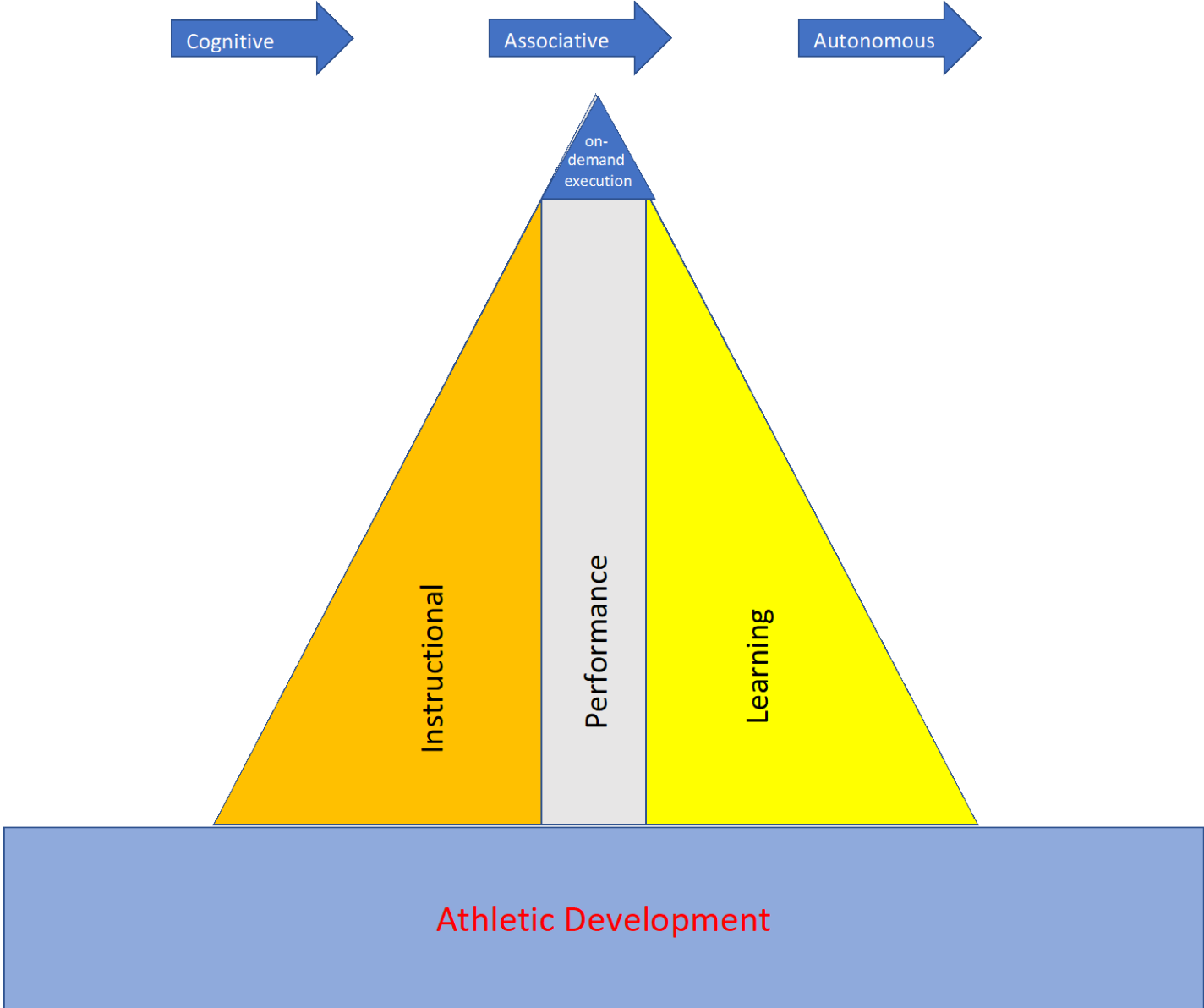


Sasha's Visual of MOTOR LEARNIG terms



# Performance

“....observed behaviour ...”

# Learning

“....a set of processes associated with practice or experience that leads to a relatively permanent change in the capability for movement...”

