



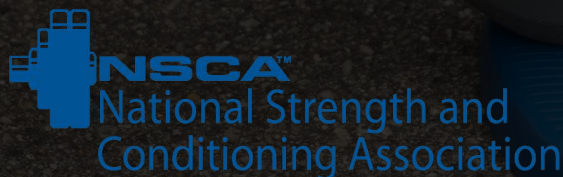
Nervous System Recovery

Autonomic Balance



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What will be discussed?

Fatigue & Stress

Autonomic Nervous System

Heart Rate Variability

Application



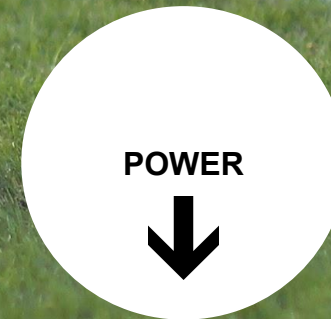
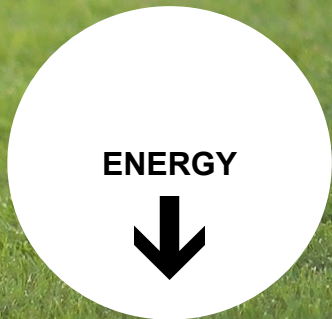
Training is not linear, it is abrupt.

