

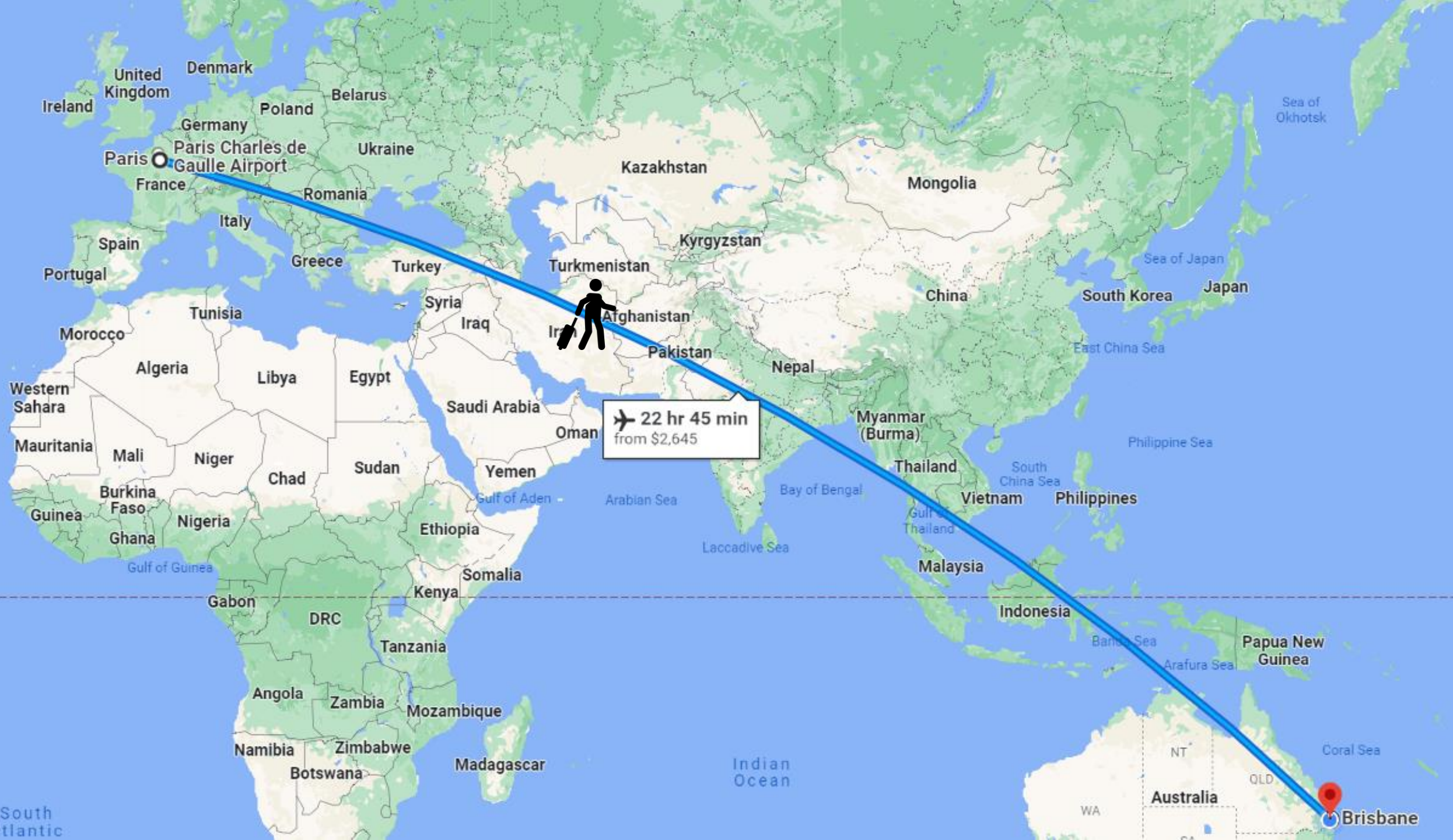


Eccentric Deceleration



Is this the Golden Ticket for ACL RTS battery?

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Current state of play

- 65% athletes return to pre-injury level sport

(Adern et al 2014)

- 55% return to competitive level

(Adern et al 2014)

- 20-30% experience secondary ACL within 2yrs

(Grindem et al 2016, Risberg et al 2016 & Wiggins et al 2016)



