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FORCES AND TORQUE AT THE HANDLE

"If a lot of people gripped a knife and fork the way
they do a golf club, they'd starve to death."

–SAM SNEAD

Hand



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A **hand** ([Latin](#) *manus*) is a [prehensile](#), multi-[fingered](#) organ located at the end of the [forearm](#) or [forelimb](#) of [primates](#) such as [humans](#), [chimpanzees](#), [monkeys](#), and [lemurs](#). A few other [vertebrates](#) such as the [koala](#) (which has two [opposable thumbs](#) on each "hand" and fingerprints remarkably similar to human [fingerprints](#)) are often described as having "hands" instead of [paws](#) on their front limbs. The [raccoon](#) is usually described as having "hands" though [opposable thumbs](#) are lacking.^[1]

Fingers contain some of the densest areas of nerve endings on the body, are the richest source of [tactile](#) feedback, and have the greatest positioning capability of the body; thus the [sense of touch](#) is intimately associated with hands. Like other paired organs (eyes, feet, legs) each hand is dominantly controlled by the opposing [brain hemisphere](#), so that [handedness](#)—the preferred hand choice for single-handed activities such as writing with a pencil, reflects individual brain functioning.

Hand



Palmar and dorsal aspects of human right hand



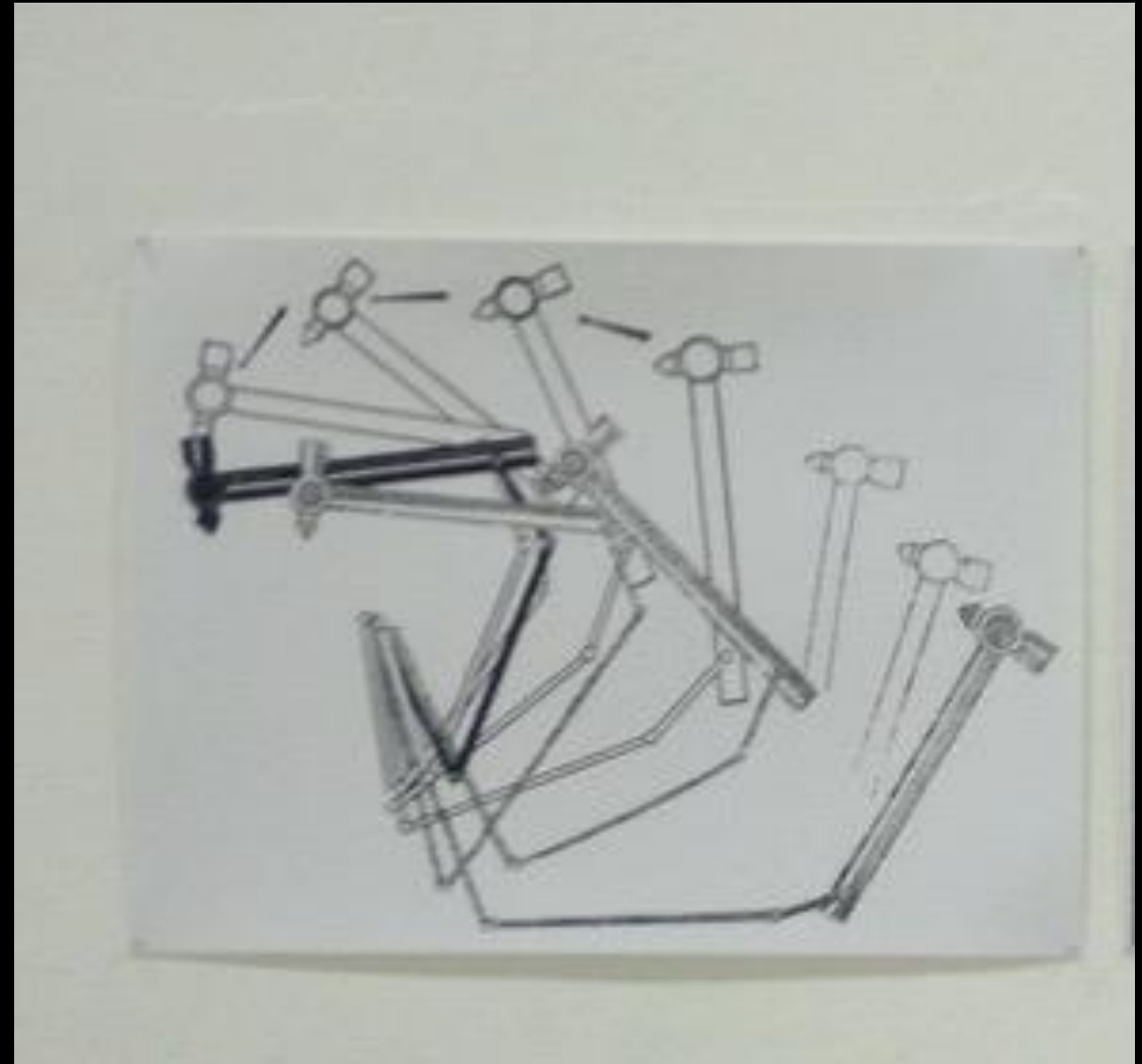
NIKOLAI BERNSTEIN

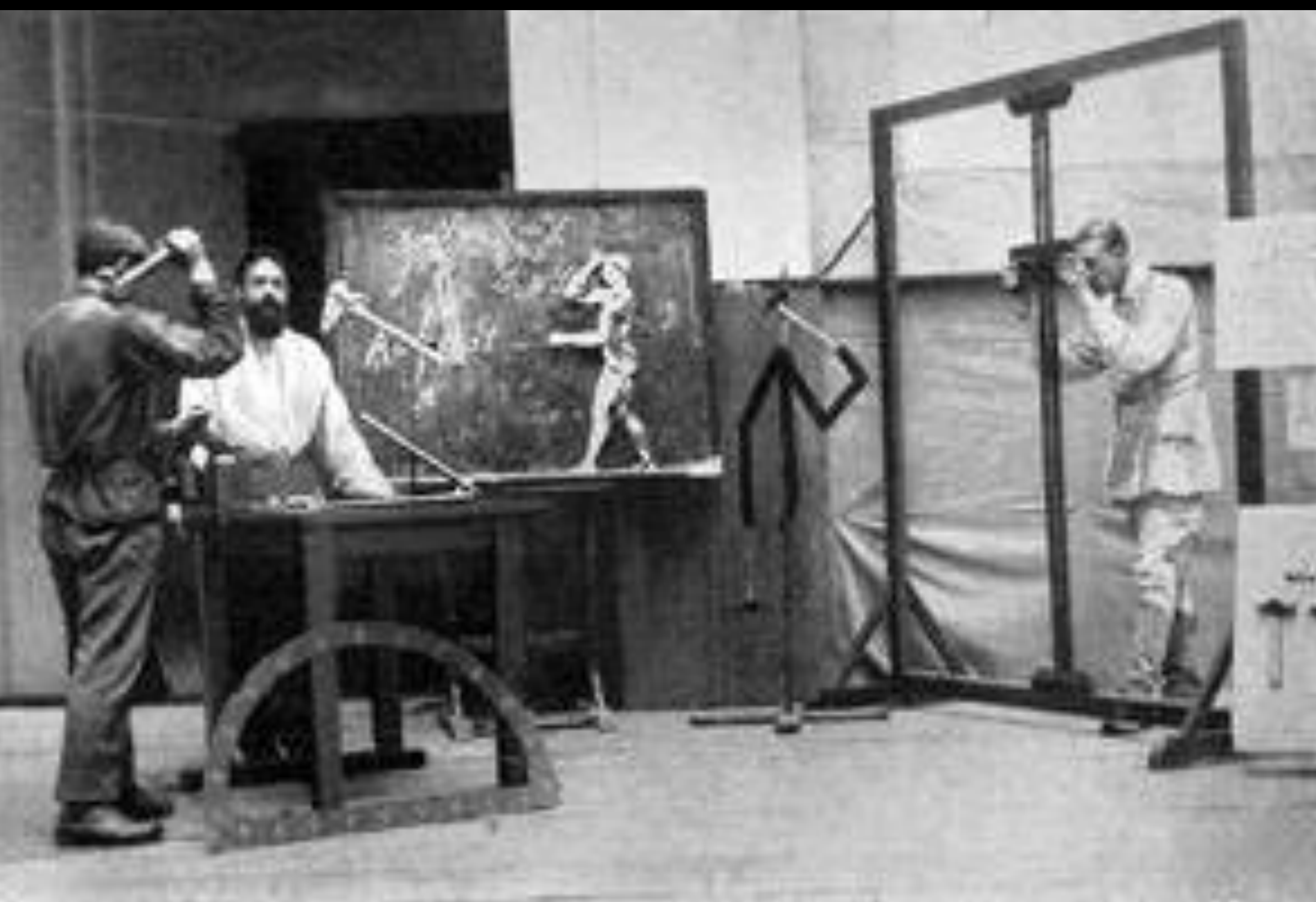
Soviet Neurophysiologist

- Largely self taught
- In 1935, received a Doctor of Science degree without submitting a thesis.
- In 1948, he was awarded the Stalin Prize in science.
- Most of his work was hidden to Western scientists until the 1960's



HIS FIRST SCIENTIFIC WORK WAS IN 1922, WHEN HE, ALONG WITH OTHER RESEARCHERS, WERE INVITED TO STUDY MOVEMENT DURING MANUAL LABOUR IN MOSCOW'S CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF LABOUR. THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY WAS TO OPTIMIZE PRODUCTIVITY, AND BERNSTEIN'S ANALYSIS FOCUSED ON CUTTING METAL WITH A CHISEL







FINDINGS

- More variation in proximal joints, than distal.
- Proximal joints couple to create consistencies for distal in better performers.
- The body will organize itself in accordance with the overall goal of the activity.
- There are multiple ways to perform a movement in order to achieve the same goal.