Unknown

**Abrupt system changes due to minor
disturbances are not linear, but
non-linear.**



Ernst, 2017

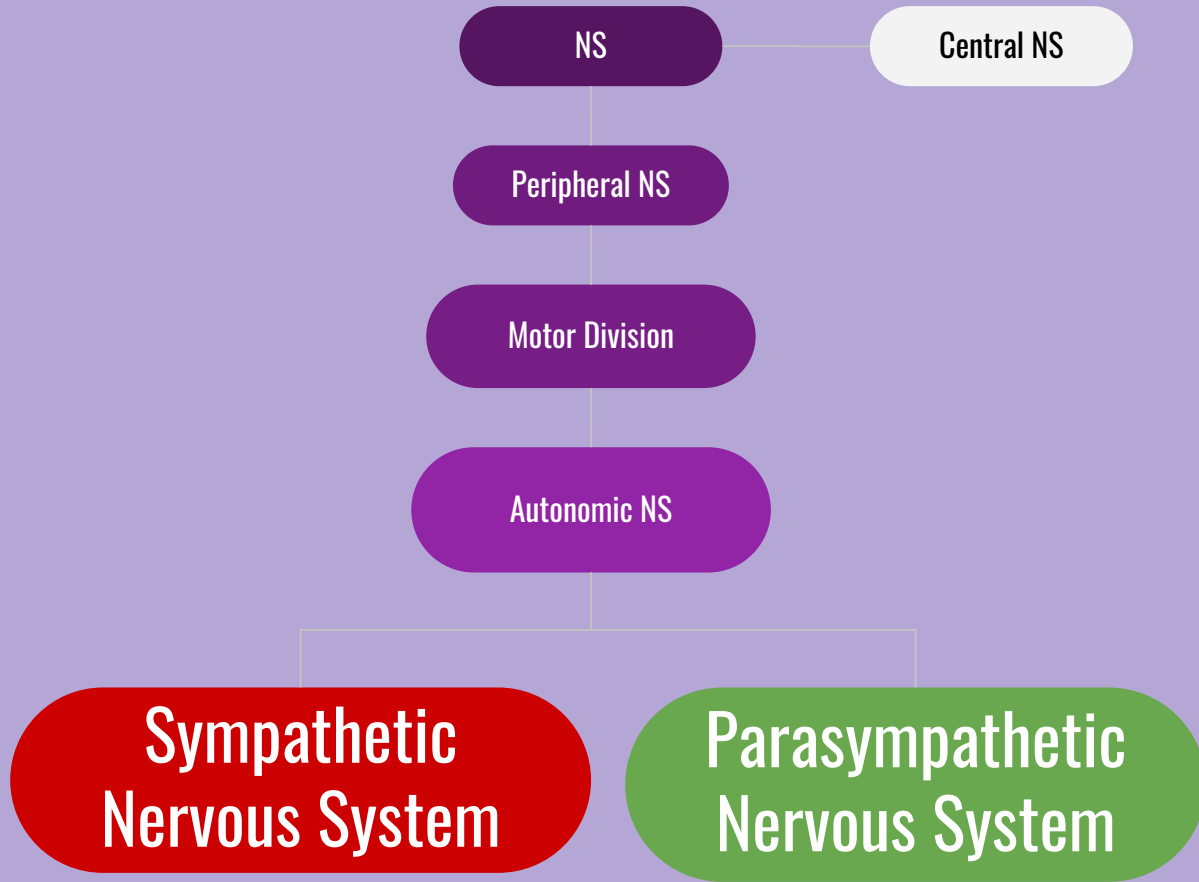


Buckthorpe et al, 2014; & Stults-Kolehmainen & Bartholomew, 2012



Stults-Kolehmainen & Bartholomew, 2012





SNS & PSN

Both branches of the ANS work together in harmony to regulate heart rate and heart rate variability (HRV) in order to optimize heart output in situational events.



SNS

Heart
Rate



Breathing
Frequency



Heart
Rate
Variability



Blood
Pressure



Muscle
Blood
Flow



Sugar
Into
Blood



Digestion



Appetite





**SNS is required to mobilize resources
and prime for performance**

PNS

Heart
Rate



Breathing
Frequency



Heart
Rate
Variability



Blood
Pressure



Blood
Vessels



Energy
Storage

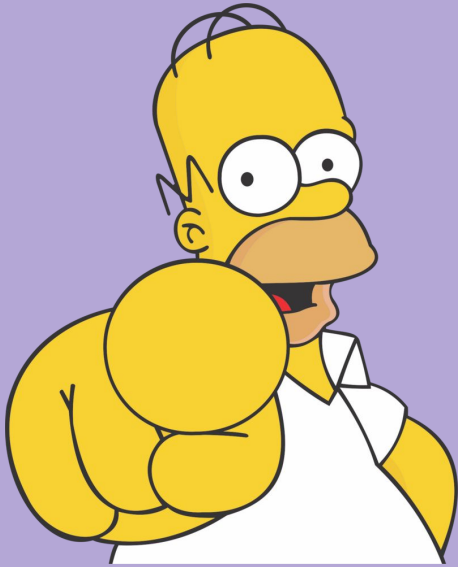


Digestion



Appetite





PNS can hinder activity and performance by diminishing the SNS to properly activate

Heart Rate Variability



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**The heart is a prime target of
autonomic innervation.**

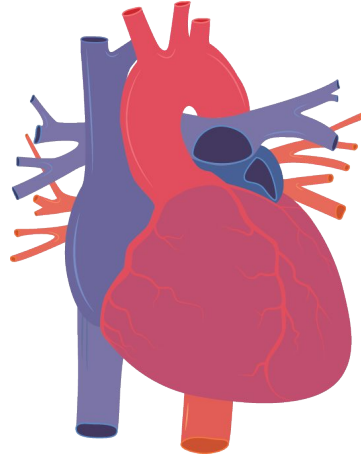


Ernsberger & Rohrer, 2018

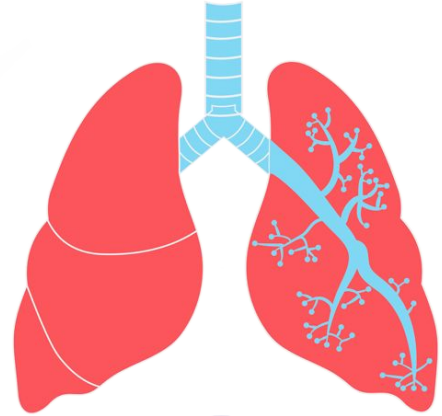
3 Primary Systems



**Nervous
System**



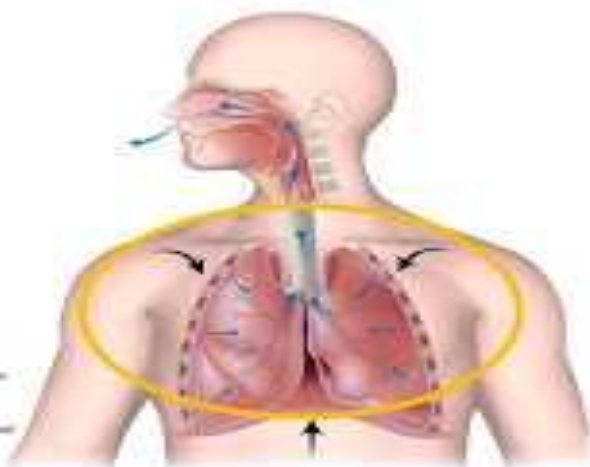
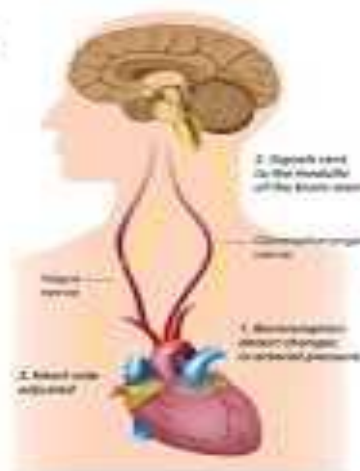
**Circulatory
System**



