



Force Plate Assessment & Practical Applications

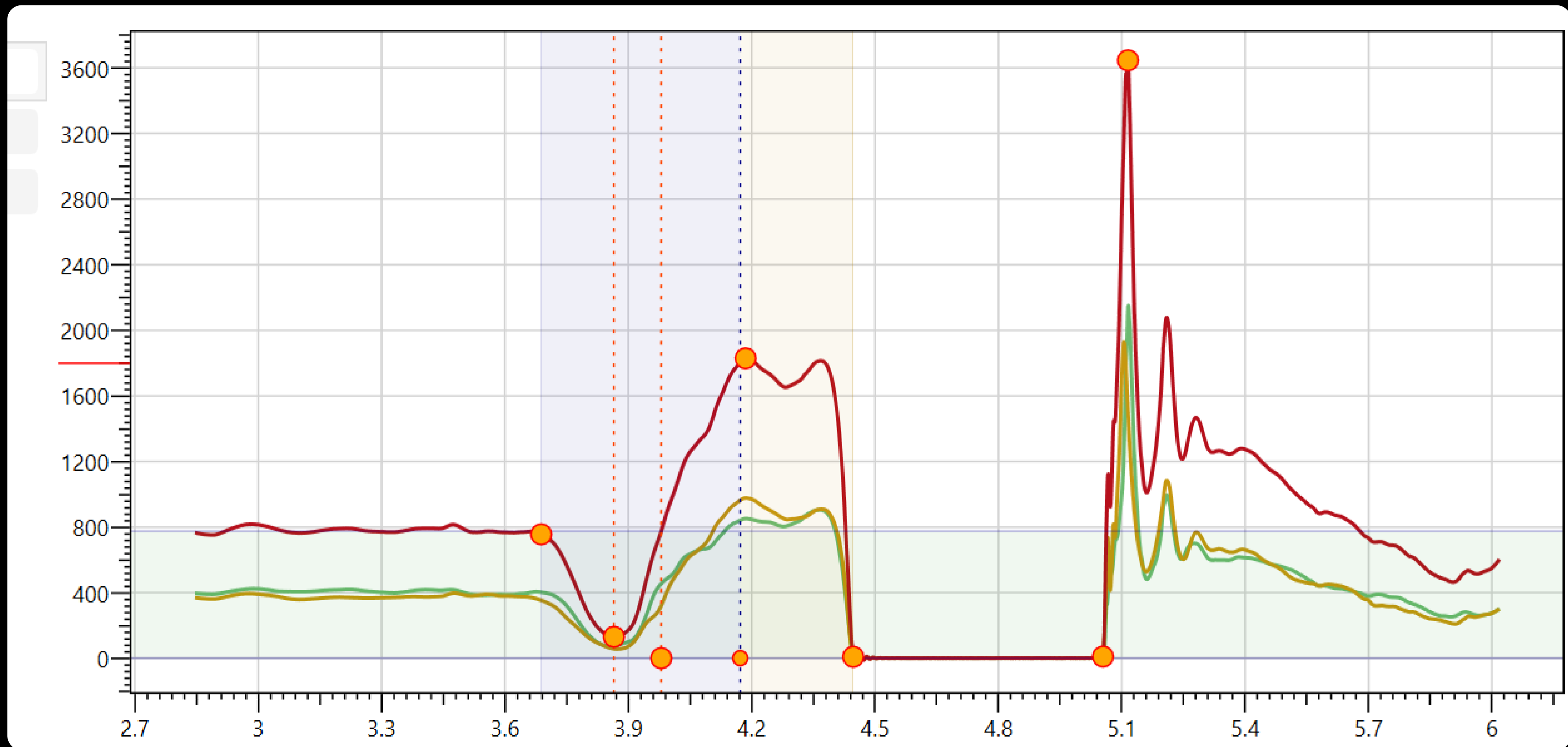
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WHY AM I HERE?



Making sense of the “squiggly lines*” with over 100 sports teams and institutions.

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INTELLIGENCE ON NEUROMUSCULAR STATUS

OFTEN

CONFIRMS

SOMETIMES

REVEALS

ALWAYS

QUANTIFIES



MEDICAL



Better

Conversations



FITNESS / S&C

STRENGTH & POWER “NEUROMUSCULAR PERFORMANCE” ASSESSMENT TOOLS

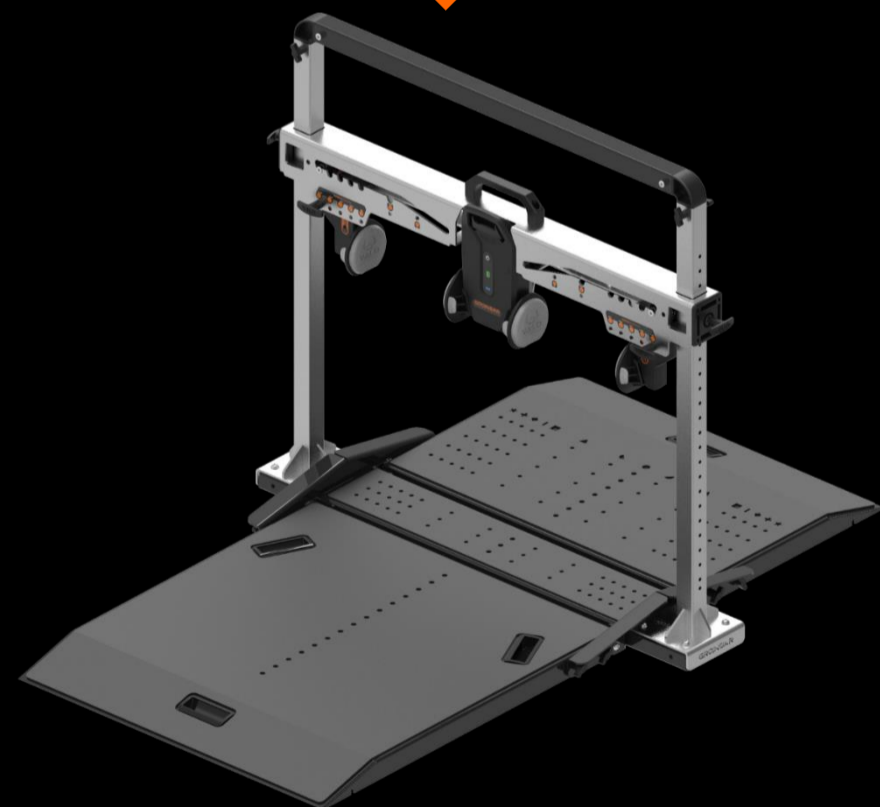
Isometrics



Dynamic single-joint



Dynamic multi-joint



CMJ-LESS TESTING, MORE DATA

Why the emphasis on CMJ ?

Single leg jump
– better



Squat jump

- better con phase evaluation?

But:

- Evaluation of both eccentric and concentric phases of take-off and SSC capability

Drop jump

-better fast SSC assessment?

But:

- Greater reliability and shorter familiarisation period
- Can be used earlier in

Bosco Jump Protocol

- Countermovement jump (CMJ)
- Squat jump (SJ)
- **High repeatability and fatigue**
- **Single leg jump** detection ... In comparison
- **Drop jump (DJ)**
- **Repeated**



...nce players in-

... the most valid test
... capacity to detect
... ercise phase.
(2015)

PRESEASON TESTING IS GREAT BUT...

- *What does this tell us about neuromuscular status in-season, after months of competition and ...*
- Neuromuscular performance response to acute and chronic load
- “Abnormal” changes in response – after establishing *individual variability*

**Is workload associated with injuries and performance in elite football?
A call for action**

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TALK IS CHEAP: IT'S TIME FOR ACTION

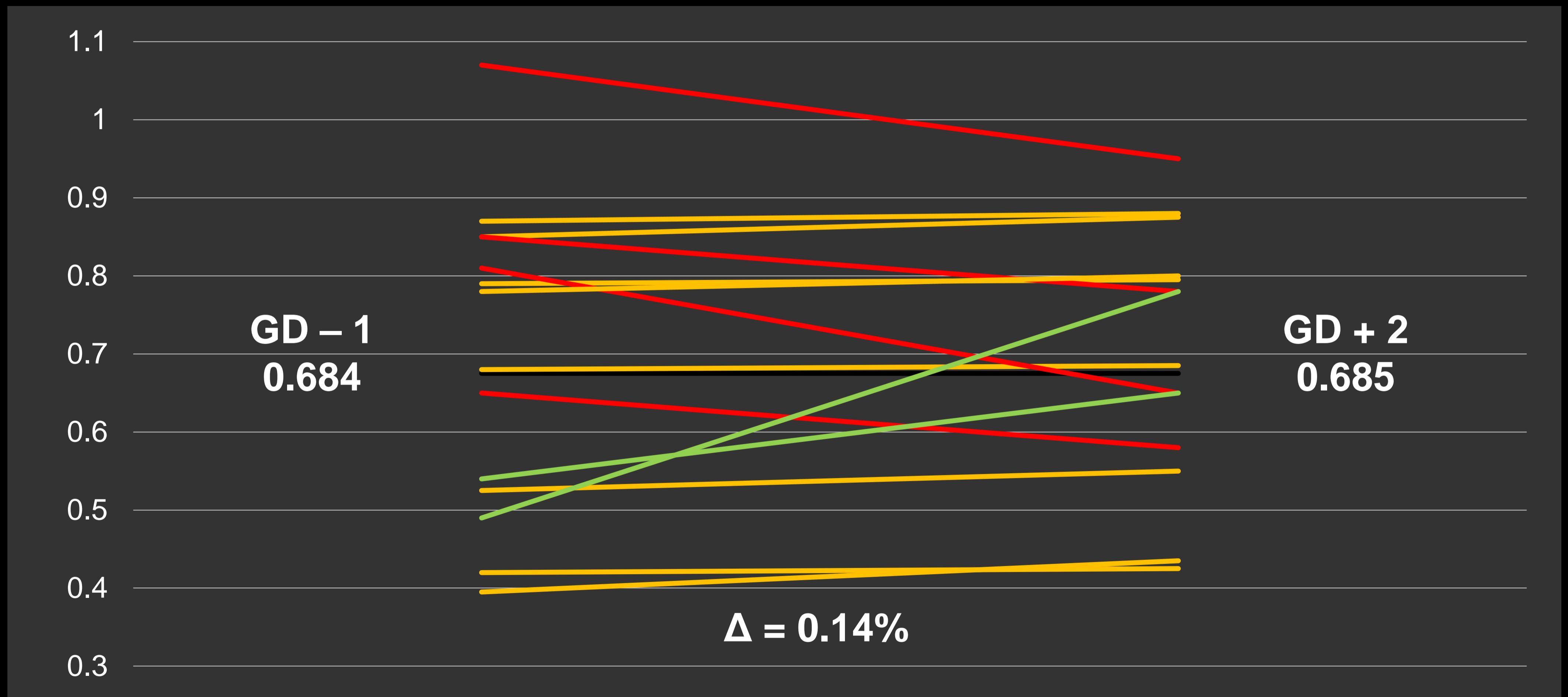
To shed light on the interaction of workloads and injuries, we propose two actions:

1. Team strength and conditioning staff should implement more objective assessments of the player's physical capacity and readiness to play, and we should move towards assessing the outcome of training.



