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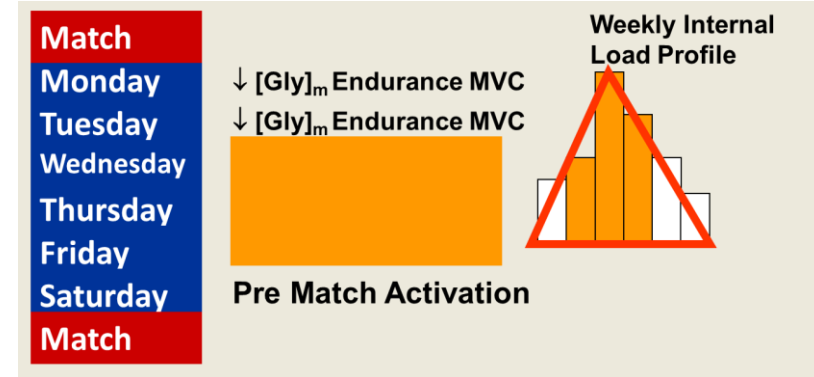
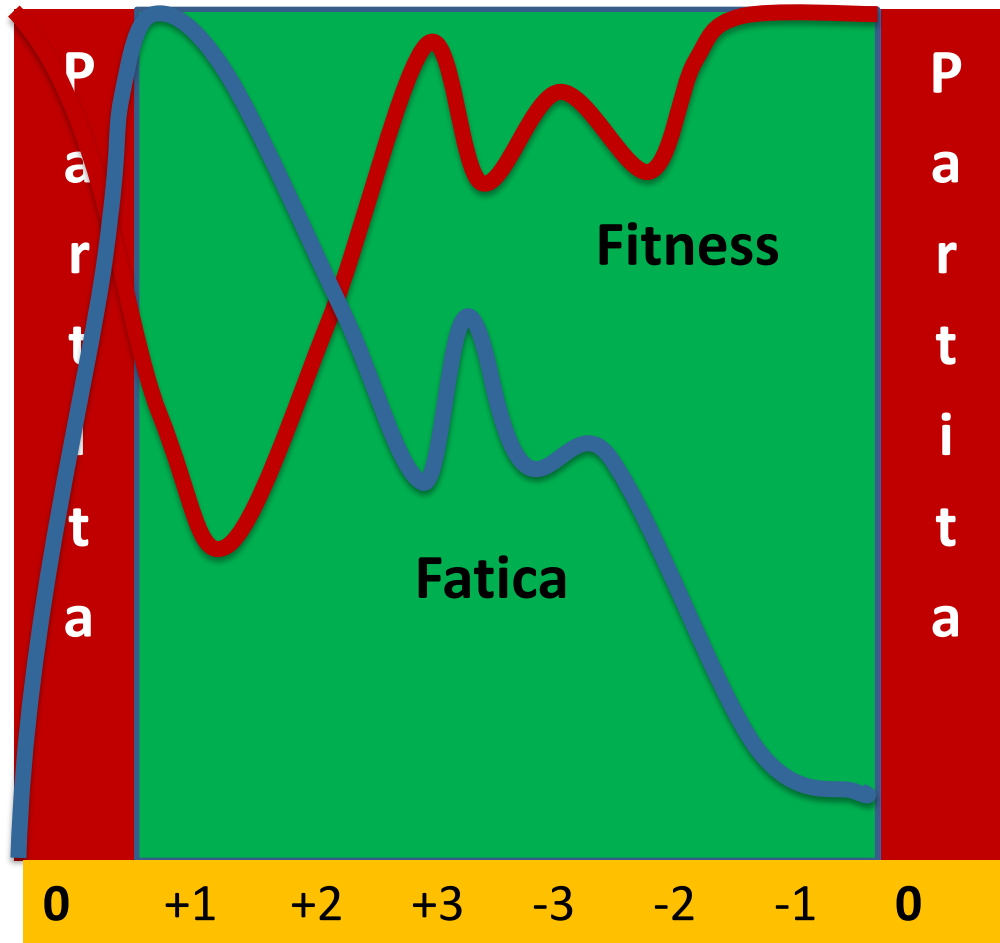
