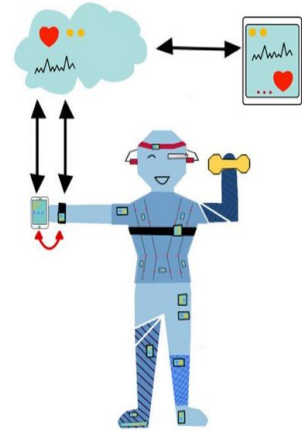


# Individualized endurance training – the 24-h approach

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## Factors associated with high-level endurance performance

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Factors associated with high-level endurance performance: An expert consensus derived via the Delphi technique


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### 26 factors

- maximal oxygen consumption
- running economy
- recovery speed
- carbohydrate metabolism
- glycolysis capacity
- lactate threshold
- fat metabolism
- number of erythrocytes
- iron deficiency
- muscle fibre type
- mitochondrial biogenesis
- hydrogen ion buffering
- testosterone
- erythropoietin
- cortisol
- hydration status
- vitamin D deficiency
- risk of non-functional overreaching and stress fracture
- healing function of skeletal tissue
- motivation
- stress resistance
- confidence
- sleep quality
- fatigue

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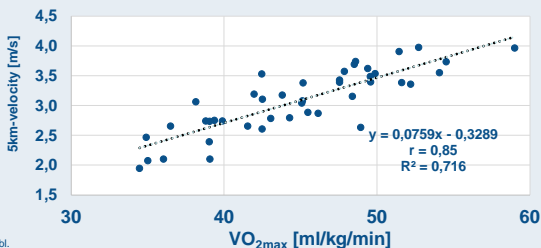
## „Endurance“ & maximum oxygen uptake



“Maximum oxygen uptake (VO<sub>2max</sub>) [...] sets the upper limit for endurance performance.”

Archibald Vivian Hill  
Nobel Prize 1922

Basset JAP 2002



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Original Investigation | Cardiology

**Association of Cardiorespiratory Fitness With Long-term Mortality Among Adults Undergoing Exercise Treadmill Testing**

Kyle Mandager, MD, Serge Harb, MD, Paul Cremer, MD, Dermot Phelan, MD, PhD, Steven E. Nissen, MD, Wael Jaber, MD

Review

**Mortality trends in the general population: the importance of cardiorespiratory fitness**

Duck-chul Lee<sup>1</sup>, Enrique G Artero<sup>2</sup>, Xuemei Sui<sup>1</sup> and Steven N Blair<sup>3</sup>

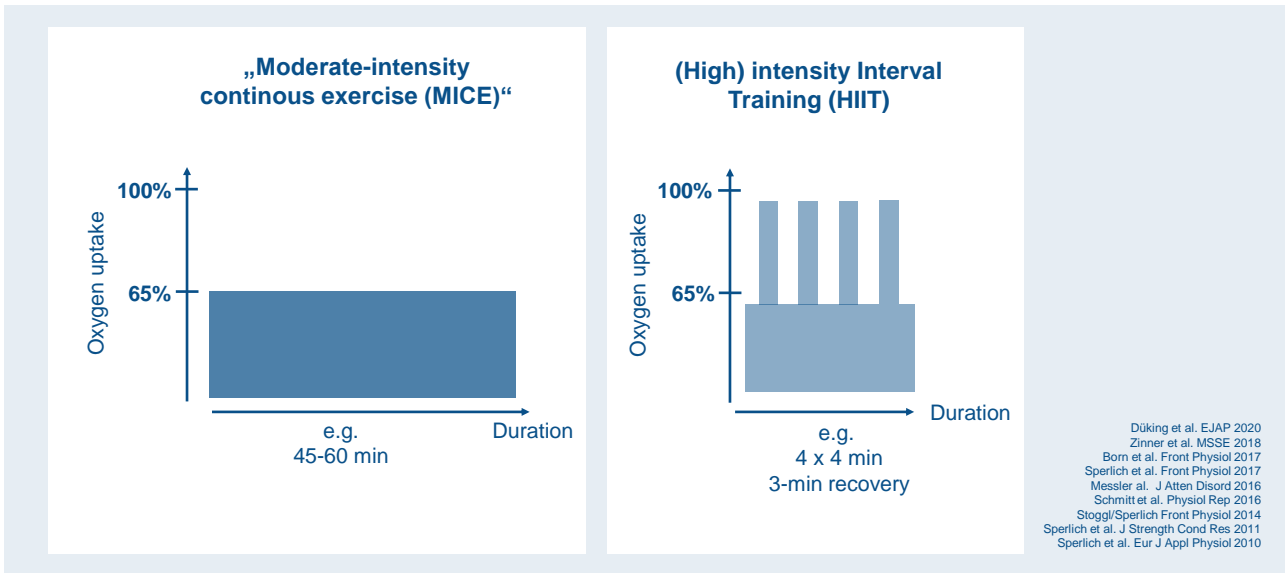
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Abstract

