

Talent identification and development in Germany – state of play and current tasks



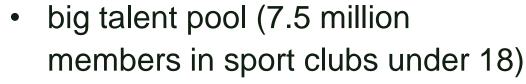
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Strengths in German Talent Promotion System





- high amount of money inside the sport system
- strong club system
- promotion and support system for almost all sports (OTC, NTC, Elite sport schools, employment opportunities at army/police,...)



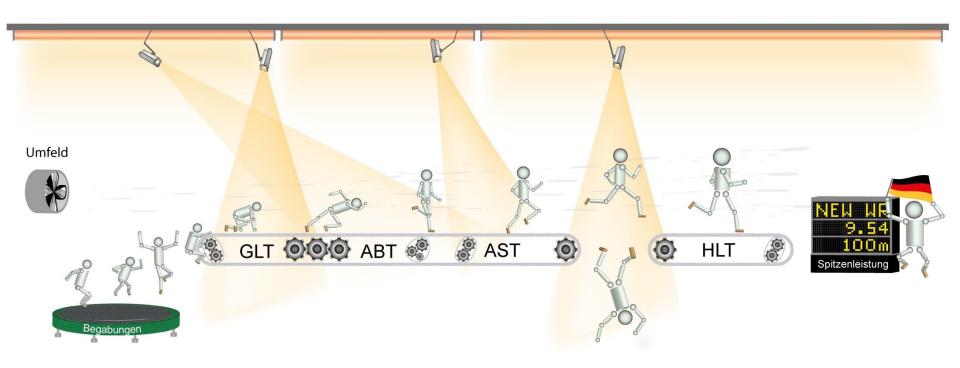
TID and TDE in Germany - challenges

- cutting point between federal and state responsibility
- high number of stakeholders/involved institutions
- need for management and coordination of the whole process
- underrepresentation of TID/TDE in existing concepts
- insufficient transfer of knowledge from theory to practice
- promotion of early success
- · lack of open-mindedness, political will and courage to emrace change
- no generic system for talent search and identification => many fishermen competing
- basic skills and prerequisites for peak performance remain underdeveloped
- developmental athletes over-compete and under-train
- copying of adult training and competition programs
- focus often onto short-term outcome and not to the process
- high dropout-rates at junior age
- chronological age used in training and competition planning
- best coaches at elite level, in JES often on voluntary base
- competition system mostly interferes with LTAD



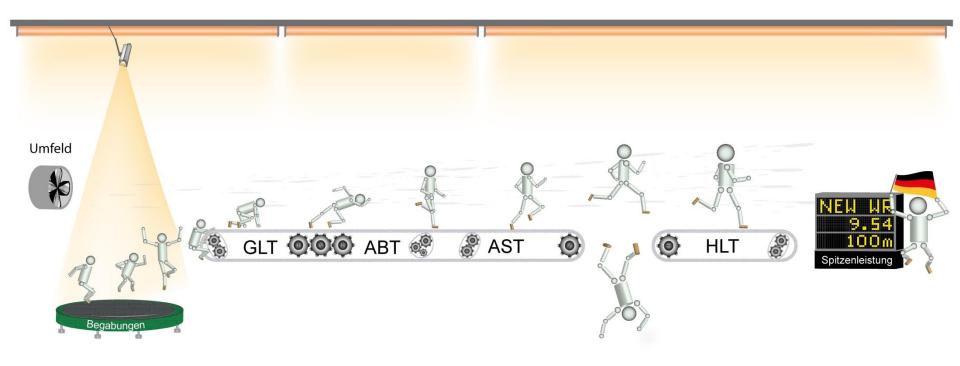
TID and TDE in Germany

Elite performance





Natural abilities





Natural abilities

TID and selection need to reflect performance disposition and capacity to develop.



Jigsaw puzzle of talent

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What makes olympic champion?

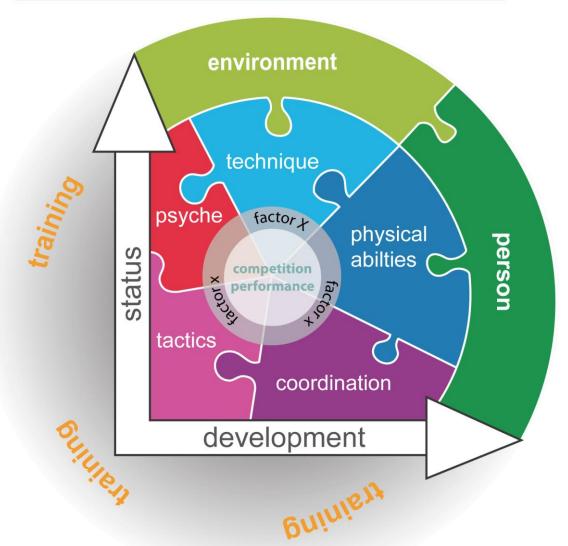
Which environmental factors are needed for developing a talent to peak performance?

