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## **Review**

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Highlights

Maximum voluntary eccentric forces can exceed maximum isometric forces at the same muscle

length by a factor of 1.2–1.4, provided that the experimental conditions result in active fascicle

stretch during the eccentric contractions.

Muscle fascicle length, velocity and stretch amplitude all interact to determine voluntary eccentric

force capacity.

Apparent neural inhibition during maximal voluntary eccentric contractions has not been

confirmed under conditions where eccentric forces exceed isometric forces at identical muscle

length.

The reduction in voluntary eccentric force capacity relative to the eccentric forces obtained from

electrically stimulated contractions and from isolated muscle preparations remains unclear.

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