

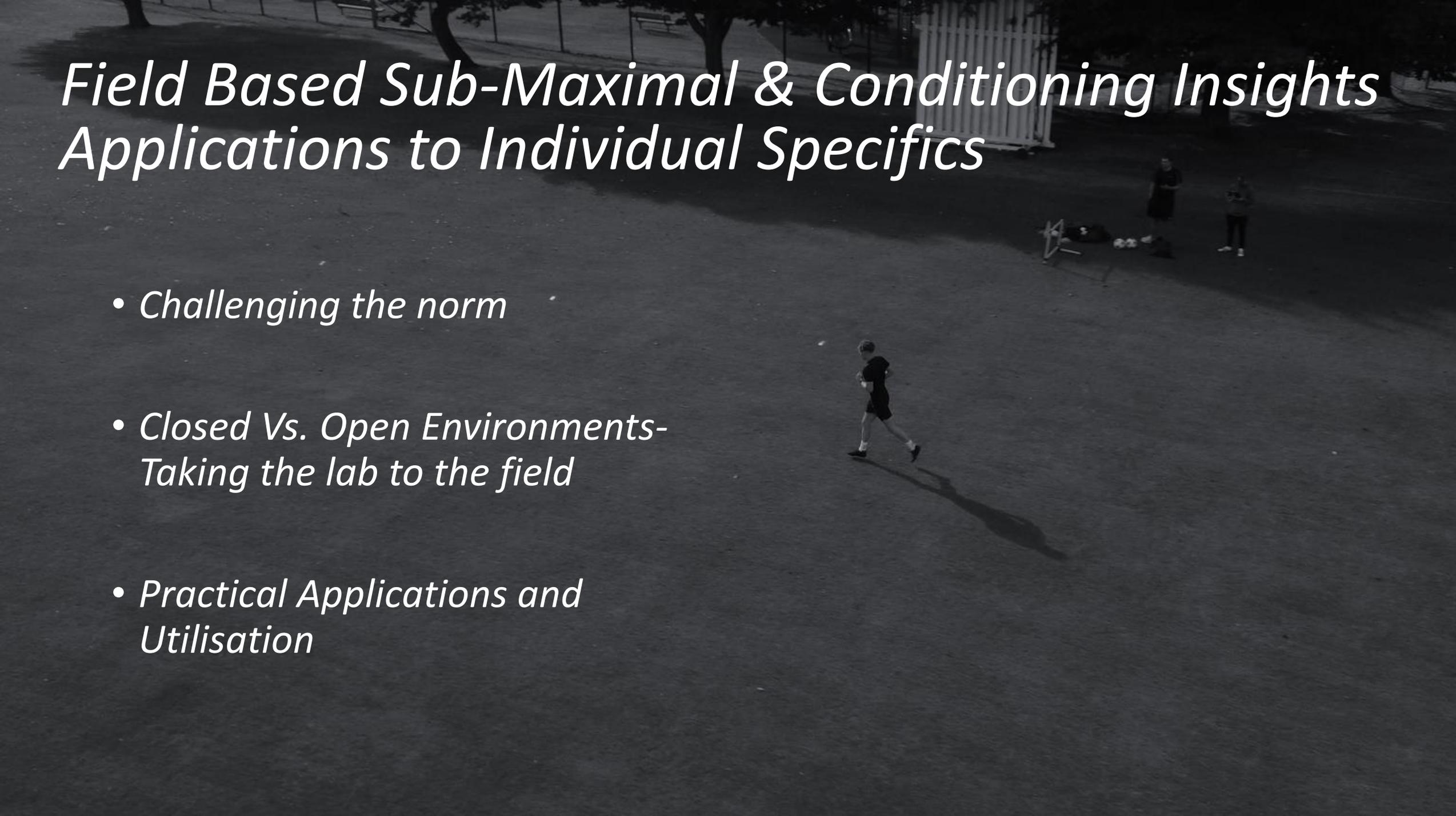
An aerial photograph of a soccer field. A player in a black jersey is running across the grass. In the background, there are trees, a fence, and a white storage container. The text is overlaid on the image.

*Field Based Sub-Maximal & Conditioning Insights  
Applications to Individual Specifics*

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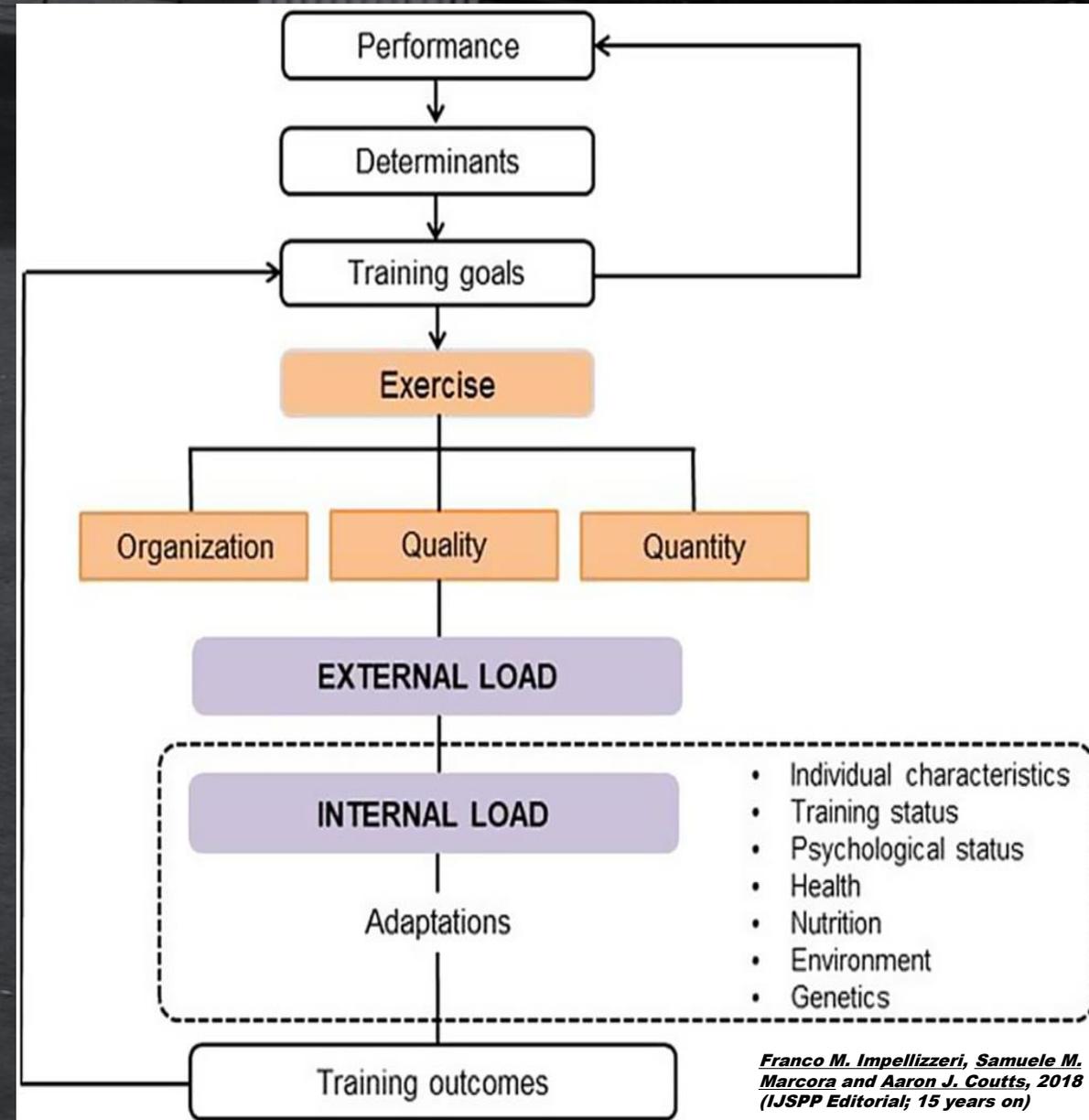
# *Field Based Sub-Maximal & Conditioning Insights Applications to Individual Specifics*

A dark, high-angle photograph of a person running on a field at night. The runner is in the lower center of the frame, moving towards the right. Their shadow is cast long and dark on the ground. In the background, there are other people standing near some equipment, and a fence or structure is visible under a dark sky.

- *Challenging the norm*
- *Closed Vs. Open Environments-  
Taking the lab to the field*
- *Practical Applications and  
Utilisation*

# Rewind and think....

- 2004 working as a practitioner...
- Heart Rate & RPE the 'Load' monitoring tools we rely upon (Internal)
- Gym 'loads' & tracking progress where limited.



