

THE BODY and the BIKE

A kinetic chain analysis of cycling overuse injury

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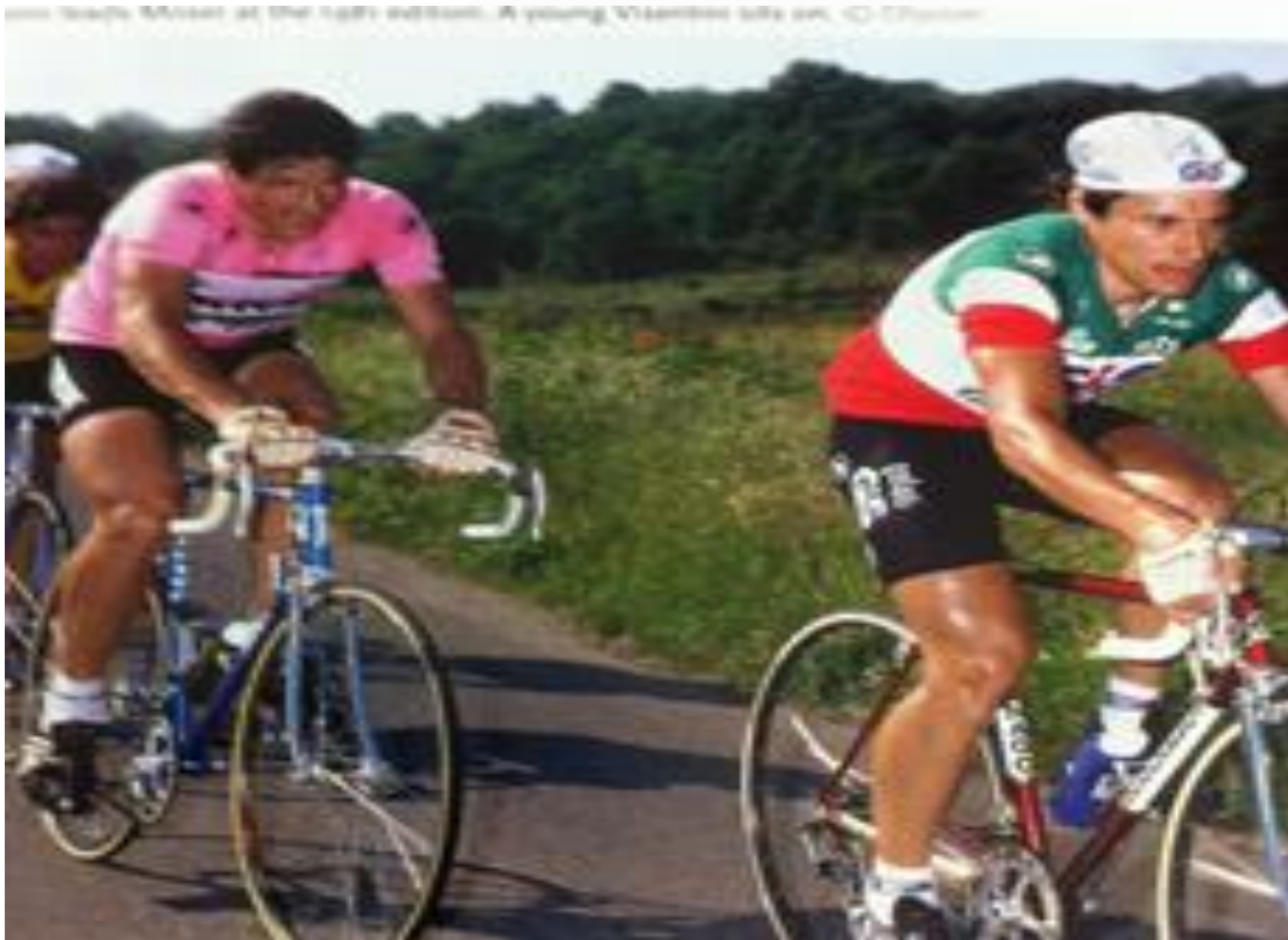
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The VISA score: An index of severity of symptoms in patients with jumper's knee (patellar tendinosis) 1998

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Research Topic: Clinical Measures of Kinetic Chain Function in Cycling and Running and their Relationship to Injury

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Why?

- Curiosity
- Little evidence
 - *bike + overuse pain + risk factors*
- Risk Factors are a guide to aetiology and management
- Bike Set-Up & Injury
 - PLUMB LINE ?
 - KNEE ANGLE ?
 - SEAT HEIGHT ?
 - ACTIVATION and KINEMATICS ?
- Dogma !



What?

