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Quadriceps Activation Failure

Strategies for Restoration of Knee Performance



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With Immense Gratitude



“If I have seen
further, it is by
standing on the
shoulders of
Giants.”

- Isaac Newton, 1675

“I’m going
to make
you an
offer you
can’t
refuse...”



AKA:
I’m going to
make some
suggestions
you may
want to
consider...

1. Understand central & peripheral mechanisms of Arthrogenic Muscle Inhibition (AMI) following knee injury and/or surgery

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2. Apply interventional strategies to help facilitate early recovery of quadriceps activation
3. **Create a theoretical framework for ultimate restoration of quadriceps capacity, including:**
 1. corticomotor function
 2. morphology
 3. maximum strength
 4. rate of force development

Specific Knee Diagnoses

Physical Therapy Interventions

Miscellaneous

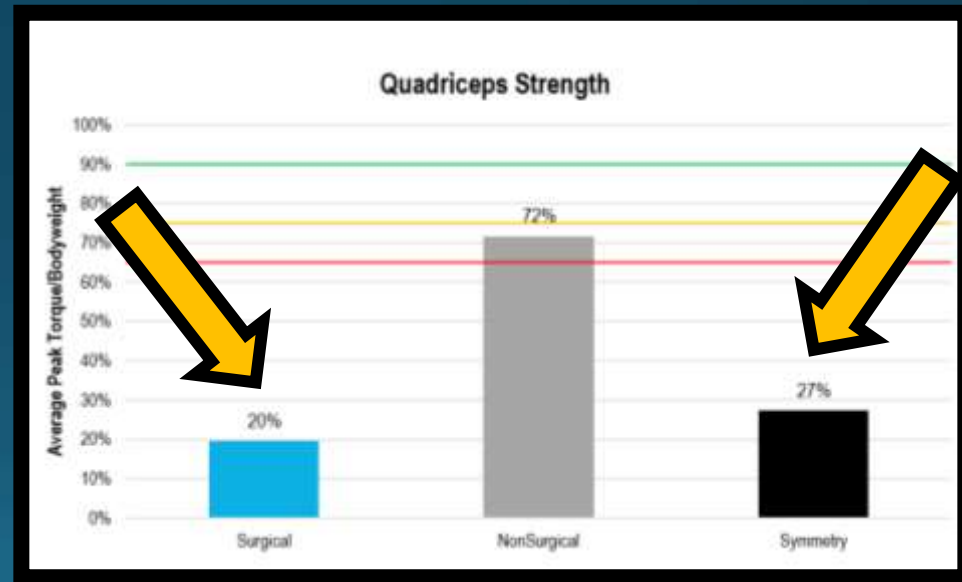
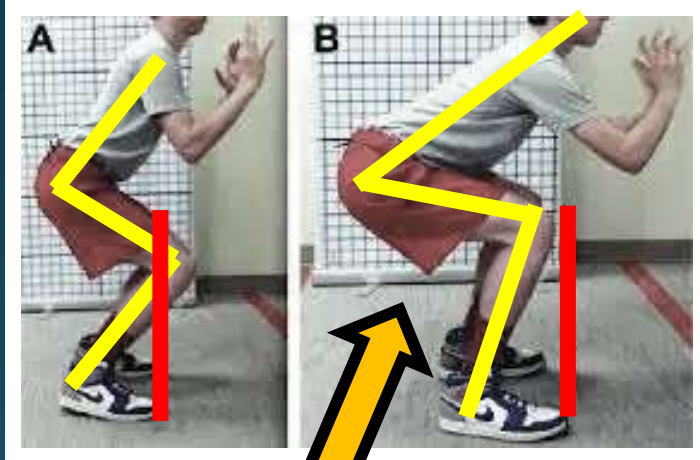
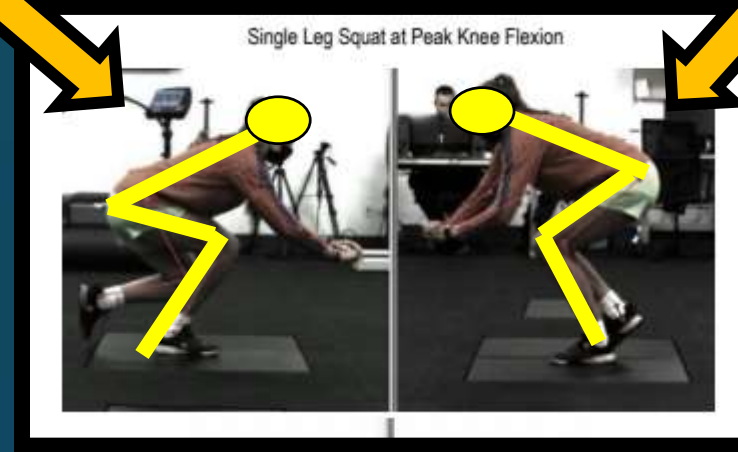
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Specific Knee Diagnoses

Physical Therapy Interventions

Miscellaneous

- Did I exit the womb with a beard?
- Am I privy to the catheter fortune?



Review

Knee extensor muscle weakness is a risk factor for development of knee osteoarthritis. A systematic review and meta-analysis

B.E. Øiestad †*, C.B. Juhl ‡§, I. Eitzen ||, J.B. Thorlund ‡

Voluntary Quadriceps Activation Deficits in Patients with Tibiofemoral Osteoarthritis: A Meta-Analysis

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Quadriceps Activation Failure as a Moderator of the Relationship Between Quadriceps Strength and Physical Function in Individuals With Knee Osteoarthritis

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Impaired Isometric, Concentric, and Eccentric Rate of Torque Development at the Hip and Knee in Patellofemoral Pain

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Quadriceps strength and volitional activation before and after total knee arthroplasty for osteoarthritis

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Quadriceps Activation Following Knee Injuries: A Systematic Review

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Knee Extensor Muscle Strength in Middle-Aged and Older Individuals Undergoing Arthroscopic Partial Meniscectomy: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Quadriceps Strength and Volitional Activation After Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Caroline Lisee, MEd, ATC,*† Adam S. Lepley, PhD, ATC,*‡ Thomas Birchmeier, MS, ATC,* Kaitlin O'Hagan, MS,§ and Christopher Kuenze, PhD, ATC*||

Biomechanical Testing After Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Identify Athletes at Risk for Subsequent ACL Injury to the Contralateral Uninjured Limb?

Enda King, Chris Richter, Katherine A J Daniels, Andy Franklyn-Miller, Eanna Falvey, Gregory D Myer, Mark Jackson, Ray Moran, Siobhan Strike



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The effect of insufficient quadriceps strength on gait after anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction

Michael Lewek^a, Katherine Rudolph^a, Michael Axe^{a, b}, Lynn Snyder-Mackler^{a, c, d}

Simple decision rules can reduce reinjury risk by 84% after ACL reconstruction: the Delaware-Oslo ACL cohort study

Hege Grindem,¹ Lynn Snyder-Mackler,² Håvard Moksnes,³ Lars Engebretsen,^{3,4} May Arna Risberg^{1,4}

CLINICAL SCIENCES

Quadriceps Strength Predicts Self-reported Function POST-ACL Reconstruction

PIETROSIMONE, BRIAN; LEPLEY, ADAM S.; HARKEY, MATTHEW S.; LUC-HARKEY, BRITTNEY A.; BLACKBURN, J. TROY; GRIBBLE, PHILLIP A.; SPANG, JEFFREY T.; SOHN, DAVID H.

Poor functional performance 1 year after ACL reconstruction increases the risk of early osteoarthritis progression

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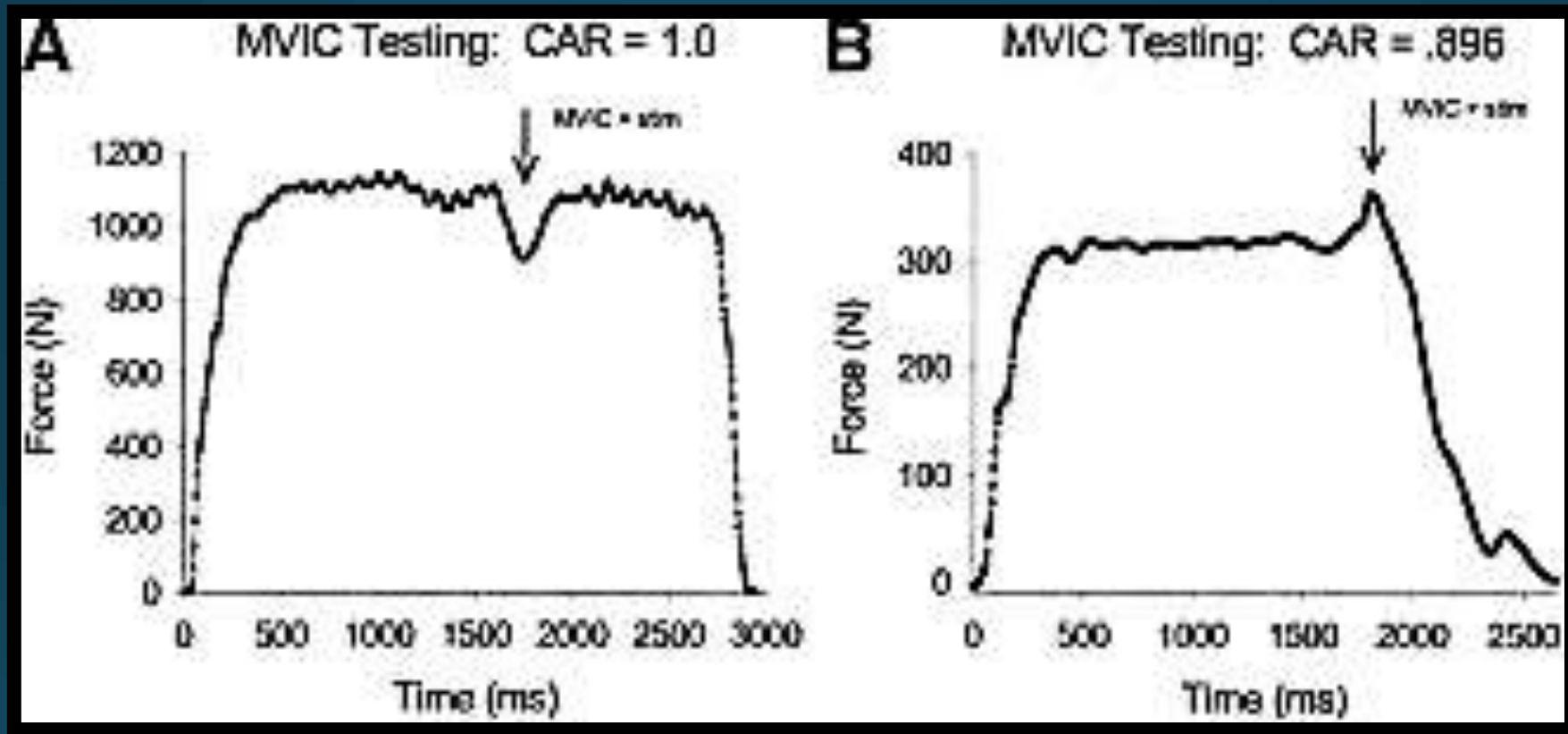
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Anterior cruciate ligament injury after more than 20 years. II. Concentric and eccentric knee muscle strength

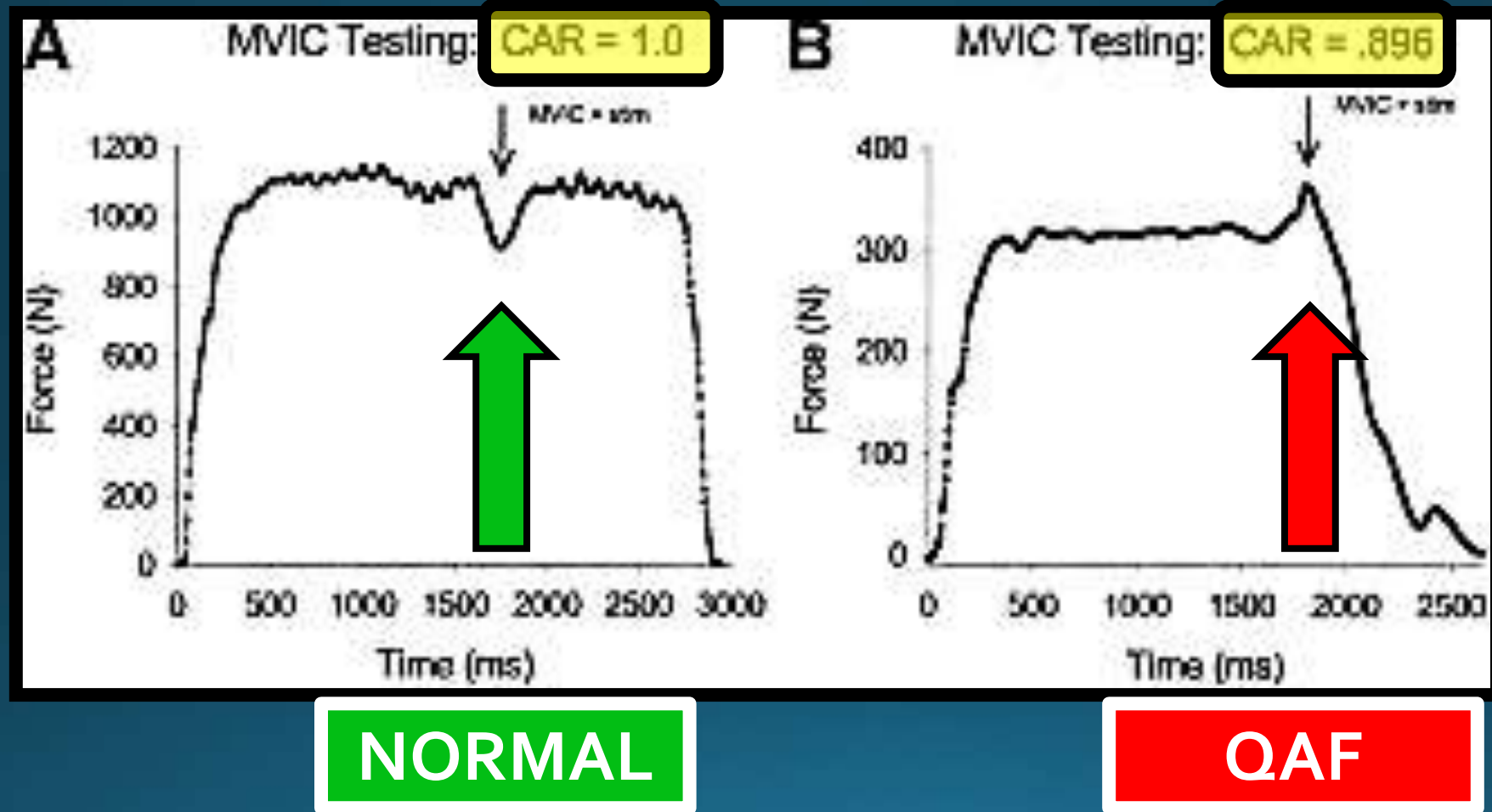
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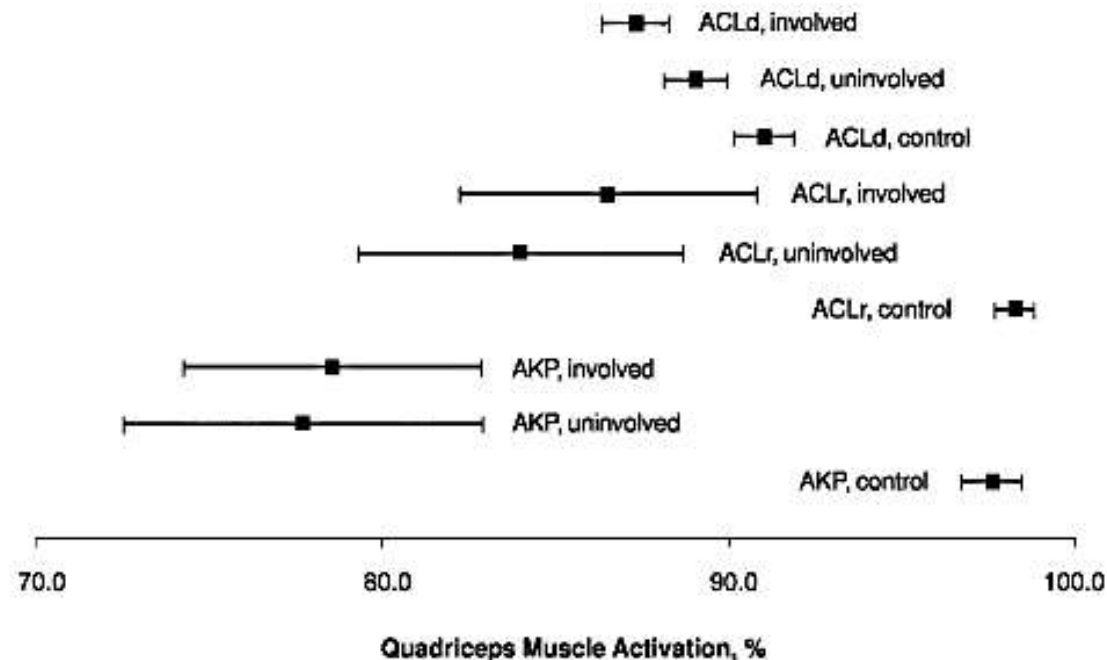


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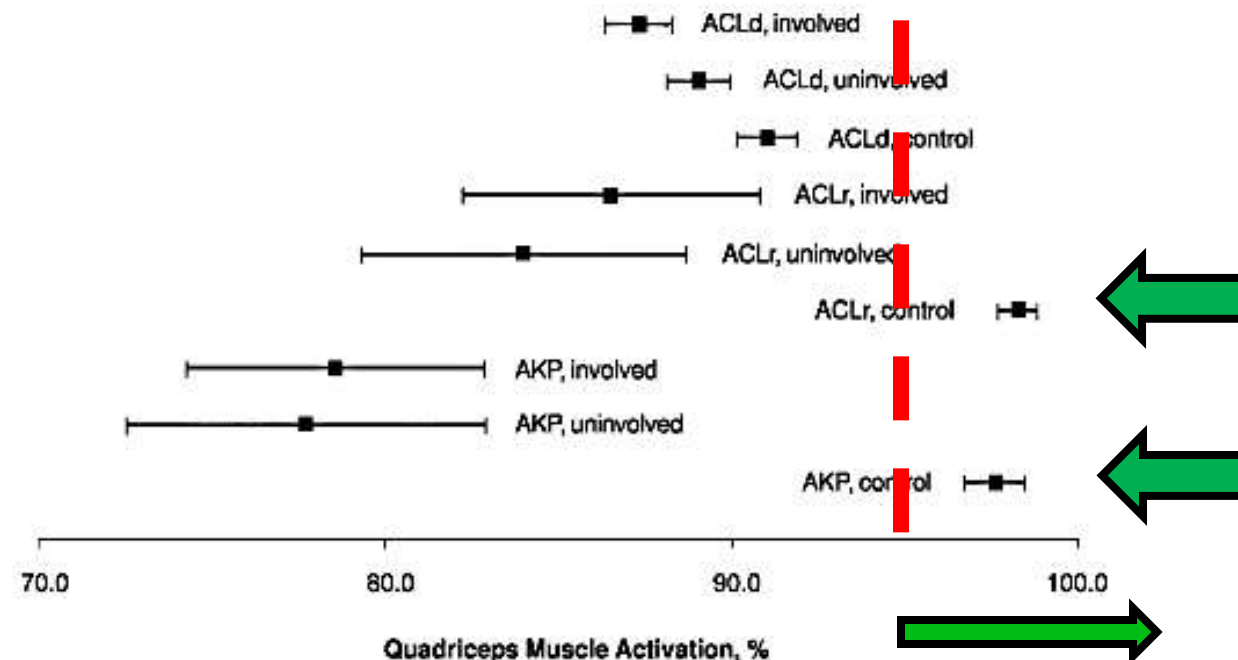


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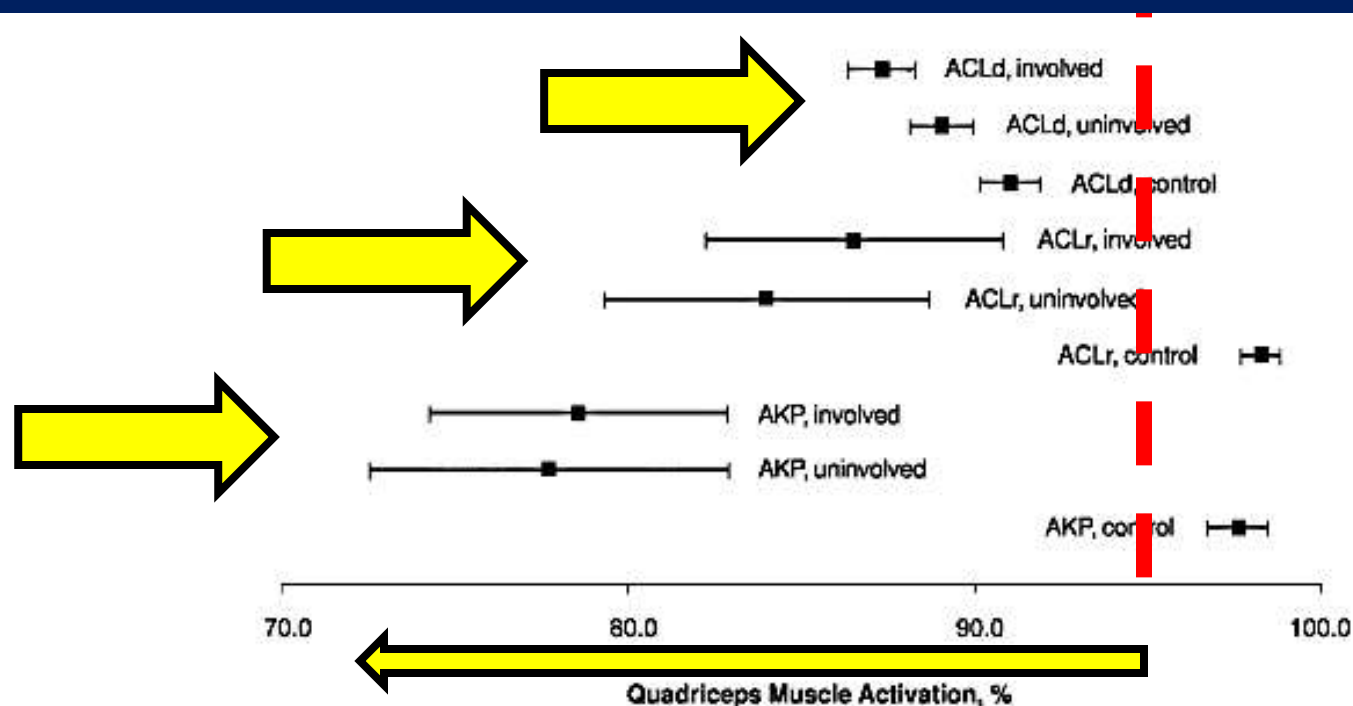
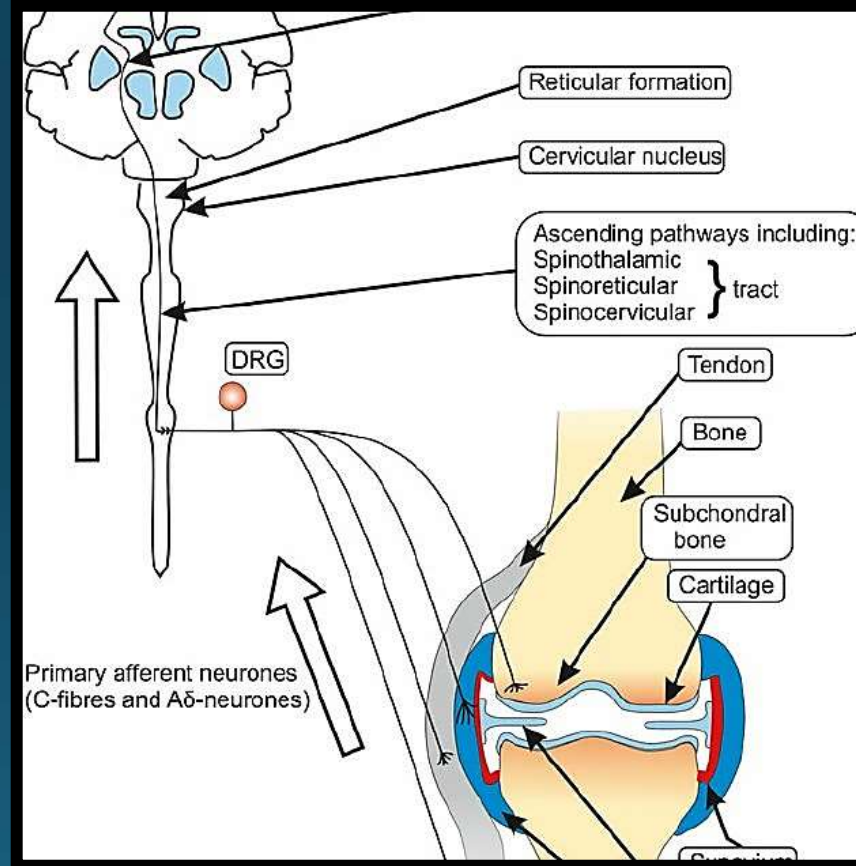
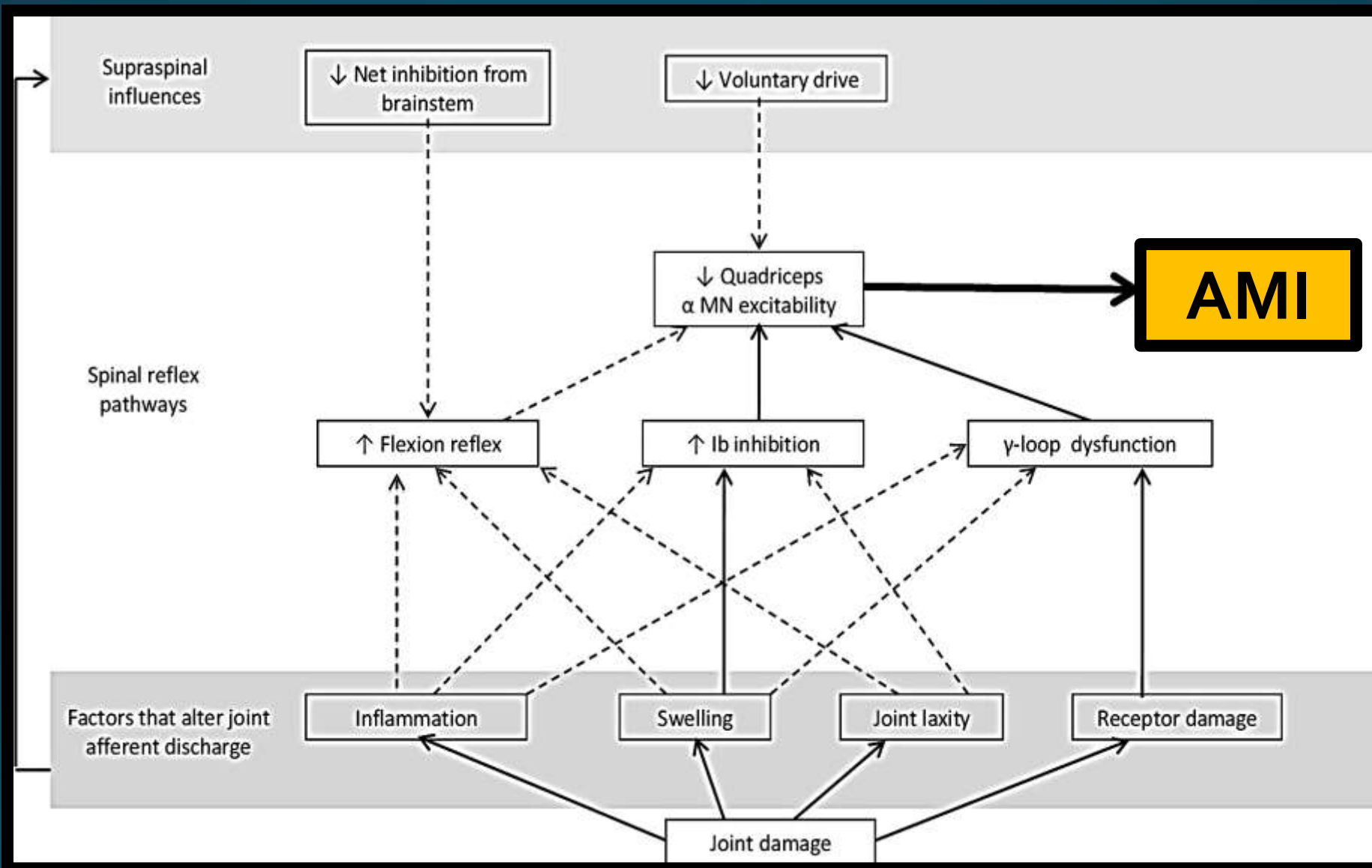