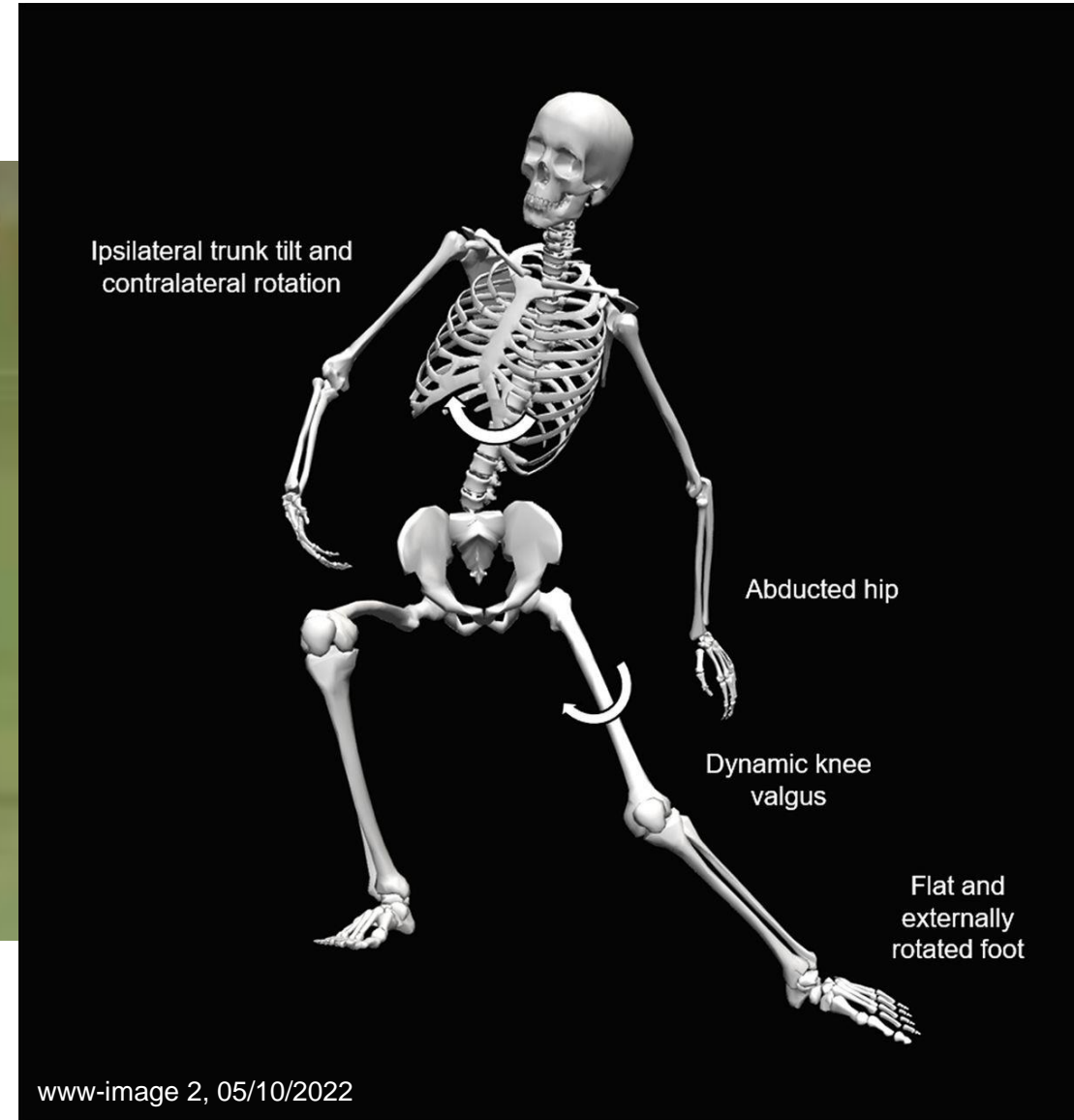
Change of Direction (COD)

characterized as the

**“skills and abilities needed to change movement
direction, velocity, or modes”**

(Brophy et al 2015)

Current state of play



Key Components of COD



Image 3a

**Acceleration
in**

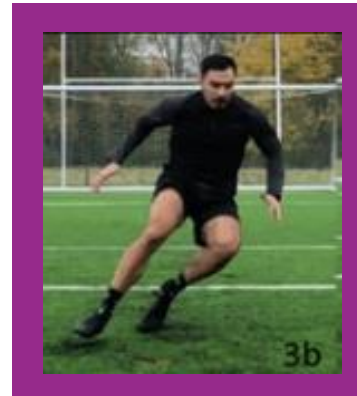


Image 3b

Deceleration

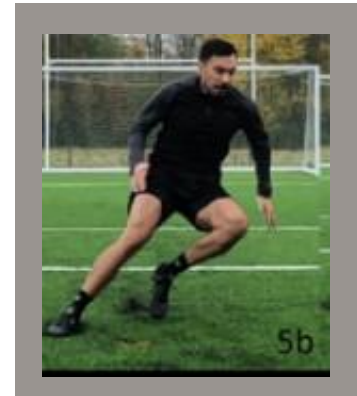


Image 3c

Turn

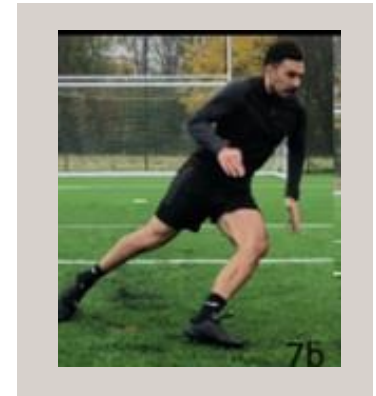


Image 3d

**Acceleration
out**

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Antepenultimate foot contact

Antepenultimate foot contact

Antepenultimate foot toe off

Penultimate foot contact

Penultimate contact

Final foot contact



Horizontal
breaking force
applied



Muscle Pre-
activation



Horizontal
breaking force
applied



Foot in line
with thigh



Reduces
GRF
through
turning
leg

(McBurnie et al 2022)

(www-Image 4, 19/10/2022)



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What about if I don't decelerate

contact
wn

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Penultimate foot contact

Penultimate foot contact

Final foot contact



Lack of deceleration



Lack of muscle pre-activation



Large amounts of breaking forces required with foot not aligned to the thigh



(McBurnie et al 2022, King et al 2019)

Passing RTS criteria & re-rupture risk

Editorial

Keep calm and carry on testing: a substantive reanalysis and critique of 'what is the evidence for and validity of return-to-sport testing after anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction surgery? A systematic review and meta-analysis' **FREE**

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SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

What is the Evidence for and Validity of Return-to-Sport Testing after Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Surgery? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Passing RTS criteria =
↓ Graft re-rupture odds by 78%
No conclusion on contralateral
risk

Passing RTS criteria =
↓ graft re-rupture by 60%
↑ Contralateral rupture risk
by 235%

RTS criteria

Practitioners knowledge of the health of the athletes body part



Health of the athletes knee

The stress the injured tissue needs to be able to withstand



COD mechanics

Context of sports participation



Amount of COD required

Review

Which criteria are used to clear patients to return to sport after primary ACL reconstruction? A scoping review

Ciara R Burgi,¹ Scott Peters,² Clare L Ardern,^{3,4} John R Magill,¹ Christina D Gomez,⁵ Jonathan Sylvain,⁶ Michael P Reiman⁷