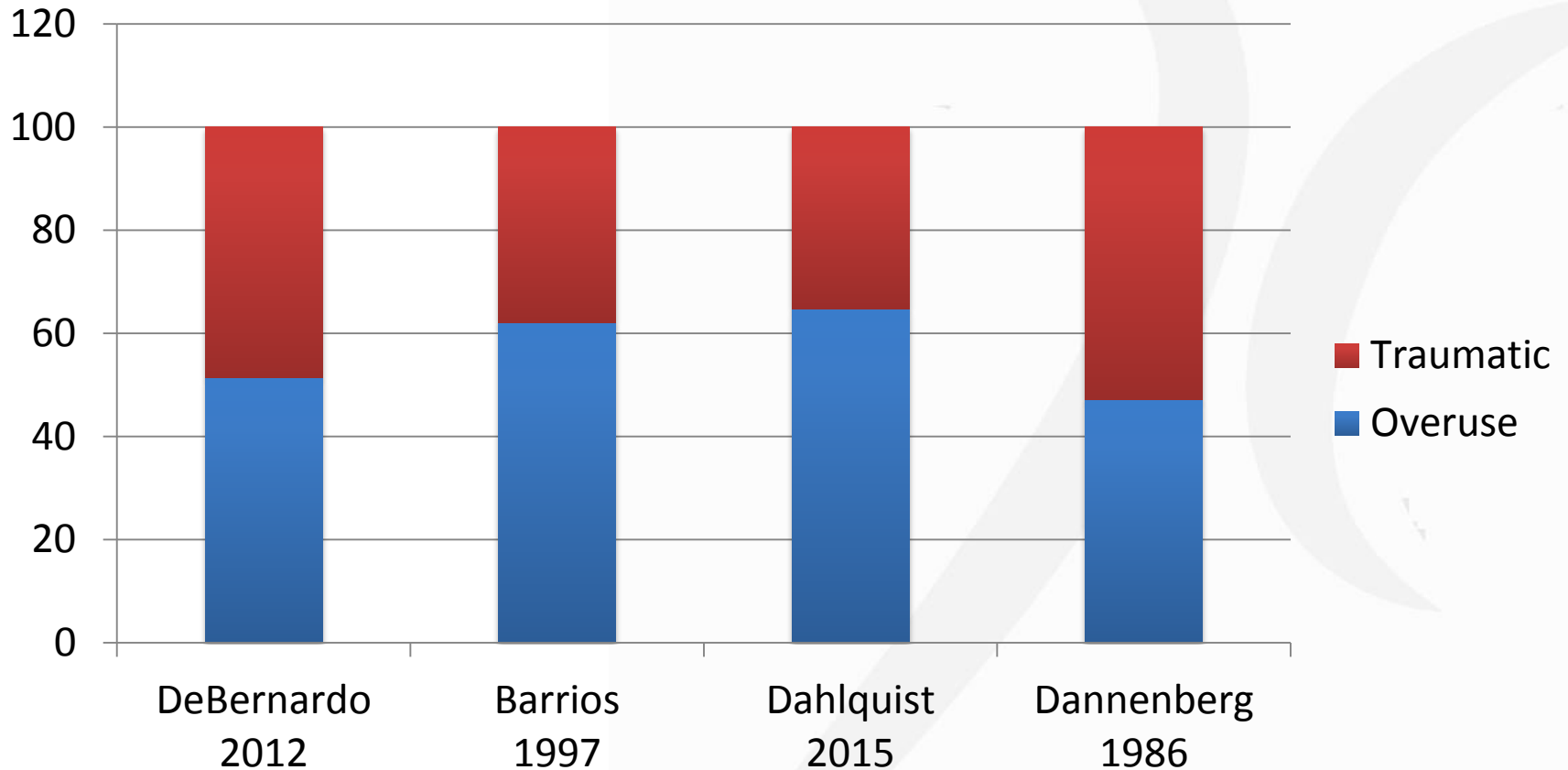
- Cycling Kinetic chain



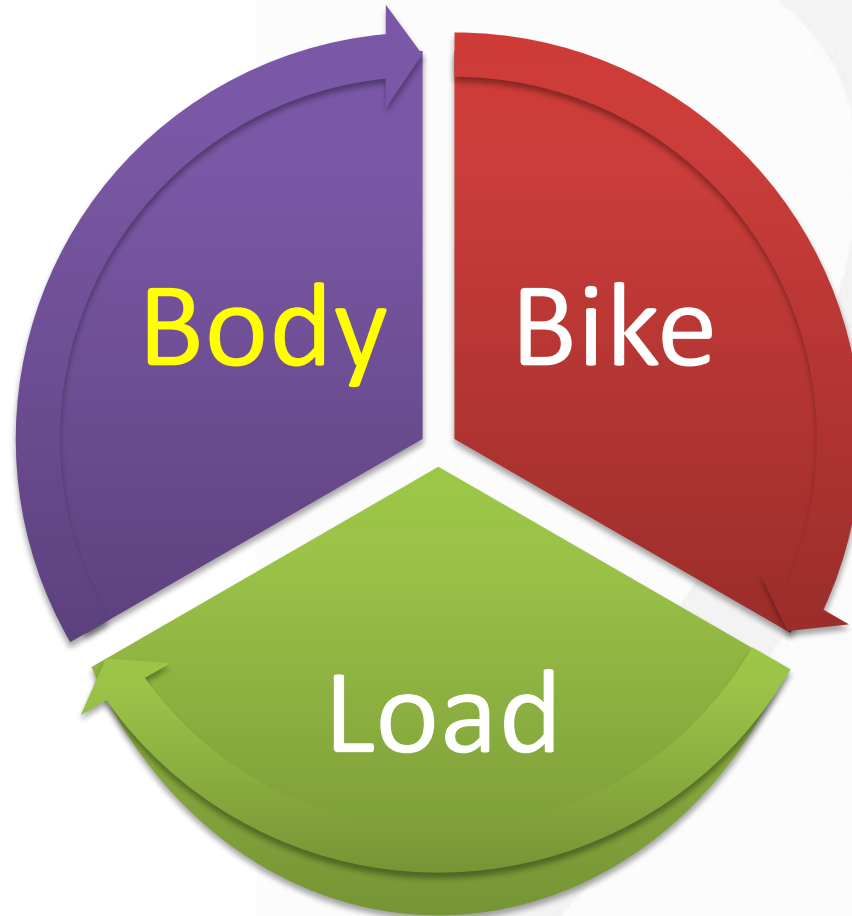
Gregor 1996

- Greogor 1996 – “..knowledge of ..load sharing among all segments responsible for the co-ordination of energy delivery to the crank is important..”
- Van Ingen Schenau 1989 “...uniarticular muscles **POWER PRODUCERS** and bi-articular **POWER DISTRIBUTORS....**”

Epidemiology



Tissue Overuse / Overload



Overuse Model based on Load Variables and Kinetic Chain Deficiency

- 90 RPM
- 5 hours
- 27,000 pedal strokes R/L
- **Mechanotransduction!!**
- “Be the cell”



MECHANOTRANSDUCTION

Process by which the body converts mechanical loading into cellular responses

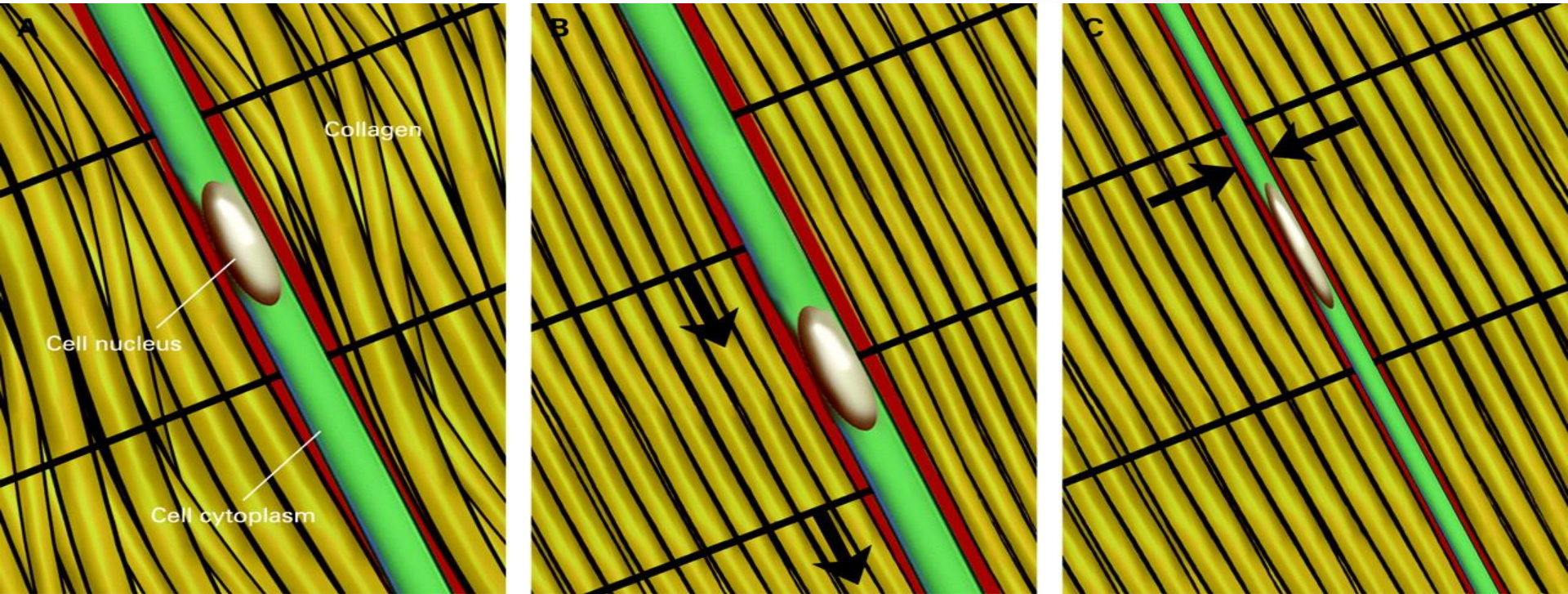
These cellular responses promote structural change

Mechanotherapy is the employment of mechanotransduction for the stimulation of tissue repair and remodelling

(Khan 2009)

