
active approach



No study to date provide  
Concensus Treatment trend

Healing process: Inflammatory—Proliferative (fibroblastic)--Remodeling

# Clinical assessments

## ➤ patient history

- Sprain
- Injuries
- swelling
- fluoroquinolones abs

## ➤ physical examination

- Joint laxity
- provocative pain maneuver
- Loss of power

# Imaging assessments

## ➤ conventional X-Rays of foot and ankle

- in WB position and bilateral
- AP, lateral and AP oblique views: architecture, avulsion fractures...
- Meary's view
- stress views

## ➤ MRI: modality of choice

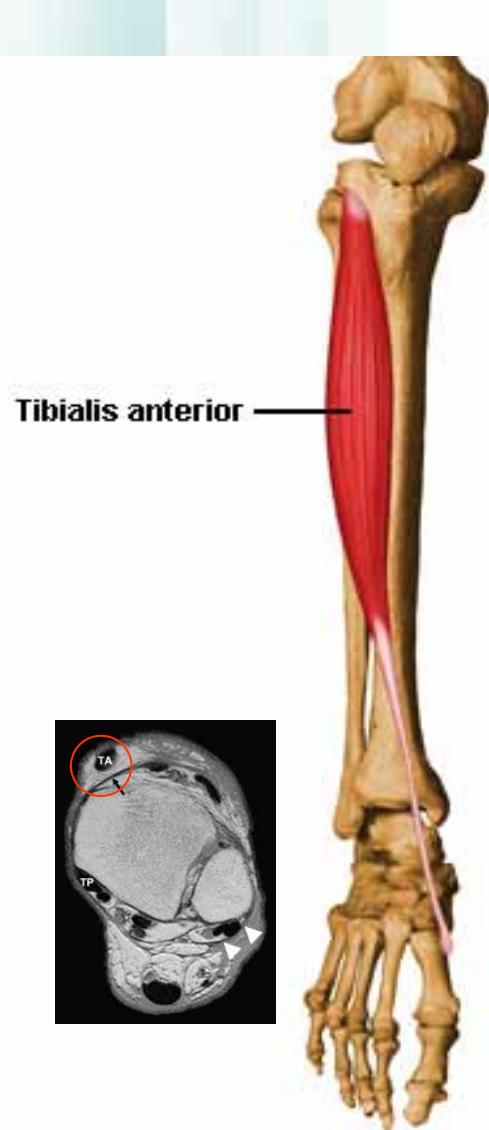
- multiplanar imaging
- + soft and bone tissues  
- cartilage

## ➤ US

- competitive for tendons
- but operator-dependent

## ➤ CT scan

- choice for ankle laxity : ligt & cartilage damages, associated tears of PT
- limited use with teno-sheath injection



# Tibialis Anterior



## ➤ Insertional tendinopathy

- Sports with pulse (danse,ballet, jump, skating...)
- medial cuneiform pain
- gait abnormality (heel strike-initial loading,swing)
- Pain with passive stretching+isometric contraction

## ➤ Spontaneous rupture

-**rare**, aging

-Foot drop

## ➤ Tenosynovitis (stenosing, crepitans)

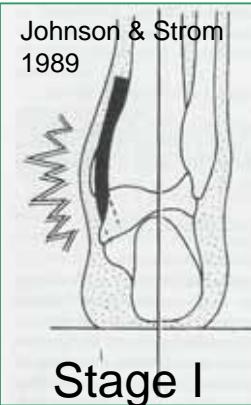
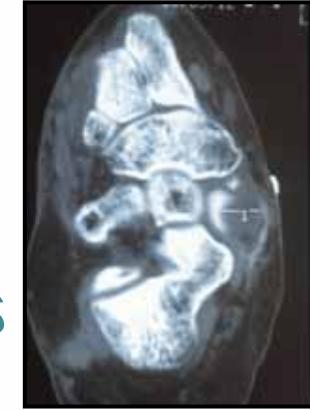
- **Windsurf, trek,marathon**

- Relatively rare



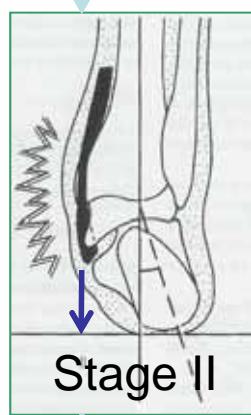
# Tibialis Posterior ++

- > Mechanical Tenosynovitis
- > Insertional



## >Degenerative Tendinopathy

- frequent, evolutive
- Pes valgus ++
- Gait abnormality: stance



## >Spontaneous rupture

- Frequent : 2/3 women,  
>40years
- Chronic insidious



Jhonson & Strom  
Clin Orthop 1989



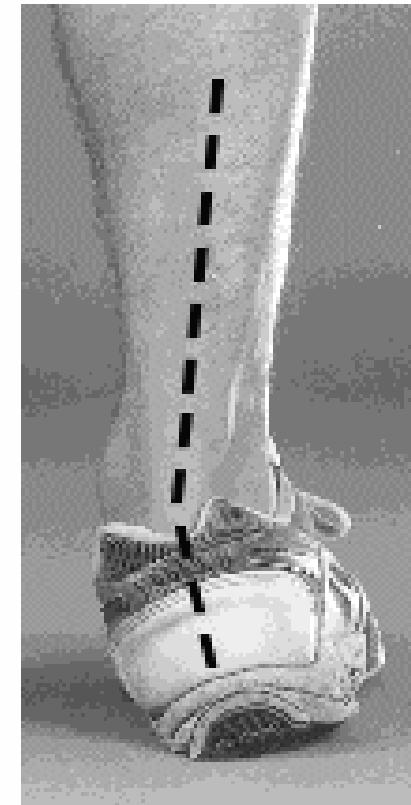
# Foot pronator is at risk.

Bussenil C. et Coll.

