Use of Altitude/Hypoxic Training by Olympic Athletes

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"There is no higher ideal for the human race, than promoting peace through international sport."



Baron Pierre de Coubertin Founder of the Modern Olympic Games



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- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin
- Florida

SPORT PHYSIOLOGIST (1993-present)

US Olympic Committee

- Salt Lake City 2002
- Athens 2004
- Torino 2006
- Beijing 2008
- Vancouver 2010
- London 2012
- Sochi 2014



US Olympic Training Center Colorado Springs



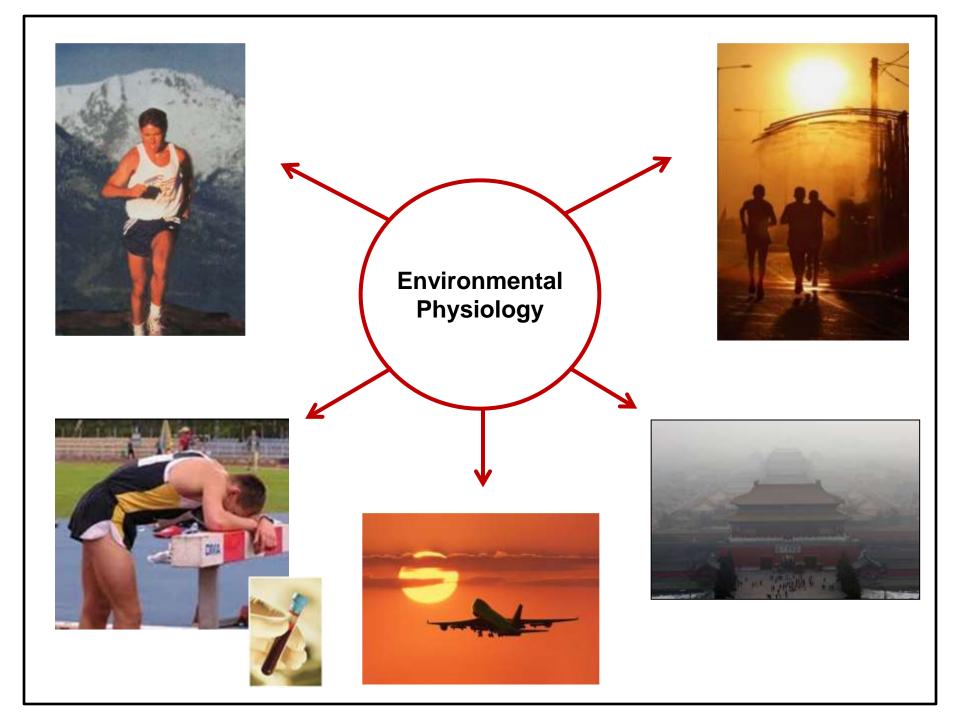












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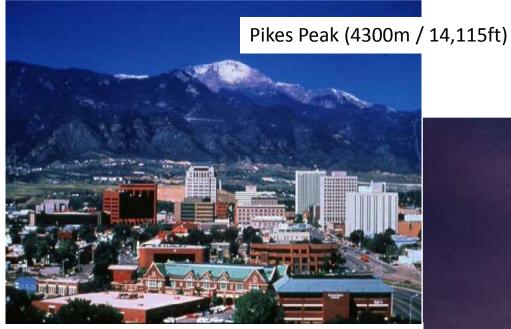
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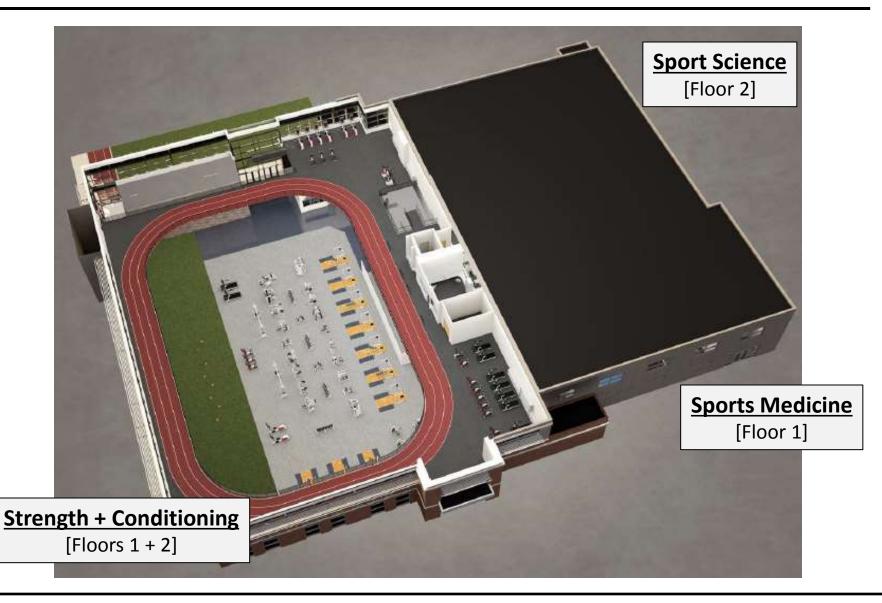


Colorado Springs (1885m / 6180ft)



USOC Sport Science Center of Excellence Colorado Springs





USOC Sport Science Center of Excellence High Altitude Training Center

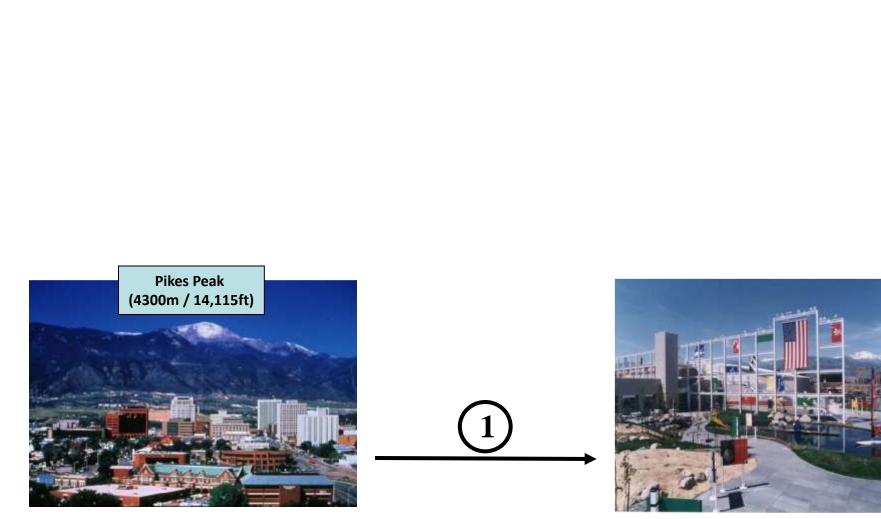




US Olympic Training Center

Colorado Springs 1860 m / 6200 ft





Colorado Springs (1860+ m / 6200+ ft) US Olympic Training Center (1860 m / 6200 ft)

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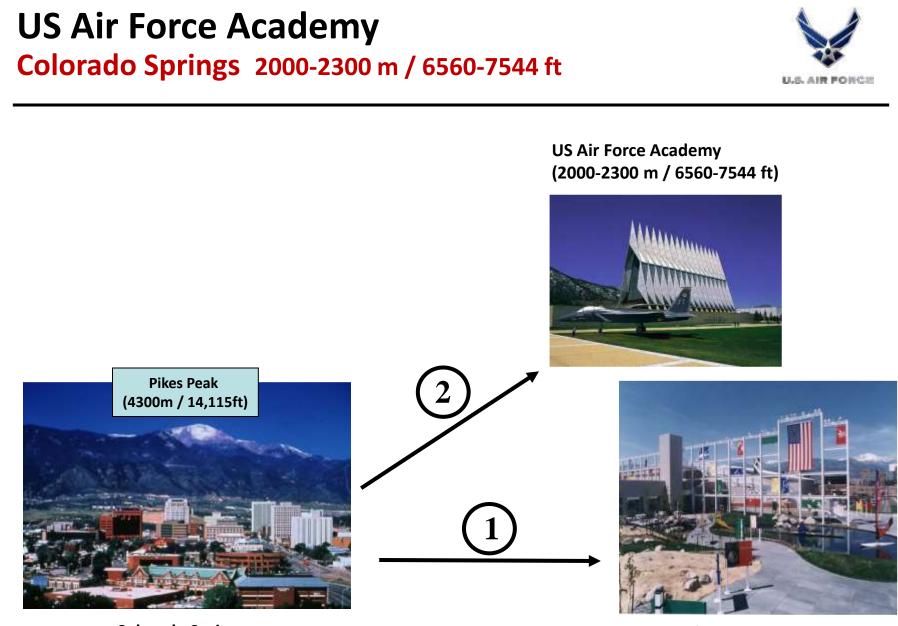








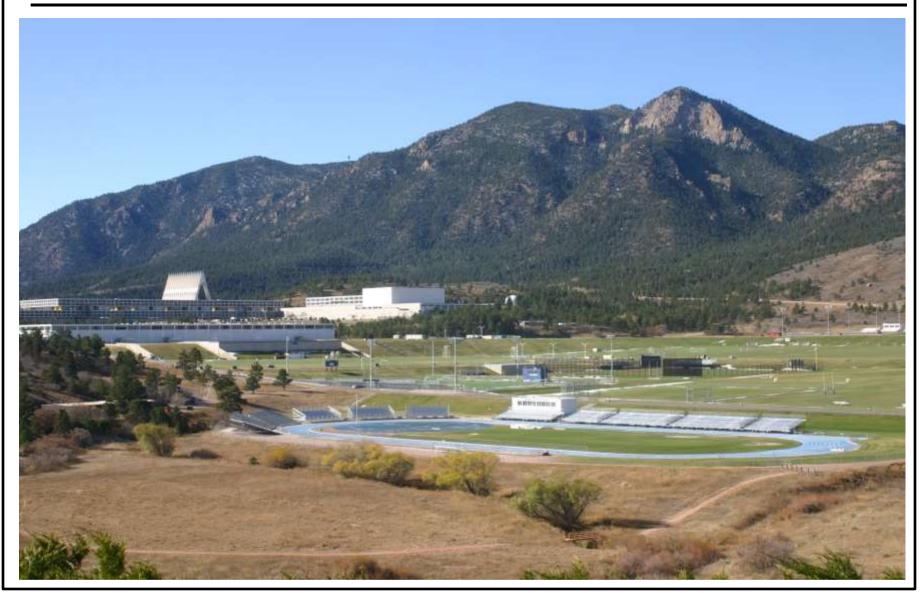




Colorado Springs (1860+ m / 6100+ ft) US Olympic Training Center (1860 m / 6100 ft)

US Air Force Academy Colorado Springs 2000-2300 m / 6560-7544 ft





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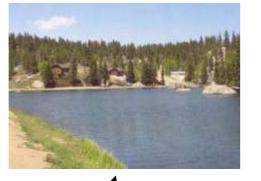




Woodland Park Recreational Area

Woodland Park 2745-2775 m / 9000-9100 ft

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US Air Force Academy (2000-2300 m / 6560-7544 ft)





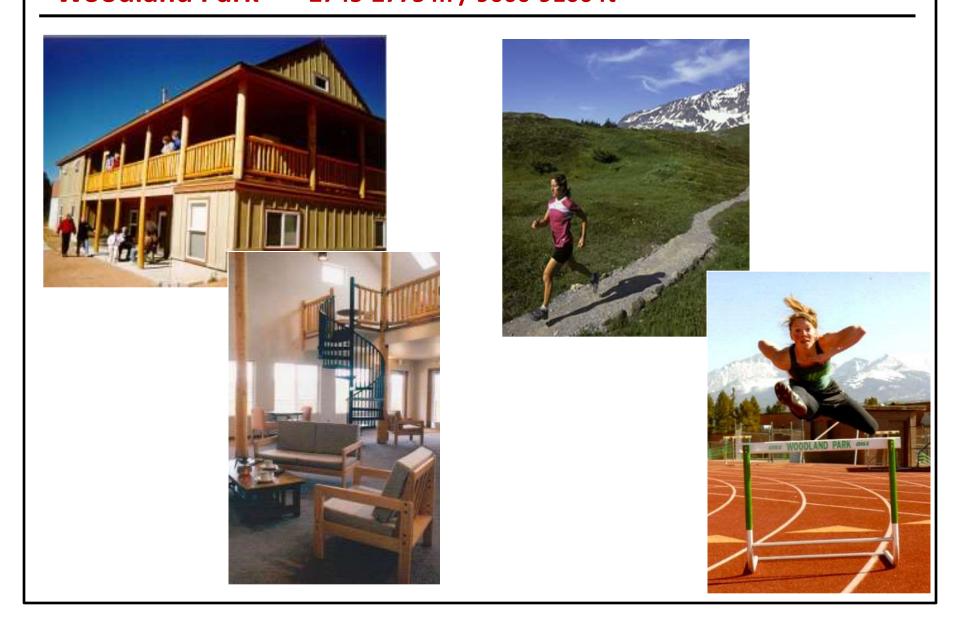




US Olympic Training Center (1860 m / 6100 ft)