Field based assessments



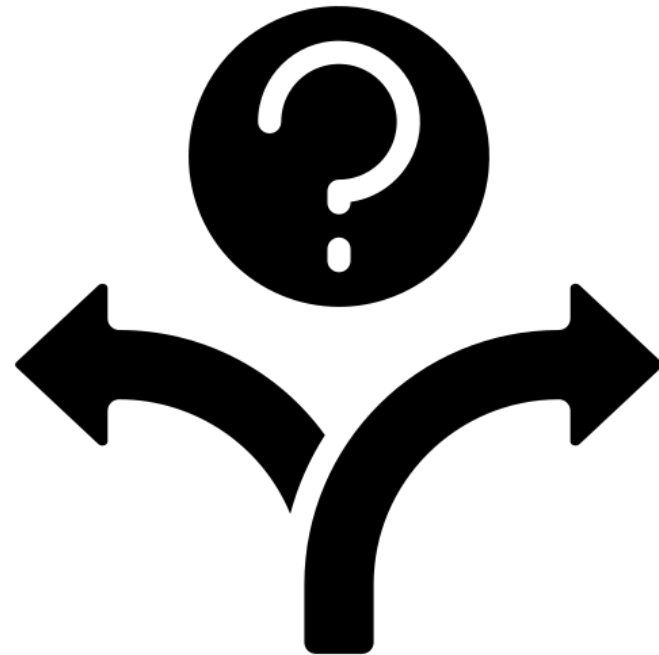
- Shuttle runs, carioca, 505 test & T-tests
- ✓ - Easy to administer
- Time based
- ✗ - Do not reflect relevant sporting demands
- ✗ - Unable to effectively assess knee function

Lab based assessments

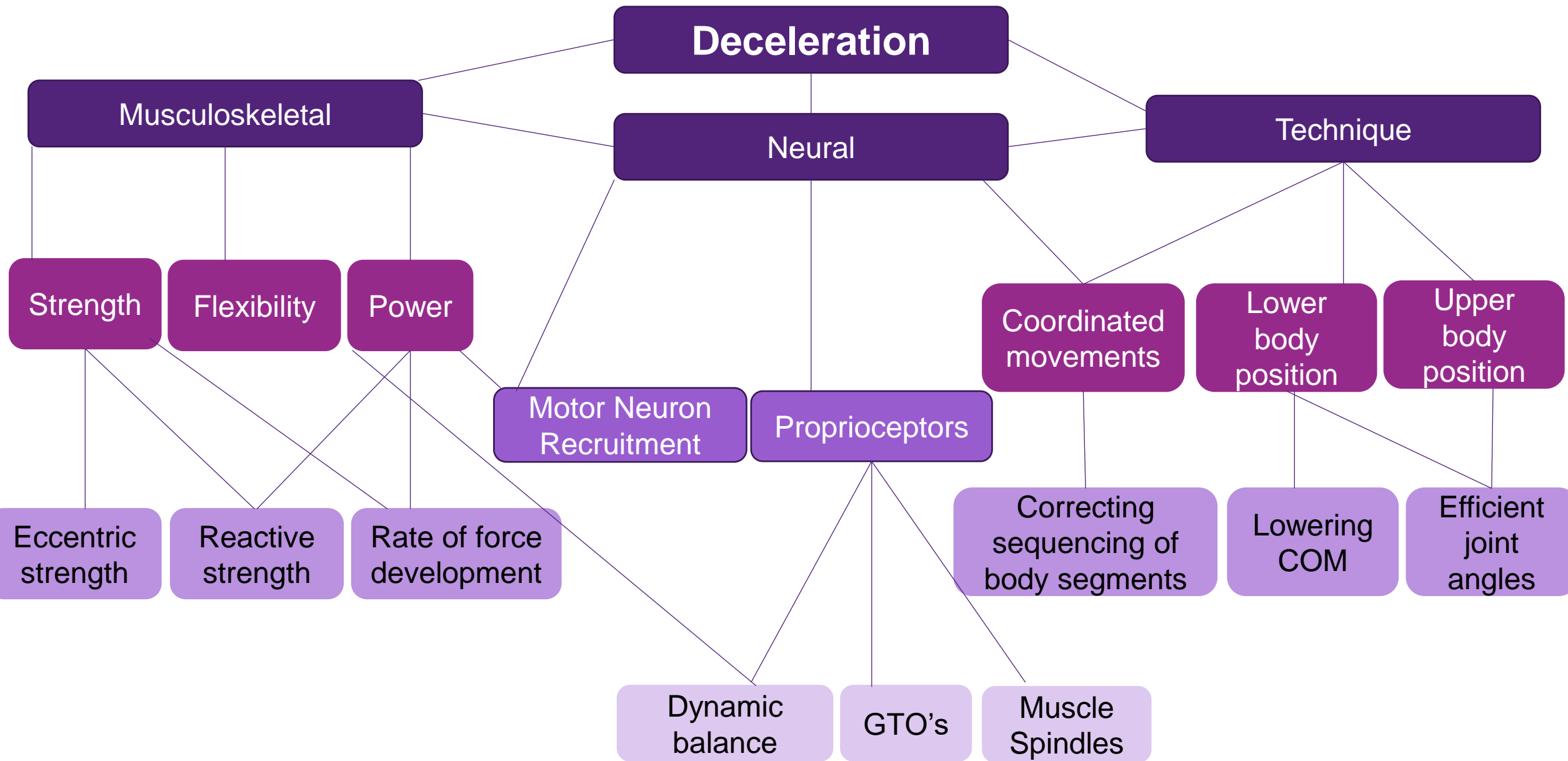
- 3D motion capture or Tri-axial force plates
- ✓ - Have the ability to identify residual deficits in knee function & altered movement strategies
- ✗ - Often not practically viable to monitor progress during rehab