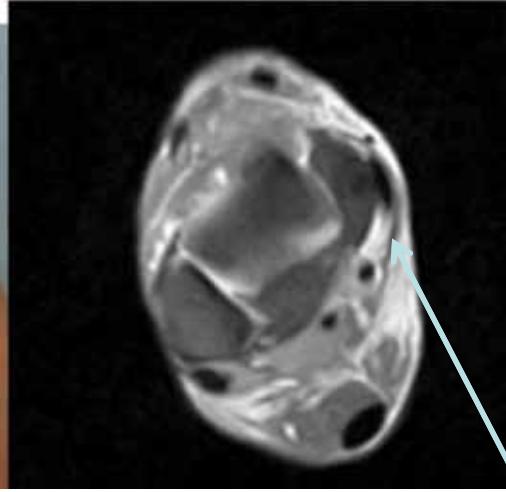
Rearfoot – forefoot orientation and traumatic risk for runners.

Foot and Ankle Intern 1998 ; 19 (1) : 32 – 37

Gastrocnemius  
Retraction associated++



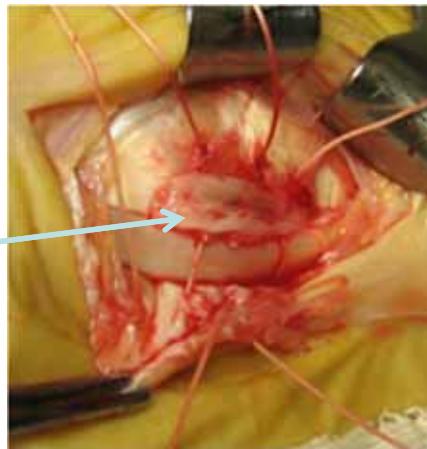
# Tibialis Posterior luxation



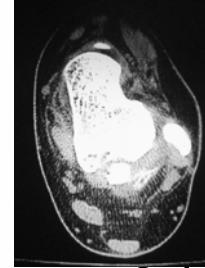
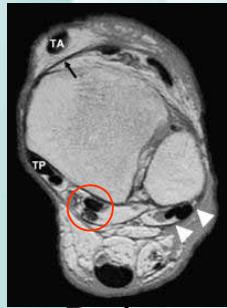
Sheat and retinaculum lesion

- Rare, inversion painful trauma
- X ray : possible fracture
- MRI++
- surgical treatment

PRF



# Flexor Hallucis Longus partial tethering



- Pain at the posterior aspect of the medial malleolus
- Tenderness just posterior to tibial artery when up and down moving hallux
- Hallux limitus and rigidus
- Ballet dancer, runners, 20-35 years of age
- Tight sheet compressed by an hypertrophied os trigonum
- Sometimes low-lying bulging muscle
- After medical trt failure Flexor hallucis longus tenolysis

Is generally successfull



# Peroneal tendons

## *anatomy and biomechanics*



- both the tendons everse the hind foot and plantarflex the ankle
- the PL lock the transversal arch and plantarflex the first ray.