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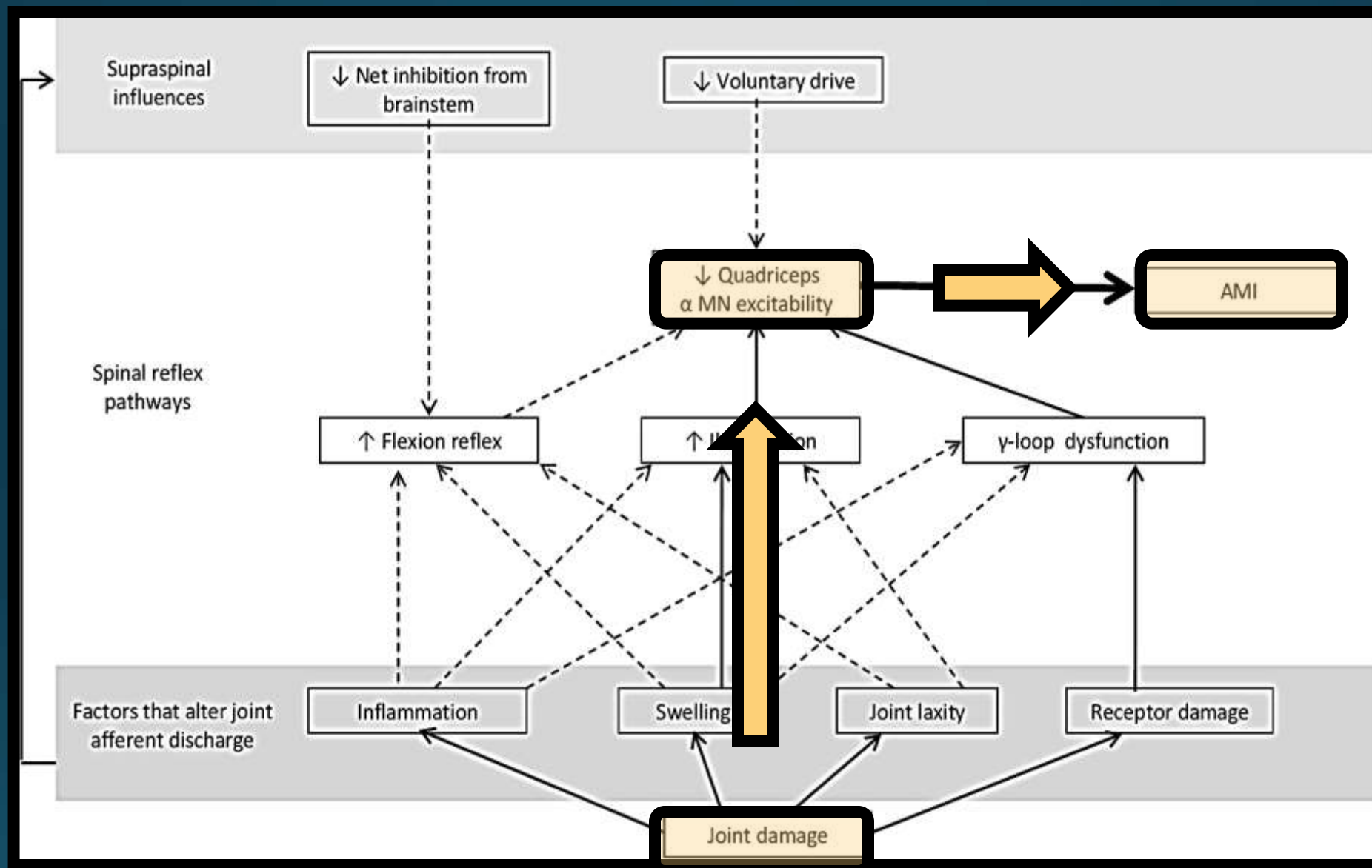




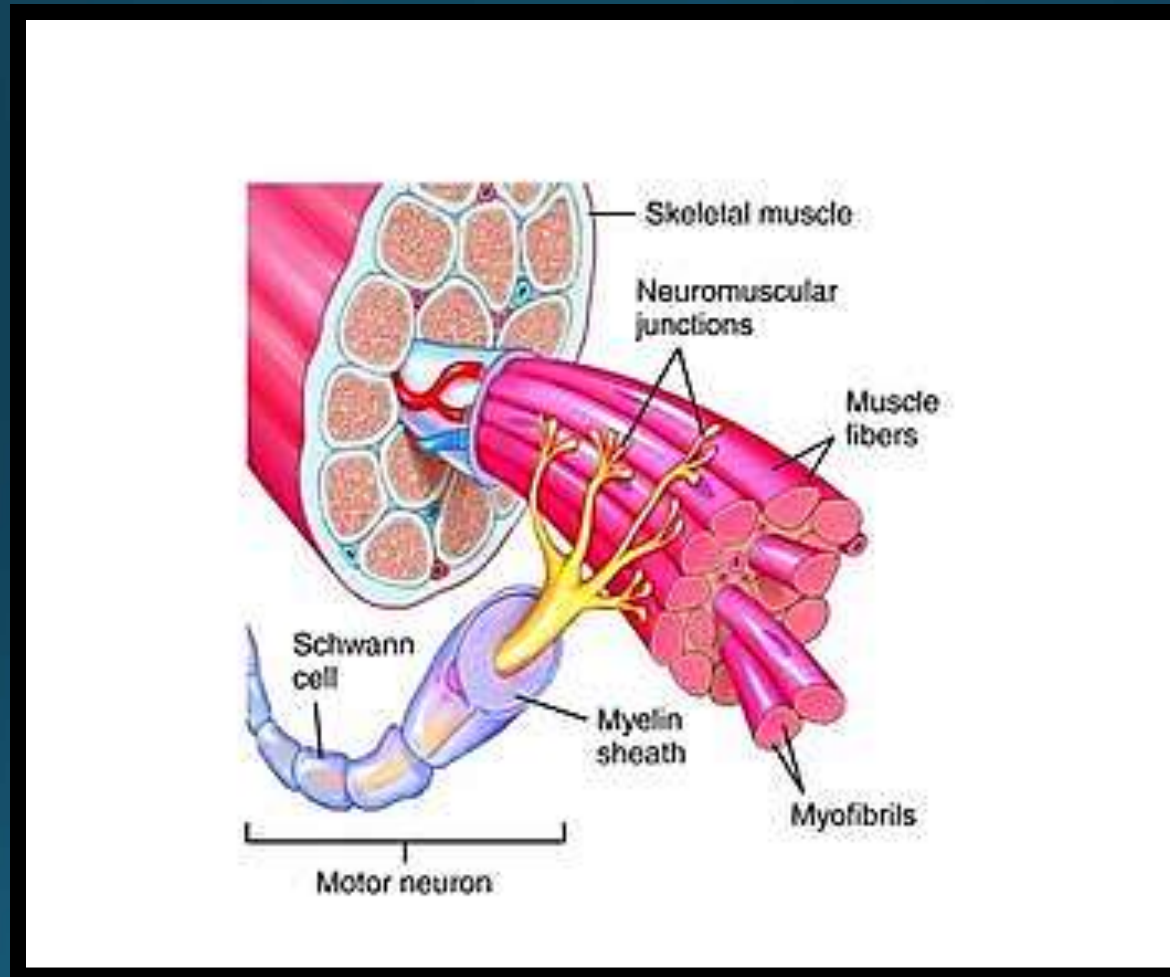
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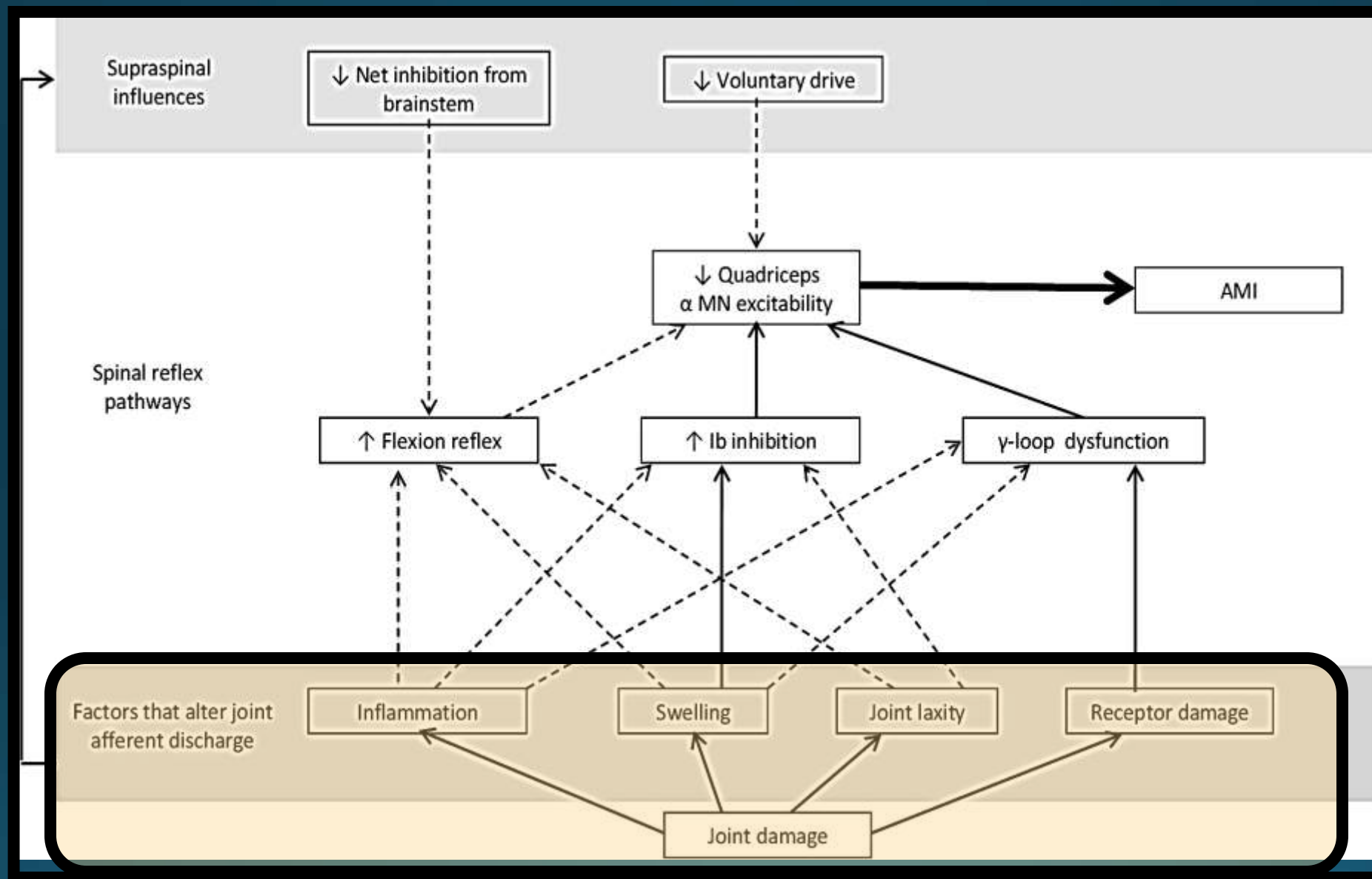
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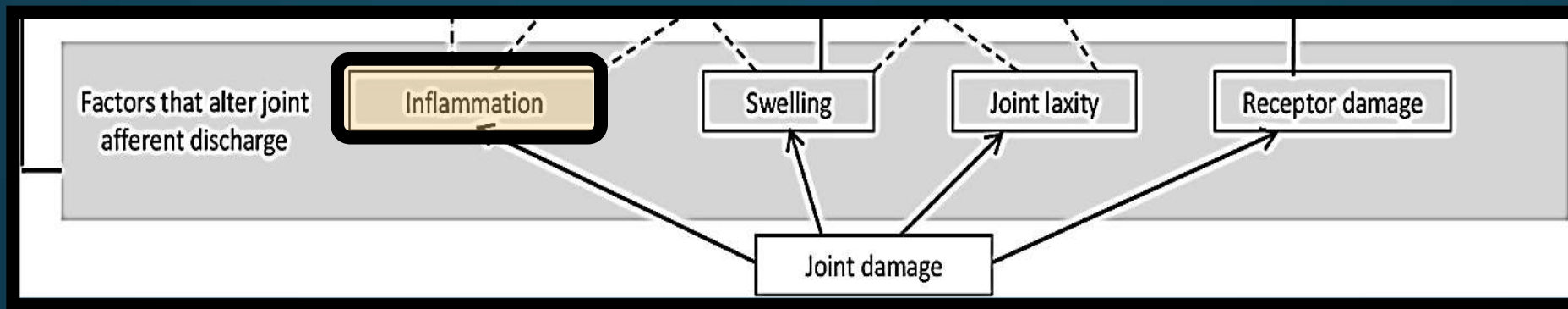


A(n incredibly rapid) refresher...



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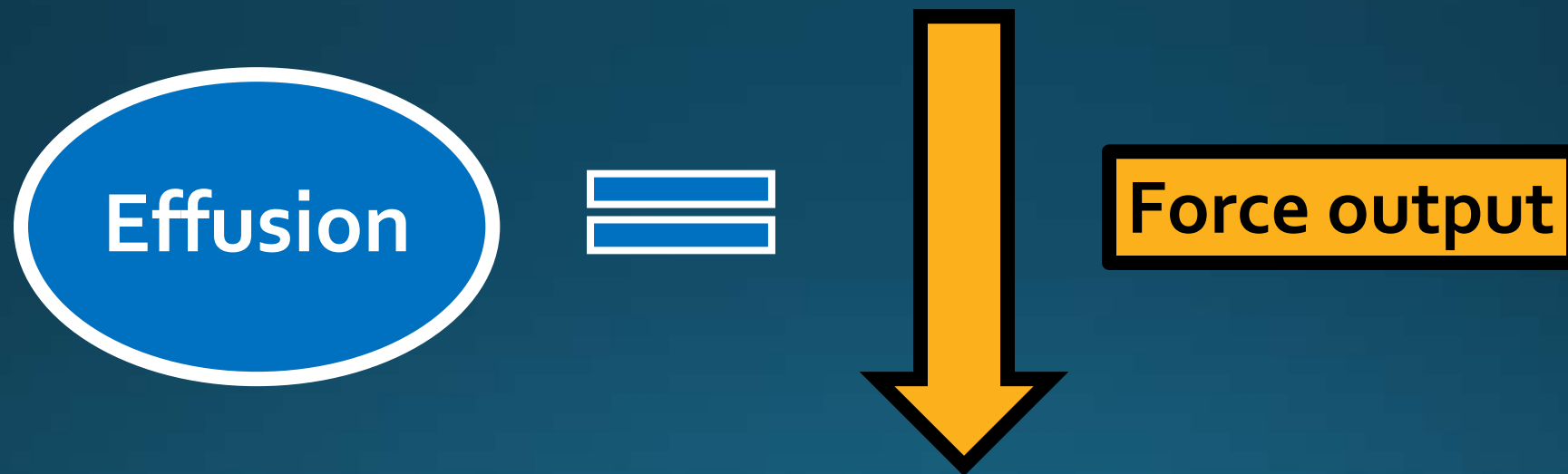
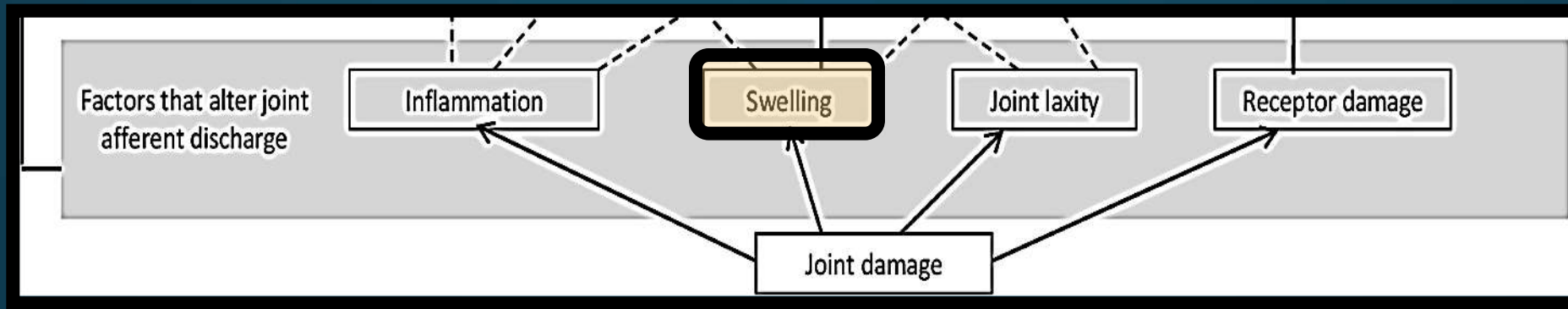


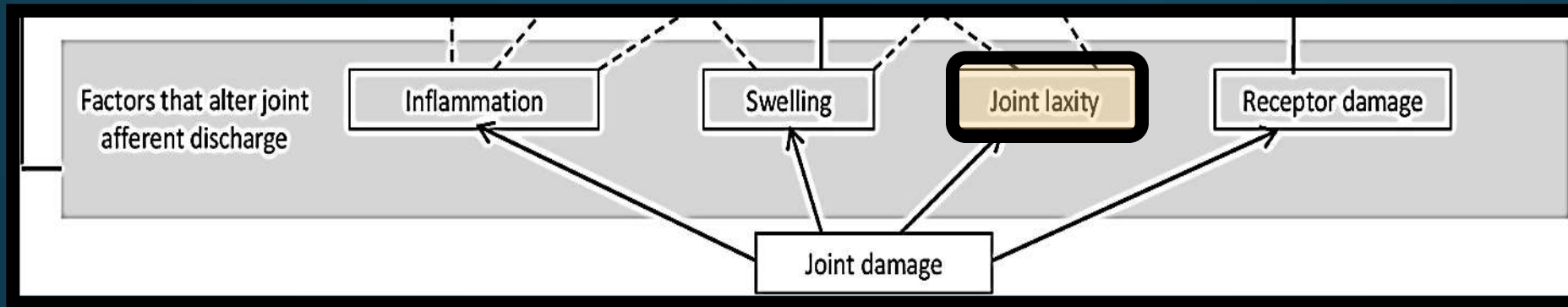


Inflammation/Pain

Maybe –
magnitude unknown



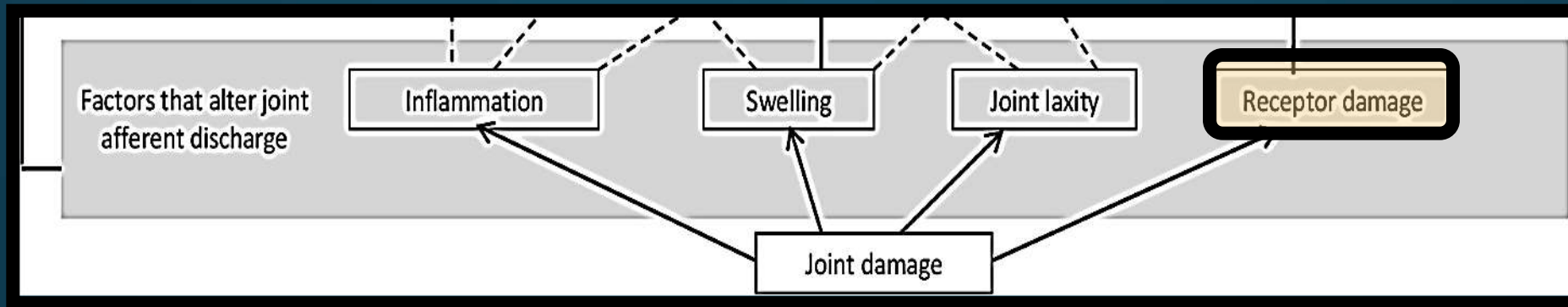




Joint laxity

Abnormal afferent:
9-18 months



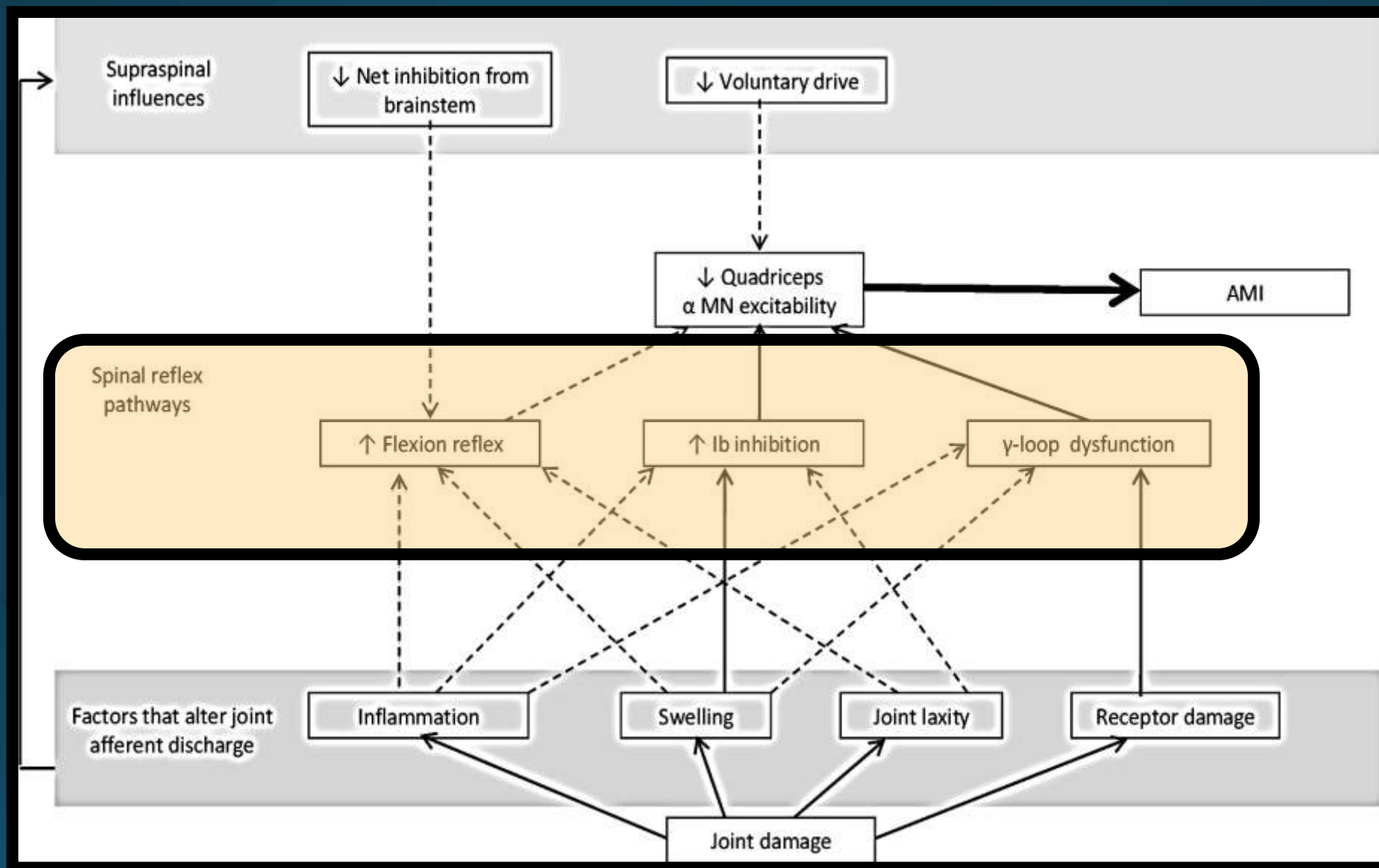


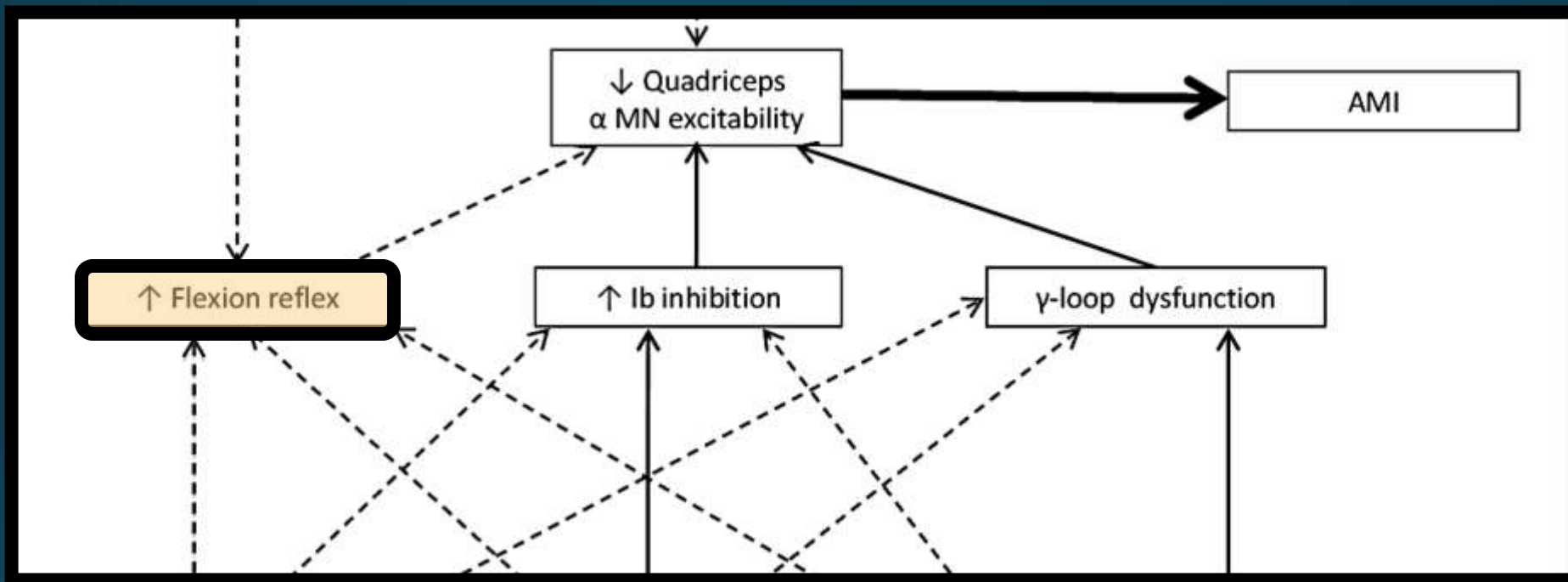
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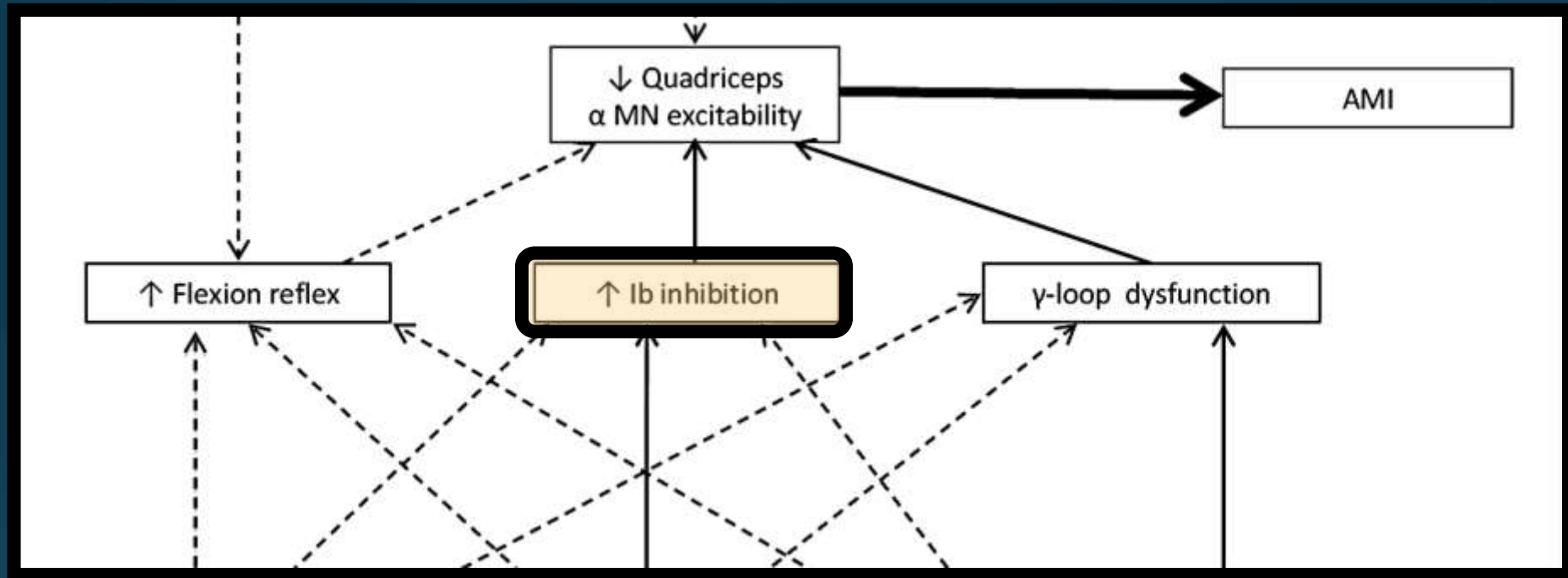
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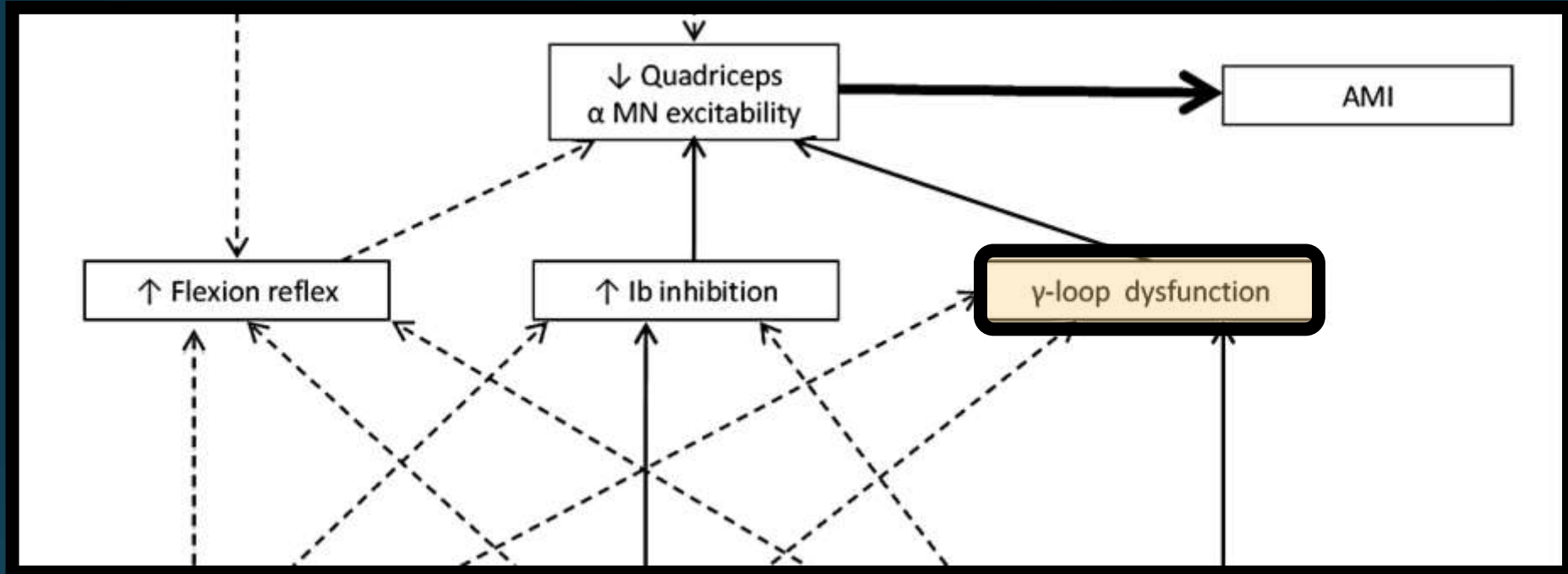