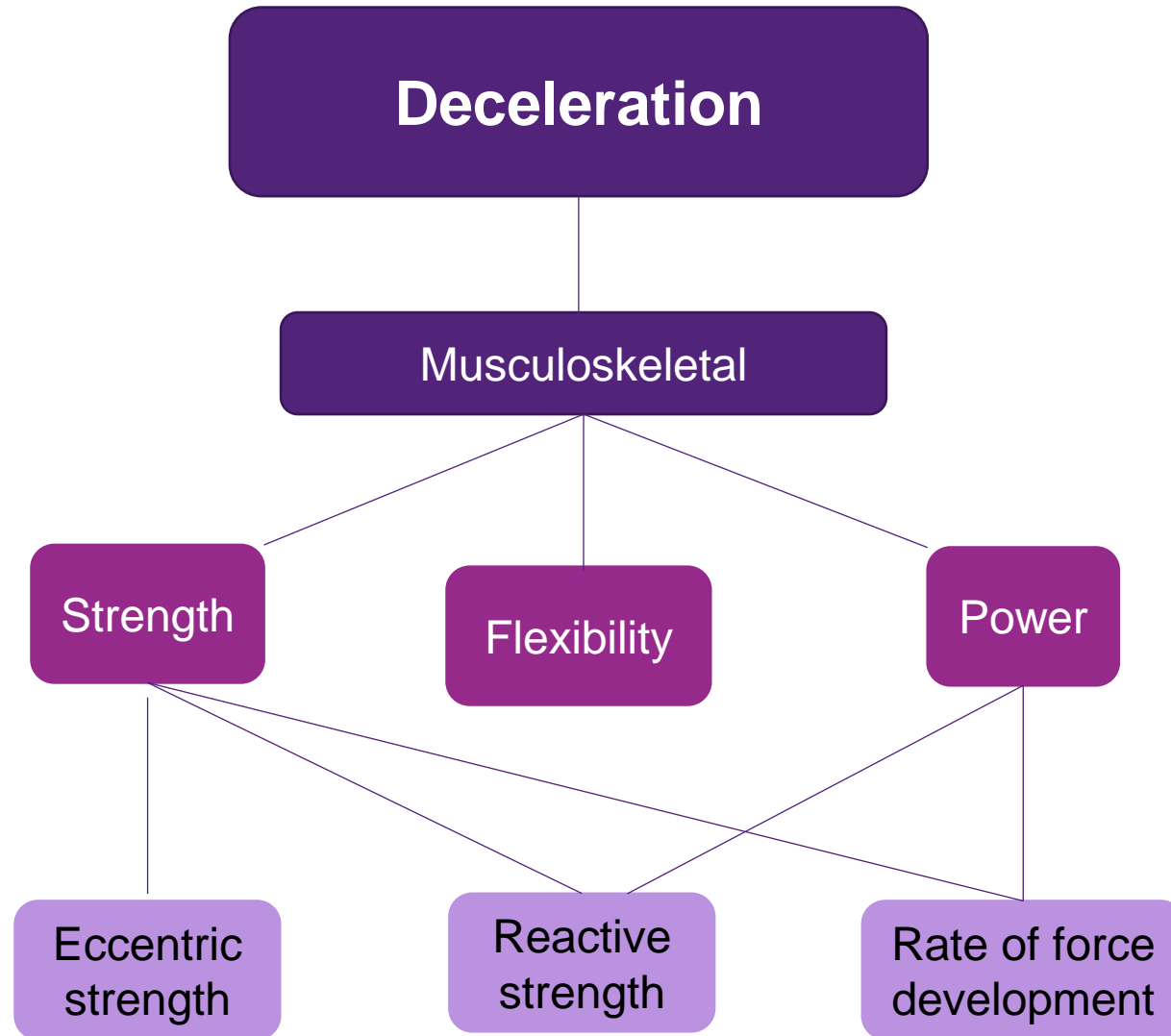
What are the
components of
eccentric
deceleration
that contribute
to effective
COD ability



Can we measure
them effectively?