Development of performance profiles and instruments for TID in consideration of complexity and dynamic of talent!



Jigsaw puzzle of talent





Wulff et al., 2017



Estimation of potential - anthropometrics





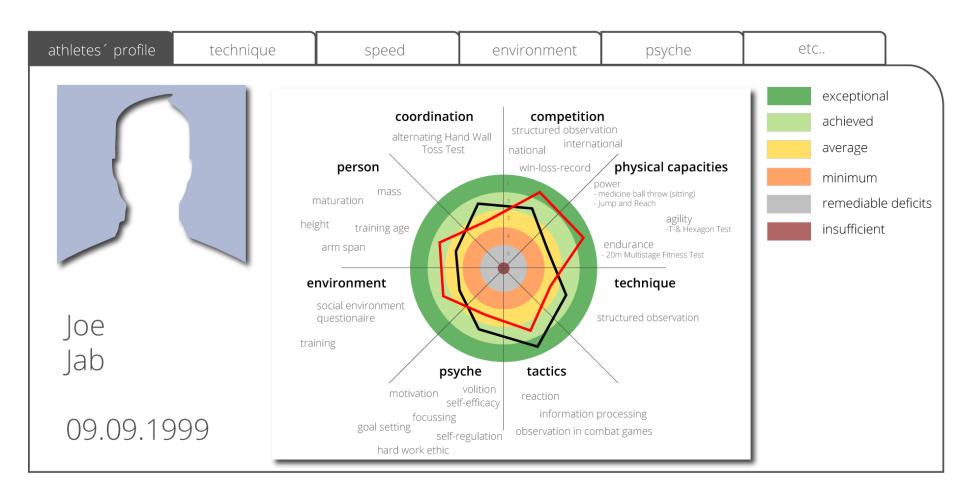
Entwicklungsstabilität anthropometrischer LV von der AK13 zur AK18

http://nwls.sport-iat.de/



Estimation of potential in boxing

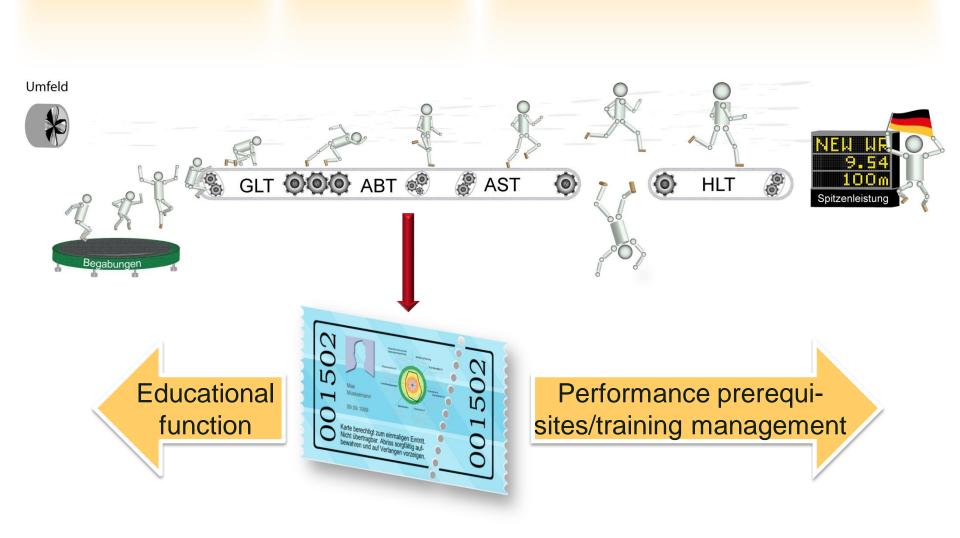




Walter, 2017; Wulff et al., 2017



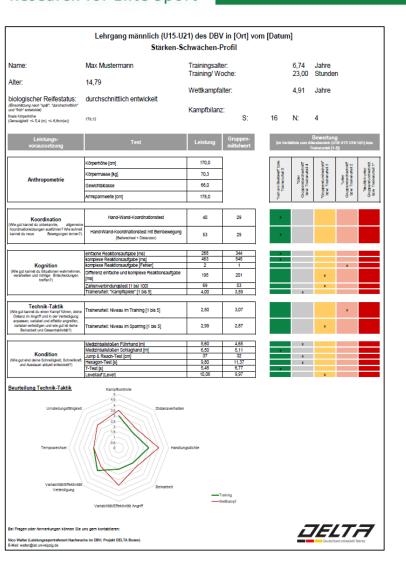
Why do we need an performance profile?