MONITORING & UNDERSTANDING RESPONSE

Changes in a CMJ neuromuscular performance marker post competitive soccer
1 day pre-game (GD-1) v 2 days post-game (MD+2)



SELECTED CMJ CONCENTRIC & ECCENTRIC CHARACTERISTICS OF STABLE VS LARGE RESPONSE PLAYERS

Con Peak Power /
Jump Height
[W.Kg / cm]

55/42

56/43

NS

Con Impulse
[Ns]

191

232

NS

Ecc Deceleration
Impulse
[Ns]

129

242

$P < 0.001$

“BALANCING SCIENCE & COMPLIANCE”

Create the CULTURE



APPLICATIONS OF FORCE PLATFORM **JUMP** AND **ISOMETRIC TESTING**

- **Profiling**

- Performance
- Asymmetry

- **Monitoring**

- Response to training & competition load
- Fatigue/Readiness/Adaptations

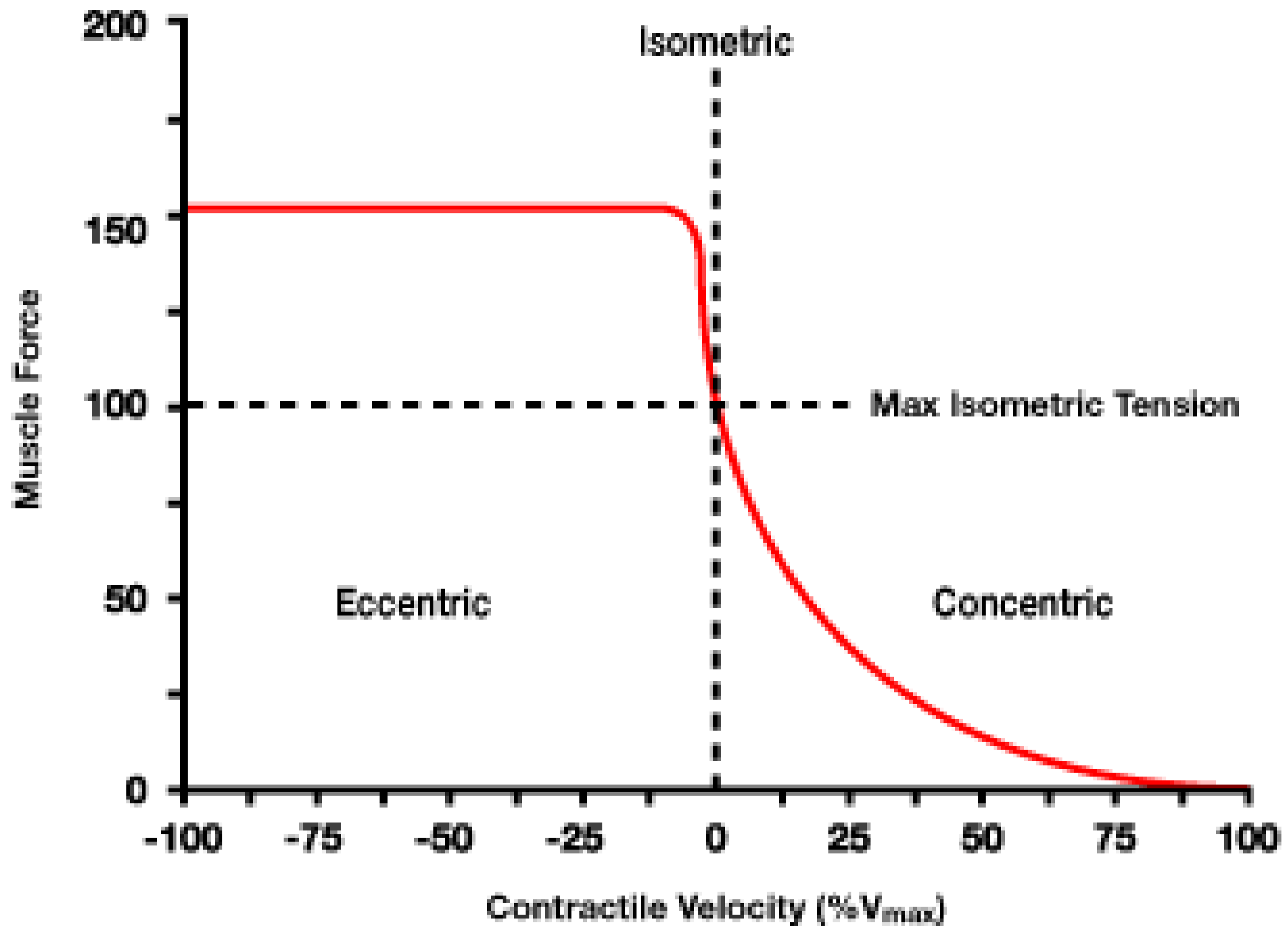
- **Rehabilitation**

- Benchmarking
- Progression/Return to play/*Post-hab*



CONTACT MATS VS. FORCE PLATFORMS

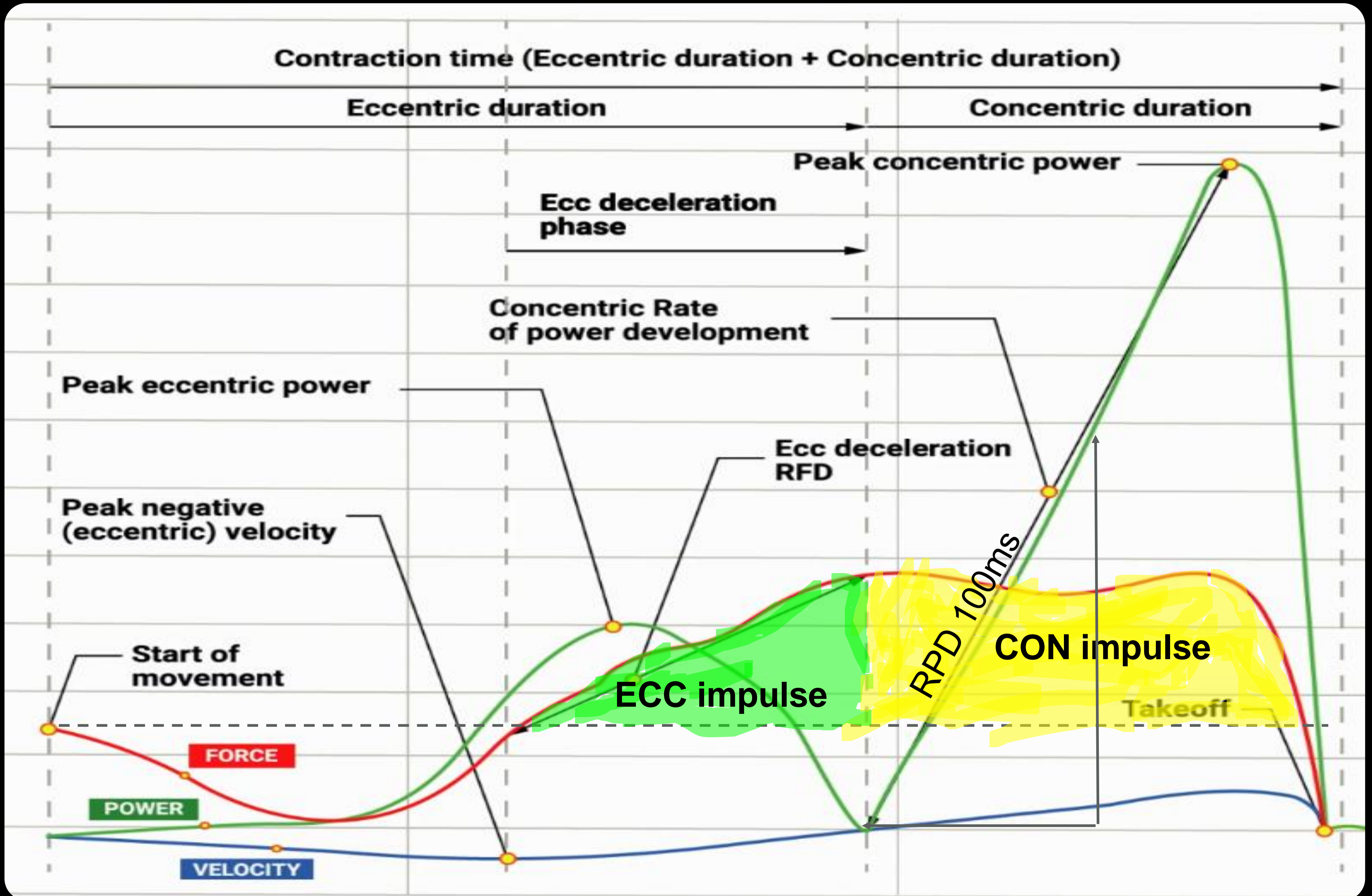
- Jump height assessment method
- Force platform is performed as
- Eccentric, Concentric
- Dual phase
- Simultaneous phase



Muscle Force-Velocity Curve



SOME CMJ VARIABLES



jumpers.

POWER-TIME, FORCE-TIME, AND VELOCITY-TIME CURVE ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTERMOVEMENT JUMP: IMPACT OF TRAINING

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Neuromuscular and Endocrine Responses of Elite Players to an Australian Rules Football Match

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Influence of Neuromuscular Fatigue on Accelerometer Load in Elite Australian Football Players

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COUNTERMOVEMENT JUMP HEIGHT: GENDER AND SPORT-SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES IN THE FORCE-TIME VARIABLES

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The effect of strength training, recreational soccer and running exercise on stretch–shortening cycle muscle performance during countermovement jumping

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EFFECT OF ACUTE FATIGUE AND TRAINING ADAPTATION ON COUNTERMOVEMENT JUMP PERFORMANCE IN ELITE SNOWBOARD CROSS ATHLETES

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Article

Countermovement Jump Inter-Limb Asymmetries in Collegiate Basketball Players

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Abstract: The purpose of the present study was to establish the intrasession and intersession reliability of variables obtained from a force plate that was used to quantitate lower extremity

FLIGHT TIME:CONTRACTION TIME/RSI MOD*

HOW Vs HOW MUCH

Cormack et al, 2008

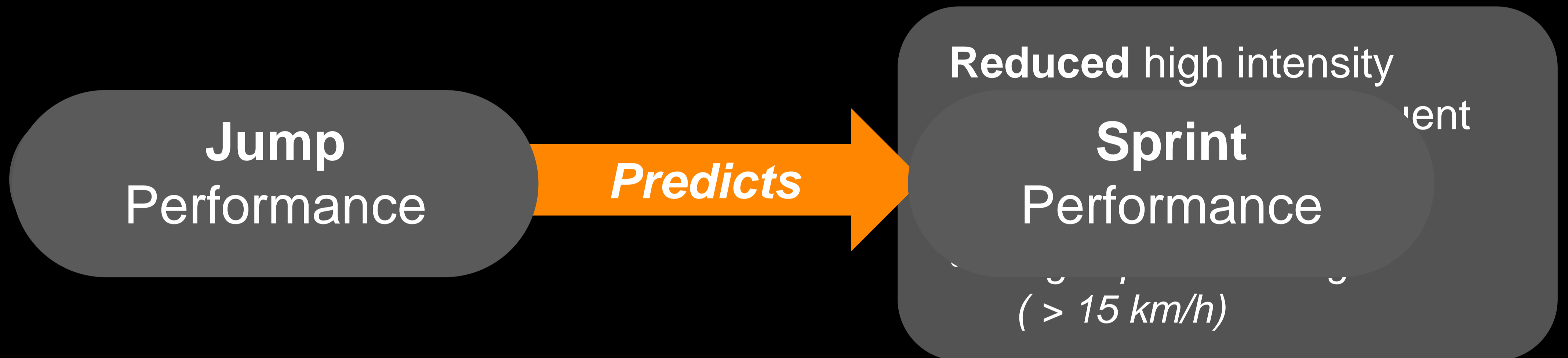
Variable/Time	Post	24post
CMJ1	-0.31 ± 0.57 unclear	-0.17 ± 0.57 unclear
CMJ1 Flight time:Contraction time (s)	-0.32 ± 0.26 substantially \downarrow -7.5%	-0.33 ± 0.17 substantially \downarrow -7.8%

Competition led to:

- Trivial changes in jump height (FT)
- Substantial change in **how** jump performed as identified by FT:CT/RSI mod (driven by increased contraction time)