<b>Cognitive</b>	<b>Actions are slow, inconsistent and inefficient</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Movements are controlled through conscious thoughts</b></li> <li>• <b>Significant cognitive activity</b></li> </ul>
Associative	Actions become movements that are more fluid, reliable and efficient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some aspects are still controlled consciously while other are becoming automatic.</li> <li>• Less cognitive thoughts</li> </ul>
Autonomous	Actions are becoming skills. They are precise, consistent and efficient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognitive thought is minimized or eliminated.</li> <li>• Control is automatic</li> </ul>

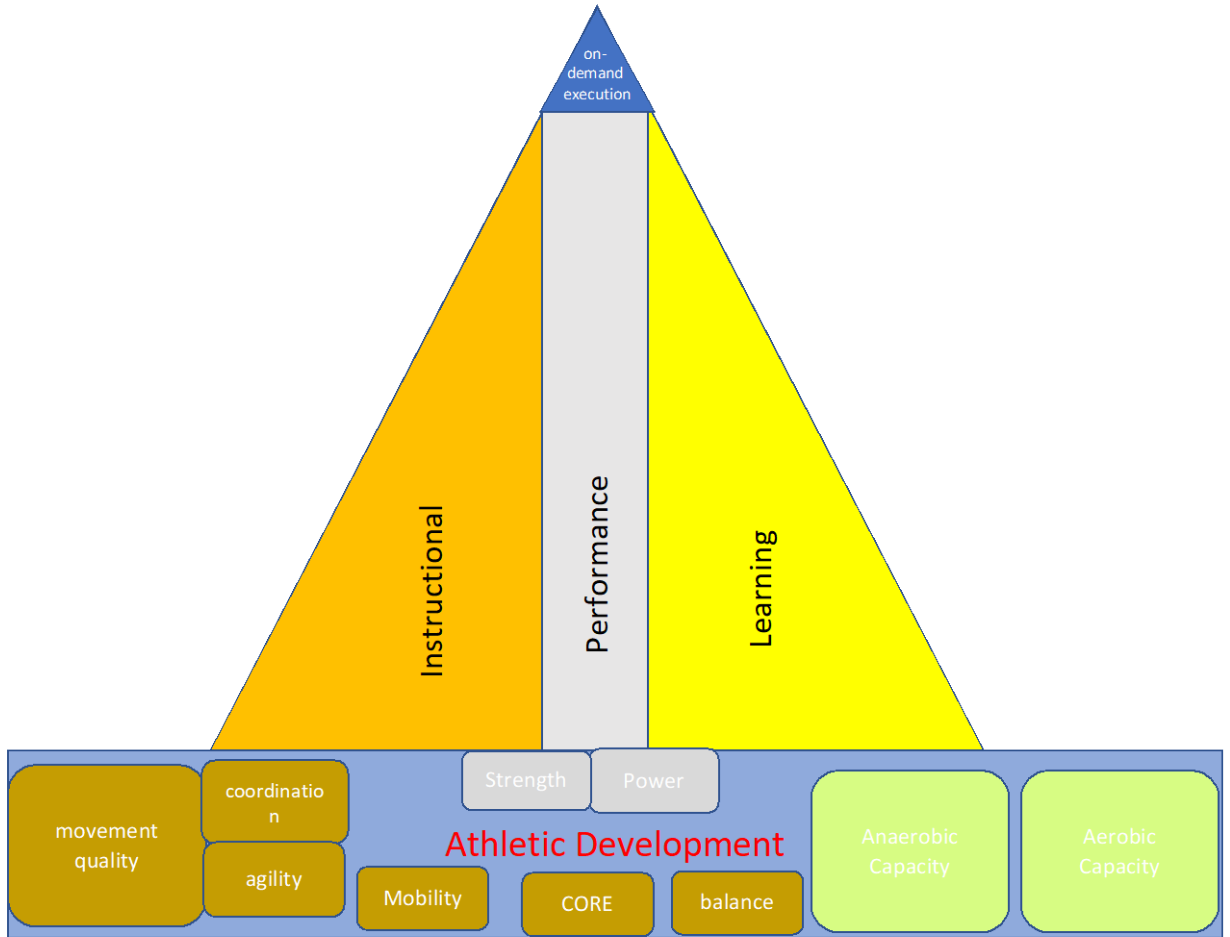
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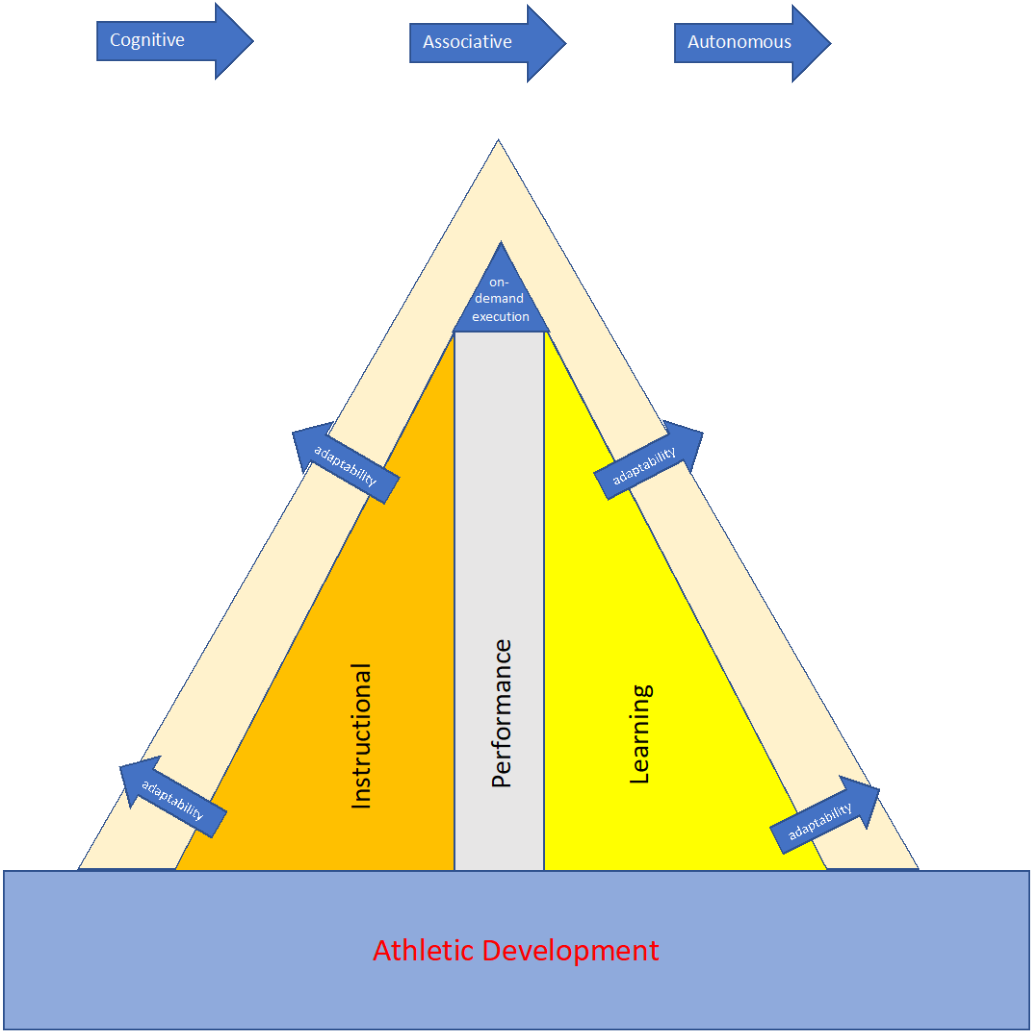
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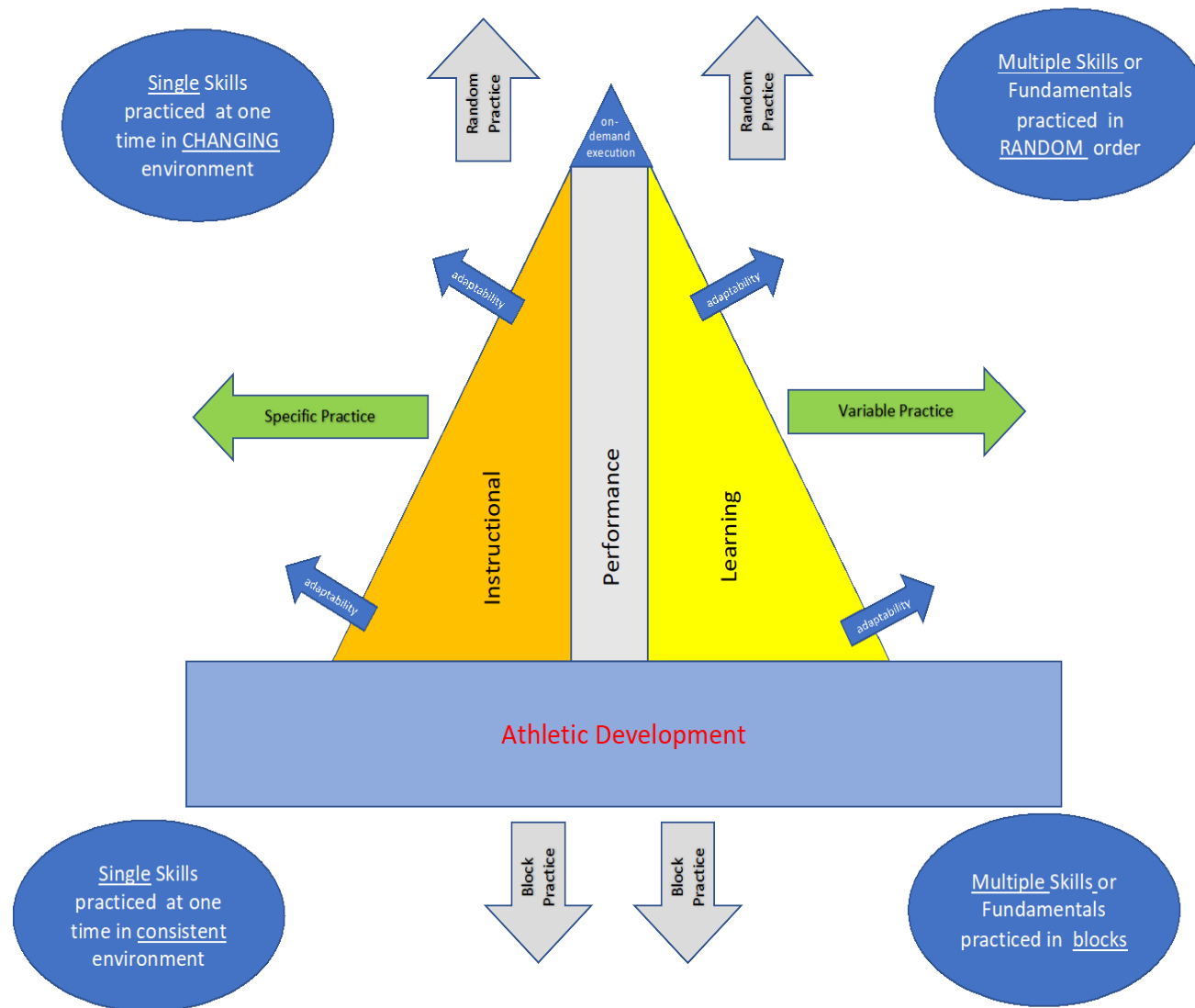
- while adapting to the three corner stones of fast ski racing:

