





# **ISSS MEETING**

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# Soccer: what are we doing?











La caviglia- the ankle

#### Tendonitis and plantar fascitis





## Problems and trauma





Meazza stadium- Milan

### Problems and trauma





Situations near the limit



















# What Bibliography said:

- The covered distances, during a match of kick from a few players (e.g.): (hit the centre them of midfield), generally exceed the 11 km.(Bangsbo 1994).
- (these distances are covers to alternate them of phases of way, of jogging and sprint and at professional level about 6000 contacts of the foot with pitch.(Lafortune can be counted et to, 1997).
- In the same match the football player makes accelerations, decelerations, direction

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In many situations of everyday life, vibration load occurs. Here whole body vibration in vehicles, such as boats, cars, helicopters and others as well as hand-transmitted vibration (motor saws etc.) can be named. As vibration is assumed liable to cause various threats to human health, a great number of studies in work science focussed on doseeffect relations and concepts for prevention. Although in many sports remarkable vibration load also occurs, there is very little research on the potential dangers and benefits of vibration stimuli, e.g. on whole body vibration and the implications for muscular activity and neuromuscular control in sport.

#### Vibration effects according literature.

-The force transfer from the ground to the tissues was compared with changes in the muscle activity.

- This increase concurred with increases in the muscle activity for the biceps femoris and lateral gastrocnemius. The evidence supports the proposal that muscle activity damps soft-tissue resonance at heel-strike.

-Vibrations encountered during inline skating resulted in modifications of neuromotor functions related to the muscle spindles' primary afferent. These changes may partially be explained by presynaptic inhibition; however, a more plausible mechanism may be a decrease in the la afferent transmission induced by the vibration.

Both continuous vibrations and pulsed bursts of vibrations were presented, across the frequency range of 10-65 Hz. Elevated muscle activity and increased damping of vibration power occurred when the frequency of the input was close to the natural frequency of each soft tissue.
It is suggested that soft tissue damping may be the mechanism by which resonance is minimized at heel strike during running.

- Increases in muscle activity in the lower extremities result in increased damping to reduce this vibration.

These increases in myoelectric frequency match the spectral patterns which indicate increases in recruitment of faster motor units.

## Protocol



# Protocol

#### **Tested subjects:**

- 17 young men
  - ages: 16-18
  - heights:  $180 \pm 10$  cm
  - weights:  $70 \pm 5 \text{ kg}$

shoes of their property with fixed<sub>1,5m</sub> not plugged tappings of heels.

shoes with conic studs



# Protocol

Tested 2 natural 6 synthetic Tests performed in:

- Winter
- Spring
- Summer

Tests performed in:

- North of Italy
- Center of Italy
- South of Italy

Trials inside every single test:

- with the insoles (Novel)
- with the accelerometers



### Study of the distribution of the plantar pressures Used instrumentation

Pedar-X System (Novel<sub>gmbh</sub>, Munich, Germany).



Sensori

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Bluetooth

Unità di acquisizione



Software Pedar (Pc dotato di modulo BT)

# Map of the plantar pressures

 It allows to know the areas of loaded major during a perambulation/run. To codify the various pressure levels a colour stair is used.



# Novel's tools



# Novel's tools



















#### Telethermography apparatus







# And two acceleron eters positioning on the ankles





# Winter Test

- The next two slides show the comparison between 1 natural turf (Olimpico, Roma) and 3 artificial turfs filled with SBR and respective energy dispersion graphs
- The following two slides show the comparison between 1 natural turf (Olimpico, Roma) and 3 artificial turfs filled with polymeric fillers and respective energy dispersion graphs

### Winter Test



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#### Winter Test



#### Winter Test



# time of contacts





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## N a NATURAL 1497.5 N 532 kPa







SINTETIC 1545.5 N 528.55 kPa

### Conclusions

• Accelerometers research: from the graphs it turns out that there is an increase in the vibrations in turfs filled with recycled rubber.

The scientific literature claims that the organism responds to these vibrations with muscle contractions in which fast motor fibers are interested. Probably, there is an increase of muscle fatigue and consequently the performances are reduced.

- **Pressure sensors research:** From the pressure data it turns out that there are not significant relevance between the fields tested.
- Future works:
  - It is necessary to open a dedicated piece of research to adolescents and subjects in growth.
  - It is necessary to compare the amateurs' world to that of the professionals.
  - It is necessary to open a dedicated research on boots soccer shoes for different surfaces



What is OptoJump?

**OptoJump** is an instrument for work and analysis which makes it possible to measure the athlete's performance. Its optical acquisition system allows the measurement of contact and flight times during a series of jumps to a precision of 1/1000s. It consists of two bars with embedded instruments (size 100x4x3 cm), one containing the control and reception unit, the other the transmission unit. Two or more bars can be connected together to increase the length of the track used for measurement as desired.







### Optojump test









### First impressions

- Natural seems a right compromise from prevention to performance
- The new infill seems to imitate better natural fields
  - The producers' research has to be addressed to imitate natural field!











The "Twist'n Go" Technology As A Result Of The Joint-Venture Between Lotto and University of Pavia

In Soccer, Most Movements Are Very Rapid And Over Short Distances.

This Requires An Intense Effort due to:

- Foot/Ground Friction
- The Inertial Forces in Quick Accelerations And Quick Stops

Lotto Decided To Study The Athletes Behavior In The Change Of Direction :

 It Is A Movement That Needs A Harder Effort

If Not Performed In The Correct Way May Occur Injuries





The Change Of Direction Occurs Under The Base Of The First Metatarsal



Twist'n Go Is The First Rotating Stud That Improves Performance And Simultaneously Reduces The Risks Of Injury



All Studs are Conical And Fixed With The Exception Of One Located in Correspondence of the Rotating Point. This Stud Is Fixed To The Outsole Too, but It Rotates



The Stud Penetrates the Ground Allowing The Shoe To Rotate





Traditional boot Boot w/ TWIST 'NGO technology

By using the TWIST'NGO technology the pressure on the sole is reduced underneath the toe and better distributed over the forefoot

Each player in 90 minutes run from 8 to 12km In 90 minutes he make from 1.500 to 2.000 rotational movement

#### TWISTN'GO RESULTS:

- Reduces foot/ground friction about 2/3%
- Increase speed of 0,16m/sec
- Reduces of about 0.16sec the time needed for a 180 degrees turn

#### Speed

Provides Faster Rotation Compared To Traditional Studs; Foot/Ground Friction Is Reduced And Improves Performance

#### Prevention

The Foot Maintains Its Axis When Rotating; The Movement Quality Improves And Reduces The Risk of Injury

#### Stability

During Rotation, Balance Is Not Only Maintained but Improved; The Stud Works As a Pivot Point and Provides Higher Stability At The Point of Contact