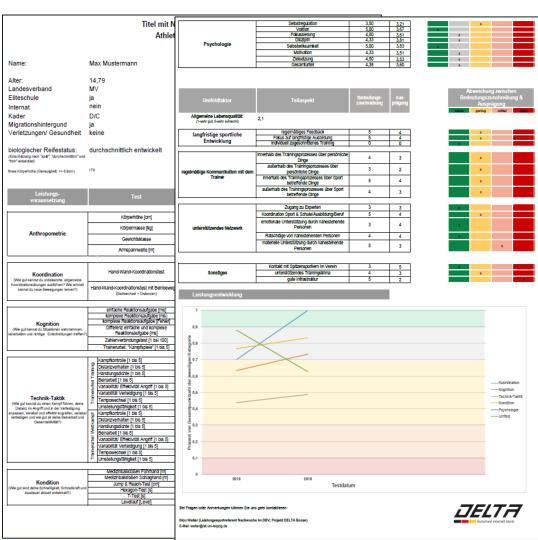




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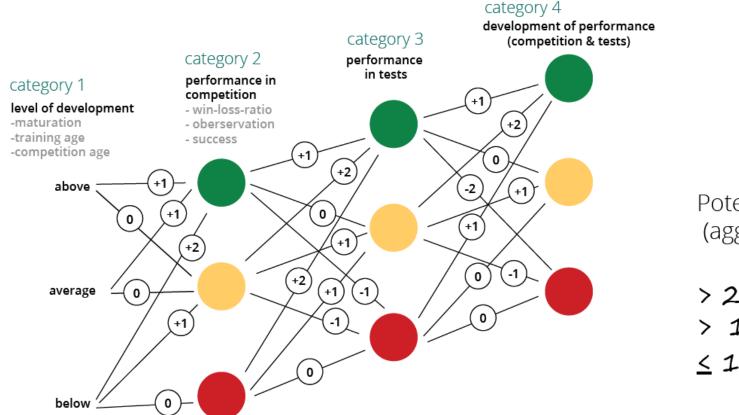


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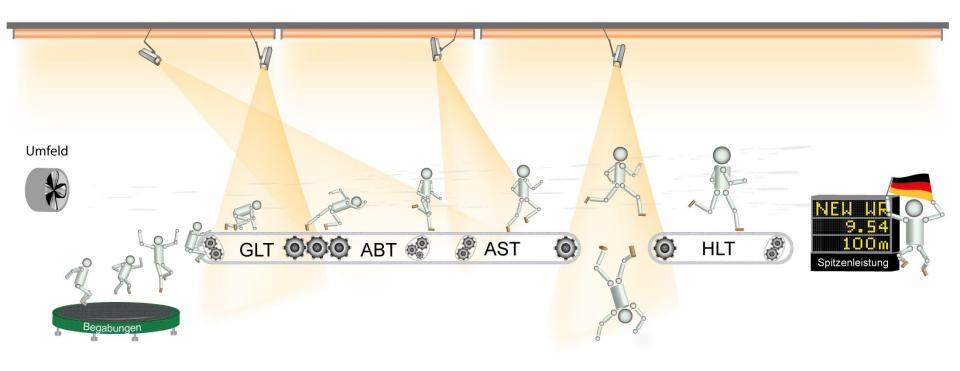
Potential of your athlete (aggregate)

- > 2 Boxing Talent > 1 Stay tuned! < 1 Have fun!

Walter, 2017; Wulff et al., 2017



Talent development





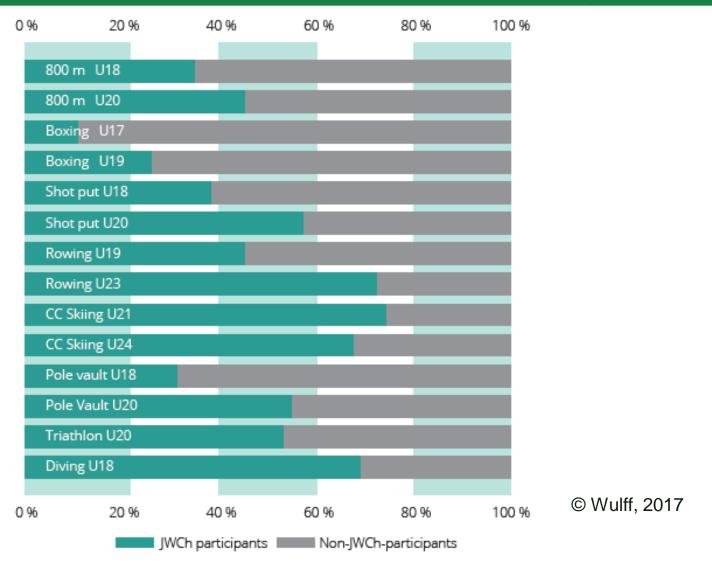
Talent development

Numerous ways can lead to the top of elite sports – and have to be taken into account for successful talent development.