- And they are?

- Pressure in the fall line
- Shortest path of the center of mass
- Reduce drag







- Specific Practice – repetitive practice of a skill under constant practice conditions
- Variable Practice – variety of skills practiced within different situations.



**Low** ←————→ **High**

**Drills**  
**Grid Work**

**Small-sided**  
**Games**



# Block vs Random

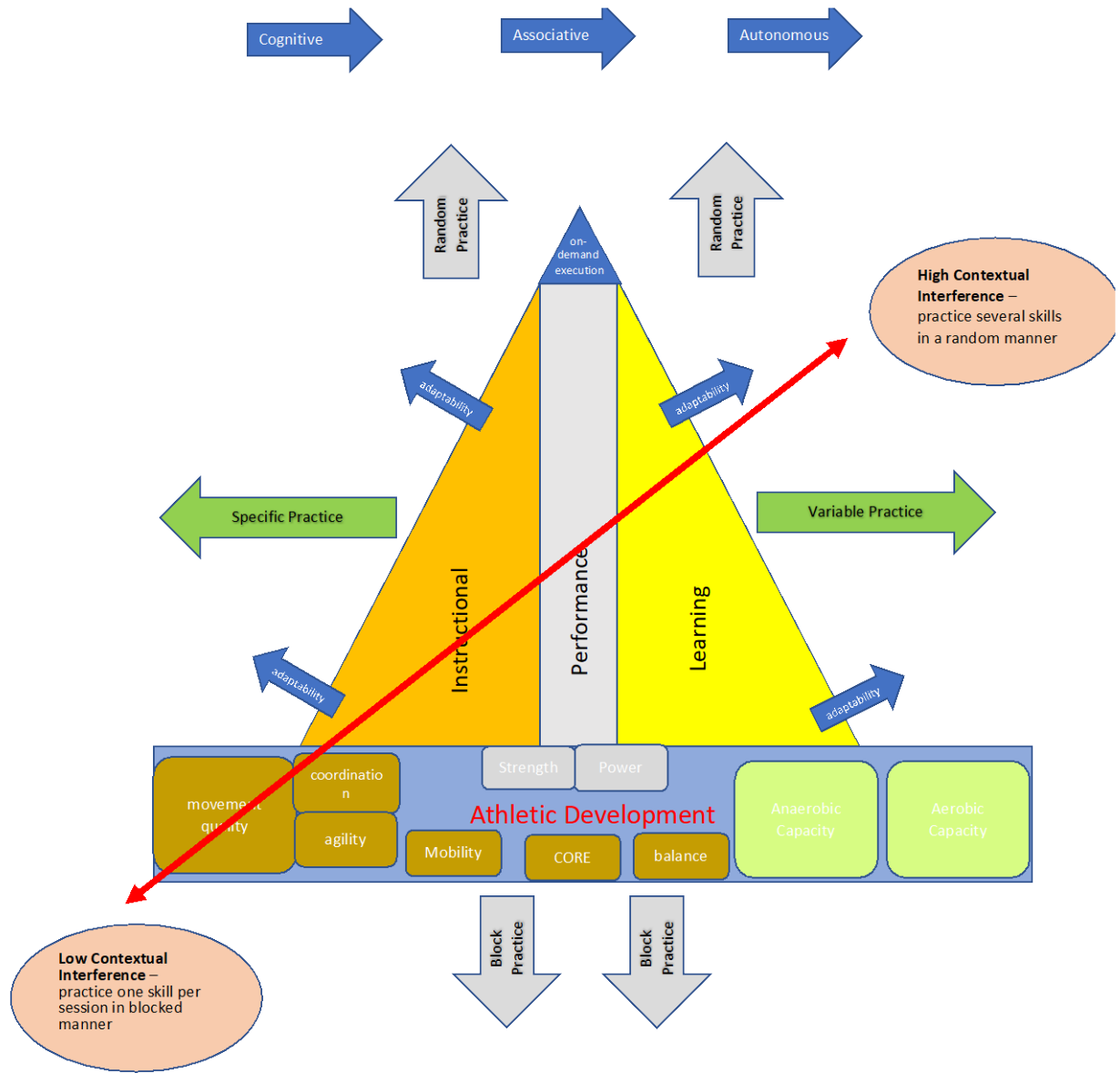


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# Performance vs. Learning