*Franco M. Impellizzeri, Samuele M. Marcora and Aaron J. Coutts, 2018 (IJSP Editorial; 15 years on)*

*How do we challenge the norm???*

*Establish well planned, quality*  
**PERFORMANCE QUESTIONS**

# Answering Performance Questions with Tech ...

Robertson, S et al.,  
(2024) Development  
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framework

## Sports Technology Quality Framework

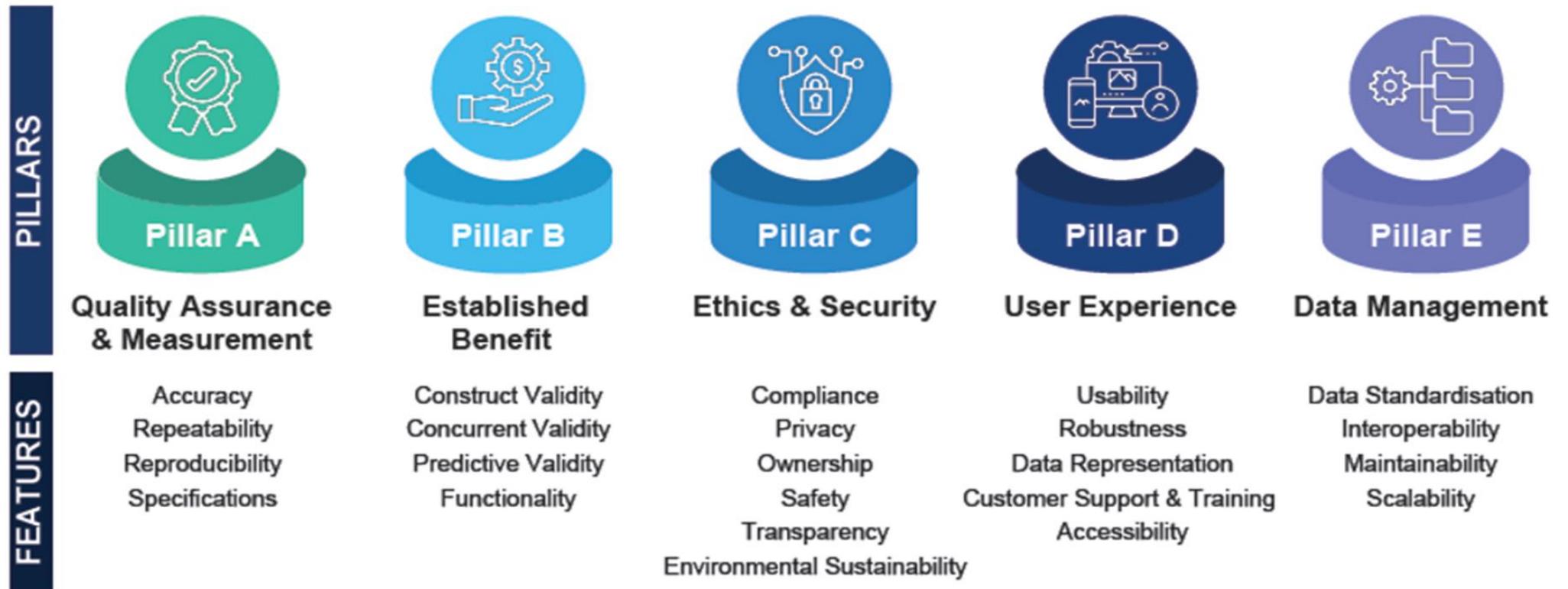


Figure 2. The sports technology quality framework.

# Modern Day influence of tech...

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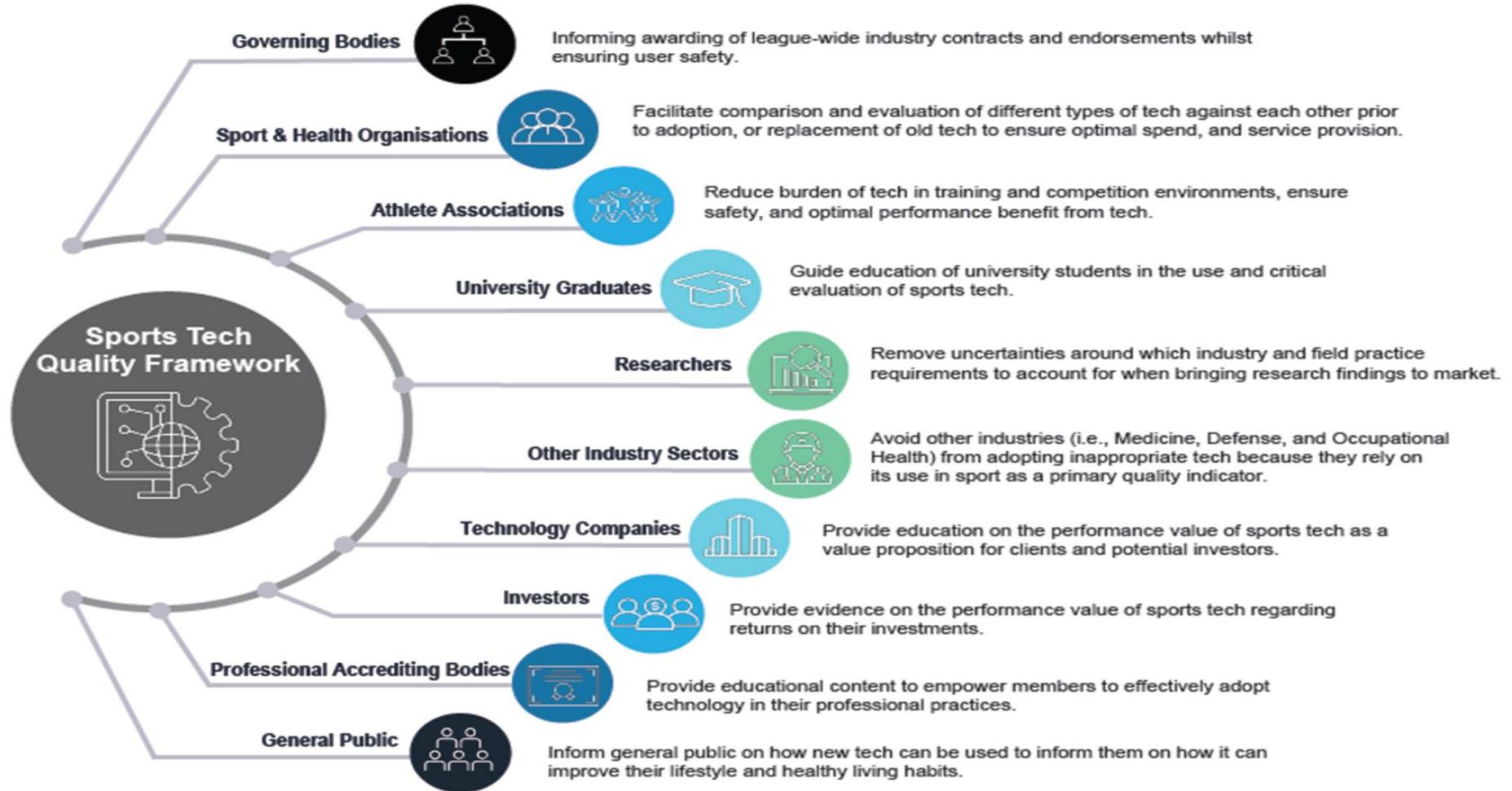
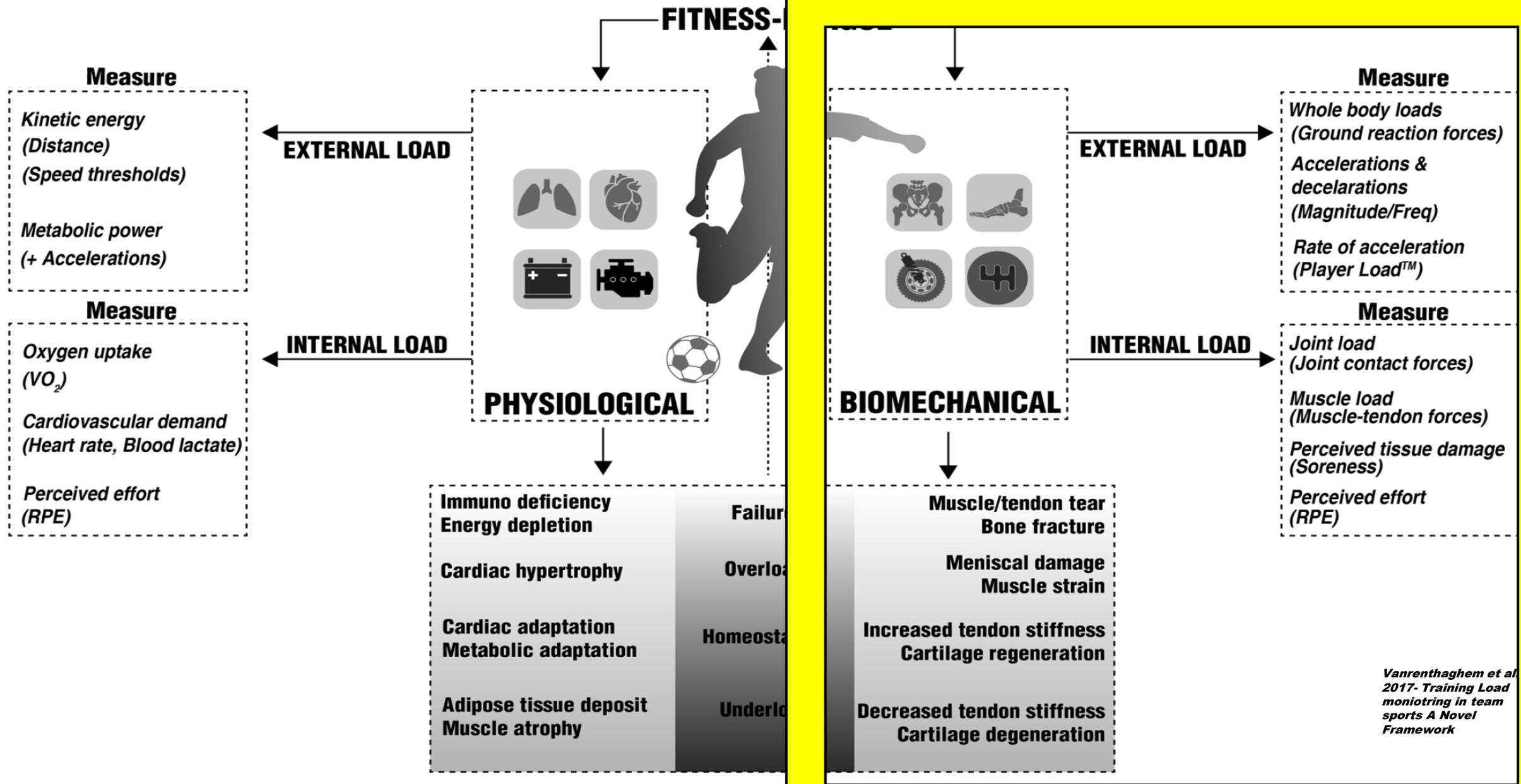


