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La sarcopenia: definizioni, patogenesi e
trattamento

Metodiche strumentali per la valutazione della massa muscolare

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*"Sarcopenia is a term that denotes the
decline in muscle mass and
strength that occurs with healthy aging."*

Rosenberg, Am J Clin Nutr 1989

*"Sarcopenia is part of normal aging
and does not require a disease to occur,
although it is accelerated by chronic diseases."*

Roubenoff et al, J Gerontol 2000

REPORT

Sarcopenia: European consensus on definition and diagnosis

Report of the European Working Group on Sarcopenia in Older People

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Criteria for the diagnosis of sarcopenia

Diagnosis is based on documentation of criterion 1 plus (criterion 2 or criterion 3).

1- Low muscle mass

2-Low muscle strength

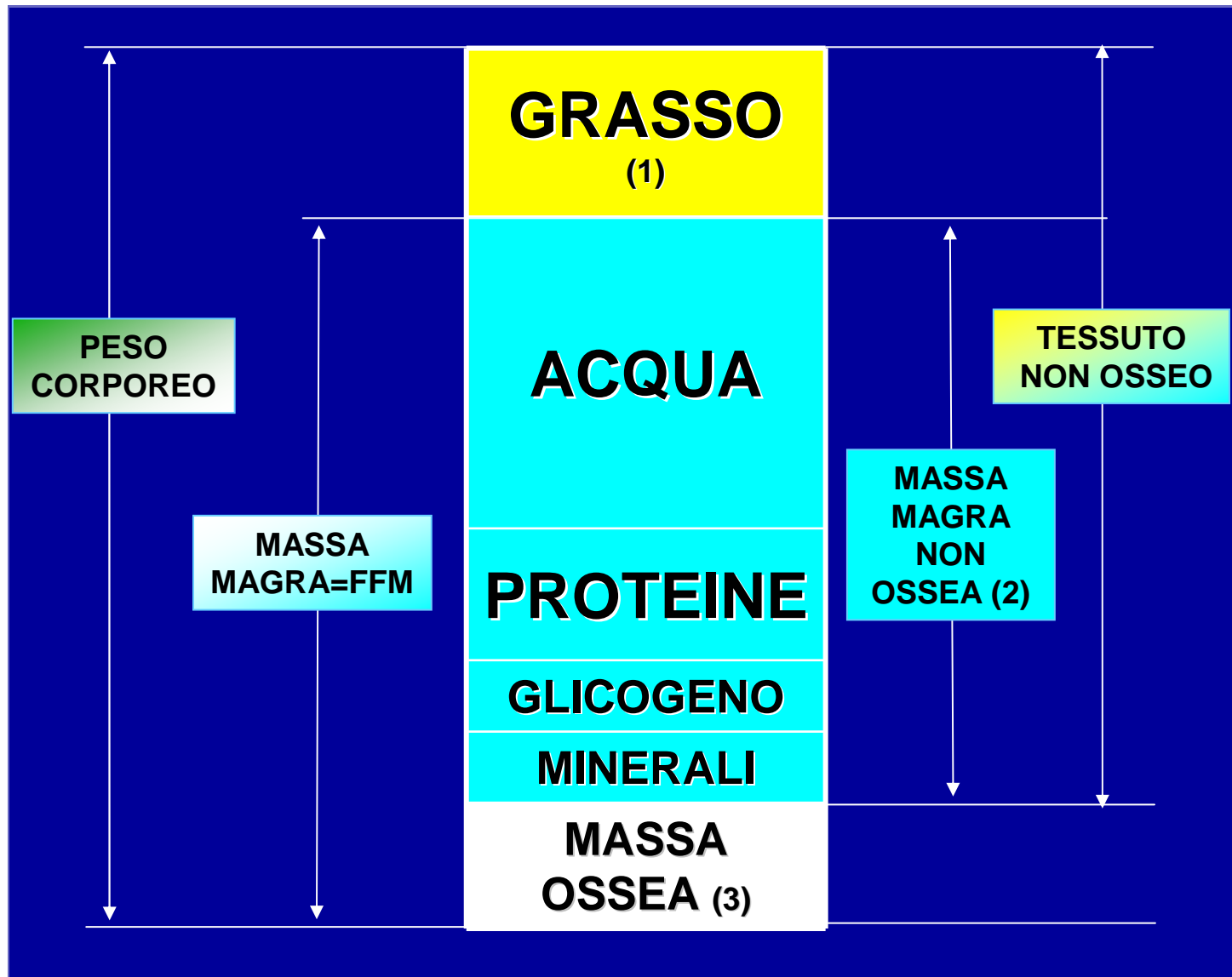
3- Low physical performance

Cruz-Jentoft Alfonso J et al Sarcopenia: European Consensus on Definition and Diagnosis. Report of the European Working Group on Sarcopenia in Older People- Age and Ageing,2010 ; 1-12

OBJECTIVES:

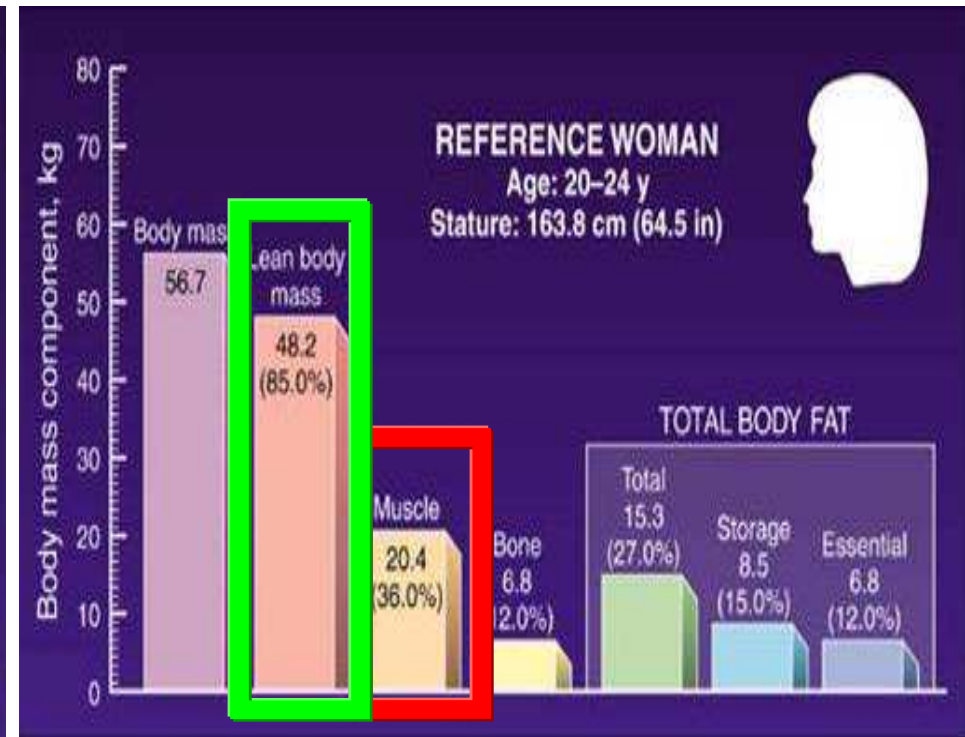
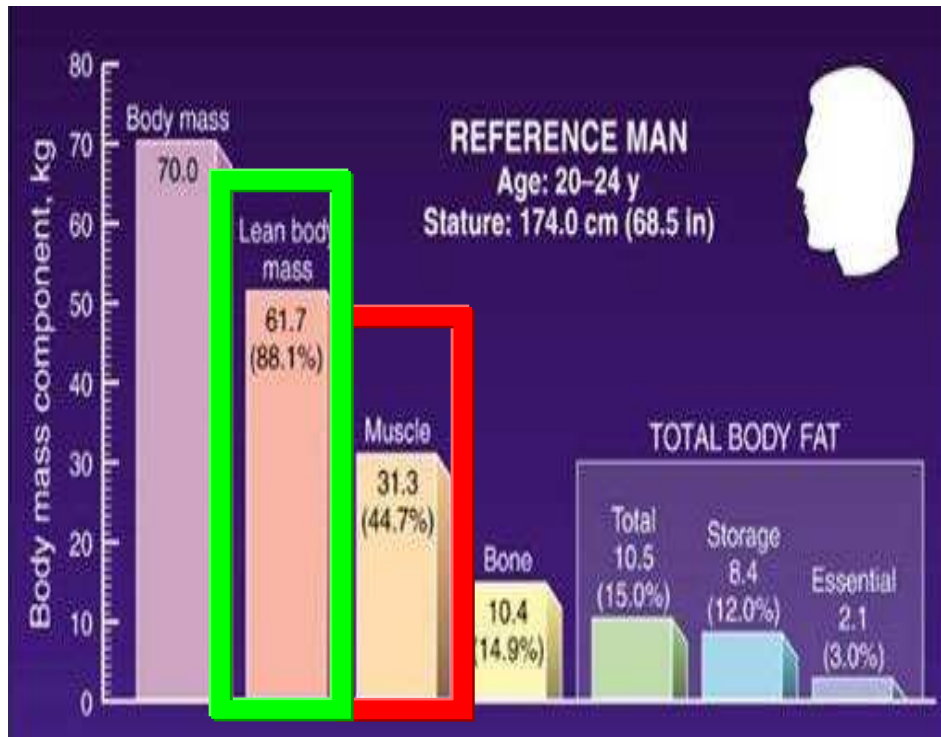
- Methods for muscle mass in vivo with muscle metabolites
- Nuclear techniques for quantifying muscle mass in vivo
- Bioelectrical Impedance analysis and Air-displacement plethysmography system
- Most used Radiographic methods for quantifying muscle mass in vivo

