

Sophisticated Life Science Research Instrumentation



MotoRater

Fully Quantitative Kinematic Analysis



MotoRater: Unbiased Automation



Comprehensive Kinematic Analysis

With the TSE Systems MotoRater, detailed automated analysis of a multitude of locomotor behaviors and mechanics becomes possible

YOUR BENEFITS

- **Comprehensive analysis: large number of measurement parameters**
- **Unique: fully automated kinematic analysis**
- **Flexible : suitable for many animal species**
- **Ease of use: minimum experimenter interference necessary**
- **Reliable data: natural behavior measured & standardized measurement and analysis protocols**

Literature Reference

CNS damage recovery

Zörner *et al.*, *Nature Methods* 2010
 The report describes the reasoning behind the development of an automated, comprehensive kinematic analysis system, using the example of rodents with spinal cord injuries, stroke, or transgenic animals.

Background

Motor behavior is a complex task, involving multiple organ systems such as the central and peripheral nervous system (CNS/PNS), joints, muscles, or tendons. Control mechanisms are manifold and often redundant.

- Rodents are popular model organisms for CNS damage studies
- To detect mostly effects, a large set of experimental setups may be necessary, with accompanying difficulties in standardizing and generalizing results
- Standalone paradigms often suffer from subjectivity, non-linearity, or low sensitivity issues and focus on specific motor aspects only
- Current automated motor analysis systems only focus on gait analysis as viewed from below by footprint analysis

underside, right and left side

- System can be configured to analyze
 - Overground Walking
 - Ladder Walking
 - Skilled Walking
 - Wading
 - Swimming
- In any locomotor behavior a large set of parameters can be measured (see table on reverse)
- Standardized measurement and analysis protocols ensure highest data reproducibility
- Biomechanical assessment of all body parts possible
- High efficiency and throughput: single operator can measure a large number of animals within a short time
- System specified either for mice-sized or rat-sized test animals (see separate data sheet for details)

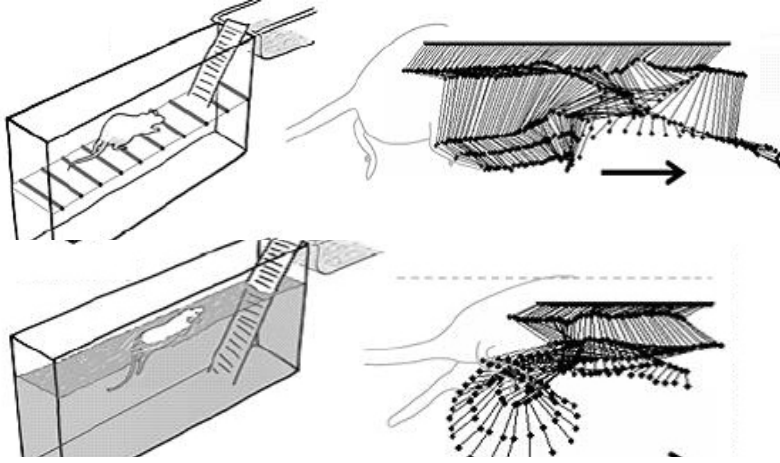
System Description

The MotoRater was designed to offer fully automated, comprehensive kinematic analysis in a variety of natural locomotor behaviors.

- Animals move unforced in a long motility compartment towards a target box (the home cage)
- Every movement is automatically tracked by a high-speed color camera on a motorized sled
- Through a system of mirrors, three viewing angles are achieved: animal

Applications

- Damage to CNS due to trauma, ischemia, neuro-degenerative or inflammatory diseases
- Locomotor recovery and evaluation of treatment efficacy
- High-throughput screening of rat /mice for locomotor deficits
- Neurological / neuromuscular diseases
- Peripheral nerve injury
- Aging
- Pain/arthritis models
- Spasticity and ataxias



Software Features & Exercise

The MotoRater software offers unmatched variability, ease-of-use and data quality

Automated Tracking

- Animal movement is captured by a low resolution lead camera, causing the camera sled to follow the animal and the high-speed camera to constantly focus on the center of the animal
- A long locomotor compartment favors the development of a natural motility pattern and minimizes artifacts
- An unlimited number of color spots on significant body parts of the animal, such as joints or other anatomical landmarks, can be tracked
- EMG recordings may be combined with the kinematic analysis (special set-up, please enquire for details)
- Linear displacement
- Angular displacement
- Velocity/acceleration of displacement
- Toe clearance
- Paw position/rotation
- Joint position/angles
- Intralimb coordination
 - Timing of joint excursions
 - Limb motion pattern (see stick diagram)
 - Timing of muscular activity (with EMG recording)
- Whole body coordination
 - Forelimb-hindlimb coordination
 - Right/left limb coordination
 - Cycle ratios
 - Phase dispersion
- Tail coordination
 - Motion timing in tail segments
 - Tail-limb coordination