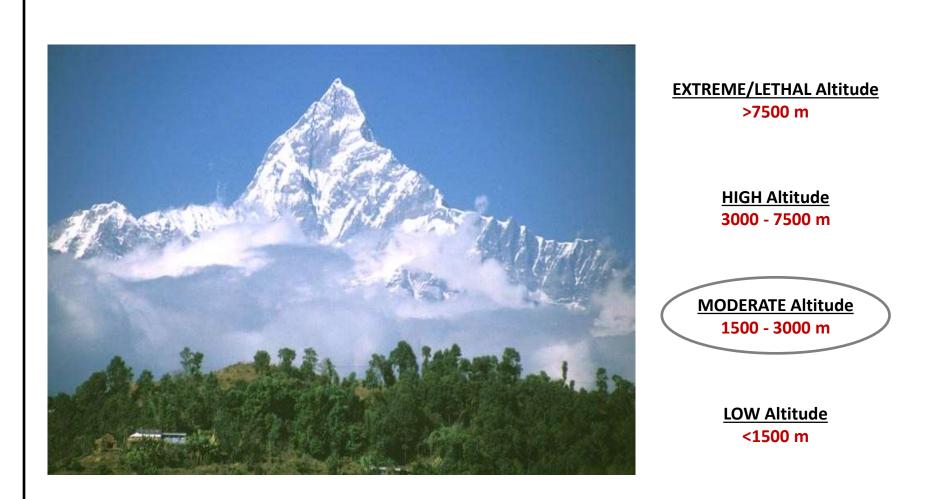
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"Altitude" defined



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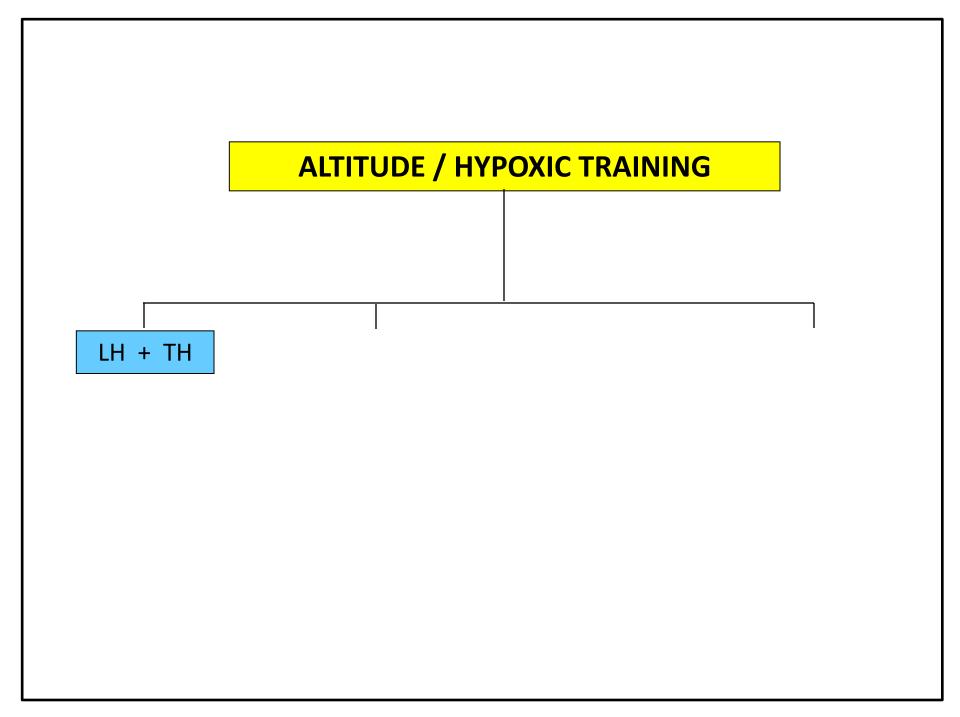
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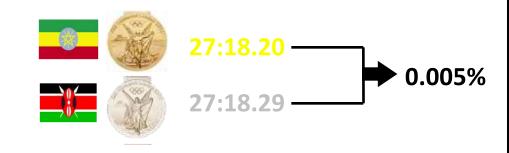
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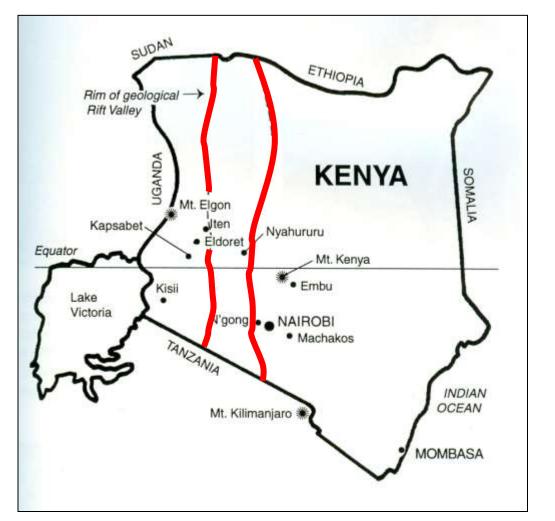






Kenya Great Rift Valley (2300 m)



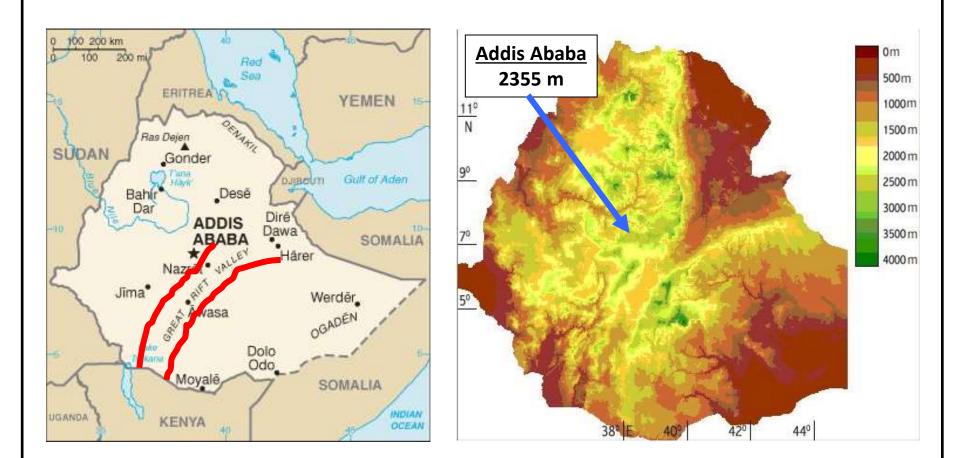




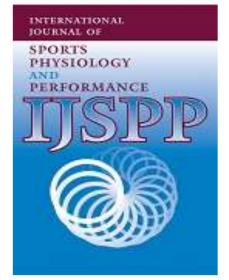


Ethiopia Great Rift Valley (2300 m)





LH + TH Kenya and Ethiopia

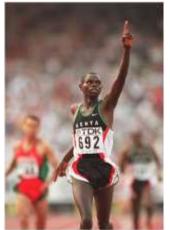


Kenyan and Ethiopian Distance Runners: What Makes Them So Good?

Randall L. Wilber and Yannis P. Pitsiladis June 2012

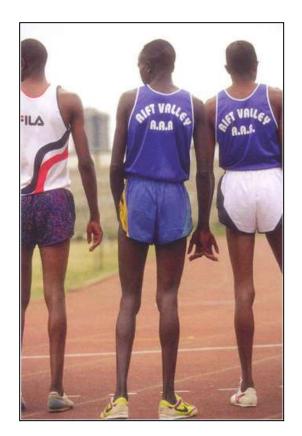
[based on proceedings of 2011 ACSM Annual Meeting]





Kenyan and Ethiopian Distance Runners Hypothetical Model for Success





Biomechanical & Physiological

Ectomorphic somatotype leading to exceptional biomechanical and metabolic economy.



Kenyan and Ethiopian Distance Runners Hypothetical Model for Success





Psychological #1

High motivation to succeed for the purpose of improving socio-economic status.



Psychological #2

"Tradition of Excellence"





Kenyan and Ethiopian Distance Runners Hypothetical Model for Success





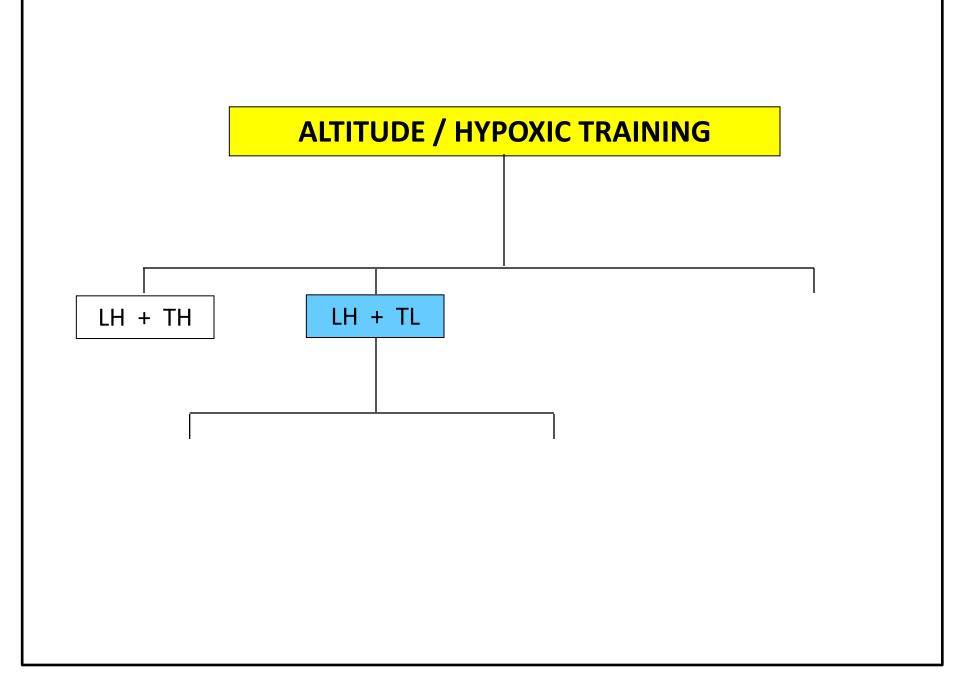
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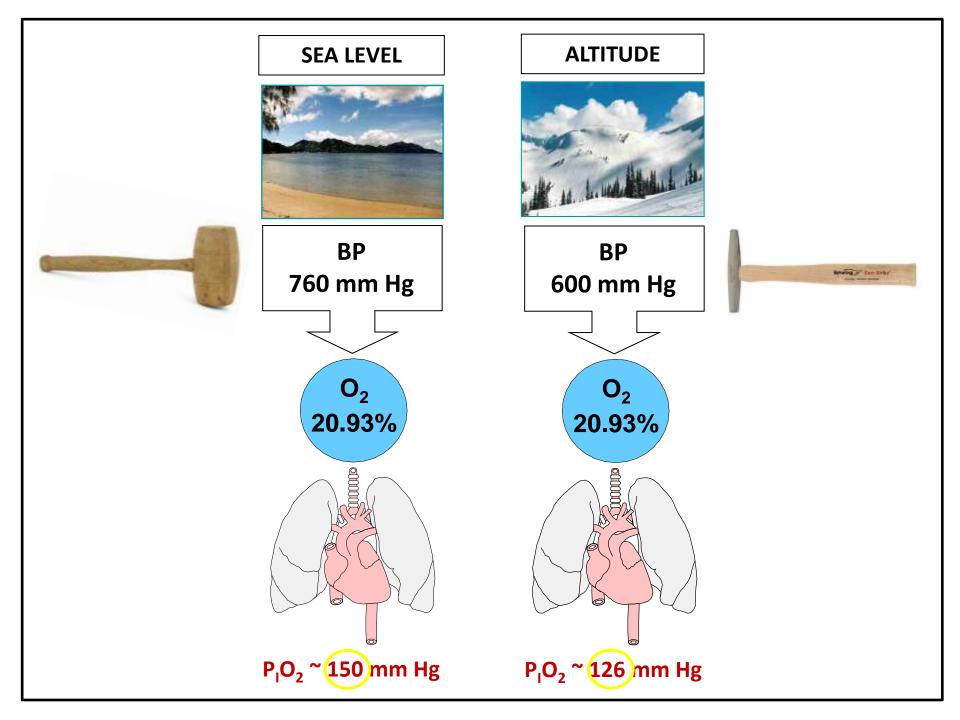
Consistent aerobic training at young age as main method of transport to/from school.