Talent development needs a closer alignment with biological age instead of chronological age, solely.



Junior success as prerequisite for elite success?



Percentage of JWCH-Participants in Elite Sports

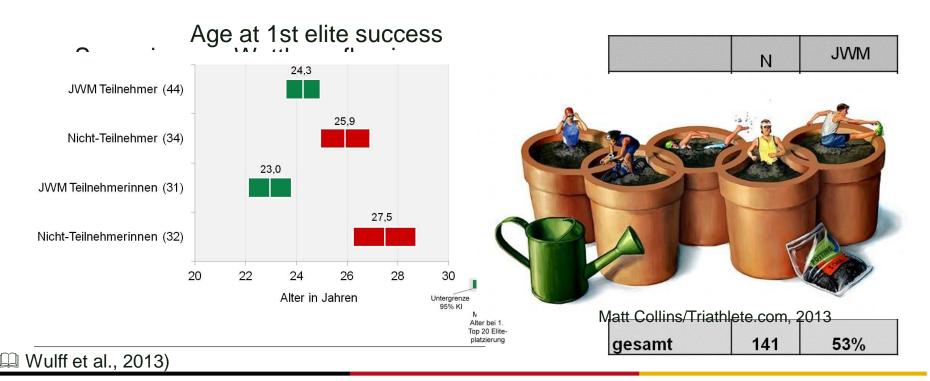


Junior success as prerequisite for elite success?

Analysis of TOP 20 WCh/OG Triathlon

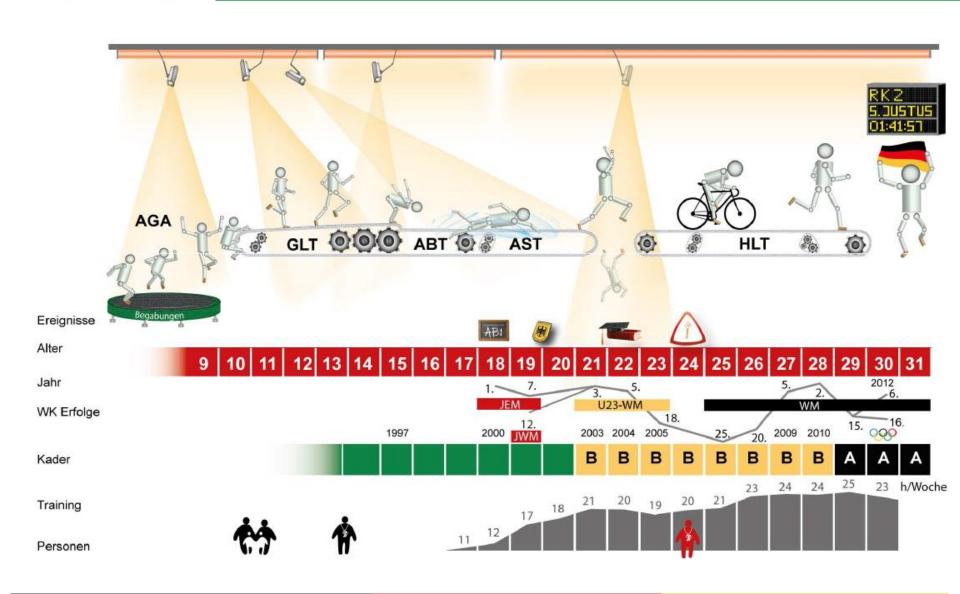


- ca. 50% of TOP 20 without participation in JWCh
- no correlation of international junior and senior success
- different selection and promotion strategies of successful nations
- broad distribution of age at 1st success at elite level





Documentation of individual development





Talent development

- Systematic training is the most important factor for success in elite sports.
- Main objective of training in LTAD is to develop performance prerequesites and load bearing capacity for elite sports.
- Until maturity, training has to focus onto processes of perception and information processing.



Requirements for concepts of LTAD

- situation analysis status, developme
- NACHWUCHS-LEISTUNGSSPORT-KONZEPT 2020

Unser Ziel: Dein Start für Deutschland

- priciples and guid
- LTAD (stages, development)promotion system
- talent search, tale complexity and dy
- training and LTAD load bearing capa
- performance tests

competition system)