Loading Theory

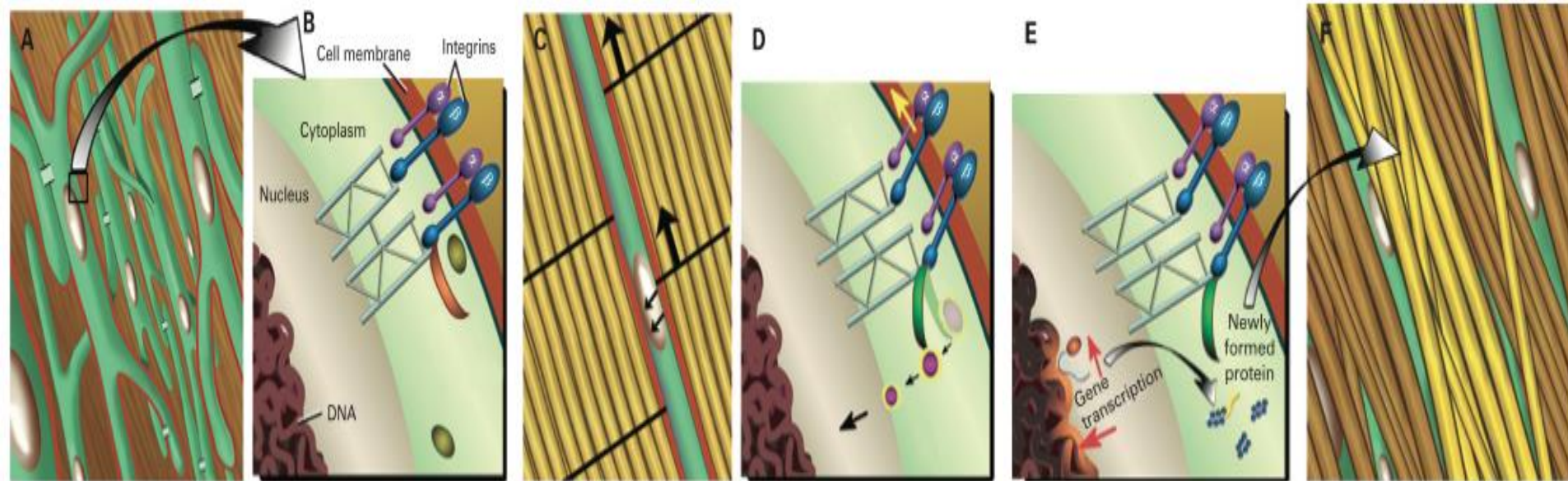
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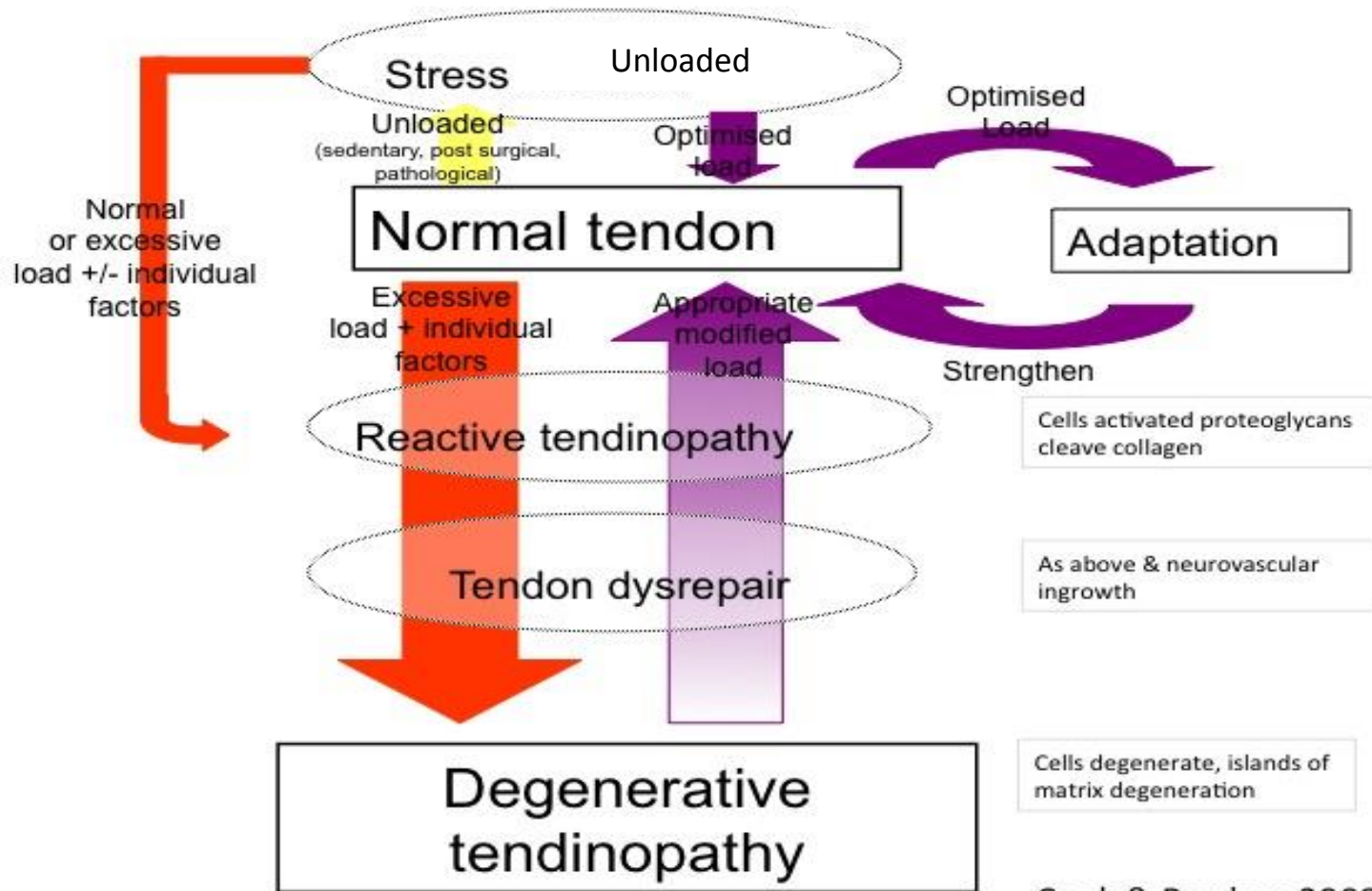
(Khan 2009)

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MECHANOTRANSDUCTION



Tissue Response - TENDON



Cook & Purdam 2009

Tissue Response

ARTICULAR CARTILAGE (Pollard 2008)