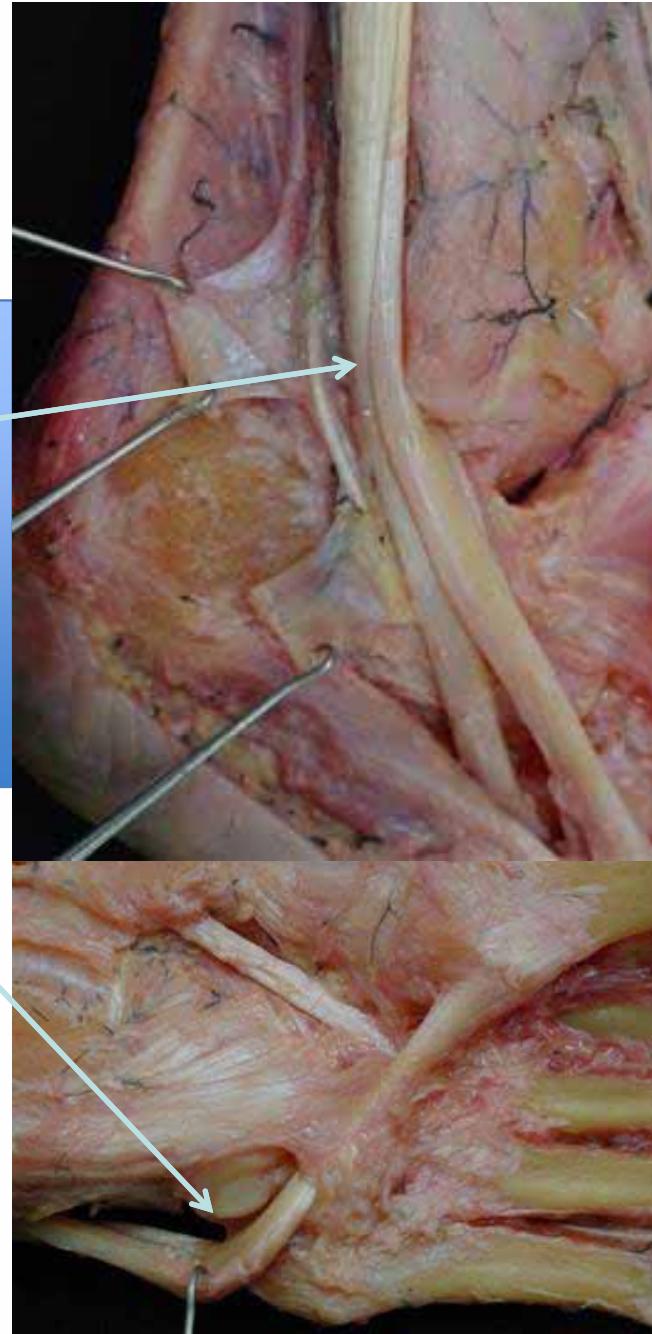
# Peroneal tendon disorders

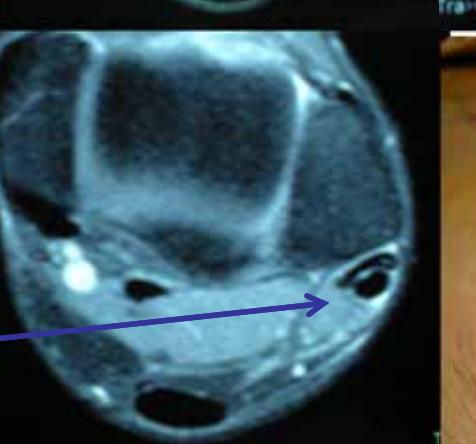
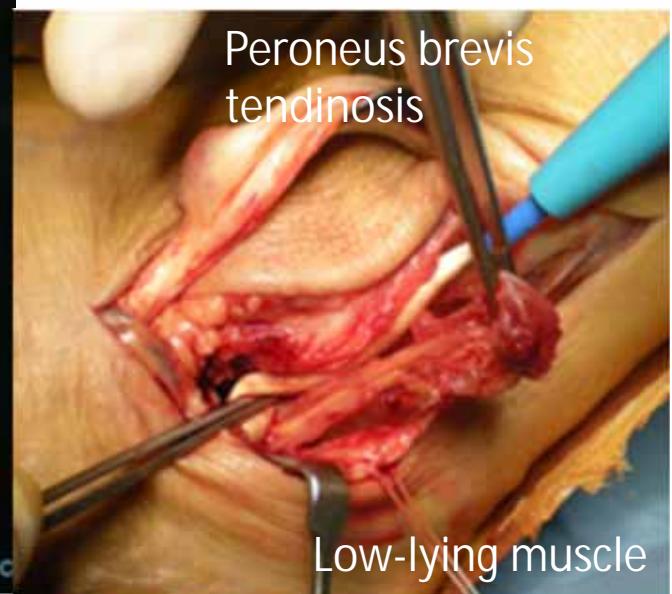
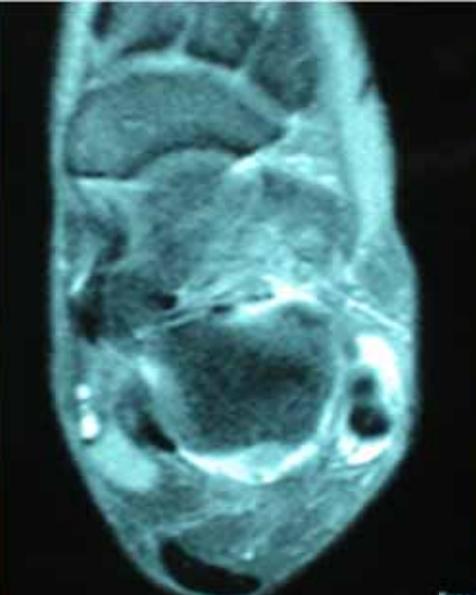
- Clinical conditions are numerous: pain in the postero lateral aspect of the ankle+++
- **Hindfoot in varus and ankle instability** must be pointed out, predisposing factors
- MRI remains mandatory to achieve a precise diagnosis
- Surgical procedures must be combined
- Return to maximal function after surgery is prolonged
- Early ROM with protected ambulation to prevent adhésions

Selmani et Al. Foot & Ankle Intern.2006;27:221

## Critic point

- avascular zones are behind the lateral malleolus  
And cuboid bone
- : most frequent location of tendinosis





# tendinosis

Lateral tubercle hypertrophy  
Strain mechanism



Low-lying  
Muscle belly

# tears & ruptures

*classification*

- **Grade I Flattening of the tendon**
- **Grade II Partial split**
- **Grade III Rupture 1-2 cm long**
- **Grade IV Rupture >2 cm long**

Sobel M, Gespert MI et al  
Foot and Ankle 1992; 13: 413

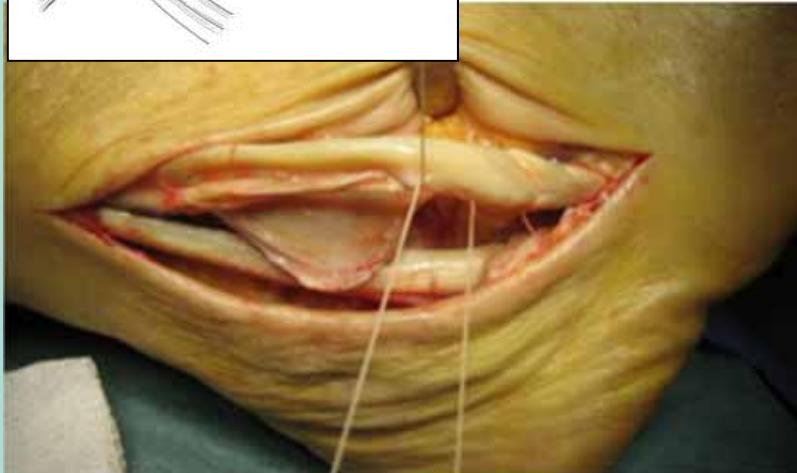
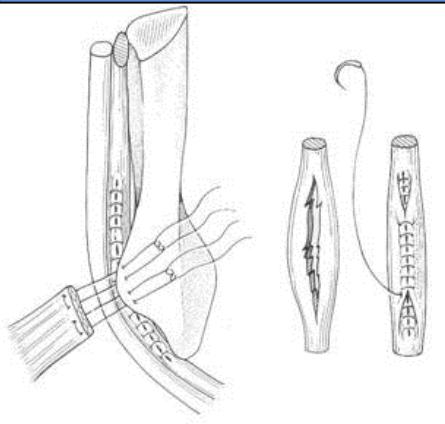