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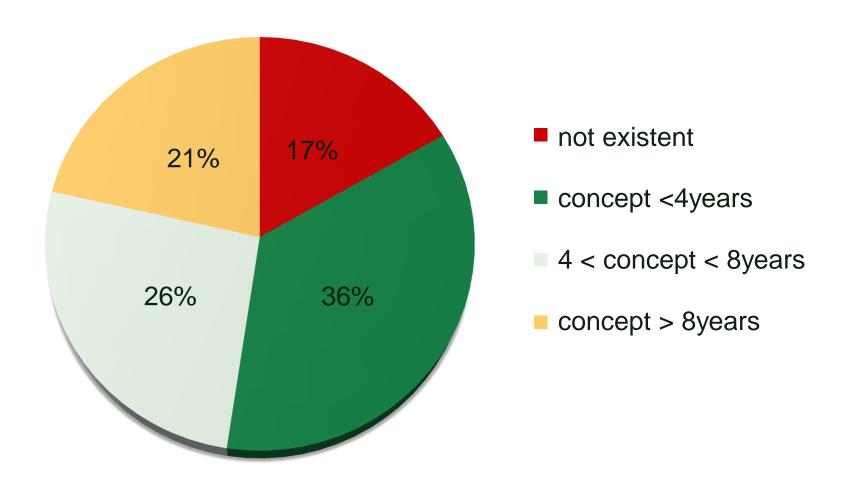
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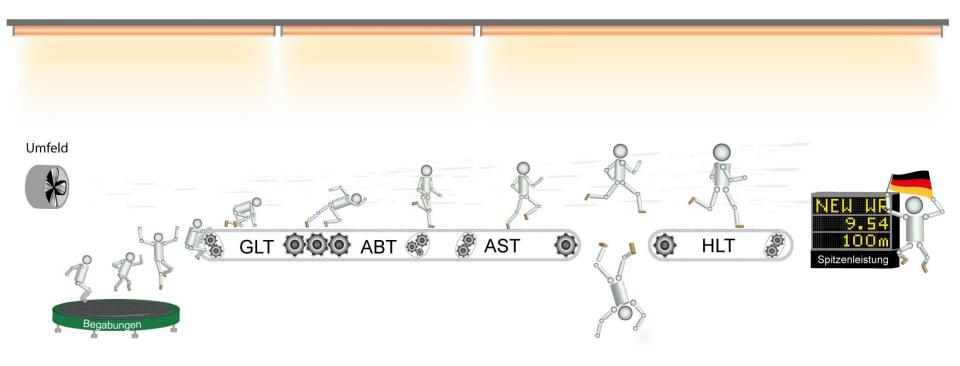


Topicality of concepts of LTAD





Environmental factors





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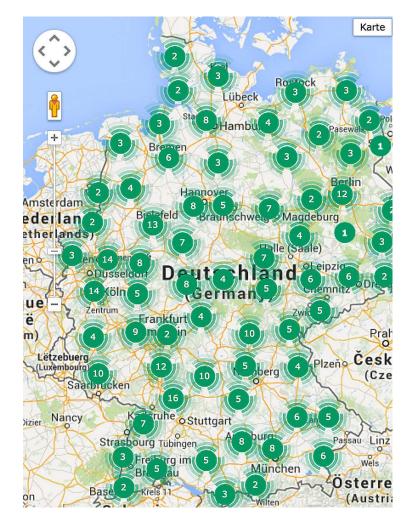


Environmental factors - Requirements

Best-practice: German Football Association

- 366 training centres
- 54 performance centres
- 35 elite schools of football
- 29 regional coordinators
- > 1300 professional youth coaches







Environmental factors

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Successful LTAD requires flexible educational opportunities for promising athletes.





Elite sport schools

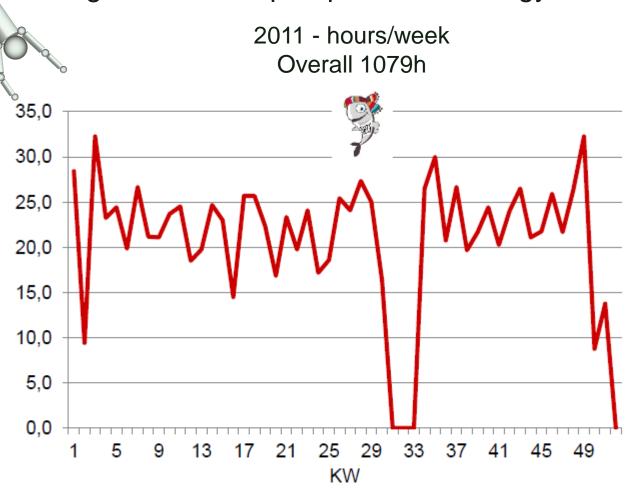
- 43 locations, about 11.500 students
- including boarding schools
- connected to Olympic Training Centres
- optimal promotion of athletic performance development while enabling high quality academic education

ELITESCHULE DES SPORTS

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Training volume of a prospect athlete in gymnastics (14 years)