Figure 1. Current challenges for sport technology stakeholders.



*The art challenges  
the technology &  
the technology  
inspires the art....*

*Are we leading with innovation or following others?  
(Lab to the field theory coming up!)*



**Fig. 1** A new player load monitoring framework outlining the cyclical nature of the biological system as a whole. *RPE* rating of perceived exertion, *Freq* frequency

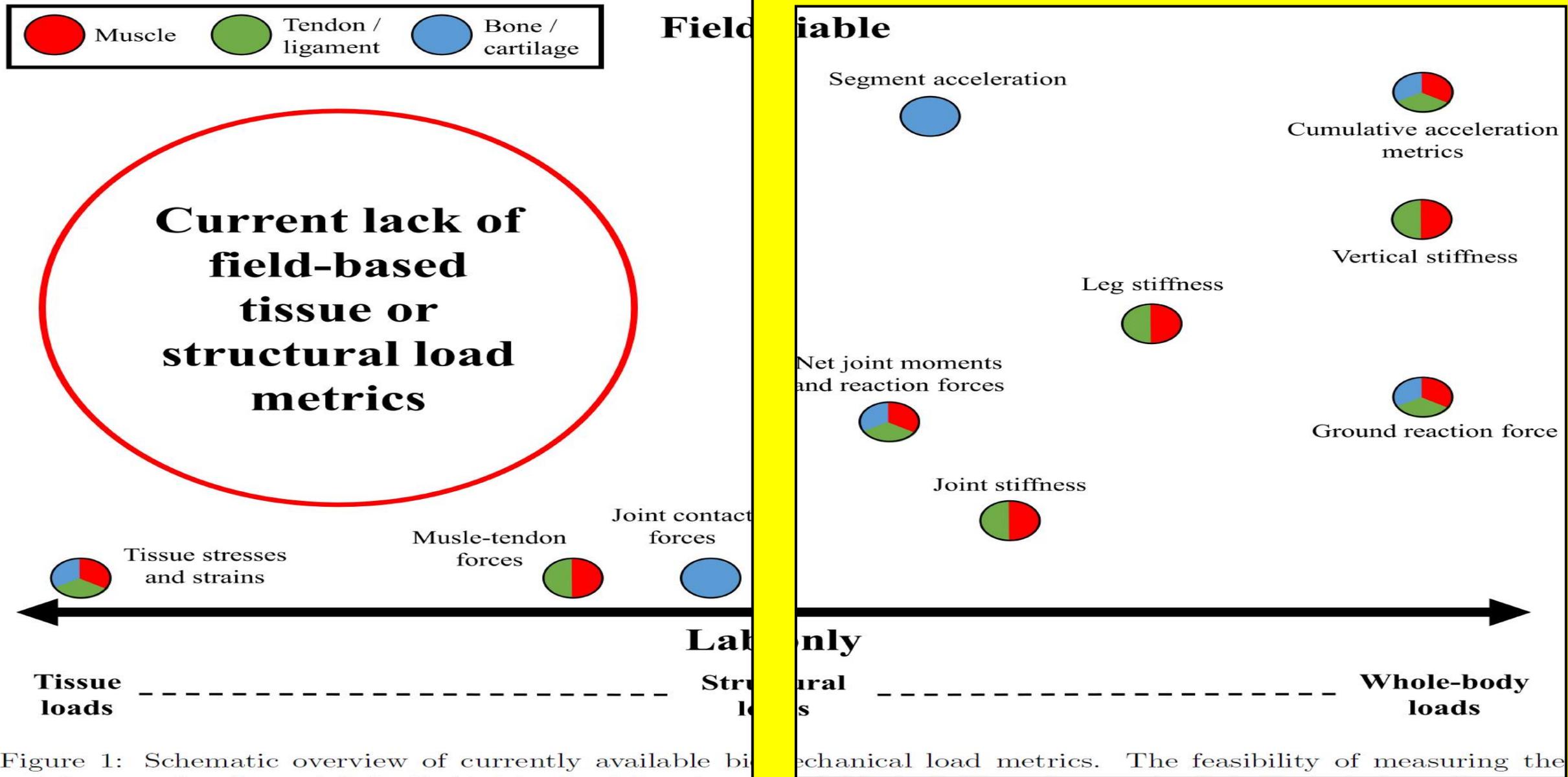


Figure 1: Schematic overview of currently available biomechanical load metrics. The feasibility of measuring the metrics, ranging from strictly limited to the laboratory to field viable, is shown. The level at which loads act on the musculoskeletal system (tissue, structure, or whole-body) is indicated. The tissues affected by each load metric are shown in red (muscles), green (tendons and ligaments) and/or blue (bones and cartilage). Metrics to assess tissue- or structure-specific loads that are viable to be measured in the field are still lacking.

# *Measuring Mechanical 'Loads'...*

*How do we  
translate the lab to  
the field to get  
where we want?*



*Barrett et al., 2014- Playerload: Reliability during treadmill running*



*Barrett et al., 2015- Within match Playerload patterns during a simulated soccer match*

# *Getting insights from the source of motion...*

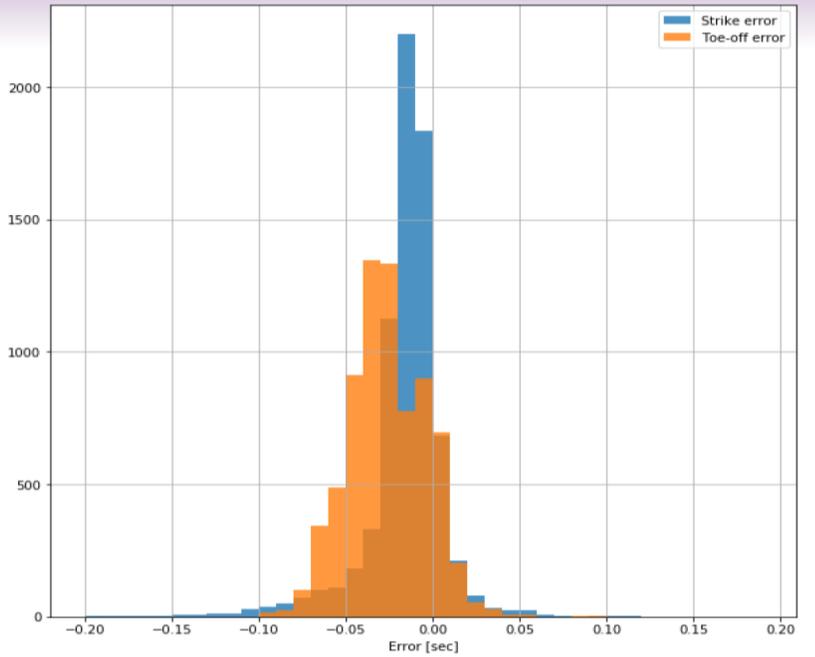
- Muscle dampening effect on upper body mounted devices (COM Vs. SCAP)*
- Missing key on-field Mechanical 'Load' insights into screening/RTP*
- Can we get answer multiple performance questions with one process?*