# tears & ruptures

surgical treatment

## *edges refreshing*

- excision of necrotic areas
- suture of the tears with
- tubulization of splayed tendon



Krause and Brodsky  
Foot & Ankle Intern. 1998;19:271

Cross sectionnal area after  
debridement for Per Brevis  
>50%: repair  
<50%: tenodesis

Redfern and Myerson  
Foot & Ankle Intern. 2004;25:695

Scarring-fibrosis  
Tendon excursion  
+ tenodesis, - graft or transfert  
FDL

## *associated procedures*

- careful excision of os peroneum
- ligamentoplasty
- lateralizing calcaneal osteotomy

# Insertional tendinopathy enthesopathies

- overuse on the insertion
- tendoperiostial microruptures and calcifications

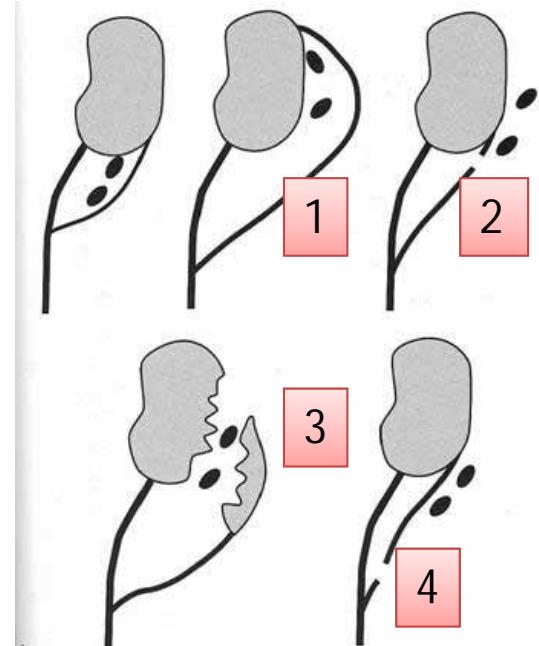
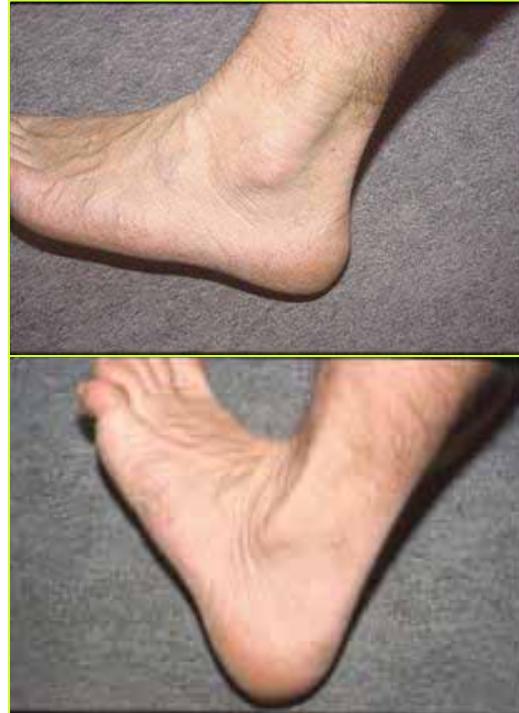


# dislocation

*clinical conditions*

➤ pathomechanics

- disruption of the retinaculum
- eversion and dorsiflex of the ankle
- combined with a forceful contraction of PT
- elective lesion in **downhill skiers** (slalom,bumps)



Eckert and Davies staging

➤ acute conditions: diagnosis the more often missed

- « *severe ankle sprain-like* » **but no laxity**

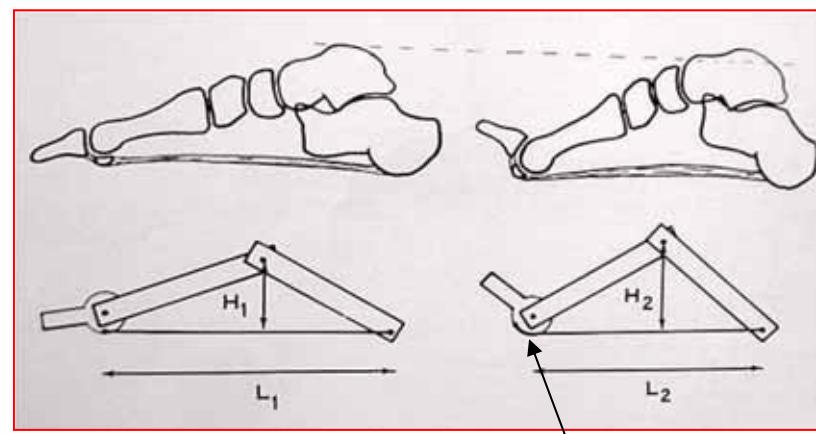
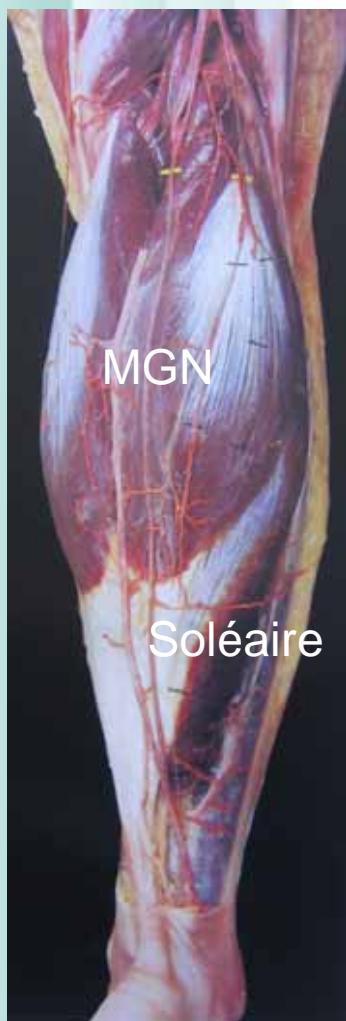
➤ chronic conditions