CMJ FLIGHT TIME: CONTRACTION TIME CHANGES ASSOCIATED WITH **SPRINT PERFORMANCE**

Cormack et al, 2013



FATIGUE-RECOVERY **HOW V HOW MUCH**

CMJ variables 72 hrs post high intensity (intermittent sprint) activity

Time to Peak Power →

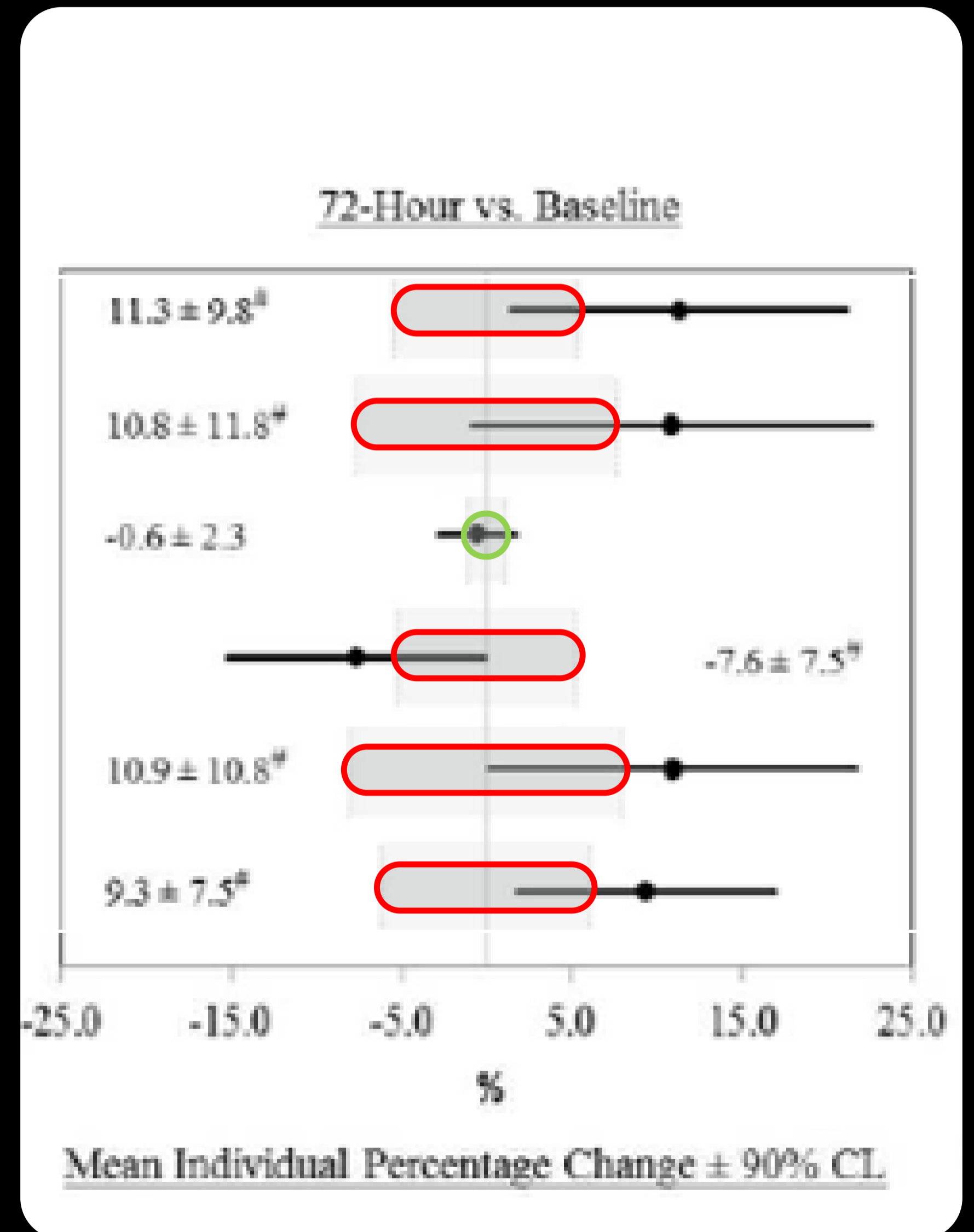
Time to Peak Force →

Flight Time →

Flight Time: Contraction Time →

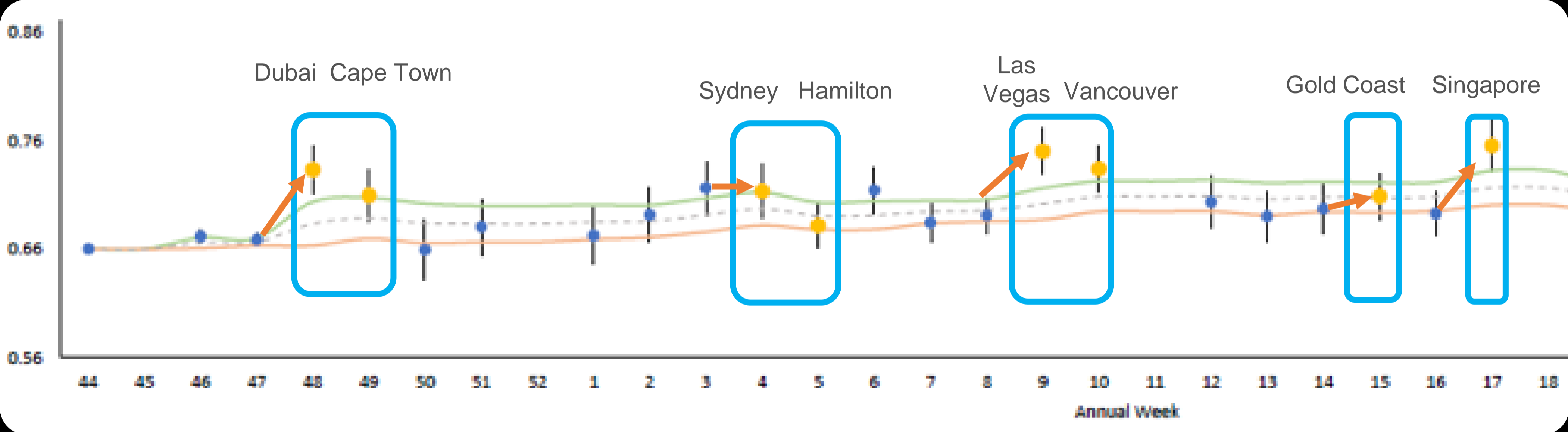
Eccentric Duration →

Total Duration →

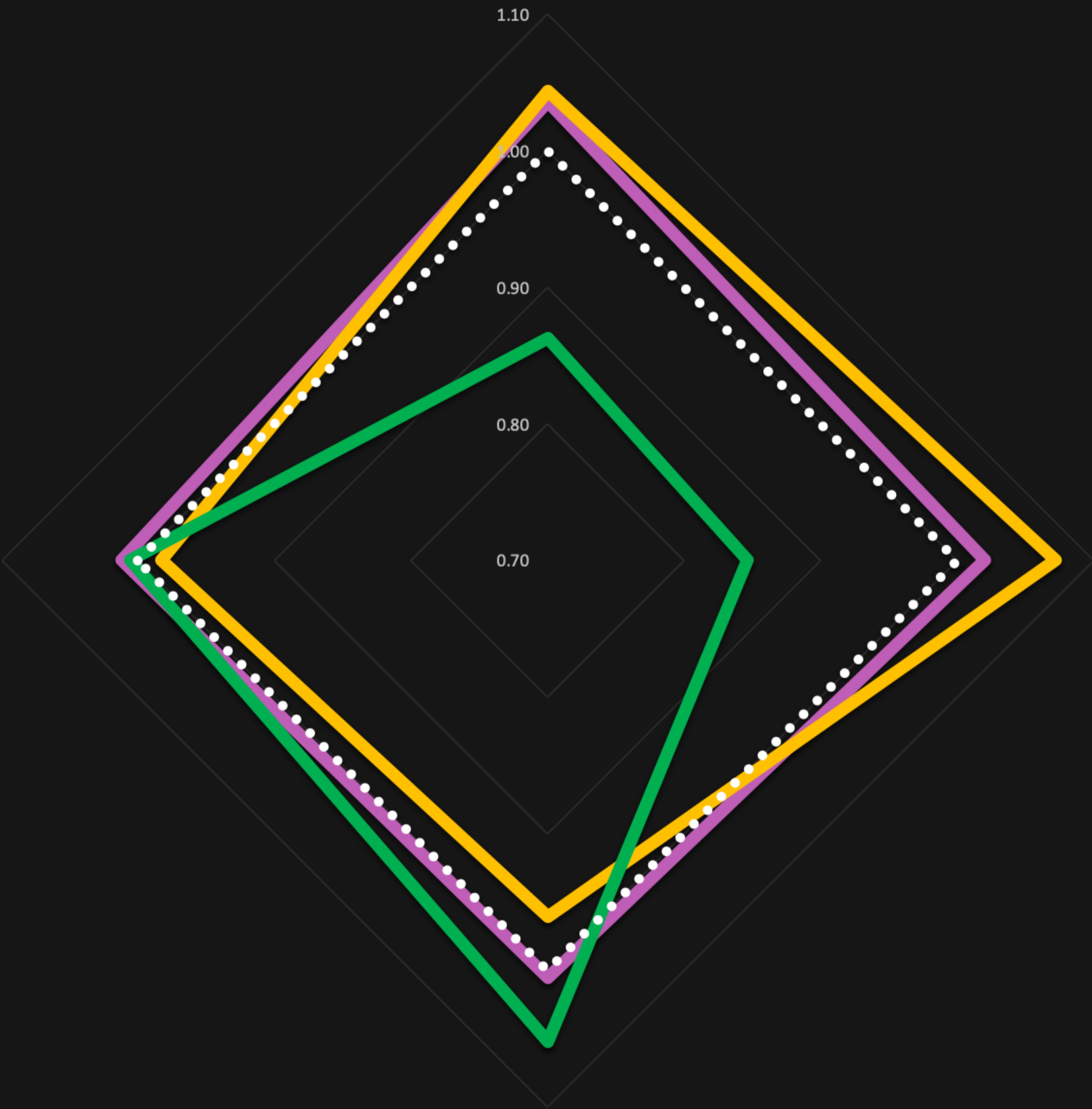


FATIGUE...**READINESS!**

FLIGHT TIME:CONTRACTION TIME (RUGBY 7'S)



Jump Height



Eccentric Duration

RSI modified (FT:CT)