# Development of gait metrics

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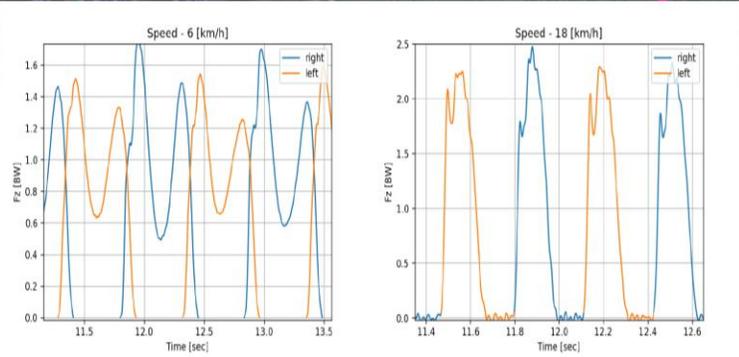
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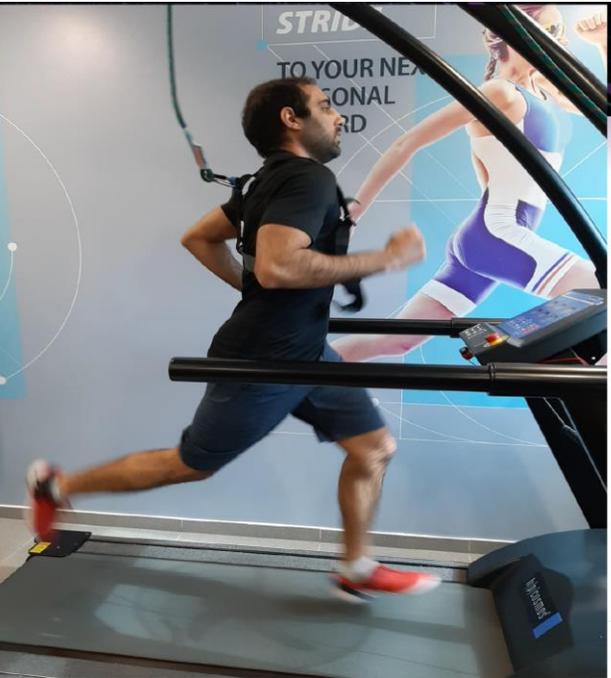
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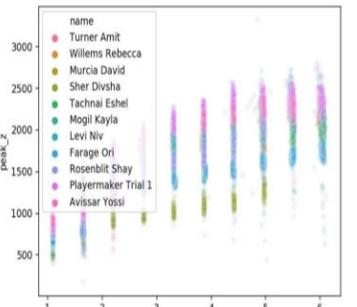


## The TAU experiment

- 11 participant
- Speeds range is 4-22 km/h in increments of 2 km/h. Each participant ran for 30 s in each speed. (Not all participants achieved max speed)
- Total of ~8000 steps recorded
- For each step, the treadmill measured the full ground reaction force profile. In this project we used only the contact duration.



**Amit & Barrett 2020- Development of gait based measures for foot-mounted IMU Devices (Internal project vs. a criterion measure)**



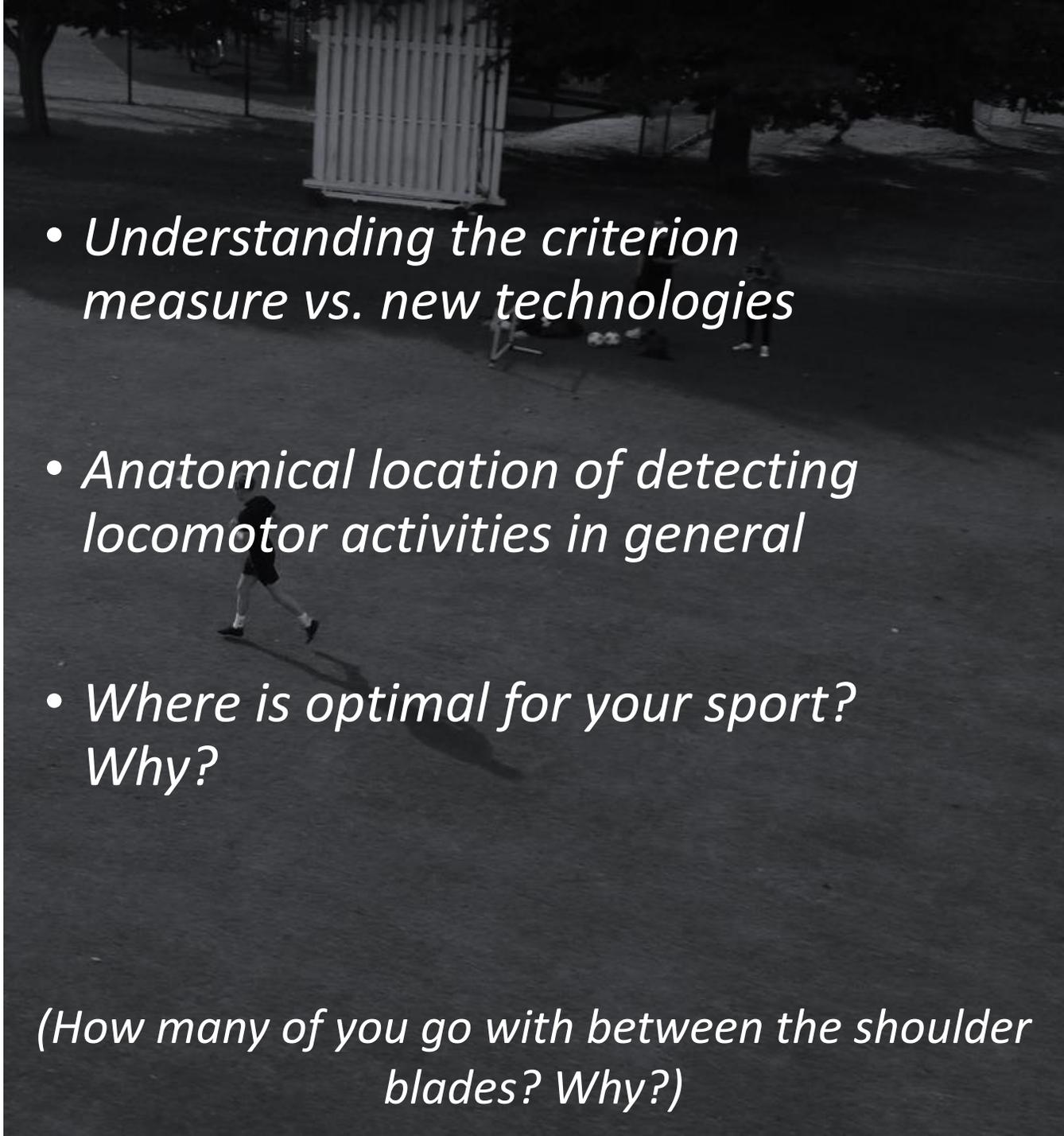
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*Myhill et al., 2023-  
Concurrent validity and  
between unit reliability  
of a foot-mounted  
inertial measurement  
unit to measure velocity  
during team sport  
activity*



- Understanding the criterion measure vs. new technologies*
- Anatomical location of detecting locomotor activities in general*
- Where is optimal for your sport? Why?*

*(How many of you go with between the shoulder blades? Why?)*

*Back to the Field!*

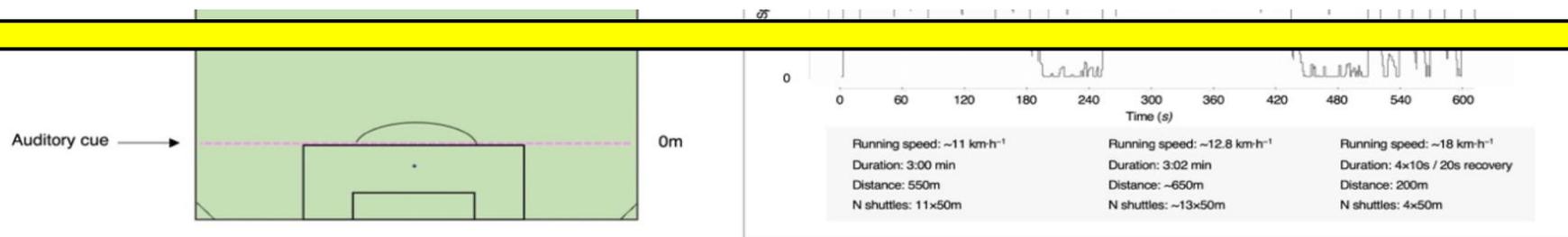
*Hallelujah!*

# Proposed Title: A Methodological Comparison of Protocols and Analytical Techniques to Assess Submaximal Fitness Tests Outcome Measures

## Practical Applications

This study provides practical insights into the collection methods and analytical processes of SMFT outcome measures as adopted in both research and practice. Specifically, practitioners should be aware of the expected outcome measure variability, and how these may differ according to the SMFT protocol and analytical techniques. The results demonstrate that HRex has high levels of reliability, reinforcing its use as the main HR derived measure within SMFT

HRR reliability outcomes, practitioners are advised to use the last 5–10 s of the recovery and analyse HRR as the mean or minimum HR value observed during this period. Whilst the reliability of PL<sub>V</sub> (MEMS between scapulae) and CT (foot-mounted) was comparable across testing protocols and analysis techniques, practitioners are reminded that future studies are necessary to examine the validity and sensitivity of these measures for monitoring neuromuscular training effects.