<b>Instructional Phases</b>	<b>Performance</b>	<b>Learning</b>
<b>Convey Information</b>	<b>Always demonstrate Lots of instruction</b>	<b>Infrequently</b>
 <b>Structure Practice</b>	<b>Blocked/constant practice</b>	<b>Random/variable practice</b>
 <b>Provide Feedback</b>	<b>Often and detailed</b>	<b>Infrequent and descriptive</b>



# Contextual Interference

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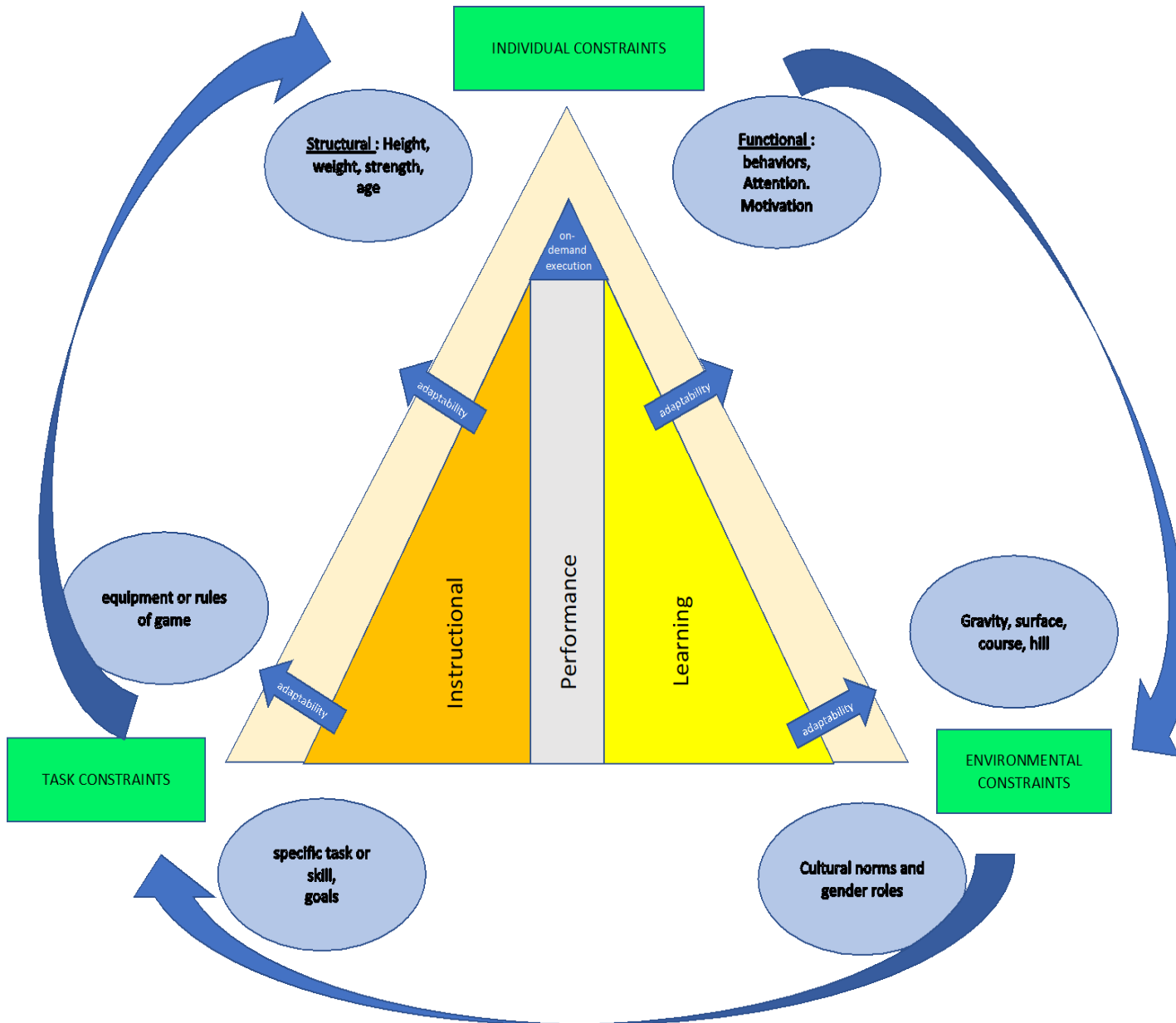
Single Skill  
Blocked Practice