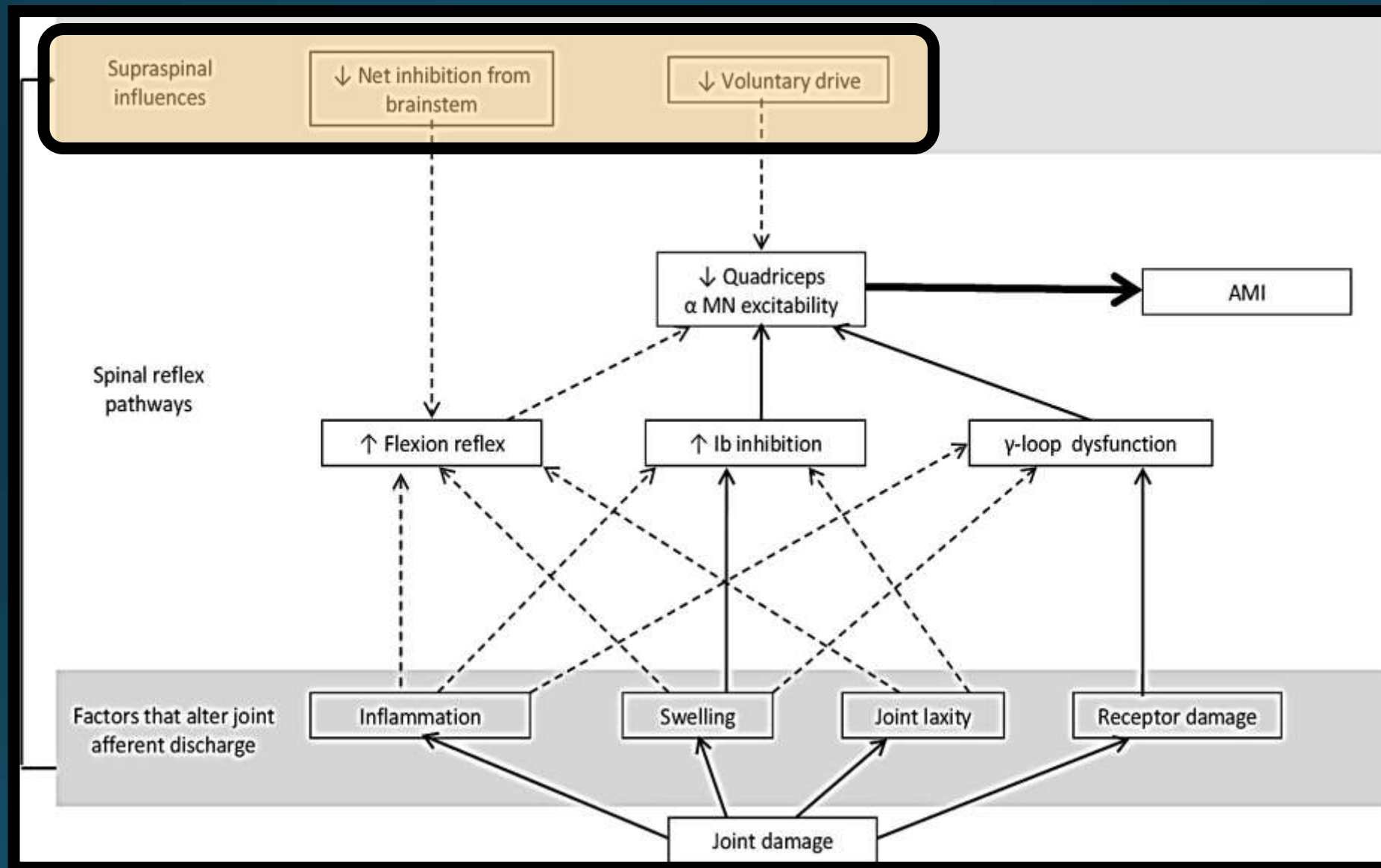
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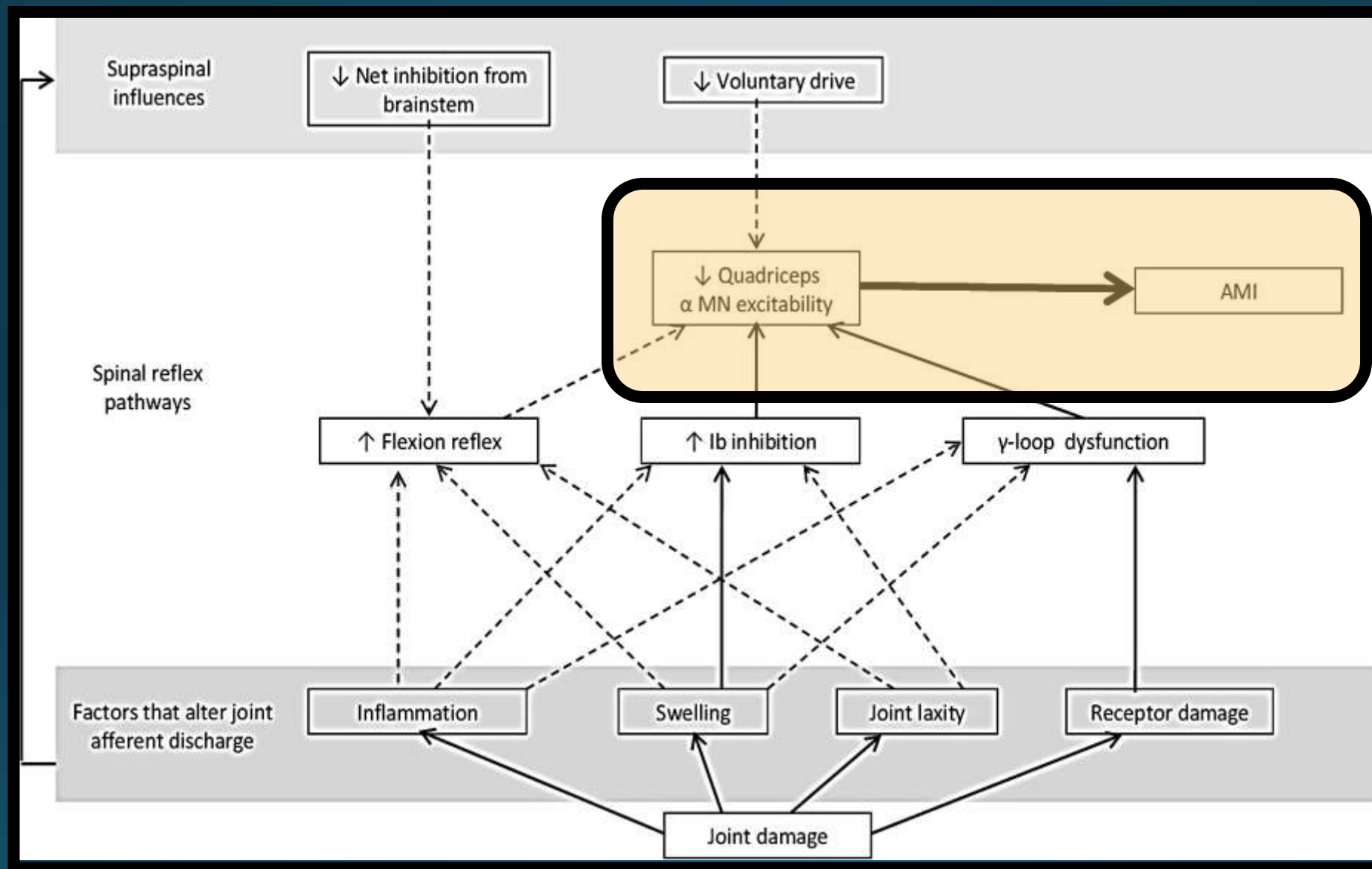


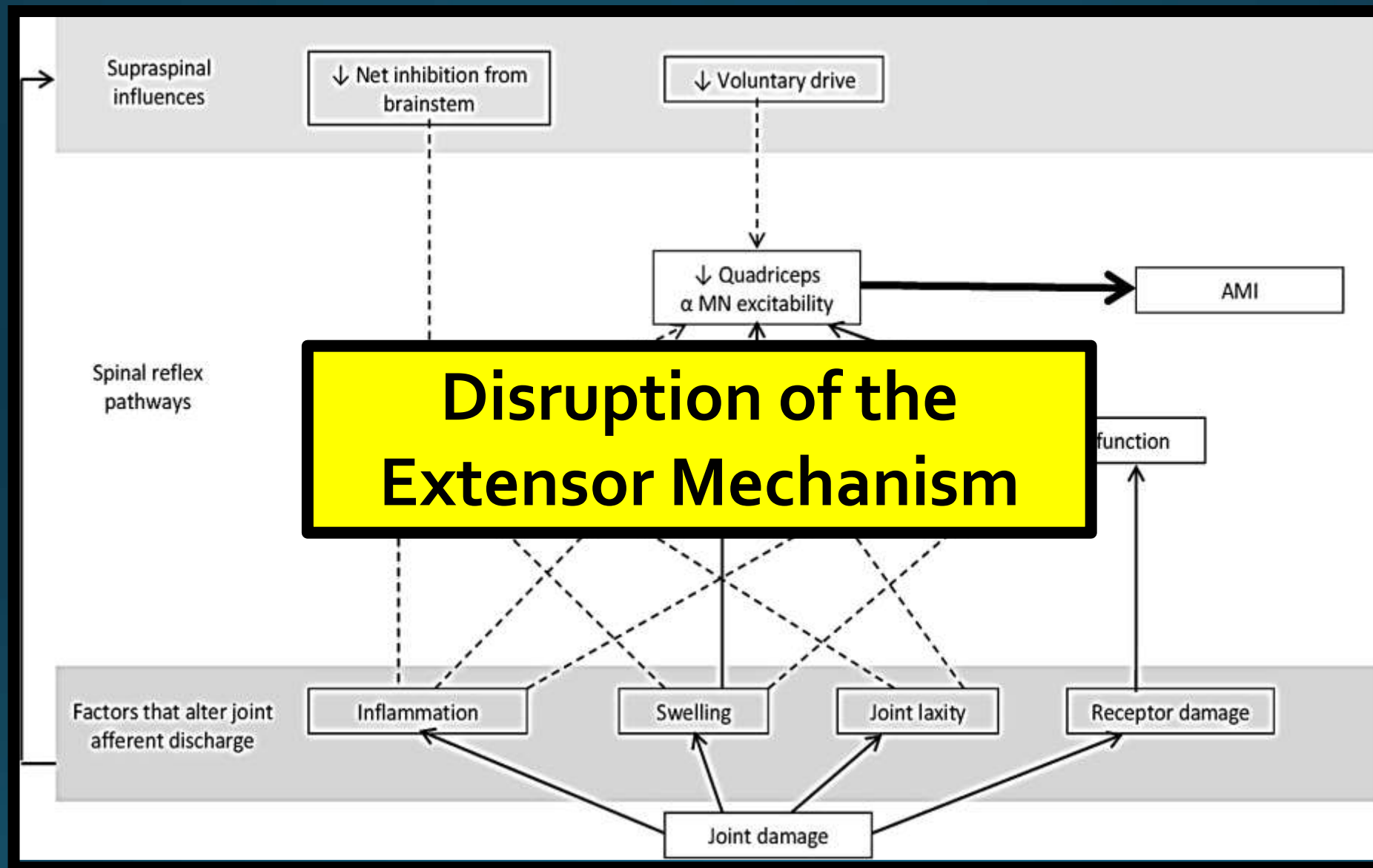


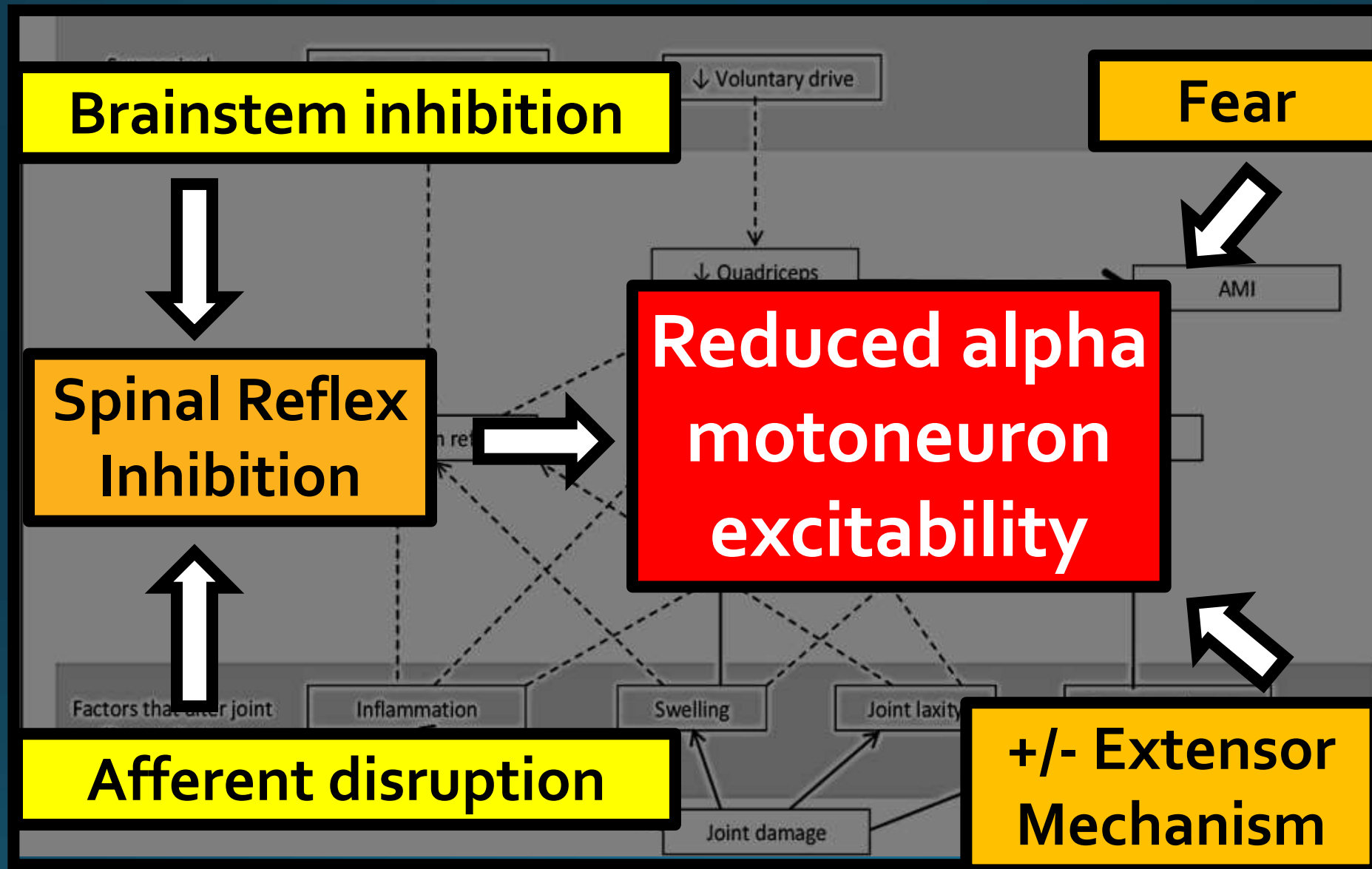


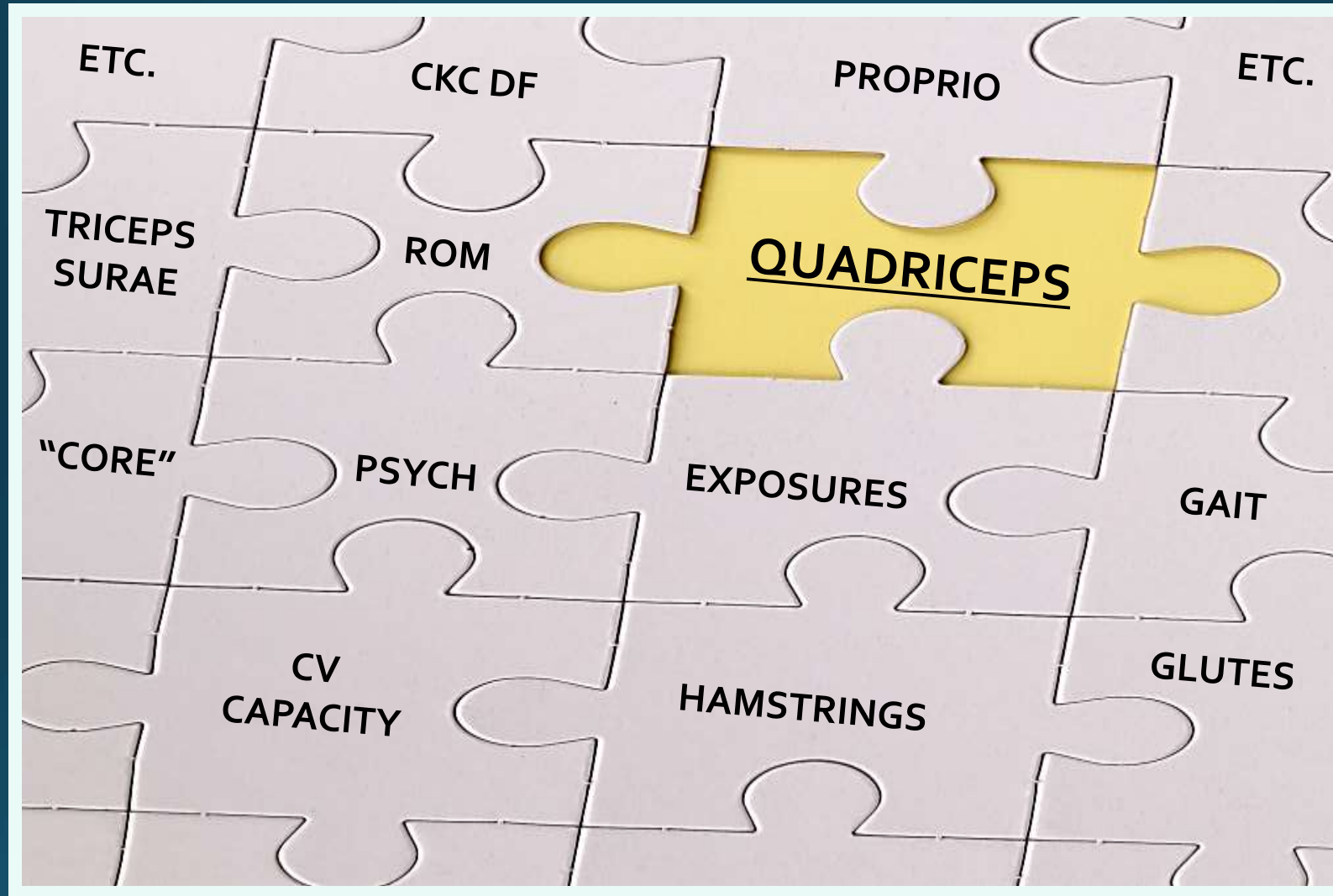












Hierarchy of Athletic Development

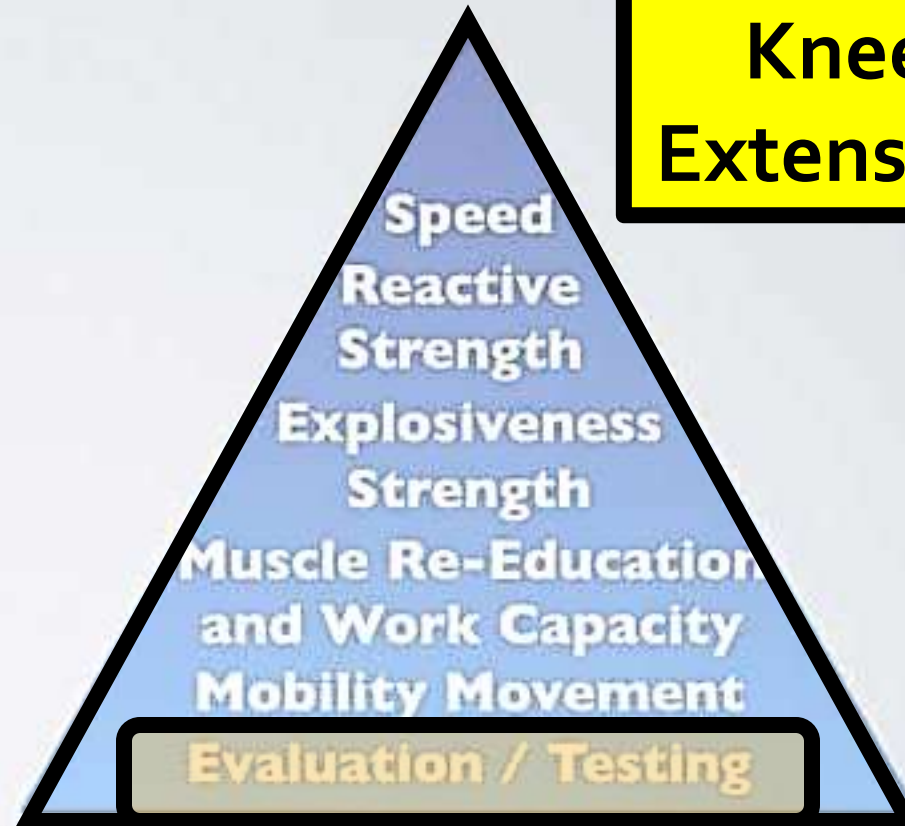


Vermeil Performance Model



Panariello et al Rehabilitation Model
(Oper Tech Sports Med 2016-2017)

Knee Extensors



Panariello et al Rehabilitation Model
(Oper Tech Sports Med 2016-2017)

**"Test, don't
guess"**

Knee Extensors

Speed
Reactive
Strength
Explosiveness
Strength
Muscle Re-Education
and Work Capacity

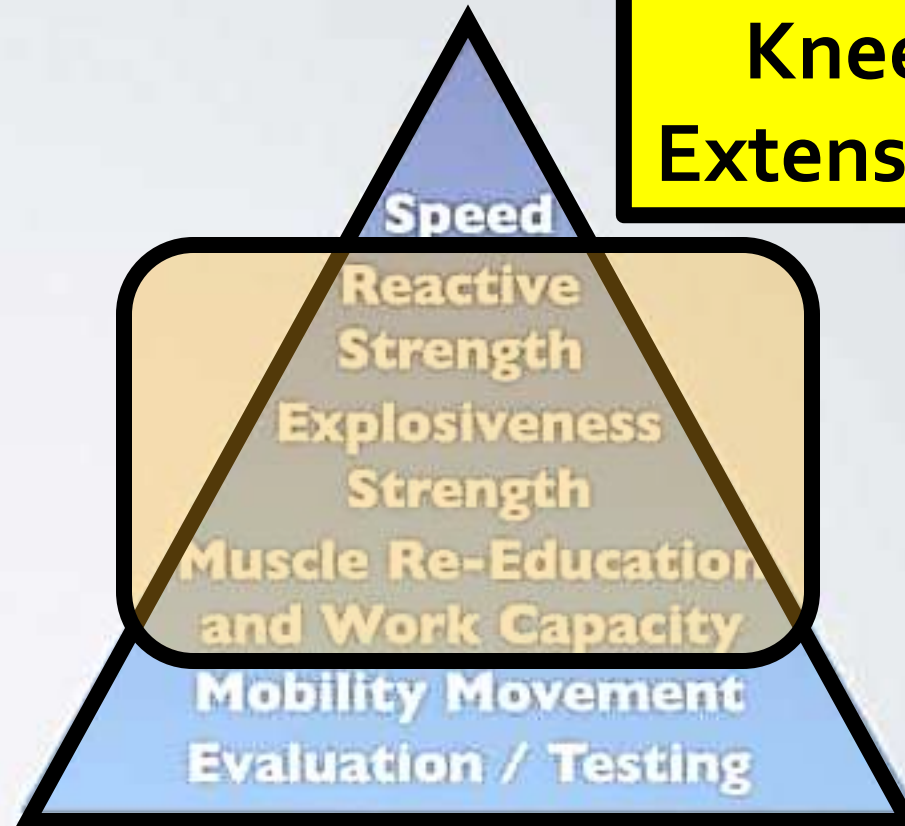
Mobility Movement

Evaluation / Testing

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*****Basics*****

Knee Extensors



Panariello et al Rehabilitation Model
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Potentially...

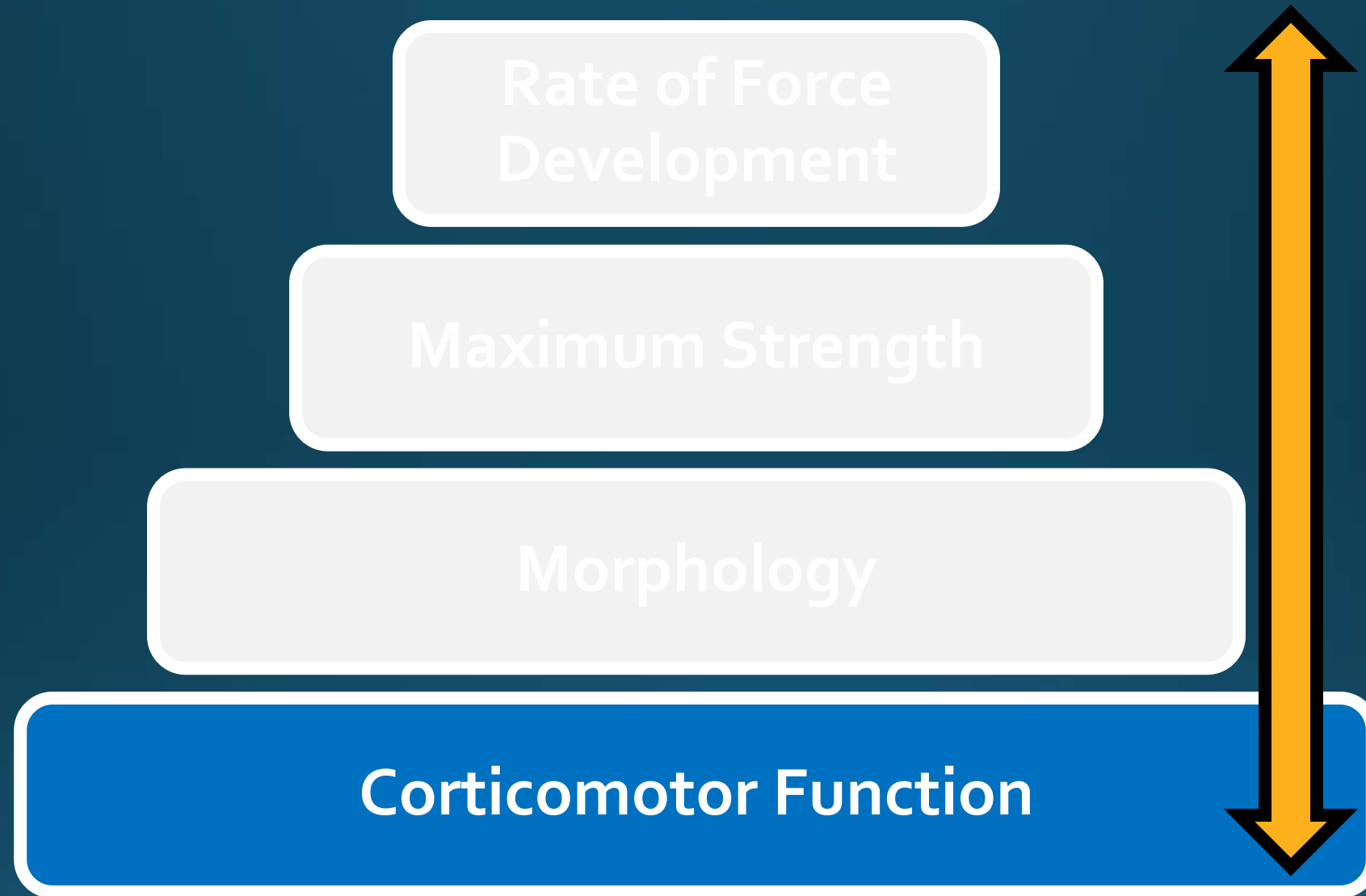
Rate of Force
Development

Maximum Strength

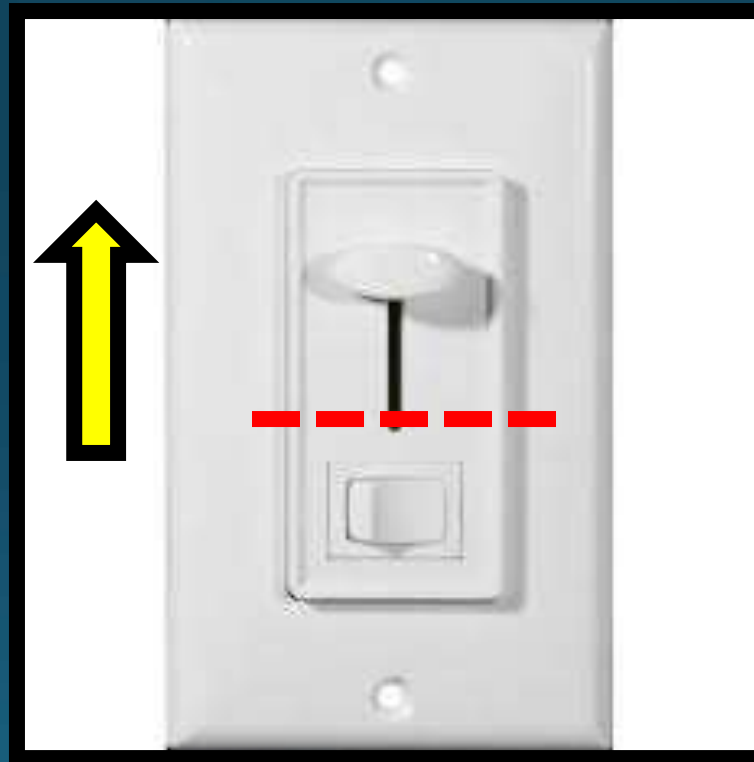
Morphology

Corticomotor Function

(post-injury and pre-op)









Impaired Corticomotor Function



Scheurer SA. PhD Thesis: "The Relationship between Corticomotor Excitability and Quadriceps Neuromuscular Function in ACL Reconstructed Patients," May 2018 .