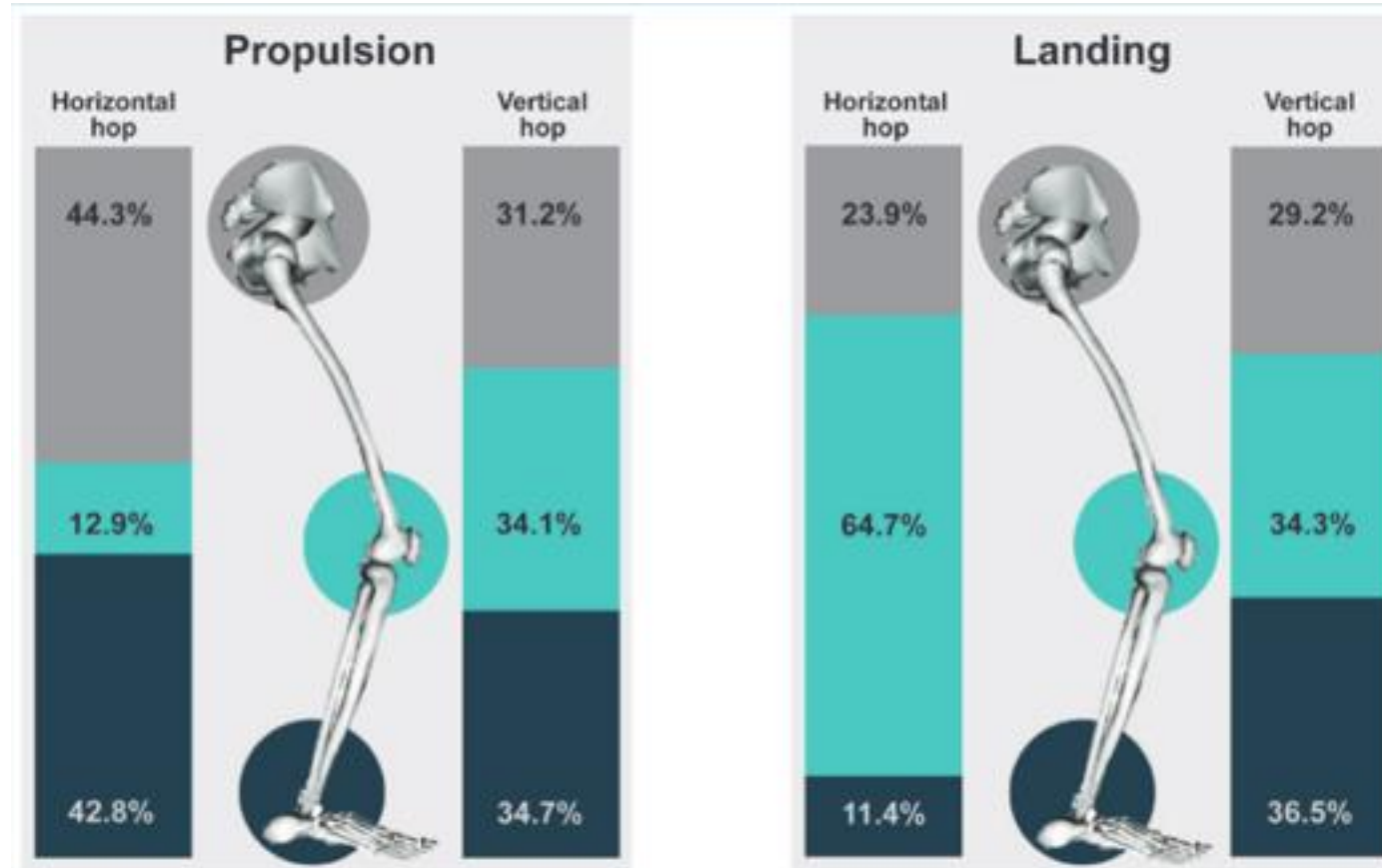


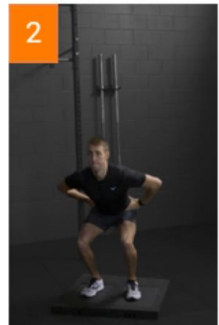
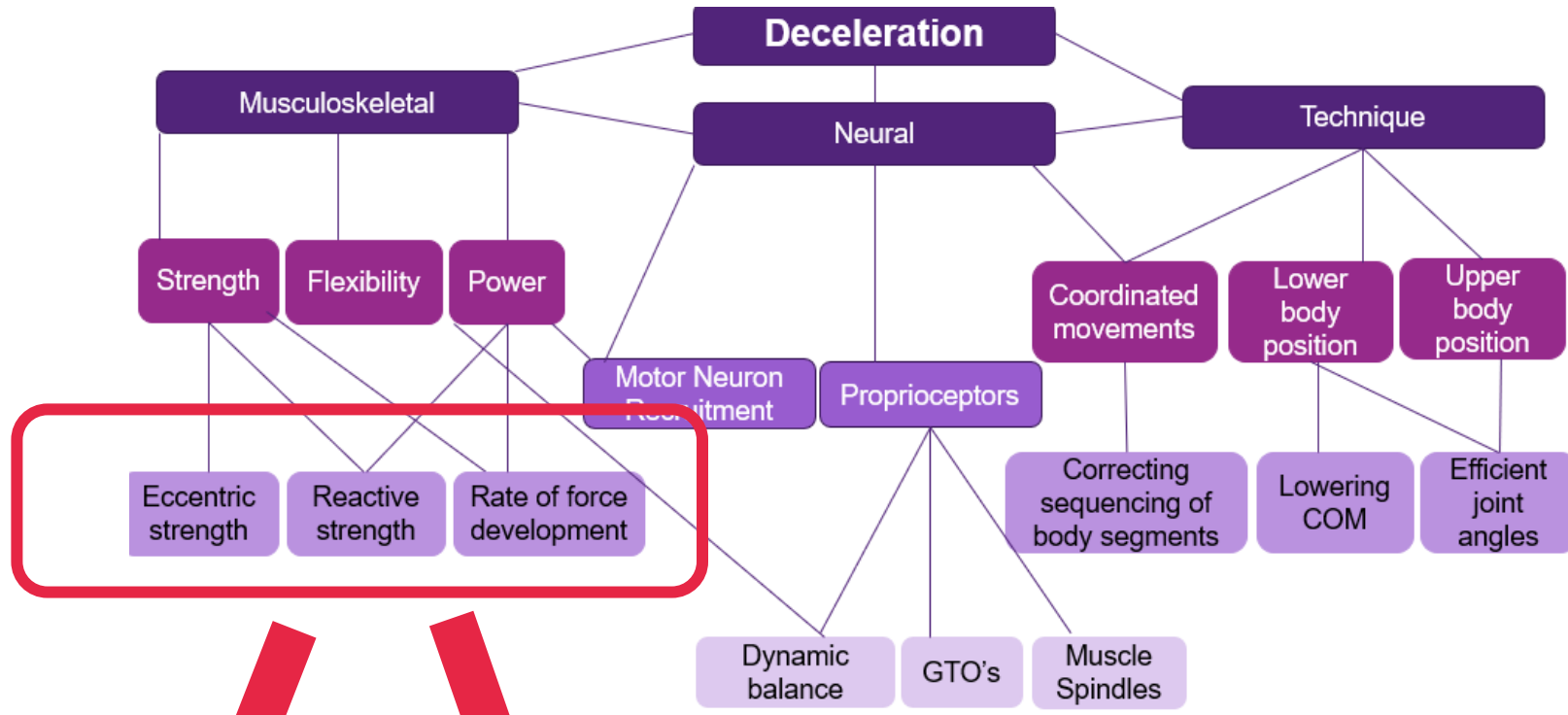
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Vertical and Horizontal Hop Performance: Contributions of the Hip, Knee, and Ankle

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Vasileios Sideris, MSc,[†] and Rod Whiteley, PT, PhD[†]





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(www-Image 6, 20/10/2022)

(Adapted from Kovacs et al 2008)

Article - Knee





Lower Limb Kinetic Asymmetries in Professional Soccer Players With and Without Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction: Nine Months Is Not Enough Time to Restore “Functional” Symmetry or Return to Performance

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- CMJ protocol
- Residual deficits in eccentric loading capacity of involved limb > 9months
- Greatest asymmetry in eccentric deceleration RFD*
- “Our data suggest the presence of residual deficits in the eccentric loading capacity of the involved ACL limb”

Eccentric deceleration Impulse asymmetry	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<6 months	<4.8	4.9-10.3	10.4-13.2	>13.3
6-9months	<5.6	5.7-9.5	9.6-12.9	>13.0
>9 months	<3.5	3.6-8.6	8.7 – 12.2	>12.4
Healthy Controls	<2.6	2.7-4.8	4.9-8.4	>8.5
Eccentric deceleration RFD asymmetry				
< 6months	<8.7	8.8-12.7	12.8-28.1	>28.2
6-9 months	<6	6.1-13.2	13.3-21.4	>21.5
> 9 months	<5.9	6.012 .8	12.9-21.0	>21.1
Healthy Controls	<3.0	3.1-7.2	7.3-11.8	>11.9

Previous injury is associated with heightened countermovement jump force-time asymmetries in professional soccer players

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- Previous “severe” lower limb injury in previous 12months
- CMJ analysis
- Despite no difference in bilateral PERFORMANCE variables (jump height and peak power), significant interlimb differences were present
- Eccentric Deceleration RFD 20.52% between limb asymmetry.