# Monitoring Status – Warm-Up?

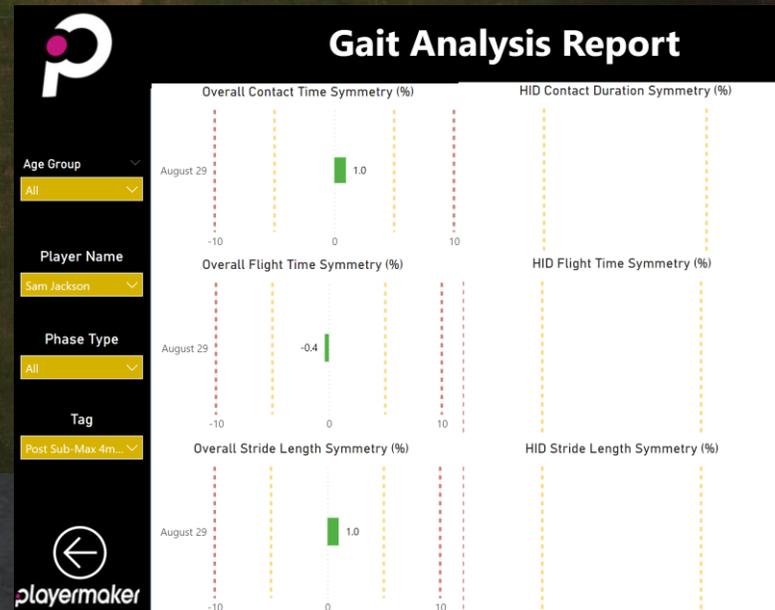
Contact Time  
Left= 220 ms  
Right= 221 ms



4min Sub-Max Run  
@ 12km/h

Continuous running,  
with poles 50m apart  
(15s between each  
pole)

Is it possible to  
implement this in  
your environment?



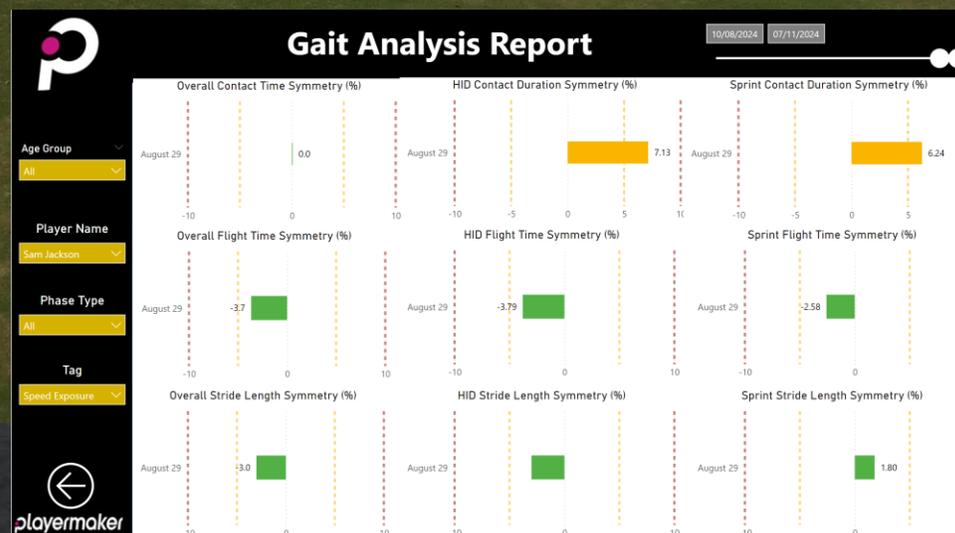
# Monitoring Status- Speed Exposure?

Contact Time  
( $>7\text{m/s}$ )  
Left= 110 ms  
Right= 112 ms

Sprints @ the end of  
a Warm-Up

Player performs 2-3  
 $>95\%$  max sprints as  
part of their speed  
exposure.

Is it possible to  
implement this in  
your environment?



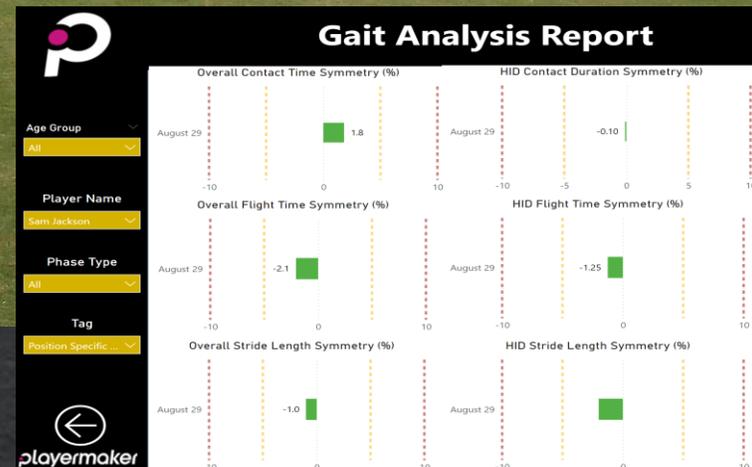
# Monitoring Status- Position Specific HIIT?



Contact Time  
( $>5.5\text{m/s}$ )  
Left= 117 ms  
Right= 117 ms

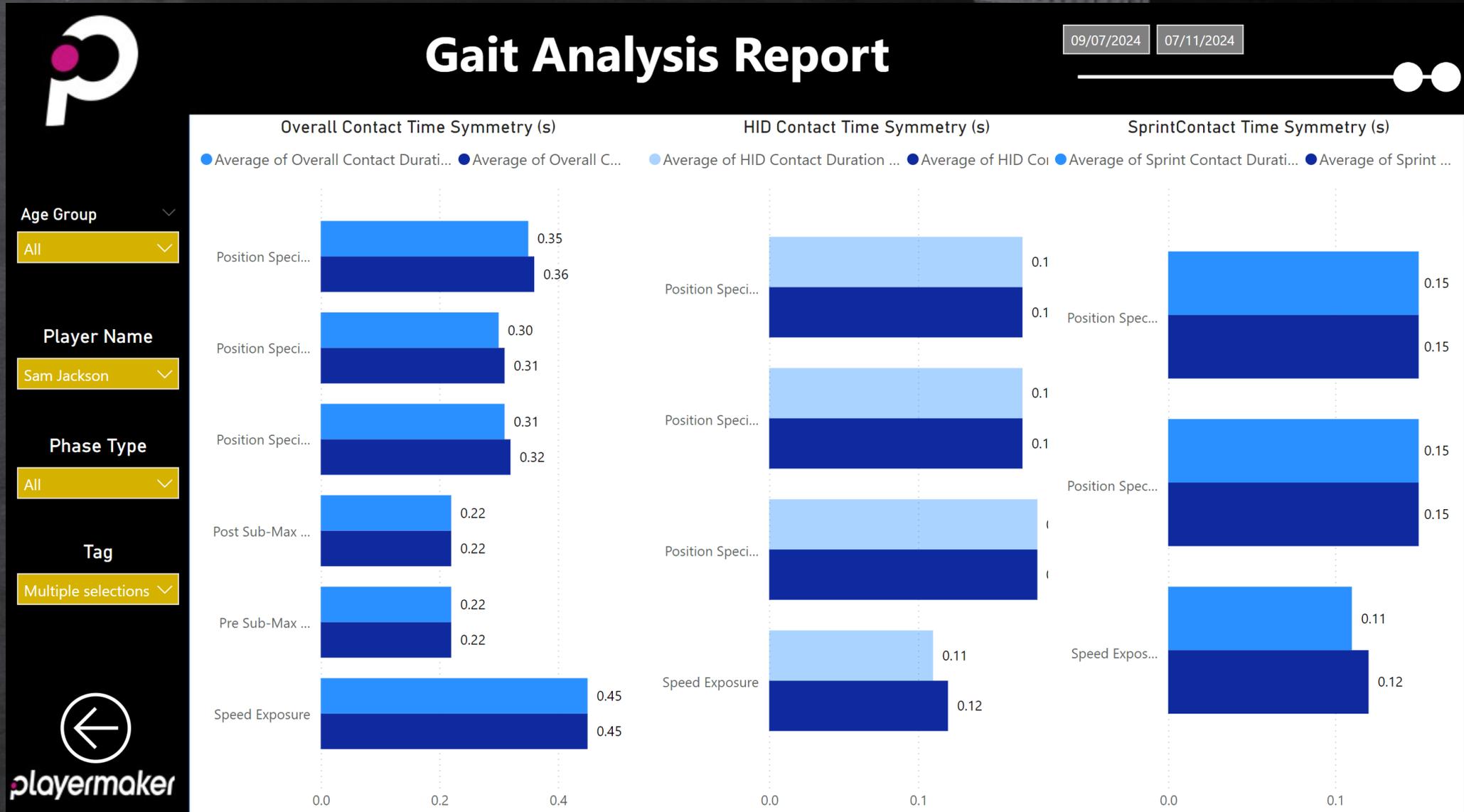
15s:15s of 2 sets of  
8-12 reps.

Soccer/Football full  
back, closes the  
opponent down,  
followed by tracking  
back. Red cones, 90%  
stride.



Is it possible to  
implement this in  
your environment?