**Respiratory
System**

Respiratory Sinus Arrhythmia (RSA)

- **During expiration**
 - Diaphragm relaxes and moves upward
 - Chest cavity size decreases



HRV DATA



Time Domains vs. Frequency Domains

Time Domain

Signal change over time and calculates the amount of variability in the heart beat.

Mean RR Interval

Overall average of the RR intervals during a reading.

$\ln(\text{rMSSD})$

Natural logarithm applied to rMSSD for easier analysis.

rMSSD

Square root of the mean of the squared differences of consecutive RR intervals.

SDNN

Standard deviation of the RR intervals.



Frequency Domain

Analysis of the measurement signal with respect to frequency.

Low Frequency

Frequency band:

0.04 to 0.15 Hz

SNS & PNS

High Frequency

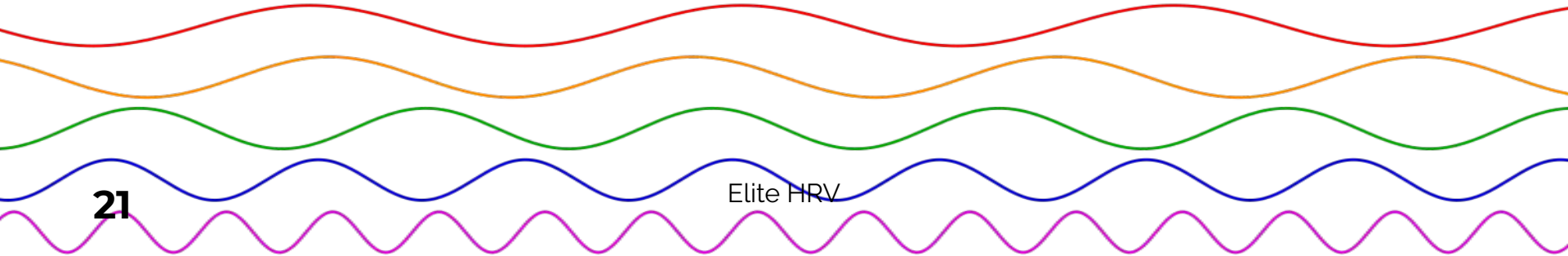
Frequency band:

0.15 to 0.40 Hz

PNS

Total Power

Signal power intensity in frequency domain with the given measurement.





