

Effect of fatigue in spatiotemporal parameters during 100 m front-crawl event monitored through 3D dual-media automatic tracking

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Short high-intensity swimming events



Performance compromised

Decrease in power production



Changes in stroking biomechanical parameters

Toussaint et al. (2006)

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3D arm stroke kinematics

Video based systems (Manual digitizing)

Optoelectronic systems (Automatic tracking)







To analyse the effect of fatigue on 3D arm-stroke kinematics during a 100 m event monitored through a new 3D dual-media automatic tracking

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Data collection

- Subjects
 - 6 male swimmers (25.47 ± 4.69 years, 1.82 ± 0.04 m, 73.14 ± 6.14 kg)
- Protocol
 - 100 m front crawl maximal effort (push off start, open turns)
- Protocol recording
 - 8 underwater + 7 land cameras (Qualisys AB, Gothenburg, Sweden)







Data acquisition and processing



Dual media calibrated with Qualisys Track Manager™ version 2.7 (Qualisys AB, Gothenburg, Sweden)















Marker setup drag assessment





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Marker setup and variables



- Pelvis CM Velocity (m.s⁻¹)
- Stroke frequency (Hz)
- Stroke length (m)
- Hand CM velocity (m.s⁻¹)
- Hand CM Backward amplitude (m)
- Hand CM Amplitude slip (m)
- Hand CM depth (m)
- Hand CM width (m)
- Hand CM range (m)
- Index of coordination





Fatigue



Propulsive force

Craig *et al.* (1985) Keskinen and Komi (1993)





Attempt to maintain velocity

Chollet et al. (1997) Alberty et al. (2008)







Inability to maintain mechanical and muscular response

Aujouannet et al. (1997)





↓ lag time between propulsive phases



Alberty et al. (2005) Alberty et al. (2008)









Conclusions



Fatigue

- Swimming velocity declined \rightarrow SL and hand velocity decrease
- Swimmers adapted coordination path

Way to improve performance

- Useful for coaches and swimmers



Motion capture system

- Dual-media 3D tracking
- Realistic real-time data
- Pratical use for kinematic analysis in swimming





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