Eccentric deceleration RFD	Previously injured	20.52 ± 10.64 ^a	15.06-25.99	1.05
	Uninjured	10.52 ± 8.24	6.28-12.87	
Eccentric deceleration impulse	Previously injured	12.60 ± 8.59	8.18-17.01	0.33
	Uninjured	9.66 ± 6.24	6.45-12.87	
Eccentric peak force	Previously injured	11.98 ± 7.51 ^a	8.11-15.84	0.73
	Uninjured	7.38 ± 4.81	4.91-9.85	
Force at zero velocity	Previously injured	11.93 ± 7.45 ^a	8.10-15.76	0.73
	Uninjured	7.34 ± 4.89	4.82-9.86	

*Significant difference (p < 0.05)



Article
Can Countermovement Jump Neuromuscular Performance Qualities Differentiate Maximal Horizontal Deceleration Ability in Team Sport Athletes?

Damian J. Harper ^{1,*}, Daniel D. Cohen ^{2,3}, Christopher Carling ⁴ and John Kiely ¹

- CMJ
- Split participants into low and high deceleration ability groups
- Concentric and eccentric peak force were the variables with the largest difference between groups
- The high deceleration ability group showed a moderate effect size difference in eccentric-deceleration RFD .

Table 3. Countermovement jump (CMJ) neuromuscular performance qualities that differentiate between athletes with a high and low horizontal deceleration (HDEC).

Variable	High HDEC (n = 13)	Low HDEC (n = 14)	ES (90% CI)	CL-ES	Descriptor	p-Value
Concentric						
Peak Force (N·kg ⁻¹)	25.87 ± 2.42	23.53 ± 2.50	0.95 (0.71, 1.20)	75%	Large	0.02 *
Mean Force (N·kg ⁻¹)	20.07 ± 1.27	18.86 ± 1.39	0.91 (0.67, 1.14)	74%	Large	0.03 *
Peak Power (W·kg ⁻¹)	51.81 ± 7.17	46.98 ± 5.68	0.75 (0.54, 0.95)	70%	Moderate	0.06
Mean Power (W·kg ⁻¹)	28.72 ± 2.84	25.92 ± 3.66	0.85 (0.62, 1.08)	73%	Large	0.04 *
Impulse (N·s·kg ⁻¹)	2.57 ± 0.27	2.44 ± 0.24	0.51 (0.34, 0.68)	64%	Moderate	0.20
Peak Velocity (m·s ⁻¹)	2.71 ± 0.25	2.58 ± 0.21	0.57 (0.39, 0.75)	65%	Moderate	0.15
Duration (ms)	249 ± 39	271 ± 39	-0.56 (-0.39, -0.73)	66%	Moderate	0.16
Eccentric						
Peak Force (N·kg ⁻¹)	24.66 ± 2.42	22.89 ± 2.47	0.72 (0.52, 0.92)	70%	Moderate	0.07
Peak Power (W·kg ⁻¹)	17.47 ± 3.82	16.38 ± 4.86	0.25 (0.12, 0.38)	57%	Small	0.53
Mean Power (W·kg ⁻¹)	6.35 ± 1.10	6.17 ± 1.16	0.16 (0.03, 0.29)	54%	Trivial	0.68
Peak Velocity (m·s ⁻¹)	-1.22 ± -0.21	-1.18 ± 0.24	-0.18 (-0.31, -0.05)	55%	Trivial	0.65
Duration (ms)	485 ± 58	514 ± 88	-0.39 (-0.24, -0.54)	61%	Small	0.33
Eccentric Deceleration						
Mean Force (N·kg ⁻¹)	18.10 ± 1.41	17.30 ± 2.10	0.44 (0.28, 0.60)	62%	Small	0.26
Impulse (N·s·kg ⁻¹)	2.88 ± 0.48	2.90 ± 0.44	-0.04 (-0.16, 0.08)	51%	Trivial	0.91
RFD (N·s ⁻¹ ·kg ⁻¹)	98.7 ± 34.4	81.3 ± 25.4	0.58 (0.40 to 0.76)	66%	Moderate	0.15
Duration (ms)	160 ± 30	170 ± 30	-0.33 (-0.19, -0.47)	59%	Small	0.40
Other						
CMJ Height (cm)	35.7 ± 7.8	31.5 ± 6.3	0.59 (0.41, 0.77)	66%	Moderate	0.14
CMJ Depth (cm)	31.7 ± 7.9	32.4 ± 6.7	0.11 (-0.02, 0.23)	53%	Trivial	0.94
RSI-Mod (m·s ⁻¹)	0.45 ± 0.11	0.42 ± 0.09	0.27 (0.13, 0.40)	58%	Small	0.44

ES—Effect Size (Cohen’s *d*_s); CL—Common Language; CI—Confidence Interval; RFD—Rate of Force Development; RSI-Mod—Reactive Strength Index Modified. * *p* < 0.05.

Drop jump neuromuscular performance qualities associated with maximal horizontal deceleration ability in team sport athletes

Damian J. Harper, Daniel D. Cohen, David Rhodes, Christopher Carling & John Kiely



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Concentric mean force demonstrated the largest effect size differences between the high and low ability groups



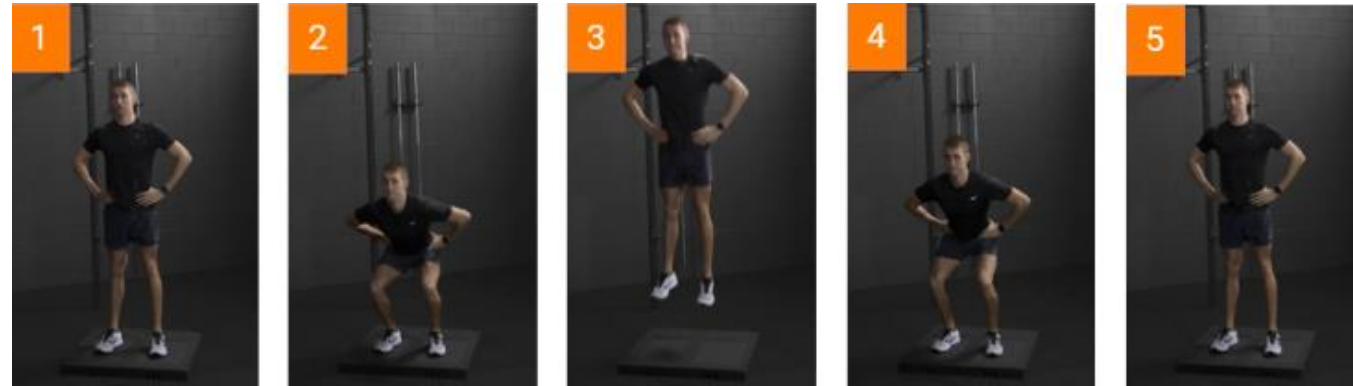
DJ eccentric mean force had larger differences between the high versus low ability groups at 40cm compared to 20cm drop heights