Impaired Corticomotor Function

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graph TD; A[Impaired Corticomotor Function] --> B[Higher Active Motor Threshold]; A --> C[ ]; A --> D[ ]; A --> E[ ]
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Higher
Active
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Impaired Corticomotor Function

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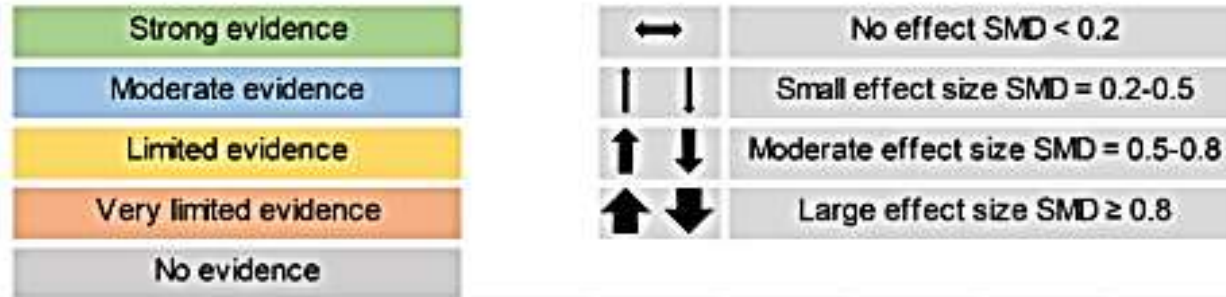
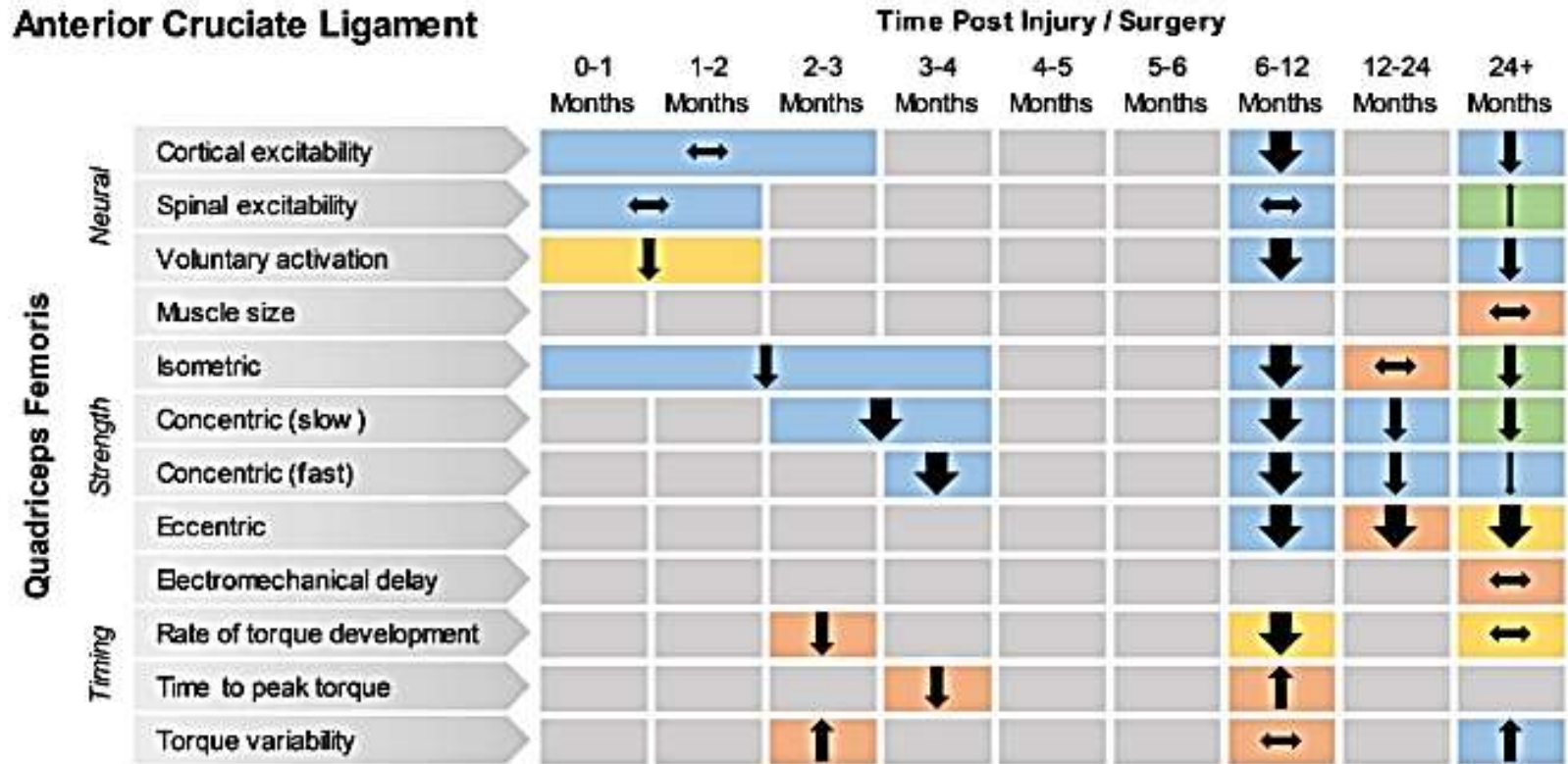
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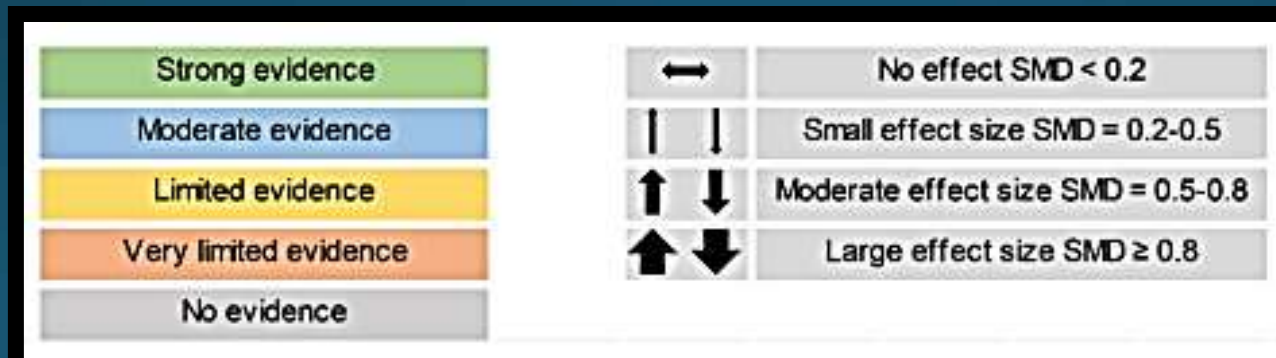
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Anterior Cruciate Ligament



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Impaired Corticomotor Function

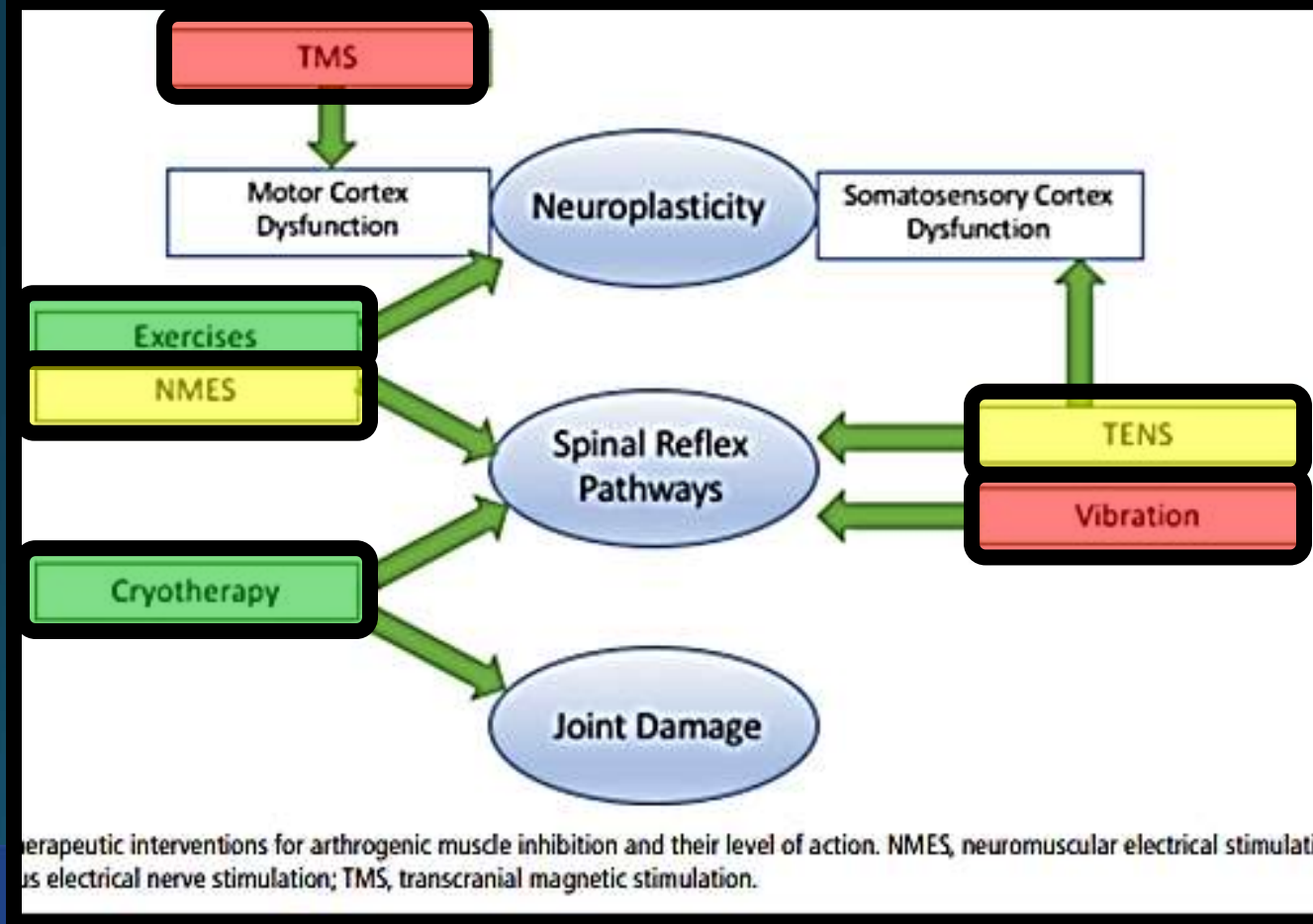
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**Higher
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Threshold**



Arthrogenic muscle inhibition after ACL reconstruction: a scoping review of the efficacy of interventions

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Moderate

Low

Very Low

Disinhibitory Interventions and Voluntary Quadriceps Activation: A Systematic Review

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Focal knee joint cooling

- 20-30 min

Ice massage

- 20 min, 5x/wk, x 6 wks

Remember Ice Cube? This is him now, feel old yet?



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Focal knee joint cooling

Ice massage

Prior to
"active"
intervention

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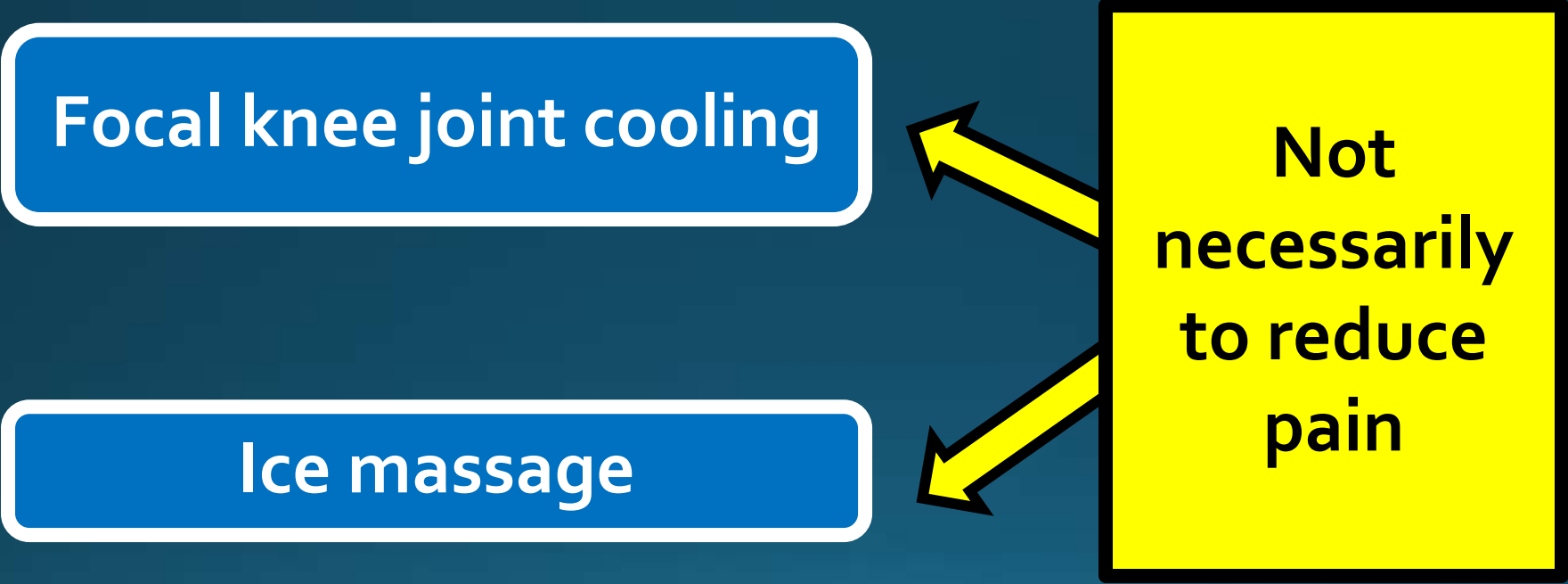
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Focal knee joint cooling

Ice massage

Not
necessarily
to reduce
pain



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TENS

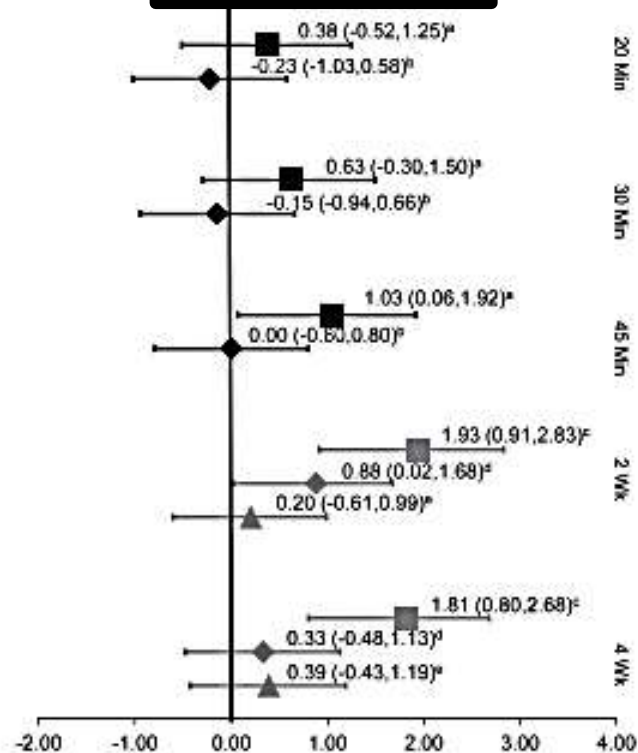


Figure 4. Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) effect sizes. ^a Pietrosimone et al (2009)^a; TENS; ^b Pietrosimone et al (2009)^b; controls; ^c Pietrosimone et al (2011)^a; TENS; ^d Pietrosimone et al (2011)^b; placebo; ^e Pietrosimone et al (2011)^c; exercise.

High Frequency

- 120-150 Hz
- .1-.15 second pulse width
- < 10 min

Low Frequency

- 4 Hz
- 1 sec pulse width
- 20-40 min, 2-3x/day

TENS

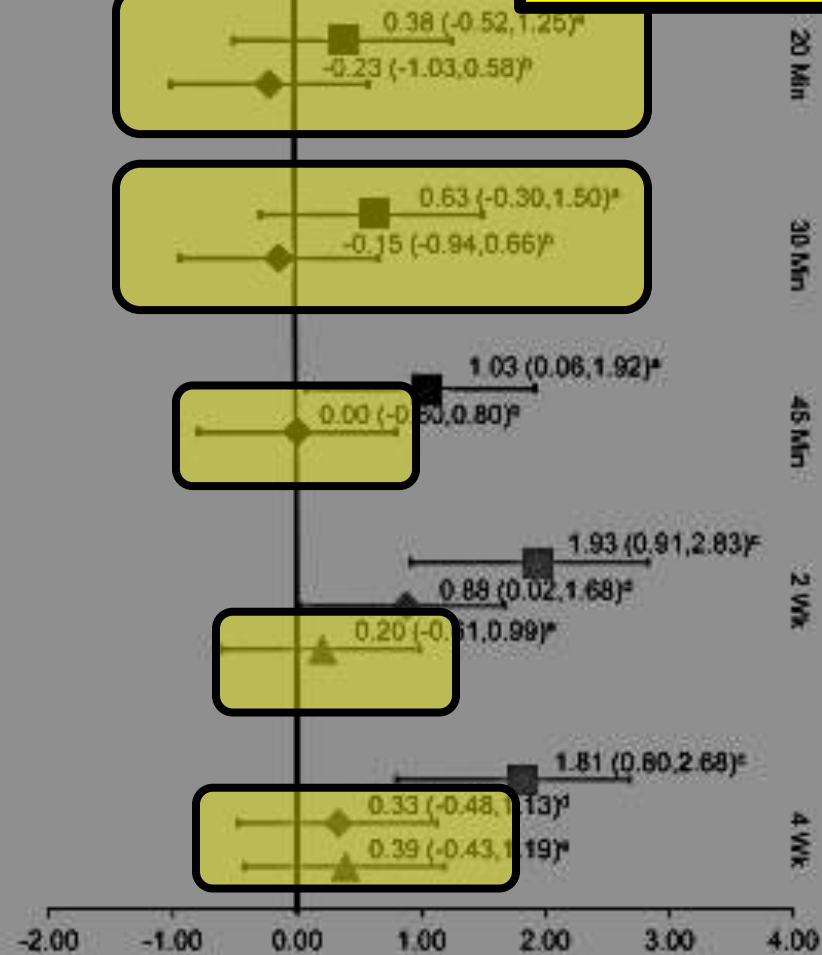
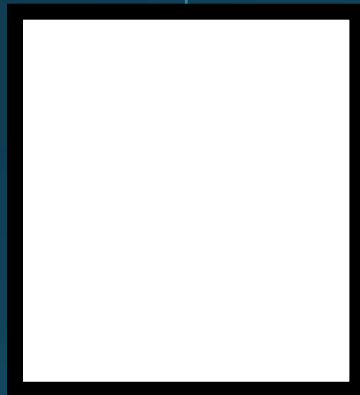


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Impaired Corticomotor Function

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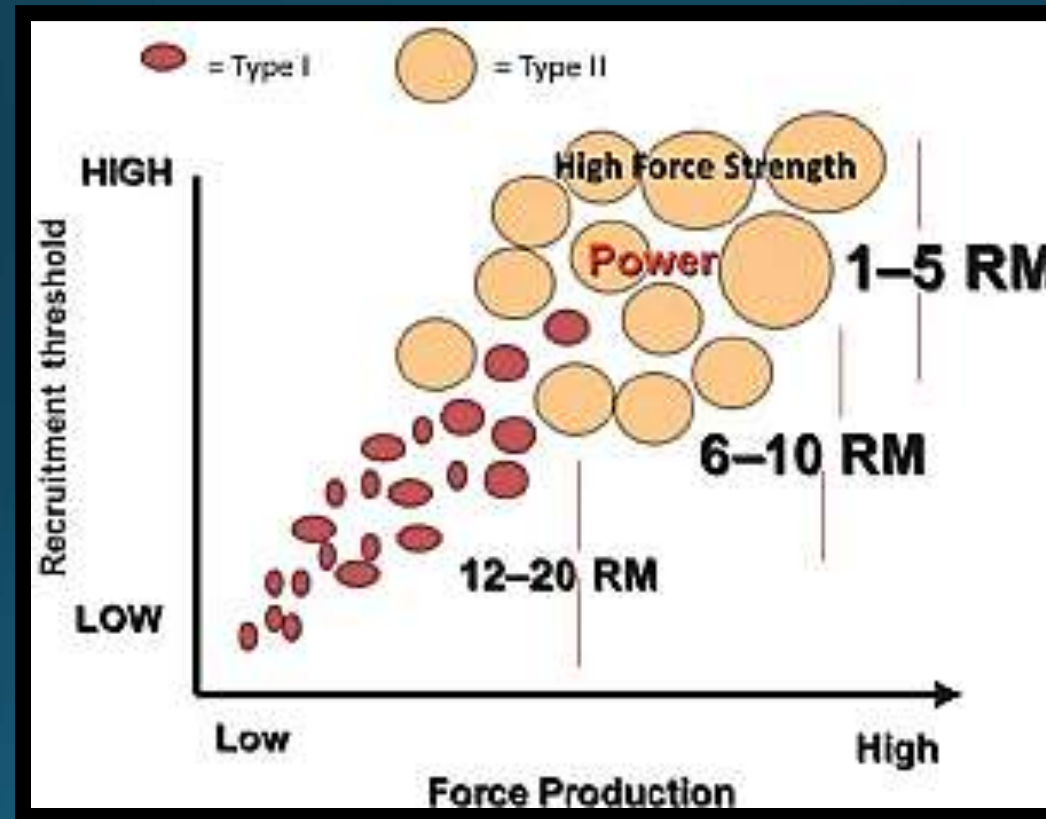


**Increased
Electro-
mechanical
Delay**

**Increased
Coefficient
of
Variation**

**Reduced Rate
of Torque
Development**

Henneman's Size Principle



Eccentric Exercise to Enhance Neuromuscular Control

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Eccentric

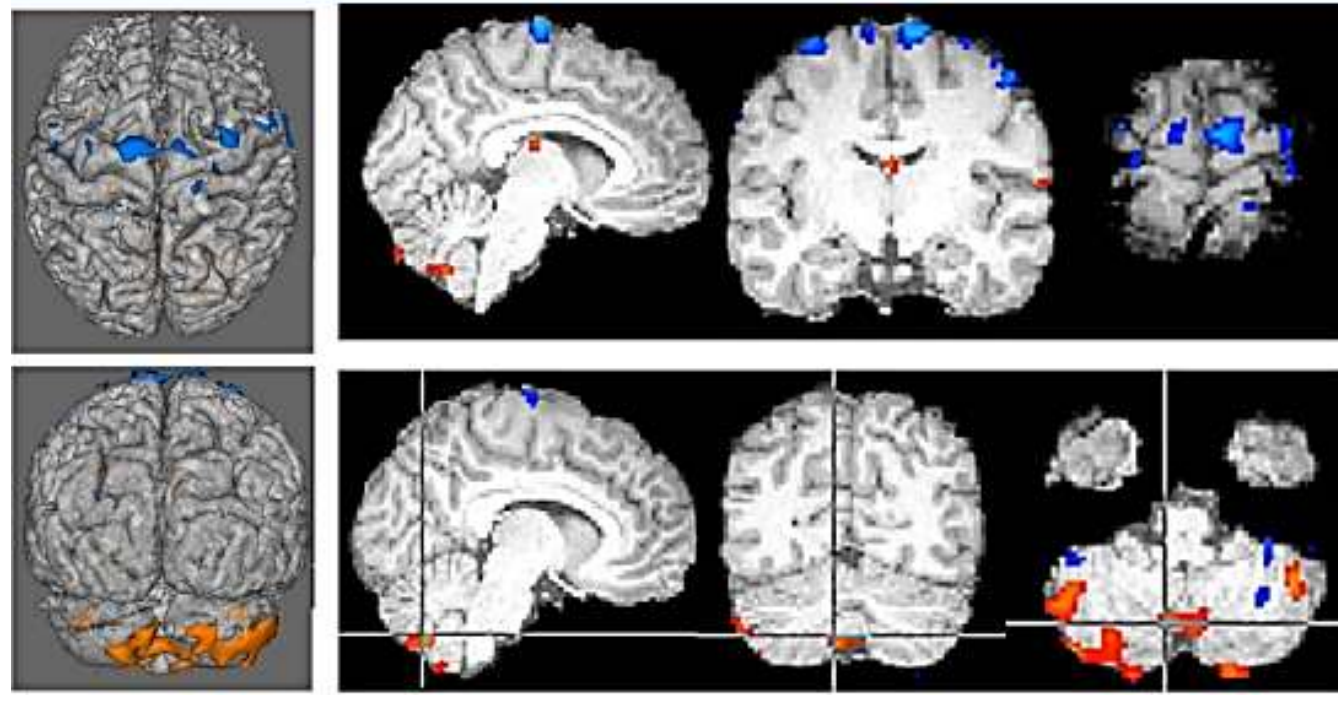
(ec-cen-tric)

(adj) Deviating from conventional or accepted usage or conduct especially in odd or whimsical ways.

LaWhimsy//Word Nerd

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Cross Education

Possible Mechanisms for the Contralateral Effects of Unilateral Resistance Training

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2.3.1 Modifications in Cortical Motor Pathways

Unilateral voluntary contractions can bring about complex changes in the state of cortical motor pathways controlling the contralateral homologous muscle. Motor-evoked potentials (MEPs) elicited by

Muellerbacher et al.^[41] have shown that the marked interhemispheric inhibition produced by an earlier conditioning TMS on the test MEP is almost completely abolished (i.e. becomes facilitated) when the contralateral homologous muscle is contracting at high force (>50% MVC). Using imaging tech-

2.3.2 Modifications in Spinal Pathways

High-force unilateral voluntary contractions are also known to affect the excitability of spinal motor pathways that project to the contralateral side. For

restricted to particular muscle groups, ages or genders. A recent meta-analysis determined that the magnitude of cross education is $\approx 7.8\%$ of the initial strength of the untrained limb. While many features of cross education have been established, the underlying mechanisms are unknown.

Cross Education

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Muellbacher et al.^[41] have shown that the marked interhemispheric inhibition produced by an earlier conditioning TMS on the test MEP is almost completely abolished (i.e. becomes facilitated) when the contralateral homologous muscle is contracting at high force (>50% MVC). Using imaging tech-

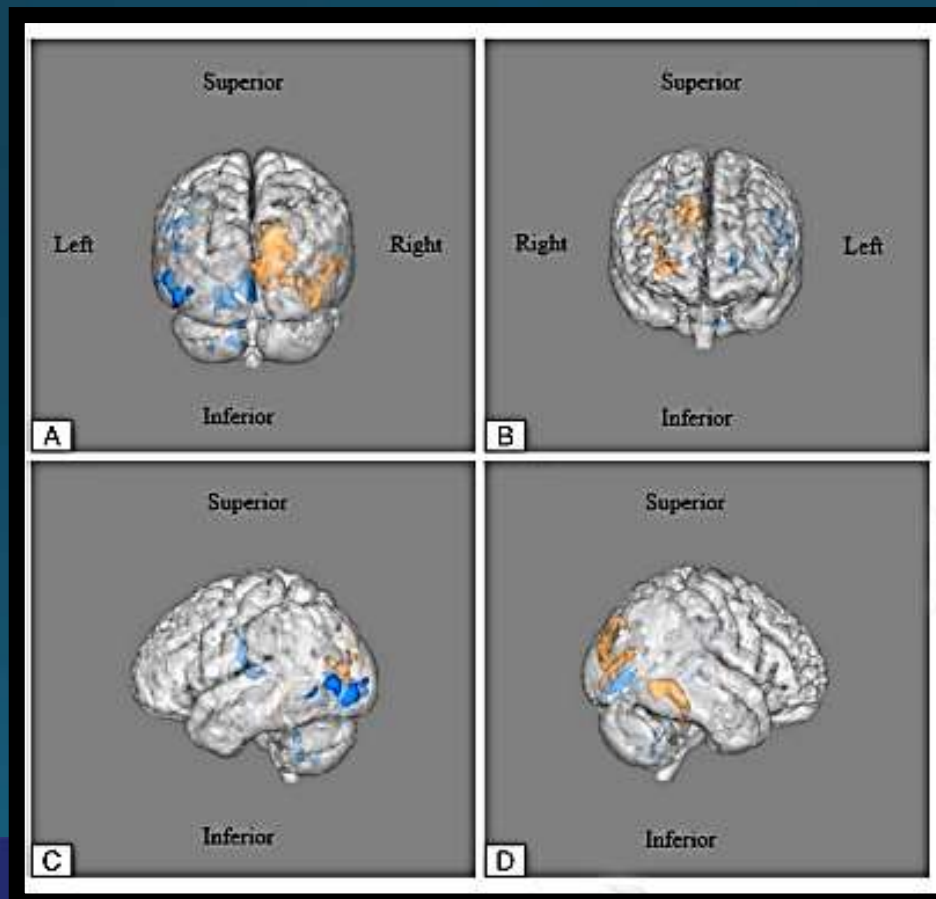
2.3.2 Modifications in Spinal Pathways

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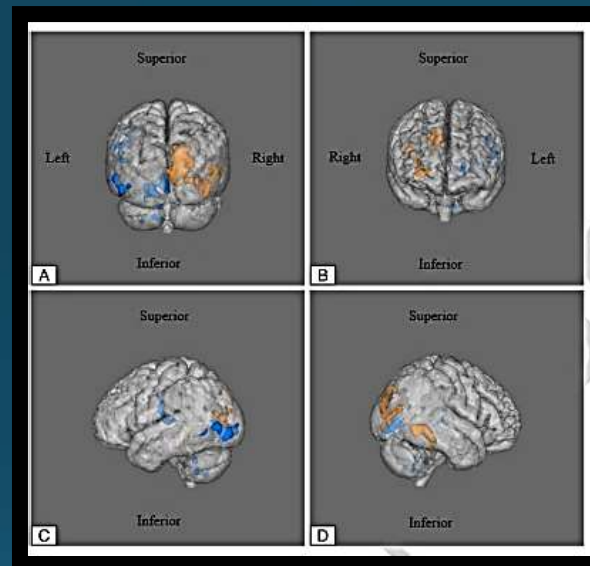
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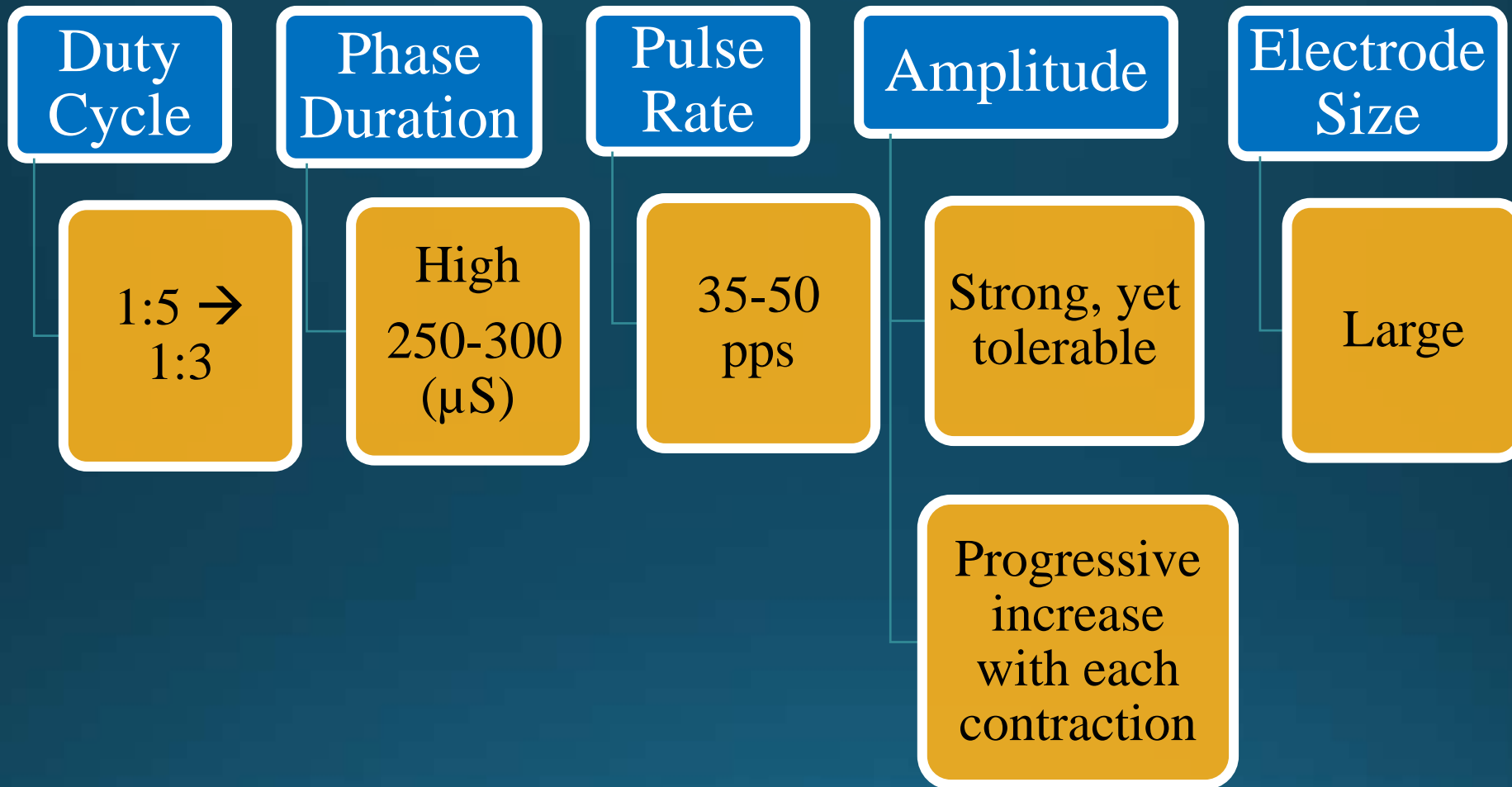