**Reduced risk of**  
Coronary heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, stroke, cancer, etc.

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## Maximum oxygen uptake: Training methods



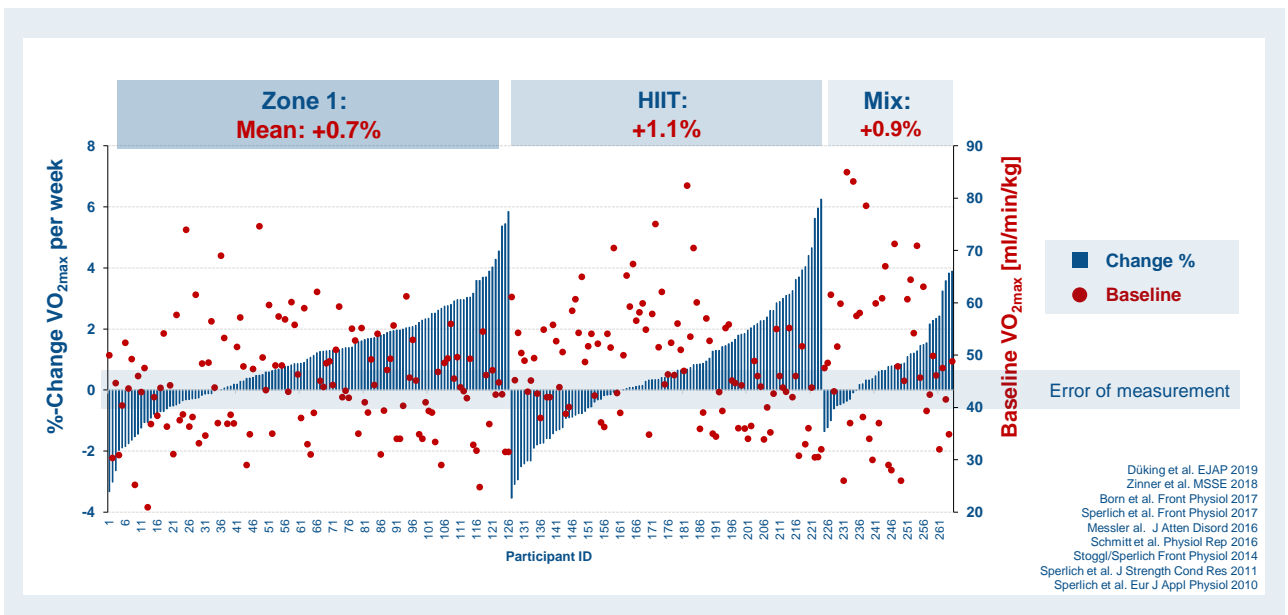
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## My experience: Pre-post VO<sub>2max</sub> (3-9 weeks; 2-5 sessions/week, n=265)