Multiple Skills  
Blocked Practice

Multiple Skills  
Random Practice

# Contextual Interference

- LCI better for performance, HCI better for learning
- Benefits of HCI greater when skills differ more markedly
- Variability of practice and HCI can be combined for optimal learning



Constraints are factors that limit, contain or help shape the development of movement

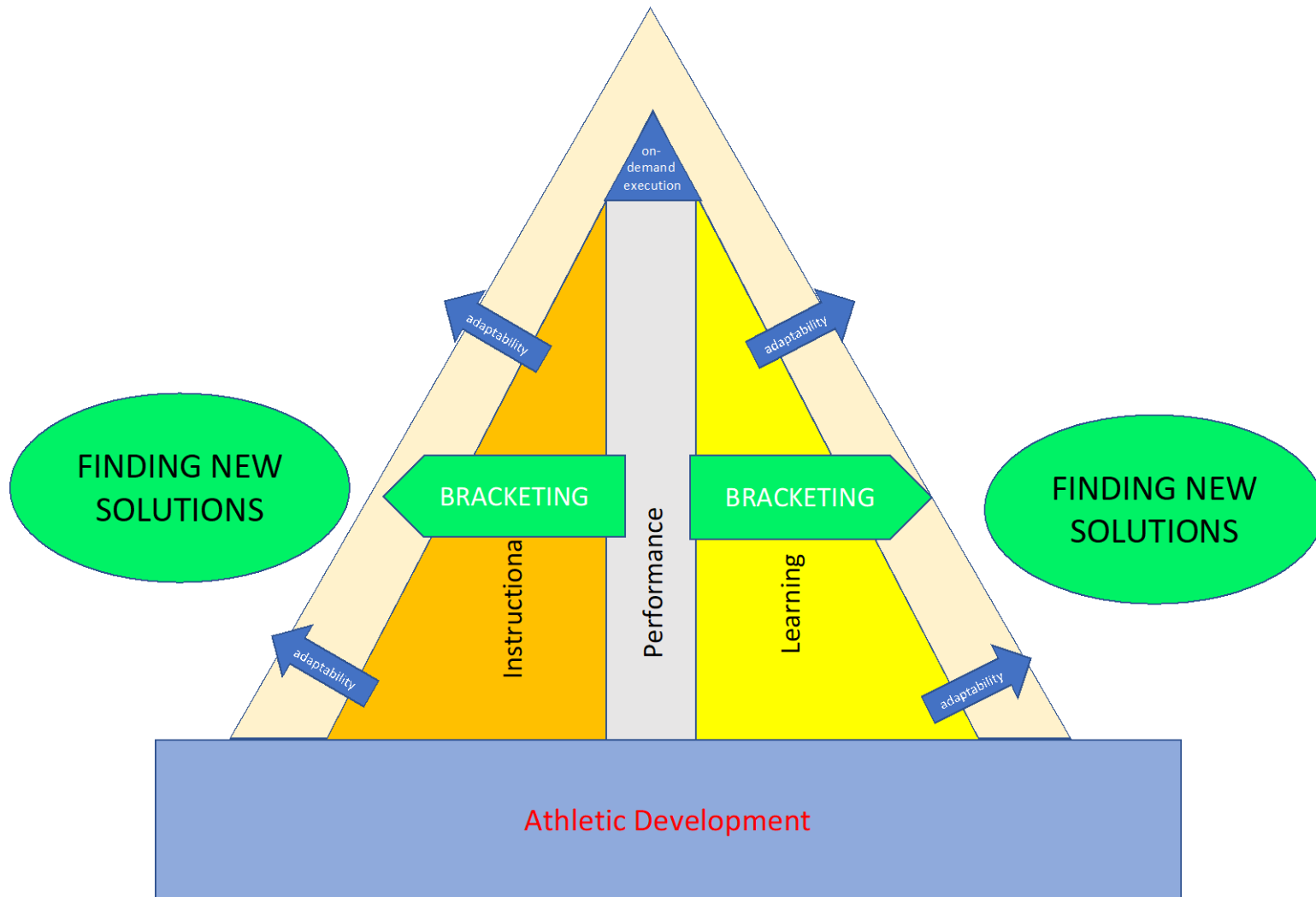
**A constraints-led approach is based around the idea that movement is influenced by a dynamical system of interacting constraints on either the task, performer or environment. By definition, a constraint is a boundary which encourages the learner to emerge with certain behaviours.**