Average

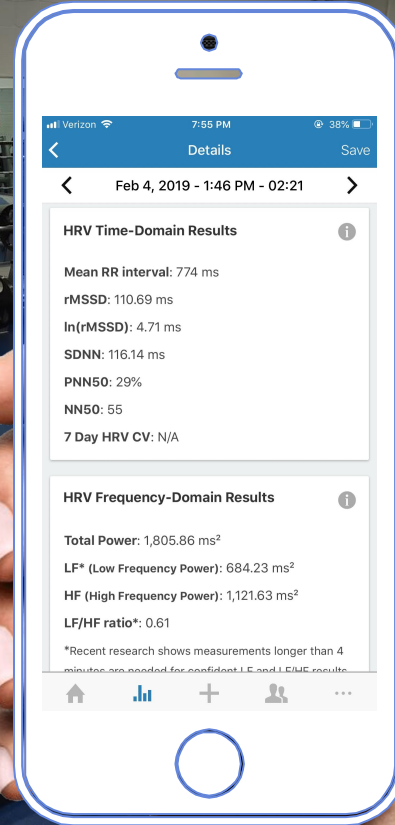
59.09



HRV

72

23



Pre-Training HRV

72

Time Domain

Mean RR Interval = 774 ms

rMSSD = 110.69 ms

SDNN = 116.14 ms

ln(rMSSD) = 4.71 ms

Frequency Domain

Low Frequency = 684.23 ms²

High Frequency = 1,121.63 ms²

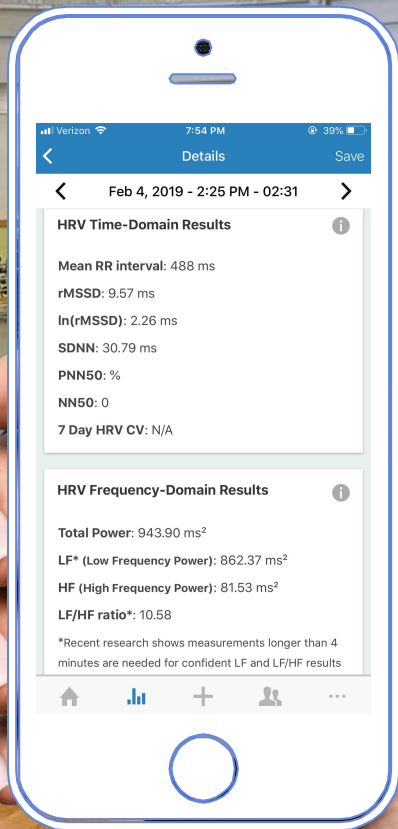
Total Power = 1,805.86 ms²



HRV

35

25



Post-Training HRV

35

72 - 35 = 37

Time Domain

Mean RR Interval = 488 ms

rMSSD = 9.57 ms

SDNN = 30.79 ms

ln(rMSSD) = 2.26 ms

Frequency Domain

Low Frequency = 862.37 ms²

High Frequency = 81.53 ms²

Total Power = 943.90 ms²

Time Domain:

Mean RR Interval = 286 ms reduction

rMSSD = 101.12 ms reduction

SDNN = 85.35 ms reduction

Frequency Domain:

LF = 178.14 ms² increase

HF = 1,040.1 ms² decrease

Total Power = 861.96 ms² decrease



PRACTICAL APPLICATION

How can professionals help regulate HRV with clients/athletes?



Baseline HRV recordings are needed!