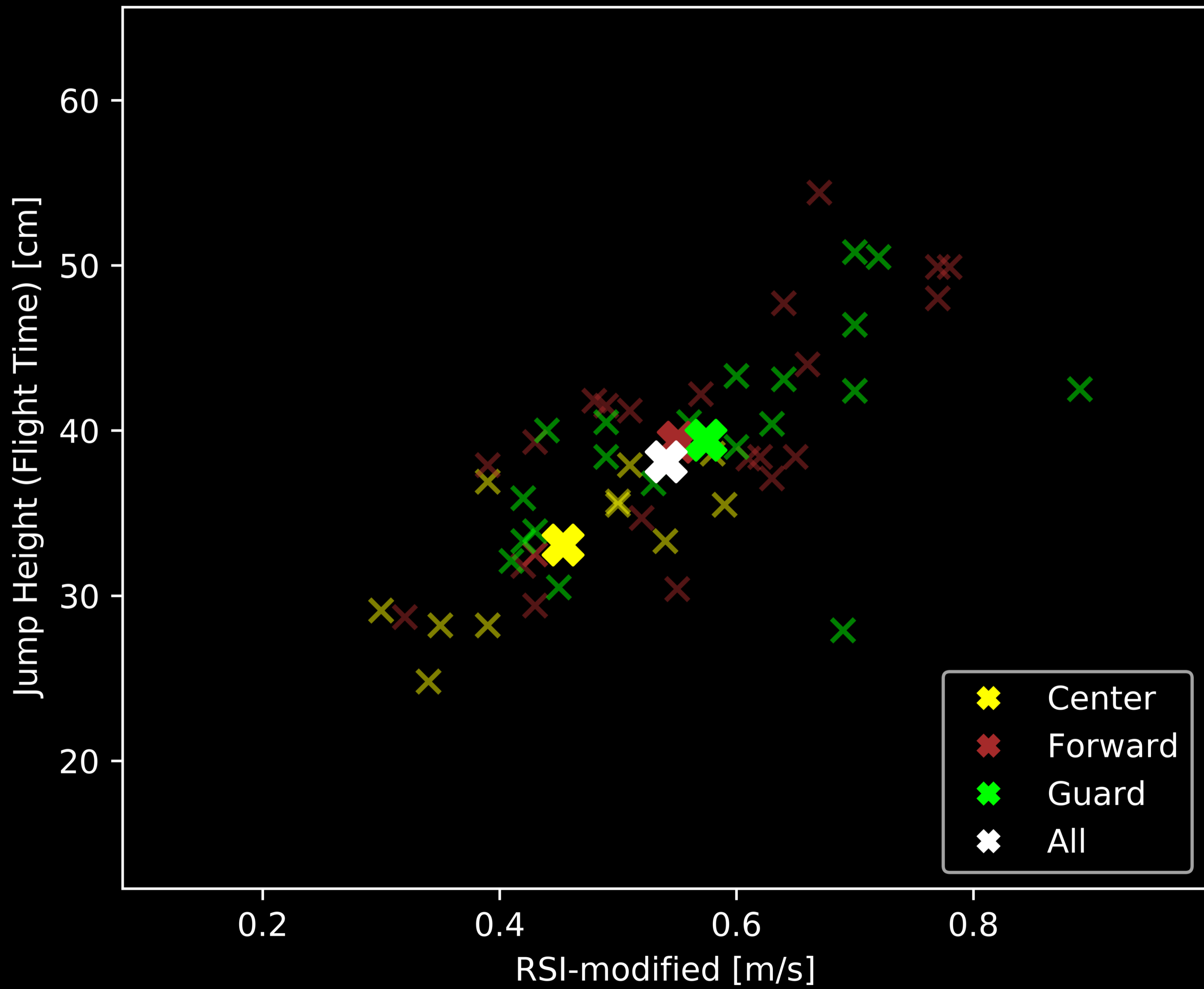
Forwards

Guards

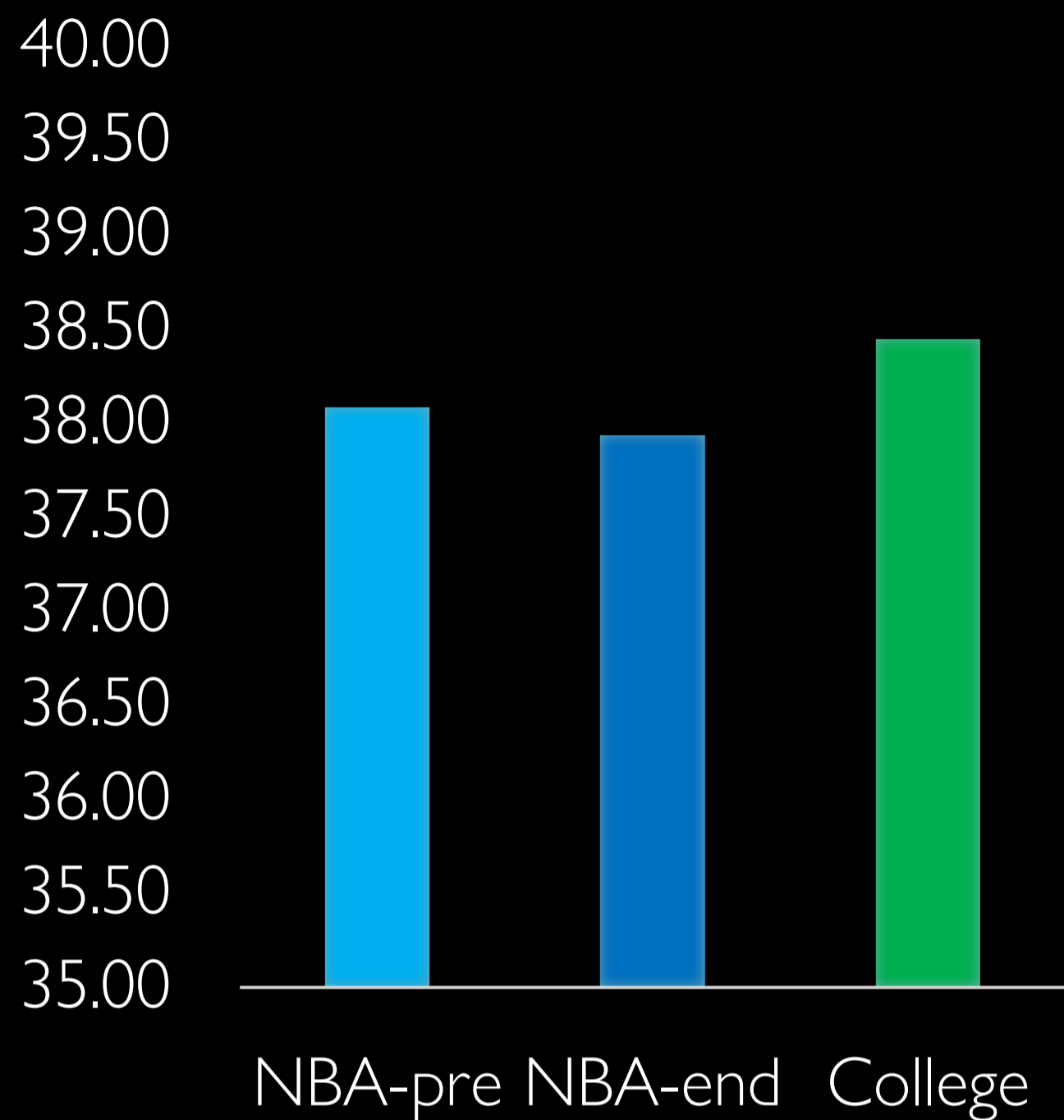
Centers

All

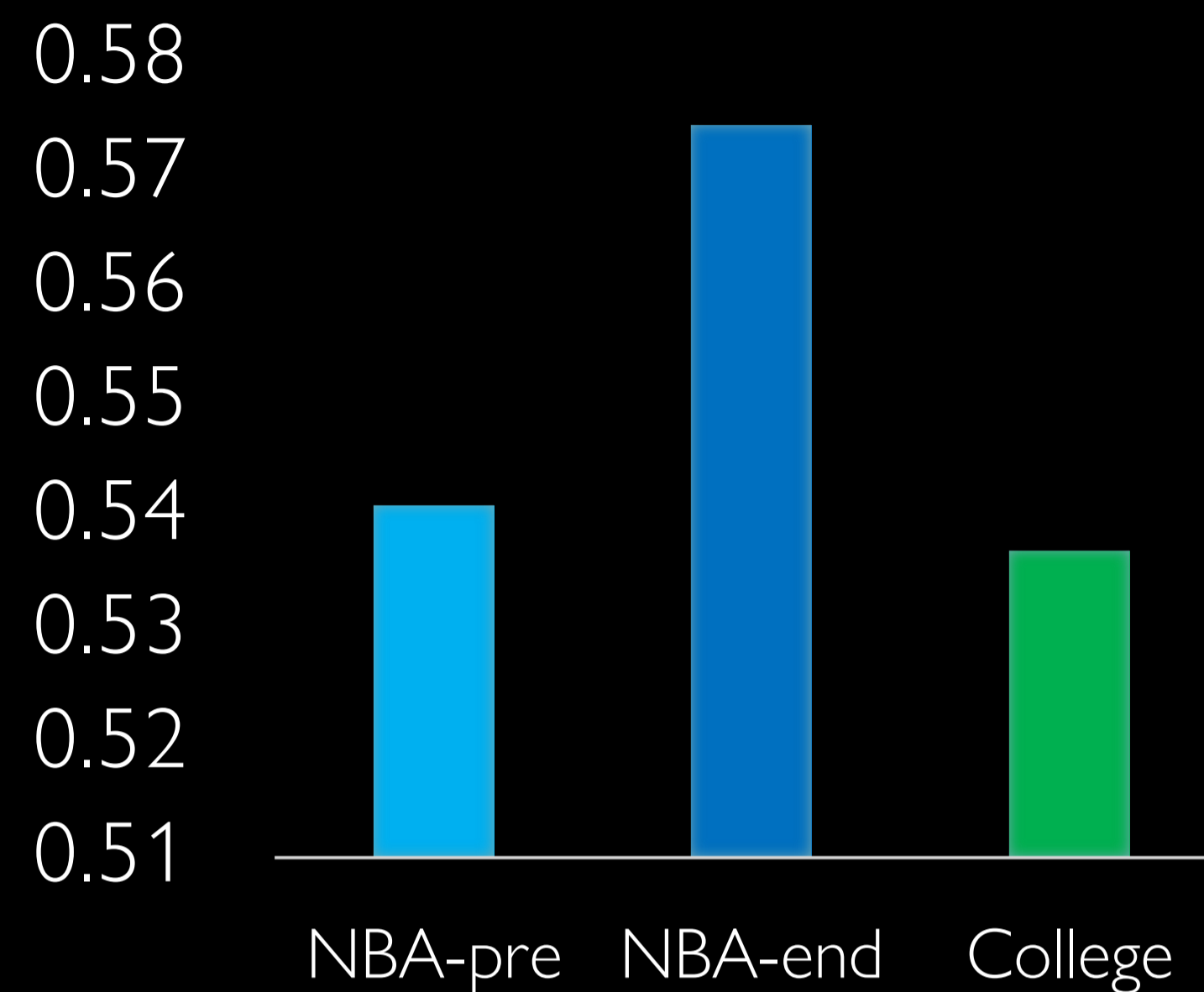
Concentric Duration



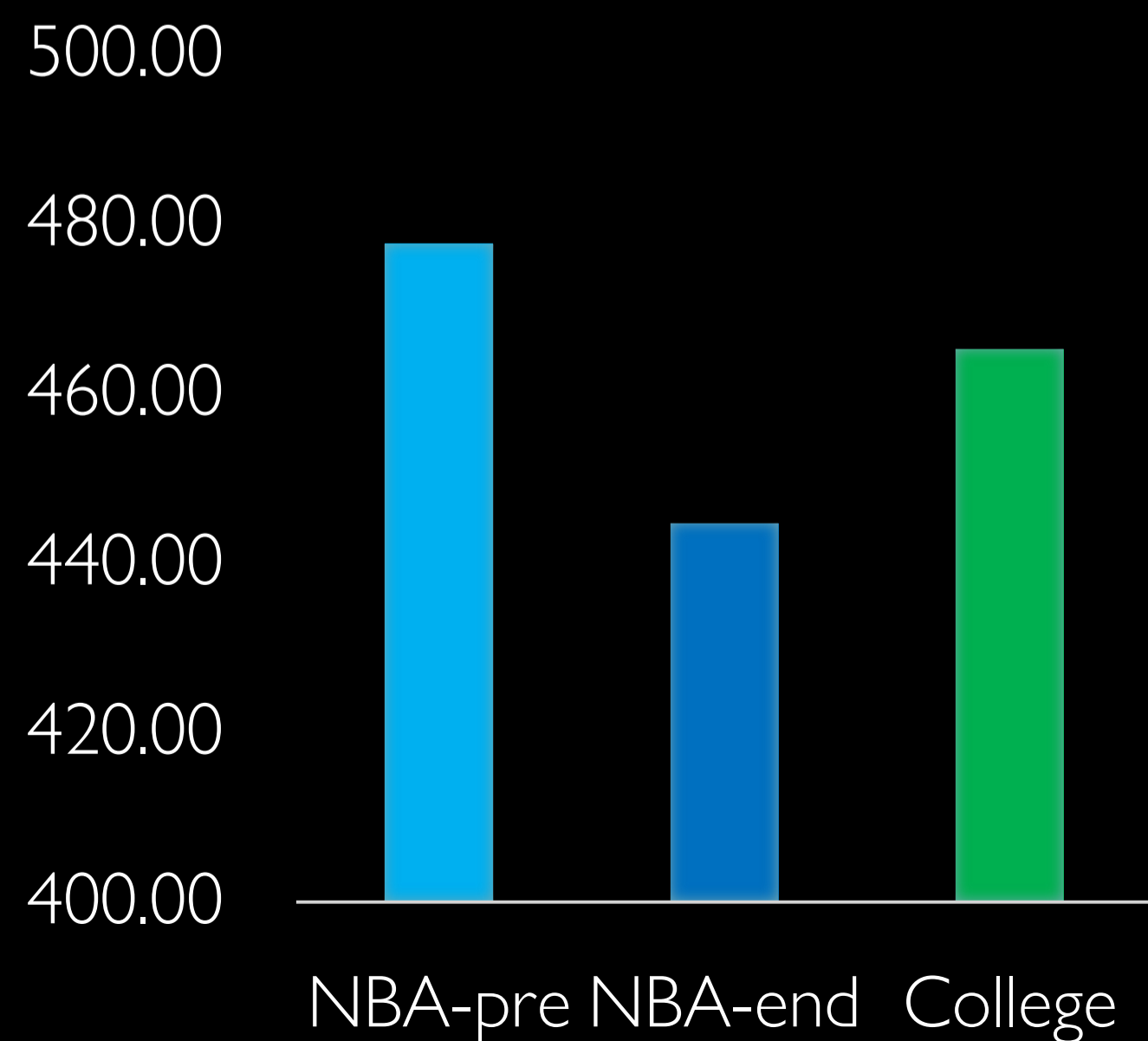
JUMP HEIGHT



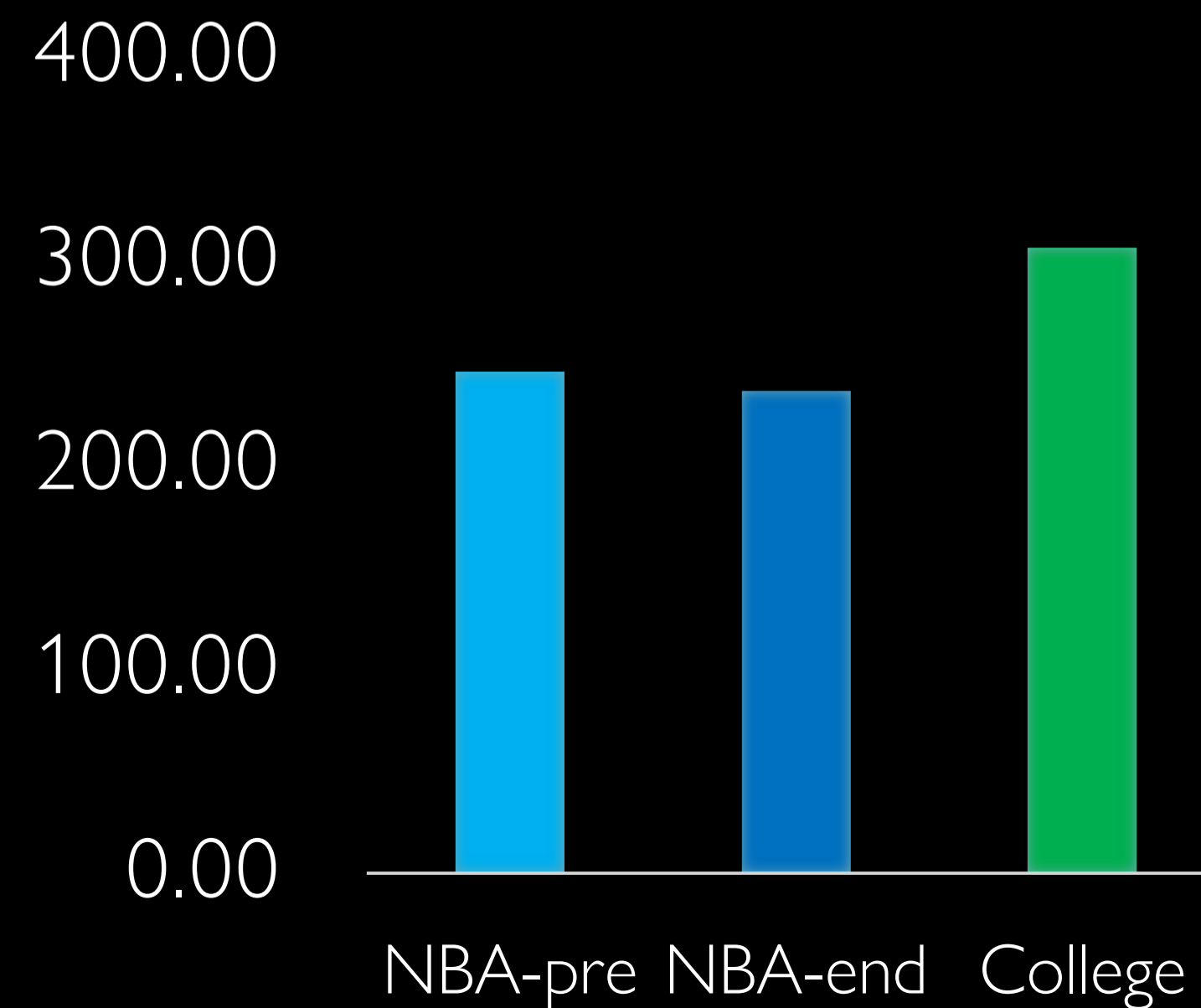