- « *lateral chronic instability of the ankle-like* » but no laxity

# ACHILLUS TENDON

POWER= TRICEPS (Gastrocnemius+soleus)

TRANSMISSION=achilleo-calcaneo-plantar system



Windlass mechanism  
Mécanisme du treuil



# **ETUDE DE LA MARCHE APRES TEST DE FATIGUE ET TRAITEMENT AU LPG CHEZ 18 GOLFEURS PROFESSIONELS**

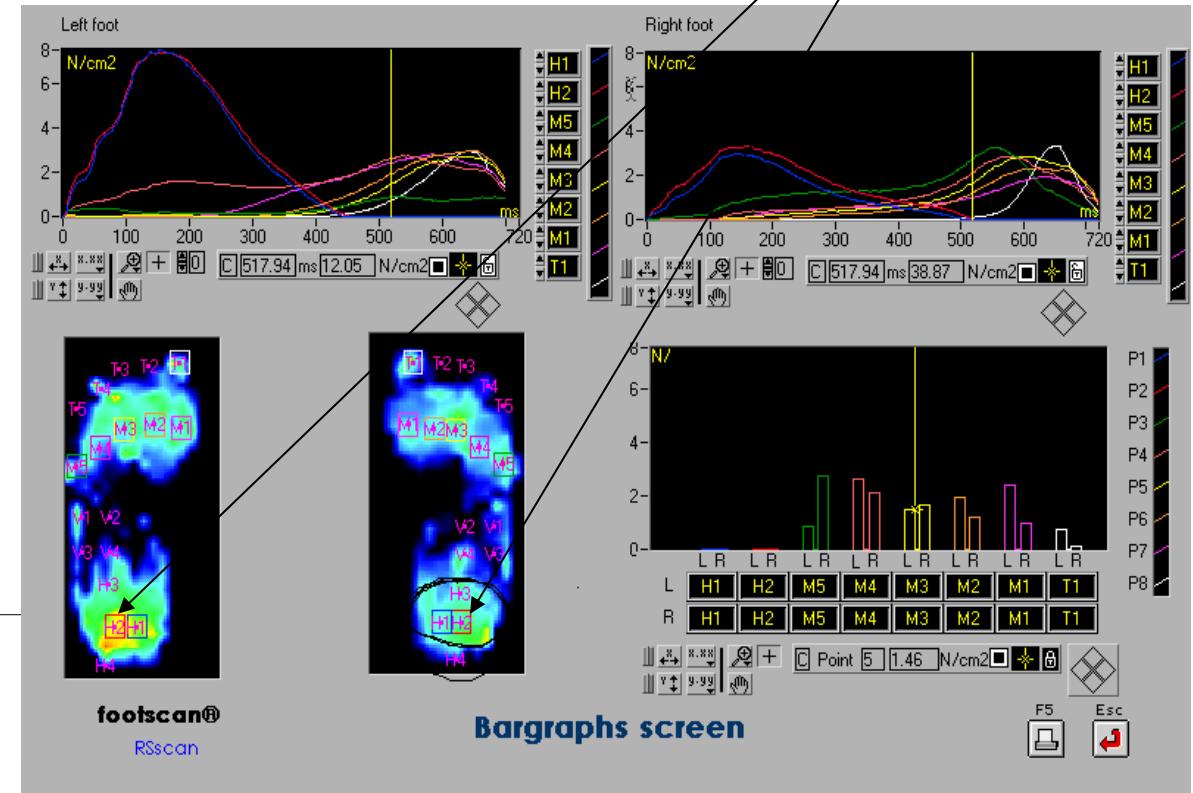
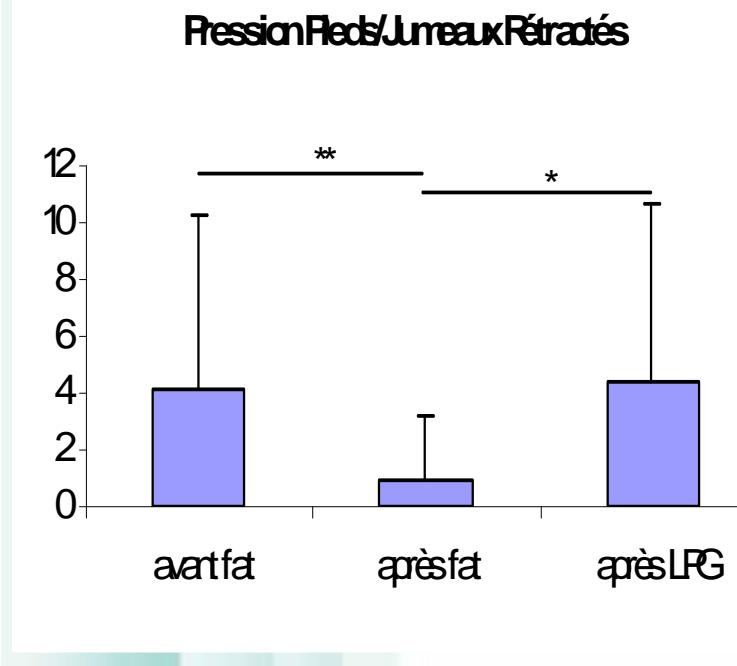
**RIVET J.J. MAISETTI O. MAESTRO M.**



**A.F.C.P. 11 nov. 2000 Paris SOFCOT**

Chez les sujets ayant tendance à la rétraction des jumeaux : *Les pics d'appuis talonniers lors de la marche sont tous latéralisés.*

*Ils migrent vers le centre calcanéen après fatigue , puis reviennent à leurs données initiales après LPG.<sup>(1)</sup>*



**Figure 2 :** médialisation des appuis calcanéens après fatigue.  
( \*\* pour significatif à  $p = 0.01$  - \* pour significatif à  $p = 0.05$

## **CONCLUSION**

Chez un groupe de sujets sportifs professionnels, ayant tous des pieds considérés normaux sans callosités plantaires, cette étude permet de dégager 2 groupes de sujets :

- Un groupe qualifié de normal : 10 sujets soit 54%
  - Un groupe ayant une tendance à la rétraction des muscles jumeaux représentant 8 sujets soit 46%
- 
- Cela est en accord avec l'étude Kowalski sur la rétraction des gastrocnémiens .