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2017 Recommendation



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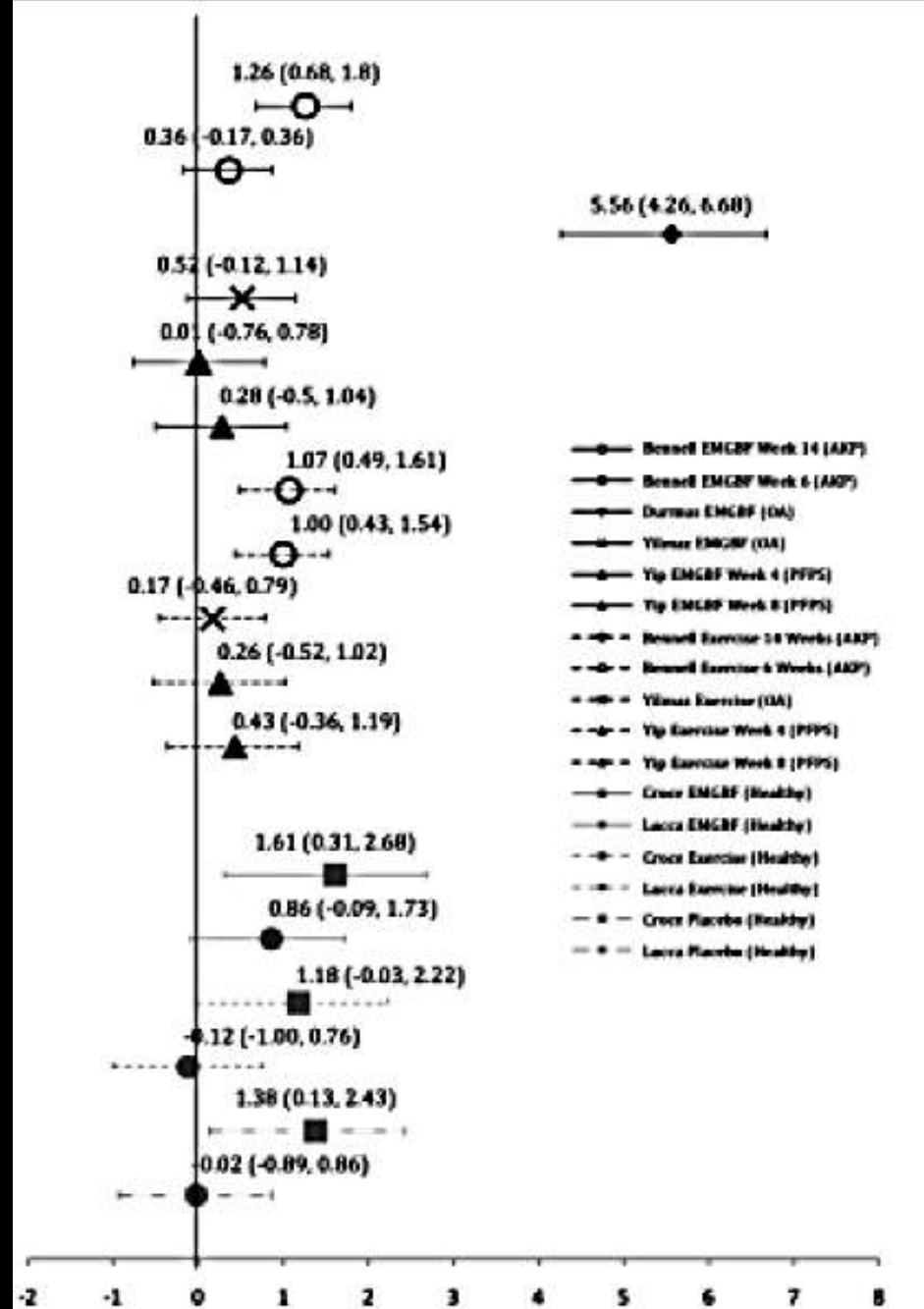


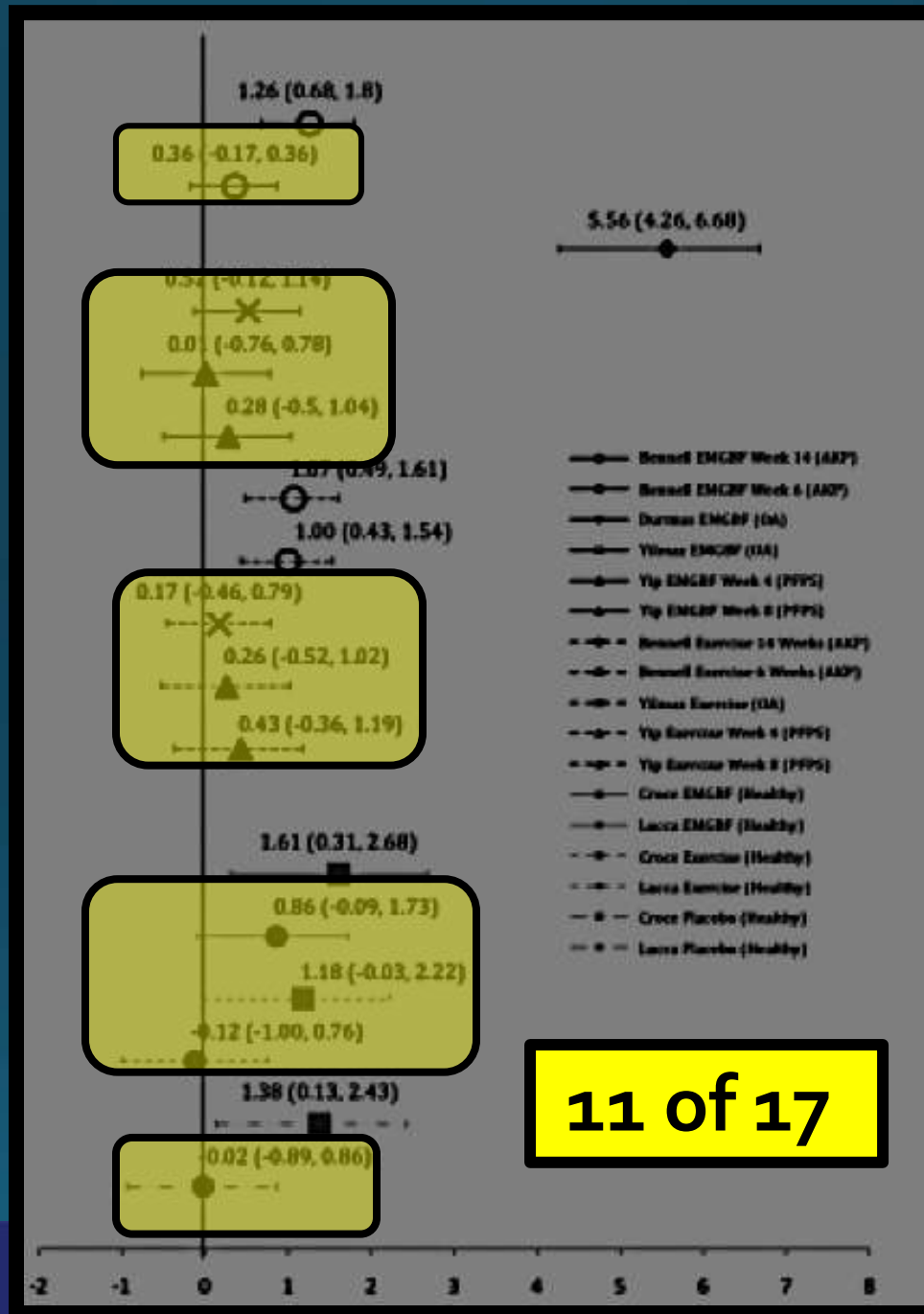
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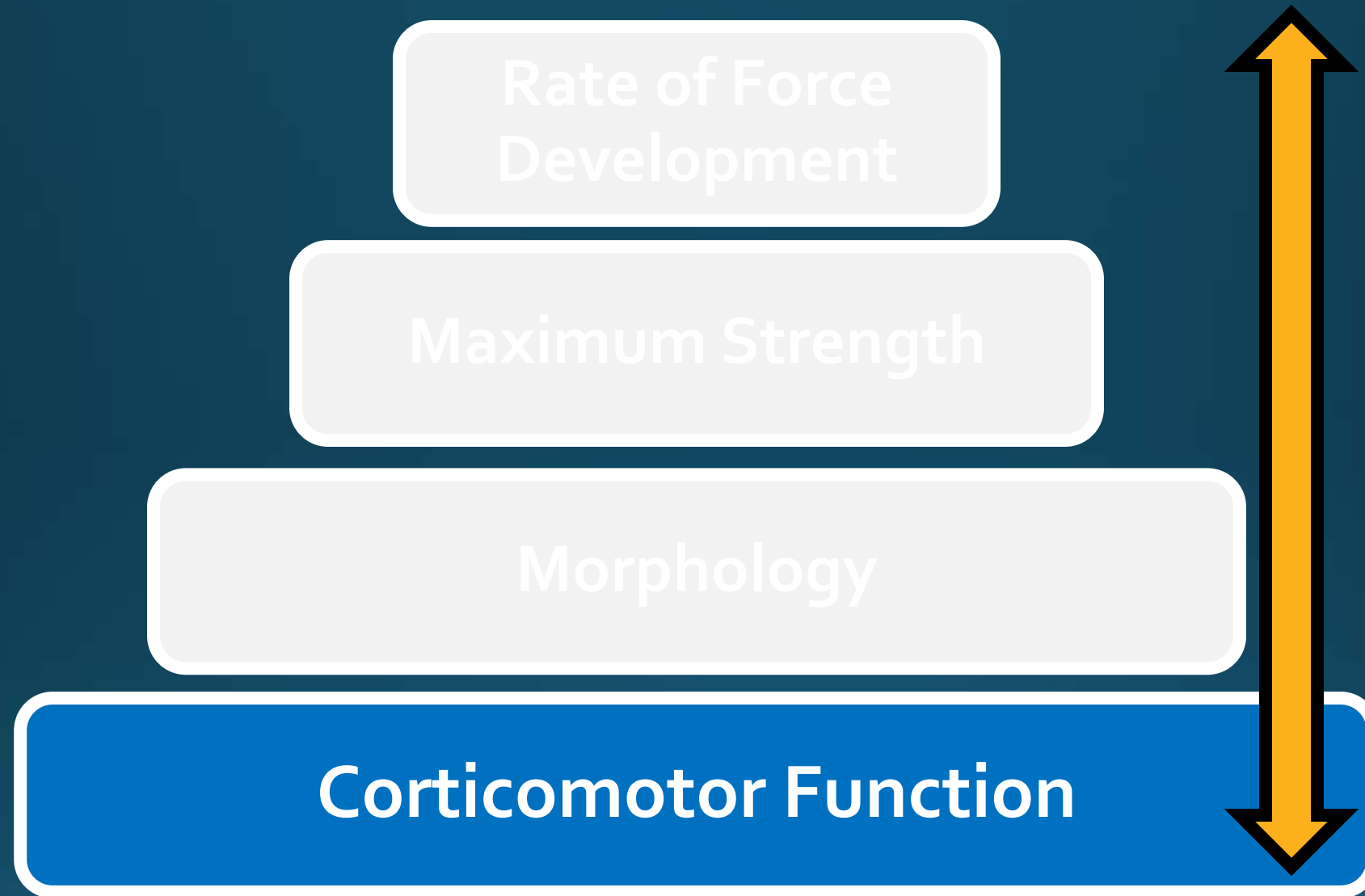
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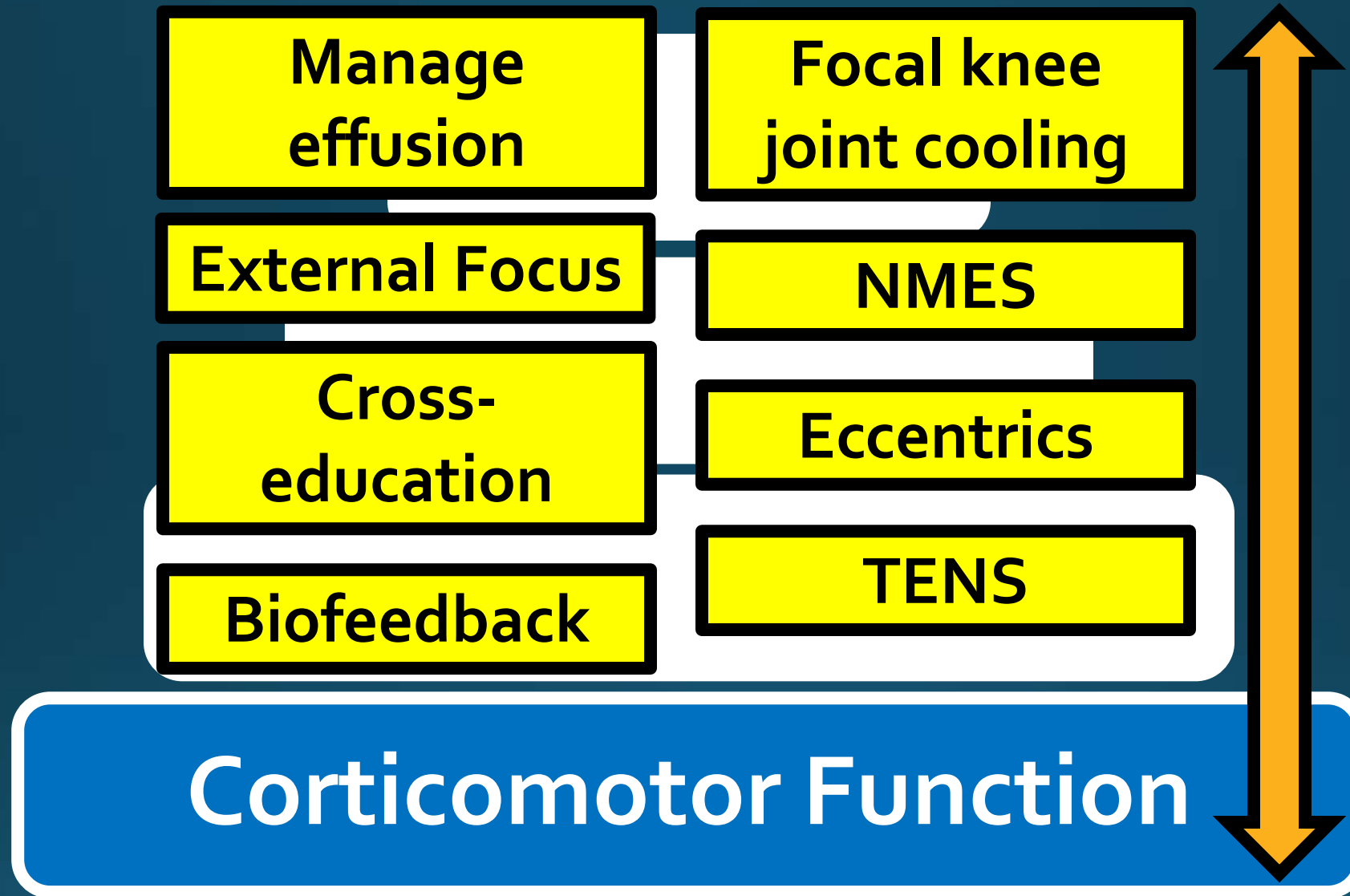




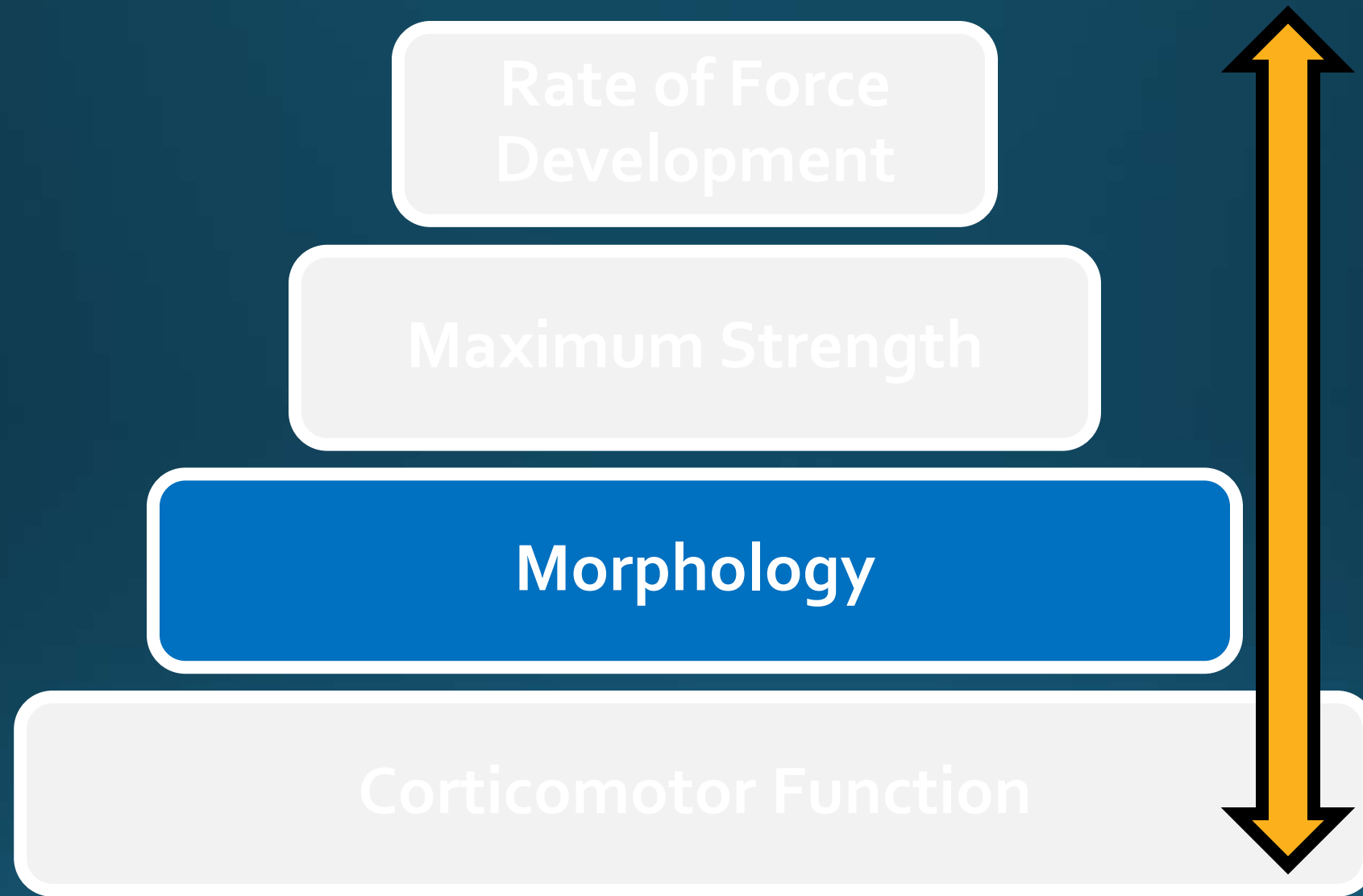


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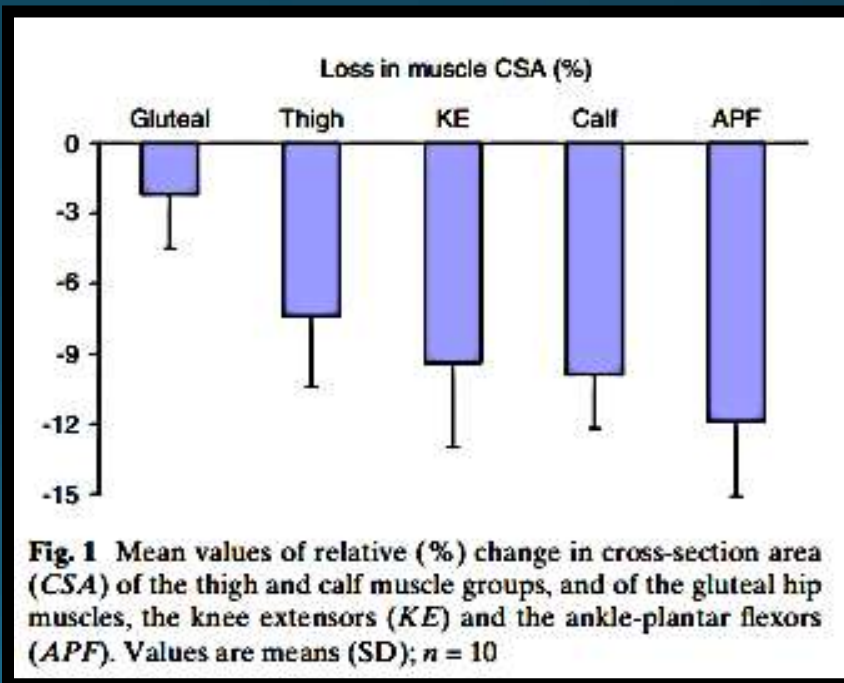