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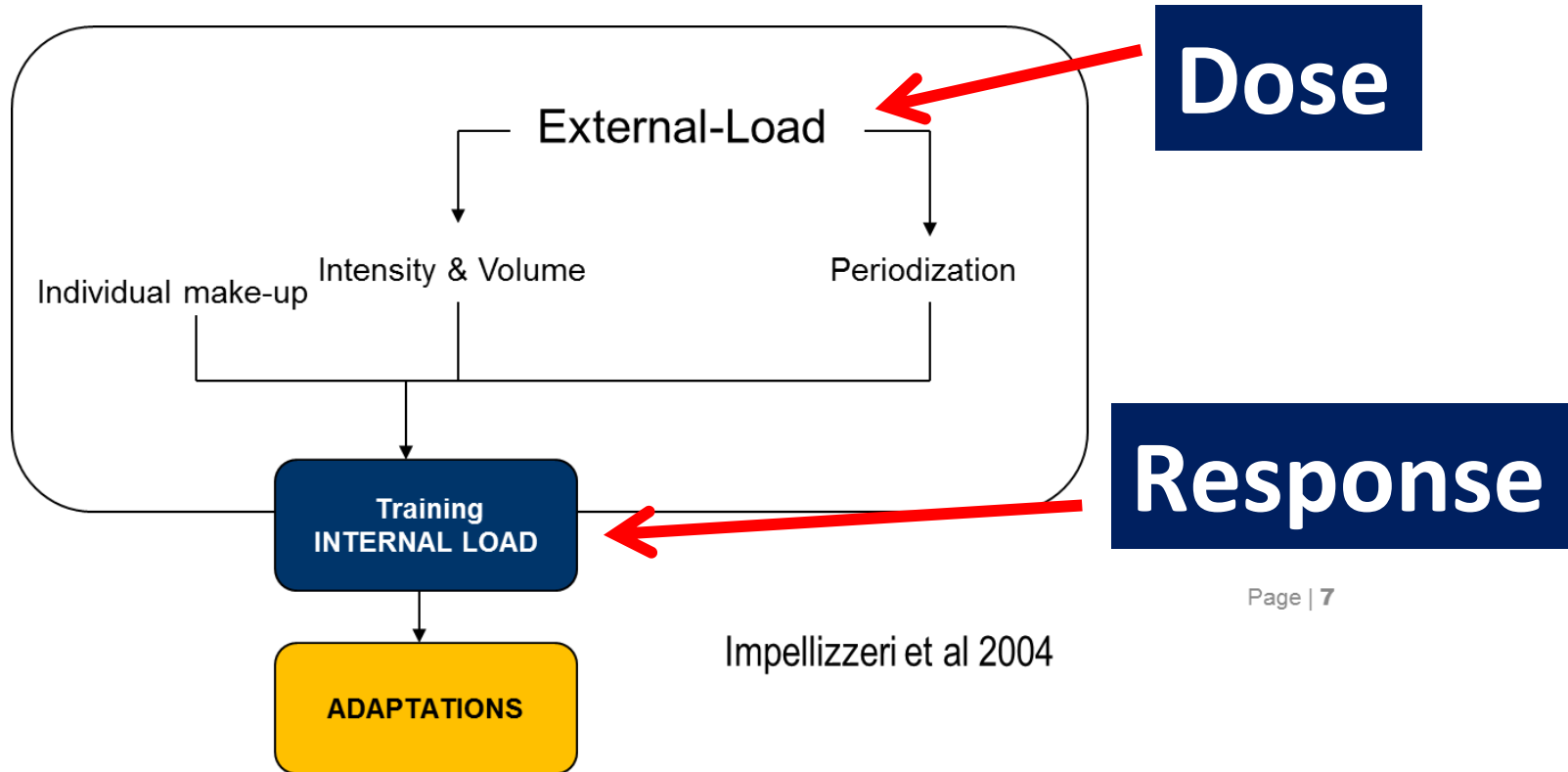
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# Microciclo Funzionale