Parameters measured (selection)

- General locomotor function
 - Velocity of locomotion
 - Trunk instability
 - Body height
 - Body angle
 - Tail drag duration
 - Abdominal drag duration
 - Paw distance
 - Forelimb activity (swimming)
 - Tail position, height, movement pattern, oscillation, motion velocity
- Basic and skilled limb movement
 - Accurate stepping/paw placement
 - Cycle duration

Analysis

- All data suitable for analysis with standard statistics packages (Excel, SPSS, GraphPad)
- Objective, unbiased analysis
- Meaningful stick figure graphics

Exercise

- Analysis of motor function recovery can be used to devise CNS injury regeneration exercise

YOUR BENEFITS

- **Wide range of applications**
- **Minimized measurement or result calculation errors through standardized procedures**
- **TSE Two (2) Years ALL-IN Premium Warranty and Service Package**

Literature Reference

Motor deficit recovery

Filli et al., Brain 2011

The paper describes the use of the MotoRater for the analysis and recovery of spinal cord hemisection injuries. This investigation may open up new therapeutic approaches in human conditions such as the Brown-Sequard syndrome.

MOTORATER TECHNICAL DATA

SPECIES	MOUSE	MOUSE / RAT
PRODUCT NUMBER	303030-M	303030-RM
DIMENSIONS (CM/IN)	202 x 62 x 158 80 x 24.5 x 62	270 x 80 x 174 106 x 31.5 x 68
LOCOMOTOR DISTANCE (CM/IN)	120 47	170 67
CAMERA RESOLUTION	1280 x 1024	
FRAMES (SEC)	Up to 300	
MAX. DURATION OF RECORDING	250	

PARAMETERS OF LOCOMOTOR FUNCTION

PARAMETER	MEASURE	HORIZONTAL LADDER	WALKING	WADING	SWIMMING
General locomotor function					
Velocity of locomotion	m s ⁻¹	+	+	+	+
Trunk instability	s, cm	+	+	+	+
Body height, body angle	cm, degrees	+	++	++	+
Duration of tail or abdominal dragging	s	+	+	+	-
Base of support (distance between paws)	cm	+	++	+	+
Forelimb activity, swimming	no. FL strokes per run	-	-	-	++
Tail position	cm, s ⁻¹ , cm s ⁻¹	+	+	+	++
Basic & skilled limb movement					
Correct stepping, paw placement	% plantar or functional steps	++	+	+	-
Step or swim cycle duration	s	+	+	+	+
Linear displacement	cm	+	++	++	+
Angular displacement	degrees	+	+	++	+
Velocity or acceleration of displacement	cm s ⁻¹ , radian s ⁻¹ , cm s ⁻² , radian s ⁻²	+	+	+	++
Toe clearance (paw dragging)	% steps with paw dragging	+	++	++	-
Paw position and rotation	cm degrees	+	++	+	+
Forelimb-hindlimb coordination					
Placement of fore- and hindpaws	% identical rungs targeted	++	-	-	-
Ratio of FL and HL cycle duration	s s ⁻¹	+	++	+	-
Phase dispersion, footfall diagram	% deviation	+	+	+	-
Left-right coordination					
Ratio of left and right limb cycle duration	s s ⁻¹	+	+	+	+
Phase dispersion, footfall or phase diagr.	% deviation	+	++	+	++
Timing of muscle activity (EMG rec.)	s	+	+	+	++
Intralimb coordination					
Timing of joint excursions	s	+	+	+	+
Limb motion patterns	cm, degrees	+	+	+	++
Timing of muscle activity (EMG rec.)	s	+	+	+	++
Tail-hindlimb coordination					
Timing of hindlimb exc. in relation to tail	s	+	+	+	++
Intratail coordination					
Timing of motion of different tail segments	s	-	-	-	+

(-) parameter not applicable or measurable; (+) param. measurable; (++) recommended outcome parameter. HL, hindlimb; FL, forelimb;

EMG, Electromyogram. Specifications subject to change without notice.

Service & Warranty

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- 24/7 technical hotline
- Remote maintenance and update function
- On-site visits upon necessity
- Free replacement parts

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