# Example Contact Times from different drills



# Future Open Environment Variability

## Per Effort Analysis



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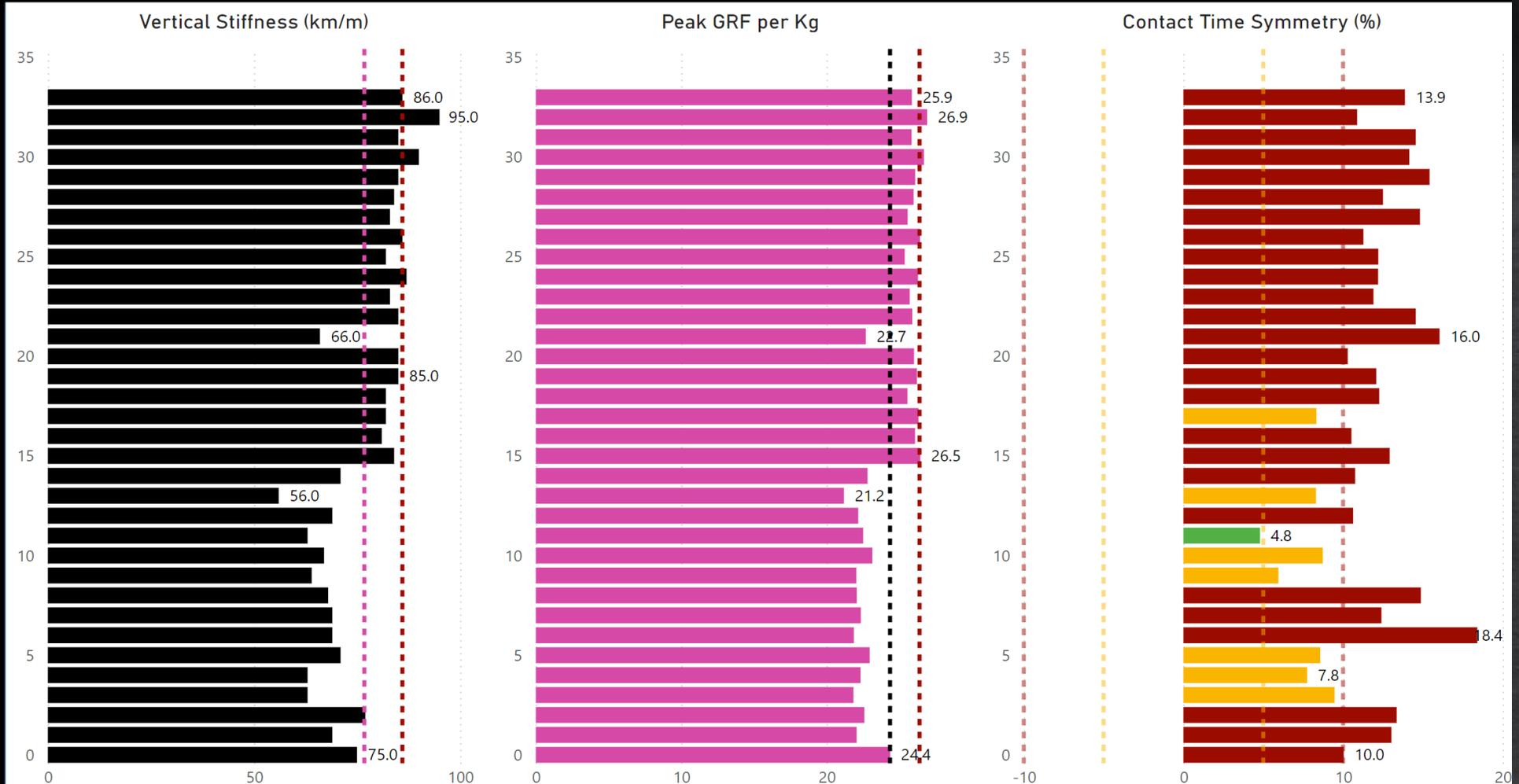
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Player Name