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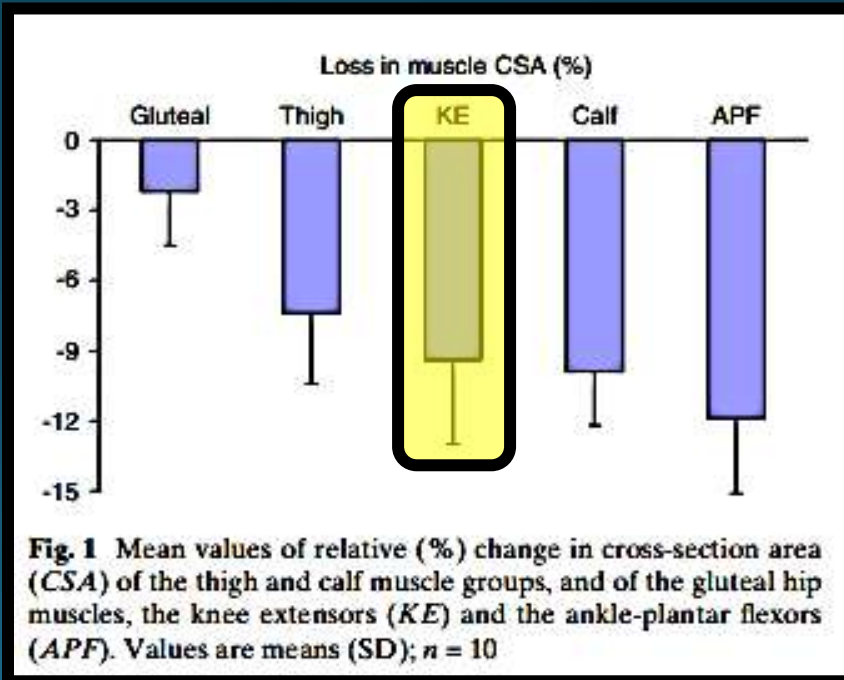
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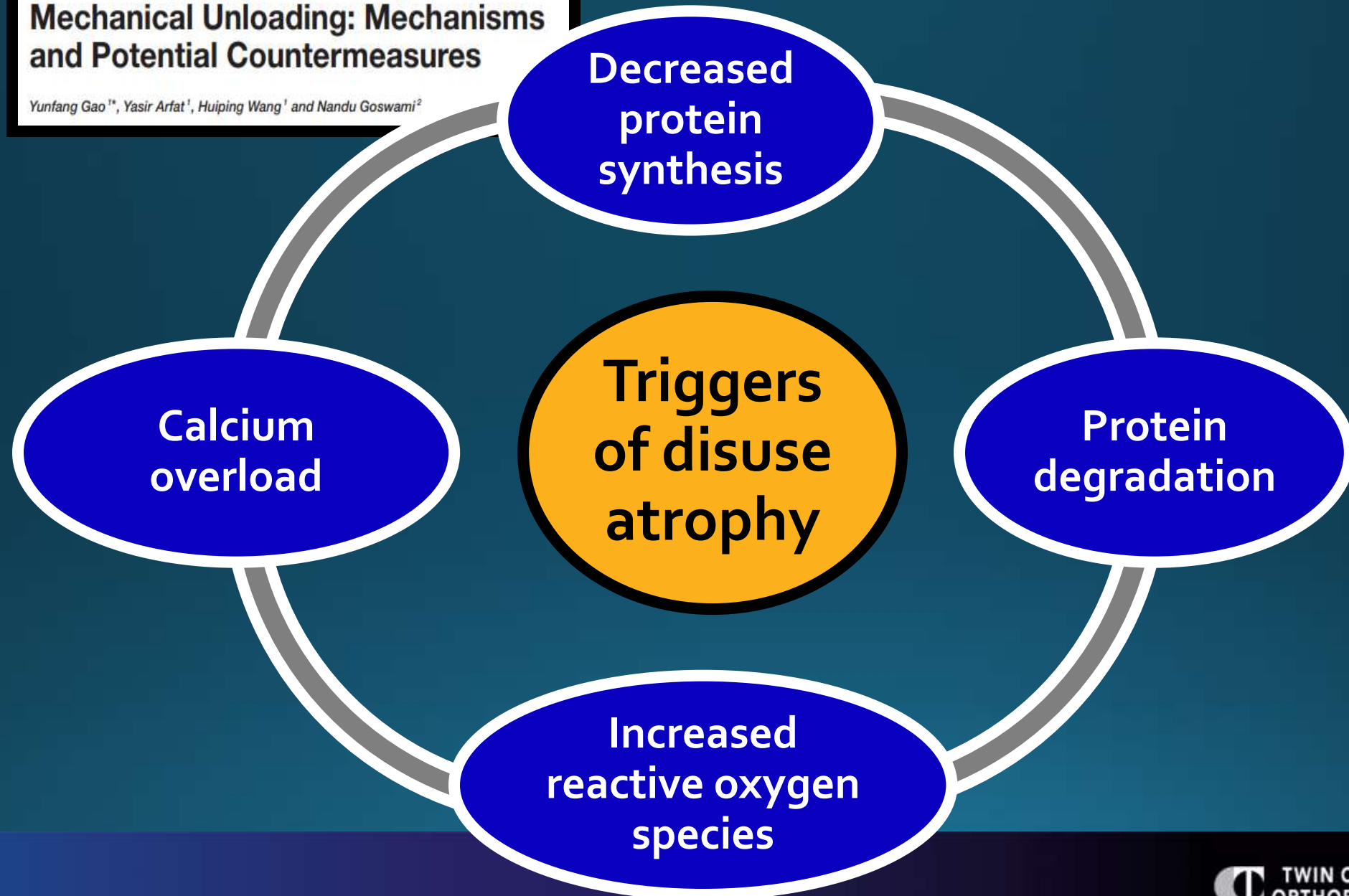
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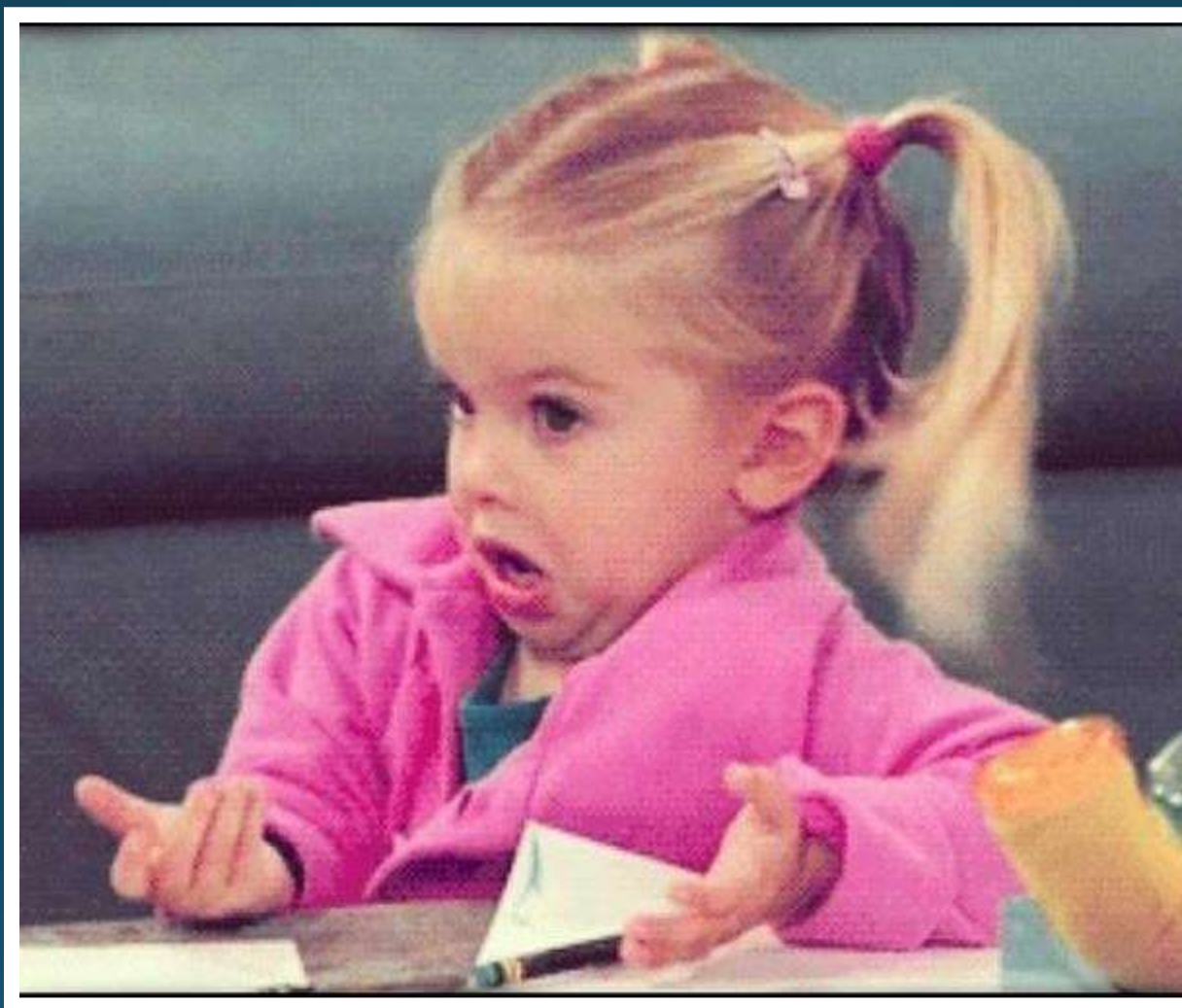
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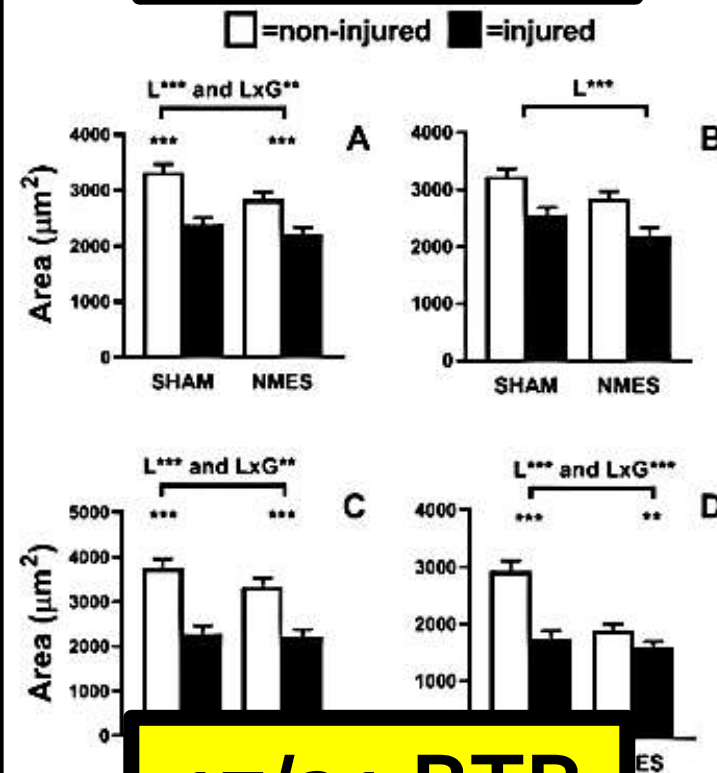
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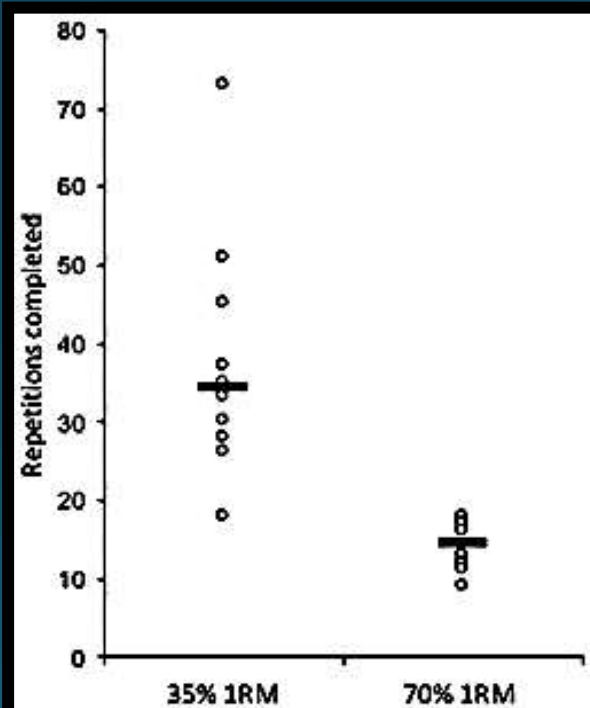
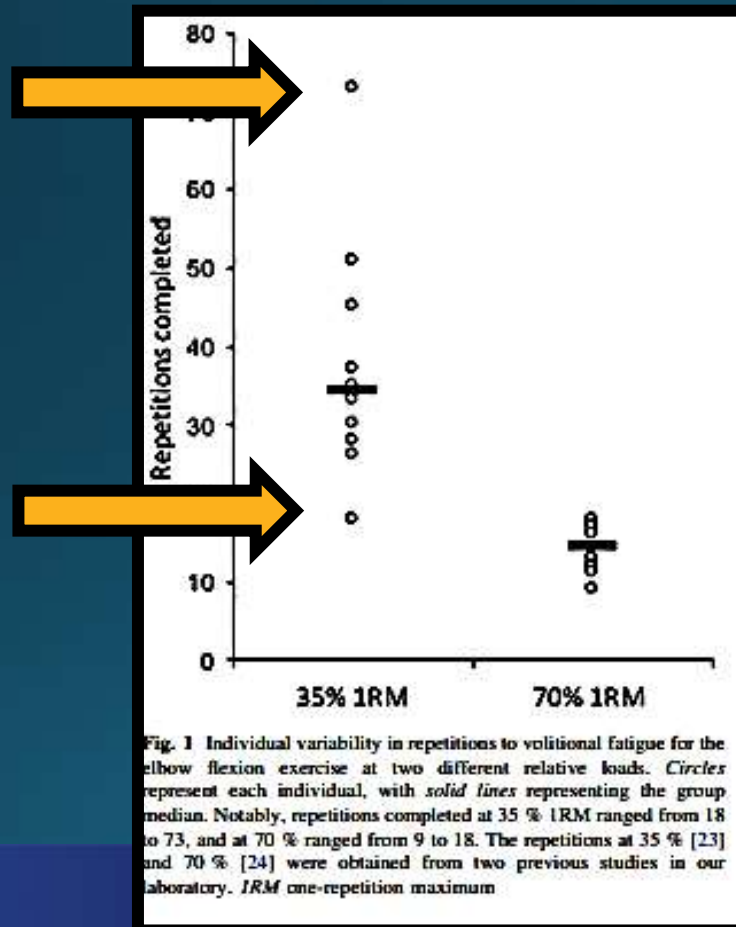


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Table 4. *Energy System Training Parameters*

| | Work Interval | | Recovery | | Series | | Adaptation |
|--|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
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| | Zone 3 | 4-6 min | Zone 1 | | | | |

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| ↑ Motor unit recruitment | ↑ Force production | ↑ Force production capacity |
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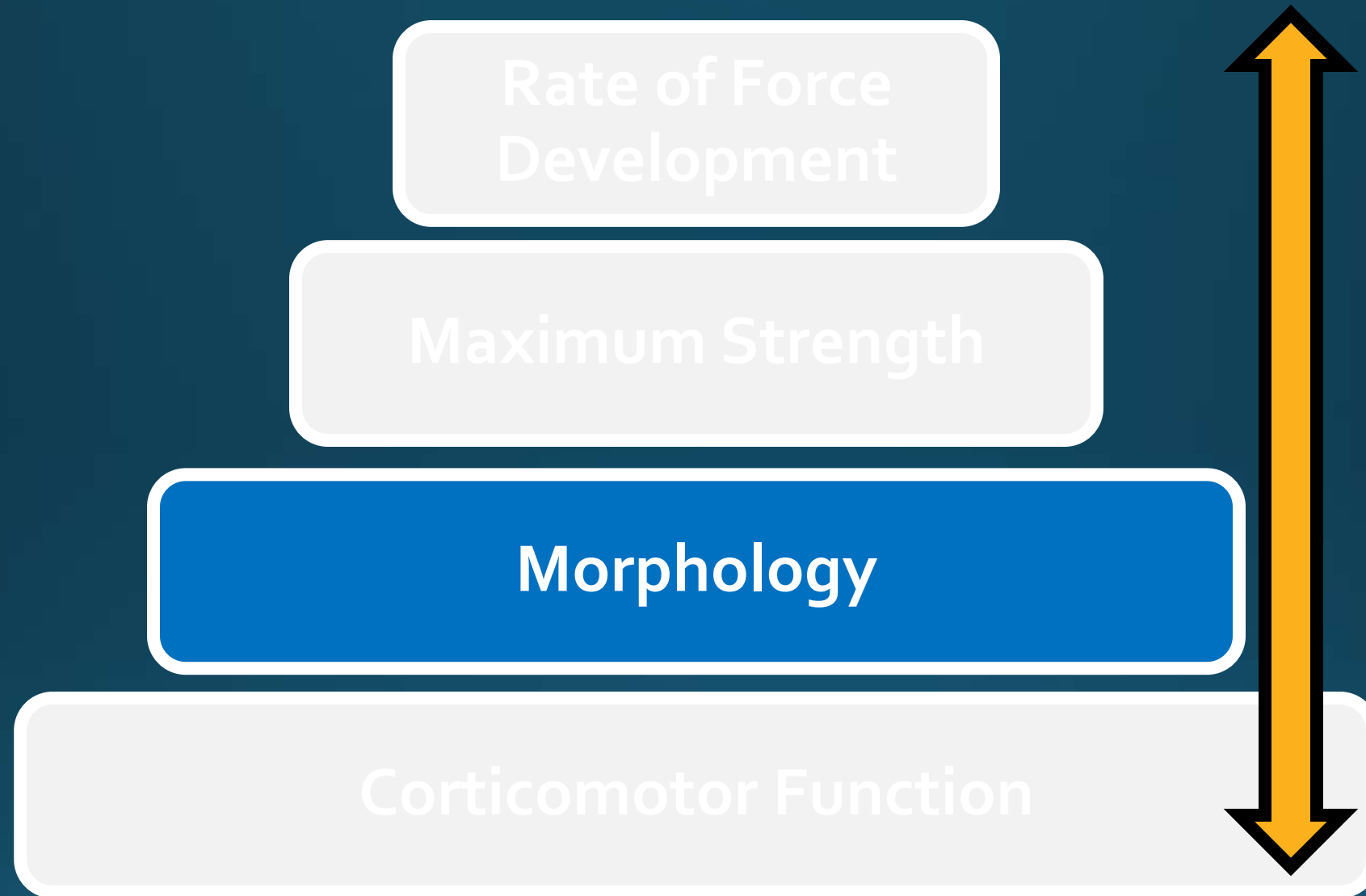
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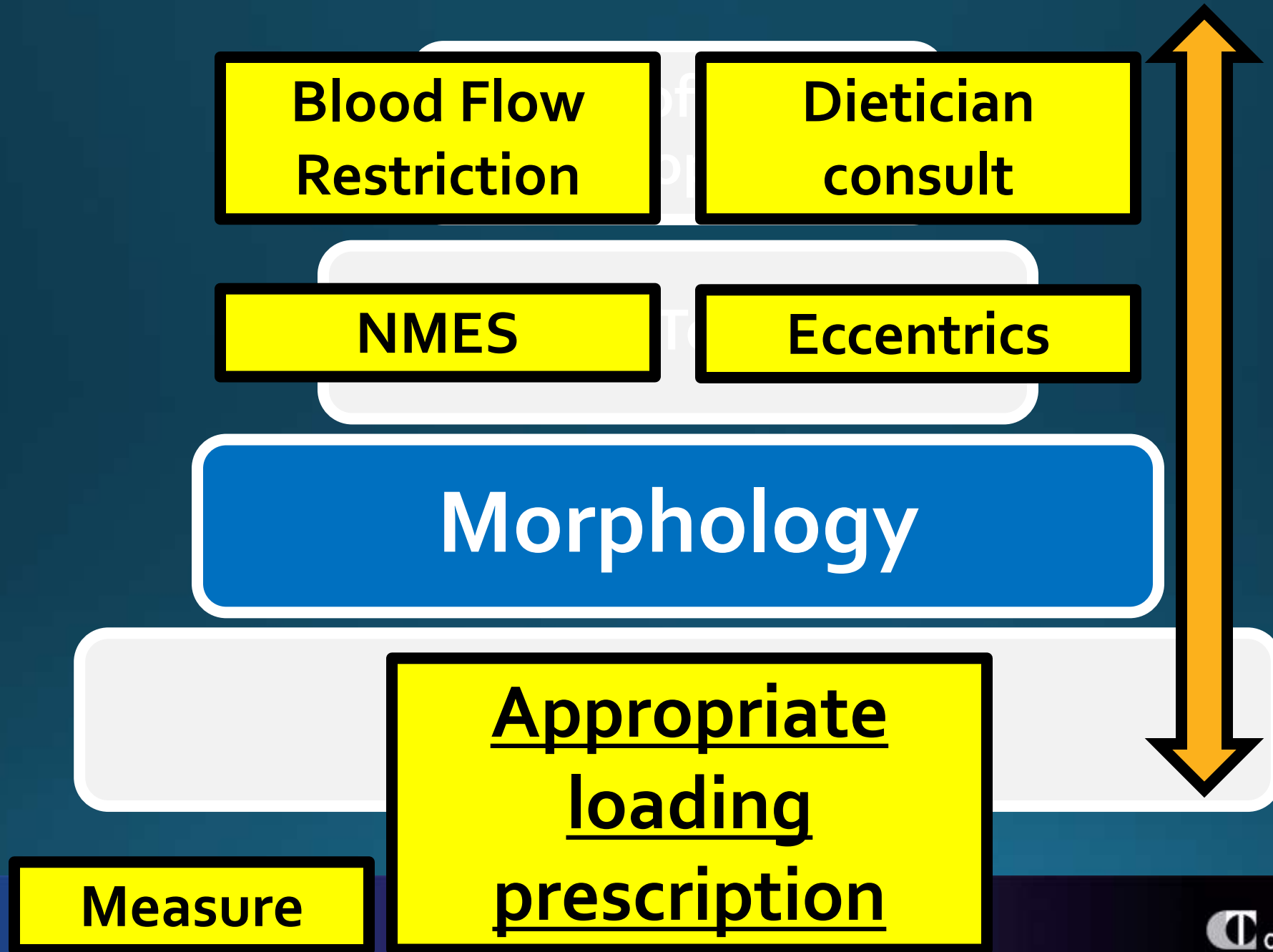
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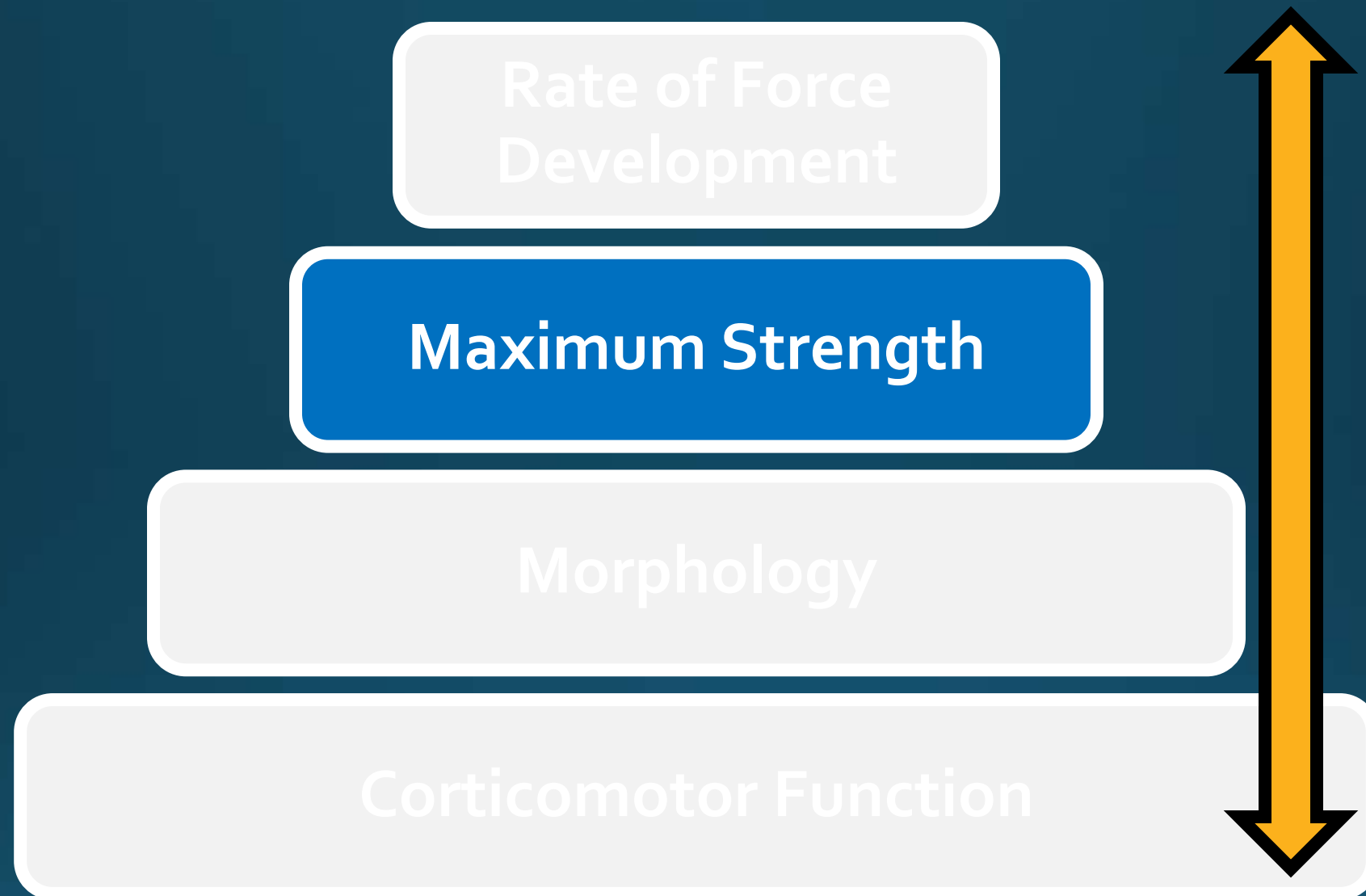
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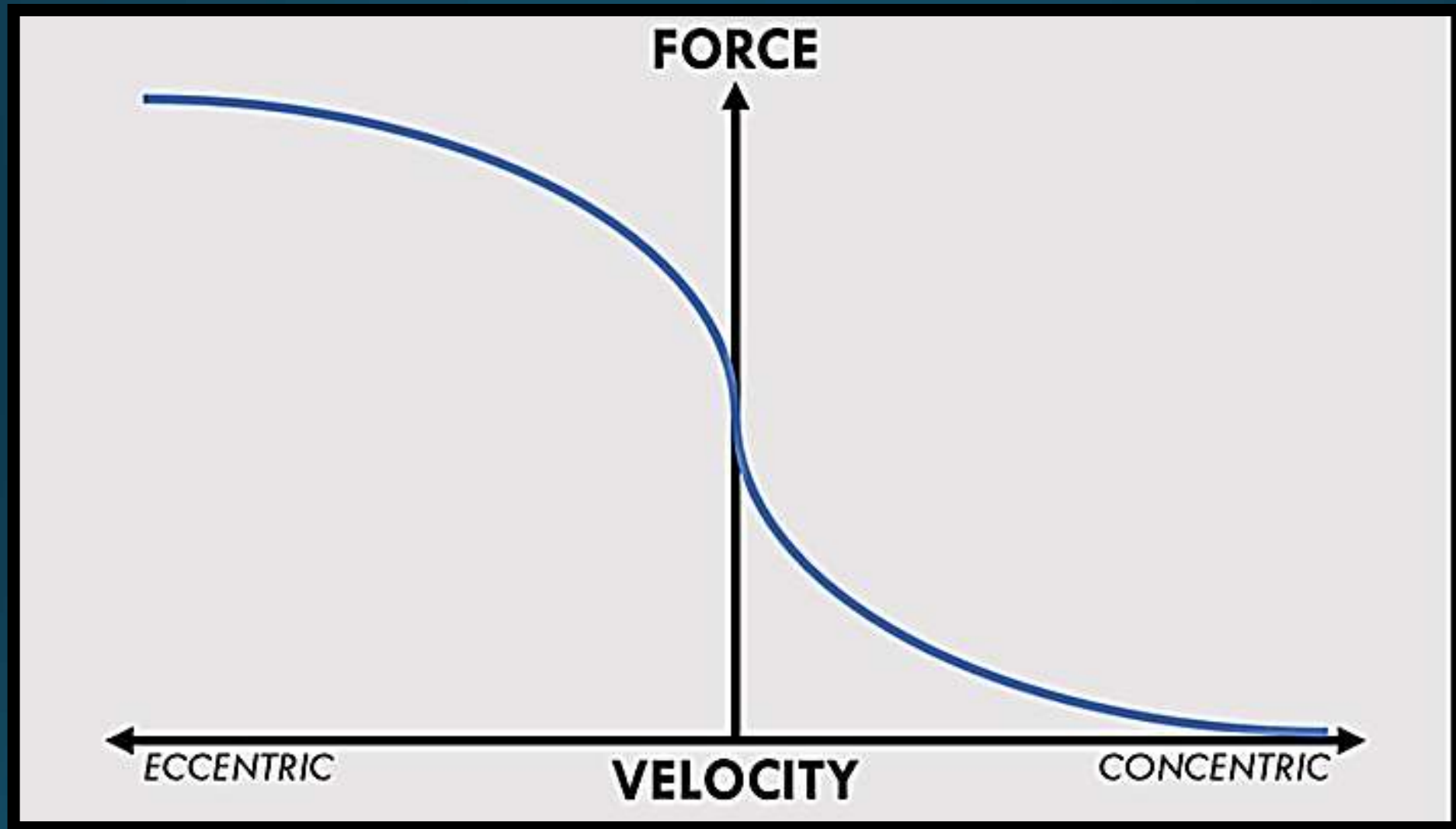
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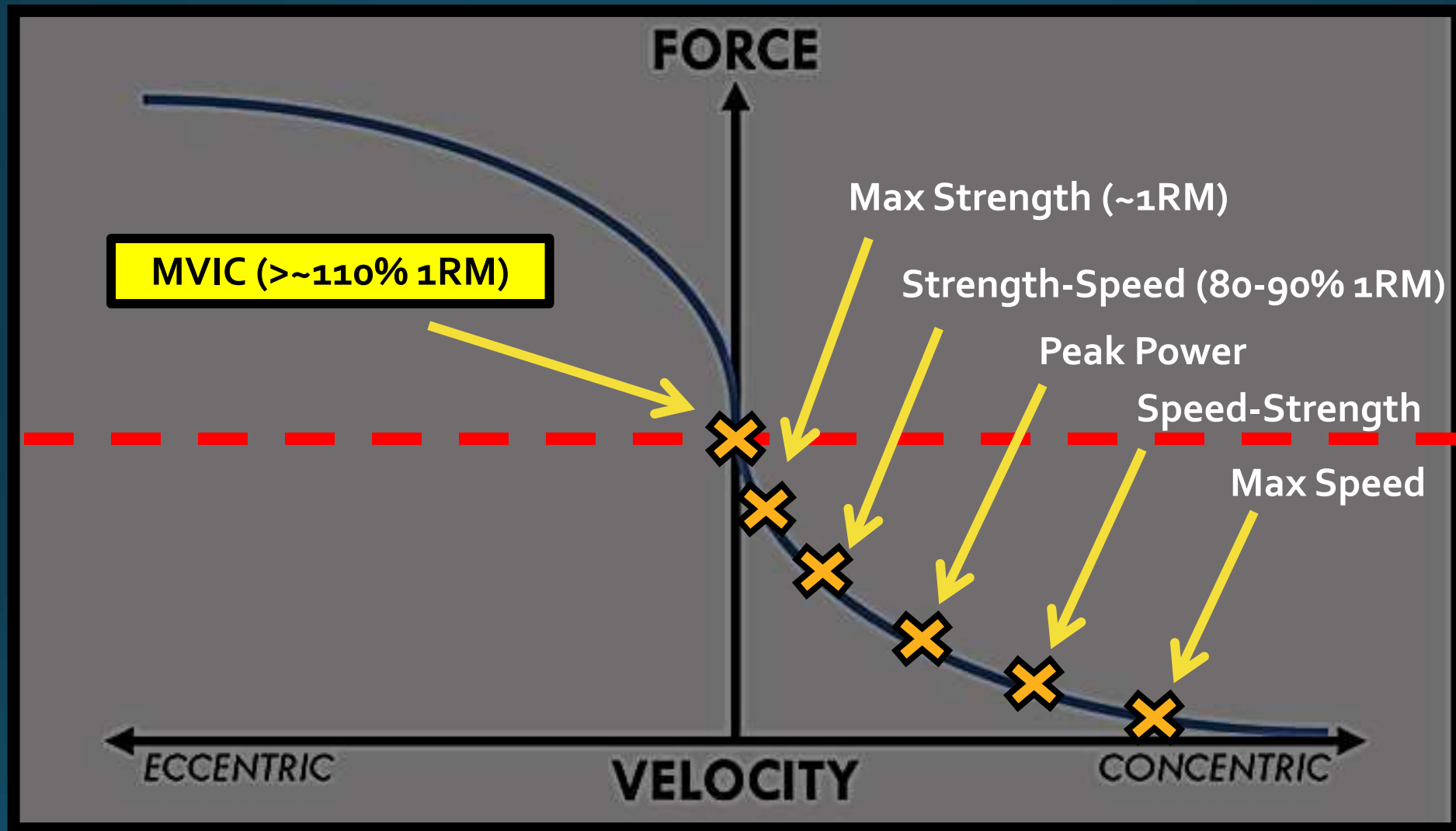
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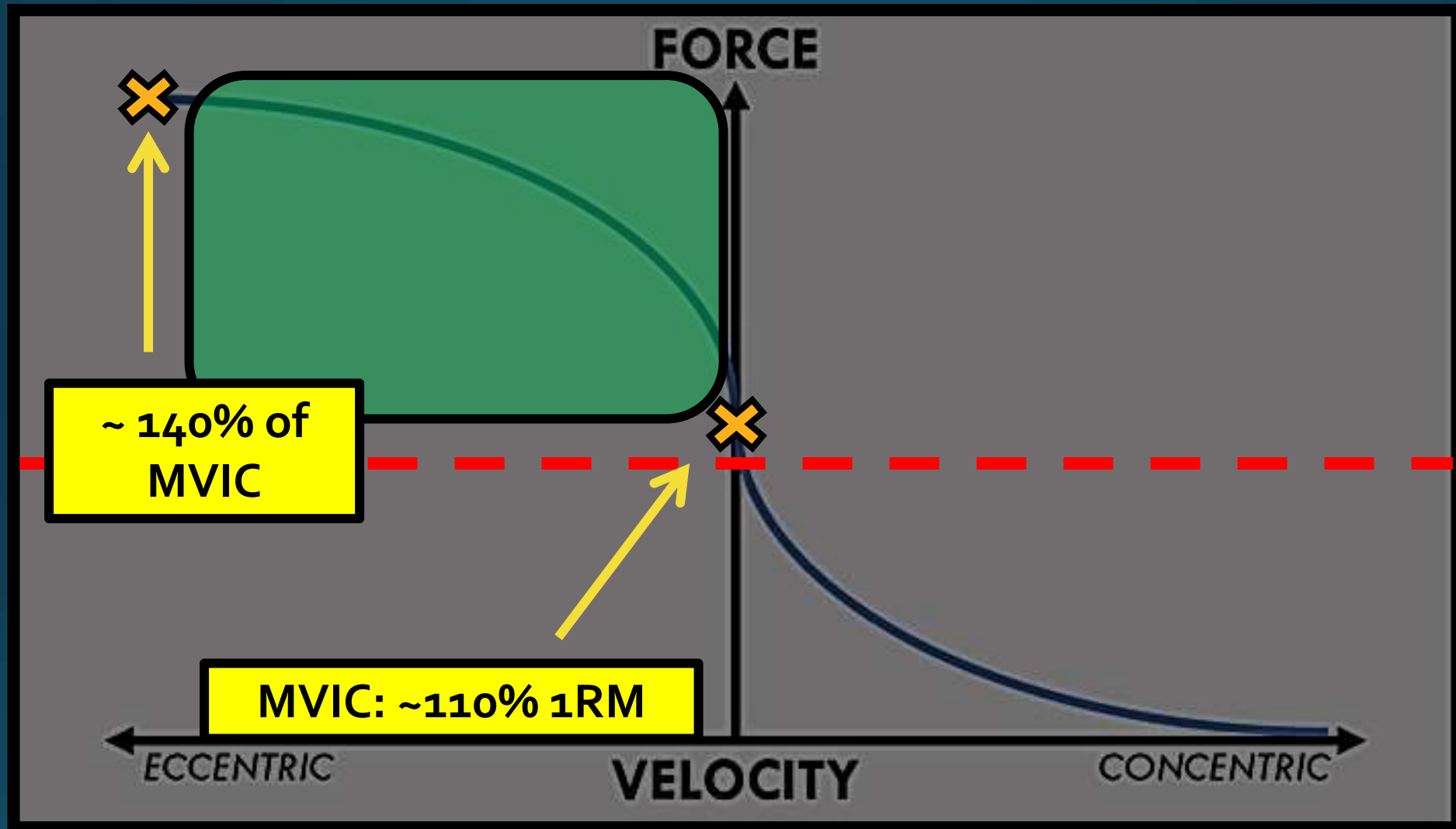