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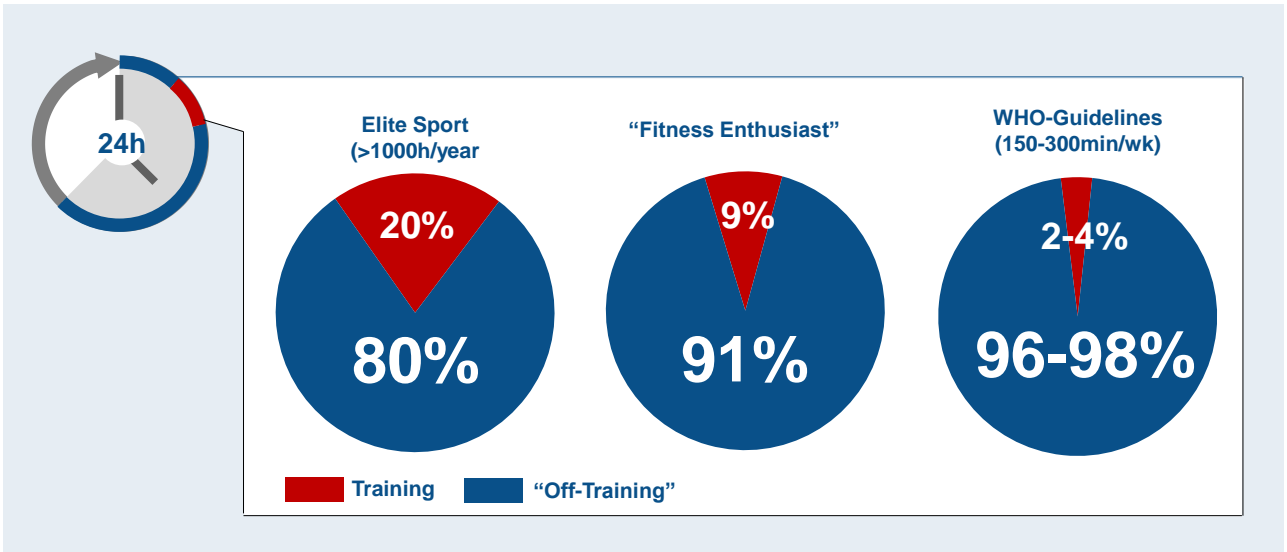
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## Genes & Trainability

<p><i>J Appl Physiol</i> 110: 1466-1470, 2011. First published December 15, 2010; doi:10.1152/jap.00444.2010</p> <p>Genomic predictors of the maximal O<sub>2</sub> uptake response to standardized exercise training programs</p> <p>Claude Bouchard,<sup>1</sup> Mark A. Szarynski,<sup>1</sup> Treva K. Rice,<sup>2</sup> William E. Kraus,<sup>2</sup> Timothy S. Church,<sup>4</sup> Yun Ju Sung,<sup>2</sup> D. C. Ran,<sup>2</sup> and Tamas Rankin<sup>5</sup></p> <p><sup>1</sup>Human Genetics Laboratory, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; <sup>2</sup>Division of Biostatistics, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri; <sup>3</sup>Department of Cardiovascular Medicine, Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, North Carolina; and <sup>4</sup>Laboratory of Preventive Medicine Research, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana</p> <p>Submitted 29 August 2010; accepted in final form 17 December 2010</p> <p>Stepwise multiple regression analysis of the 39 SNPs identified a panel of 21 SNPs that accounted for 49% of the variance in VO<sub>2max</sub> trainability</p>	<p>Original Paper DOI: 10.5664/20811862.1124568 Oct 2015, 32: 3-9</p> <p>Genome-wide association study identifies three novel genetic markers associated with elite endurance performance</p> <p>AUTHORS: Ahmetov II<sup>1,2</sup>, Kulmin NA<sup>1,2</sup>, Popov DV<sup>1,2</sup>, Nazarov VA<sup>1</sup>, Akimov EB<sup>1</sup>, Bracy YR<sup>1</sup>, Egorova ES<sup>1</sup>, Gubrina AB<sup>1</sup>, Gerasimov EV<sup>1</sup>, Kostyukova ES<sup>1</sup>, Larin AB<sup>1</sup>, Mustafin IJ<sup>1</sup>, Orjanova SA<sup>1</sup>, Pantele AV<sup>1</sup>, Starost LM<sup>1</sup>, Zolotarev SP<sup>1</sup>, Akhmetov DG<sup>1</sup>, Vologodskaya OS<sup>1</sup>, Gerasimov VV<sup>1</sup></p> <p>Three significant SNPs (NFIA-AS2 rs1572312, TSHR rs7144481, RBFOX1 rs7191721) in combination explained 24.6 and 48.8% of the variation in VO<sub>2max</sub> of male and female endurance athletes, respectively.</p>	<p>Received 26 February 2012   Revised 3 July 2012   Accepted 4 July 2012 DOI: 10.1111/j.1469-7580.2012.02511.x</p> <p>REVIEW</p> <p>Genetics of long-distance runners and road cyclists—A systematic review with meta-analysis</p> <p>Magdalena Johanna Konopka<sup>1,2,3</sup>   Jorn Carlos Maria Leonards van den Bunder<sup>2</sup>   Gerard Rietjens<sup>3</sup>   Billy Sperlich<sup>4</sup>   Maurice Petrus Zeegers<sup>1,3,5</sup></p> <p>(Inter)national competing runners and cyclists have a higher probability to carry specific genetic variants compared with controls.</p>
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## Training time relative to waking time in a 24h-continuum