# La Dinamica del Carico



Impellizzeri et al 2004

# Internal vs External Load

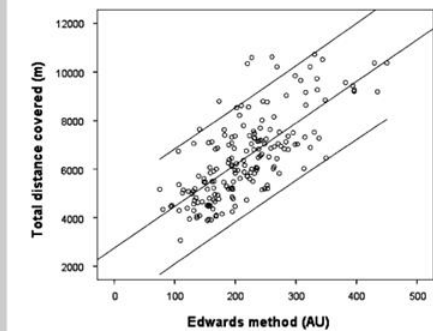


Figure 1. Relationship between the Edwards indicator and the total distance covered for the 210 recordings made ( $r = 0.72$ ;  $p < 0.01$ ). "AU" is arbitrary unit.

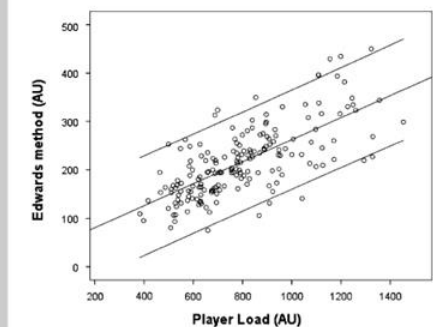


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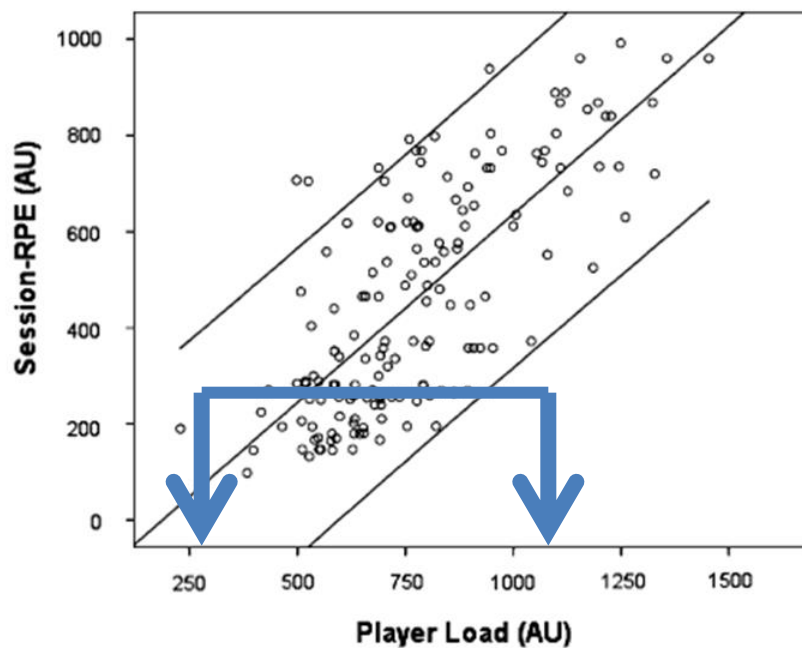


Figure 4. Relationship between player load (determined by accelerometry) and the session-rating of perceived exertion indicator for the 210 recordings made ( $r = 0.74$ ;  $p < 0.01$ ). "AU" is arbitrary unit.

# The Internal-Load in Football

## Training-Load Analysis

$$\sum_{i=1}^n t_i = D \sum_{i=1}^n (\Delta HR_r)_i \cdot y_i$$

$$\Delta HR_r = \frac{HR_i - HR_{rest}}{HR_{max} - HR_{rest}}$$

$$y_i = B \cdot e^{C(\Delta HR_r)_i}$$

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### INDIVIDUAL TRAINING-LOAD AND AEROBIC-FITNESS VARIABLES IN PREMIERSHIP SOCCER PLAYERS DURING THE PRECOMPETITIVE SEASON