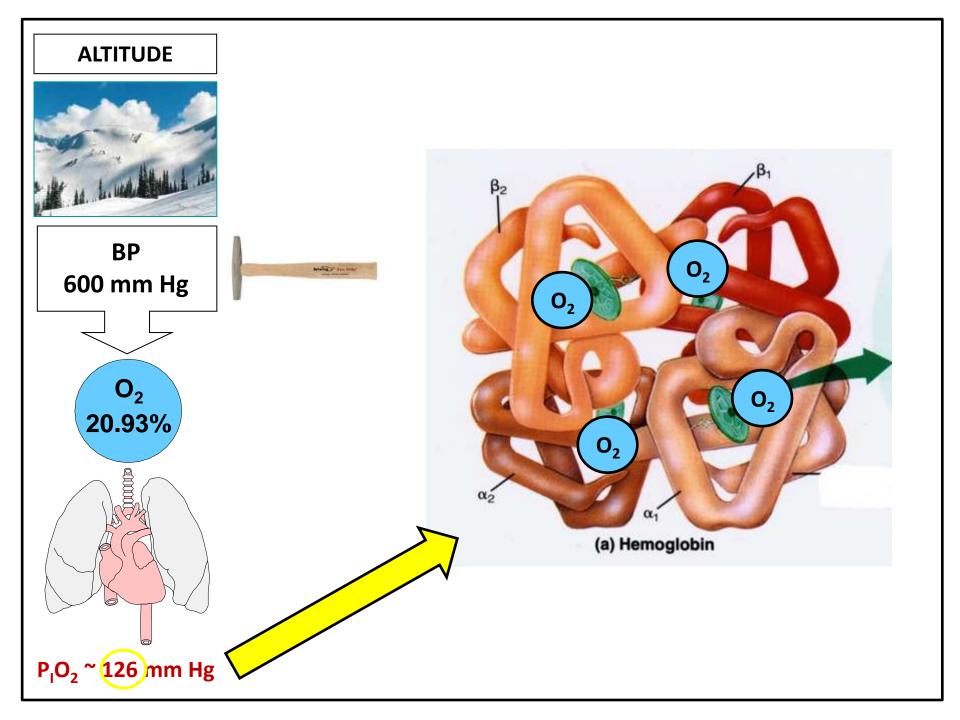


Training #2

Moderate-volume, high-intensity training at altitude (2000-3000 m)



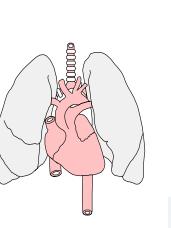




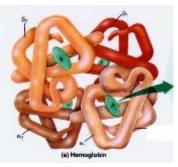


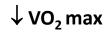
ALTITUDE

 $\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \mathsf{P_IO_2} \\ \downarrow \mathsf{P_aO_2} \end{array}$