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## Adaptation to „free-living & exercising-biology“

The complex block features a screenshot of a research article from *Frontiers in Physiology* titled "The Responses of Elite Athletes to Exercise: An All-Day, 24-h Integrative View Is Required!" by Billy Sperlich and Hans-Christer Holmberg. To the right, a circular diagram shows a 24-hour cycle with a blue segment representing waking time (0.5 - 4h) and a red segment representing training (Max. waking time: 20%).

**Factors for adaptation to „free-living & exercising-biology“:**

- a) **Activities of daily living**
- b) **Sleep behavior** (hours, naps, travelling)
- c) **Recovery procedures** e.g.:
  - Massage & Stretching & Foam Rolling
  - Active/passive recovery
  - Compression clothing, etc.
- d) **Nutrition** Pre-, intra-, post Training
- e) **Environment** (UV, heat, altitude, cold, ozone, particulate matter, noise...)
- f) **Mindset**
- g) **Circadian Rhythm**
- h) **Social aspects** (family, friends, sponsors, financial situation, media)
- i) **Alcohol, drugs...**
- j) **Doping**
- k) **Factor x, y, z**

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## Informative (Bio)Markers



**sensors**

Article  
**Integrated Framework of Load Monitoring by a Combination of Smartphone Applications, Wearables and Point-of-Care Testing Provides Feedback that Allows Individual Responsive Adjustments to Activities of Daily Living**

Peter Dikking <sup>1,\*</sup>, Silvia Achtnhuber <sup>2,3</sup>, Hans-Christer Holmberg <sup>4,5</sup> and Billy Sperlich <sup>1</sup>

Biomarker	Wearable	Smartphone	Point-of-Care-Testing
Heart rate, HR variability, HR recovery	X	X	X
Energy expenditure	X	X	
Lactate-RPE Ratio	(X)		
Oxygenation	X	X	X
Hydration	(X)		X
Metabolites (Chol/Trig/Cr, Urea, etc)			X
Blood lactate & glucose	(X)		X
Blood gases (pH, pCO <sub>2</sub> , PO <sub>2</sub> )			X
Electrolytes (Na, K, Ca, Cl)			X
Haematology (Hb, Hk, Ery, Leuc, Thromb)			X
Enzyme (AST, ALT, Y-GT, Amylase)			X
Cardiac markers (CK, CK-MB, cTnl, Myo, BNP/NT-pro BNP..)			X
Acute Phase Protein (CRP, hsCRP)			X
Temperature (skin, body, core)	X	X	X
Subjective ratings (RPE, Session RPE)	(X)	X	
Training Impulse (TRIMP)	(X)	X	
Diaries	(X)	X	
Questionnaires (sleep; POMS; fatigue; readiness, stress...)	(X)	X	