RSI-MOD



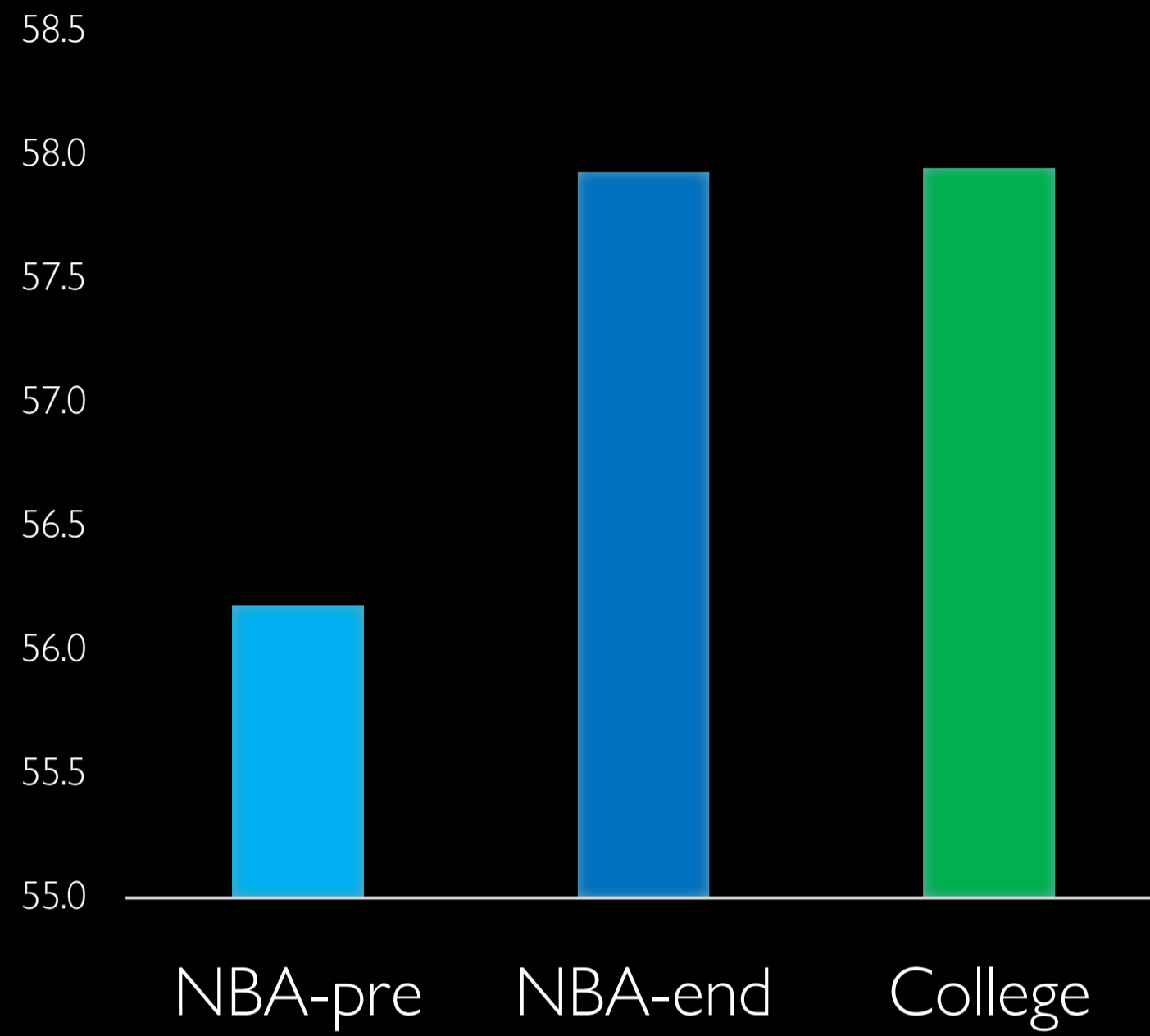
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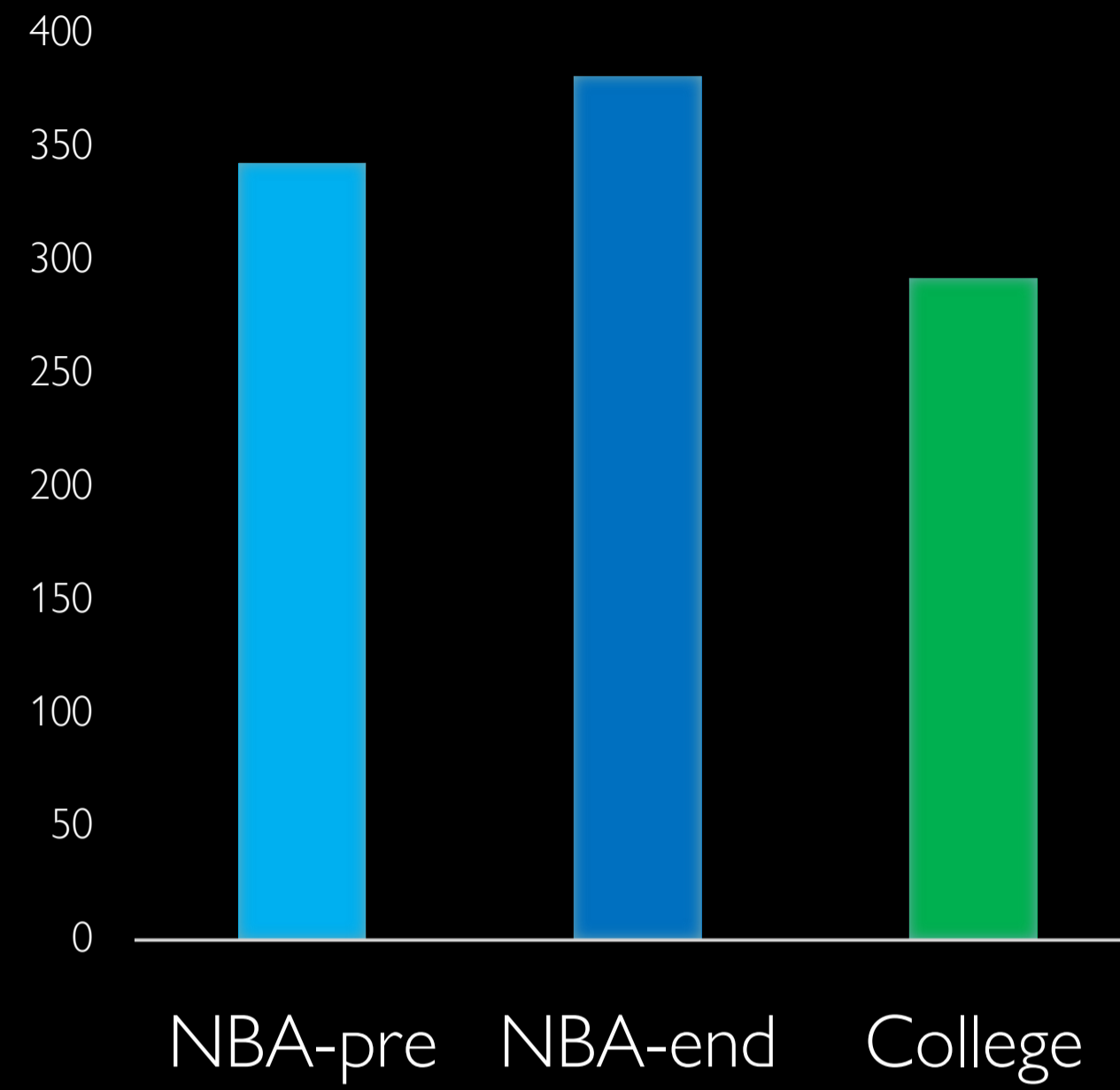
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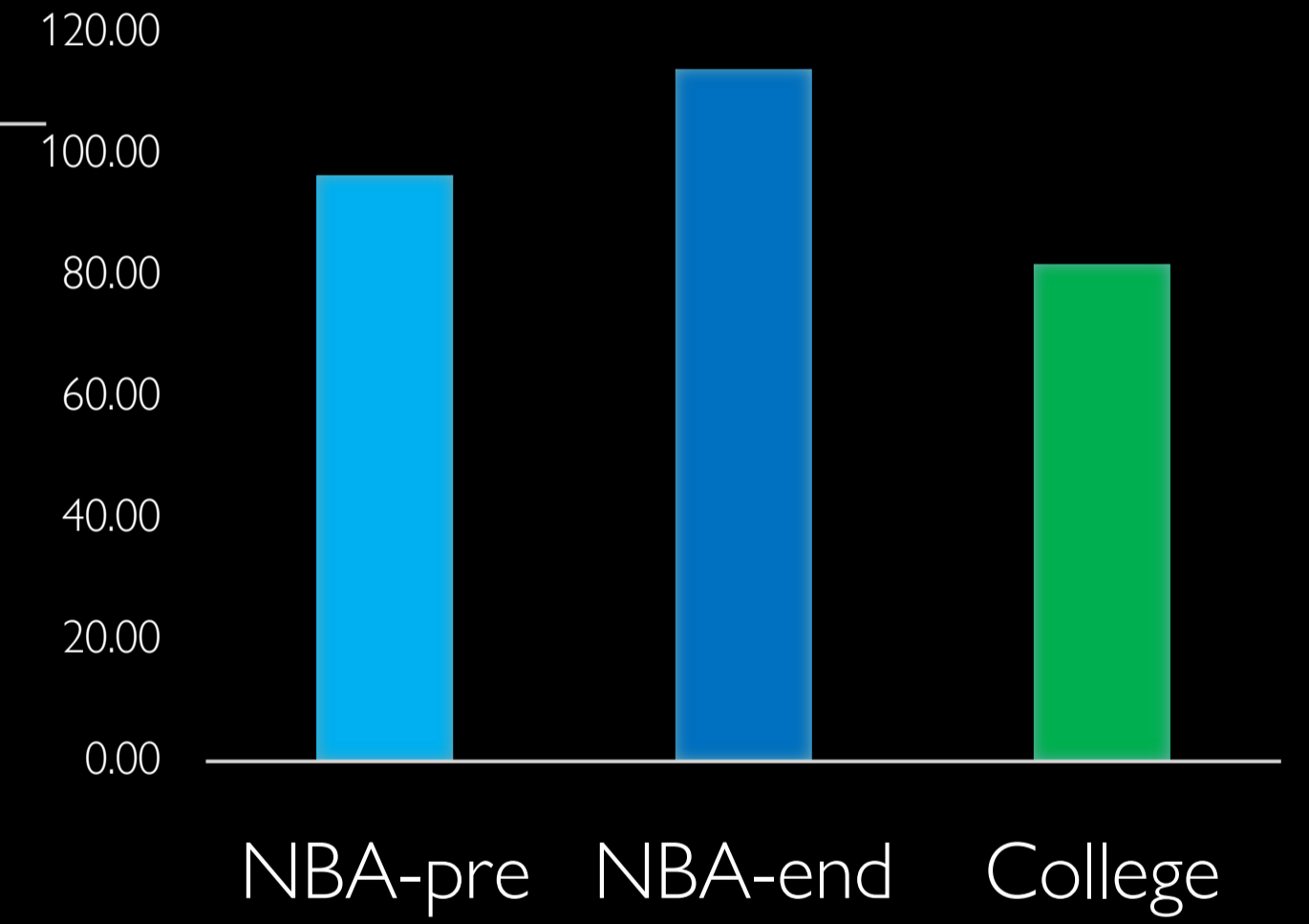
PEAK POWER / BW