 \downarrow S_aO₂



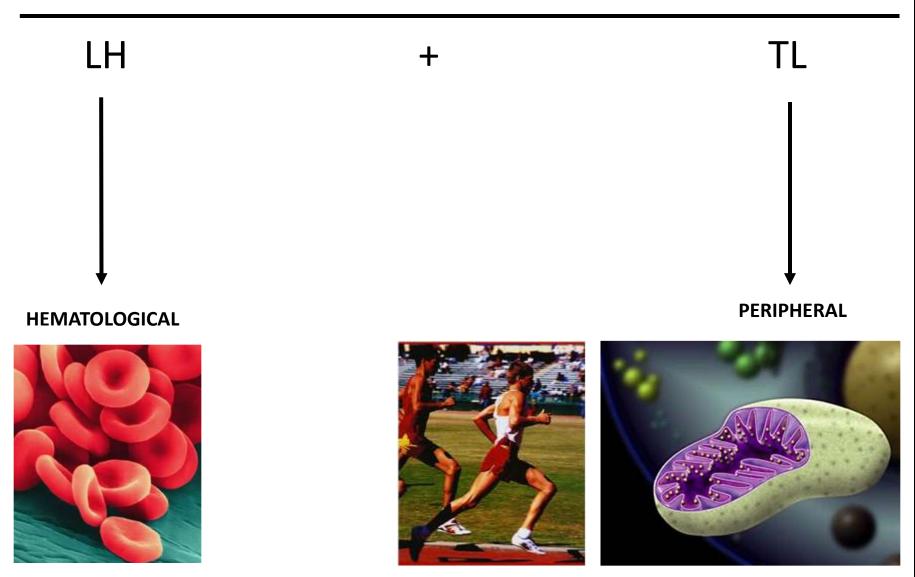


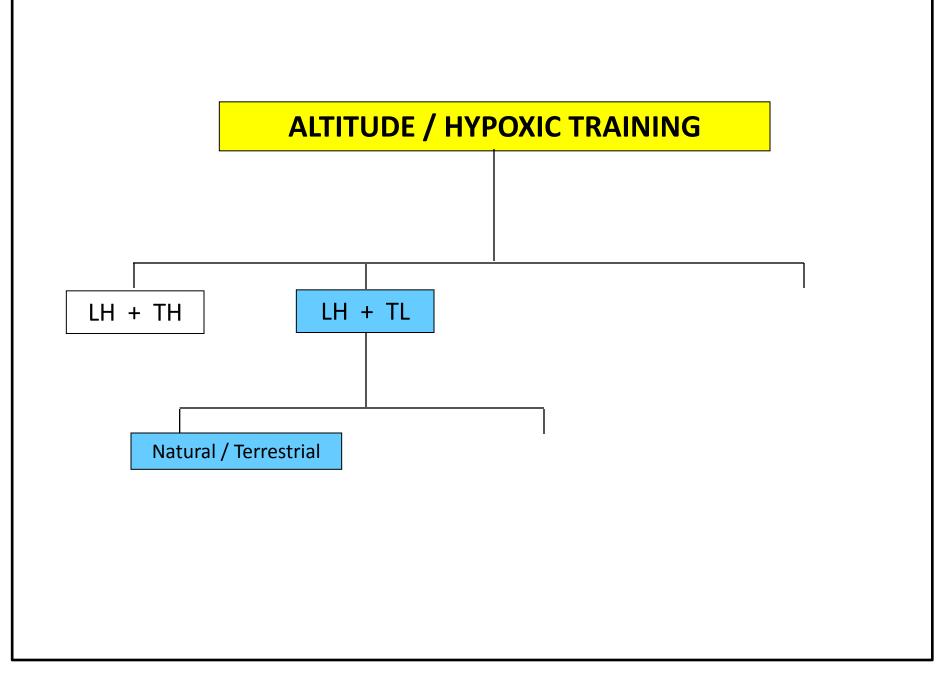


↓ Aerobic Performance
↓ Training Capacity

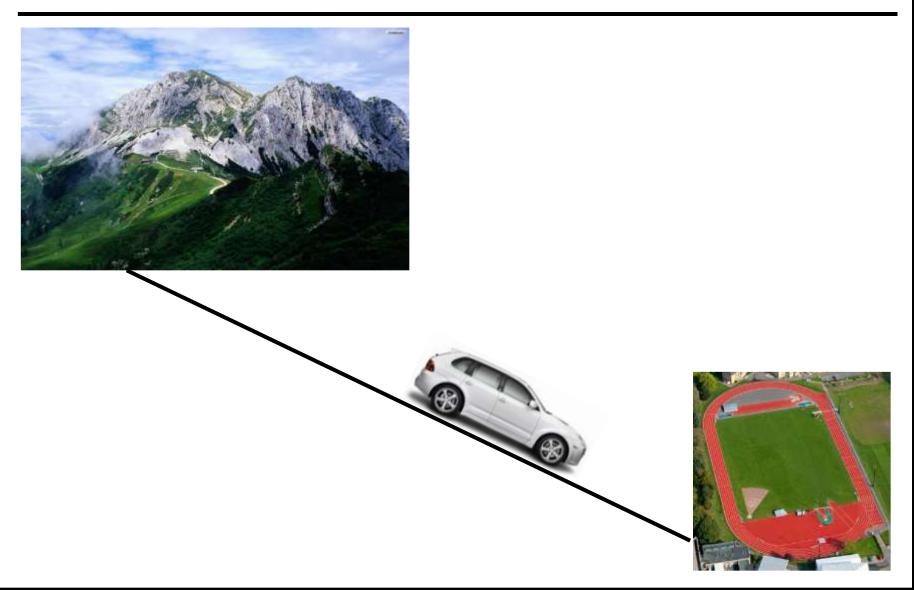


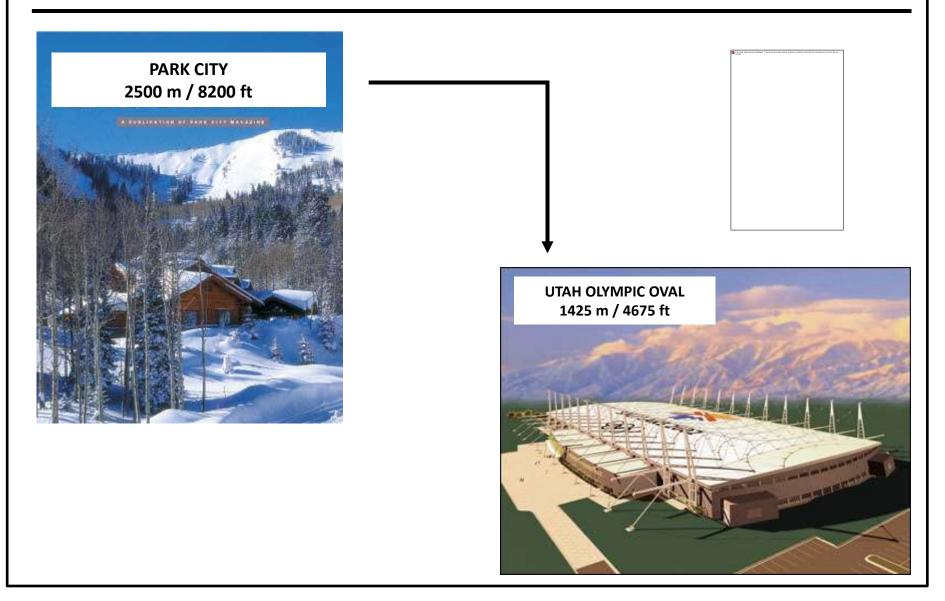
LH + TL Theoretical Foundation





LH + TL Natural/Terrestrial Hypobaric Hypoxia



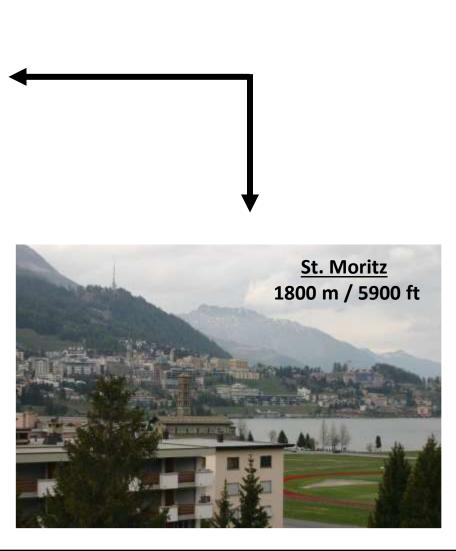






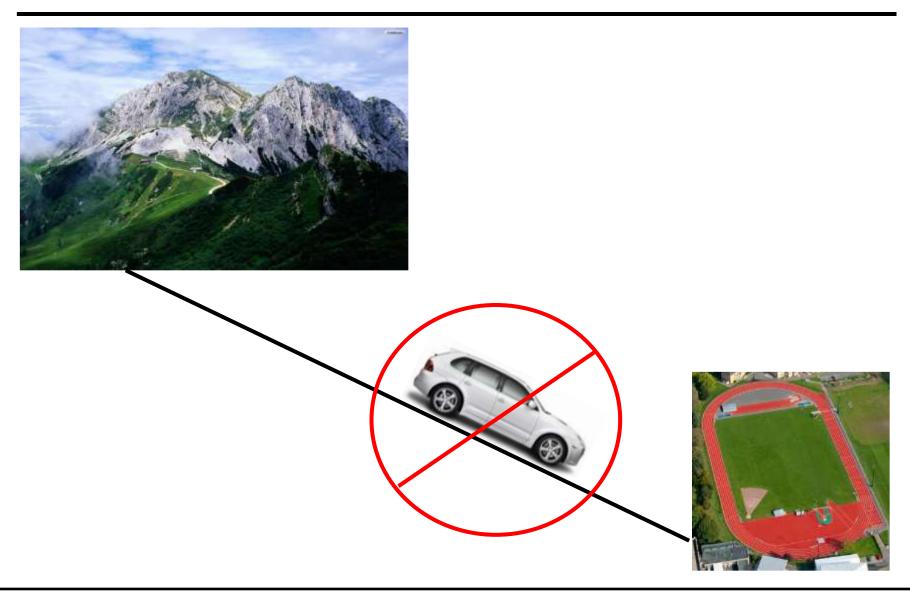


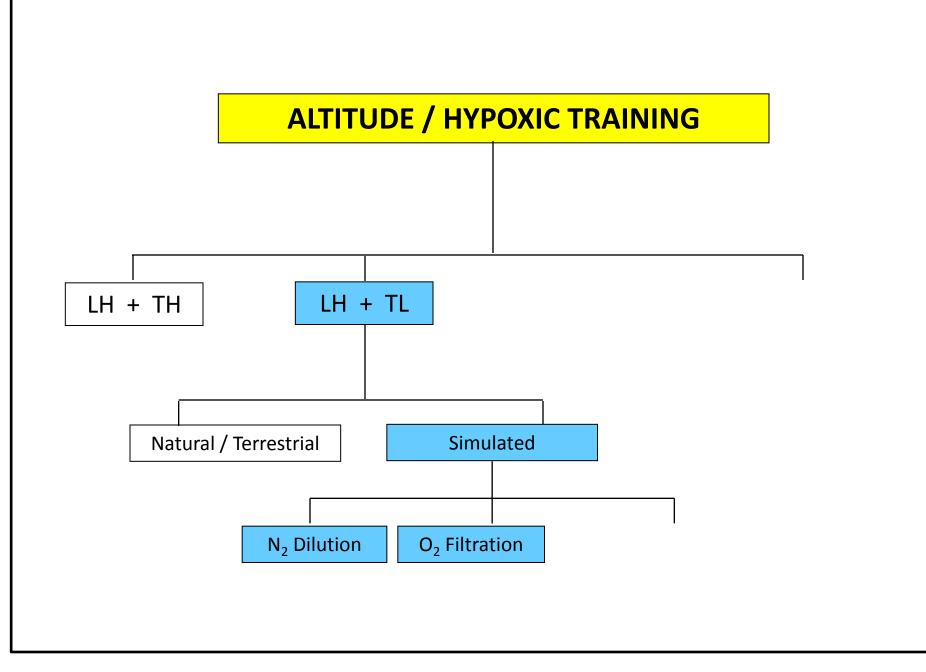




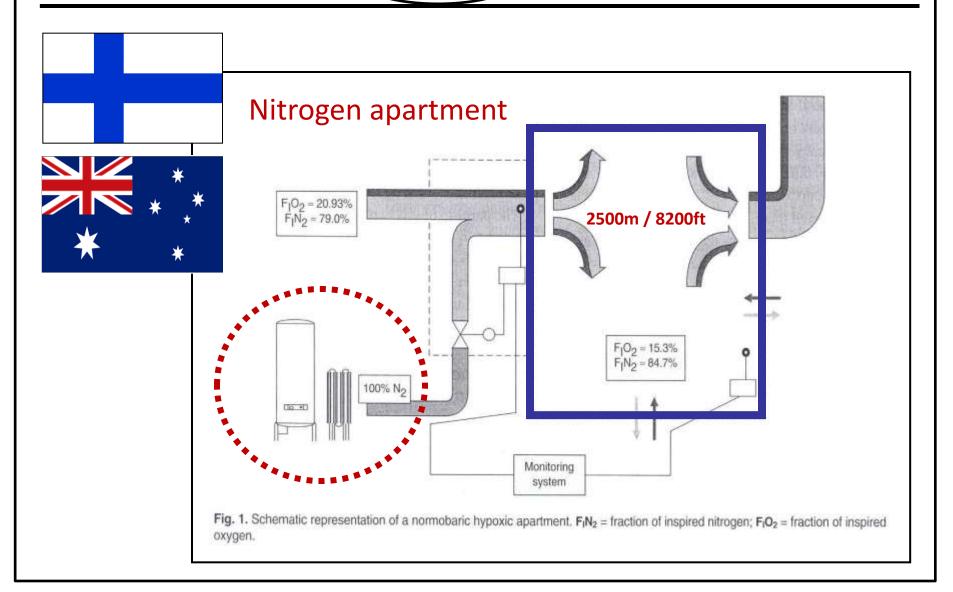








LH + TL Normobaric Hypoxia via N₂ Dilution



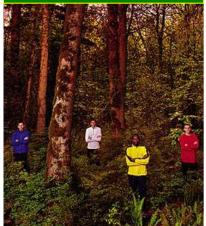






LH + TL Normobaric Hypoxia via O₂ Filtration

NIKE Oregon Project PORTLAND 52.5 m / 173 ft









DOHA 10 m / 33 ft



Simulated Altitude Legal and Ethical Issues

Artificially-Induced Hypoxic Conditions:

"In response to our stakeholders who requested that there be full consideration of <u>hypoxic conditions</u> in the context of the <u>Prohibited List</u>, WADA performed a scientific and ethical review of the matter, and engaged in a thorough consultation with experts and stakeholders. While we <u>do not deem this method appropriate for</u> inclusion on the List at this time, we still wish to express the concern that, in addition to the results varying individually from case to case, use of this method may pose health risks if not properly implemented and under medical supervision."



Richard Pound WADA Chairman September 16, 2006



Simulated Altitude Legal and Ethical Issues

Decree of the Italian Ministry of Health 13.04.2005. Section 5. Subsection M.1 03 June 2005



... "all hypobaric/hypoxic practices are currently <u>prohibited</u> in Italy"...



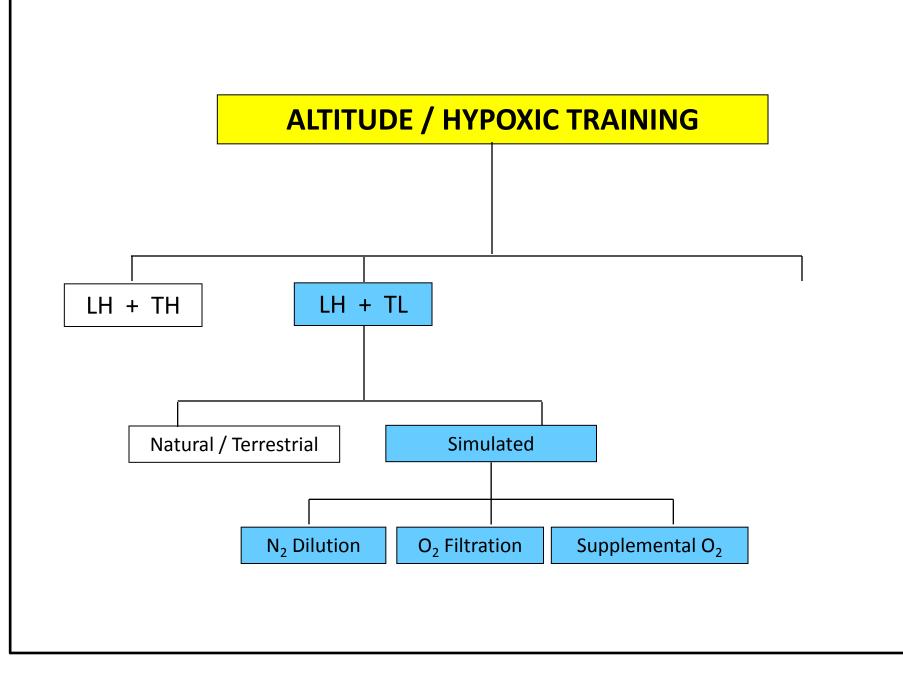
2005 Giro d'Italia Stage 10 18 May 2005

Simulated Altitude

Legal and Ethical Issues

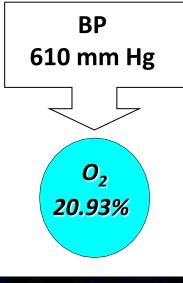
The International Olympic and Paralympic Committees have <u>prohibited the use of simulated altitude devices</u> <u>within the boundaries of the Olympic Village</u> since the 2000 Sydney Olympics, and this mandate is expected to apply to all future summer and winter Olympic Games.

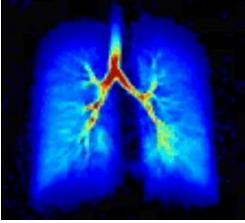






Colorado Springs (1860 m / 6200 ft)



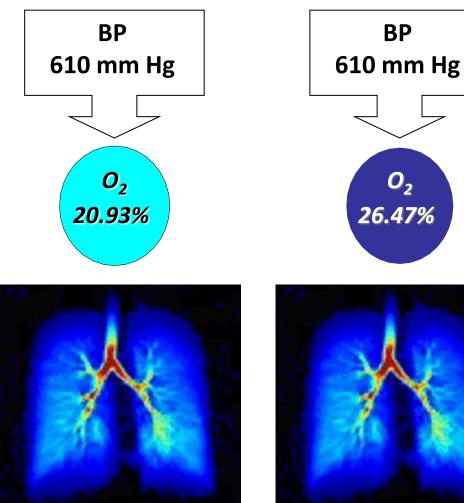


P₁O₂ ~ 128 mm Hg



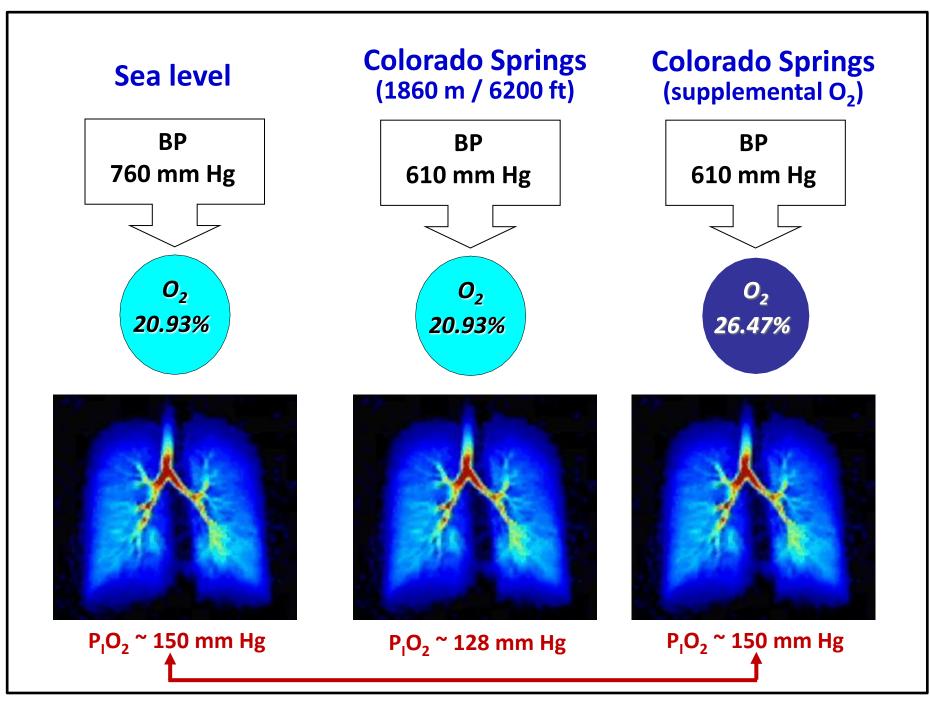
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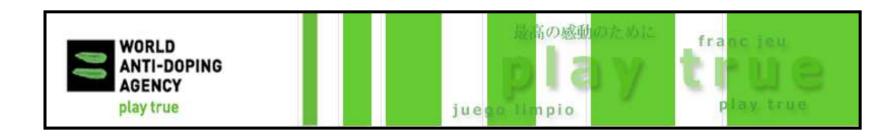
Colorado Springs (supplemental O₂)



P₁O₂ ~ 128 mm Hg

 $P_1O_2 \simeq 150 \text{ mm Hg}$





2010 PROHIBITED LIST M1. ENHANCEMENT OF OXYGEN TRANSFER

The following are <u>prohibited</u>:

- 1) Blood doping, including the use of autologous, homologous or heterologous blood or red blood cell products of any origin.
- 2) Artificially enhancing the uptake, transport or delivery of oxygen, including but not limited to perfluorochemicals, efaproxiral (RSR13) and modified haemoglobin products (e.g., haemoglobin-based blood substitutes, microencapsulated haemoglobin products), <u>excluding</u> <u>supplemental oxygen</u>.