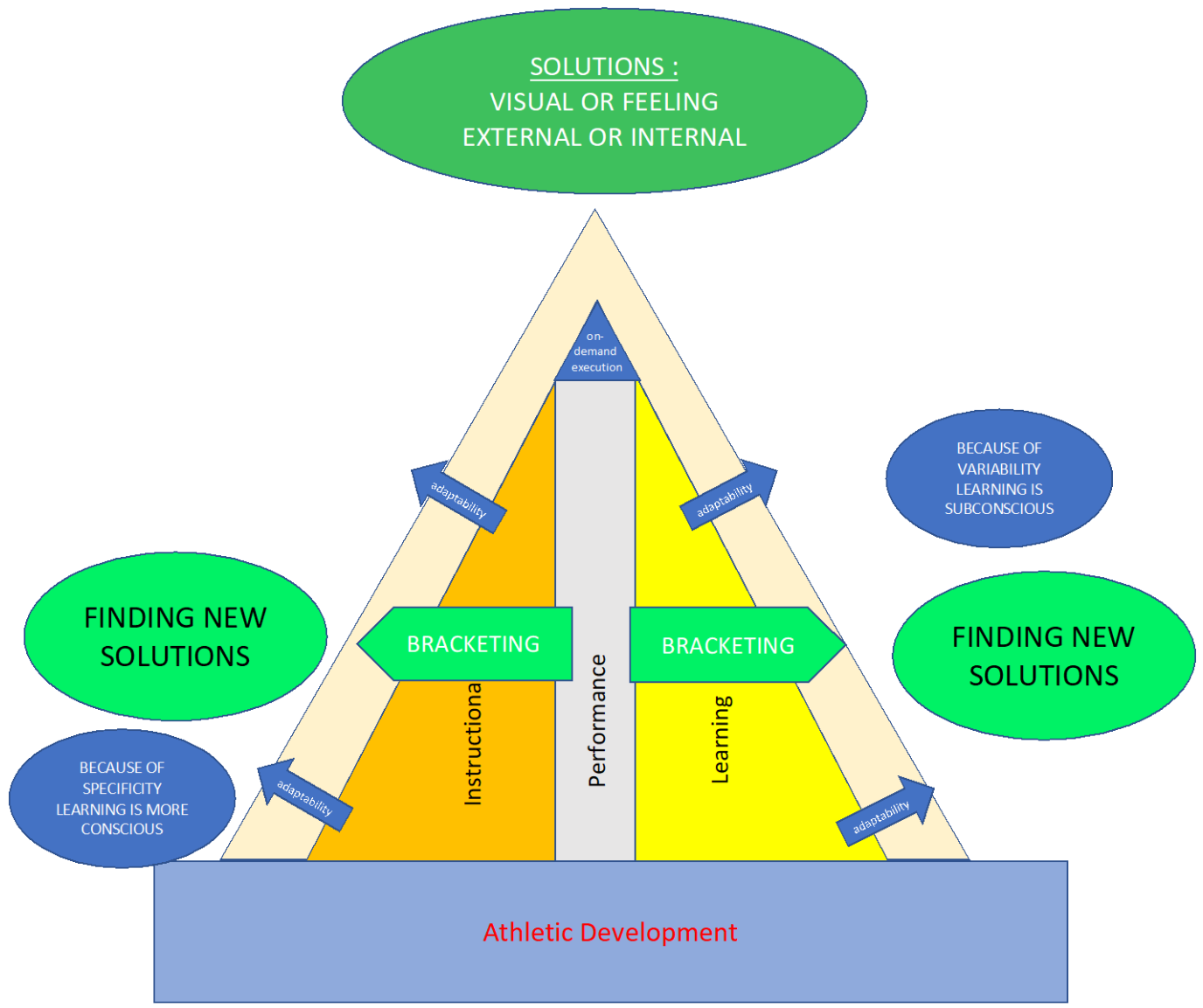
- a **task** constraint relates to the activity in terms of the goal, the equipment or rules.
- a **performer (athlete)** constraint involves unique structural characteristics including physiological, psychological and emotional aspects.
- an **environmental** constraint is often very difficult to change and involves gravity, ambience or temperature and socio cultural factors.