# Achilllus tendon

## -Acute ruptures:

- early trt, anatomic restoration,
- meticulous attention to detail to avoid wound complications,
- early rehabilitation to minimize recovery time and maximize function and strength



Chiudo and Den Hartog, Foot & Ankle Intern.2008;29:114

## -Non insertional tendinopathy

- Non operative trt 6months
- Age and long term duration less favorable
- Percutaneous\_open debridment\_transfert FHL augmentation

Scott et al. Foot & Ankle Intern.2008.29:759

## -Insertional tendinopathy

- Direct posterior approach
- Early weight bearing and mobilisation if less than 50% tendon excised
- If more FHL transfert

Deorio and Easley Foot & Ankle Intern.2008;29:542



TM junction: 14,5%



Body: 75%



Insertion:10,5%



30 Y\_50Y: sports activity

>50Y: degenerative

Evaluation:

- Site
- -gap (echo)
- -degenerative lesions



Trt

- NON OPEN: rerupture 10%
- OPEN: complications  
(infection, adhernce, nerve)

-PER-CUT

→ Early MOB

## Surgery: infection, skin necrosis, sural nerve damage

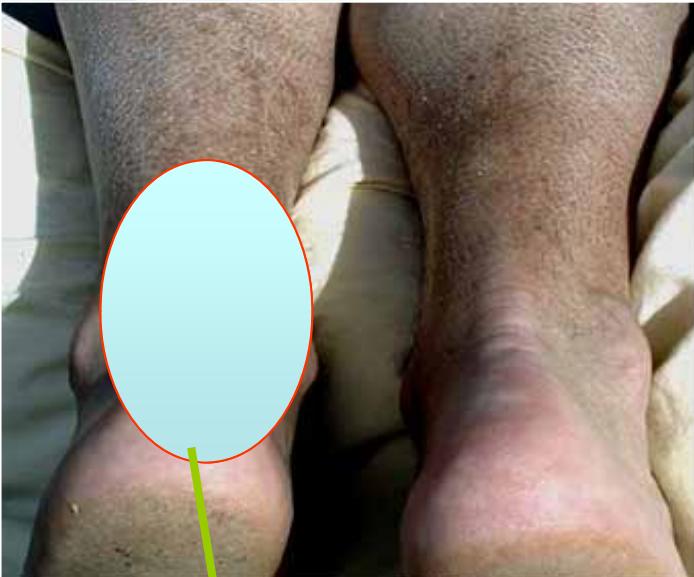


## Augmentation reinforcement



*Shoe shape and lateral movements (Hoffmann 1997)*

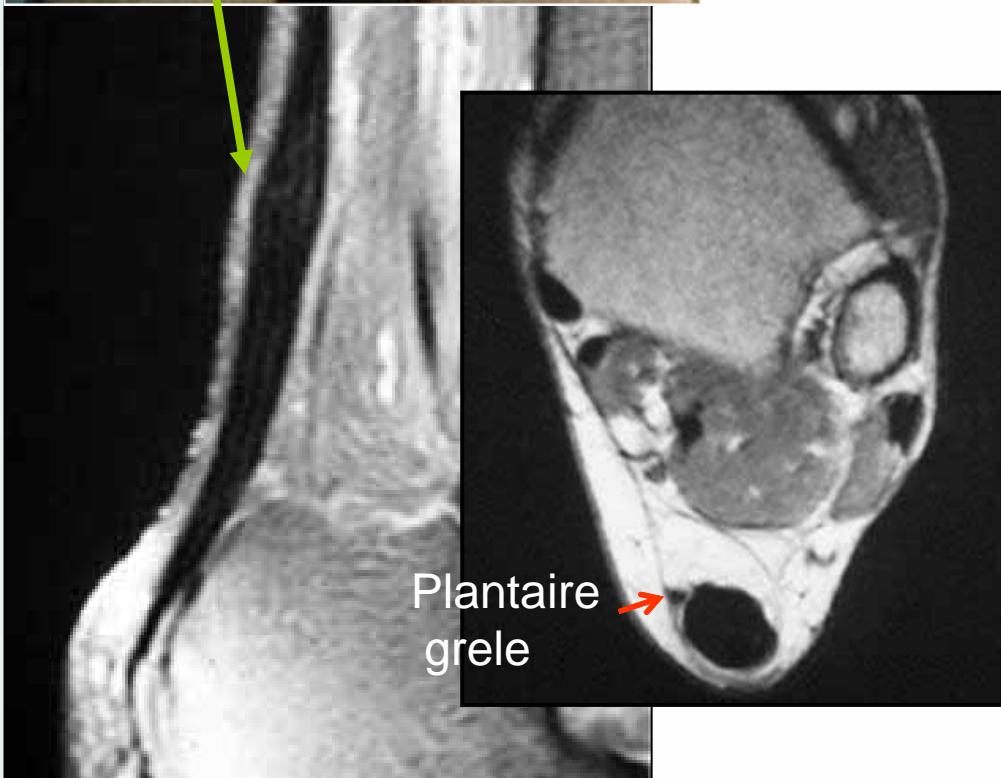




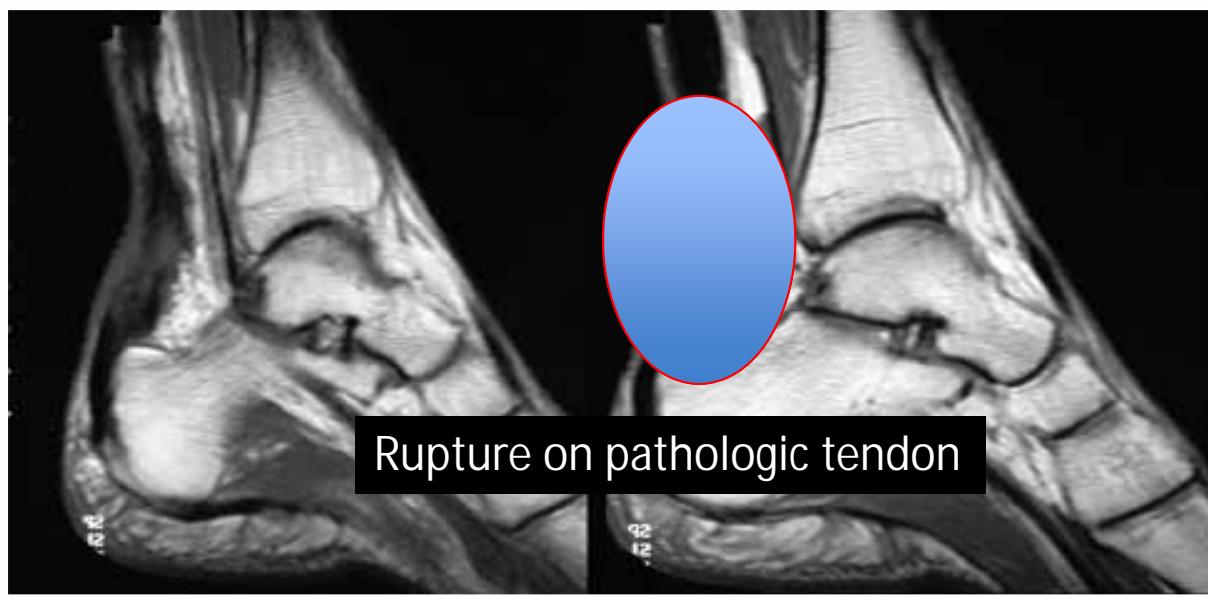
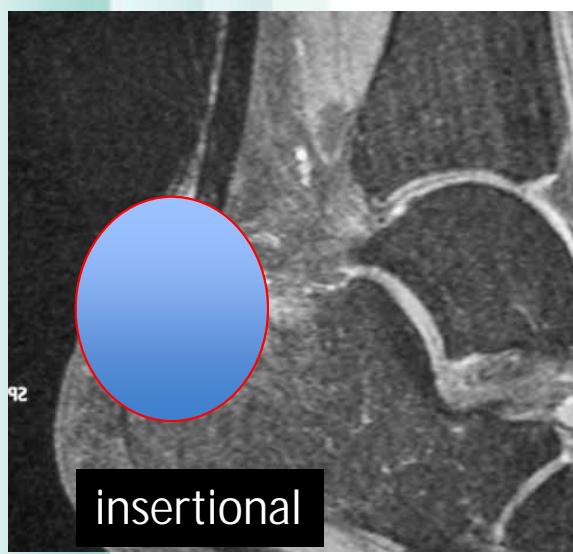
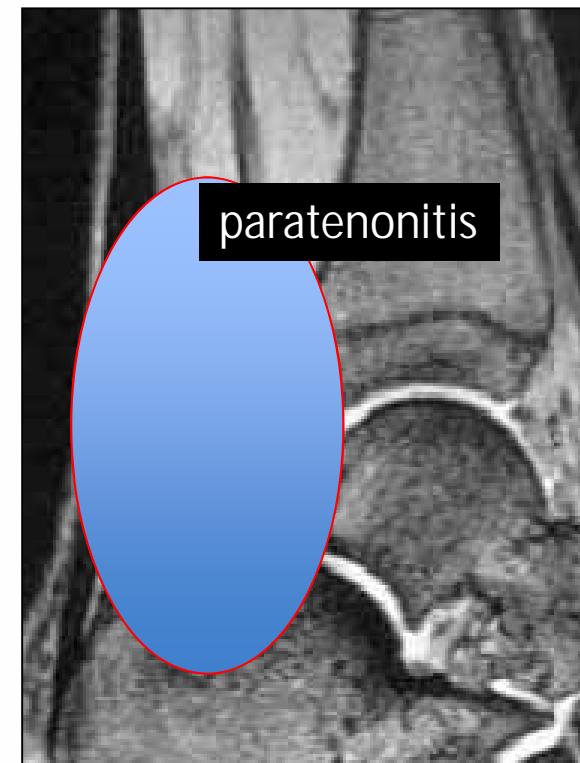
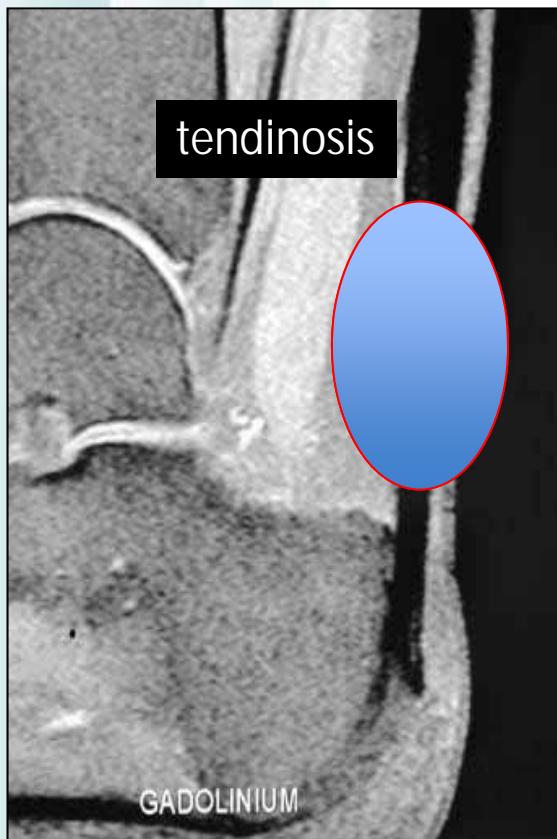
Intratendinous micro-tears