US Olympic Training Center: Colorado Springs Athlete Performance Laboratory 1860 m / 6200 ft





Supplemental O₂ Training (LH + TLO₂)





USOC Sport Science Center of Excellence High Altitude Training Center





LH + TL Hypobaric Normoxia via Supplemental O₂ (LH + TLO₂)







UTAH OLYMPIC OVAL 1425 m / 4675 ft

LH + TL Hypobaric Normoxia via Supplemental O₂ (LH + TLO₂)



SOLDIER HOLLOW, UT

1685 – 1750 m 5528 – 5742 ft





LH + TL Hypobaric Normoxia via Supplemental O₂ (LH + TLO₂)



Effect of F₁O₂ on Physiological Responses and Cycling Performance at Moderate Altitude

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Effect of F₁O₂ on Oxidative Stress during Interval Training at Moderate Altitude

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Application of Altitude/Hypoxic Training by Elite Athletes

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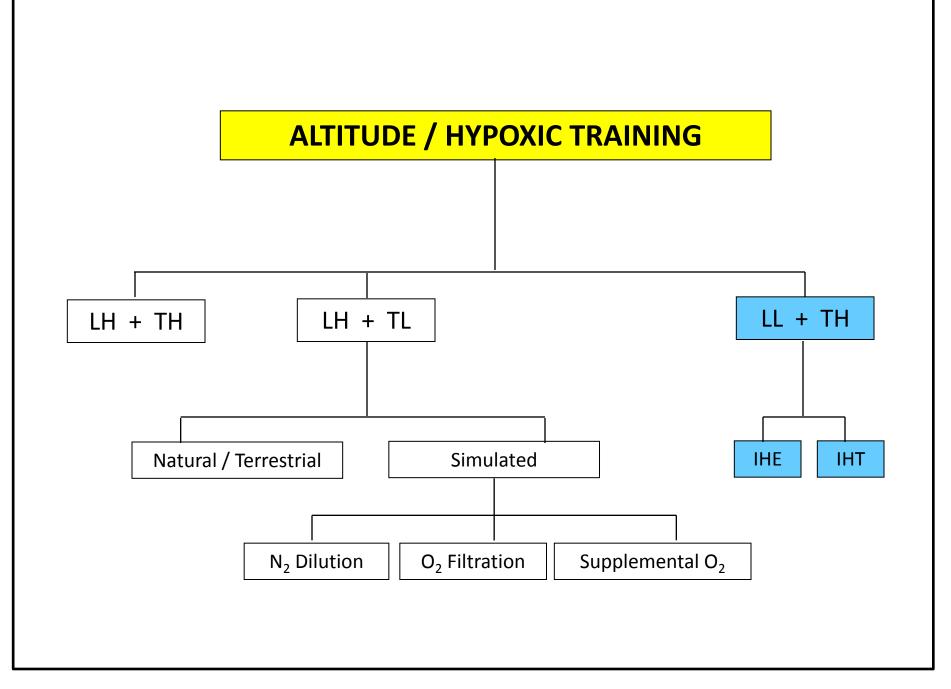


Effect of Hypoxic "Dose" on Physiological Responses and Sea-Level Performance

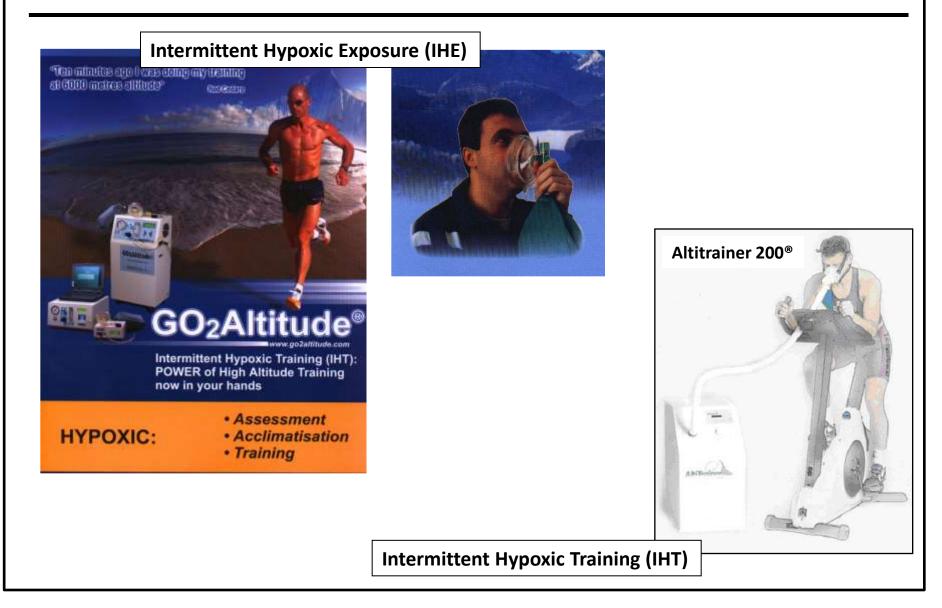
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LL + TH Intermittent Hypoxic Exposure (IHE) / Training (IHT)



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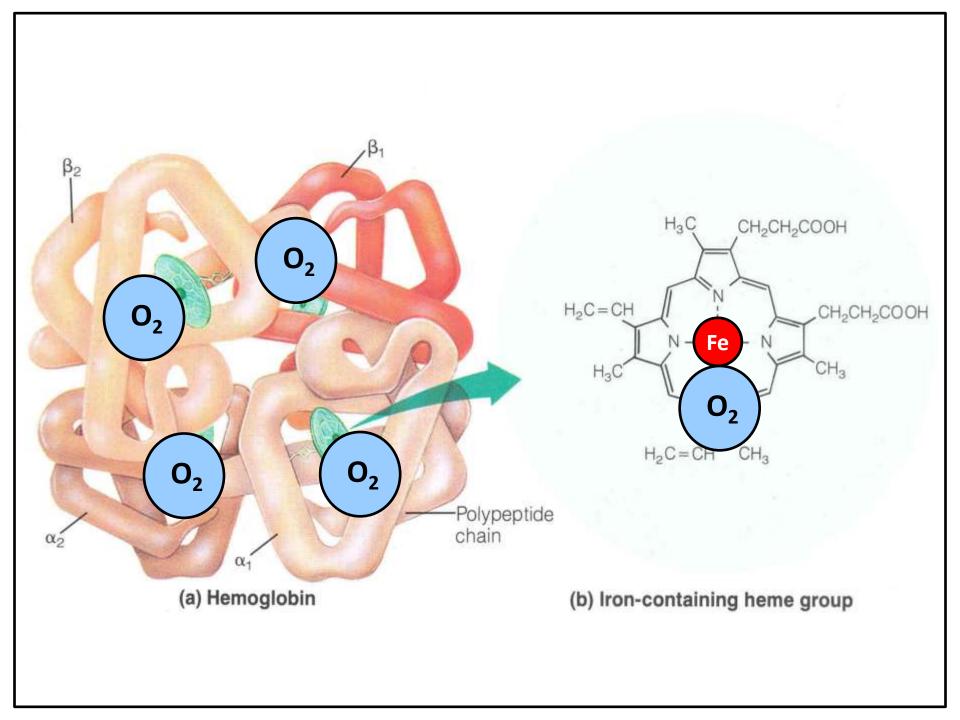
BEFORE Altitude Training Camp

Altitude Training Contraindications





- Poor level of fitness
- Bacterial or viral infection
- Fe-depleted
- Fe-deficient non-anemia
- Fe-deficient anemia
- Sickle-cell trait or anemia
- Medications that might affect the
 - kidneys and EPO response
- Medications that might exacerbate diuresis
- Chronic sleep disorders



IRON SUPPLEMENTATION

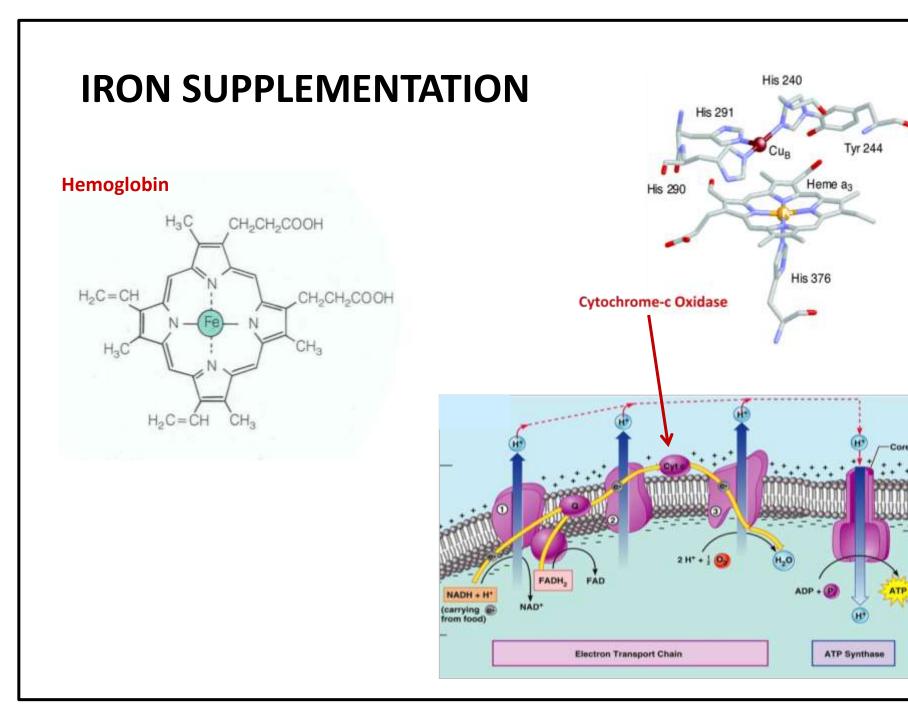




Ferrous sulfate

If serum Ferritin is low:

- Attention to "heme Fe" in diet.
- Moderate Fe supplementation
 - 120-130 mg "elemental Fe" divided into 2 doses
 - taken with Vitamin C
 - taken 30 min before or 60 min after meals to increase absorption and decrease GI distress
 - taken daily

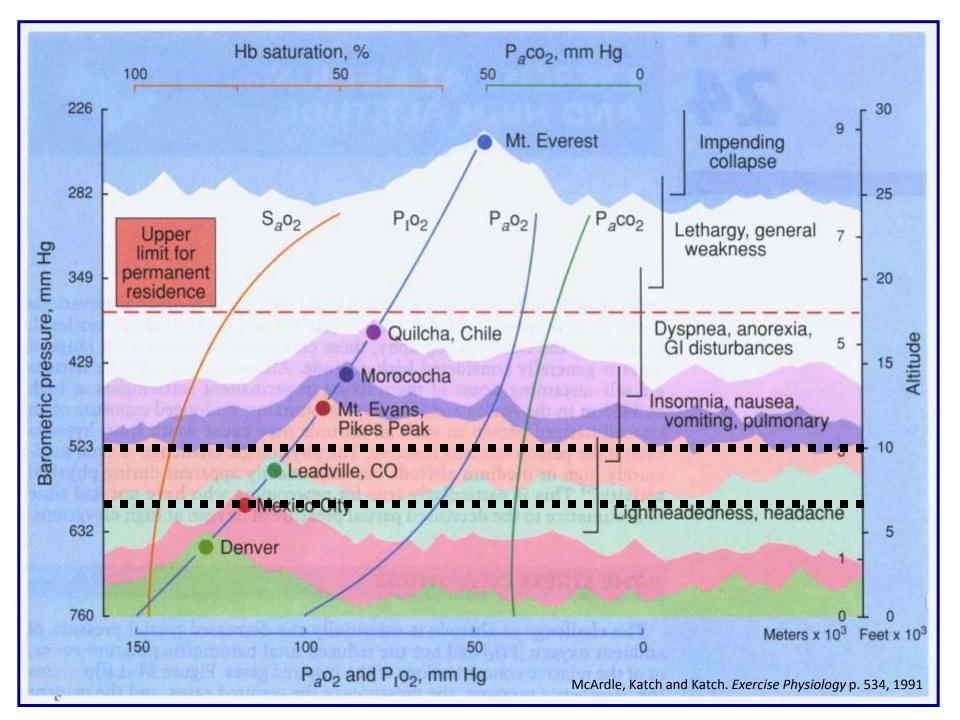


Season: A Study of Female Collegiate Rowers Diane M. DellaValle and Jere D. Haas International Journal of Sport Nutrition and Exercise Metabolism, 2011, 21, 501-506 550 His 240 21 s slower (P<0.05) 500 fis 291 2000-m Row Time (sec) 450 400 Heme as His 290 350 300 250 His 376 Cytochrome-c Oxidase 200 150 100 50 0 Fe Sufficient (>20 ng/ml) Fe Depleted (<20 ng/ml) **IDNA** FADH **Electron Transport Chain** ATP Synthase