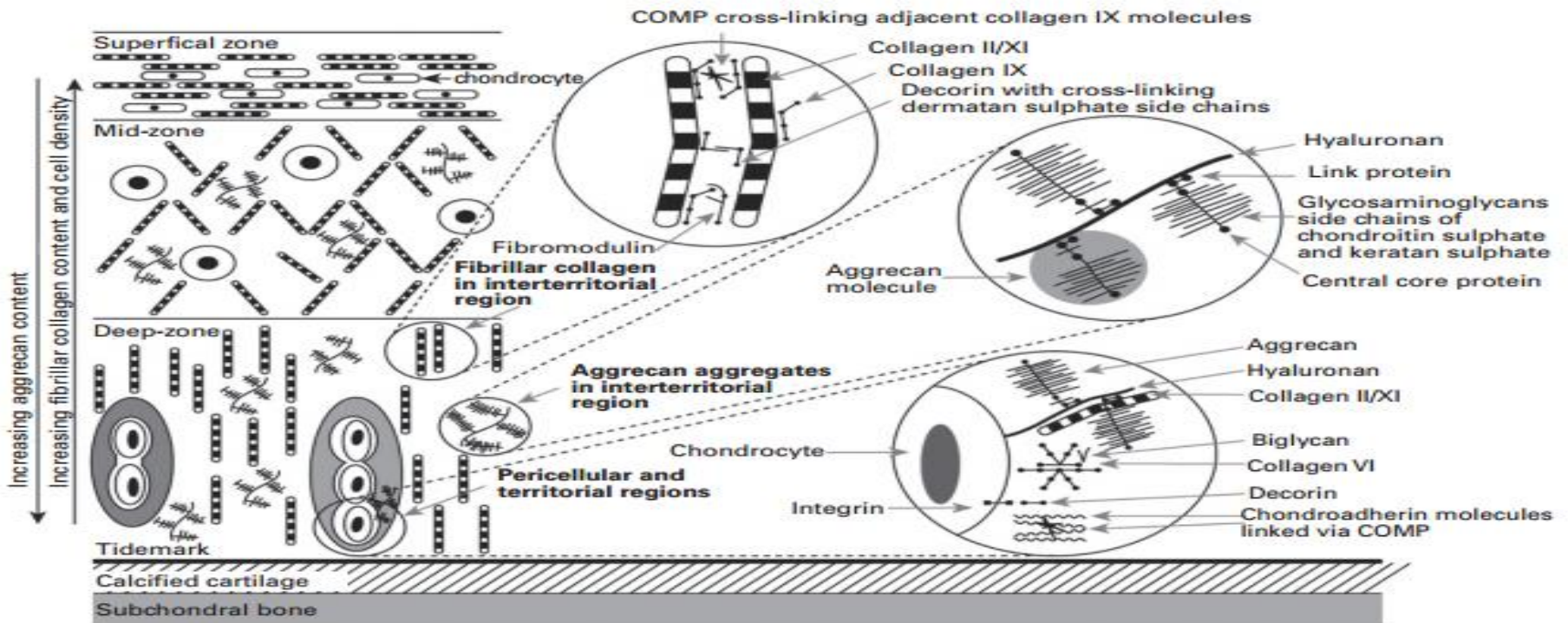
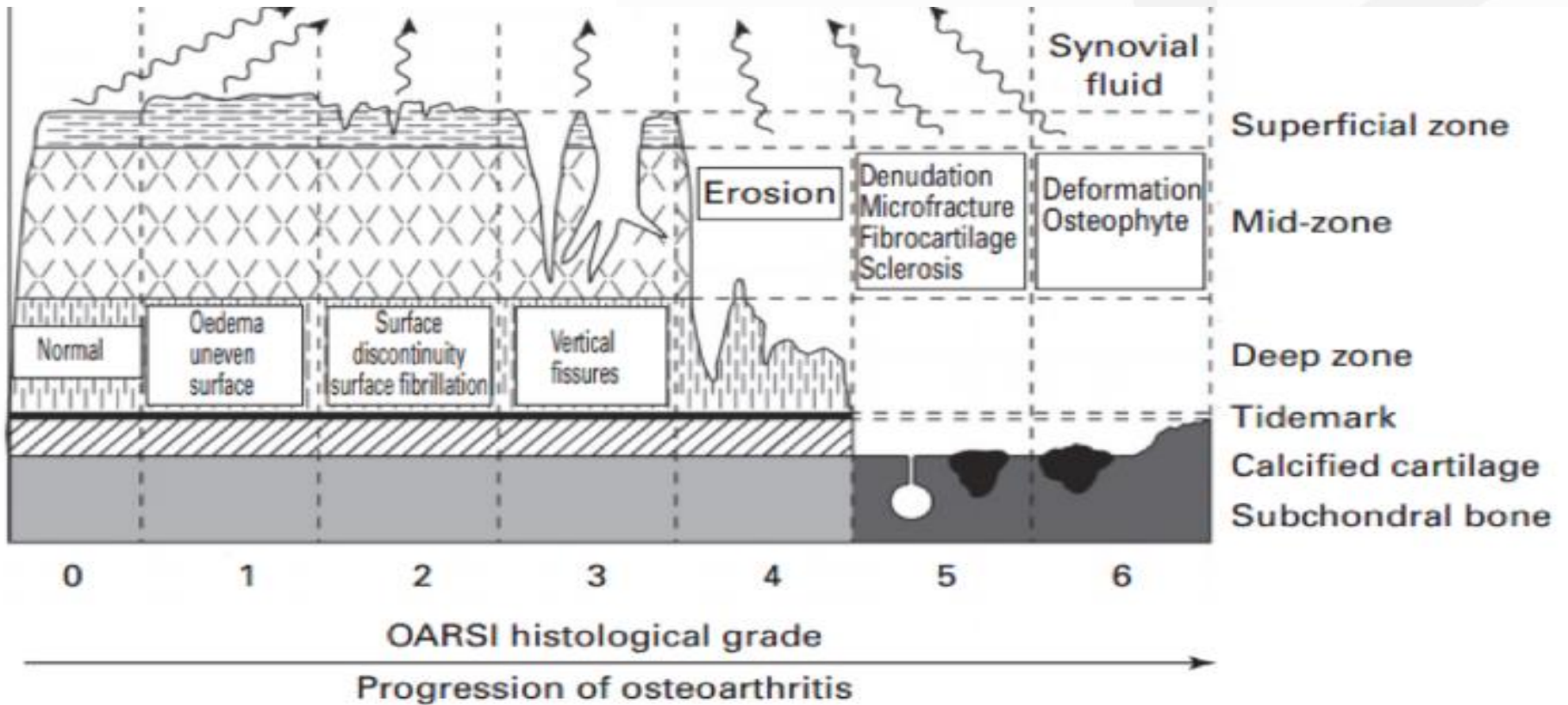


Fig. 1

Schematic illustration of the zones and compartmentalisation of articular cartilage (left side), and the molecular interactions in the territorial and interterritorial regions and structure of aggrecan and its formation into aggregates (right side) (COMP, cartilage oligomeric matrix protein).

Tissue Response

ARTICULAR CARTILAGE (Pollard 2008)



