

# Allenamento della forza e funzione neuromuscolare



SPORTFISIO



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## Preambolo

Prospettiva personale:

- ricercatore funzione neuromuscolare
- forte interesse allenamento forza

Evidenze, osservazioni, considerazioni:

- nessuna pretesa/provocazione
- spunti di riflessione
- almeno una cosa utile



## Allenamento neuromuscolare forza

- ① Considerazioni iniziali
- ② Prospettiva neuro-cognitiva
- ③ Considerazioni pratiche

## Allenamento forza • definizione

Esercizio ripetuto e strutturato con **resistenza**

- peso corpo, carichi liberi, macchinari, elastici, ipergravità ...

FORZA	Massimale	Esplosiva
	▼	▼
Determinanti	$\frac{2}{3}$ PCSA $\frac{1}{3}$ fattori neurali	$\frac{2}{3}$ fattori neurali $\frac{1}{3}$ miotipologia

## Allenamento forza • linee guida

FORZA	Massimale	Esplosiva
<b>Carico</b>	60-70% 1 RM (n) 80-100% 1 RM (a)	30-60% 1 RM (u) 0-60% 1 RM (l)
<b>Volume</b>	1-3 sets 8-12 reps 2-6 sets 1-8 reps	1-3 sets 3-6 reps
<b>Recupero</b>	1-2 min 2-3 min	1-2 min 2-3 min



## Allenamento forza • validità

### Principi fondamentali

- progressività
- variabilità
- dosabilità
- meccanismo azione



### Effetti desiderati

- performance → effetti **prestativi**
- (pre-)infortunio → effetti **preventivi**
- post-infortunio → effetti **riabilitativi**

## Allenamento forza • caratteristiche

FORZA	Massimale	Esplosiva
<b>AZIONE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isometrica</li> <li>• Concentrica</li> <li>• Eccentrica</li> <li>• Eccentrica+Concentrica</li> </ul>	
<b>RESISTENZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Costante</li> <li>• Adattata</li> <li>• Variabile</li> </ul>	

## Allenamento forza • problemi

### Nonostante questa relativa chiarezza...

ambito contraddittorio, instabile con ∞ teorie, possibilità e mode dettate da:

- campo ≠ laboratorio
- pseudo-ricercatori (poco buon senso)
- venditori (troppa tecnologia)
- sportivi vincenti (importanza forza?)



## Allenamento forza • campo

Ultimi 2-3 decenni :

- susseguirsi frenetico (e controproducente) di mentalità, mode, metodiche, macchinari
- quando si comprendo effetti e meccanismi (+10 anni), la moda è già passata

## Elettrostimolazione

Un cattivo esempio su tutti:

**anni 90** → diffusione ambito sportivo

**anni 2000** → consapevolezza e declino

**anni 2010** → ritentata diffusione ambito sportivo

- recupero
- senza fili/dinamico
- corpo intero



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REVIEW ARTICLE

## Instabilità



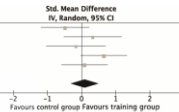
### Specificity of Balance Training in Healthy Individuals: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Jakob Kümmel<sup>1</sup> · Andreas Kramer<sup>1</sup> · Louis-Solal Giboin<sup>1</sup> · Markus Gruber<sup>1</sup>



Study	Control			Balance training			Std. Mean Difference IV, Random, 95% CI
	Mean	SD	Total	Mean	SD	Total	
Donath et al. [14]	660	175	16	783	231	16	21.9%
Ogawa et al. [31]	-9.3	3.3	11	-10.3	2.5	11	16.7%
Ellstrom et al. [20]	15.3	12.1	7	17.4	13.3	20	16.2%
Yaggle and Campbell [23]	33.6	7.5	19	27.9	9.6	17	22.8%
Zemkova and Hauer [24]	12.7	2.5	17	12.5	2	17	22.8%
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>			<b>70</b>			<b>81</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.07; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 5.87, df = 4 (P = 0.21); I<sup>2</sup> = 32%  
Test for overall effect: Z = -0.45 (P = 0.65)



Kümmel et al. SM 2016

Eur J Appl Physiol  
DOI 10.1007/s00421-015-3194-9  
INVITED REVIEW

## Vibrazioni



### Small and inconsistent effects of whole body vibration on athletic performance: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Tibor Hortobágyi<sup>1,2</sup> · Melanie Lesinski<sup>3</sup> · Miguel Fernandez-del-Olmo<sup>4</sup> · Urs Granacher<sup>5</sup>