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**ABSTRACT**  
 Manzi, V., Bovenzi, A., Impellizzeri, M.F., Carbinati, I., and Castagna, C. Individual training-load and aerobic-fitness variables in premiership soccer players during the precompetition season. *J Strength Cond Res* 27(9): 631–636, 2013. The aim of this study was to examine the association between individual measures of internal training-load (TRIMP) and aerobic-fitness and performance variables in premiership male soccer players. Eighteen Premiership soccer players (age: 28.4 ± 3.2 years, height: 182 ± 5.5 cm, body mass: 78.0 ± 5.5 kg) performed treadmill tests for  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$  and ventricular maximal ( $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ ) and speed at blood lactate concentration of 4 mmol L<sup>-1</sup> (S4) on separate days pre and post pre-season training (preseason). The Yo-Yo intermittent recovery test (Yo-Yo IR1) performance was assessed pre and post pre-season training as well. The TRIMP was calculated using individual heart rate and heart rate profile and assessed in each training session for 4 weeks. The results showed that TRIMP was larger to very large associated with percentage changes in  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$  ( $r = 0.71$ ,  $p < 0.0002$ ),  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$  ( $r = 0.79$ ,  $p = 0.0002$ ), S4

**INTRODUCTION**  
 Training adaptations are the result of the intensity of a number of measured physiological perturbations imposed on athletes during the training process (TRIMP). The individual responses to training are related to athletes' individual fitness level and proportional to the magnitude of the provided training load (TL) (1). As a result, the quantification of the individual response to a given TL is vital to provide training-related adaptive processes (2,3).  
 Recently, a number of studies have examined the individual training responses using heart rate (HR)-based metrics (4,5). Manzi et al. (6) observed that a highly individualized approach to training was necessary to accurately track fitness improvements during in-season training sessions in endurance athletes.  
 In team sports, players are usually subjected to group training sessions aimed to develop team physical fitness and technical-tactical skills (7). The potential for differentiated training responses from scheduled team training sessions may significantly challenge the assumed homogeneity of in-

## Dose-Response

$$TRIMP_i = mX + q$$

- S4 → 454 AU
- $\dot{V}O_{2max}$  → 498 AU
- $\dot{V}O_{2VT}$  → 415 AU
- Yo-Yo IR1 → 510 AU

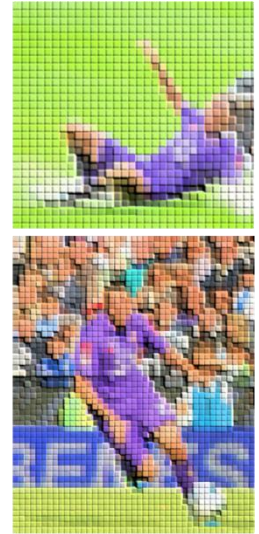
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## Research Design