Tissue Response

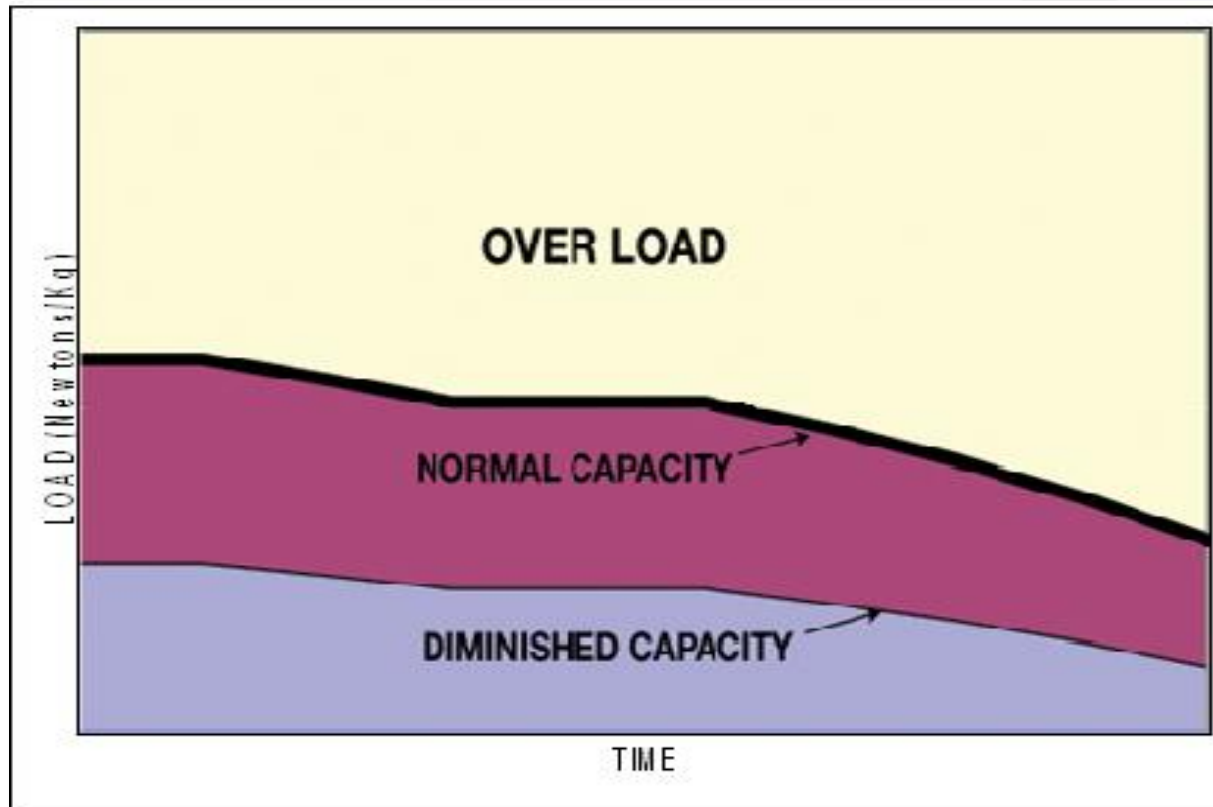
MUSCLE – Mueller-Wolfhardt 2012

Table 2 Classification of acute muscle disorders and injuries

A. Indirect muscle disorder/injury	Functional muscle disorder	Type 1: Overexertion-related muscle disorder	Type 1A: Fatigue-induced muscle disorder Type 1B: Delayed-onset muscle soreness (DOMS)
		Type 2: Neuromuscular muscle disorder	Type 2A: Spine-related neuromuscular Muscle disorder Type 2B: Muscle-related neuromuscular Muscle disorder
	Structural muscle injury	Type 3: Partial muscle tear	Type 3A: Minor partial muscle tear Type 3B: Moderate partial muscle tear
		Type 4: (Sub)total tear	Subtotal or complete muscle tear Tendinous avulsion
B. Direct muscle injury		Contusion	
		Laceration	

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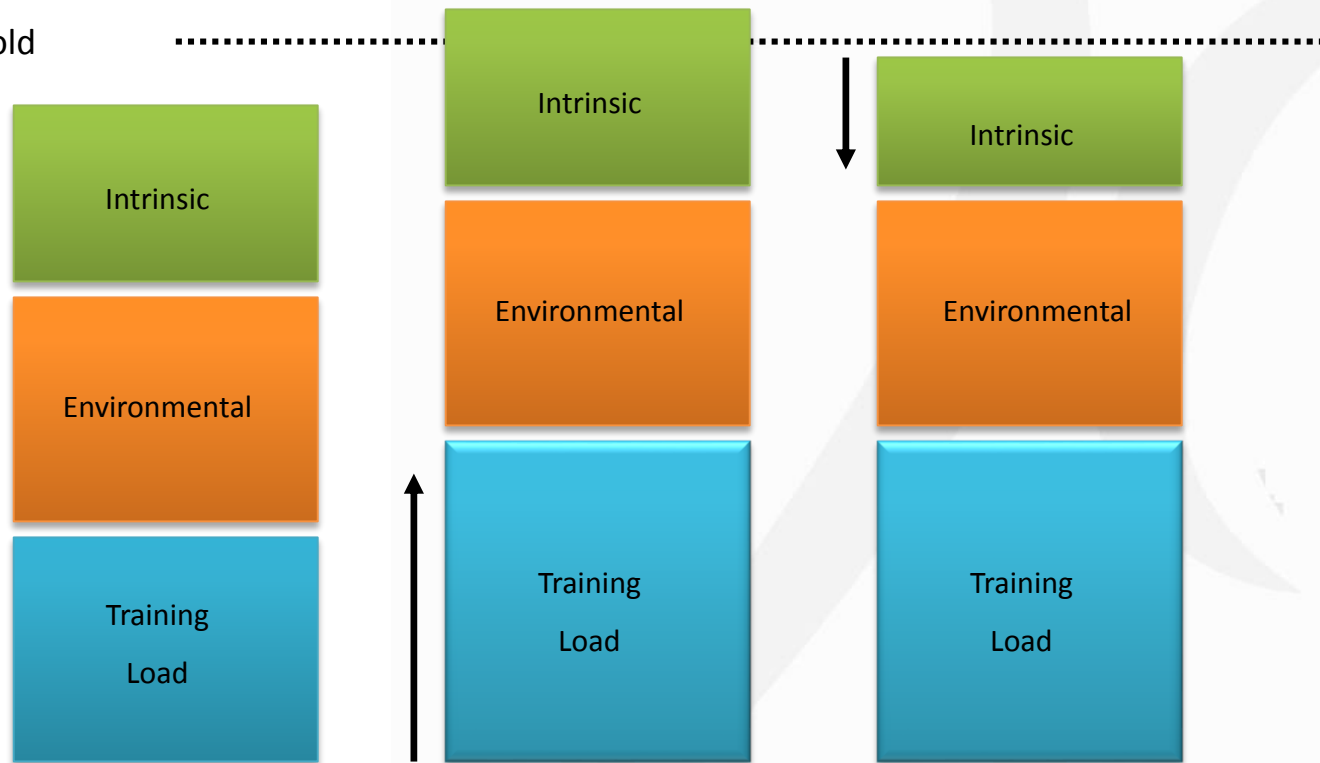
CAPACITY



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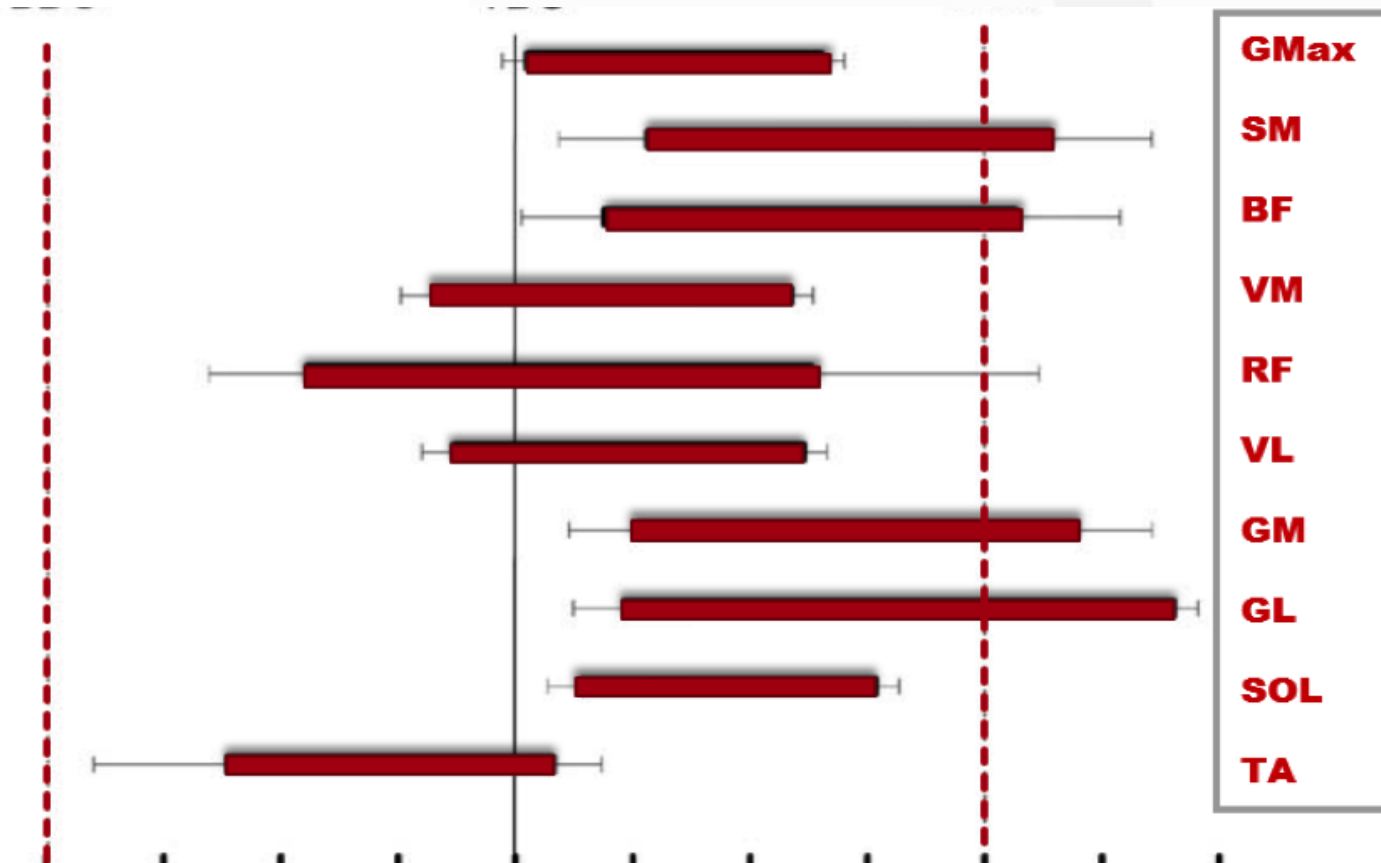
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Overload Threshold