Study or Subgroup	effect size	SE	Experimental		Weight	effect size IV, Random, 95% CI	effect size IV, Random, 95% CI
			Total	Total			
Arnesen 2007	-1.05	0.465	11	11.0%		-0.01 (-1.99, 0.11)	
Colson 2010	0.42	0.48	10	8.11.2%		0.42 (0.62, 1.36)	
Fagnant 2008	0.12	0.41	13	11.12.4%		0.12 (0.88, 0.92)	
Fernandez-Rio 2010	-0.17	0.26	16	15.13.3%		-0.17 (-0.88, 0.54)	
Fernandez-Rio 2012	0.02	0.63	5	5.8.9%		0.02 (-1.20, 1.26)	
Fiet 2012	1.22	0.47	12	11.11.6%		1.22 (0.46, 2.04)	
Marshall 2012	1.32	0.5	10	10.10.9%		1.32 (0.34, 2.30)	
Prekosek 2012	0.77	0.61	6	6.9.2%		0.77 (0.41, 1.07)	
Suarez-Armones 2014	1.17	0.49	10	10.11.1%		1.17 (0.21, 2.13)	
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>			<b>93</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.42 (-0.11, 0.95)</b>	

Heterogeneity: Tau<sup>2</sup> = 0.41; Chi<sup>2</sup> = 22.73, df = 8 (P = 0.004); I<sup>2</sup> = 65%  
Test for overall effect: Z = 1.56 (P = 0.12)


Fig. 4 Meta-analysis of the chronic effects of whole body vibration on leg power in competitive and/or elite athletes

Hortobágyi et al. EJAP 2015

**Isoinerziale**

Review  
Skeletal muscle functional and structural adaptations after eccentric overload flywheel resistance training: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Sergio Maroto-Izquierdo<sup>1,2</sup>, David García-López<sup>3</sup>, Rodrigo Fernandez-Gonzalo<sup>4</sup>, Osvaldo C. Moreira<sup>5</sup>, Javier González-Gallego<sup>6</sup>, José A. de Paz<sup>2</sup>



**Conclusion**

Based on the available data, inertial flywheel resistance training was not superior to gravity-dependent resistance training in enhancing muscle strength. Data for other strength variables and other muscular adaptations was insufficient to draw firm conclusions.

### Why screening tests to predict injury do not work—and probably never will...: a critical review

Roald Bahr<sup>1,2</sup>

**What are the findings?**

- ▶ To date, there is no screening test available to predict sports injuries with adequate test properties and no intervention study providing evidence in support for screening for injury risk.

*BJSM 2016*

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### Do Functional Movement Screen (FMS) composite scores predict subsequent injury? A systematic review with meta-analysis

Robert W Moran,<sup>1,2</sup> Anthony G Schneiders,<sup>3</sup> Jesse Mason,<sup>4</sup> S John Sullivan<sup>1</sup>

**What are the new findings?**

- ▶ The strength of association between FMS composite scores and subsequent injury was not sufficient to recommend use as an injury prediction tool in the sports reviewed.

**FMS.** *BJSM 2017*

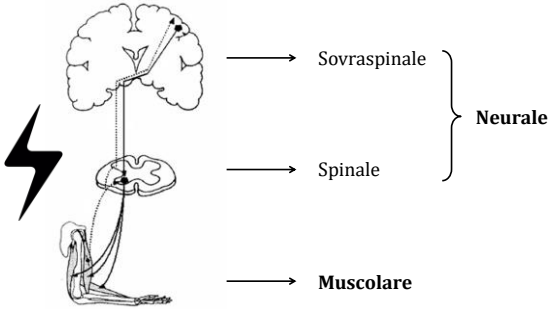
### Allenamento forza • laboratorio

Ultimi 2-3 decenni :

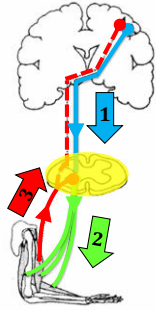
- ↓ pertinenza/utilità
- ↑ ricerca applicata
- ↓ qualità scientifica