thickness

Nodules



JL Besse



# Functionnal training program stability= mobility

## Phase I:recovering

- Mobility
- Length
- Flexibility



## Phase II Strength-balance control Powerfull contractile action

- Gradual process
- Proprioception (compensation can occur for up than 1 year)
- Repetitive movment to replicate functional movt
- Close kinematic chain exercises+++

Age +++  
Assessment  
Pain  
Inflammation  
Tendon irritability  
=progression of  
program

## Phase III

### Aerobic reconditioning

- Treadmill,stairmaster,elliptical unit
- Options:swimming,walk-jog,
- posture and reflexes
- reinforcement



## Phase IV Return to activity

- Maintenance strength-flexibility
- Reinforcement,aerobic exercises
- Activity modification  
(Bernstein concept)



Mvts systems as dynamical systems

Bernstein's pb (1967)

« maîtriser la redondance des DOF »

**Malgré des années de pratique et d'entraînement , les athlètes sont incapables de répéter un mouvement**



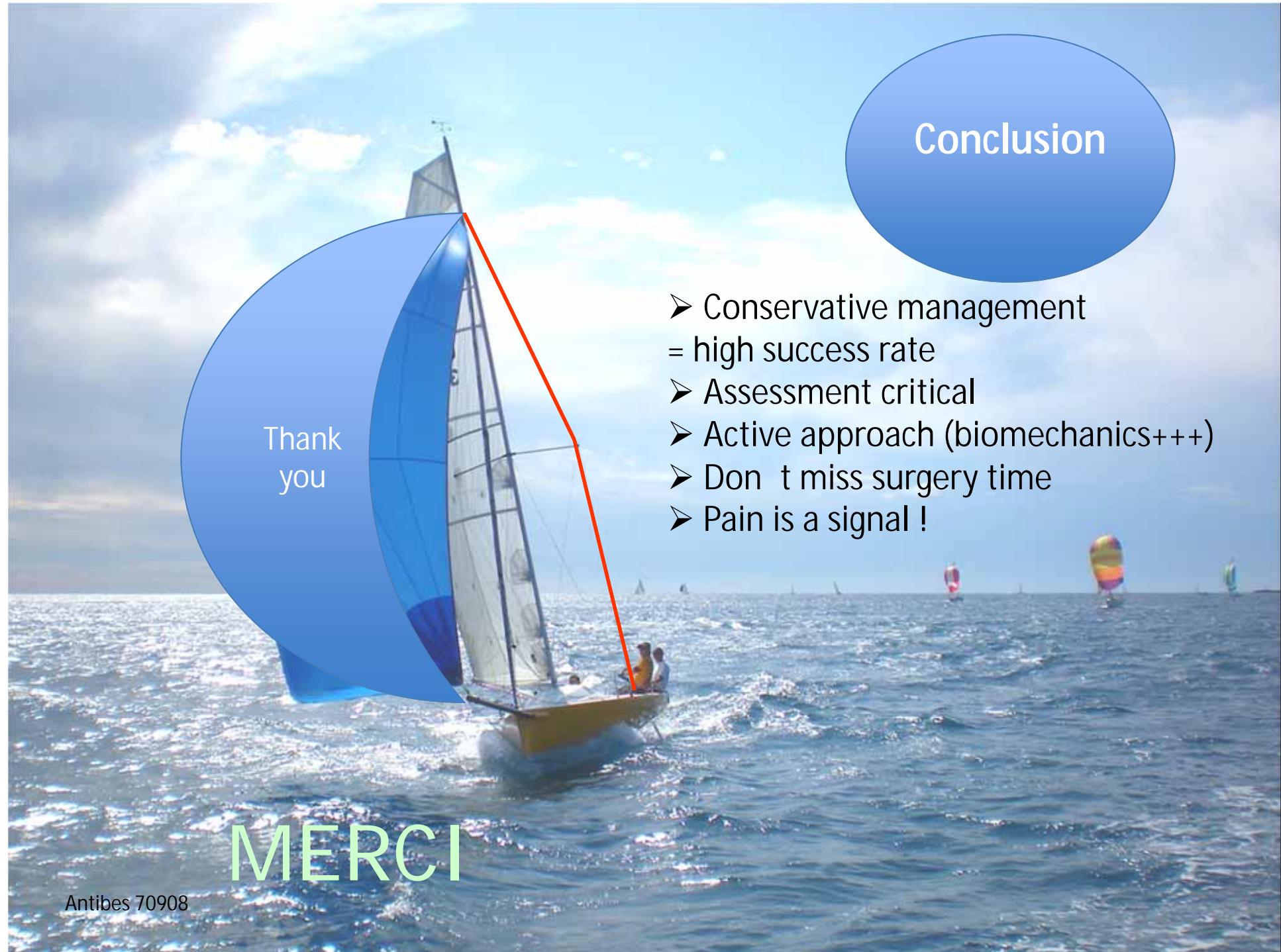
Variabilité intra et inter individuelle des performances



Skill  
Physical fitness  
Tactile sensing  
Psychology  
meteorology

Tendon-  
Muscular-bone  
unit

Winning  
shot!



## Conclusion

- Conservative management  
= high success rate
- Assessment critical
- Active approach (biomechanics+++)
- Don't miss surgery time
- Pain is a signal !

Thank  
you

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