Modello a tre compartimenti, massa magra non ossea (2), massa grassa (1), massa ossea (3)



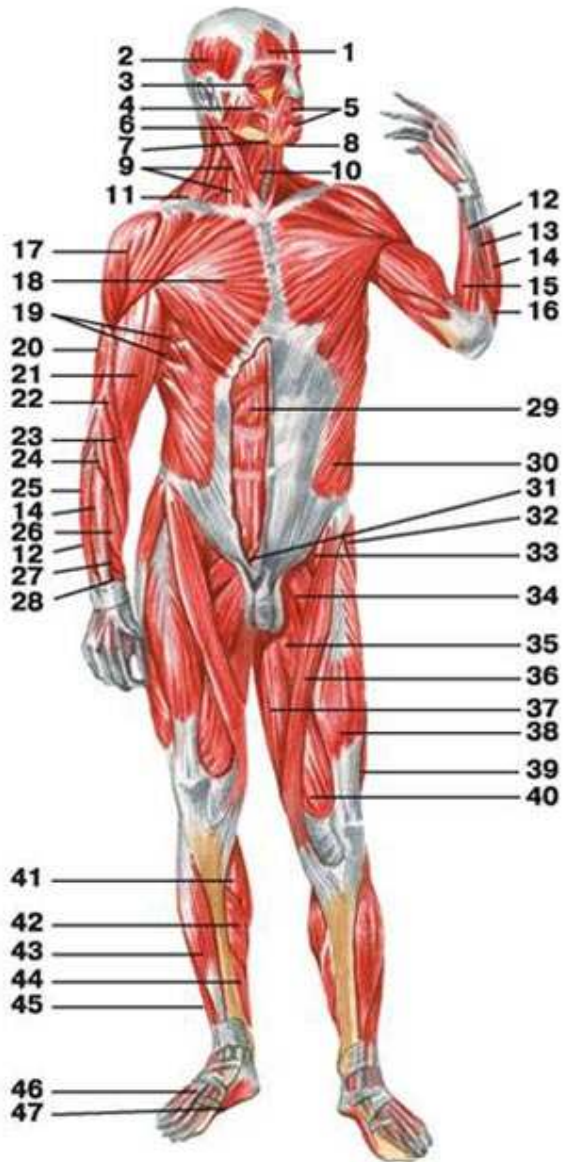
Adapted from Hoffman DJ et al. In press

The reference man and woman



International Commission on Radiological protection (ICRP);
Report of the task group on reference man. Oxford Pergamon Press