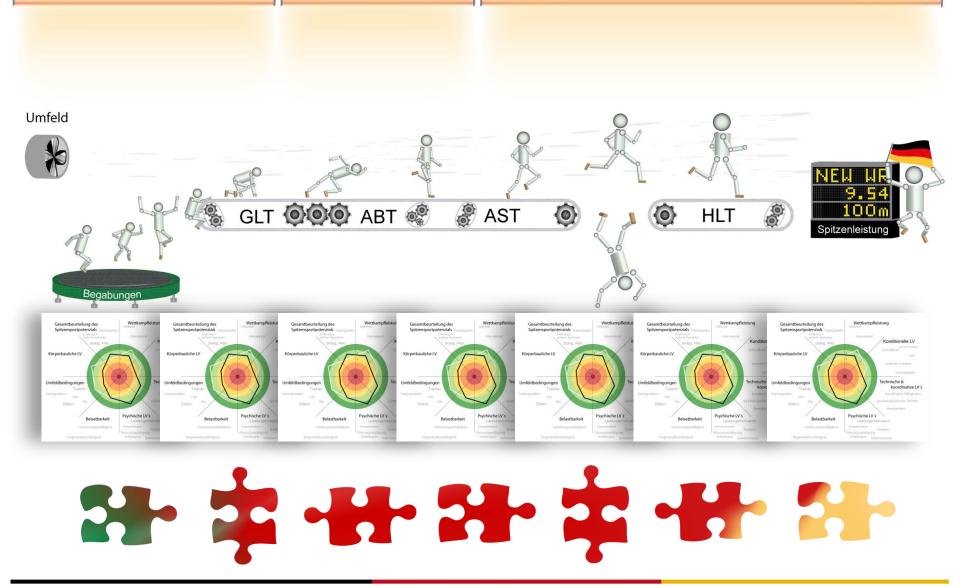




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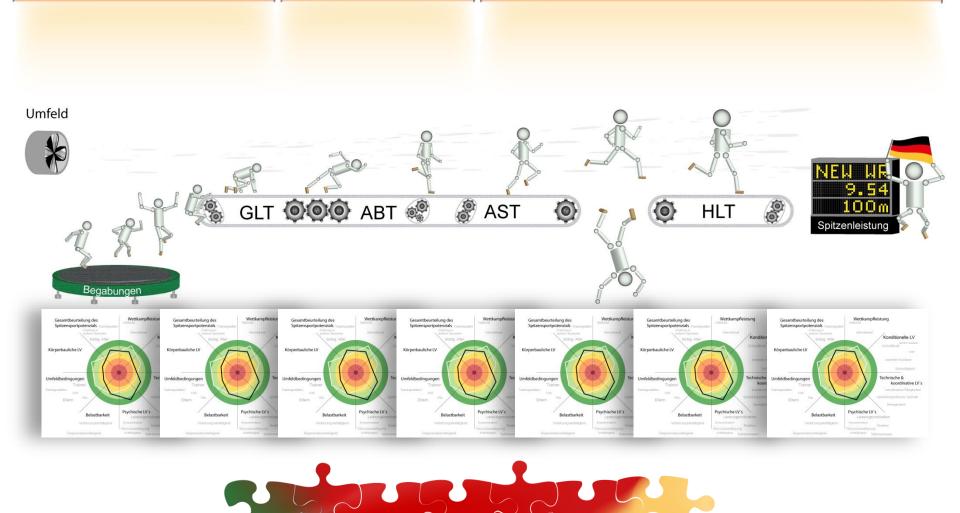