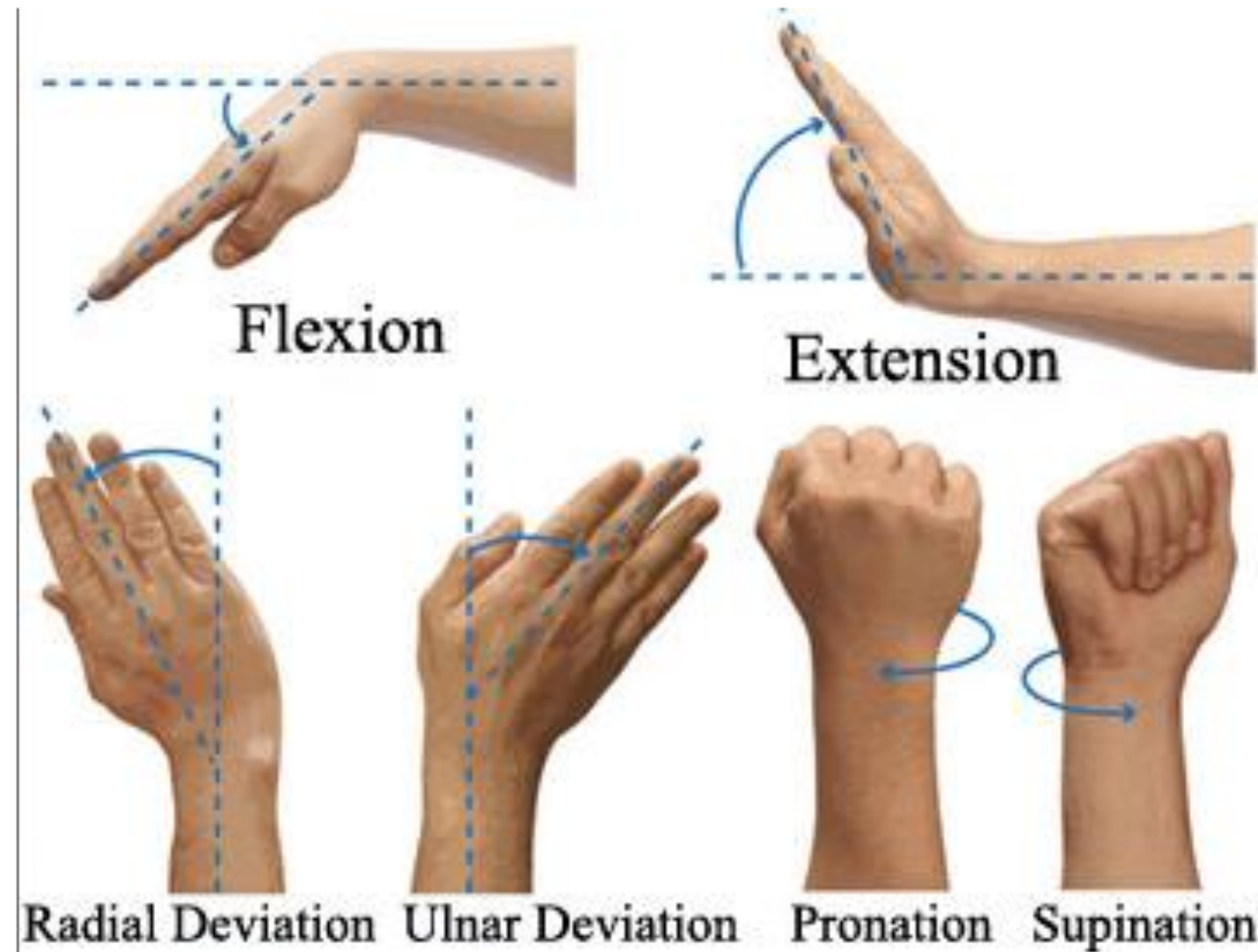


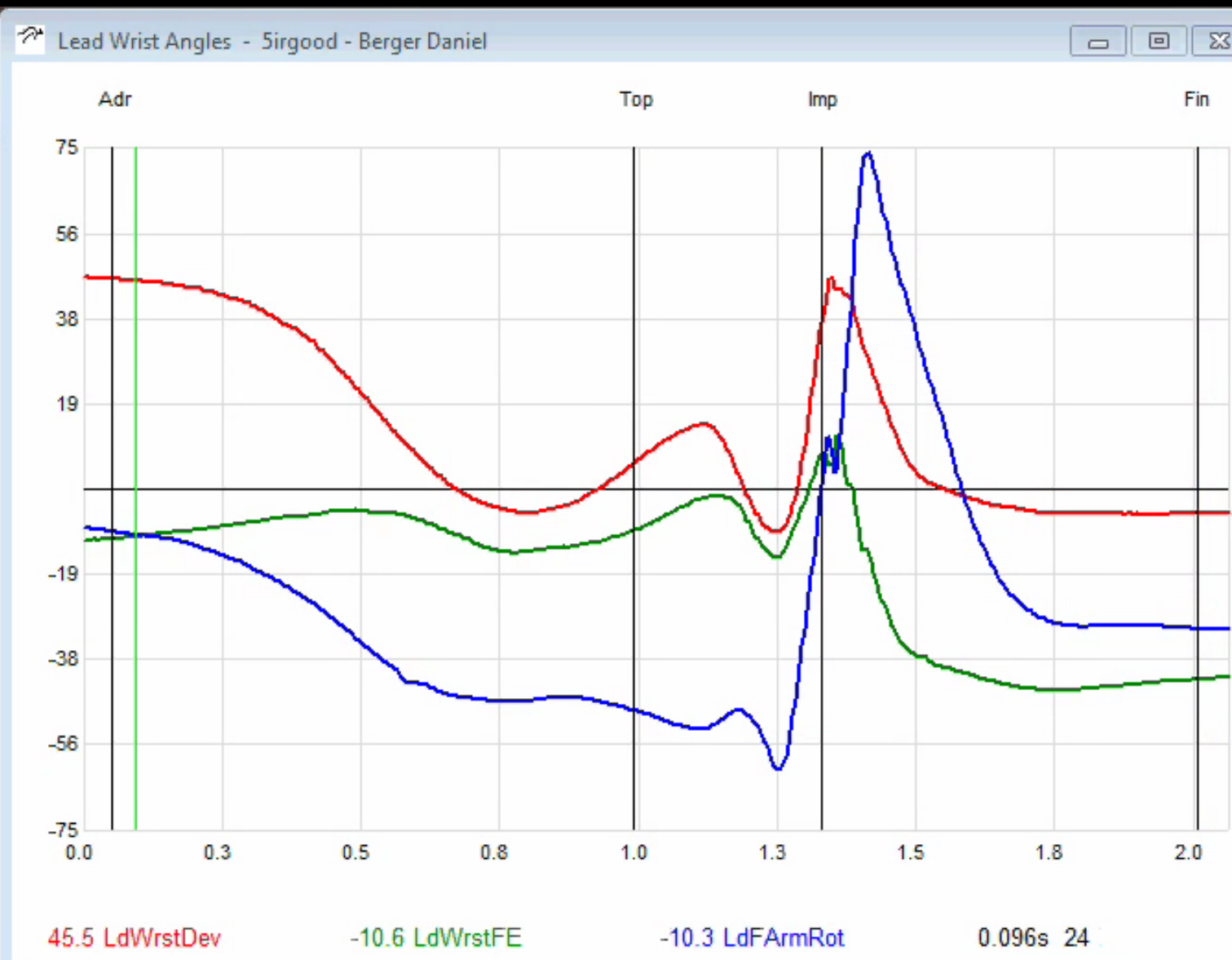
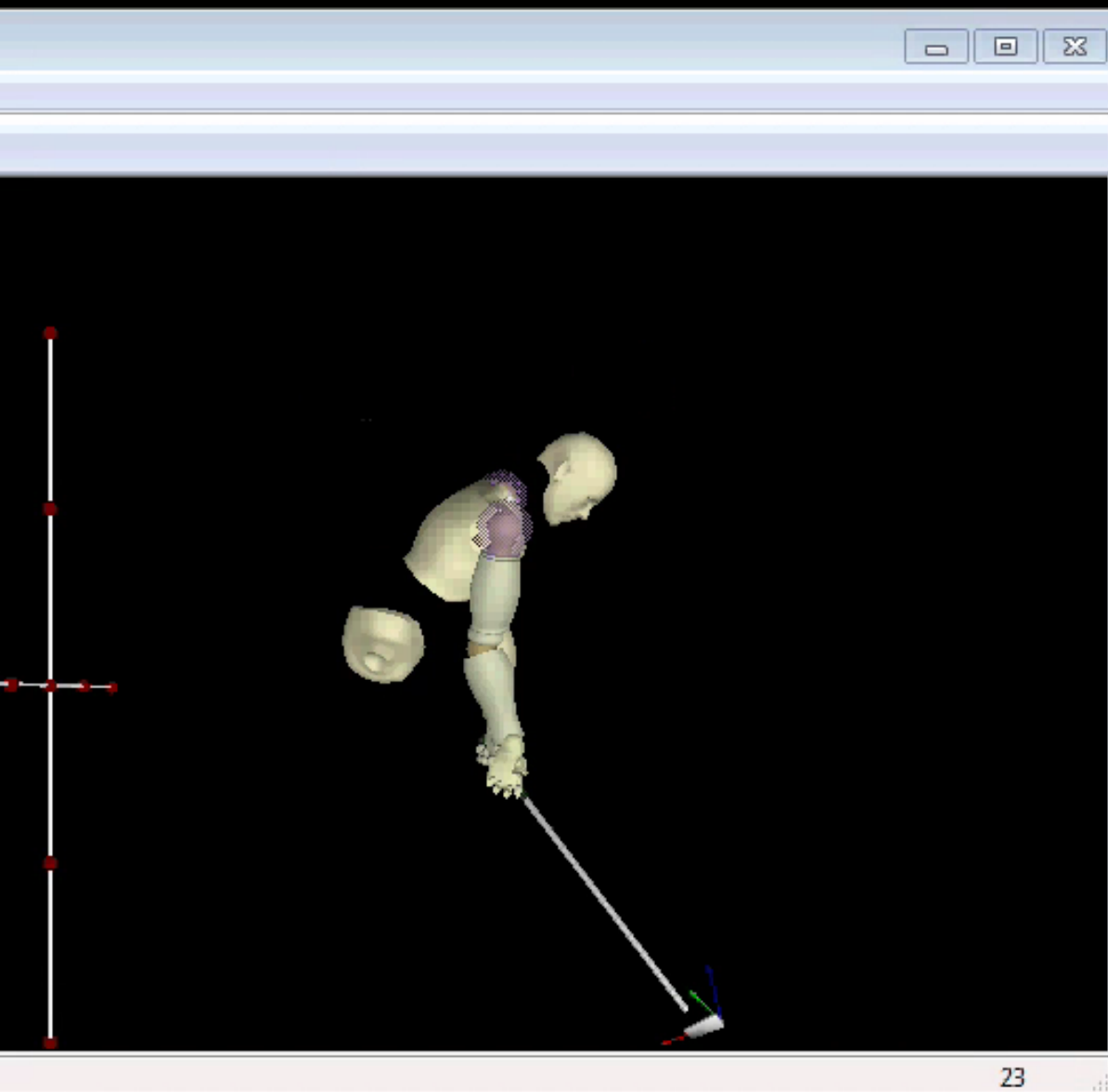
BERNSTEIN ALSO COINED THE TERM BIOMECHANICS, THE STUDY OF MOVEMENT THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF MECHANICAL PRINCIPLES.



IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW
BETTER PLAYERS ORGANIZE THEIR ARMS
AND HANDS

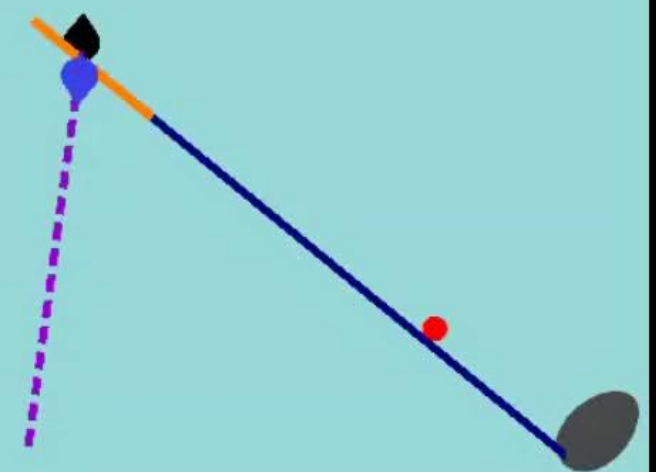
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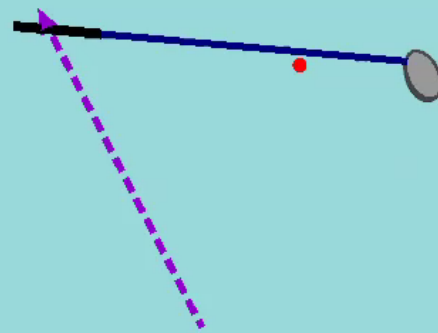




JUST THE SAME AS IT WAS WITH THE BODY
ANALYSIS...THE KINEMATICS TELL US THE
"EFFECT", BUT NOT THE "CAUSE"

Kinetics at the Handle of the Club





Golfer Force: 3.2 lbs

Club Speed: 0.5 mph

Time to Impact: 0.258 s



PGA Tour Major Winner

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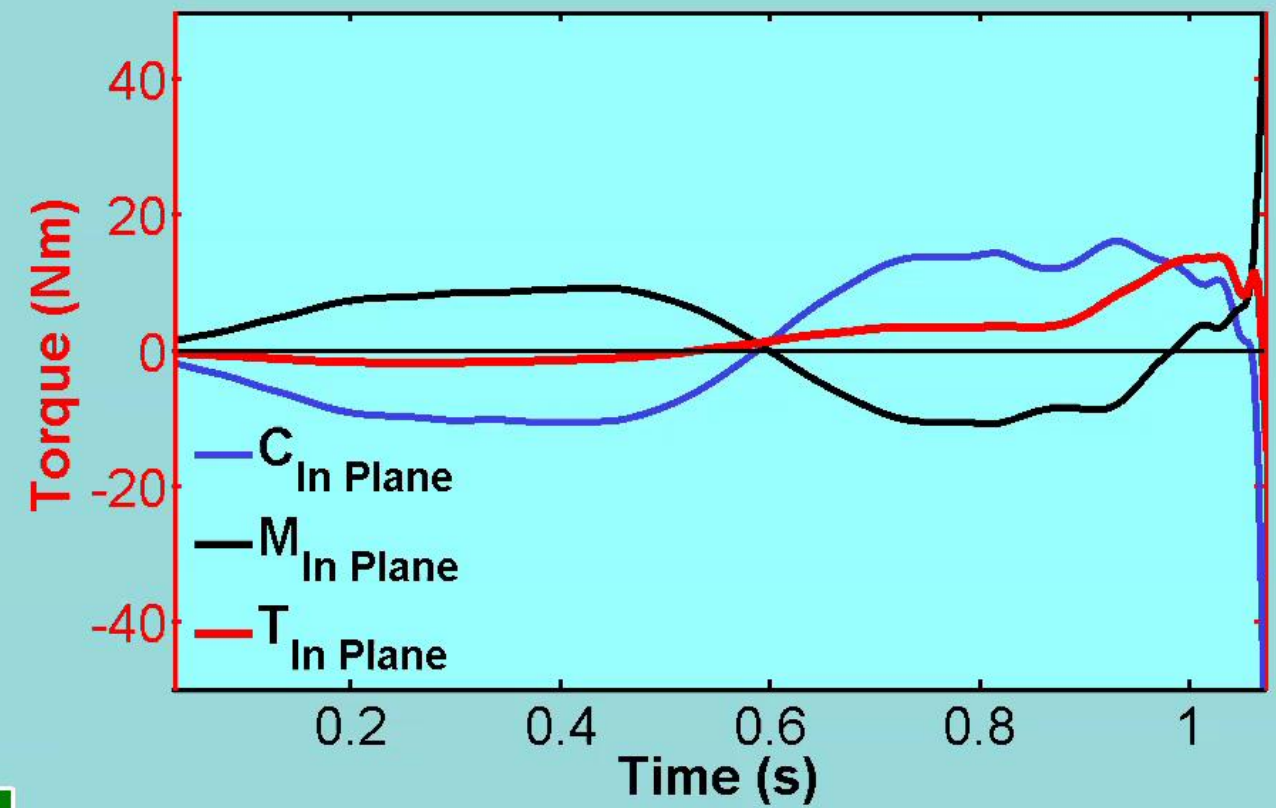
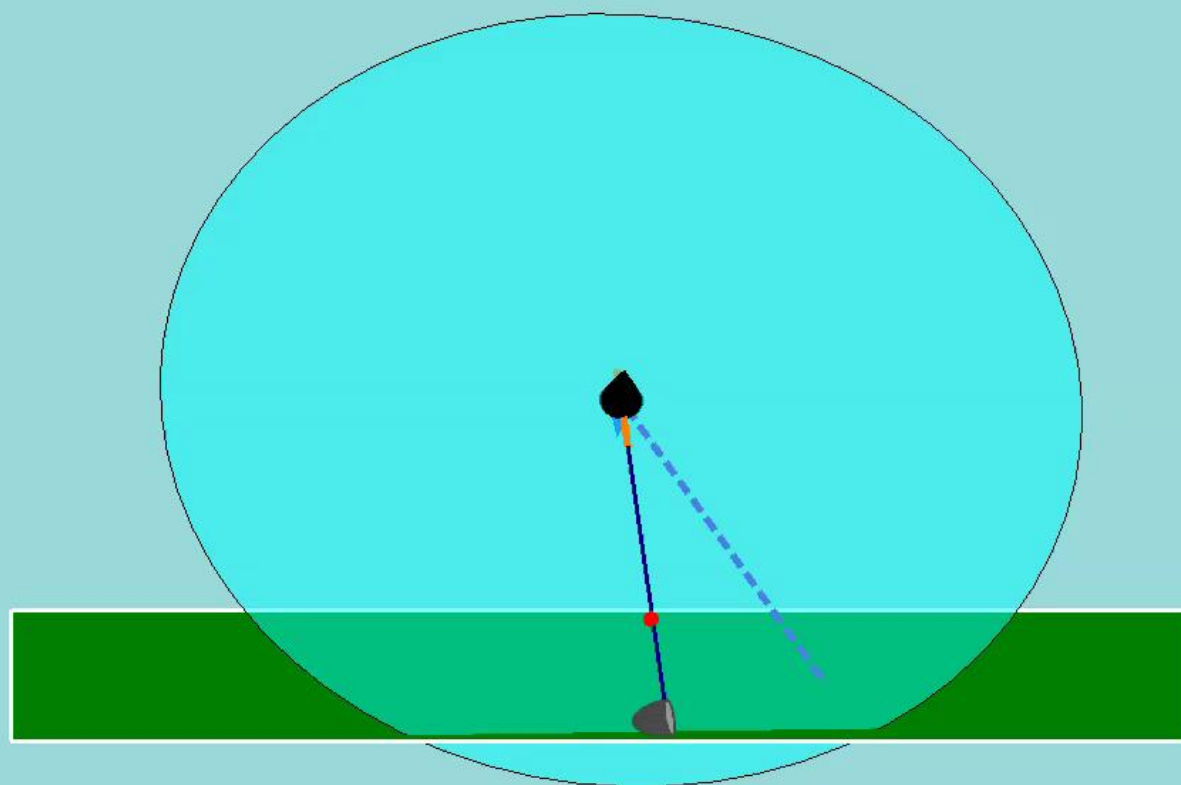
Swing Plane Reference Frame: In, Out, & About