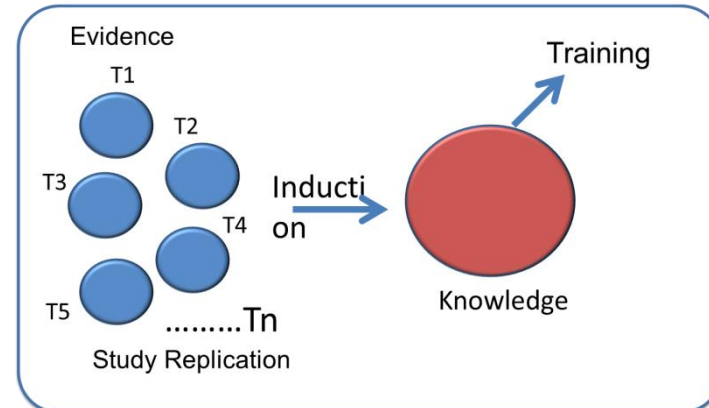
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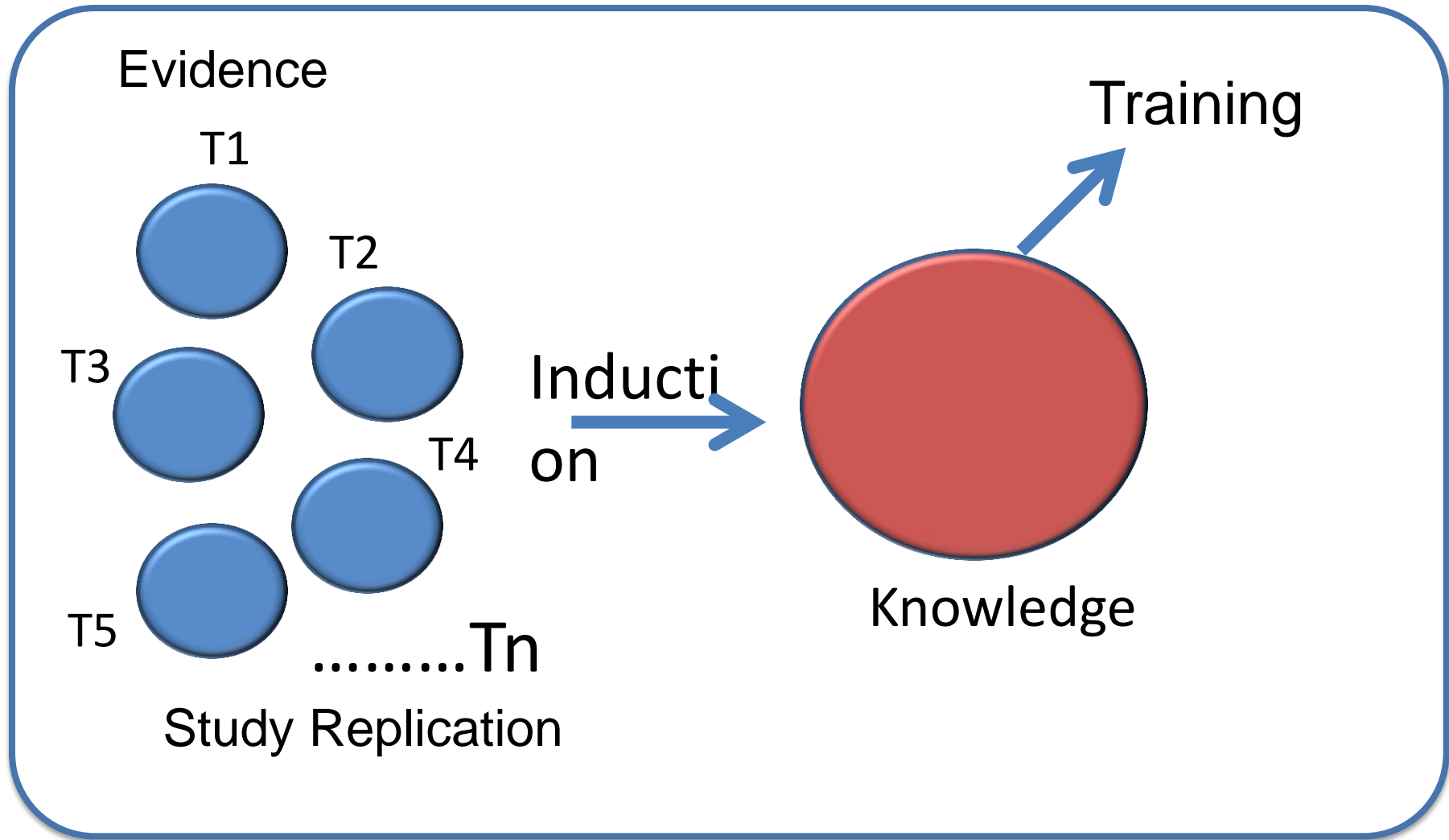
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## Team-Studies Philosophy



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# Team-Studies: HR Validity

## Heart Rate Monitoring


### Training Intensities:

Low	HR < S2
Mean	S2 < HR < S4
High	HR > S4

## Heart Rate Monitoring

### Results:

#### ● Training Load (%time):

Low	74%	
Medium	19%	
High	7%	

Castagna et al. 2011, 2013

Castagna et al. 2013

## Dose-Response

- Relevance of HR > 90% FC<sub>max</sub>
- High-Intensity 6-8% weekly Training Load
- HR monitoring Longitudinal Validity
- Effect on Aerobic Fitness