Impact of Iron Depletion Without Anemia on Performance in Trained Endurance Athletes at the Beginning of a Training Season: A Study of Female Collegiate Rowers

SPORT NUTRITION EXELUTION

DURING Altitude Training Camp





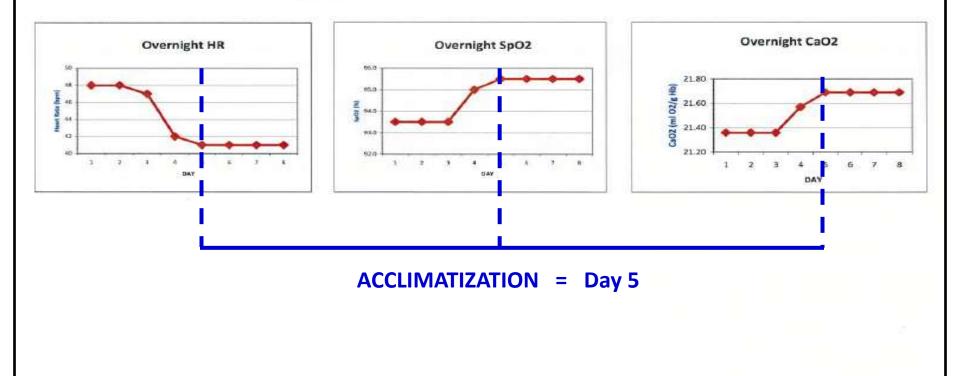
NAME

USA Biathlon Altitude Training Camp Antholz, ITALY (1644 m / 5392 ft) July 29 to August 7, 2010



Day	HR	SpO2	CaO2	Glucose	USG
F 7/30/10	48	93.5	21.36	82	1.028
SAT 7/31/10	48	93.5	21,36	82	1.027
SUN 8/1/10	47	93.5	21.36	83	1.028
M 8/2/10	42	95.0	21.57	84	1.020
TU 8/3/10	41	95.5	21.69	92	1.018
W 8/4/10	41	95.5	21.69	91	1.019
TH 8/5/10	41	95.5	21.69	91	1.020
F 8/6/10	41	95.5	21.69	92	1.019
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Hydration Status	USG		
Serious DH	> 1.030		
Significant DH	1.020 - 1.030		
Minimal DH	1.010 - 1.020		
Well hydrated	< 1.010		

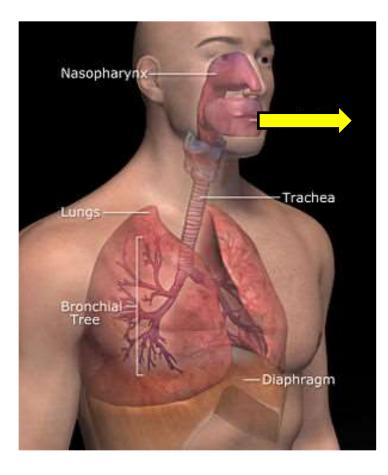


TRAINING PROGRESSION

	Base mode	I: combination	between hyp	oxic training a	and normoxic t	training in the	preparatory t	raining period	
ALTITUDE									
SEA LEVEL									
	Very high				ľ	I			
Training load	High								
	Medium								
	Low								
	Very low								
Training Int		Int ≤ VT ₁ strength training	$\begin{array}{l} \text{Int} \leq \text{VT}_1 \\ \text{Int} \leq \text{VT}_2 \\ \text{strength} \\ \text{training} \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{l} Int \leq VT_1 \\ Int \leq VT_2 \\ Int \leq MAP \\ strength \\ training \end{array}$			-		
Days		7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7



DEHYDRATION



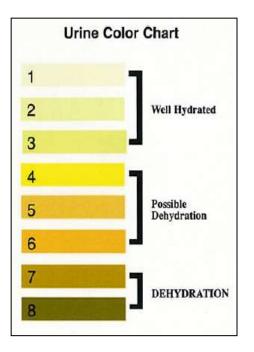


Respiratory H₂O loss

Urinary H₂O loss

Monitor dehydration

- Post-WO total body weight (TBW)
- Drink 10-12 oz fluid for every pound lost
- Check post-WO urine color and/or urine specific gravity (USG)

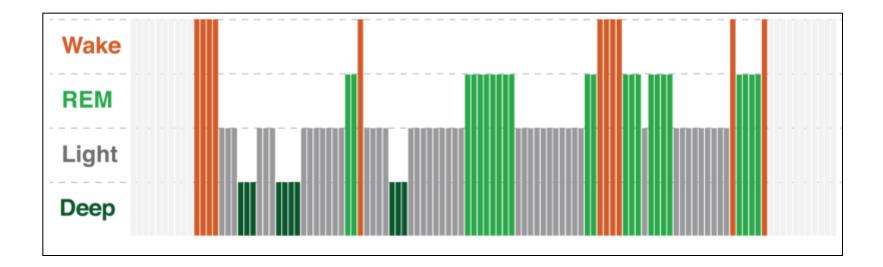




Hydration Status	USG
Well hydrated	< 1.010
Minimal dehydration	1.010 - 1.020
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Serious dehydration	> 1.030





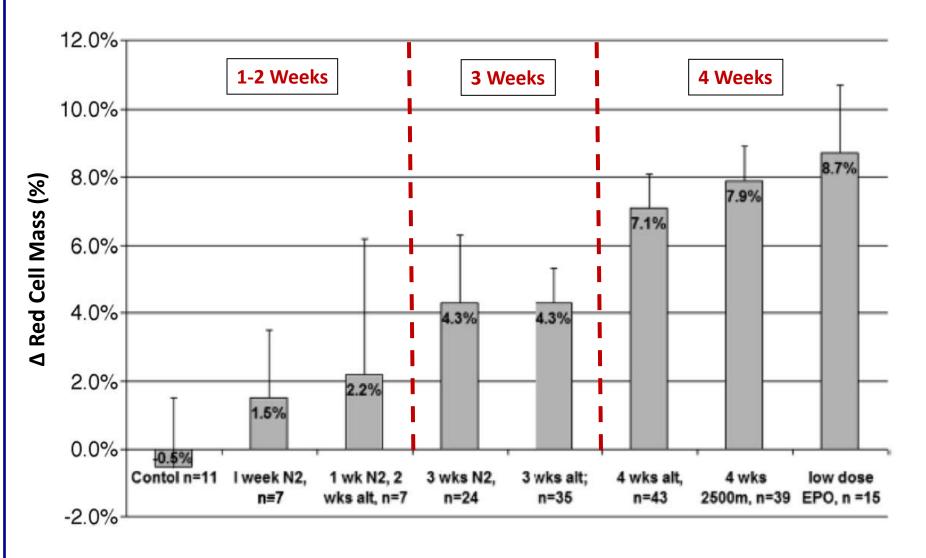


NAME	DATE
LOCATION	
IN THE LAST 24 HOURS	. HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED:
HEADACHE	No headache
	Light headache
	Painful headache
	Severe, incapacitating headache
GASTROINTESTINAL	No GI problems
	Poor appetite or nausea
	Moderate nausea or vomiting
	Severe nausea and vomiting
FATIGUE	Not tired or weak
	Light fatigue/weakness
	Moderate fatigue/weakness
	Severe fatigue/weakness
SLEEP	Slept well as usual
	Did not sleep as well as usual
	Poor night's sleep woke many times
	Could not sleep at all
ILLNESS	No illness
	Minor illness, but it has not significantly limited my training/racing
	Illness that has forced me to take 2-3 days off [list illness here]
	Illness that has forced me to take >3 days off [list illness here
INJURY	No injury
	Minor injury, but it has not significantly limited my training/racing
	Injury that has forced me to take 2-3 days off [list injury here
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IS THE CURRENT TRAININ	IG LOAD Too Hard
	Just Right
	Too Easy





Effective "Dose"

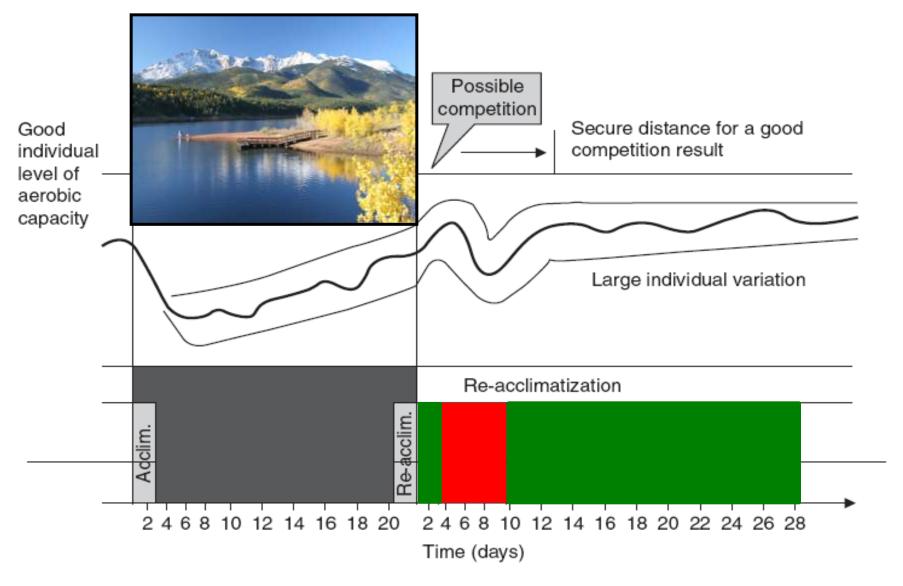


RL Wilber, J Stray-Gundersen & BD Levine. MSSE 39:1590-1599, 2007

Weeks

AFTER Altitude Training Camp

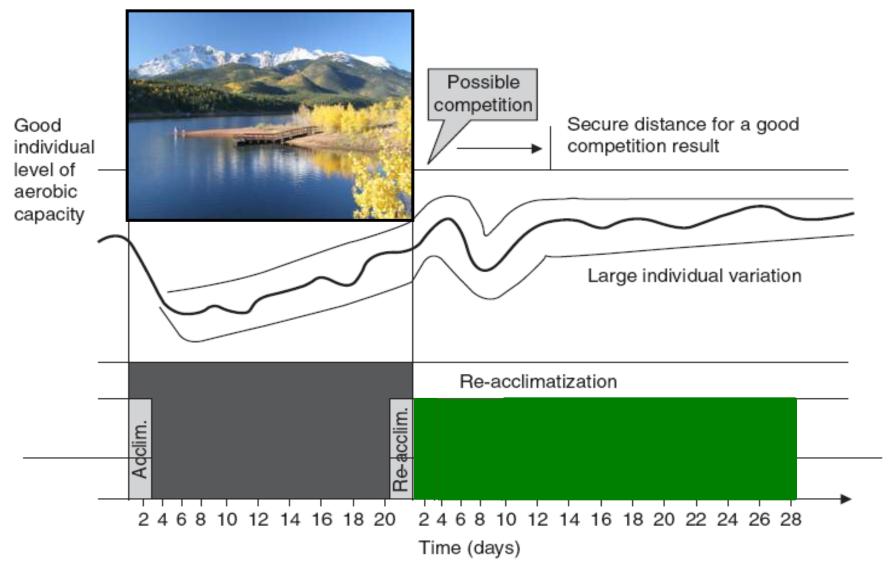
Return to Sea Level



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Annual Plan for Altitude Training

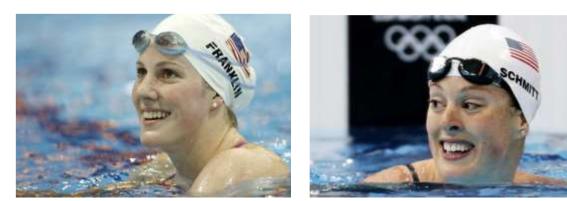
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MICHAEL PHELPS Beijing 2008 8 Gold medals 22 Olympic medals