- **IN** the Plane Torques
 - Act to rotate the club IN the plane of the swing
- **OUT** of Plane Torques
 - Act to rotate the club OUT of the plane of the swing
- **ABOUT** the Shaft Torques
 - Act to rotate the club about its own shaft
- Vaughn (1979) was the first to do this

 GOLF ACADEMY



In Plane Couple, Moment of Force, and Torque



$T_{In\ Plane}$: -0.3 Nm

$C_{In\ Plane}$: -1.8 Nm

$M_{In\ Plane}$: 1.5 Nm

F NET: 3.7 N

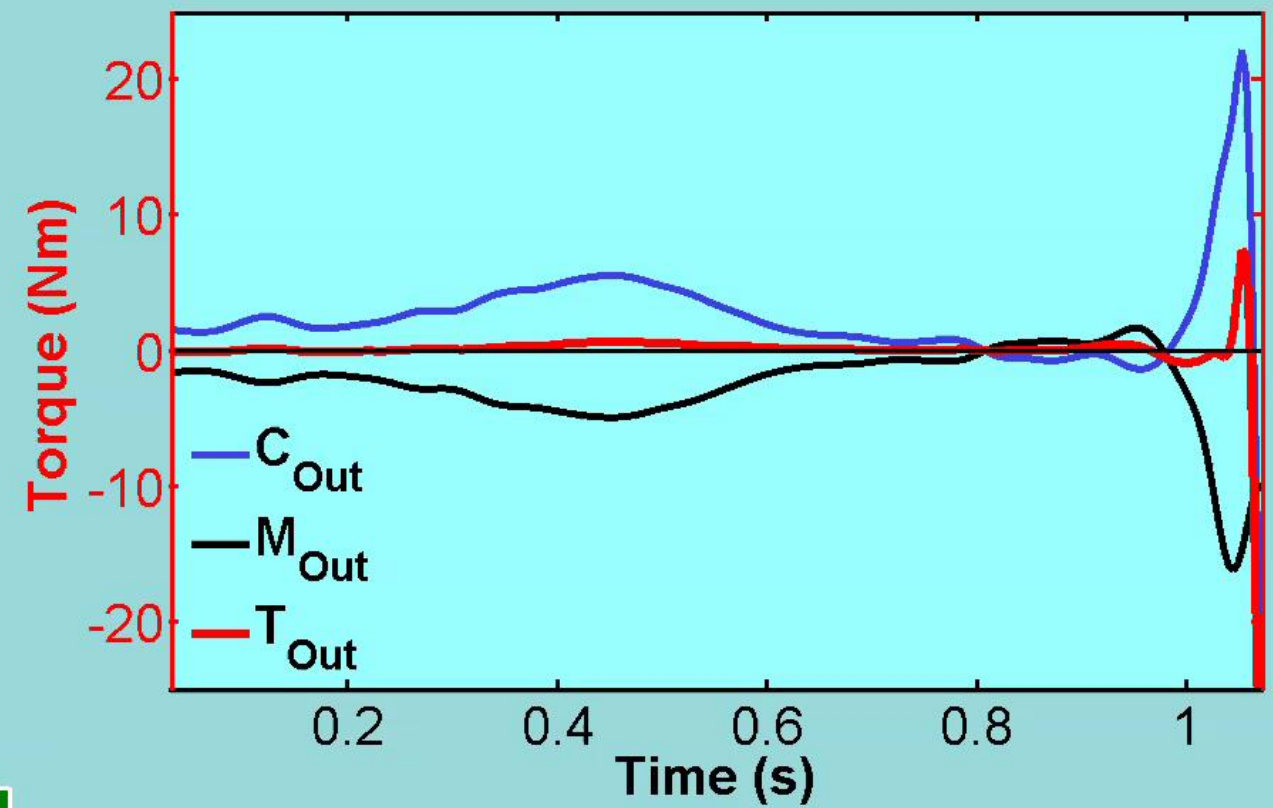
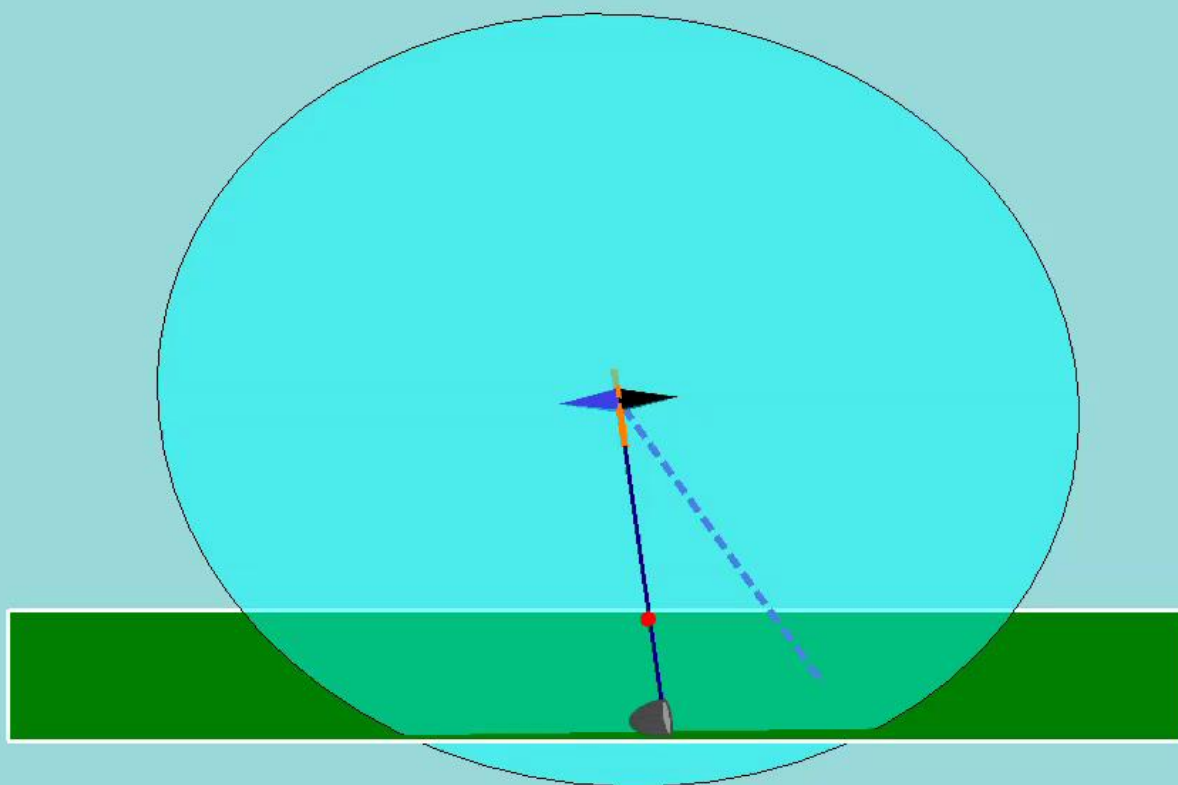
CHS: 0.5 mph

Time: 1.042 s

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Out of Plane Couple, Moment of Force, and Torque



T_{Out} : -0.0 Nm

C_{Out} : 1.6 Nm

M_{Out} : -1.6 Nm

F NET: 3.7 N

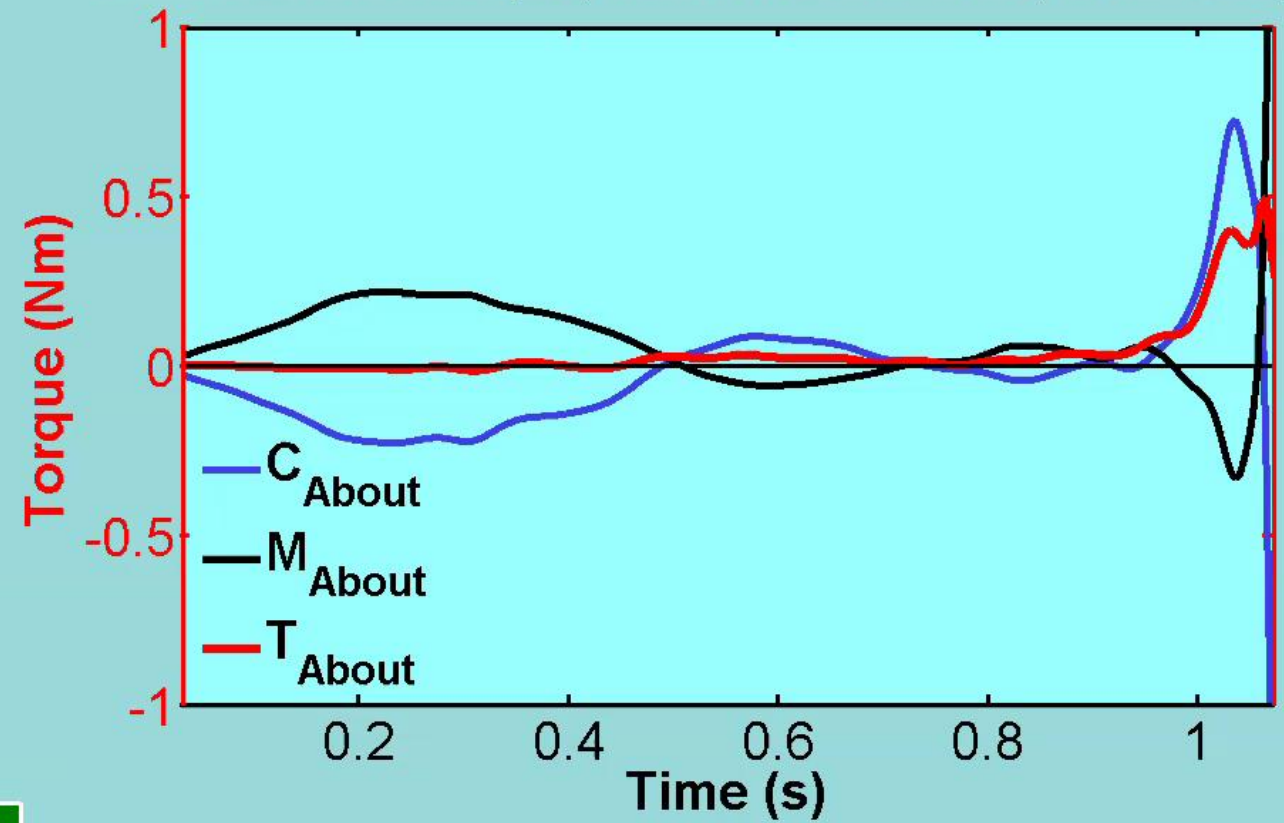
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Time: 1.042 s