**\*\*\*WITHIN A CONSTRAINTS-LED APPROACH, A KEY FACTOR IS HOW COACHES MANIPULATE THE ABOVE CONSTRAINTS IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE THE EMERGENCE OF DESIRED SKILLS\*\*\***

- Devine, Thomas (2017). <http://www.tdgolfcoach.com/learning/constraints-led-coaching-why/>







- Clear task
- Obstacles are set and used to challenge in a specific way
  - Certain fundamentals or skills are needed to complete task
  - Allow for freedom of expression to complete task
- Changes in equipment can be used as well
  - GS skis for panel SL
  - 1 ski SL
  - Nordic skis
  - Skis on skating rink
- Athletes should instantly know if they are accomplishing task or not

- Coach lead training
- On own training / practice
- Play “free ski” the whole mountain
  - Bell to bel
- Other exposures

## Deliberate Practice- Anders Ericsson

break down the skills “**fundamentals**” that are required to be expert

focuses on improving those **skill chunks** during practice  
paired with immediate coaching feedback.

**continually** practicing a skill at more challenging levels with the intention of mastering it.”

TIME	EVENT	Desired Outcomes & OBJECTIVES	Content	CONSTRAINTS	What is "Good"	& coaching points
<b>Body warm up</b>						
<b>Warm up Ski</b>						
<b>Lane 1</b>						
	SL brush	Balance athletic stance	hop turns	2 x 10 : .75 brushes	single pole touch, rhythm jump:encourage	
	SL Brush	Upper and lower body separation	quick turns in fall line	2 x 20 : 1.75 brushes picket fence	balanced skiing with pole plant	are the legs turning more than body
	SL Stub	Balance athletic stance	tight stubbies course	1x 20: 4 meters slight turn	carving	is upper body facing down the hill
	Pole hopper	active weight transfere	agility course lateral step on road flat	pole hoppers on ground step over	balanced from one foot to other	encourage
	SL brush	Upper body diciplnce	poles in hip crease	1x 30 1.75 brush picket fence	all motion is in the legs	how much are the poles moving
	Pannel	Carving clean turns	no touching gates ski to wall	1 x 20 13m pannel SL	balanced top of turn	how deep are they going
<b>Lane 2</b>						
	SL gates	Self Expression	normal rhythm SL	1x 30 12 meter SL	Pressure in the fall line	let them express them selves
	SL Pannel	Balanced athletic stance	No touching the gates ski to wall	1x20 10 meter pannel SL	balanced dymnic sking	where is blance point
	SL	Balance athletic stance	carving clean turns in balance	1 x 20 16 meter SL very turny	maintain balance on outside	upper body placement
	SL stubbies	active weight transfere	dynamic sking from one ski to the other	1x20 6 meter stubies - turny	very active skiing	where is the weight transfere
	SL - spine	suck switch to maintain snow contact	skiing rhythm SL through spine	1x20 11 meter SL	skis stay on the snow	actively absorbe and extend
	Rollers	Balance athletic stance	free ski in the rollers	just the rollers no wickets	Rhythm and tempo maintained	are they in blance?
<b>Lane 3</b>						
	SL	Self expression	normal SL on pitch	1x20 10 meter SL even rhythm		
	SL	Balance athletic stance	carving clean turns in balance	1 x 20 14 meter SL very turny		
	SL	Active weight transfere	dynamic sking from one ski to the other	1x 20 8 meter SL easy even rhythm	skis stay on the snow	actively absorbe and extend
	SL	Carving clean turns	no touching gates ski to wall	1 x 20 12 meter Panele SL	balanced top of turn	how deep are they going
	SL BRUSH	Balance athletic stance	quick turns in rollers	2x20 2m picket fence brush in rollers		
	Rollers	Balance athletic stance	free ski in the rollers	just the rollers no wickets	Rhythm and tempo maintained	are they in blance?
<b>Lane 4</b>						

- External feedback – hard to do but research shows its more effective
  - Internal feedback
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- Visual focus
  - Feel focus

## **Is Feedback Always Essential?**

- Feedback less important as skill level increases
- Learners develop ability to detect and correct own errors
- So, fade out over time, although precision may be increased



# Frequency of Feedback

- More is not always better!
- High relative frequency better for performance, low relative frequency best for learning
- If frequency too high:
  - ✓ Attention / memory overload
  - ✓ Overdependence on extrinsic feedback
  - ✓ No opportunity for 'trial + error' learning

- Bracket out side the normal
  - Extreme bracketing for teaching skiing
  - Bracketing for adaptability in racing
    - – tempo and rhythm
- Increase random and variety with in a session
  - With CLEAR TASK
- Use the environment to your advantage
  
- Long term planning