### Sistema neuromuscolare



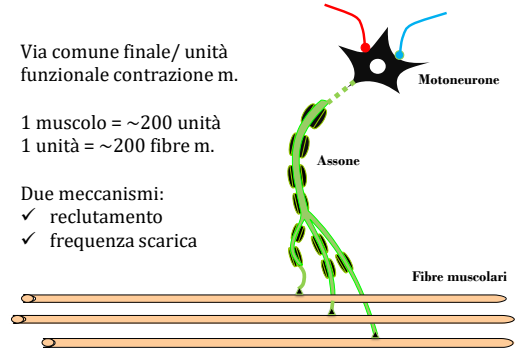
## Midollo spinale = importante crocevia



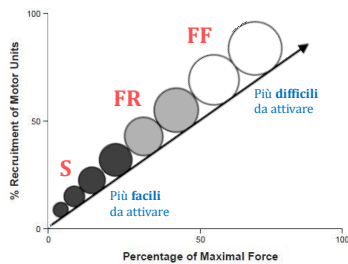
- Impulsi elettrici/inputs:
- da centri **sovraspinali** (1)
  - verso muscolo (2)
  - da afferenze **sensoriali** (3)

## Unità motoria

- Via comune finale/ unità funzionale contrazione m.
- 1 muscolo = ~200 unità
- 1 unità = ~200 fibre m.
- Due meccanismi:
  - ✓ reclutamento
  - ✓ frequenza scarica



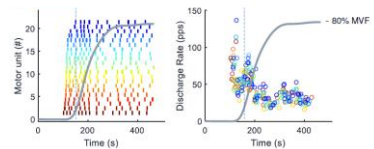
## Reclutamento ordinato (dimensione)



## ↑ frequenza scarica = ↑ forza esplosiva

You are as fast as your motor neurons: speed of recruitment and maximal discharge of motor neurons determine the maximal rate of force development in humans

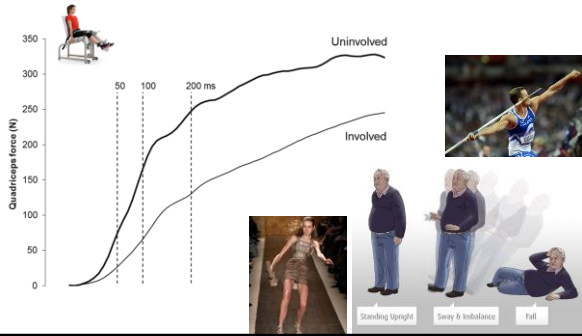
Alessandro Del Vecchio, Francesco Negro, Alex Hobbart, Andrea Casoli, Jonathan P. Rolland, Francesco Felici, Danilo Farina



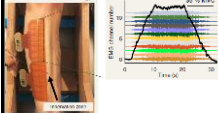
From 'De Motu Animalium' (1680) to 'De Velocitate Neuron-Motorium' (2019): towards a better understanding of how the nervous system drives muscles

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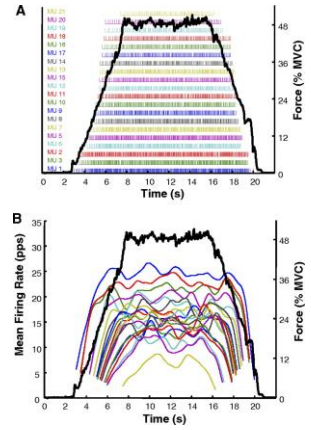
## "Rate of Force Development" • rilevanza



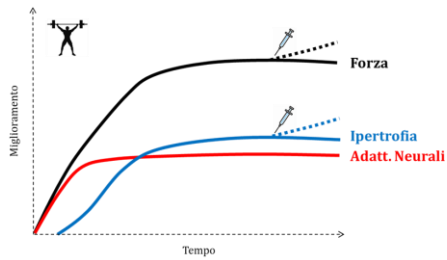
## Reclutamento



## Frequenza scarica



## Adattamenti neurali • 1988



Sale MSSE 1988

## Adattamenti neurali • interesse crescente

### Training-Induced Changes in Neural Function

Per Aagaard

*Resistance Training: Cortical, Spinal, and Motor Unit Adaptations*

Lisa Griffin<sup>1</sup> and Enzo Cafarelli<sup>2</sup>

**Neural Adaptations to Resistance Training**  
Implications for Movement Control

Timothy J. Carroll, Stephan Riek and Richard G. Carson

**The sites of neural adaptation induced by resistance training in humans**

Timothy J. Carroll, Stephan Riek and Richard G. Carson

**Neural Adaptations to Resistive Exercise**  
Mechanisms and Recommendations for Training Practices

David A. Gabriel<sup>1</sup>, Gary Kamen<sup>2</sup> and Gail Frost<sup>1</sup>

Review

The role of neuromuscular inhibition in hamstring strain injury recurrence

Jackson J. Fyfe<sup>1,2</sup>, David A. Opar<sup>1,2</sup>, Morgan D. Williams<sup>1</sup>, Anthony J. Shield<sup>1,2\*</sup>