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About shaft Couple, Moment of Force, and Torque



$C_{About} : -0.0 \text{ Nm}$

$M_{About} : 0.0 \text{ Nm}$

$T_{About} : 0.0 \text{ Nm}$

$F_{NET} : 3.7 \text{ N}$

$CHS : 0.5 \text{ mph}$

$Time : 1.042 \text{ s}$

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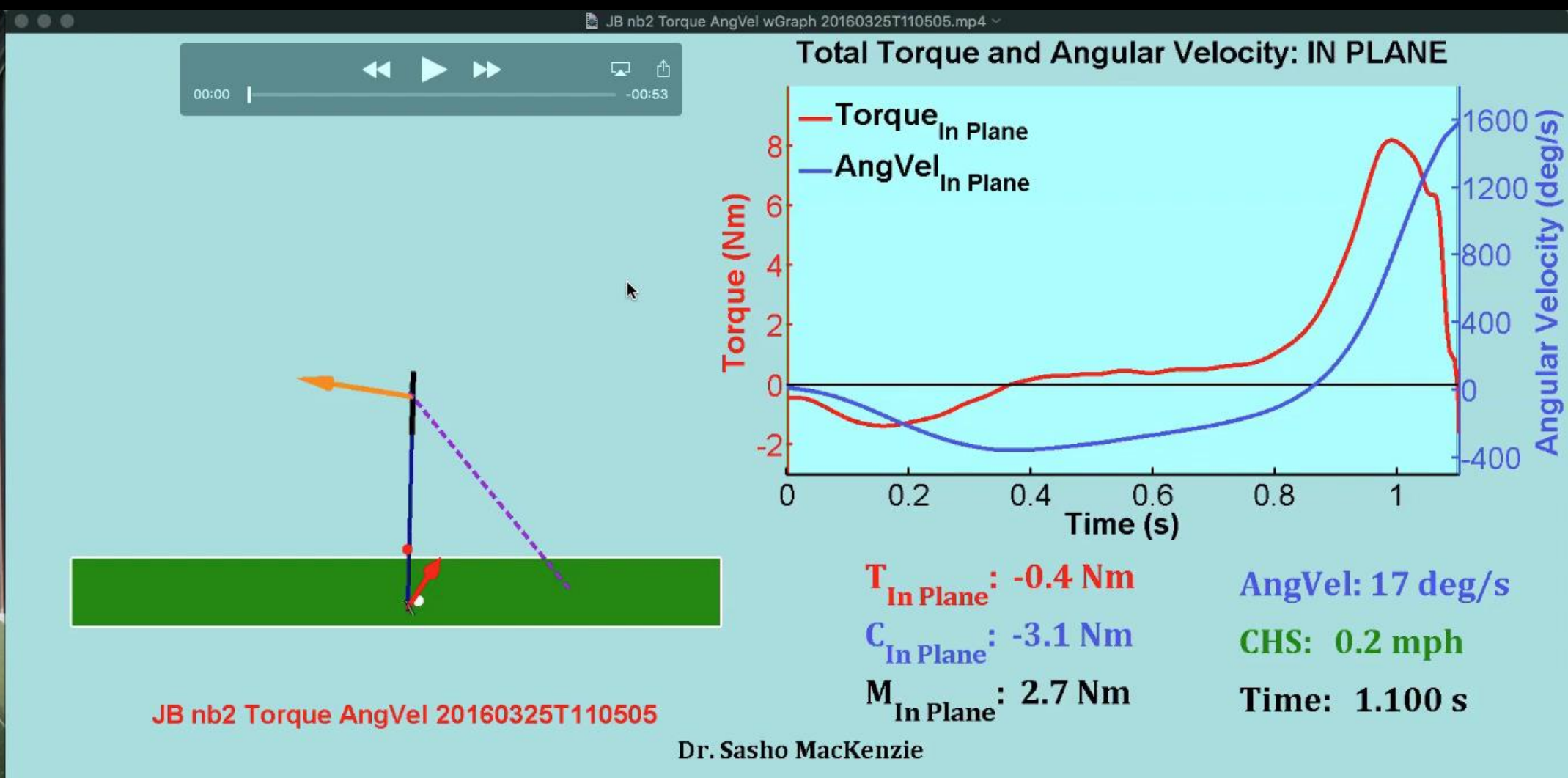
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MORE THAN ANYTHING, THIS HIGHLIGHTS THE
AMOUNT OF VARIABILITY THERE IS IN THE SWING

WE NEED TO MOVE AWAY FROM ANATOMICAL
INSTRUCTION AND TOWARDS ADAPTIVE
INSTRUCTION

ESTABLISHING THE CORRECT INTENT AND
VISUALIZATION ARE KEYS TO IMPROVING THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE HANDS AND THE HANDLE.



POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE PASSIVE TORQUES

POISTIVE PASSIVE TORQUE

CREATES AN
IMPULSE THAT
HELPS SQUARE
THE CLUBFACE



NEGATIVE PASSIVE TORQUE

CREATES AN
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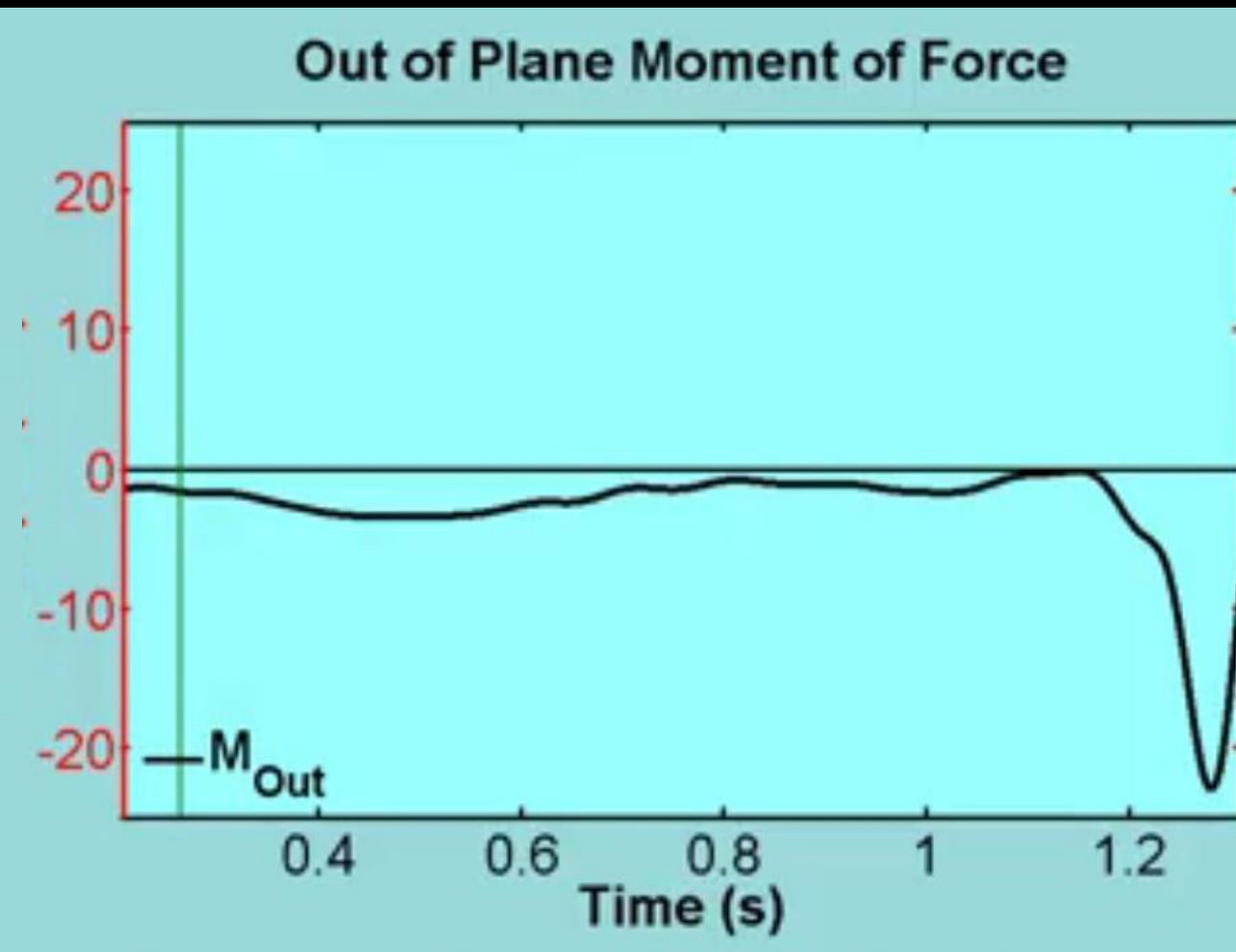
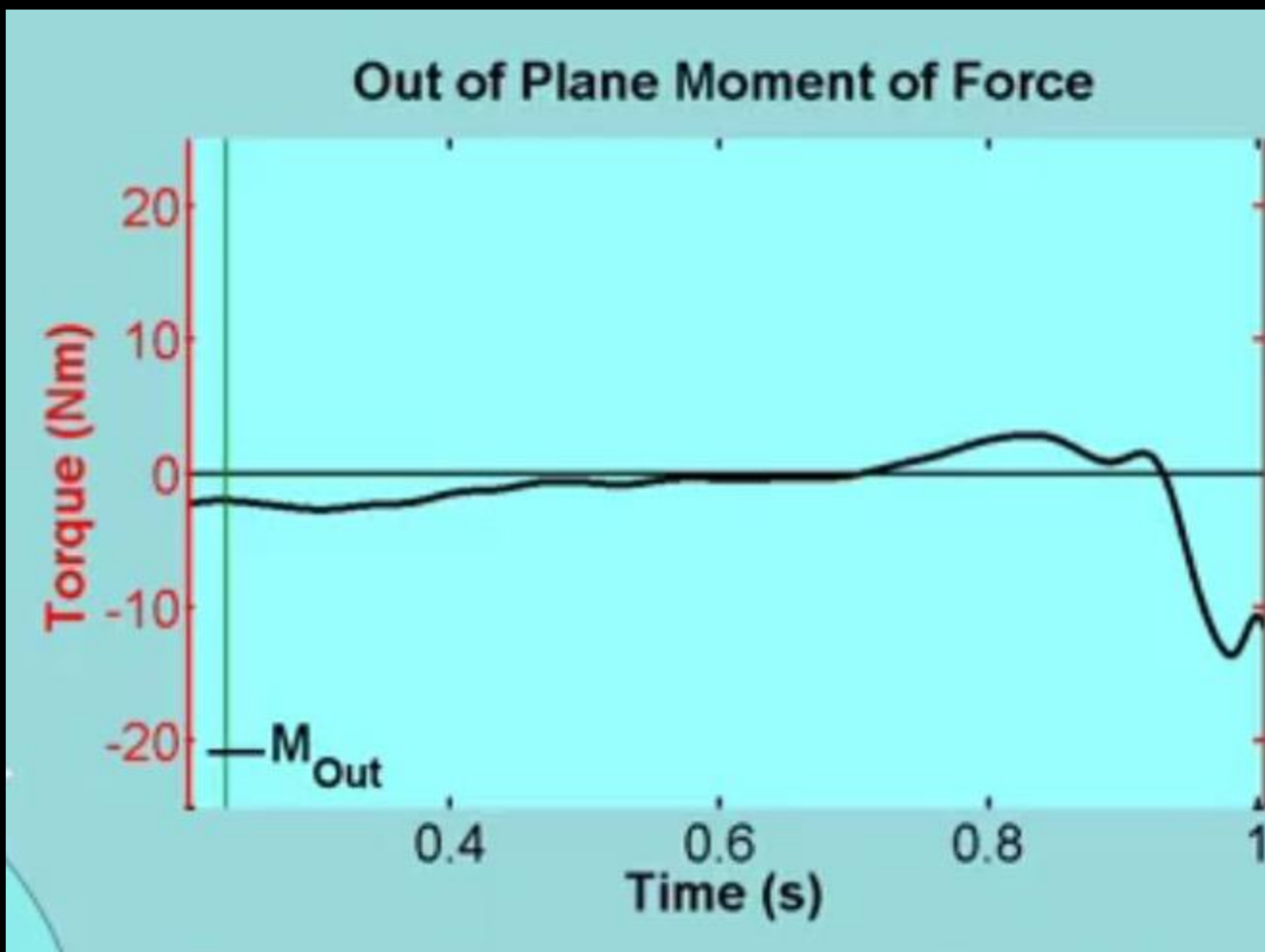


POSITIVE

Helps square

NEGATIVE

Helps open





"THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO REASON IN MY MIND SCIENTIFICALLY WHY YOU WANT TO MOVE THINGS THE SAME WAY IN THE BACKSWING AND DOWNSWING."

"SERGIO PROBABLY REQUIRES WAY LESS TIMING & TORQUE FROM HIS WRIST MUSCLES, BECAUSE HE'S USING THIS EFFECT (PASSIVE TORQUE) TO A GREATER EXTENT."

"IF YOU HAVE SOMEONE THAT'S PERFECTLY ON PLANE THEY ARE GOING TO NEED A LOT OF MUSCULAR EFFORT TO SQUARE THE CLUB."

- DR. SASHO MACKENZIE

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