1 week of recordings

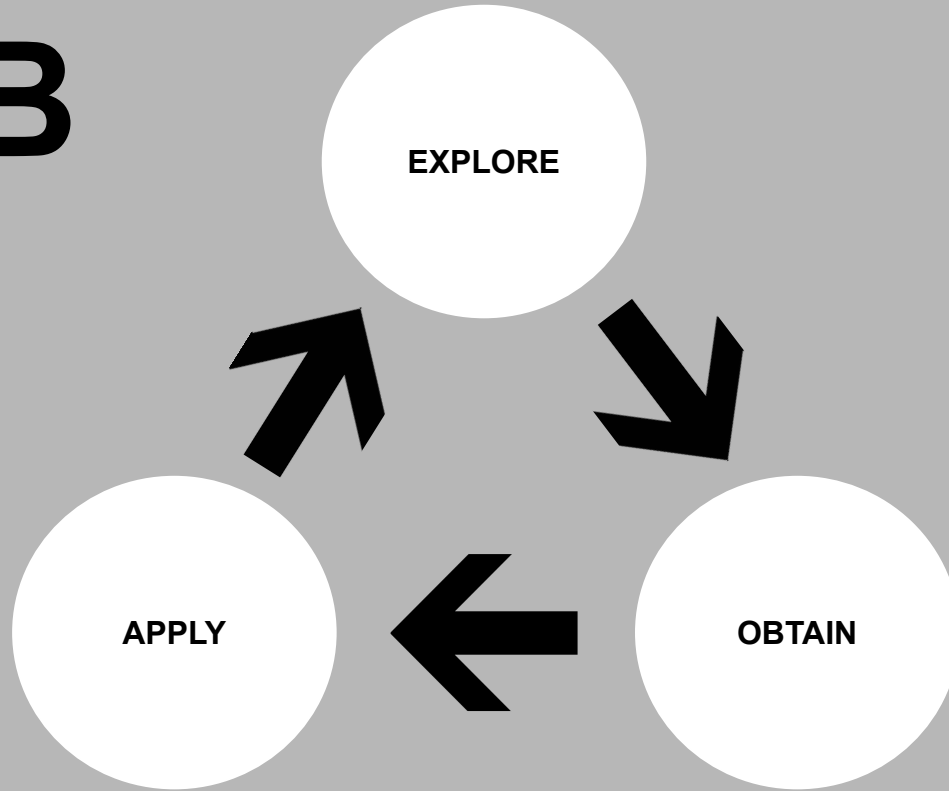
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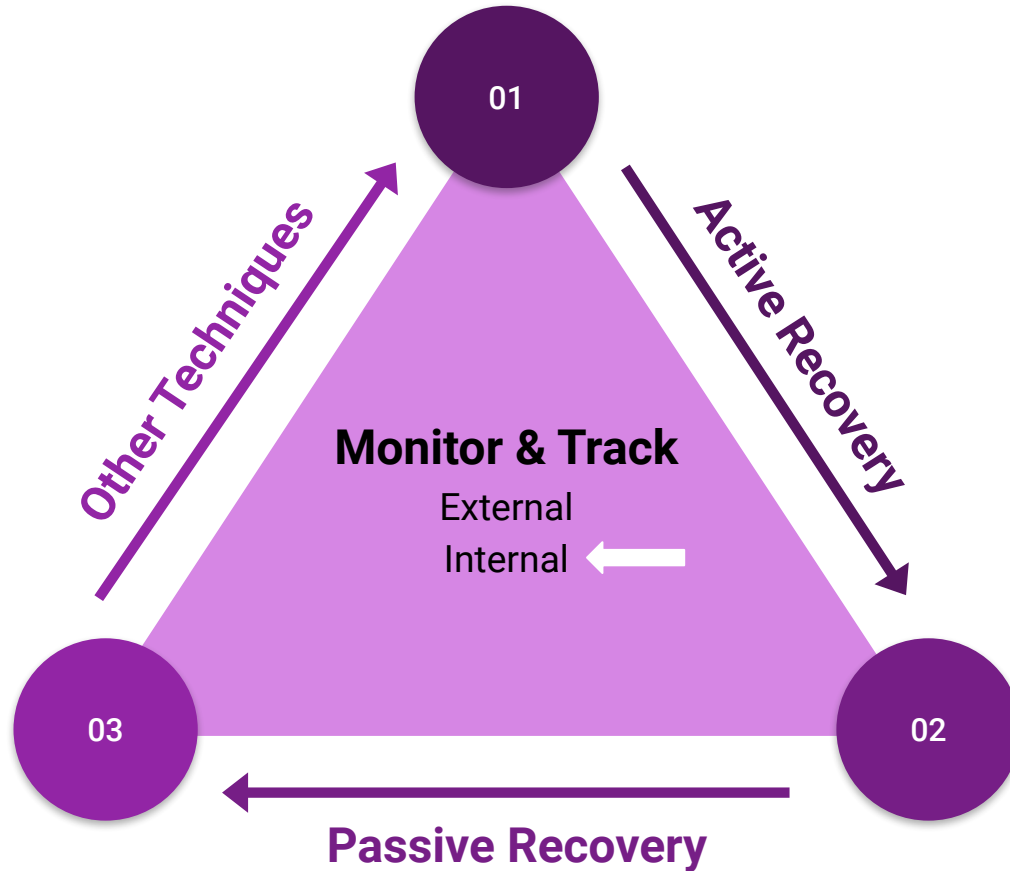
Pre-Training

EOB

Explore
Obtain
Apply



Parasympathetic Activation



~Active Recovery~

- Optimal Programming-
- De-load
- Off-load
- Re-direct

~Passive Recovery~

- Breathing
- Nutrition
- Sleep

~Other Techniques~

- Massage
- Flexibility
- Mobility
- Vibration
- Compression
- Hydrotherapy
- Cryotherapy