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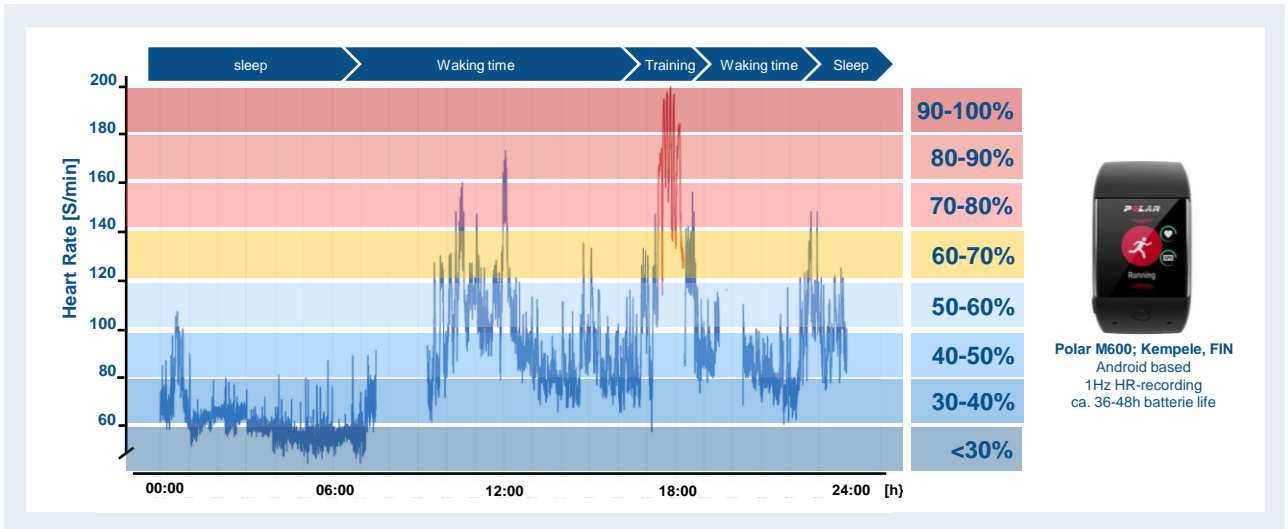
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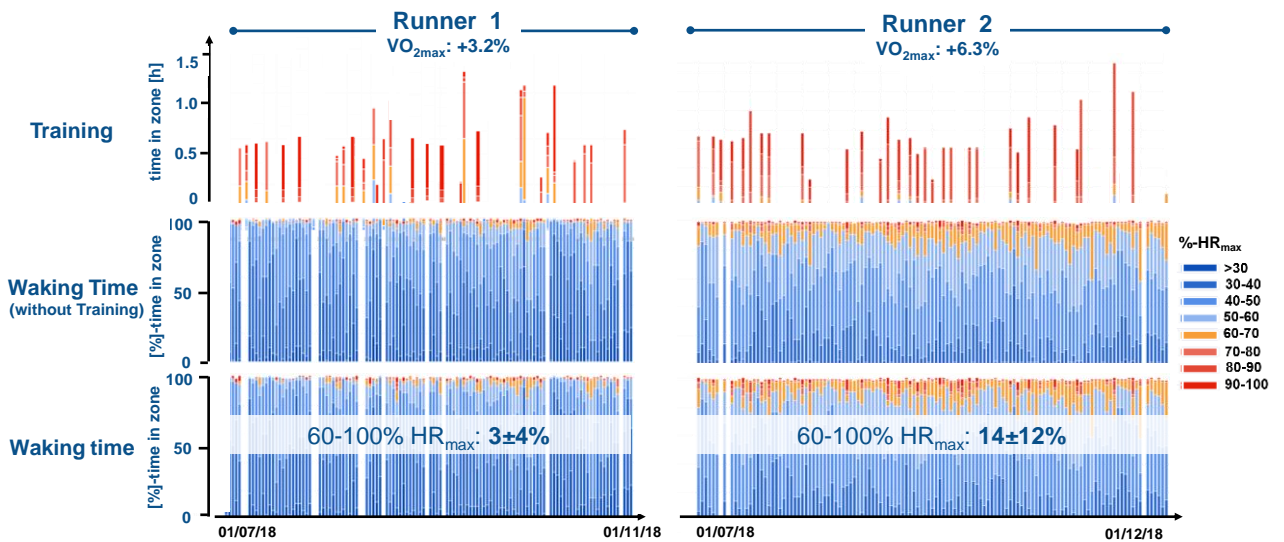
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## 24h-continuum & intensity zones