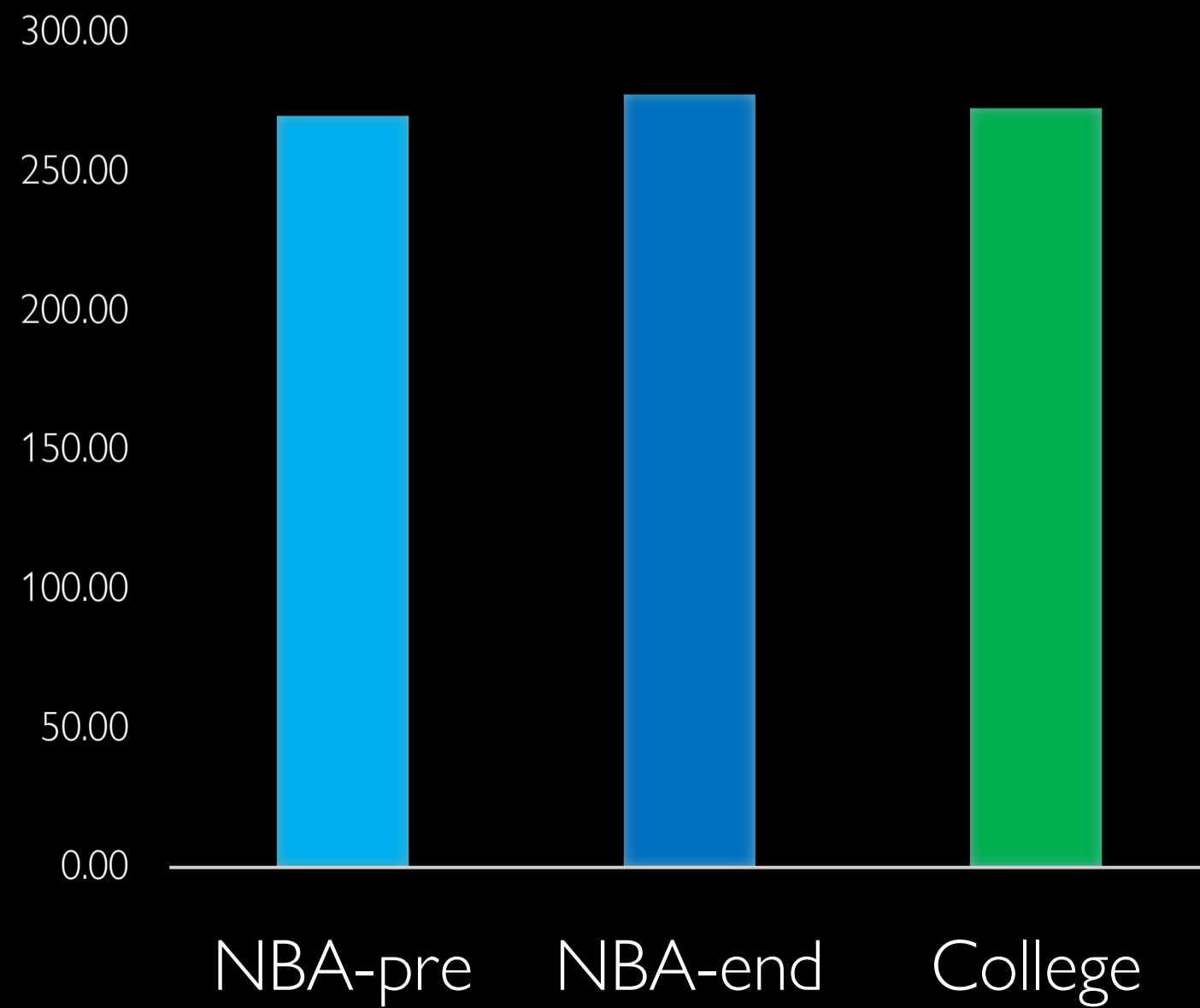
CON RPD / BW



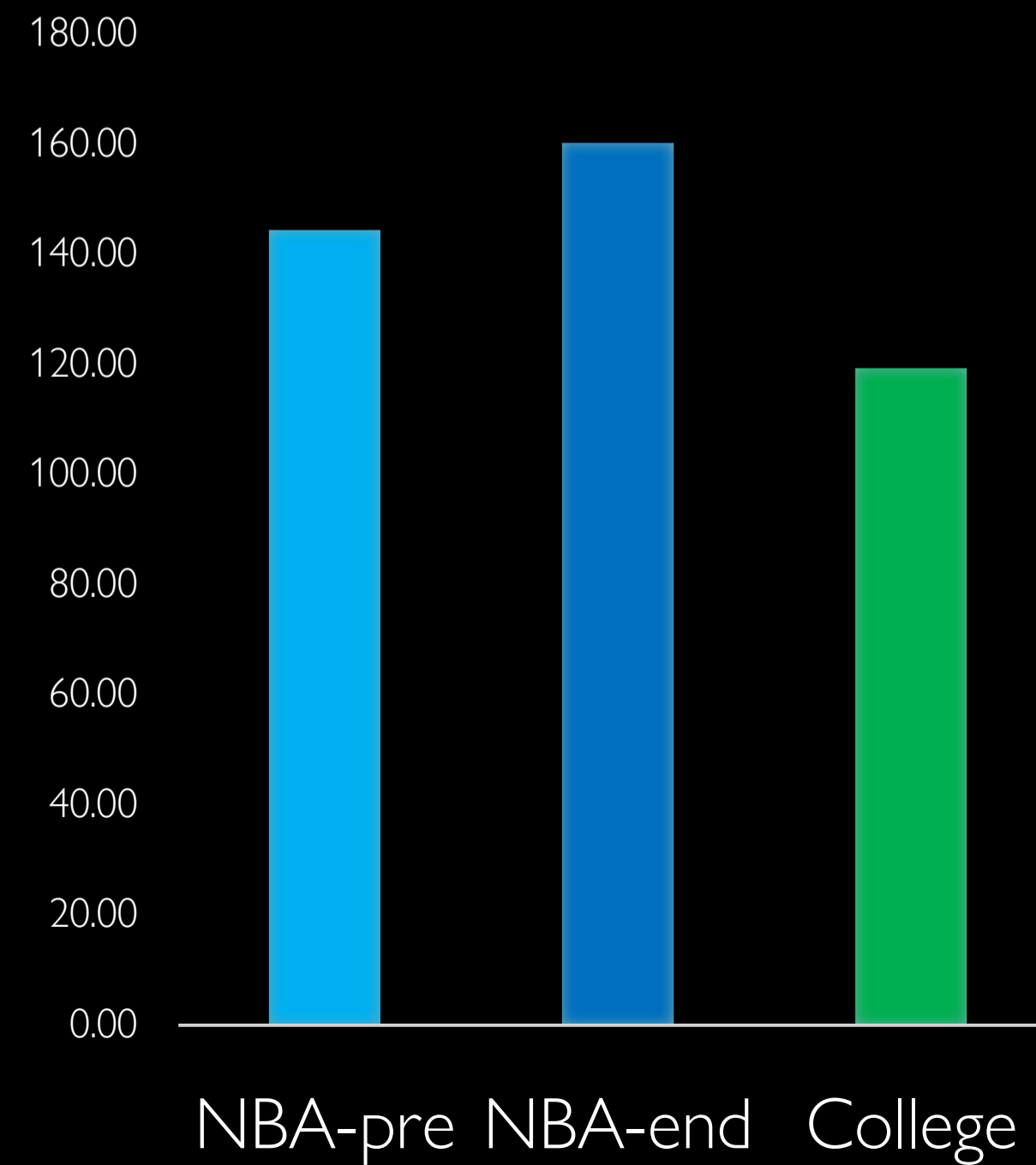
ECCENTRIC DECEL
RFD/BM



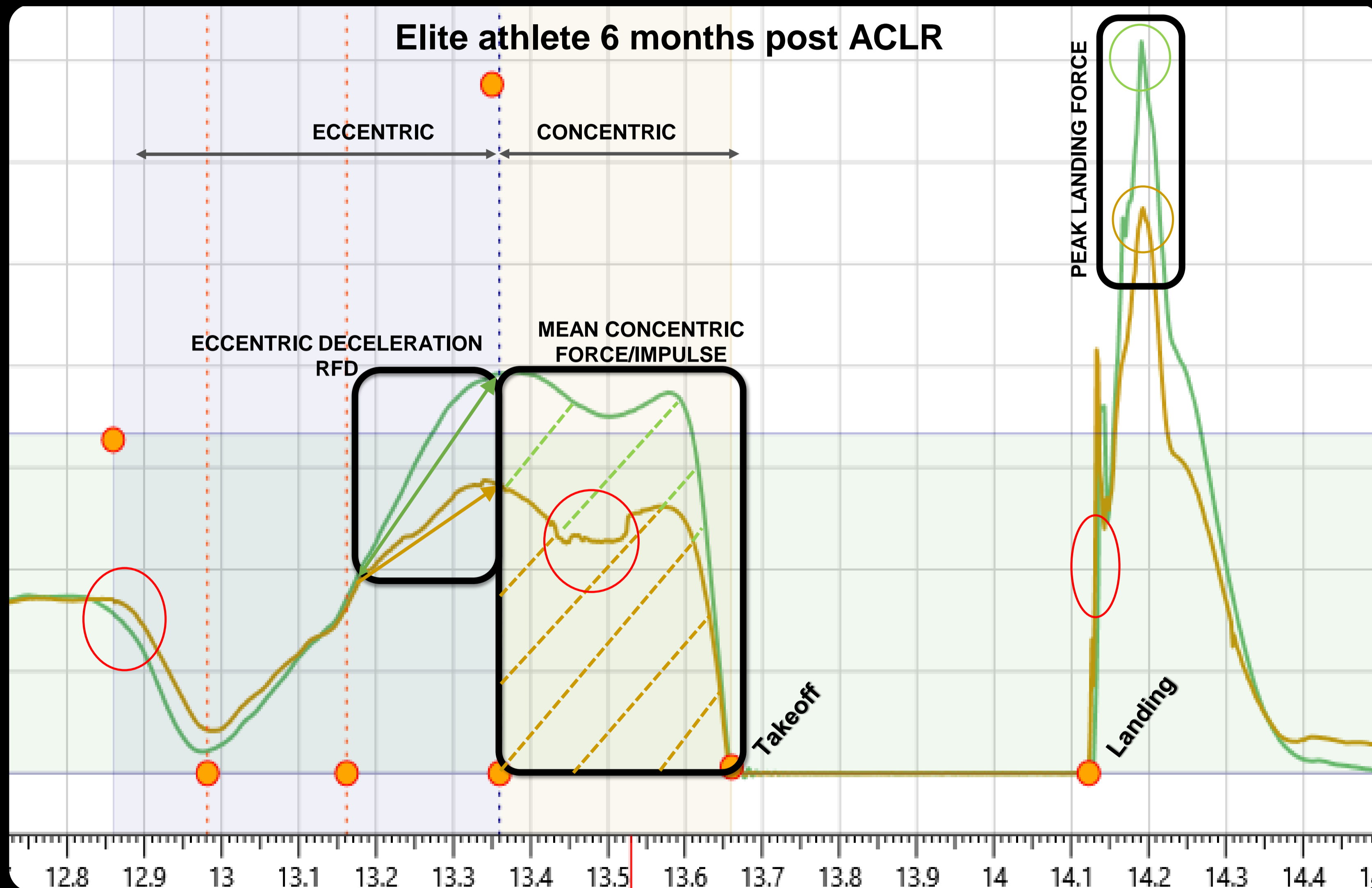
CON IMP



CON IMP100



SELECTED ASYMMETRIES - BILATERAL CMJ



CMJ ASYMMETRY IN AN ASYMMETRICAL SPORT

	Status	Mean asymmetry	Effect size
Concentric Impulse	Prev. Injured	7.74 ± 3.71*	1.14
	Uninjured	4.07 ± 2.82	
Concentric Peak Force	Prev. Injured	9.32 ± 5.88*	1.40
	Uninjured	3.38 ± 2.26	
Eccentric Deceleration RFD	Prev. Injured	20.52 ± 10.64*	1.05
	Uninjured	10.52 ± 8.24	
Eccentric Deceleration Impulse	Prev. Injured	12.11 ± 8.63	0.24
	Uninjured	10.25 ± 7.28	

Wells et al, unpublished

Hart et al, in press

ASYMMETRIES **NBA**

Absolute Asymmetries (%) - Preseason to Early Season			
	Concentric Peak Force	Eccentric Deceleration RFD	Peak Landing Force
Preseason	9.3	27.0	14.1
Early Season	6.7	23.9	17.7

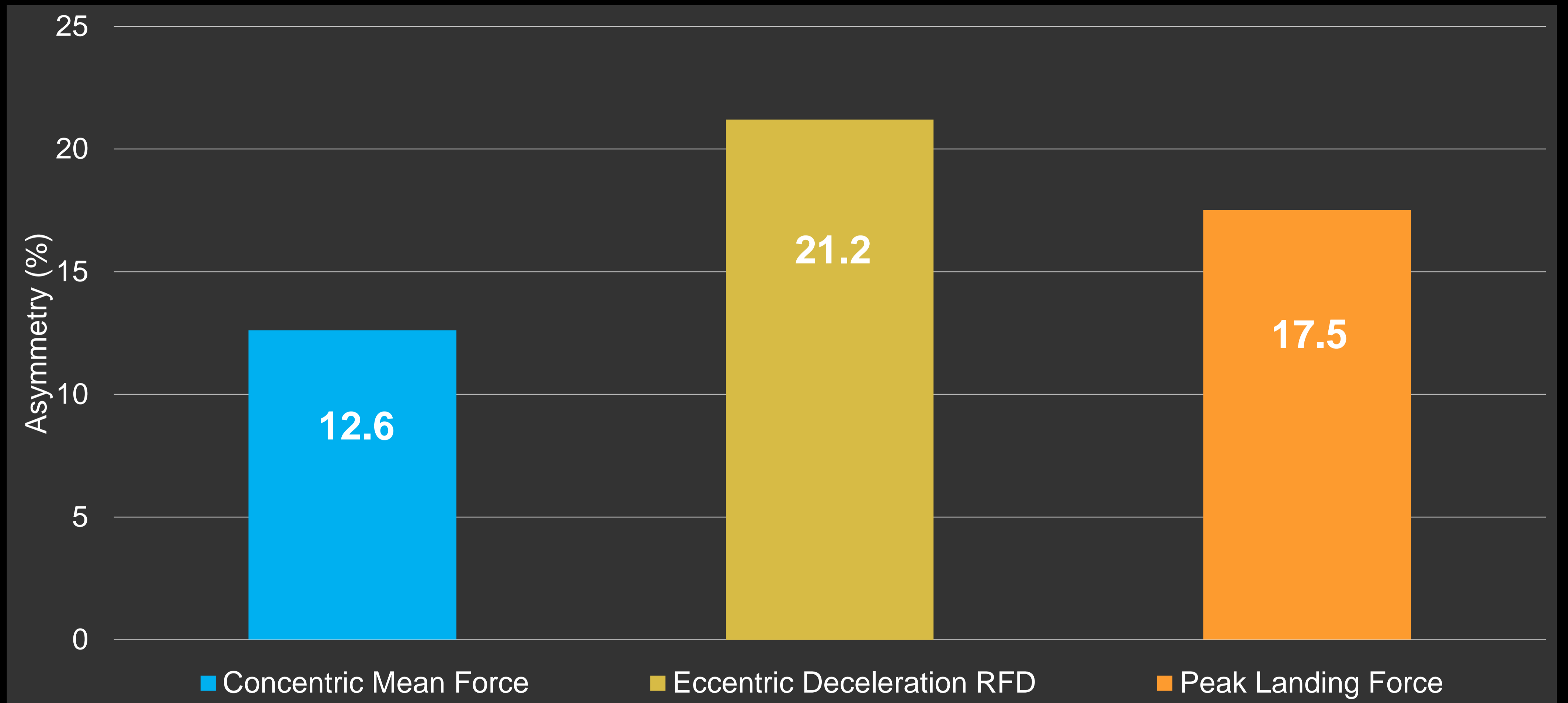
Preseason conditioning reduces concentric and eccentric asymmetries?