- Players with $>$ drop jump RSI demonstrated superior horizontal deceleration ability

Higher box heights → generate higher eccentric braking forces

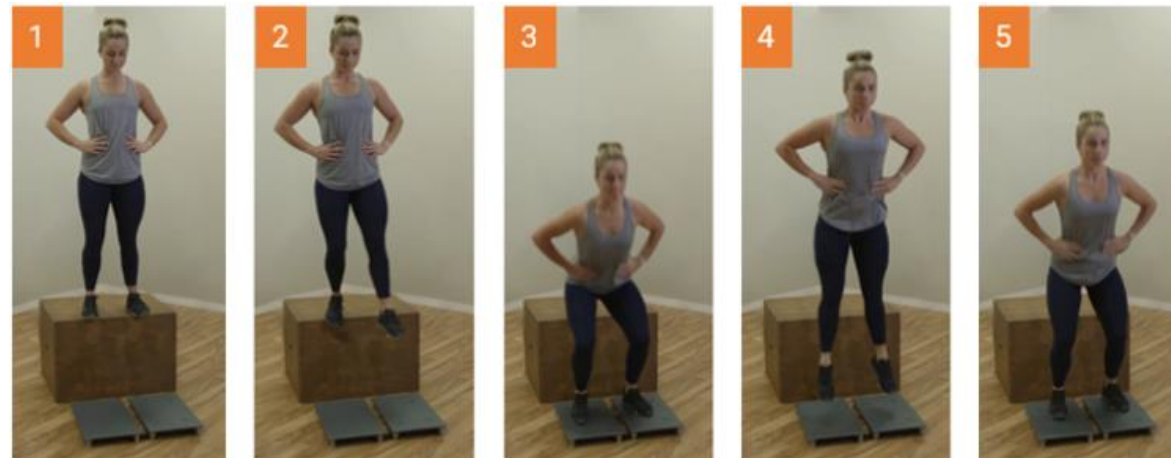
Types of Assessment

CMJ



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Drop jump



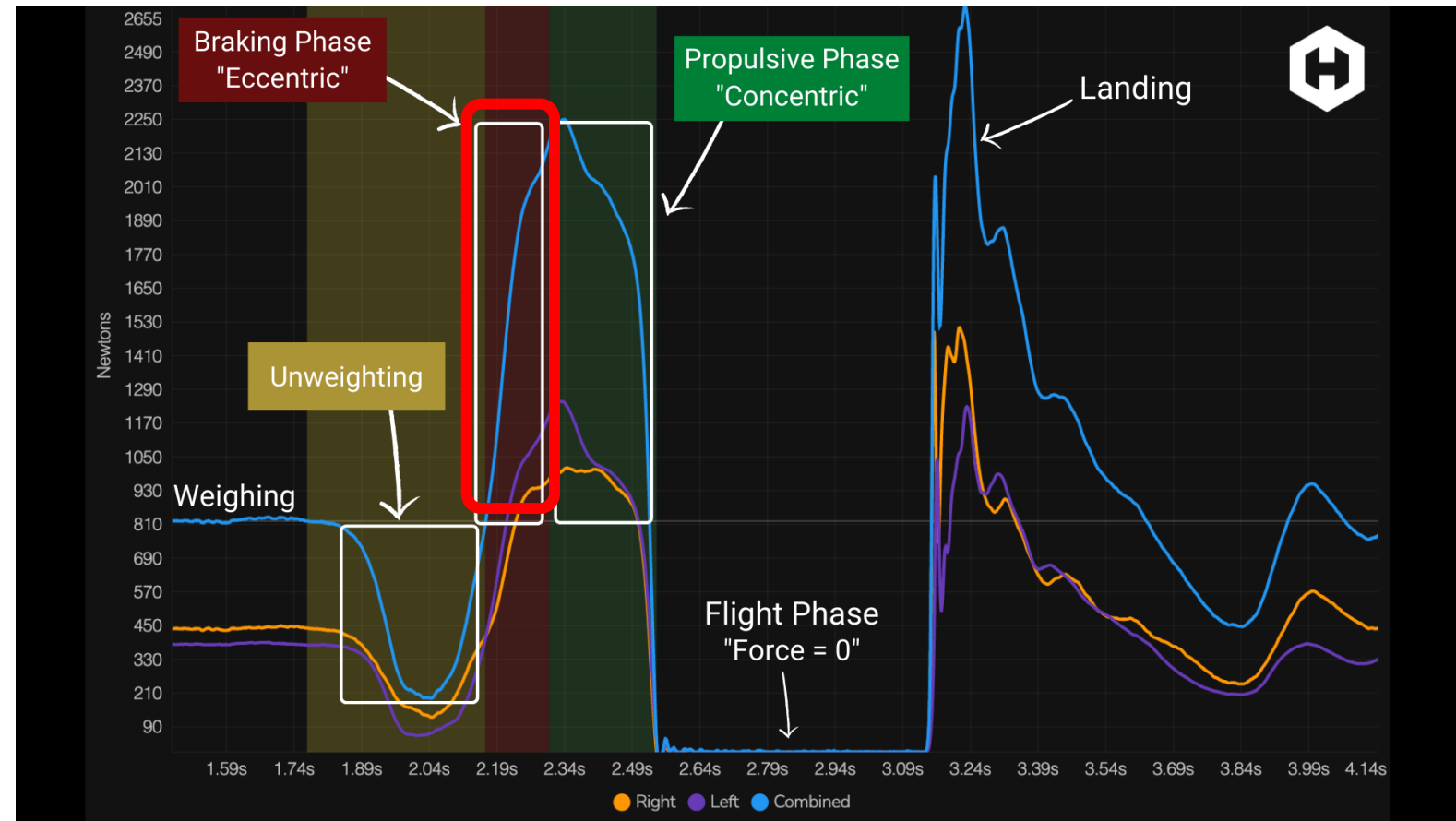
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CMJ - Metrics to look at