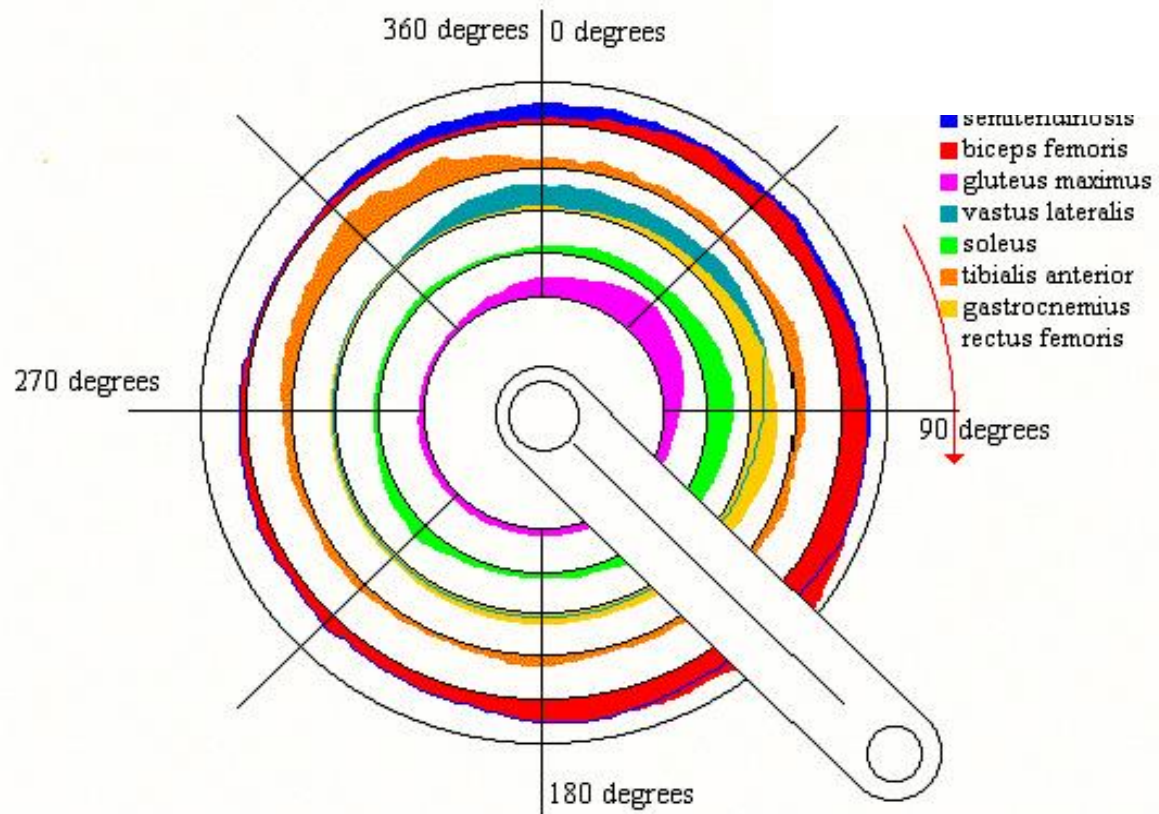


PERFECT ACTIVATION

Hug 2009

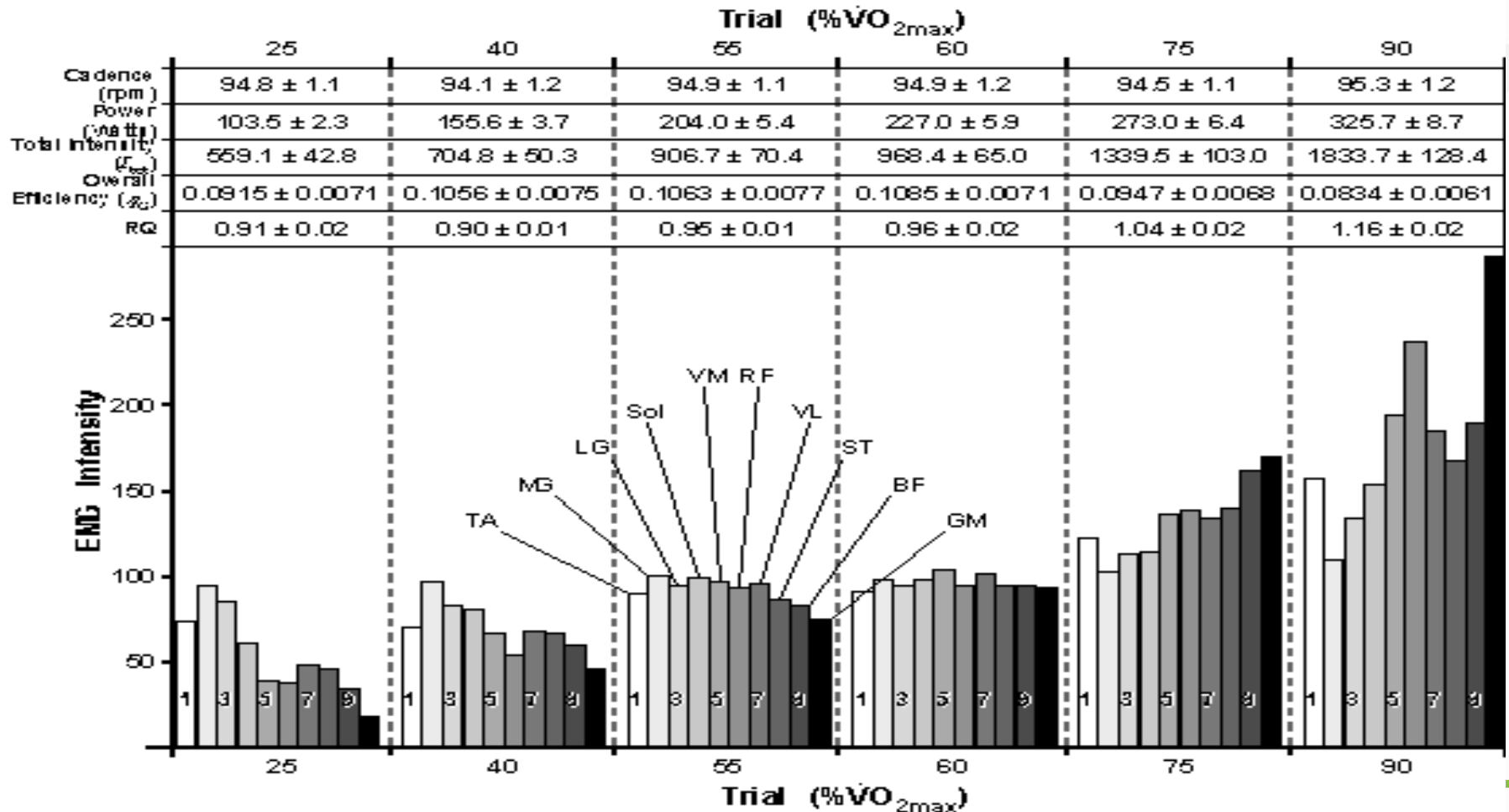


Muscles in Cycling



MUSCLE CO-ORDINATION PATTERNS in CYCLING

Ollie Blake 2012



WHAT CAUSES PAIN + INJURY?