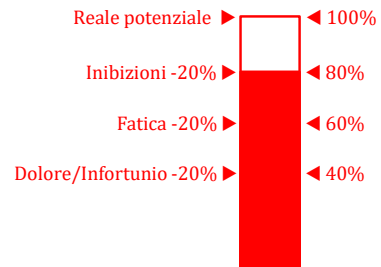
## Adattamenti neurali • interessi pratici

- ✓ Adattamenti ultra-precoci
- ✓ Margini di miglioramento  $\infty$
- ✓ Meccanismo azione identificato (soprattutto in caso infortunio)
- ✓ Concetti fisiologici validi ed invariati
- ✓ Modalità accessibili e poco dipendenti tecnologia
- ✓ Determinanti forza esplosiva



## Fattori neurali e cognitivi

Azioni umane (soprattutto max)  $\rightarrow$  governate da molteplici processi mentali  $\rightarrow$  dominate da inibizioni



Sports Med (2015) 45:1589-1602  
DOI 10.1007/s40279-015-0356-1



SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

### A Systematic Review of the Effect of Cognitive Strategies on Strength Performance

David Tod<sup>1</sup> · Christian Edwards<sup>2</sup> · Mike McGuigan<sup>3</sup> · Geoff Lovell<sup>4</sup>

#### Key Points

Cognitive strategies of various types influence muscular strength performance.

Participant skill level does not appear to moderate the cognitive strategy and strength performance relationship.

No explanation for why cognitive strategies enhance muscular strength has substantial support, but initial evidence supports continued examination of cognitive variables.

Sports Med (2015) 45:997-1015  
DOI 10.1007/s40279-015-0119-6

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

### Psychological Determinants of Whole-Body Endurance Performance

Alister McCormick · Carla Meijer · Samuele Marcora



## ↑ attivazione per ↑ forza esplosiva

**Goal:** migliorare abilità di attivare i muscoli rapidamente, in particolare nella primissima fase della contrazione

### Contrazioni esplosive

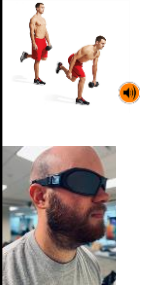
Accelerazione intenzionale massimale del carico durante fase concentrica

### Contrazioni balistiche

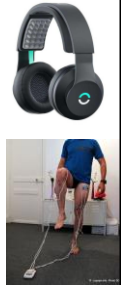
Tempo di contrazione brevissimo con alto rate of force development seguito da rilassamento muscolare (importanza dell'intenzione !)

Caserotti et al. *SJMSS* 2008 · Hermann et al. *O&C* 2016

## Altre strategie "neurali"



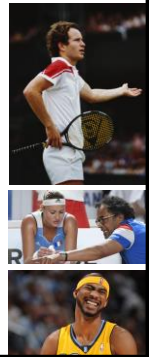
- ✓ Effetto "startle"
- ✓ Stimolazione transcranica
- ✓ Muscolo controlaterale
- ✓ Bio-feedback
- ✓ Carichi sconosciuti
- ✓ Training visuo-motorio
- ✓ Consolidazione
- ✓ Immaginazione motoria



## Strategie "cognitive"



- ✓ Goal setting
- ✓ Self talk
- ✓ Arousal/Psych up
- ✓ Emozione
- ✓ Motivazione
- ✓ Ricompensa
- ✓ Priming
- ✓ ...



## Allenamento neuro-cognitivo-muscolare



6 serie - X reps  
XX% 1RM  
rec. X min

### Comando motorio

- Grido
- Imprecazione
- Emozione
- Ricompensa
- Self-talk
- Sorpresa
- Rumore
- Stimolazione transcranica

### Frequenza scarica

- Balistico
- Intenzione
- Esplosivo

### Feedback sensoriale

- Angolo
- Velocità
- Tensione
- Equilibrio
- Controlaterale
- Feedback tecnico

# GRAZIE



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