CON PEAK FORCE +1.9
ECCENTRIC DECELERATION RFD +4.9
PEAK LANDING FORCE +6.0

Increased asymmetries across Season?:

ELITE FOOTBALLERS DURING REHAB AFTER ACLR



n=23

Wells et al., unpublished

RESIDUAL LANDING FORCE ASYMMETRIES post-ACL: **DROP JUMP**

- Significant **PERSISTENT** inter-limb asymmetry in bilateral Drop Jump peak landing force and RFD > 2 years post ACL injury in female athletes
- Potential mechanism: Differences in stiffness/neural feedforward (compensatory unloading)?
- *Increased risk of injury on uninvolved side due to additional loading?*

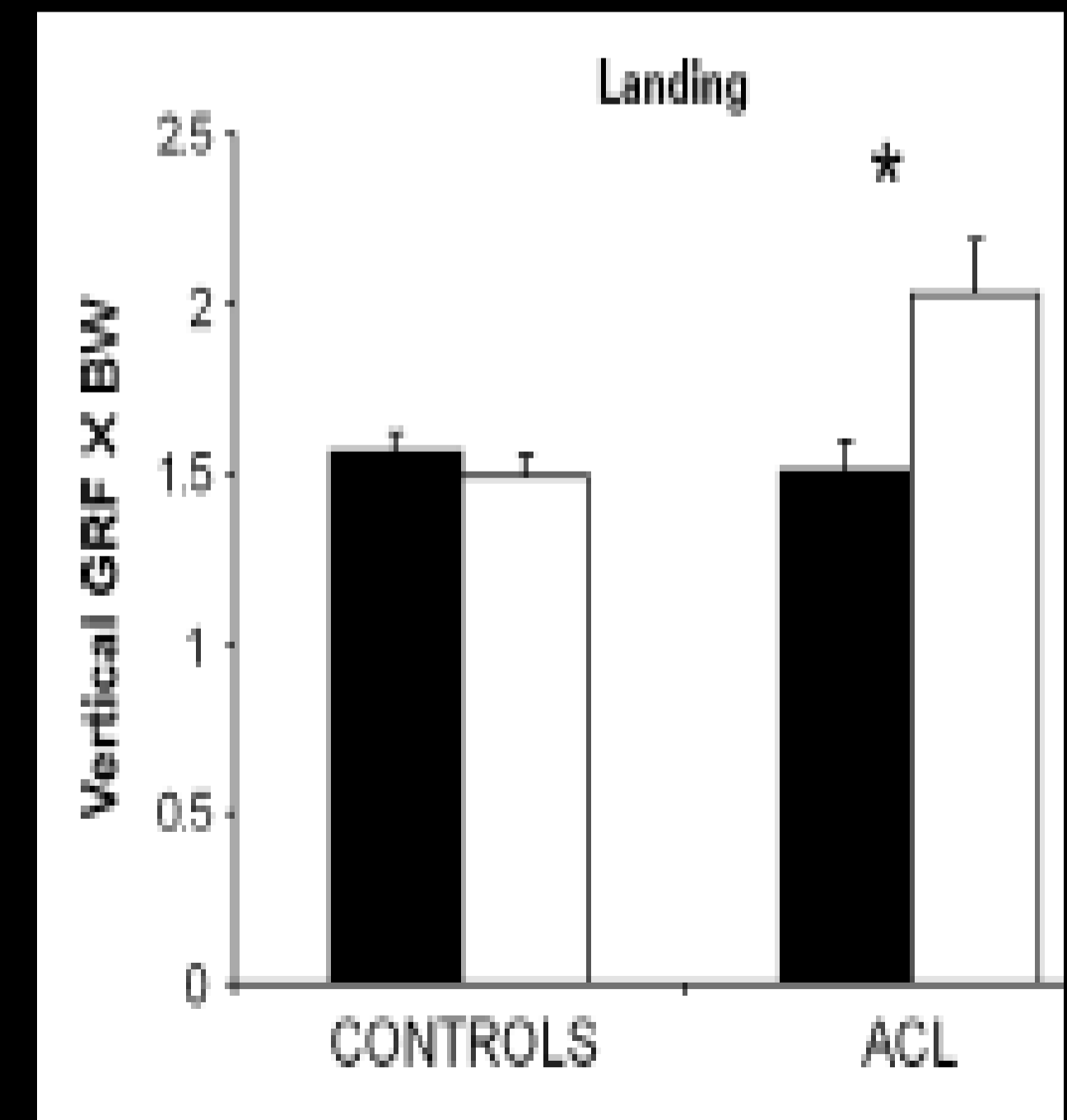
ORIGINAL RESEARCH

Limb Asymmetries in Landing and Jumping 2 Years Following Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

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- Residual of prior injury
- Potential risk factor for injury recurrence
- Potential return to sport criterion
- (Hewett, Myer, Paterno , others from 2000)