- **RISK FACTOR:** Pain vs “Imperfect”
- **LEAP of FAITH:** High Load/Fatigue is aberrant = “imperfect”
- **EXTRAPOLATE:** Land-based theories – walk, run, jump

EVIDENCE

Risk Factor

MORE LUMBAR FLEXION
Van Hoof 2012, Salai 1999,
Burnett 2004

**APOLOGIES to Saddle soreness
and Neuropathies**

HAMSTRING INCO-ORDINATION in PFPS
Dieter 2014

INCREASE KN ABD in KNEE PAIN
Bailey 2007

INCREASE DF in PFPS
Bailey 2007

EVIDENCE

Performance

**INCREASE POWER MUSCLES
GLUTEALS & QUADS** under
high Fatigue , VO2
Blake 2012,

Increased Lx and Pelvic LF
In drops (Bressel 2002, Sauer 2007)
High power states (Sauer 2007)
High RPE (Chapman 2008)

INCREASE KNEE SPLAY under
Fatigue – (Dingwell 2008)

KNEE ANGLE
25-35 degrees STATIC (Peveller 2007)
33-43degrees DYNAMIC (Fonda 2014)

CO-ORDINATION from 2 joint
muscles HAMS & CALF
(Blake 2012)

INCREASE ANKLE ROM & DF
under fatigue (Bini 2010)

FOOT PAD “Ball of Foot” WB Cycling

EVIDENCE

Extrapolate Land

LUMBAR-PELVIC DISSOCIATION to optimise lumbar position and gluteal function

GLUTEUS MAXIMUS: Deficit causes PFPS & ANT HIP Overload – Quads, TFL, AL, Psoas

Souza & Powers 2009
Lewis & Sahrman 2008

QUADS WEAK risk PFPS

Langhorst 2012

DYNAMIC KNEE VALGUS:
PFPS and ITBS

Powers 2009; Fairclough 2009

ANKLE a FIRST ORDER worker – if lose the ankle can't transmit force

Bini 2010
Zhang 2000

BALL of FOOT need strong medial line including adductors, good frontal plane control and calf control

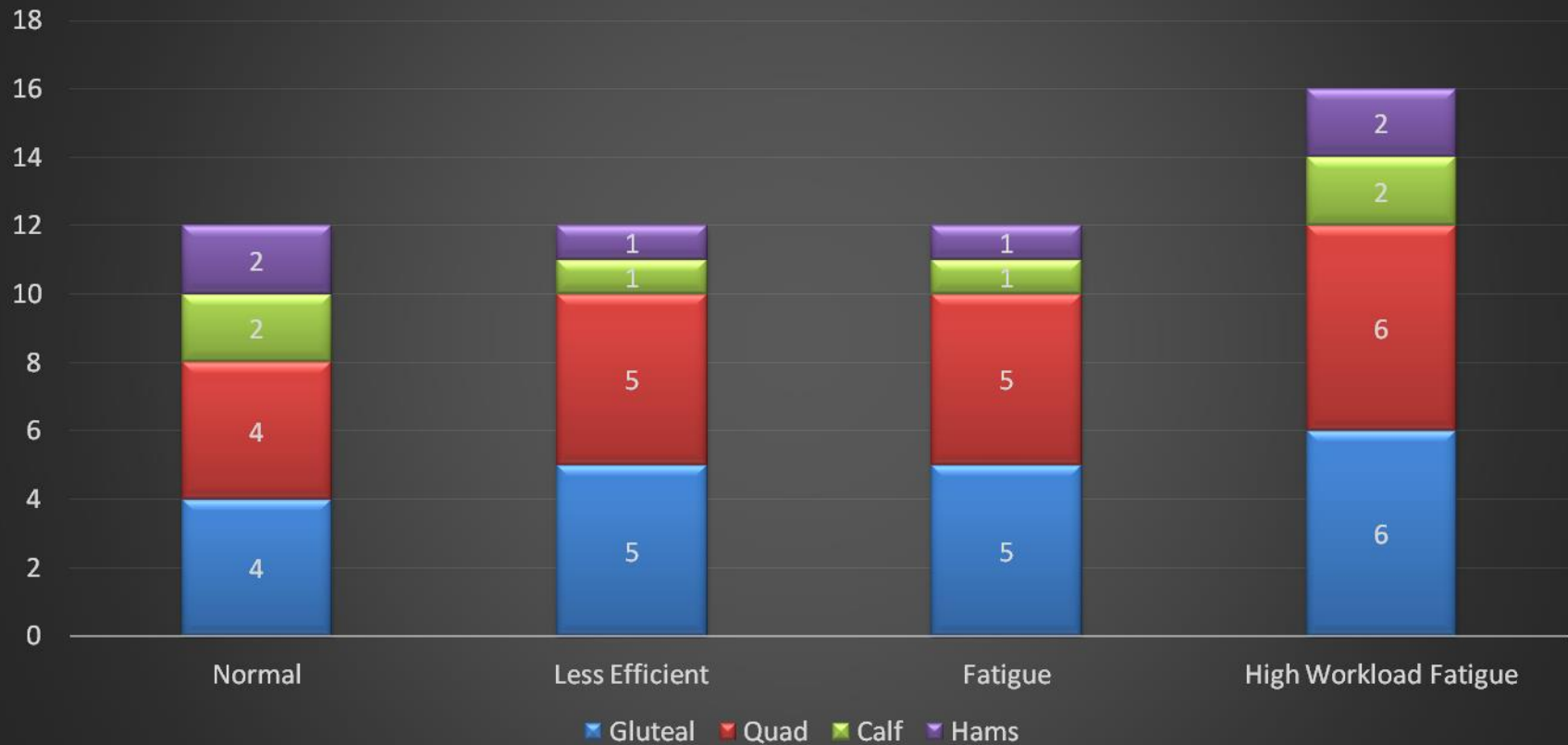
LOAD MASTERY

Cycling Closed Chain Summary

- **Foot and ankle:**
 - DF Increase, Line of Force Medial Foot (not lateral)
- **Knee:**
 - Tibial abduction knee pain, DKV, Knee Angle 25-35 deg STATIC / 33-43 Dynamic, Quads Strength
 - Quadriceps Overload + PFC factors, PFPS and Hamstring Activation
- **Hip:**
 - Gluteus Maximus activation theory + “if deficient”
 - Anterior Overload theory - Add Magnus, Deep Rotators, Sciatic N
- **Lumbar-Pelvic:**
 - Lx FL, Pelvis-Lx Dissociation