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# *Acute Case Study*

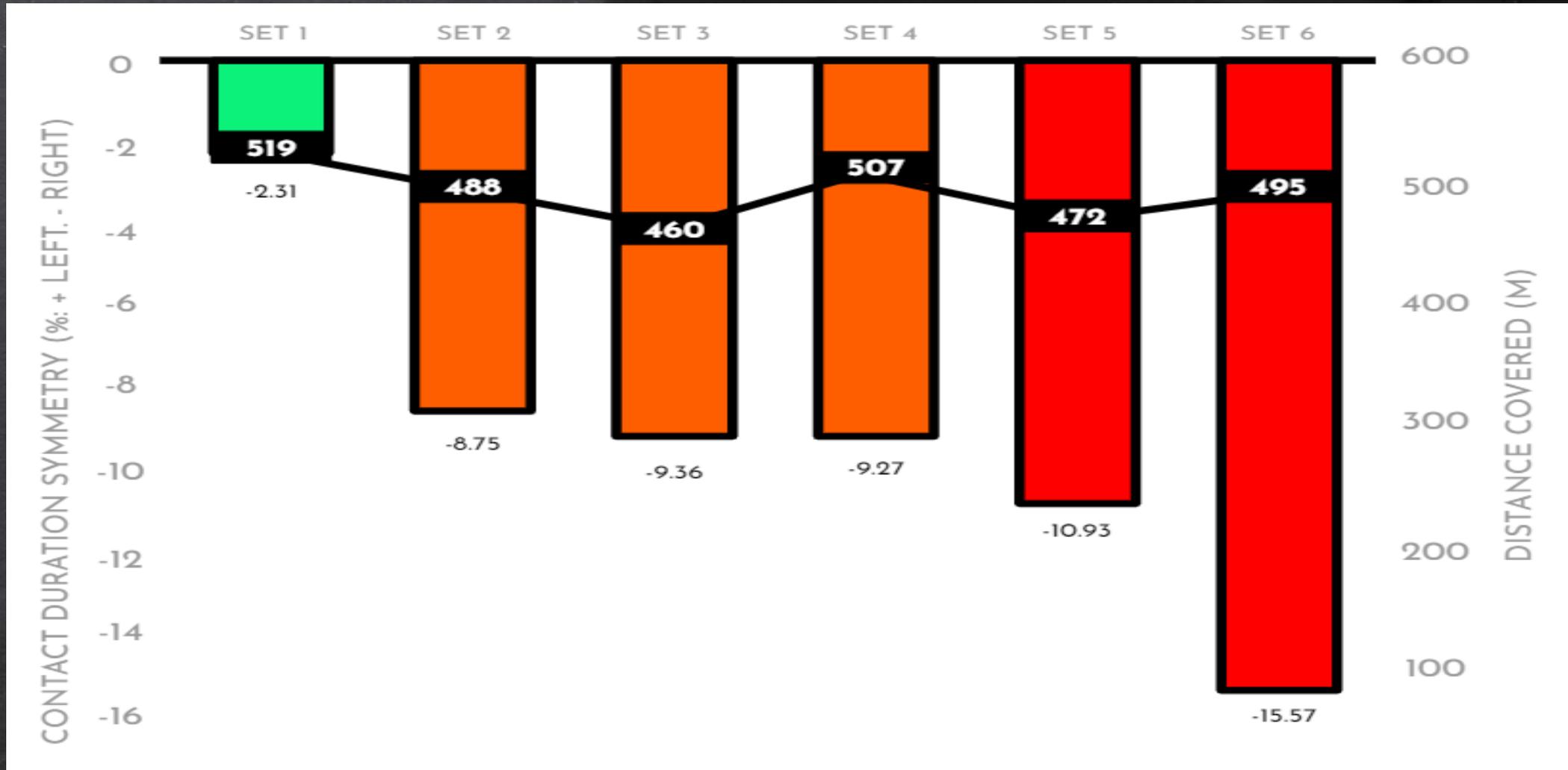
*ACUTE CASE STUDY*

*Lockdown Soleus/Calf Acute Incidence*



# HIIT Session (2mins on 1min Off)

## Pre L Soleus G2a; Right Gast.G2b



# *Chronic Case Study*

*Left Ankle Break*



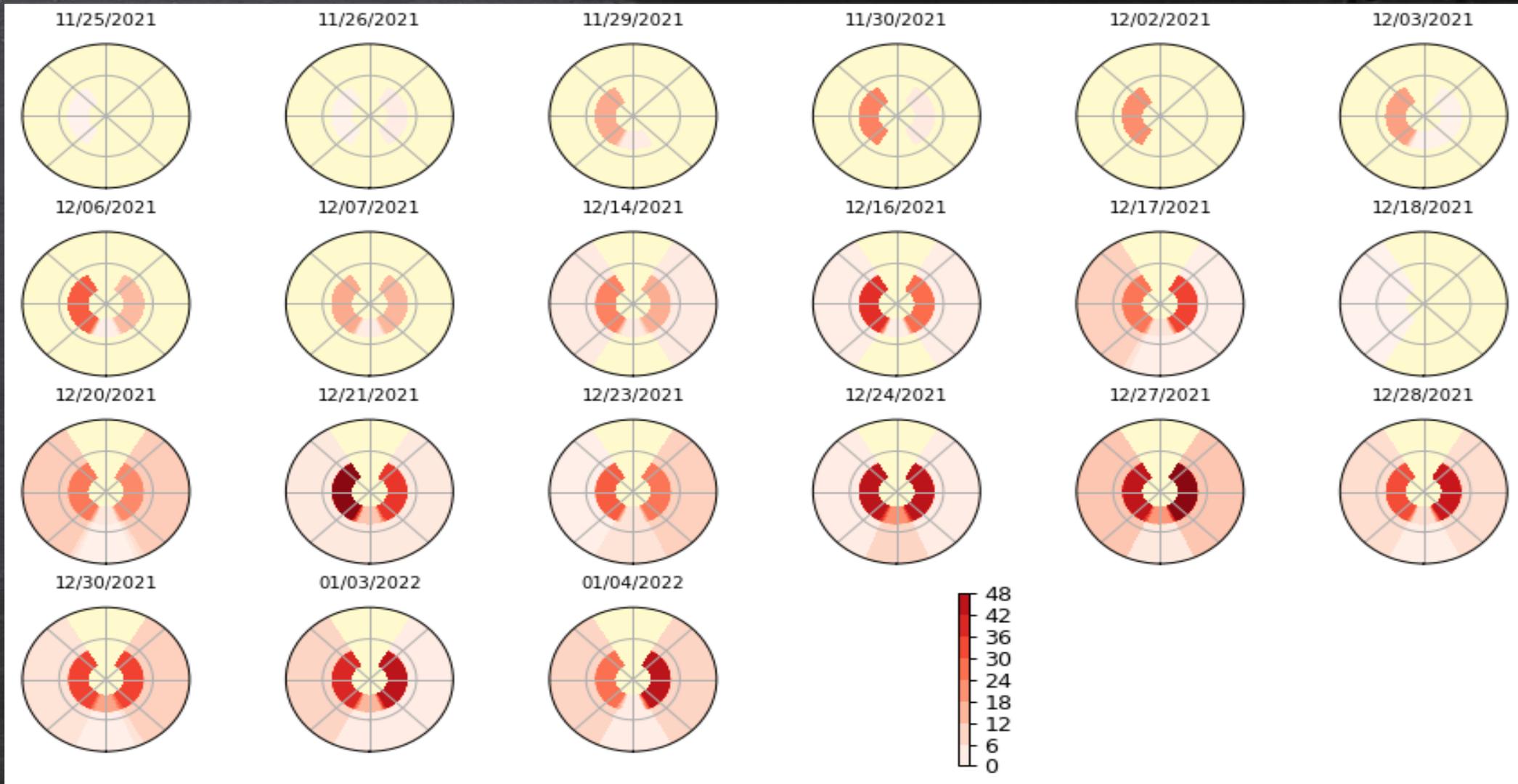
# Long Term Rehab Overview

Number of turn in each segment:

Left, Right, Backward



Med, High speed



# Overview of Mechanical Responses

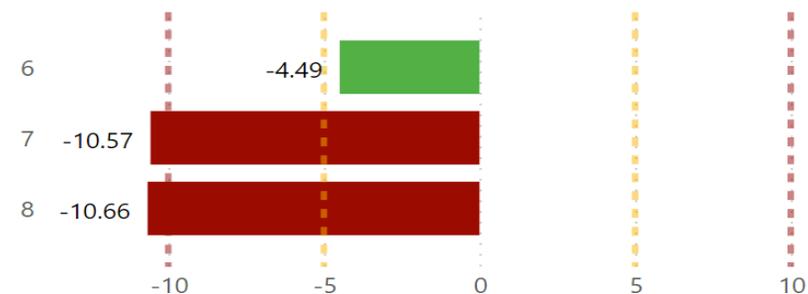
### Overall Contact Time Symmetry (%)



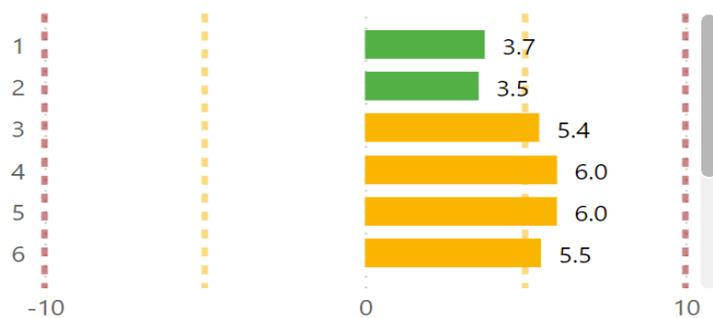
### HID Contact Duration Symmetry (%)



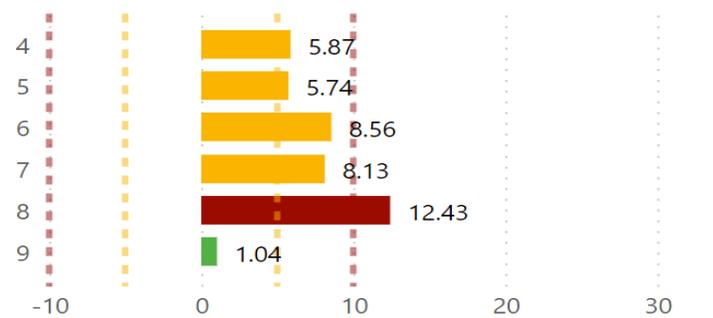
### Sprint Contact Duration Symmetry (%)



### Overall Flight Time Symmetry (%)



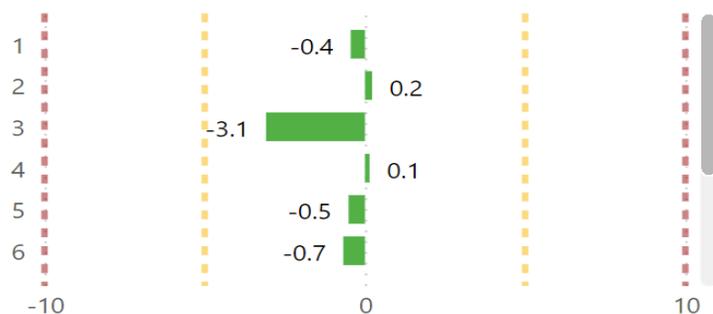
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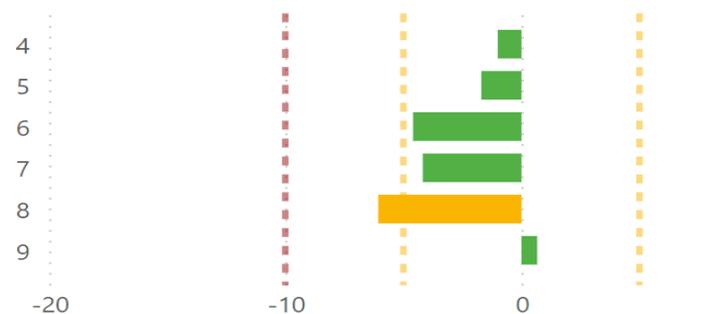
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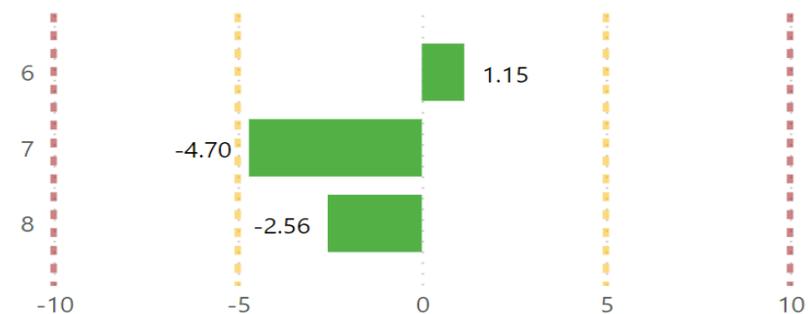
### Overall Stride Length Symmetry (%)