Peak landing force higher on uninvolved side



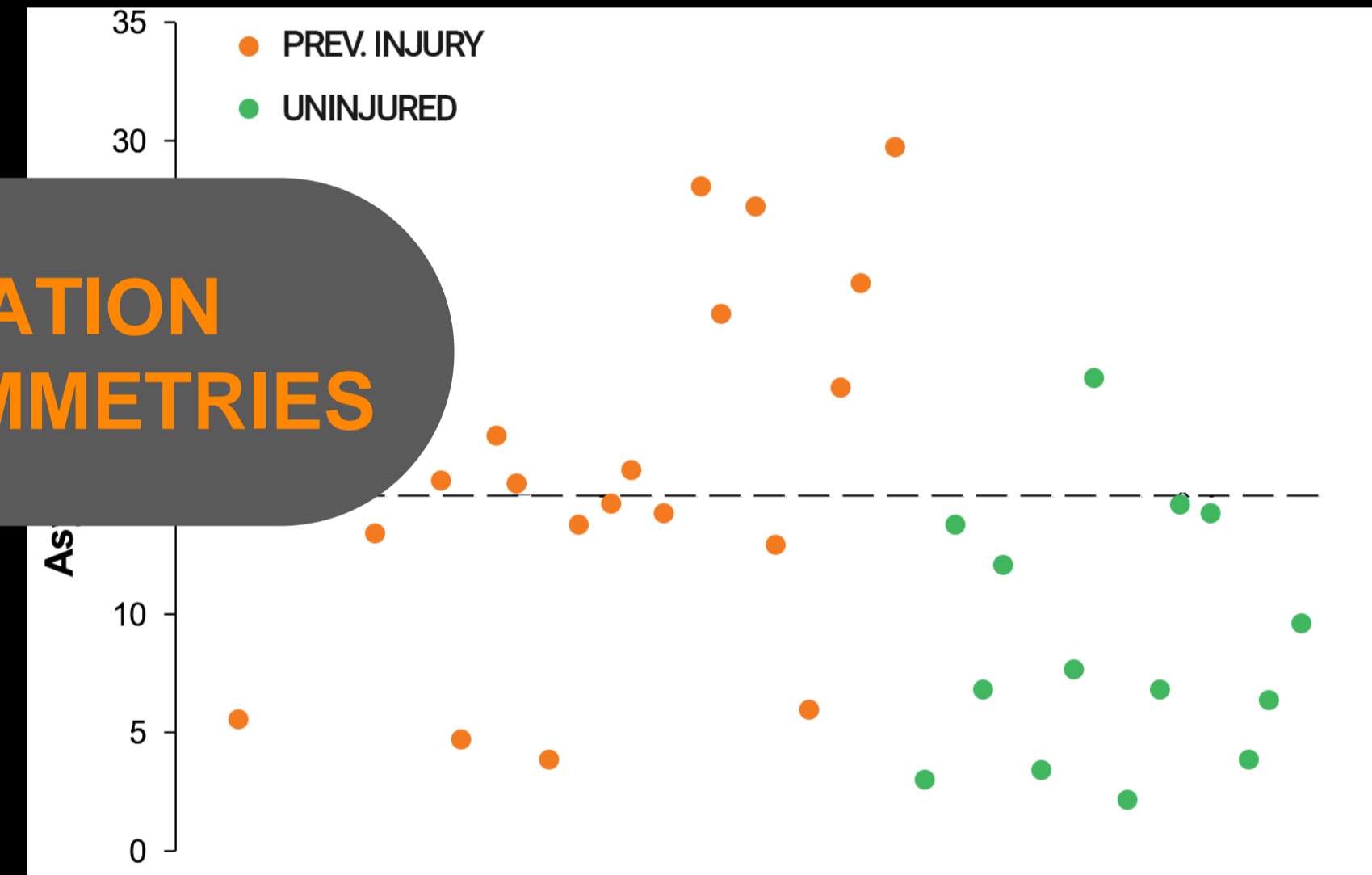
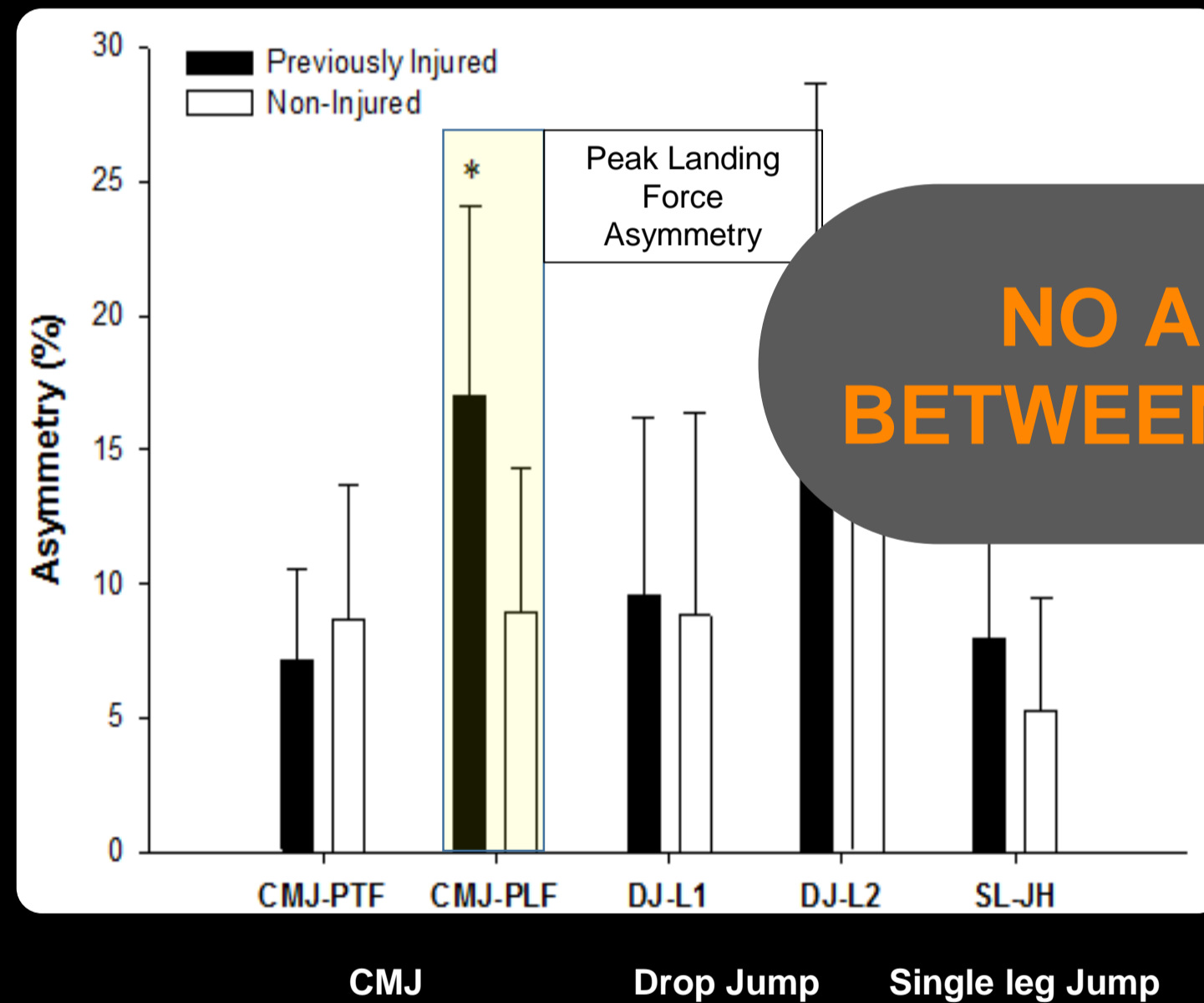
CMJ PEAK LANDING ASYMMETRIES

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ARE FORCE ASYMMETRIES MEASURED IN JUMP TESTS ASSOCIATED WITH PREVIOUS INJURY IN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS?

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- + Healthy players tested at start of preseason.
- + Defined as previously injured if any lower extremity injury leading to > 7 consecutive days missed in previous season



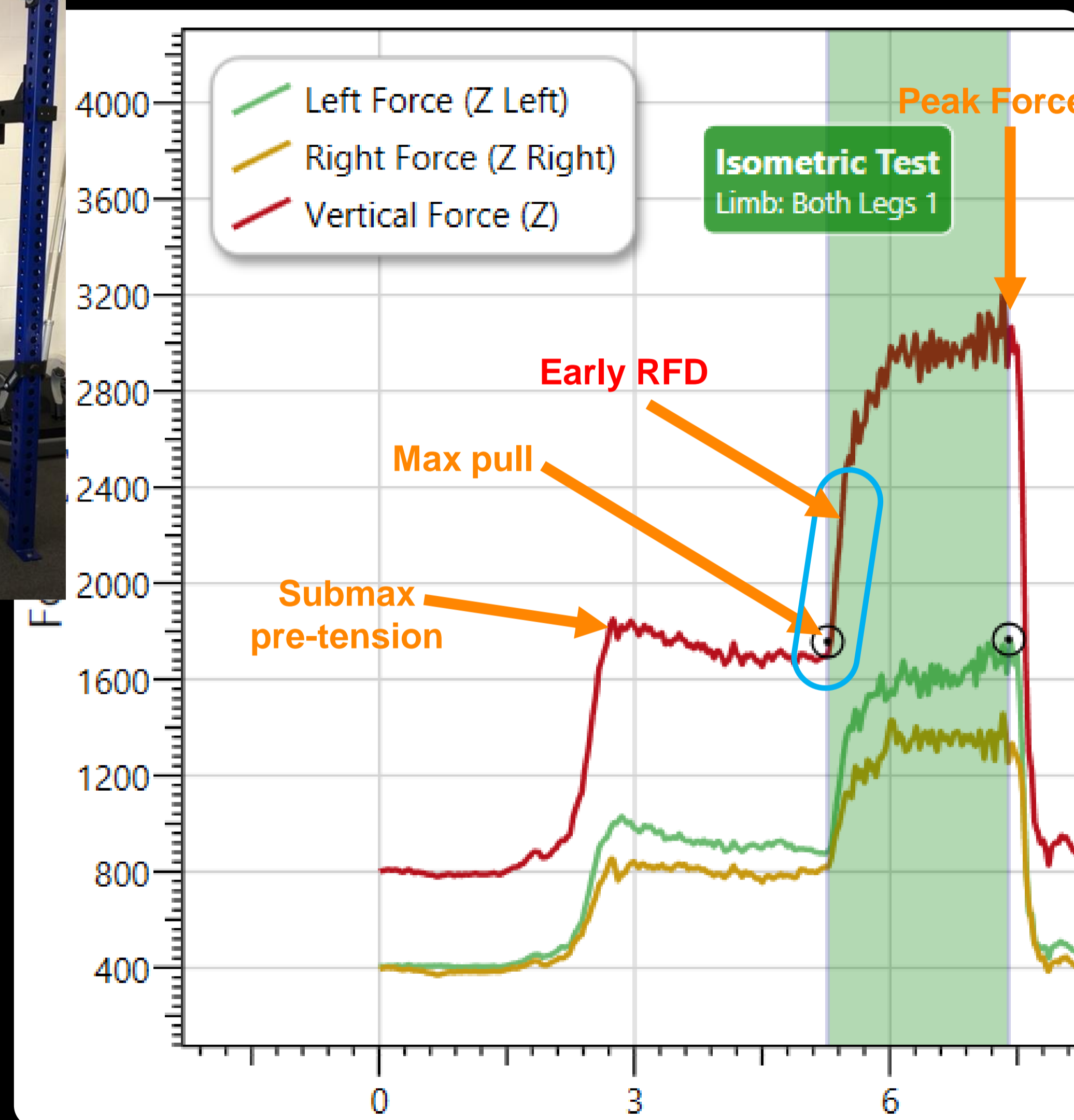
NO ASSOCIATION BETWEEN ASYMMETRIES

Mean asymmetry in countermovement jump take-off peak force (CMJ-PTF), peak landing force (CMJ-PLF) and first (DJ-L1) and second (DJ-L2) drop-jump peak landing and single leg jump height (SL-JH). *Asymmetry was significantly higher in previously injured players for CMJ-PLF ($P=0.001$; $d=1.27$)

Individual asymmetry in counter-movement jump peak landing force asymmetry in previously injured (●▼■) and non-injured (◇) players.

ISOMETRIC STRENGTH TESTS

- Isometric mid thigh pull (IMTP)
- Squat
- Leg press
- Posterior chain
- Calf
- Push-up
- ASH test (Shoulder IYT)



Thanks for listening!

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