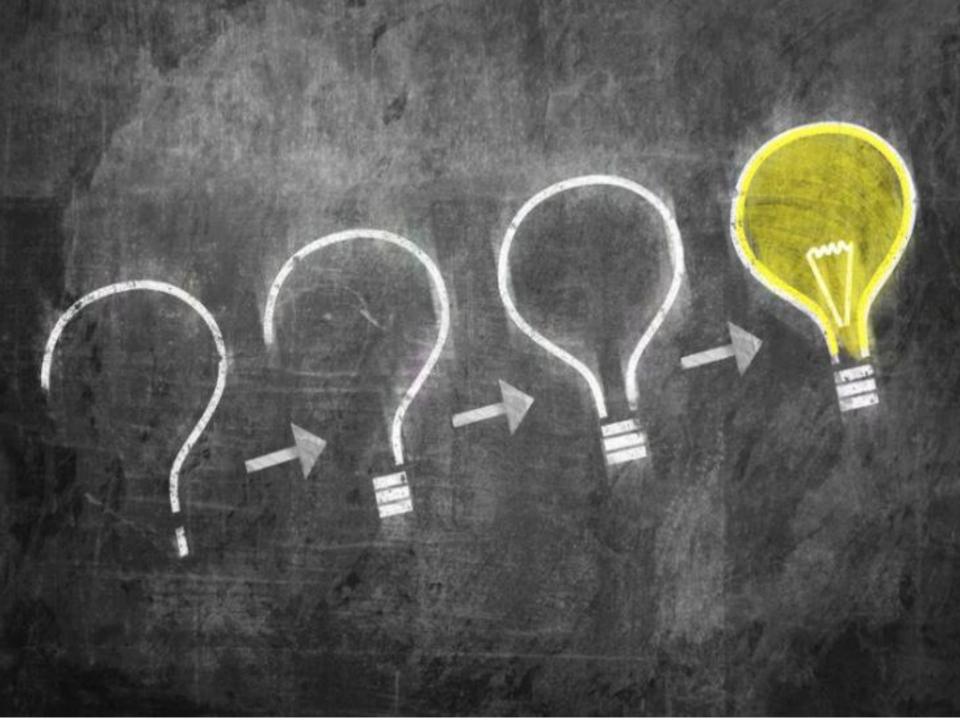
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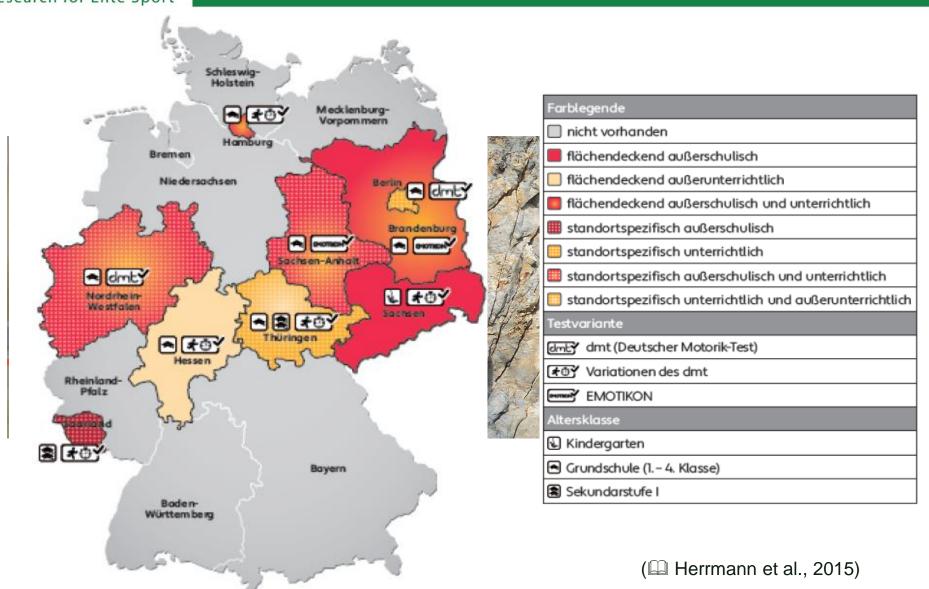


Conclusions











Conclusions

TID and TDE have to be orientated towards elite peak performance.

Successful talent development is targeted, systematic and flexible for individual ways of development.

Talent is more than junior success – a complex documentation of individual development is necessary.

NSF have guideline competence – and have to exercise it. But hey need support and assitance.

A specific consideration of different sports is necessary.



Interim conclusions

- understanding of need for complex and dynamic TID instead of complex performance testing raises => federations express need for support
- data bases have to be built up or to be improved (quantity and quality)
- standardized testing protocols needed => testing manuals!
- transparency in setting scores and norms (weights of each prerequisite, criterions of assessment...)
- development of routines in analysis
- regular evaluation



Conclusions

- children and adolescents are trainable pre-, circa- and post-puberty – all energy systems are trainable everytime
- possible benefits of enhanced trainability of sole aspects of performance < potential risks of overtraining and burnout
- aerobic fitness equally trainable throughout maturity
- greater gains in strength with advancing age
- attenuated trainability of speed during puberty
- => overall limited evidence base!
- => enable variety of age-appropriate trainings stimuli an methods!
- => assess and monitor individual development!







Content-related and methodological differenciation in youth training

until ABT: developing prerequisites taskoriented (for future success)



Special programs for resistance and strength

Promoting personal development



Adjustment of competition formats

Straining systems of perception and processing information in time

 Years of training
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

 Training stage
 GLT
 ABT
 AST
 HLT

 Squad level
 D
 D/C
 C
 A/B

Development of load bearing capacity by versatile athletic programs



Developing speed and quickness regarding the performance profile



Content-related and methodological differenciation in youth training

Beginning with AST: Complex development of performance



Significant increase in load requirements

Enhancing number and quailty of competitions

Transition to elite training



Years of training

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Catch-up to international elite performance level