# Internal vs External Load

## RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDICATORS OF TRAINING LOAD IN SOCCER PLAYERS

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### ABSTRACT

Casamichana, D, Castellano, J, Calleja-Gonzalez, J, San Román, J, and Castagna, C. Relationship between indicators of training load in soccer players. *J Strength Cond Res* 27(2): 369–374, 2013—This study examined the relationship between work load indicators used to quantify full training sessions in soccer. The participants were 28 semiprofessional male soccer players age  $22.9 \pm 4.2$  years, height  $177 \pm 5$  cm, body mass  $73.6 \pm 4.4$  kg. Players' physical and physiological work load was monitored over 44 training sessions using global positioning system devices (10 Hz) and heart rate, respectively. After each training session, players' training perceived-exertion (rating of perceived exertion [RPE]) was assessed using the Borg CR-10 scale. Players' internal training load was assessed using the session-RPE and the Edwards methods. Total distance, distances covered at arbitrary selected high-intensity speed zones ( $\geq 18$  and  $21 \text{ km}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$ ), bout frequency at speed  $>18$  and  $21 \text{ km}\cdot\text{h}^{-1}$ , and work:rest ratio during training drills were considered as signs of physical work load. Furthermore, player load assumed as reflection of total center-of-mass acceleration was considered as representative of players' external load. Very-large association of player load with Edwards and session-RPE methods was found. Total distance covered was large to very large associated with Player Load, Session-RPE, and Edwards methods. The findings of this study provided evidence for the safe use of session-RPE, Edwards methods, and Players Load as valid indicators of training responses in soccer.

**KEY WORDS** association football, training control, session-RPE, heart rate, GPS technology

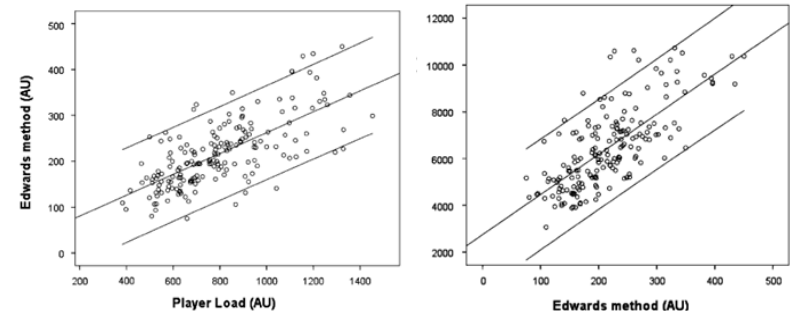
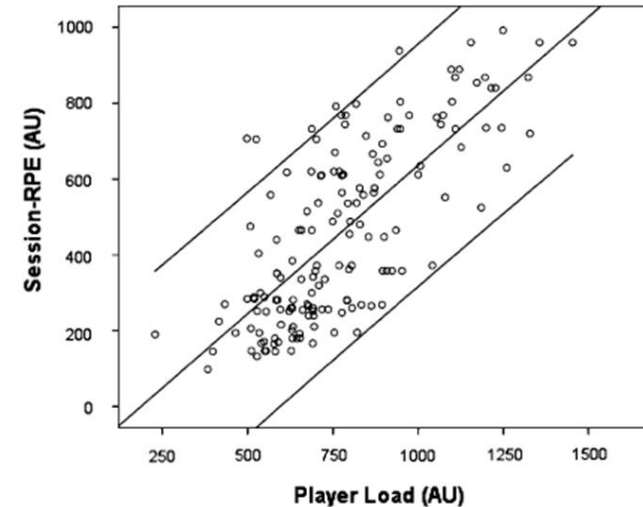
### INTRODUCTION

To develop physical fitness and team skills, an extensive use of group training (i.e., specific training) drills is considered in soccer (13). Specific training in soccer assumes the form of small-sided games using different number of players, pitch dimensions, and game rules to promote the requested adaptations (21). Team-skill training load (TL) quantification is of importance when the objective is to evaluate magnitude compliance between planned and performed training drills. This enables TL to be modulated according to seasonal training aims. This assumes value as efficient training prescription is work load dependent (29).

In soccer, the individual training response (internal load) to a given imposed training program (external load) may result in being different among players, and consequently, training individualization may result problematic (12). Therefore, the development of valid methods for TL assessment is paramount in soccer because extreme training responses may result in training maladaptations and injuries (17,18).