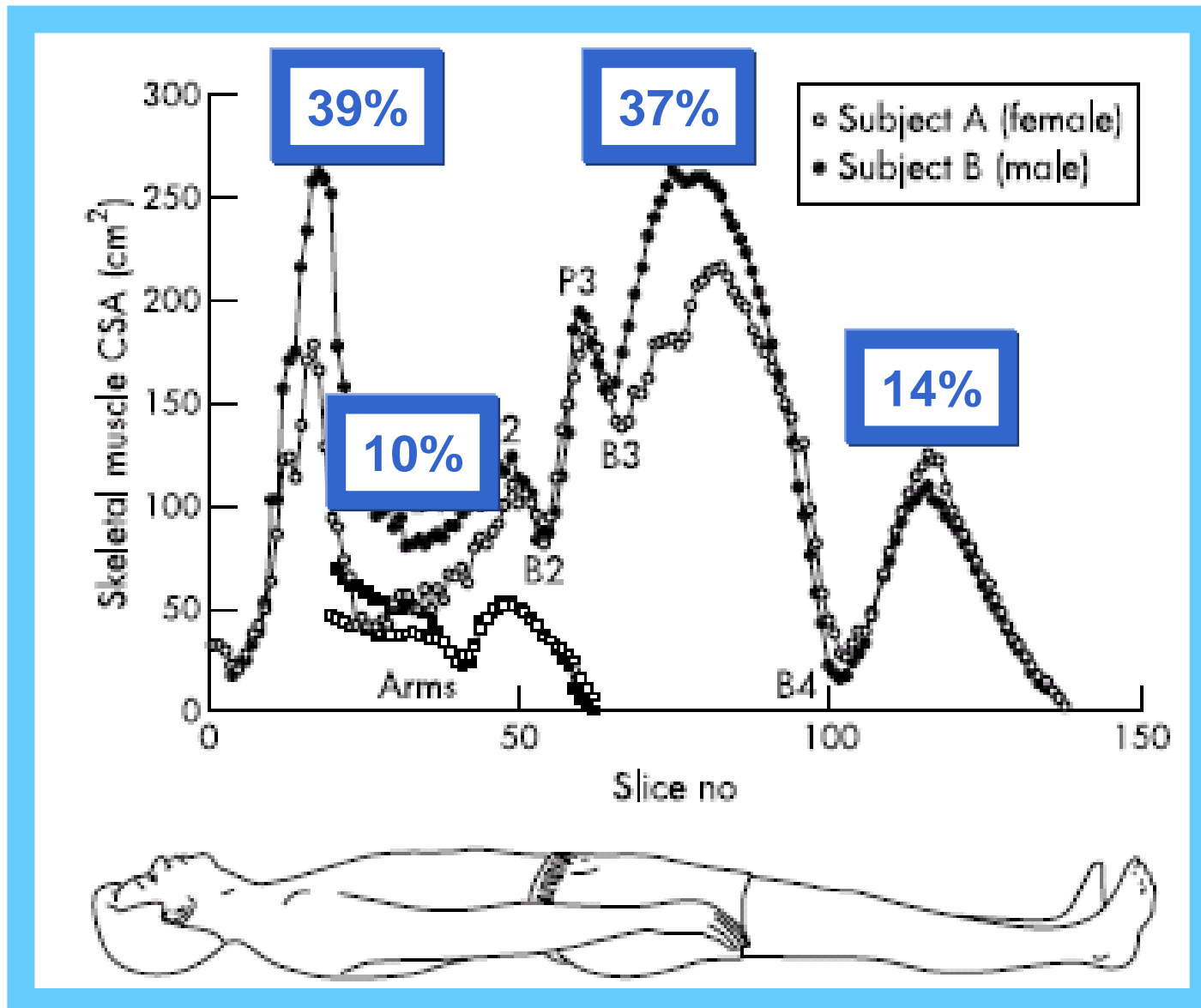
Massa Muscolare



- comprende massa muscolare scheletrica (400 muscoli) + liscia + cardiaca

- soprattutto nelle gambe, meno in braccia, tronco e testa

Distribution of skeletal muscle cross sectional area (MRI CSA) measurements per slice (10 men and 10 women)