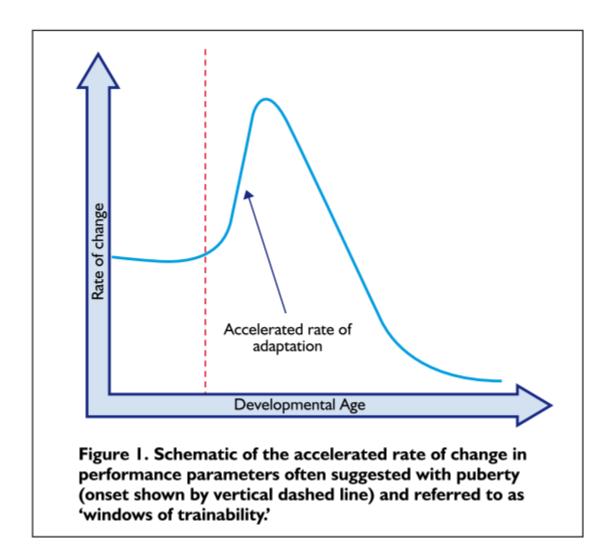


Greater demands on energetic processes



Windows of oportunity?





(Mc Narry, Barker, Lloyd, Buchheit, Williams & Oliver, 2014)



Systematic but flexible talent promotion

Useful addition to deliberate practice/LTAD?

Grotheer (GER)

school as ski jumper







of 15

2015; 5th in WCh 2015

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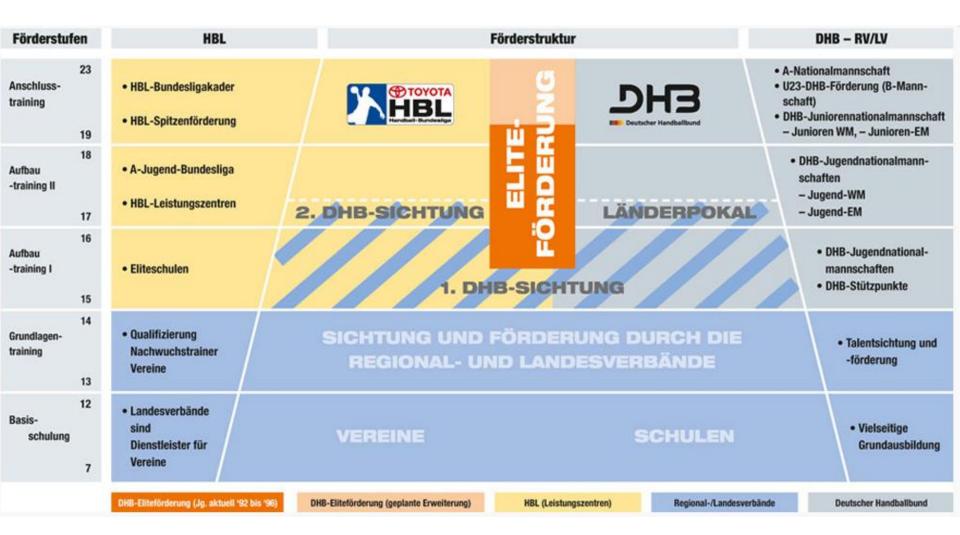




; Overall World Cup Winner 2014; World



German model of long-term athlete development



(DHB, 2015)



Estimation of potential in speed-skating



Overall assessment as base for squad selection 2016/17

Technique

Rating by national coaches in competition



Athletic performance

central assessment



Competition

Normative time



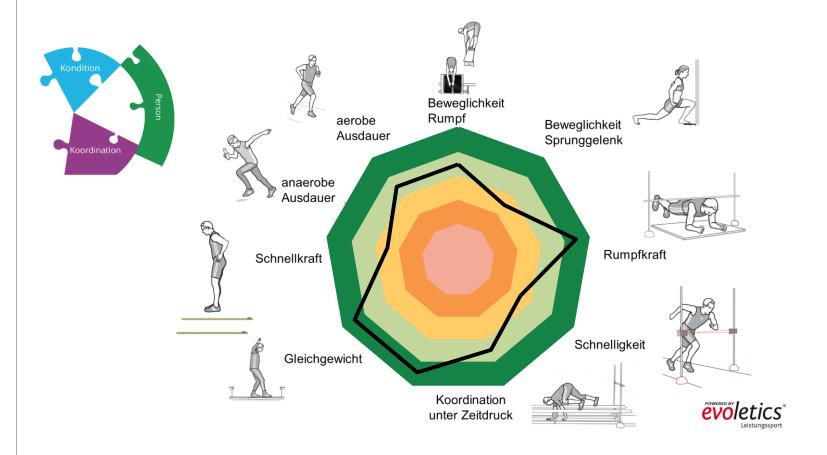
Complex view on talent

Fudel, 2017; Wulff et al., 2017

Modification of central athletic assessment









Environmental factors

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Talent need systematic promotion as well as challenges for successful development of performance and personality.



Promote and challenge talents

- promotion of personality development
- development of psychological characteristics (selfefficacy, self-management, coping with pressure,...)
- systematic organisation of challenges
- fostering quality of training and experience in competitions (centralisation, training camps, international exchanges)









Organisation of Sports in Germany