Pre-Training Measurement

High

Higher than average = Time
Domains

High = High Frequency

Low = Low Frequency

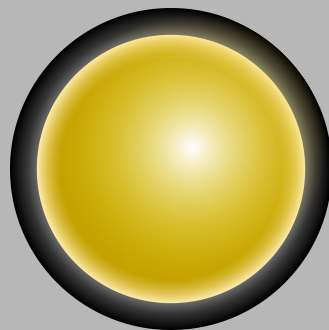


Medium

Lower than average = Time
Domains

Low = High Frequency

High = Low Frequency

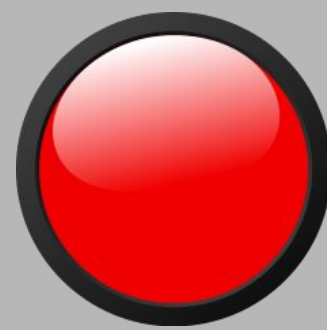


Low

Significantly lower than
average = Time Domains

Low = High Frequency

High = Low Frequency



Example

Average = 62

56 to 62+

Higher than Average

High

Time Domain & High Frequency

Low

Low Frequency & LF/HF Ratio

32



52 to 54

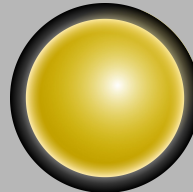
Slightly Lower than Average

Slightly Lower

Time Domain & High Frequency

Slightly Higher

Low Frequency & LF/HF Ratio



Less than 51

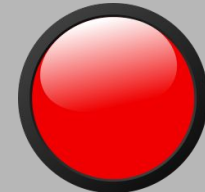
Significantly Lower than Average

Significantly Lower

Time Domain & High Frequency

Significantly High

Low Frequency & LF/HF Ratio



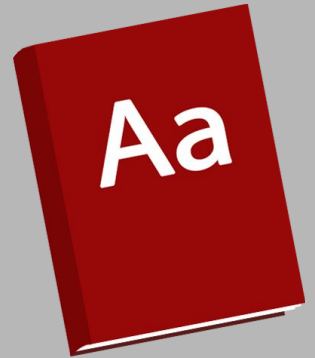


STEPPING UP

Individuals need to develop coherence.

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The quality of being logical and consistent.



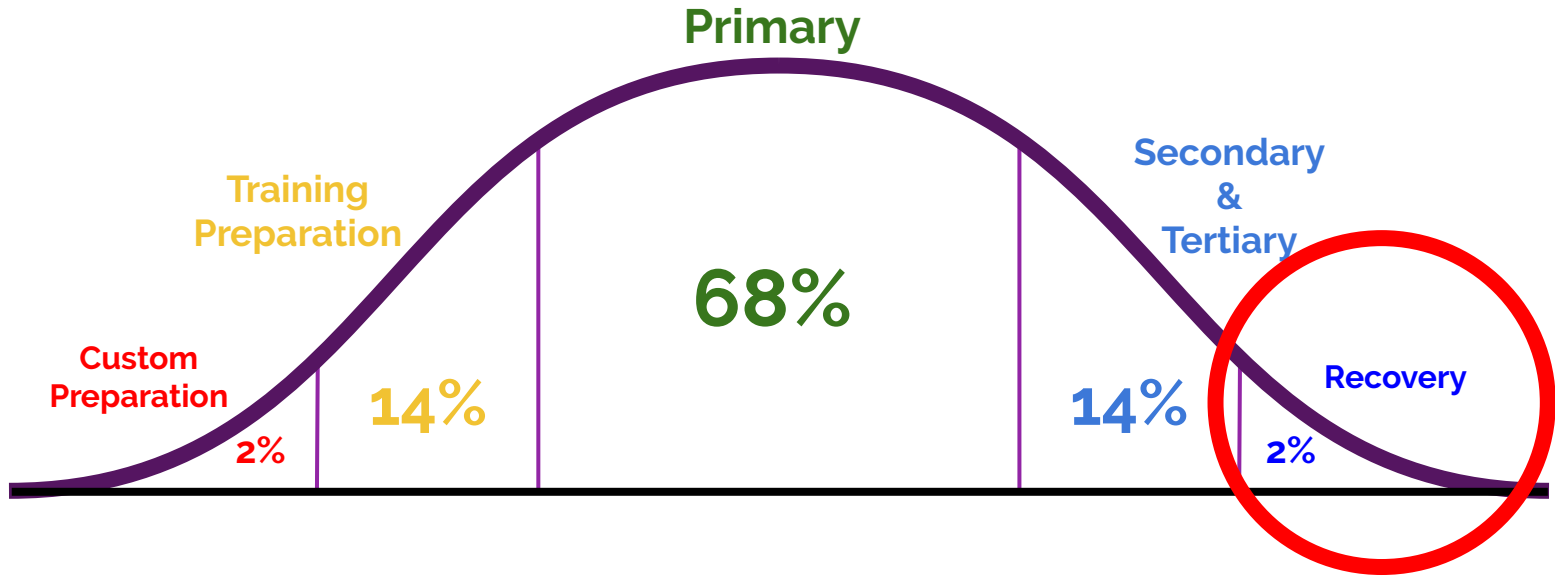


HeartMath.



Heart Rate Variability
Software & Applications

Hands-On Bell Curve Training





THANK YOU!



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