ALLISON SCHMITT London 2012 3 Gold medals

MISSY FRANKLIN London 2012 4 Gold medals

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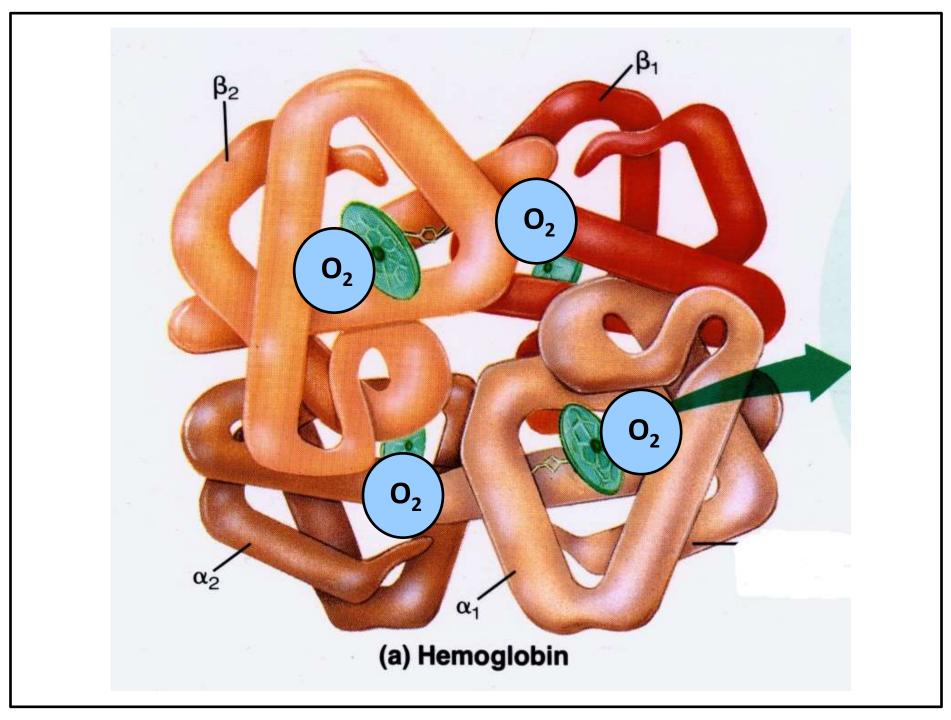


Physiological Benefits





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Altitude Training



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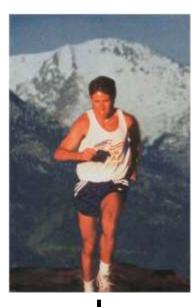


VO₂ max



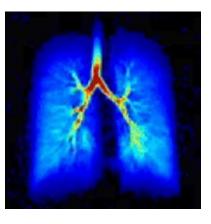
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Physiological Benefits

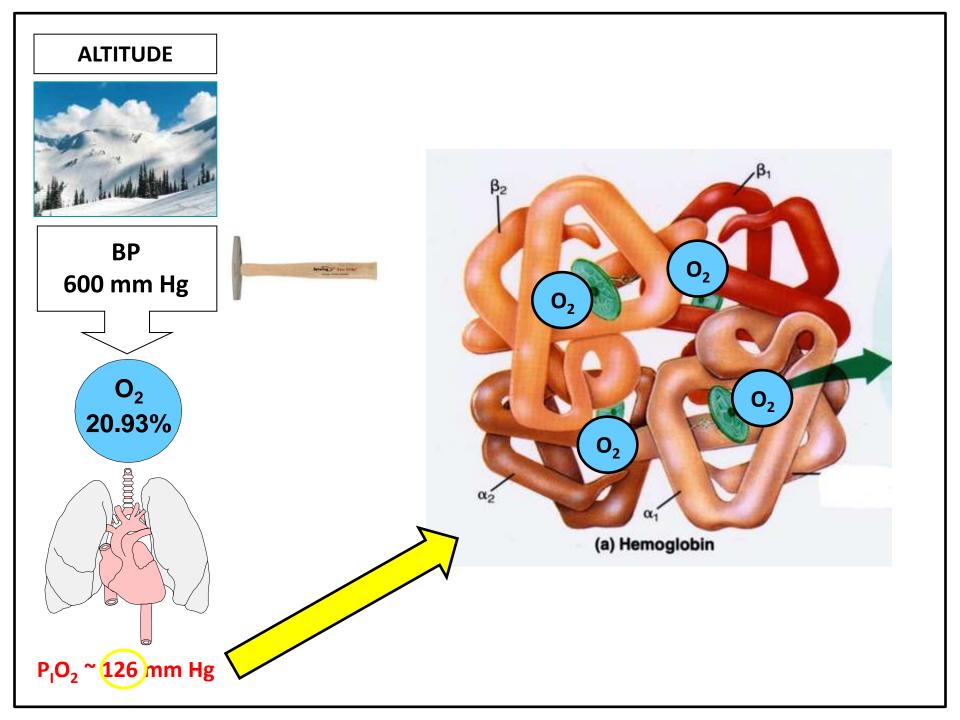




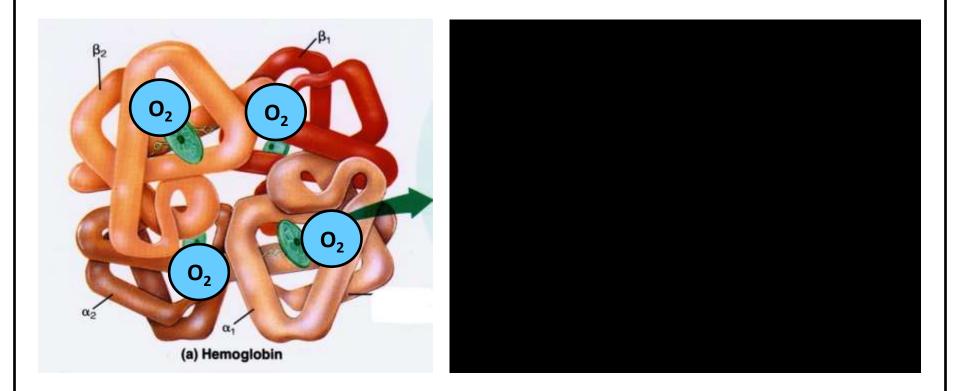
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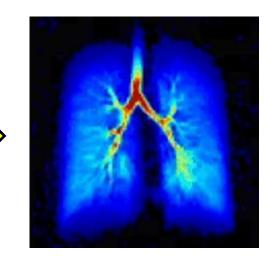


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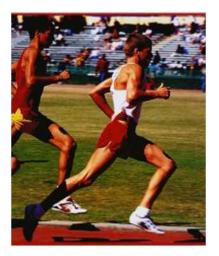
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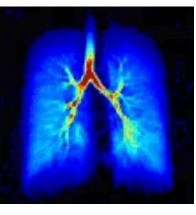
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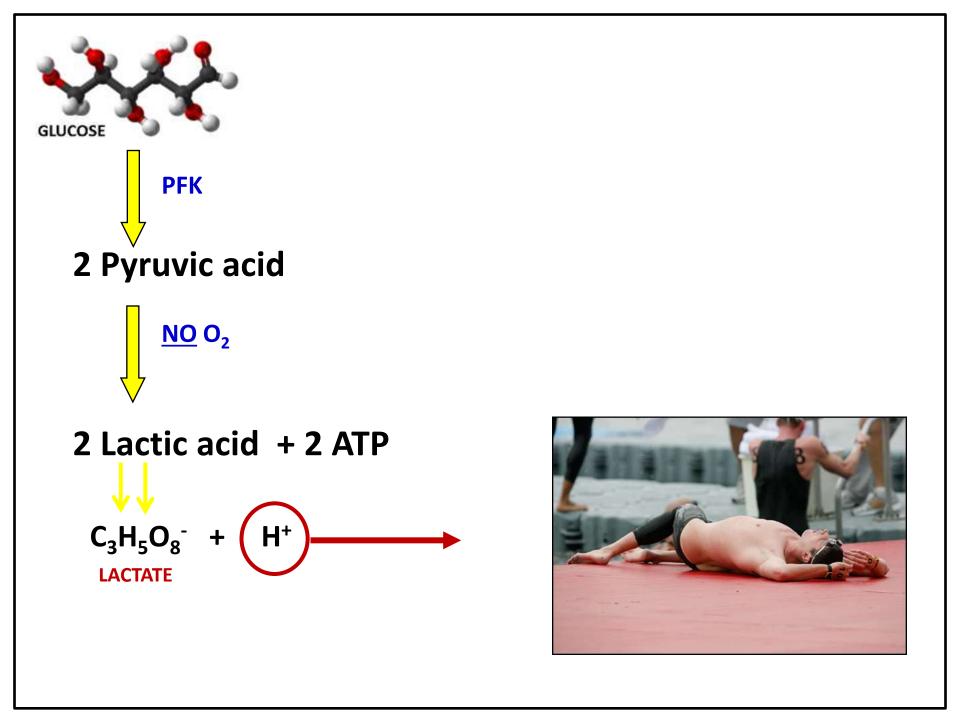
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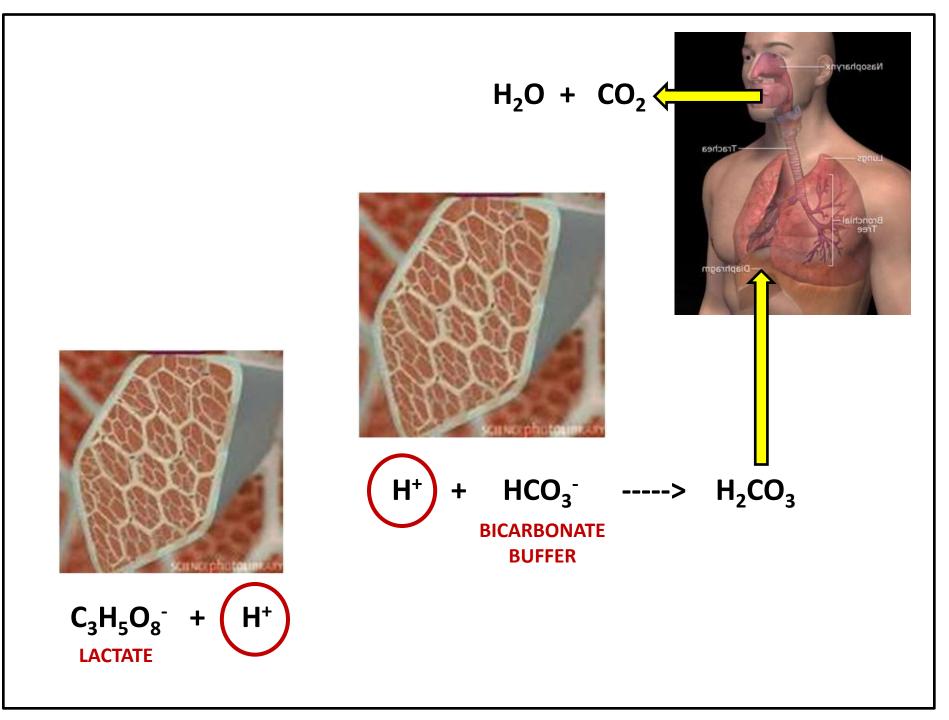


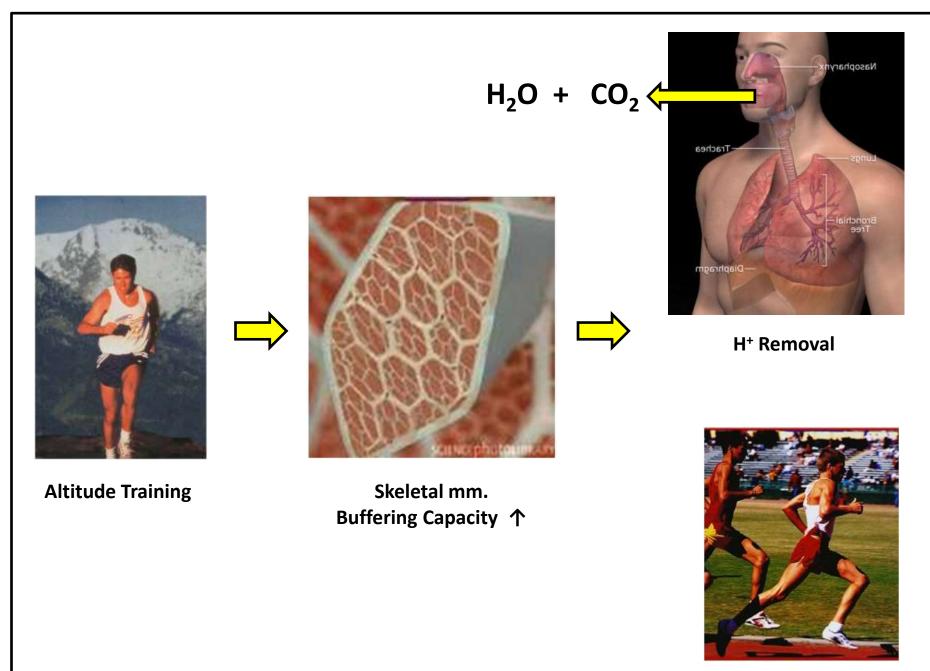
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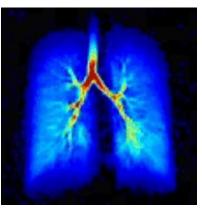
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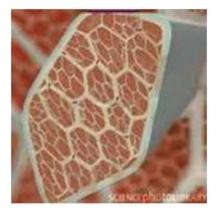