### HID Stride Length Symmetry (%)

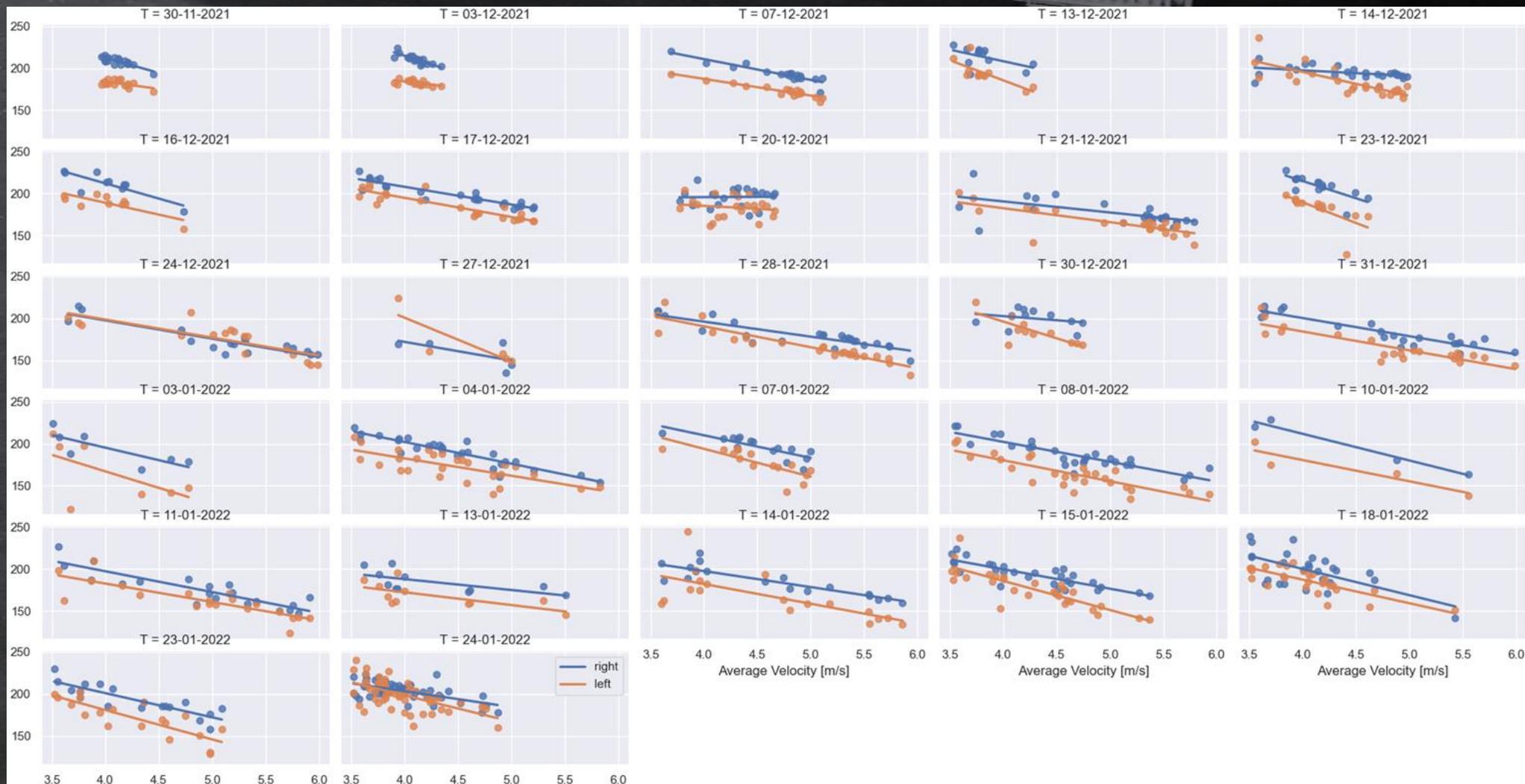


### Sprint Stride Length Symmetry (%)



# Contact Time: Velocity (In-Field)

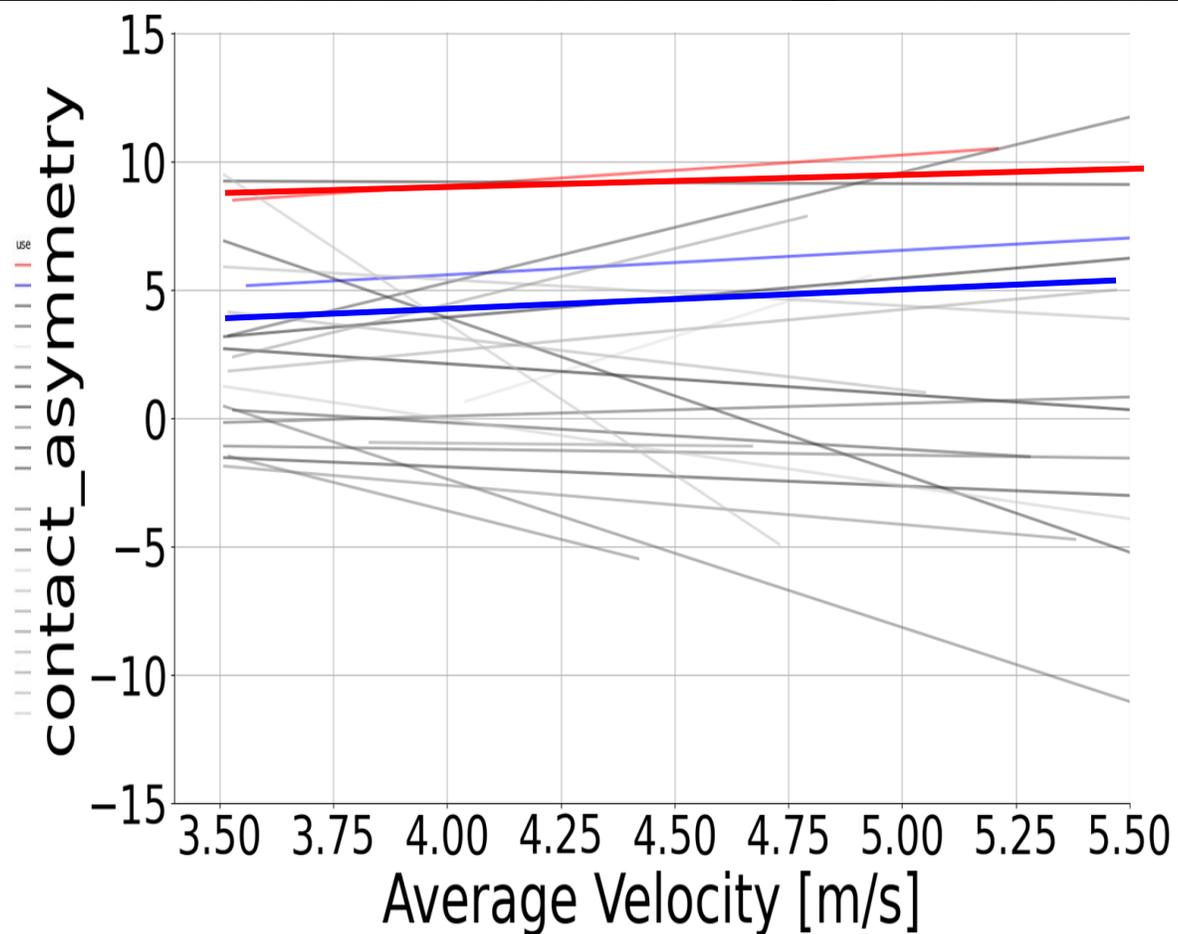
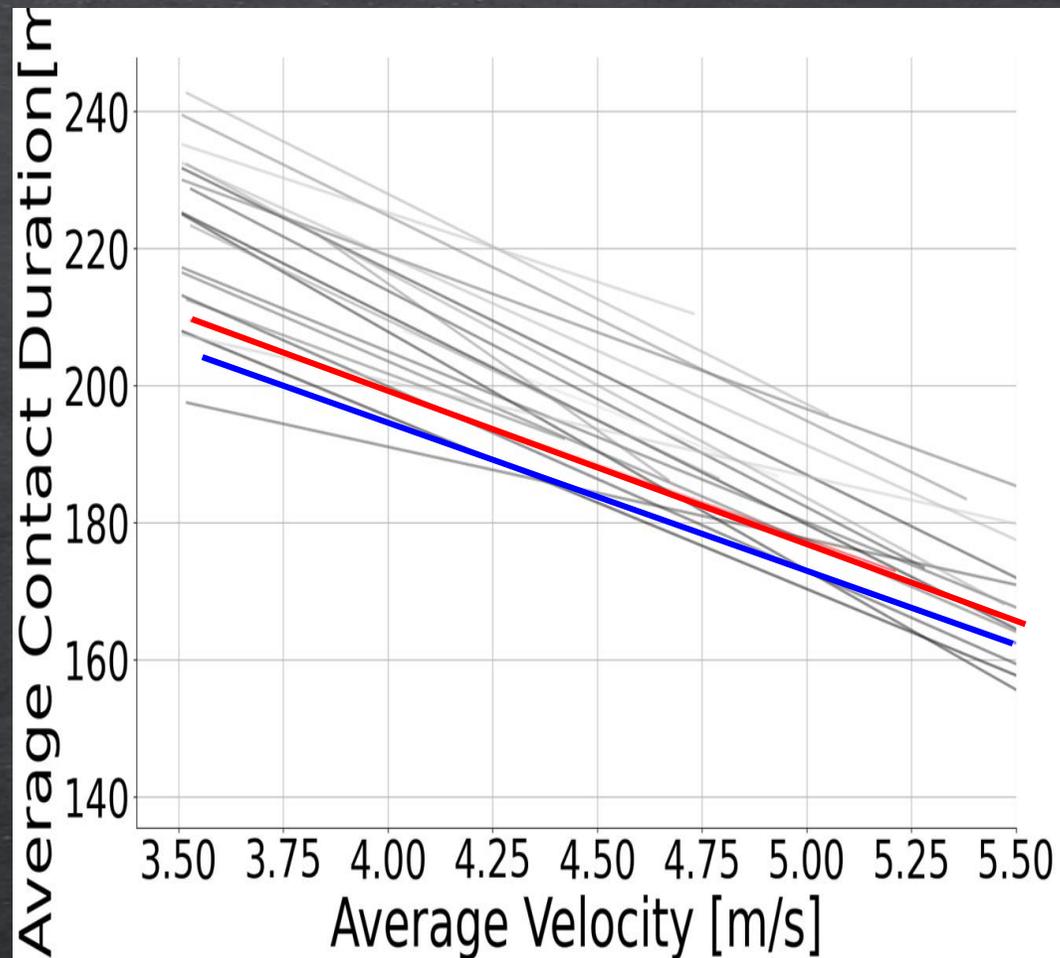
Contact duration  
[ms]



Average velocity [m/s]

# Pre-Post CT:Velocity

- Beginning of the rehabilitation
- After 3 weeks of rehabilitation



# Thanks

# Any Questions?

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