- Eccentric deceleration impulse >9months post ACLR (Read et al 2020)
- Eccentric deceleration RFD (Hart et al 2019, Read et al 2021, Harper et al 2020)



Eccentric and Concentric peak force (Harper et al 2020)



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Drop Jump - Metrics to look at

(Harper et al 2022)



Concentric mean force

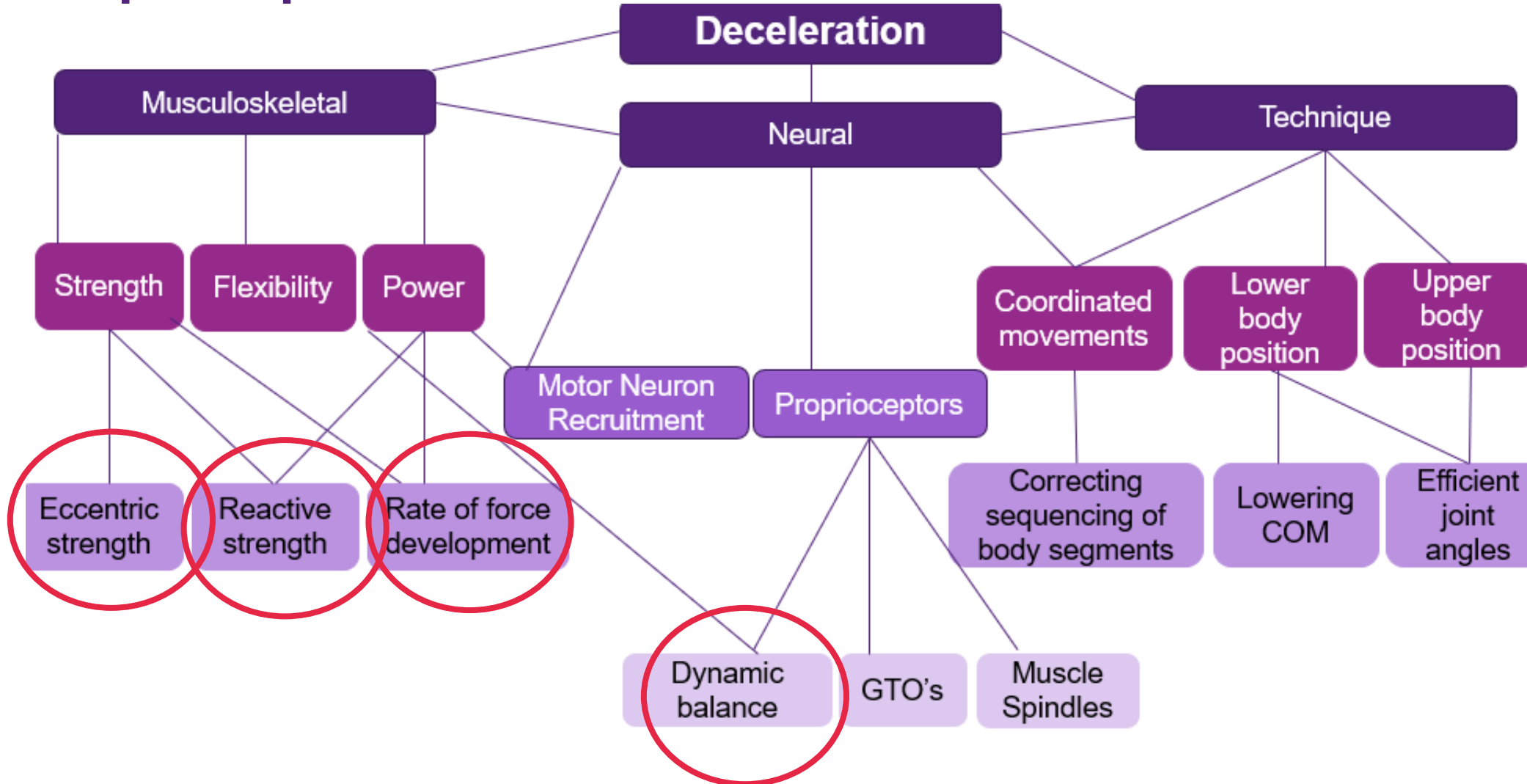


Eccentric mean force



RSI

Drop Jump - Metrics to look at



Limitations



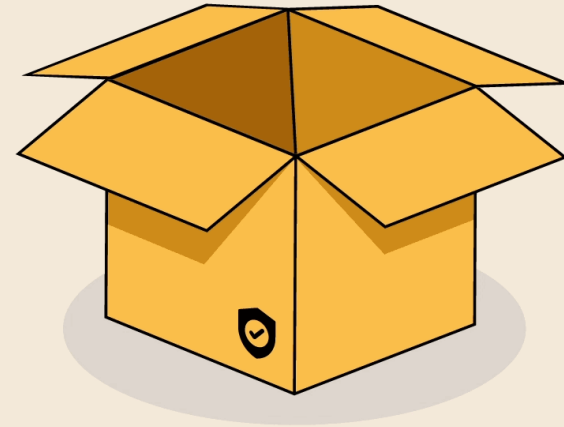
- **Cross sectional studies**
- **Commercially available force plates only measure vertical GRF.**
- **Using vertical GRFs as a surrogate**
- **Uni-dimensional index to characterise a multi-dimensional task**

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Take homes:

- Our current RTS testing in the literature is yet to successfully reduce the risk of subsequent ACL injuries
- COD is a mechanism of non-contact ACL rupture yet is often no included in RTS criteria
- Vertical jump testing measures neuromuscular characteristics that are associated with deceleration ability.
- Deceleration is more important in the penultimate foot placement

Questions?



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