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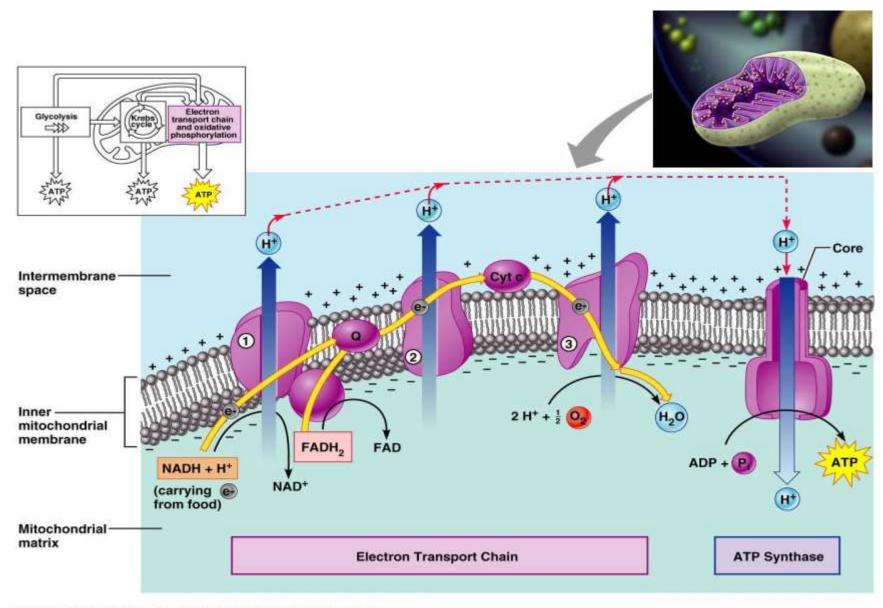
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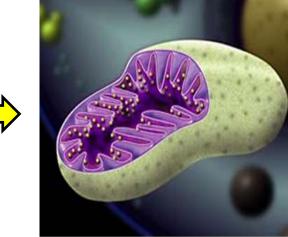


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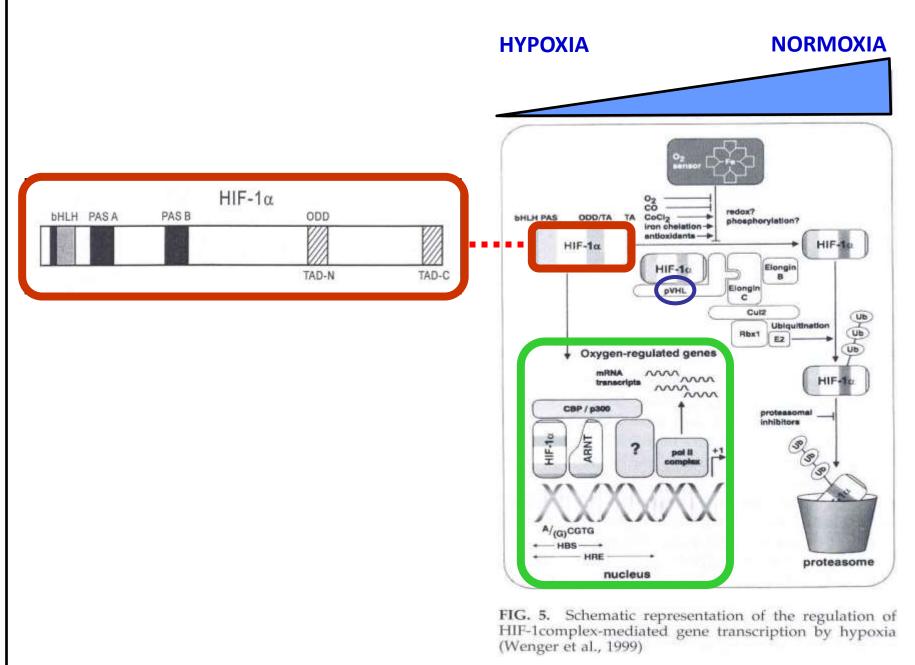
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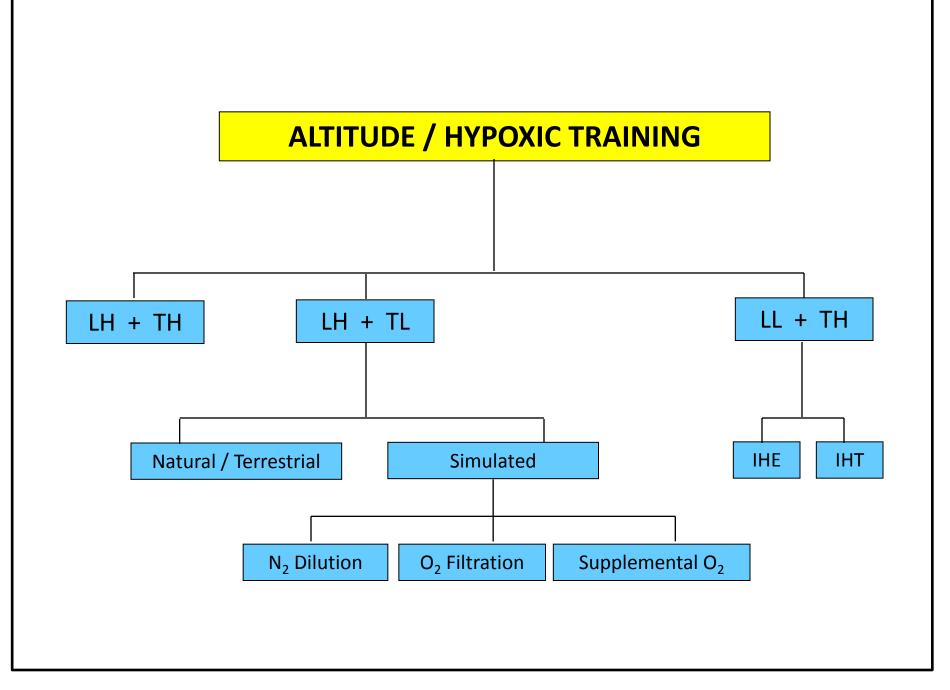
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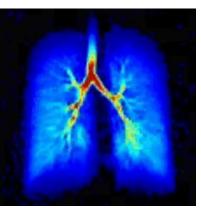


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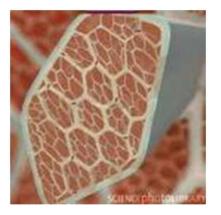




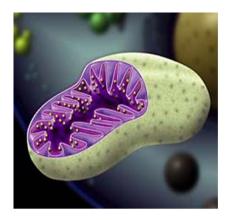
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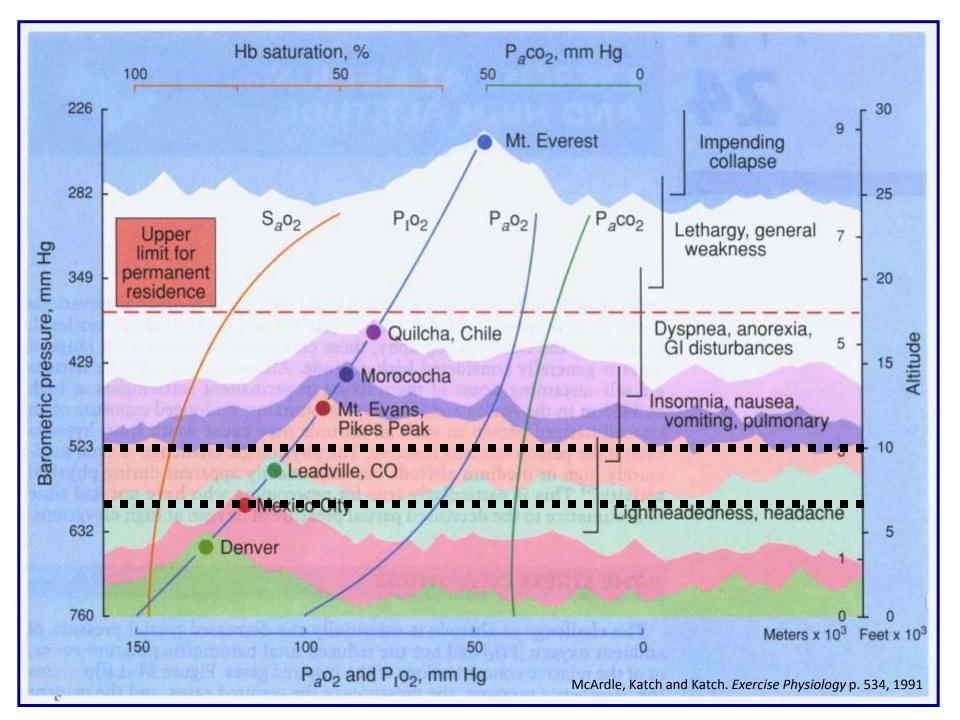
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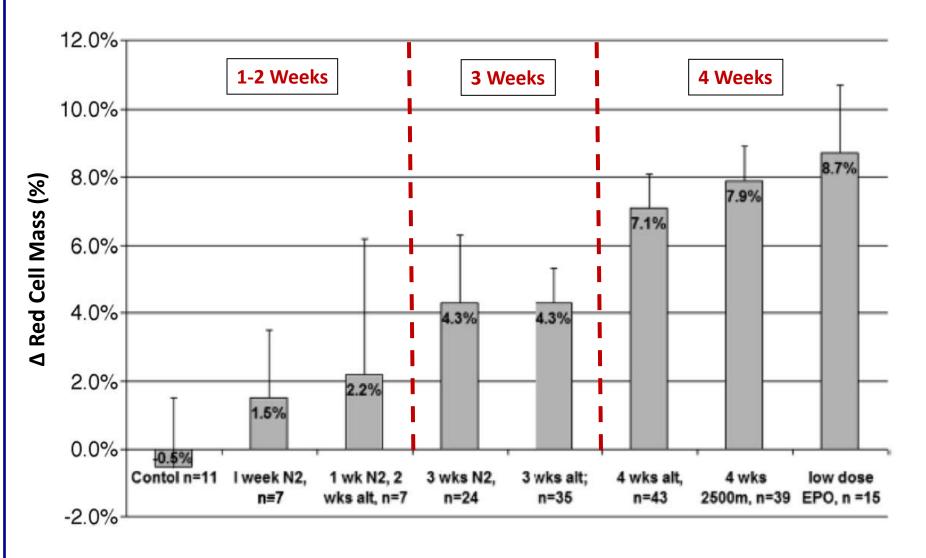
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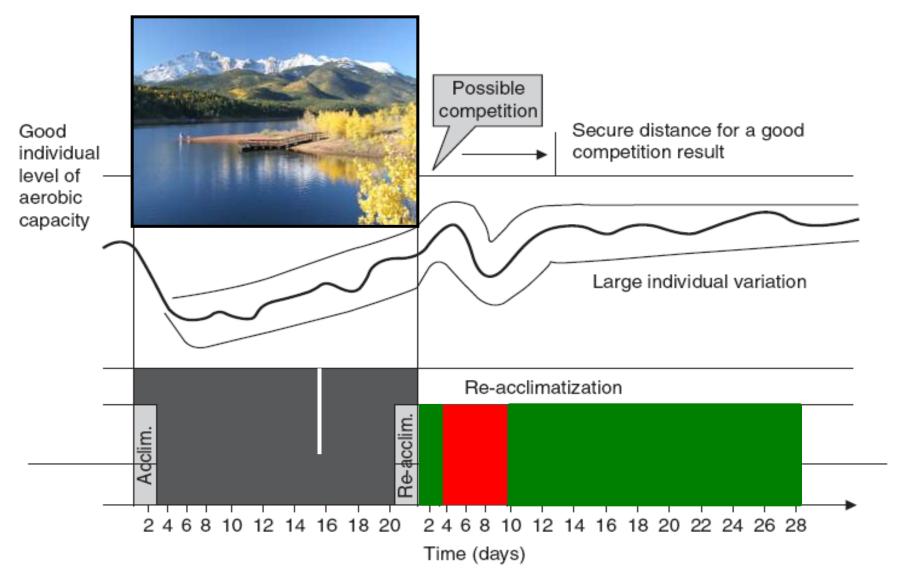
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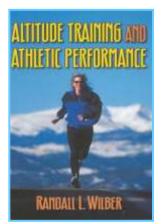
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