With the aim to profile the internal load, a number of methods have been proposed using effort perception or heart-rate (HR) responses to training (3). Recently, the session-rating of perceived exertion method (sRPE) has been the object of studies that examined its validity assuming as construct HR methods (24), which has been correlated with other internal and external TL (8).

Despite the practical interest provided by these studies, a conclusive response as per sRPE method criterion validity is yet to be reported in soccer. Indeed, HR methods were based on theoretical construct and consequently cannot be considered as TL gold-standard criteria.



# External Load: Metabolic Power

## AEROBIC FITNESS ECOLOGICAL VALIDITY IN ELITE SOCCER PLAYERS: A METABOLIC POWER APPROACH

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**TABLE 2.** Correlation matrix of the resulting associations among aerobic fitness and the metabolic power categories considered.\*

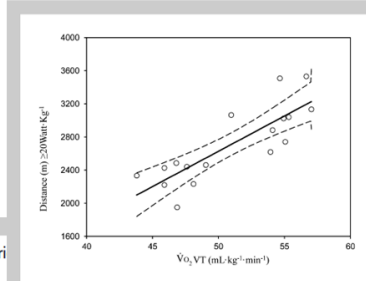
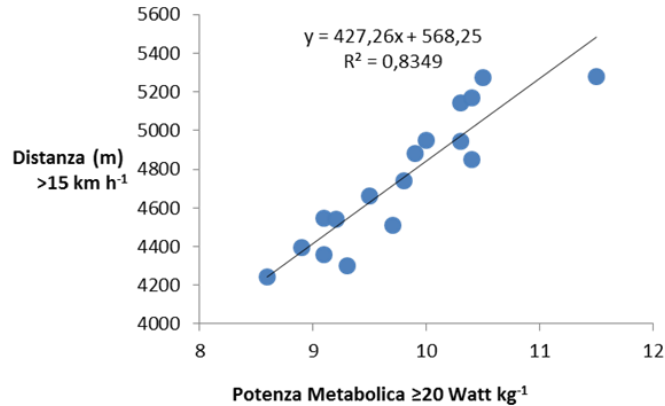
Variables (W·kg <sup>-1</sup> )	$\dot{V}O_2\text{max}$	$\dot{V}O_2\text{VT}$	% $\dot{V}O_2\text{VT}$	Maximal Aerobic Speed	$V_{L4}$
>20	0.68† (0.30–0.88)	0.83‡ (0.58–0.94)	0.62† (0.20–0.85)	0.72§ (0.36–0.89)	0.73‡ (0.58–0.94)
>35	0.63† (0.22–0.85)	0.79‡ (0.50–0.92)	0.64† (0.23–0.86)	0.64† (0.23–0.86)	0.67† (0.50–0.92)
>55	0.55§ (0.10–0.81)	0.72† (0.37–0.89)	0.65† (0.24–0.86)	0.52§ (0.05–0.80)	0.56§ (0.37–0.89)

\*Data are reported as coefficient of correlation and 95% confidence intervals.

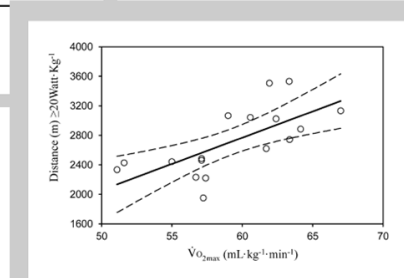
† $p < 0.01$ .

‡ $p < 0.001$ .

§ $p < 0.05$ .



**Figure 2.** Scatter plot of the resulting relationship between distance covered at metabolic power  $\geq 20$   $\text{W} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$  and  $\dot{V}O_2\text{VT}$ ;  $r = 0.83$  (95% confidence interval, 0.58–0.94);  $p < 0.0001$ .