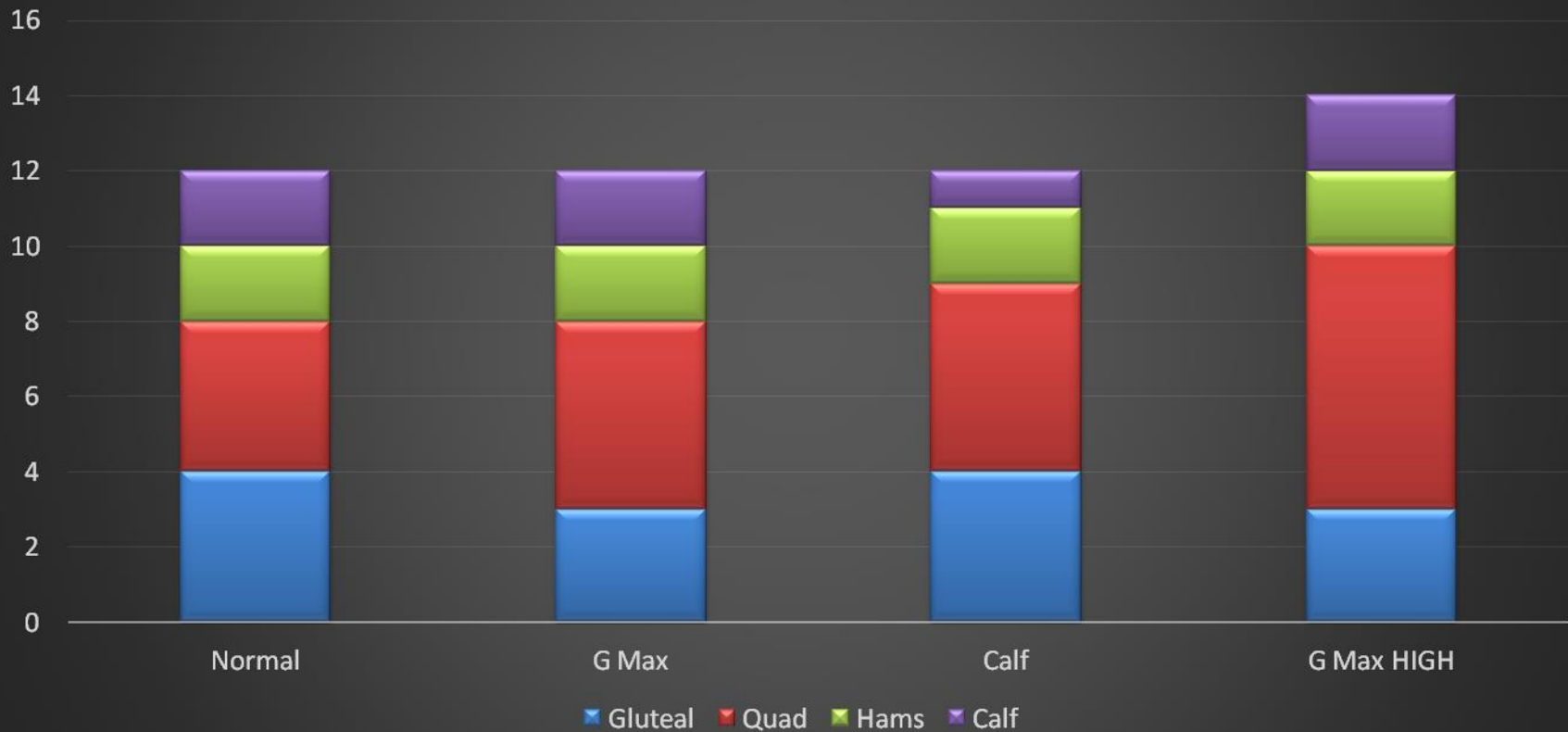
SUMMARY

Activation Profile



SUMMARY

Deficiency



Case Study

- S/E
- O/E
- BikeFit
- Video
- Reasoning
- Management
 - Hands-On
 - Rehabilitation
 - Bike
 - Technique
 - Riding Load

TREVOR-fall hip right

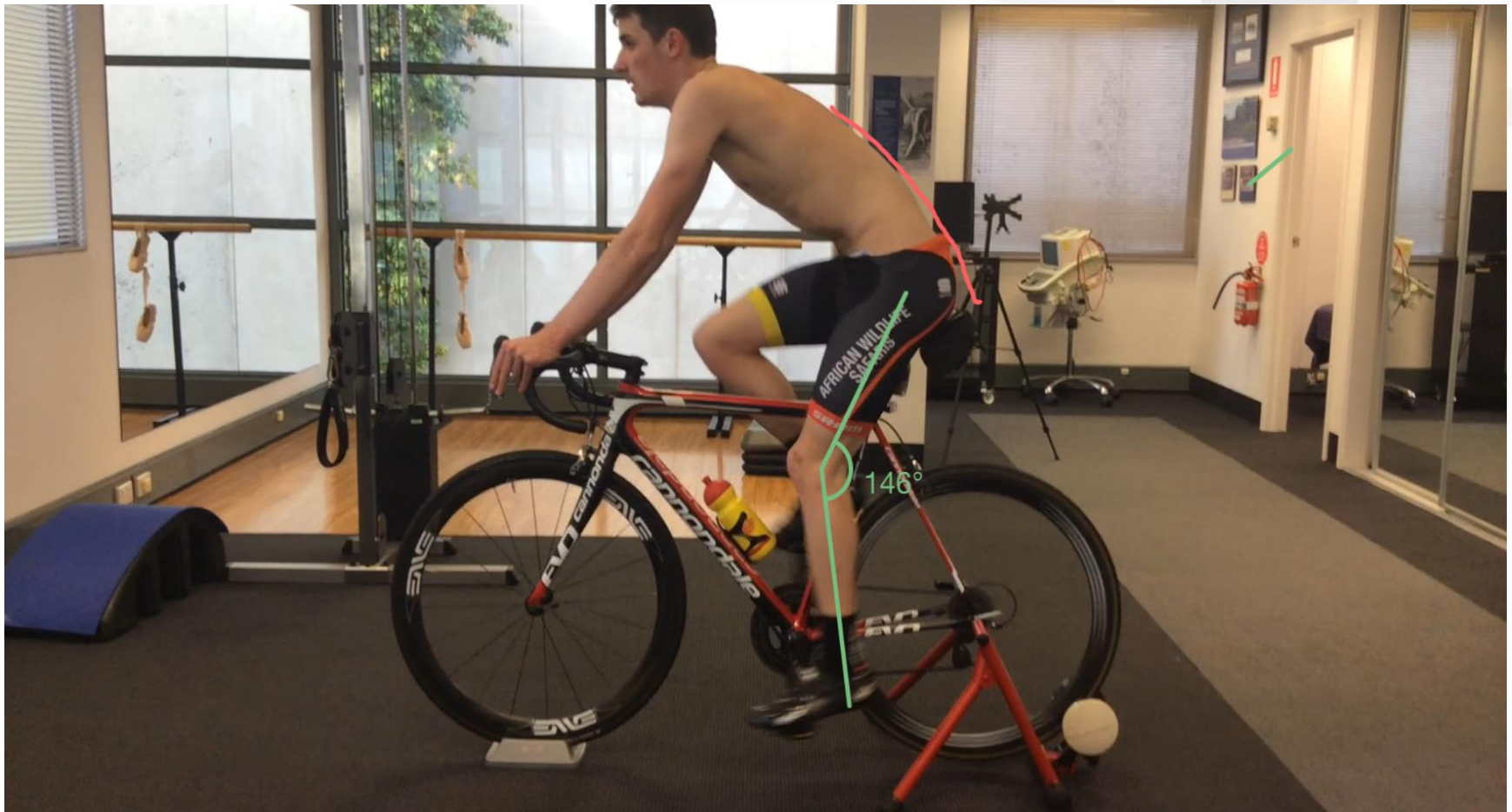
LUMBAR SORE + GLUTEALS DEFICIENT

CONTUSION HIP BULK

POWER MAINTAINED
QUADS OVERLOAD

EXTENSOR MECHANISM INJURY

LUMBAR SORE + GLUTEALS DEFICIENT



THANK-YOU