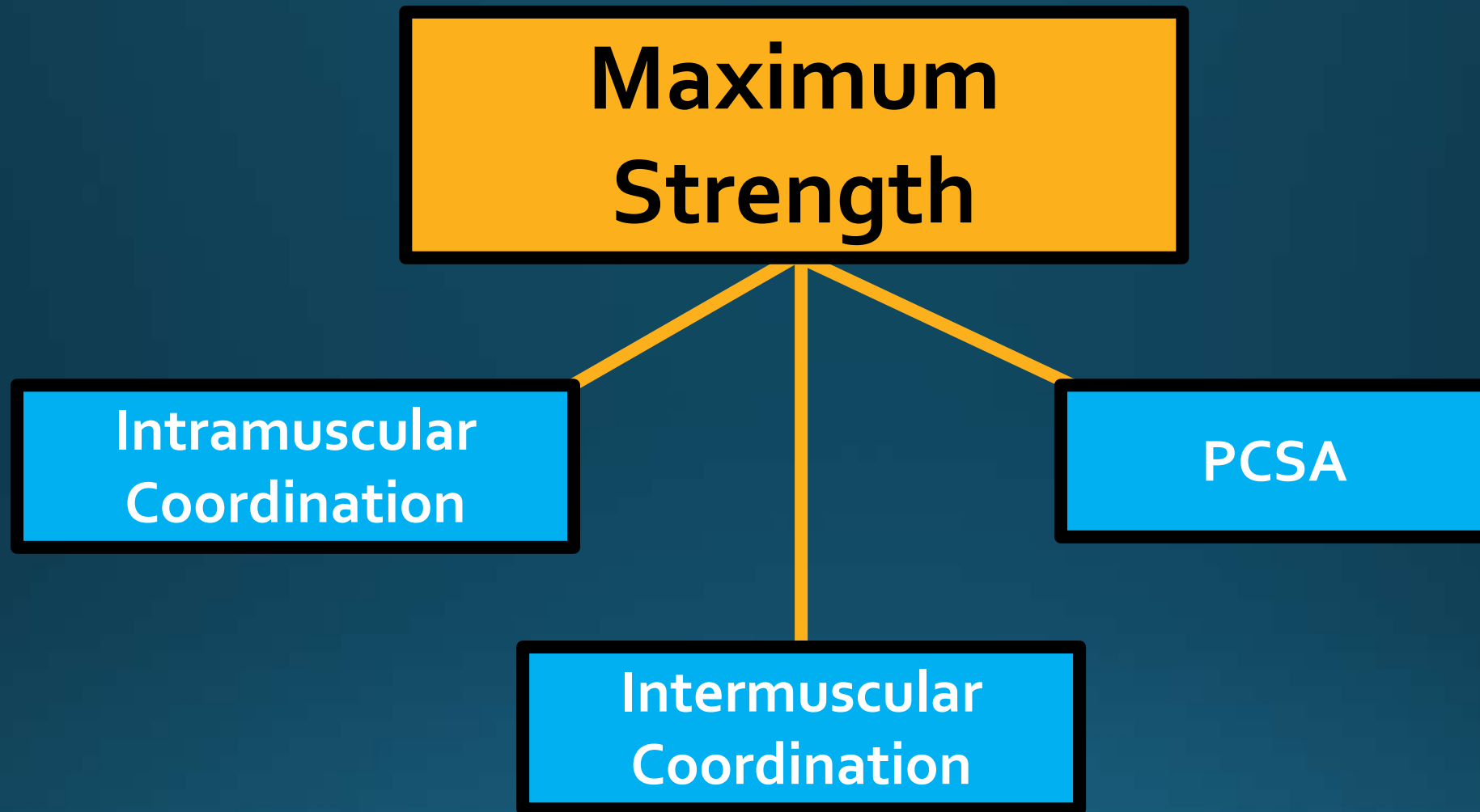






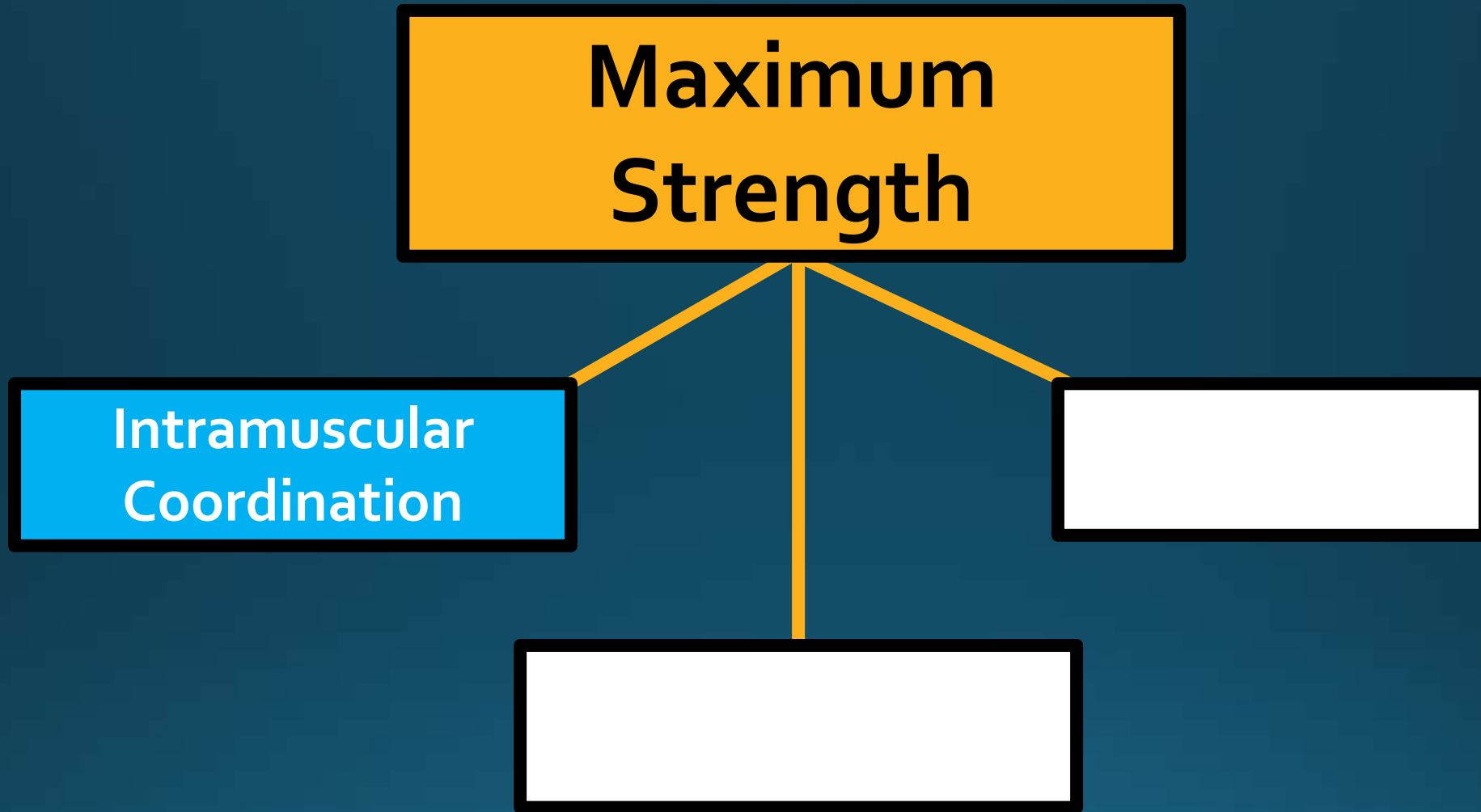


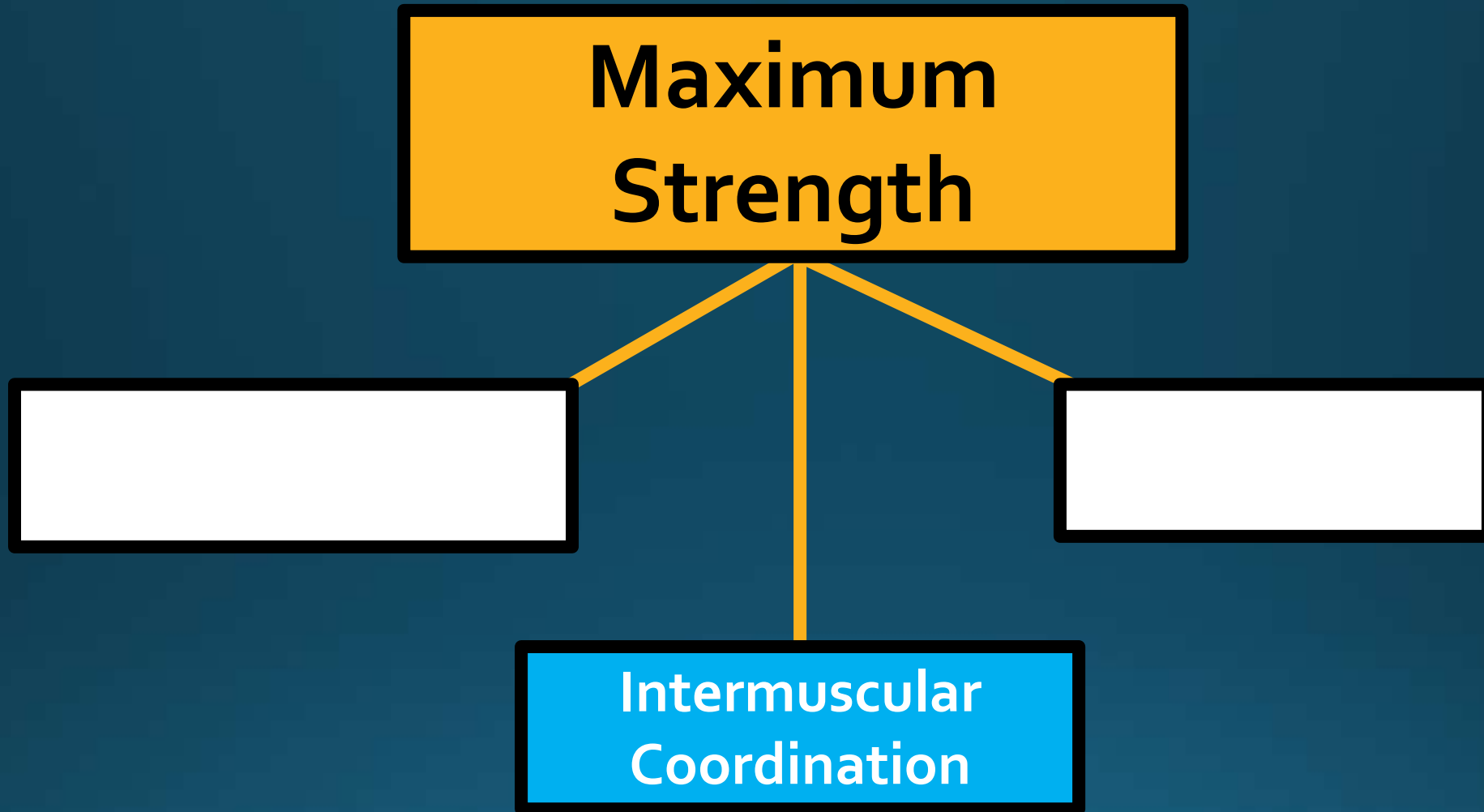


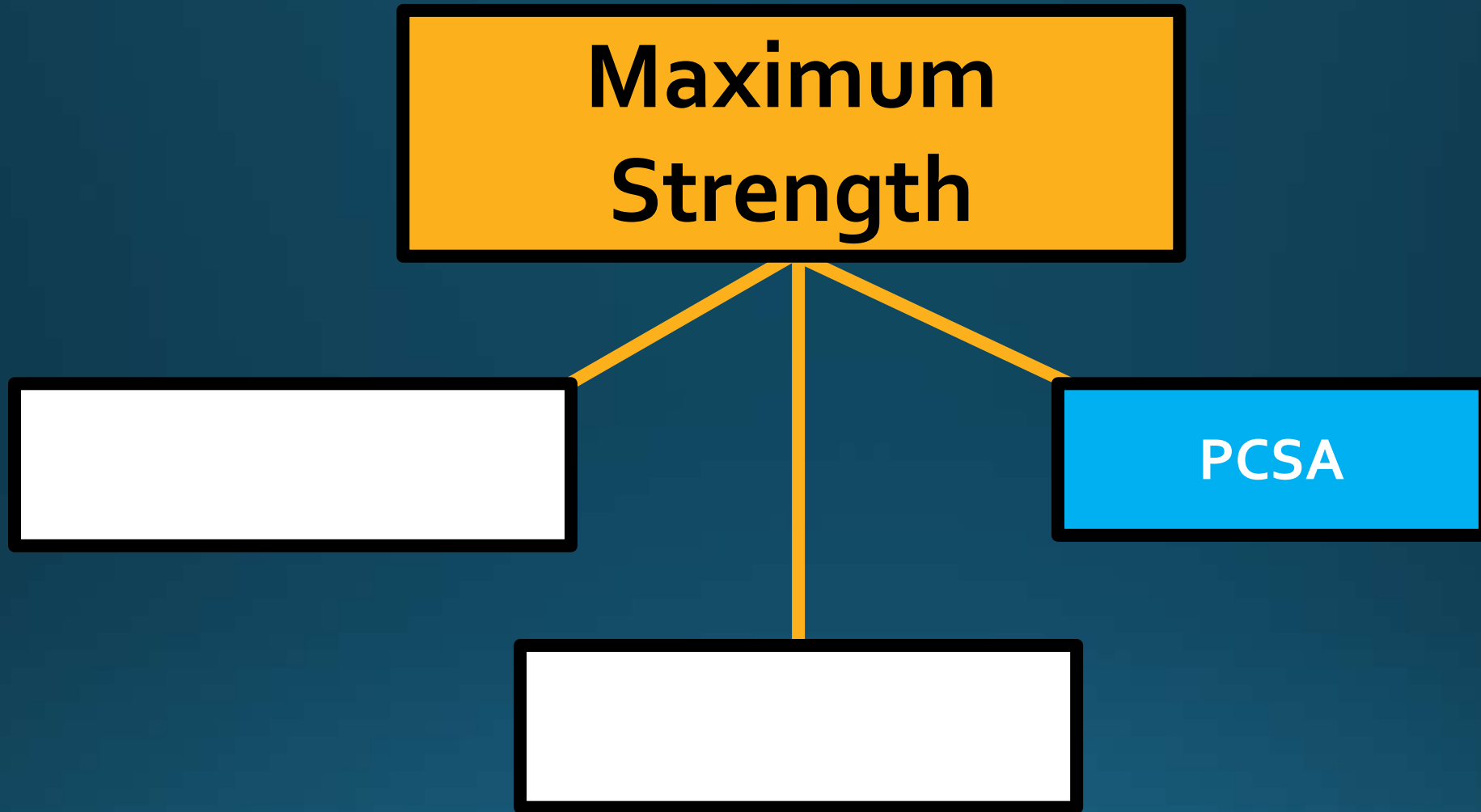


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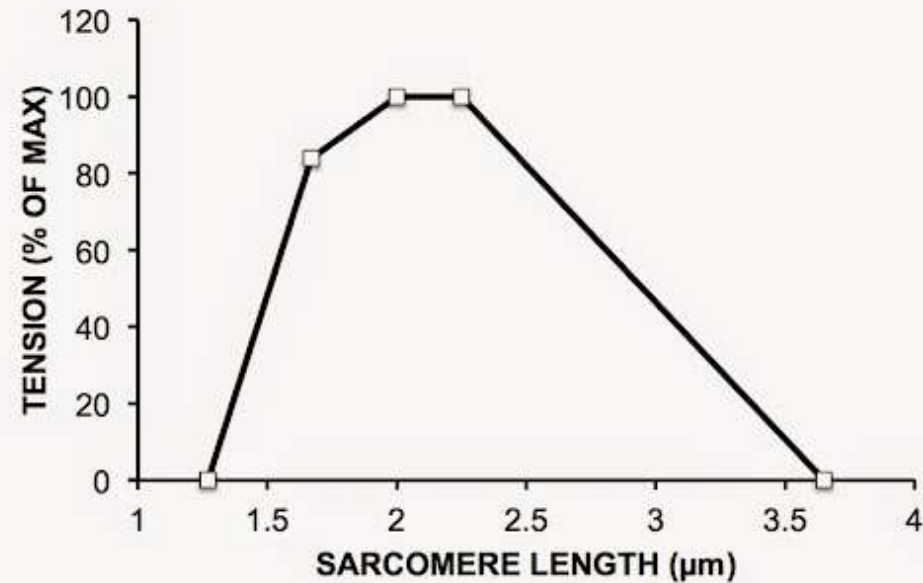
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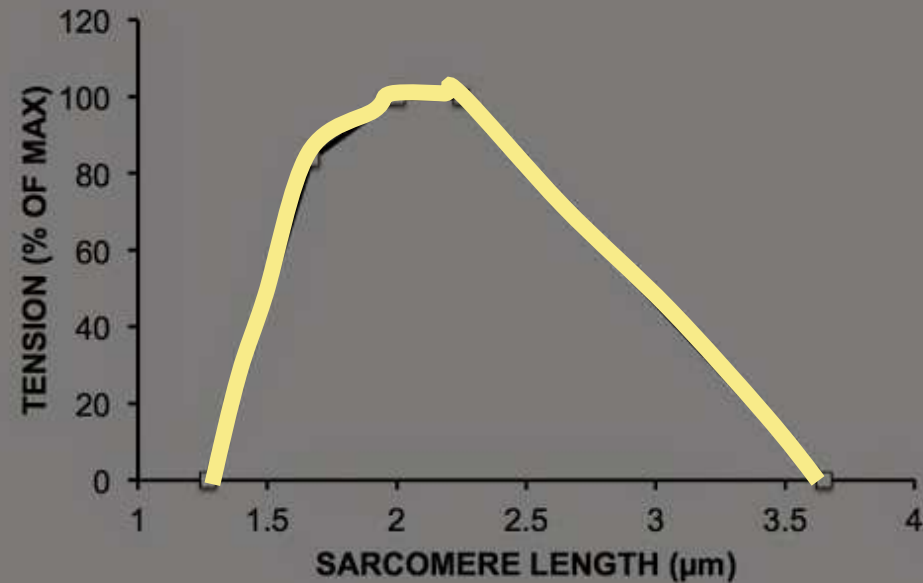


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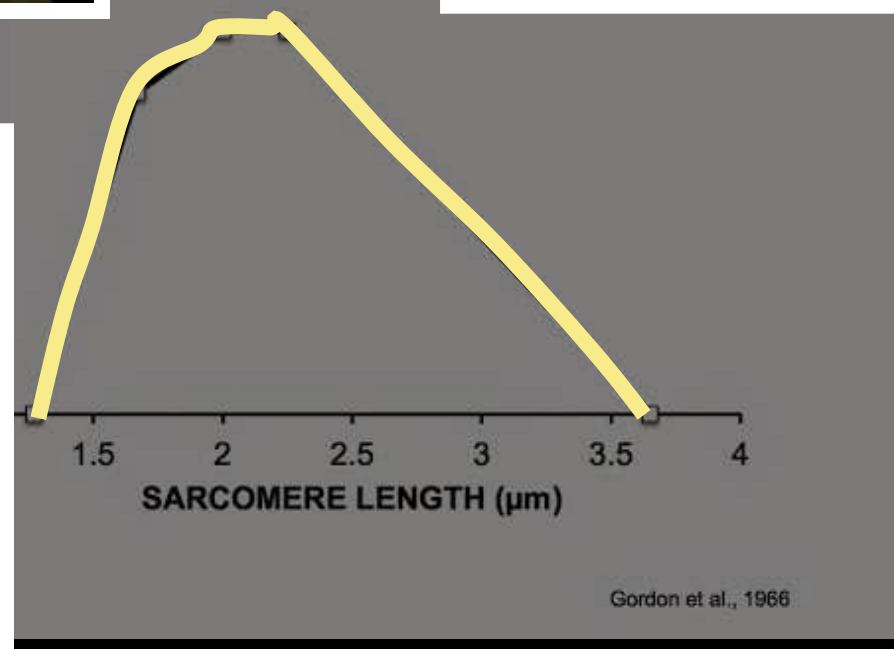


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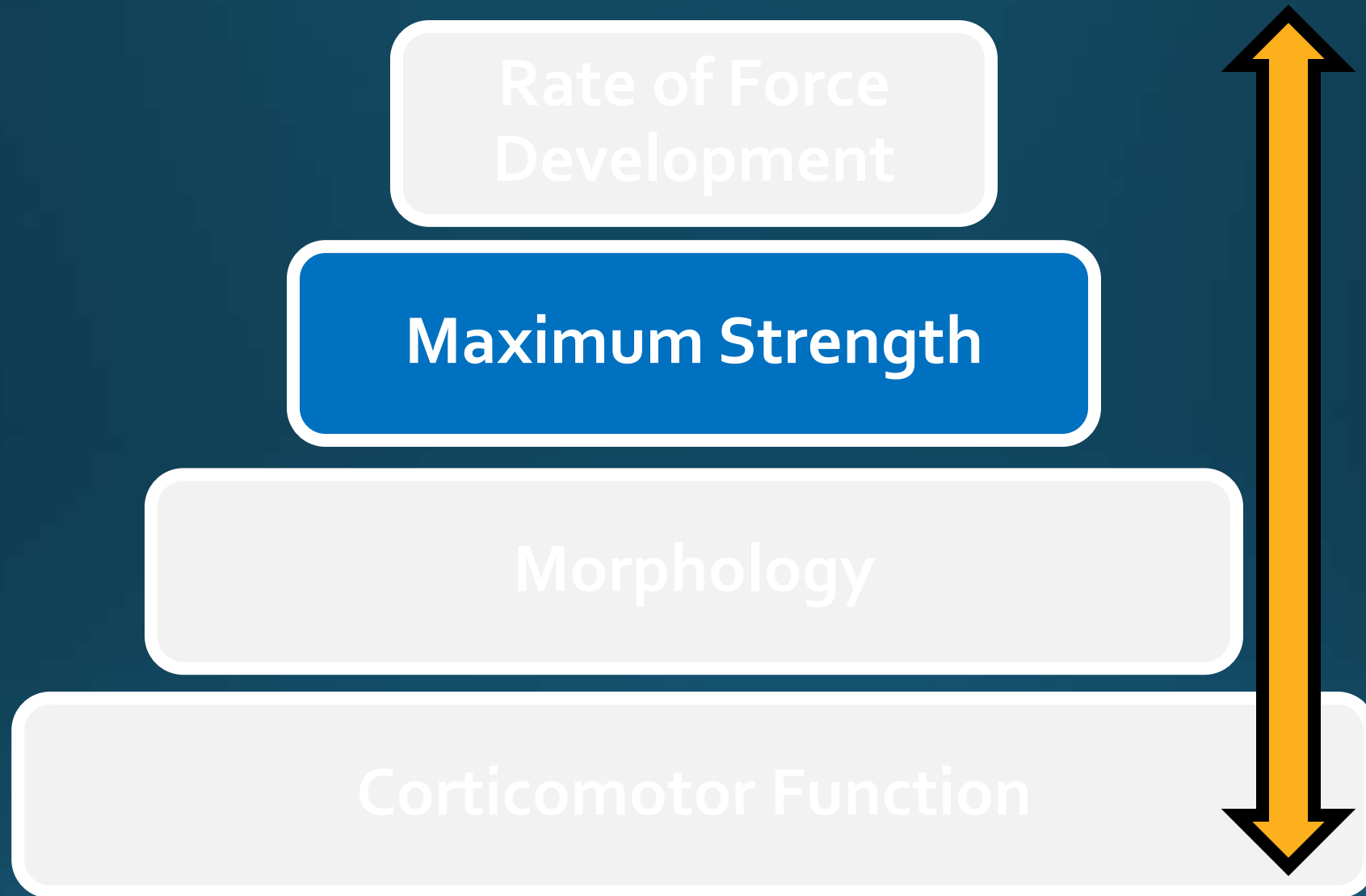
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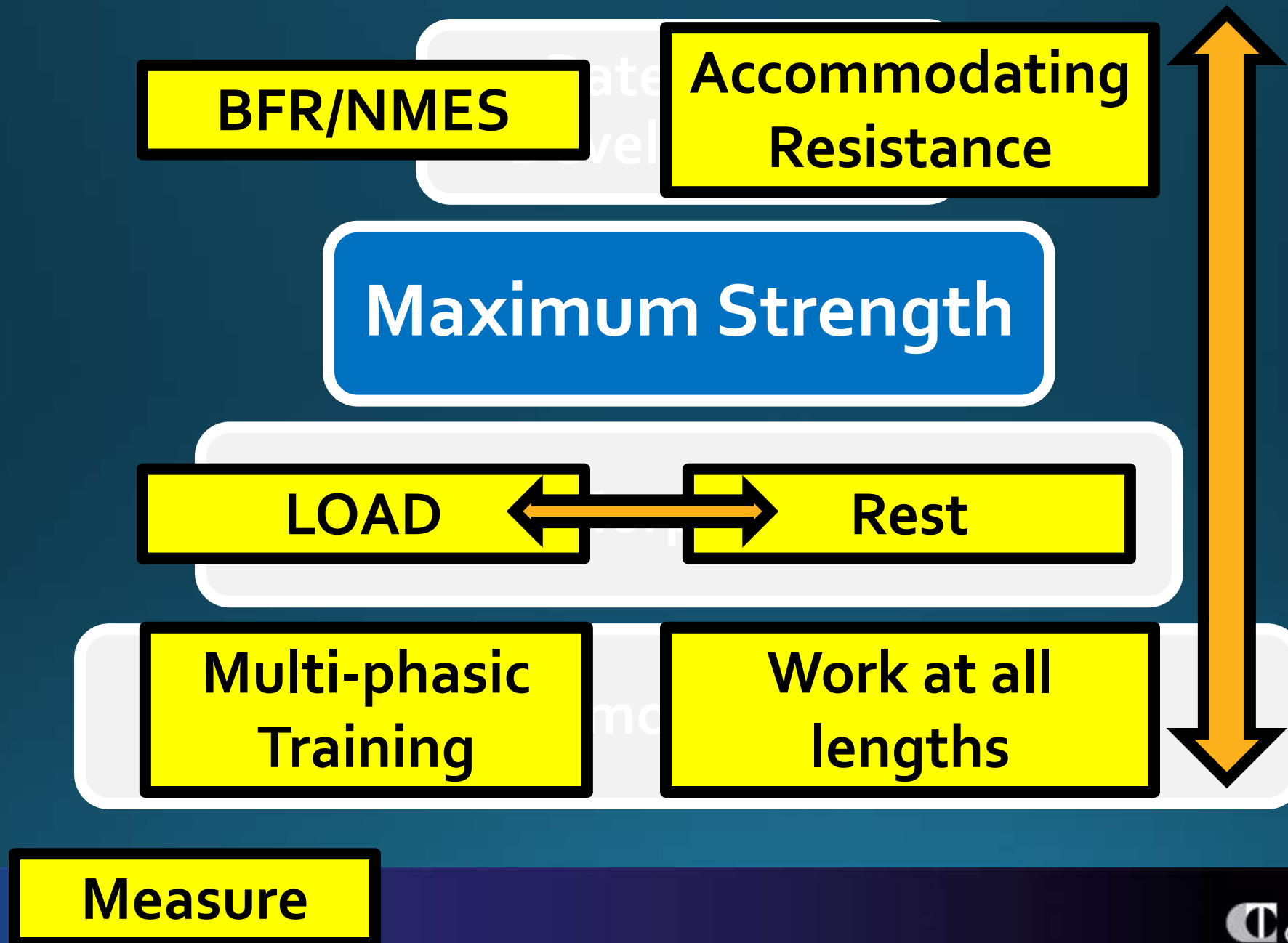
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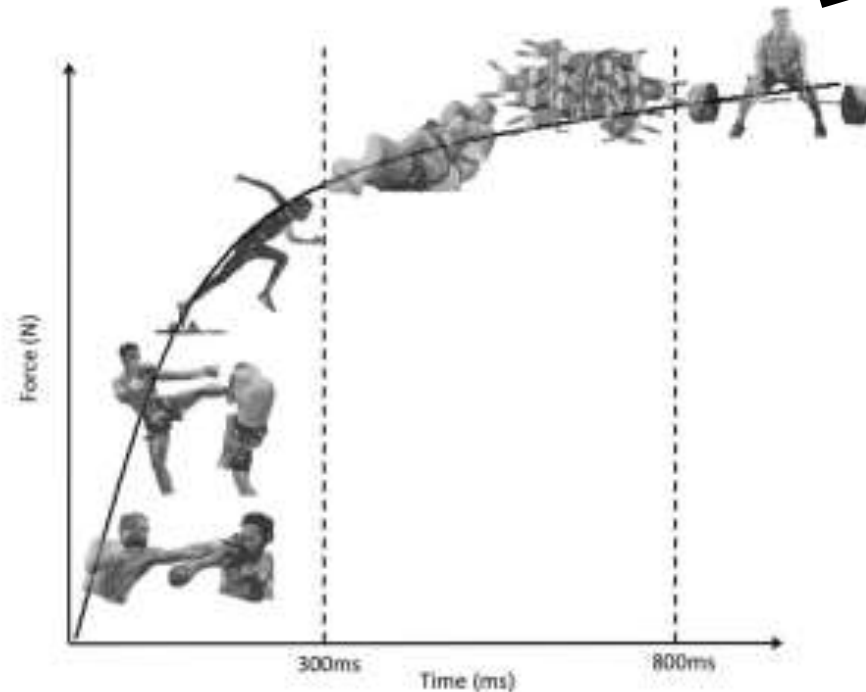
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(<50 ms)

Hamstring strain
(50-100 ms)

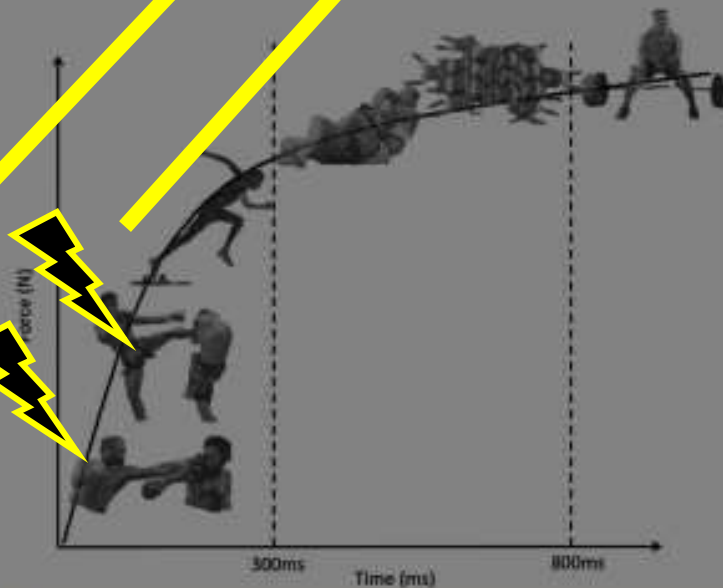
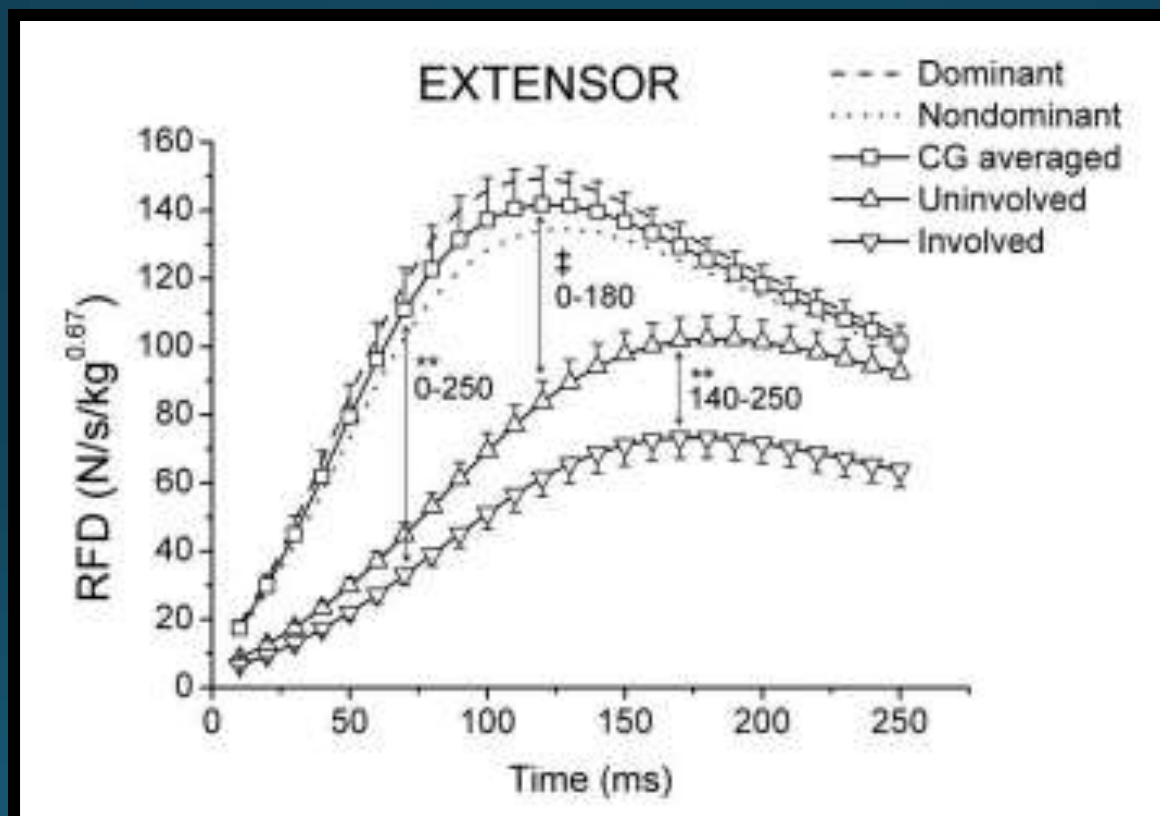


Figure 1: Force-time curve reveals that maximum force is not instantaneously developed, taking as much as 0.6–0.8 seconds to develop. The majority of athletic movements, however, occur within <0.3 seconds.