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# External Load: Metabolic Power

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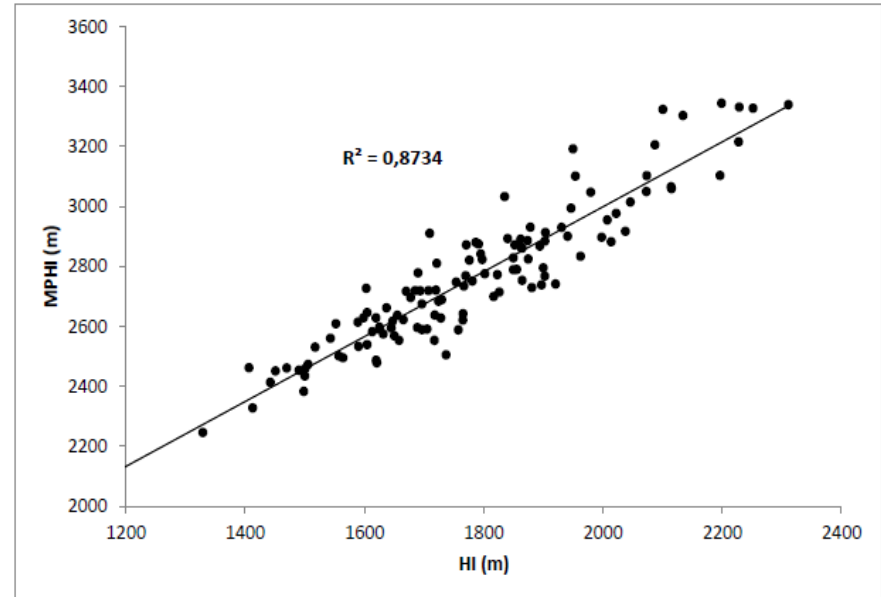
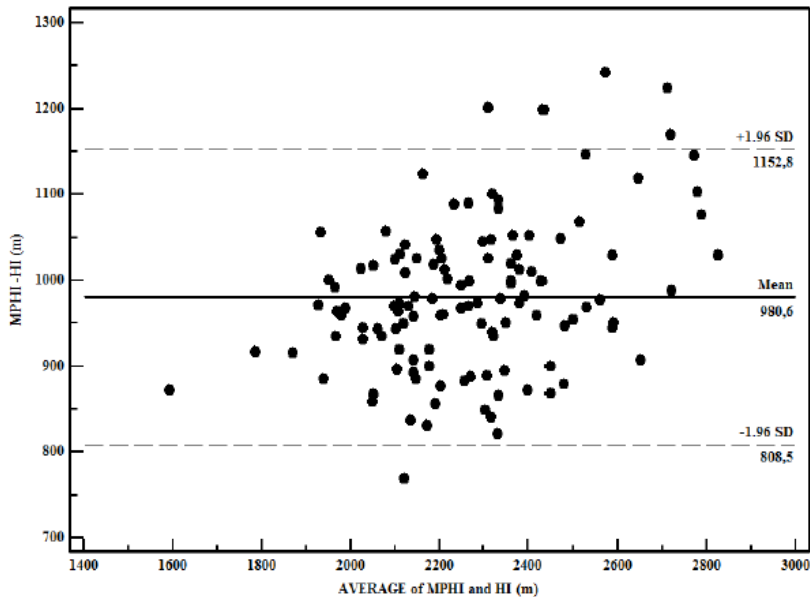
### RISULTATI

- Distanza  $721 \pm 60$  metri
- PM  $11.2 \pm 1.1$  Watt·kg<sup>-1</sup>
- VO<sub>2</sub>  $47.2 \pm 8.1$  ml·kg<sup>-1</sup>·min<sup>-1</sup> (80±10%)
- Stima VO<sub>2</sub>  $33 \pm 3$  ml·kg<sup>-1</sup>·min<sup>-1</sup> (56±7.4%)
- Lattato  $3.7 \pm 2.4$  mmol·l<sup>-1</sup>



# External Load: Metabolic Power

- HI Speed vs HI-MP ( $20\text{watt kg}^{-1}$ )
- Almost Perfect Association



# Conclusioni

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- **Importanza Carico Interno**
- **Controllo della Variabilità**
- **Verifica del Carico Esterno**
- **Ripetibilità**
- **Validità**
- **Sostenibilità**

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