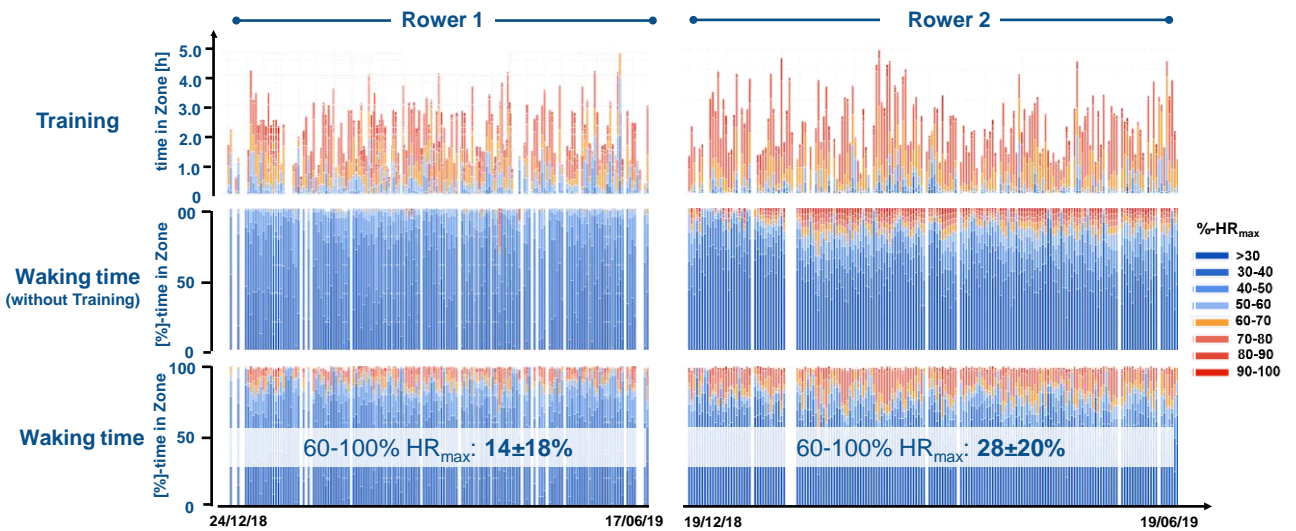
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## Long-term 24h-Monitoring - „Beginner“



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Example 24h-monitoring – Elite rower



Treff et al. 2021 Sci Report

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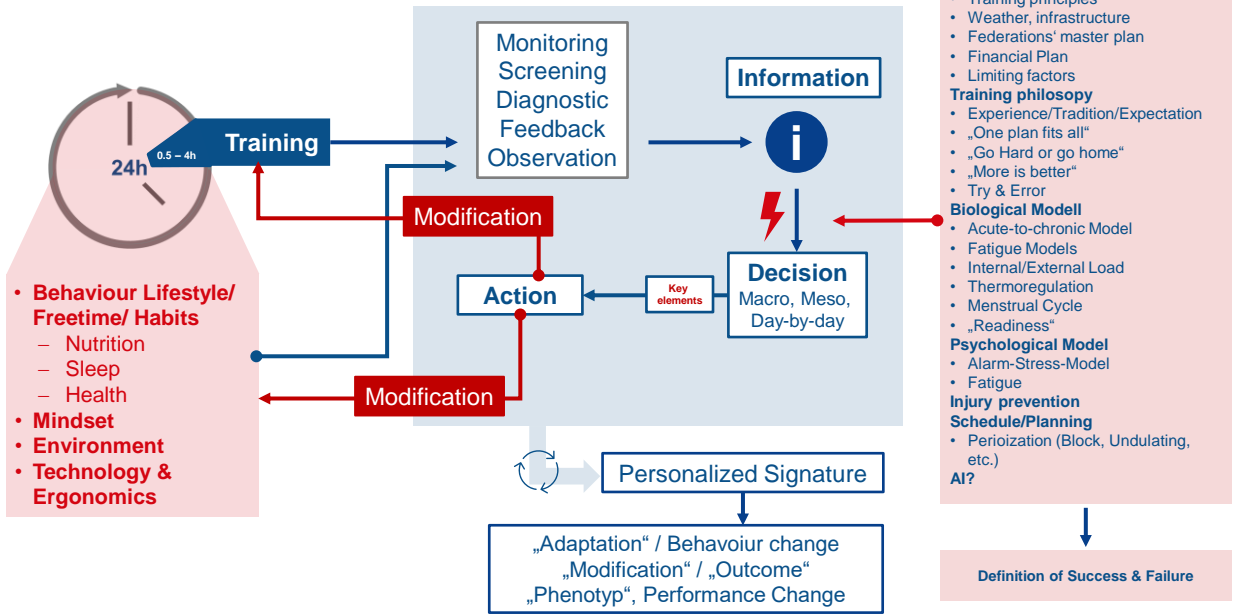
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# Information, Decision, Action, Change



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Thank you!

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