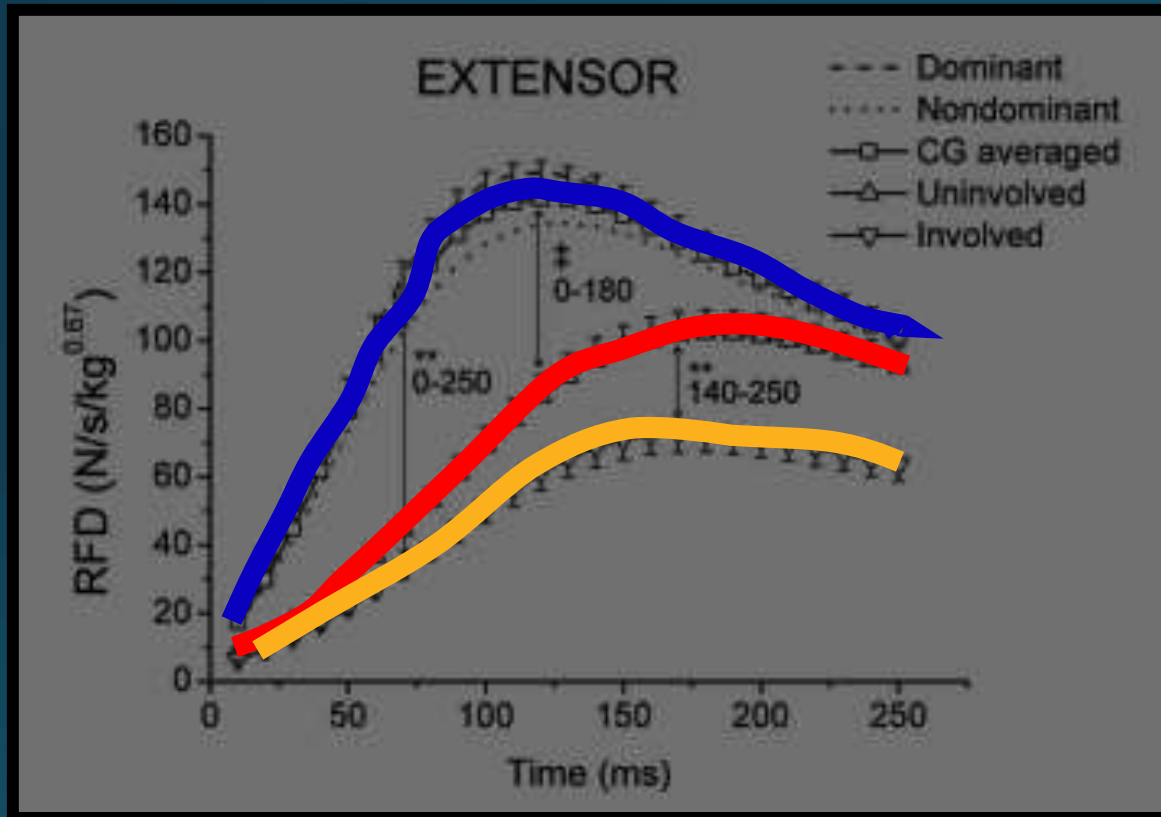
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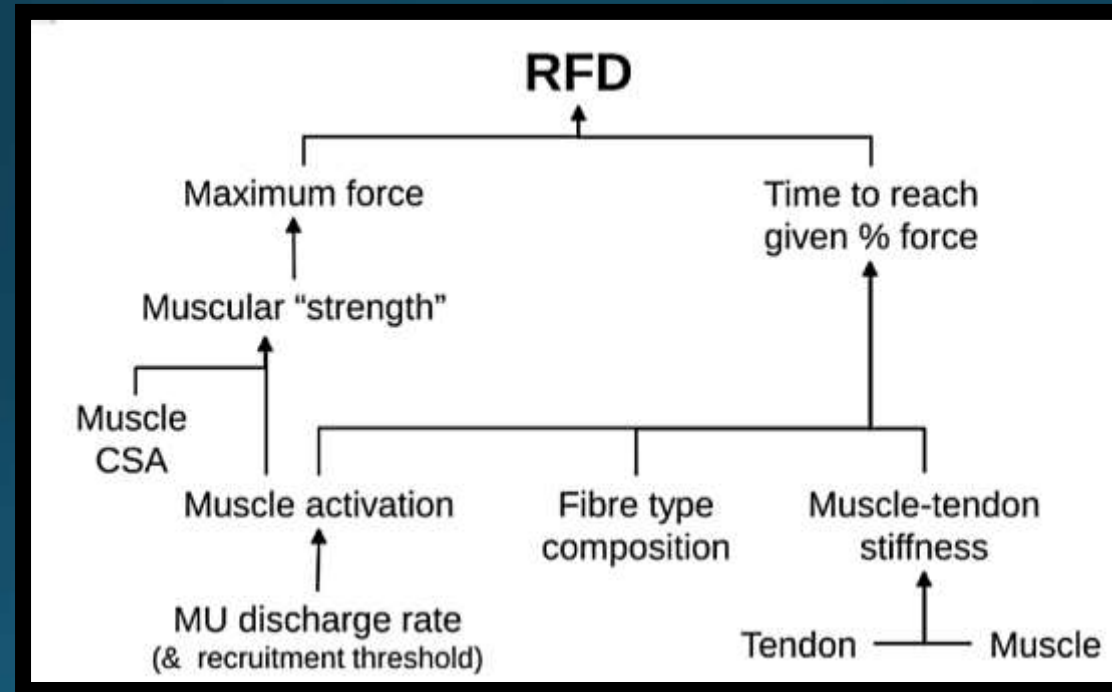
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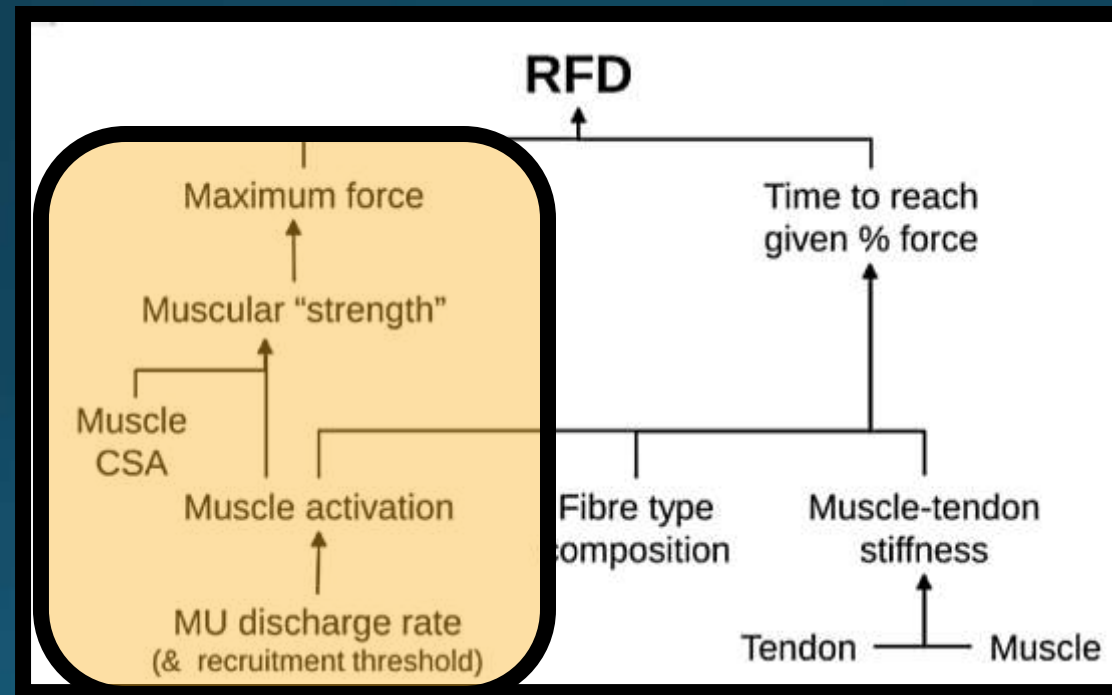
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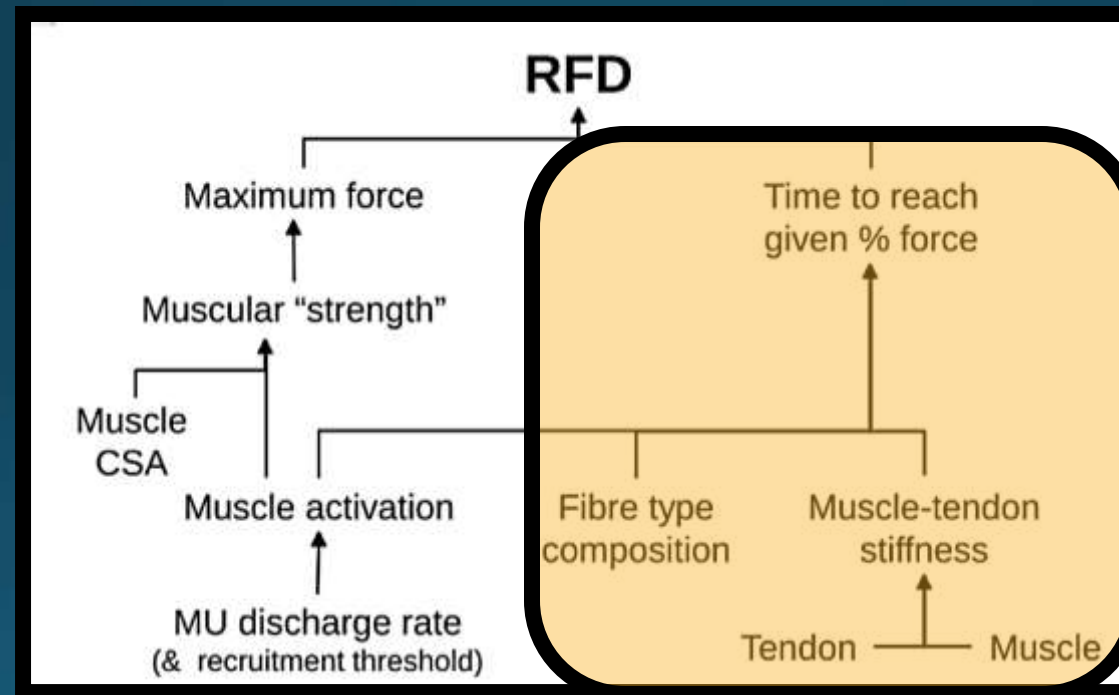
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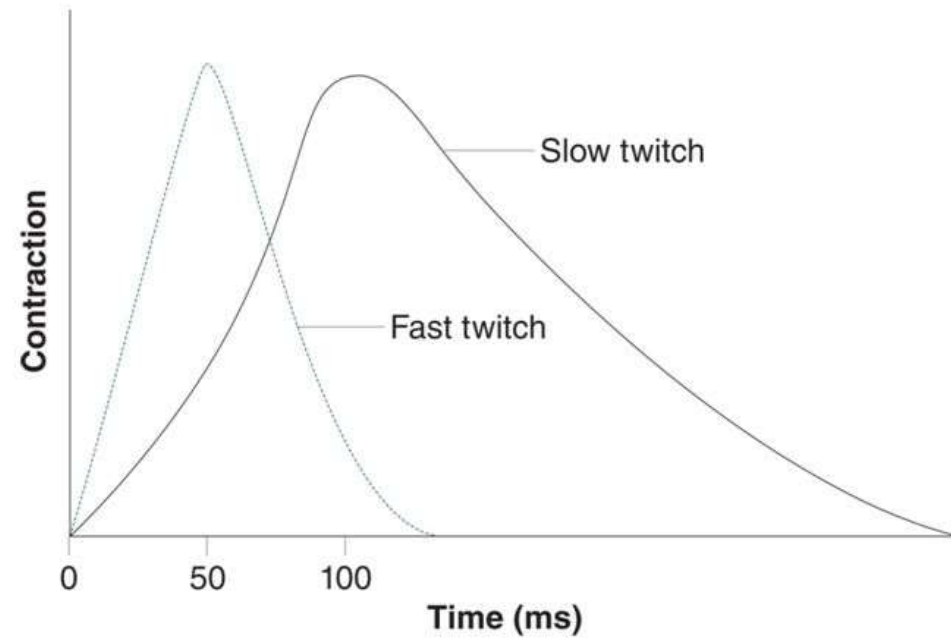
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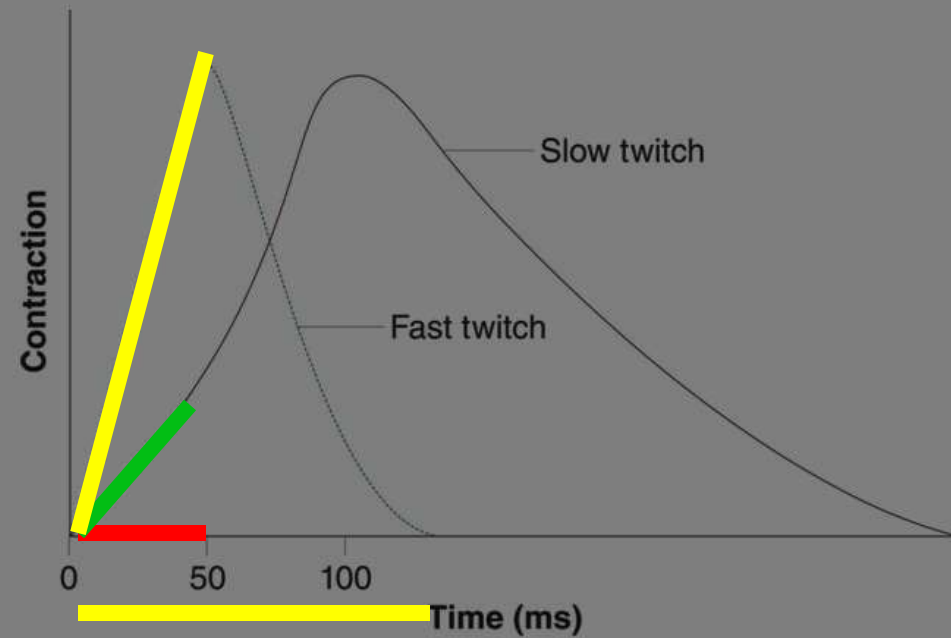


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Table 1. Force and power characteristics of various exercises.

| Exercise | Peak Power (W) | Peak Force (N) | RFD (N·s ⁻¹) |
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| Power Clean | 2,591 ¹ | 2,264 ¹ | 8,657 ¹ |
| Isometric Mid-Thigh Clean Pull | N/A | 3,177 ² | 22,008 ² |
| Hang Power Clean | 3,183 ¹ | 2,479 ¹ | 10,314 ¹ |
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| Countermovement Jump | 4,299 ⁵ | 1,836 ⁵ | 8,757 ⁵ |
| Jump Squats | 3,050 ⁶ | 2,892 | Not reported |

NOTE: The data within this table is based on lifts at 60% and 70% of 1RM and is compiled from several resources.

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⁵ Data extracted from (15): Unloaded – Trained male university students



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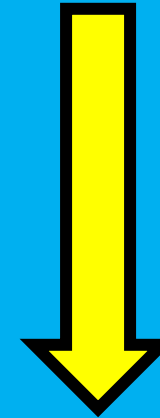
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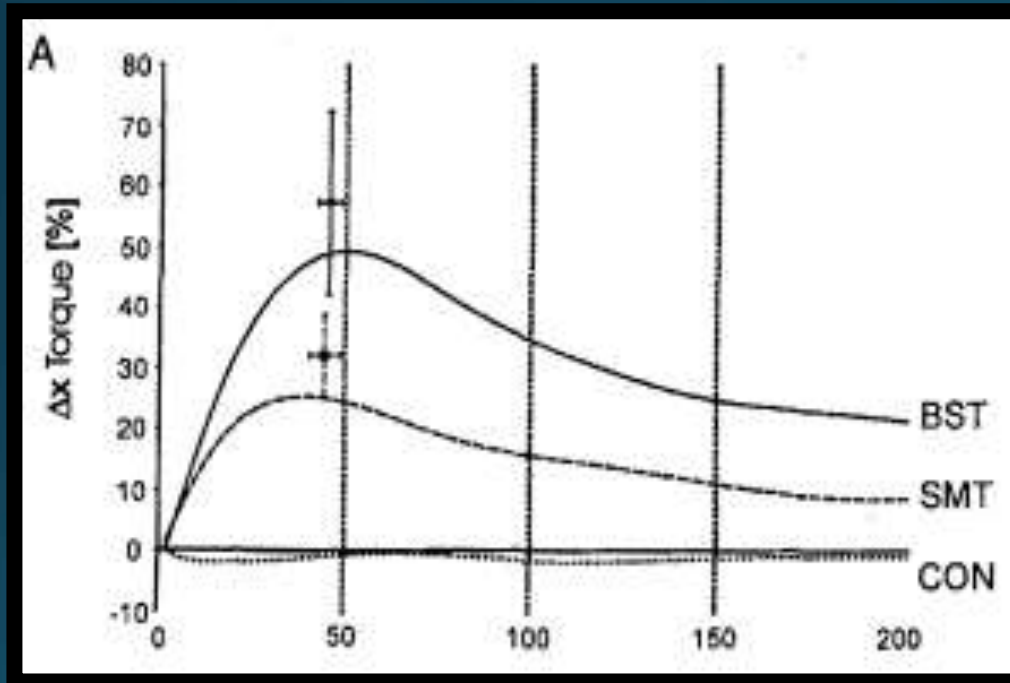
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4 wks of
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Strength



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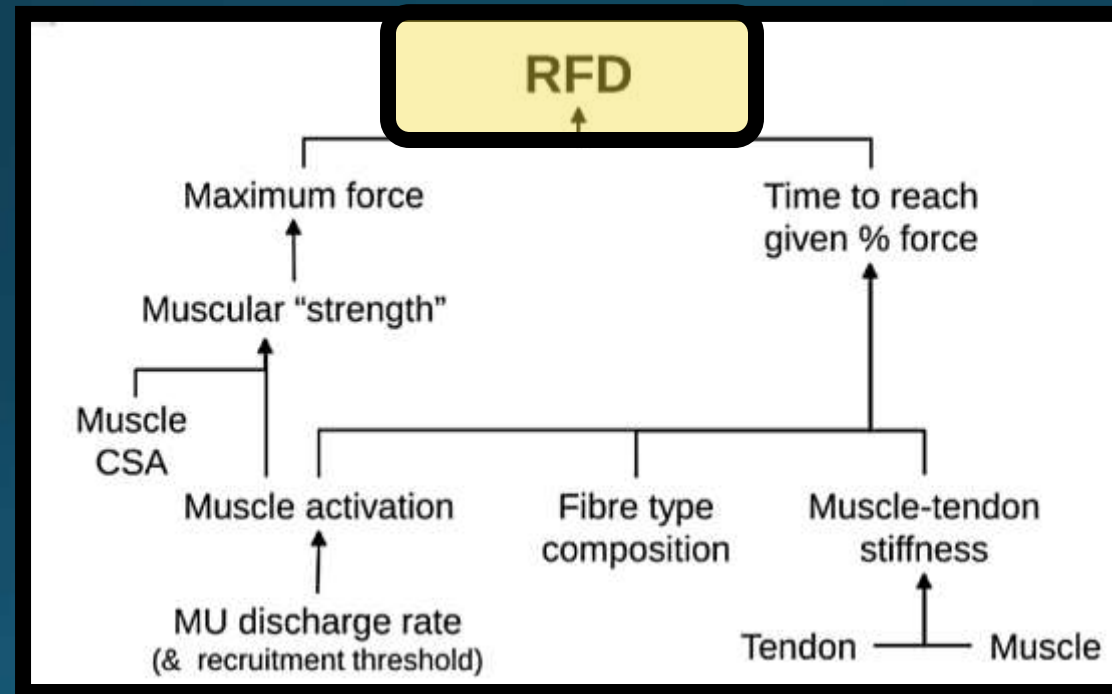
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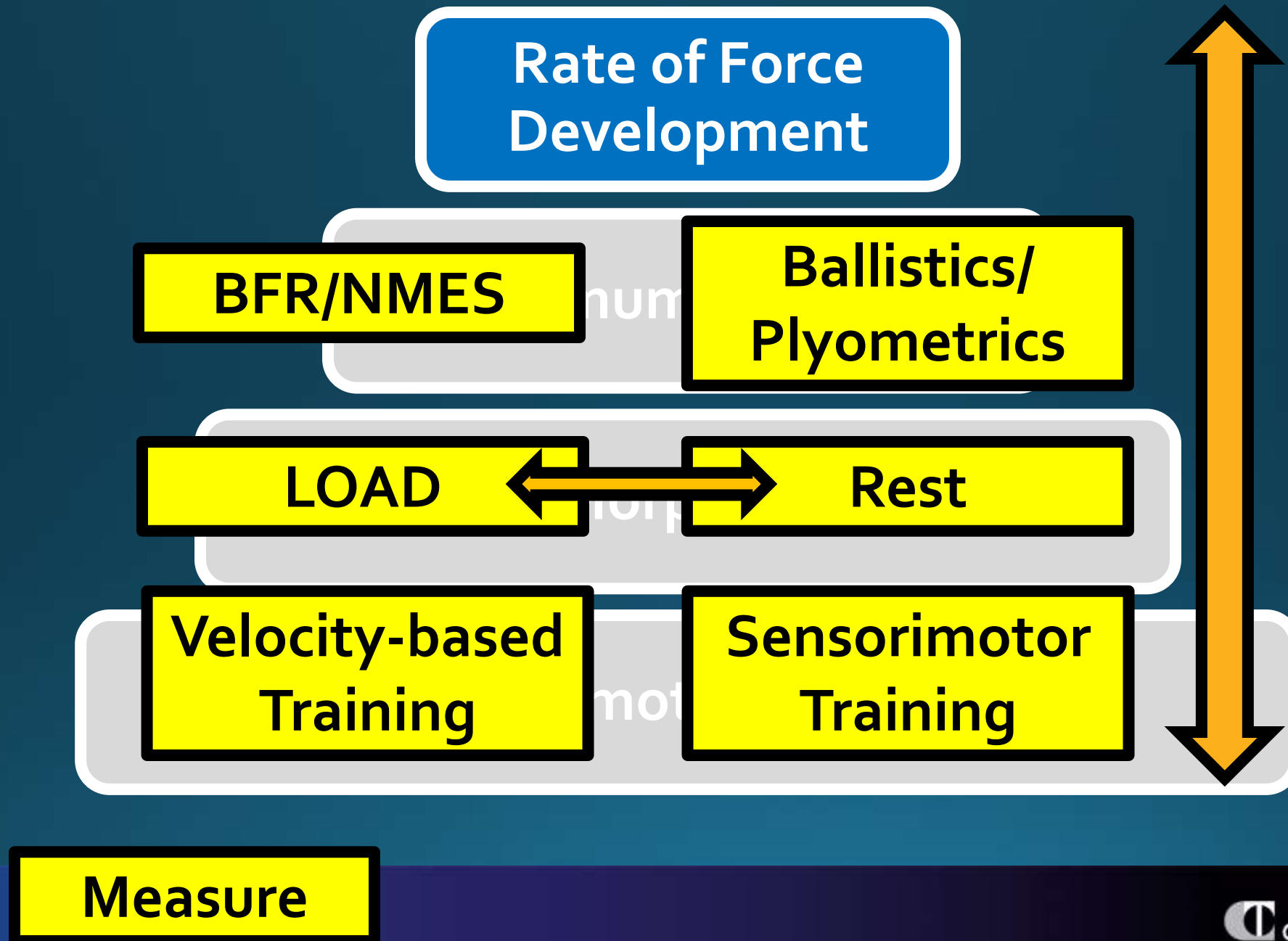


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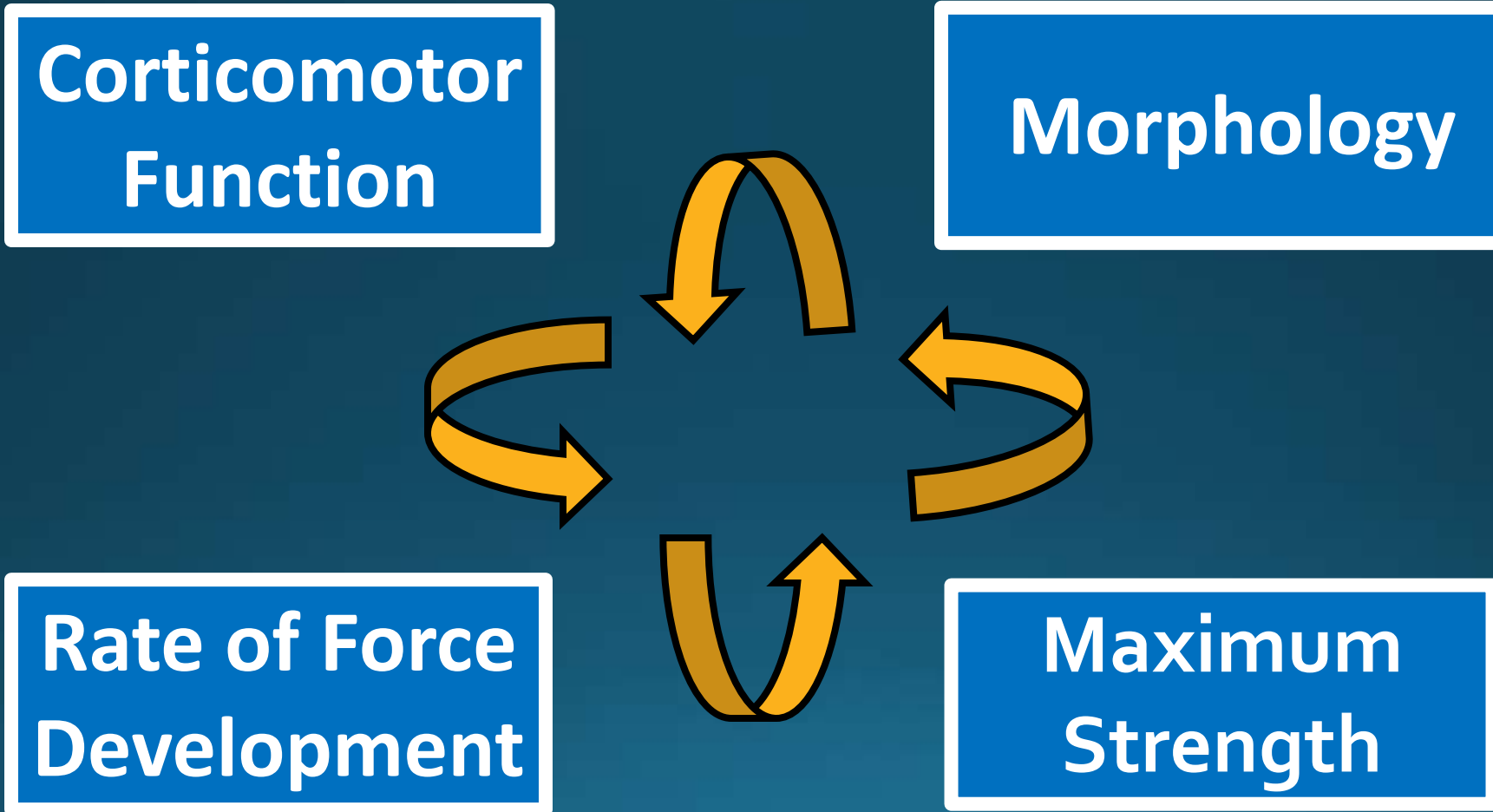
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