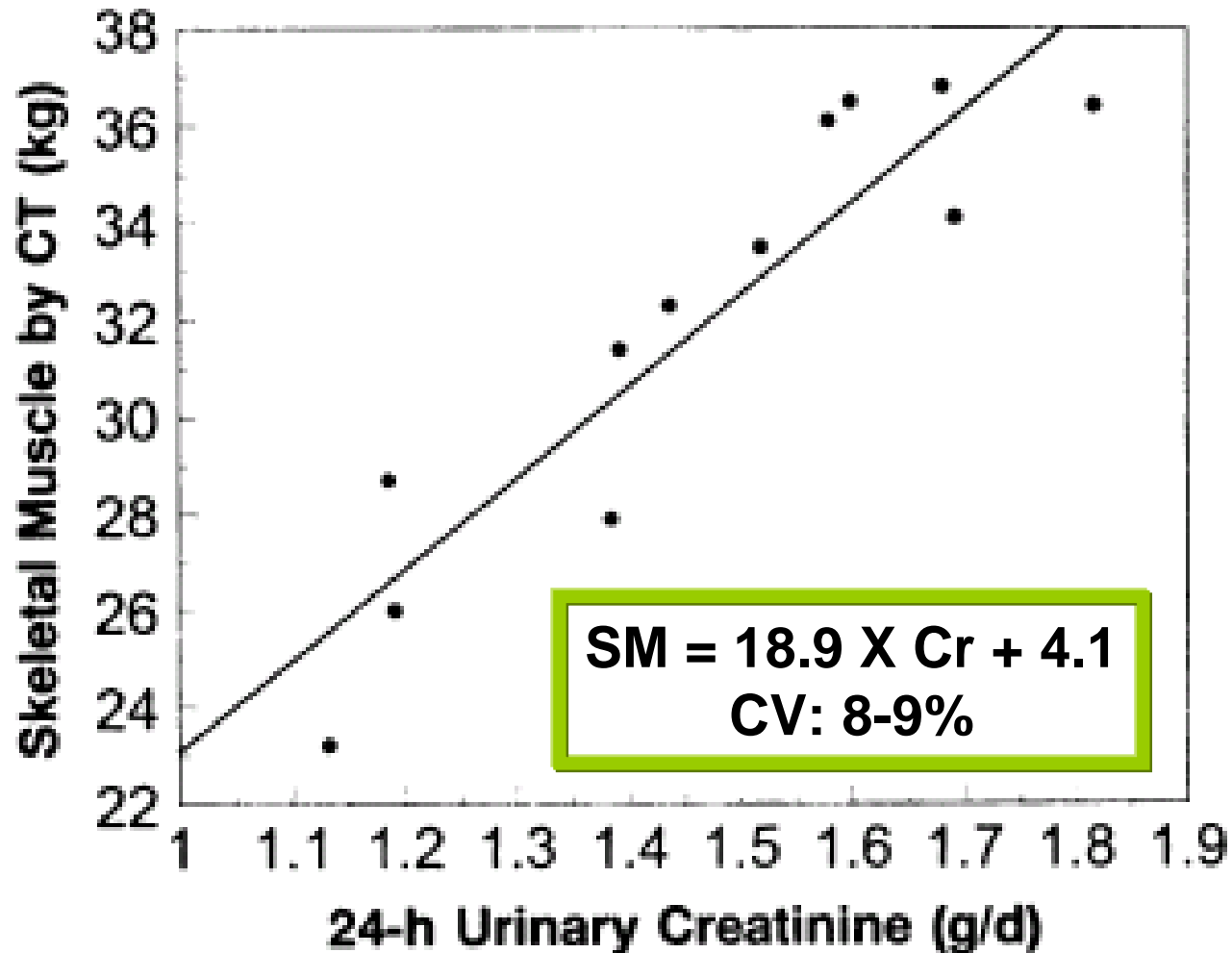


methods for muscle mass in vivo with muscle metabolites

- Creatinina
- 3-Metilistidina

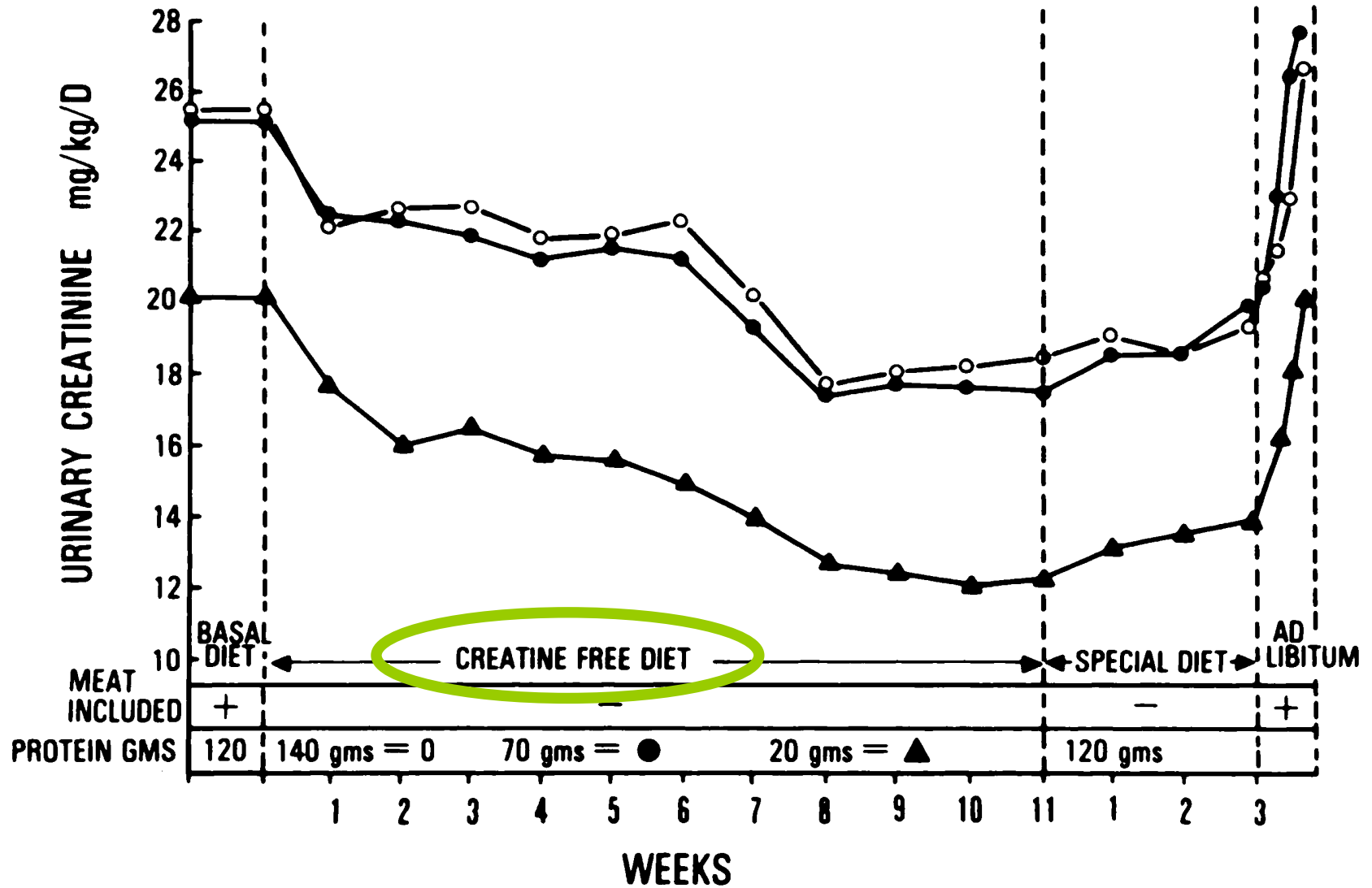
Relation between total-body skeletal muscle mass (SM) measured by computerized axial tomography (CT) and 24-h creatinine

 The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition



Influence of dietary protein and creatine on urinary creatinine excretion (n = 6).

The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition



Creatinina

- È un precursore della creatina a livello epatico e renale (Borsook and Dubnoff 1947).
- 1 grammo di creatinina escreta corrisponde a 18-20 kg massa muscolare (Talbot 1938; Cheek 1968)

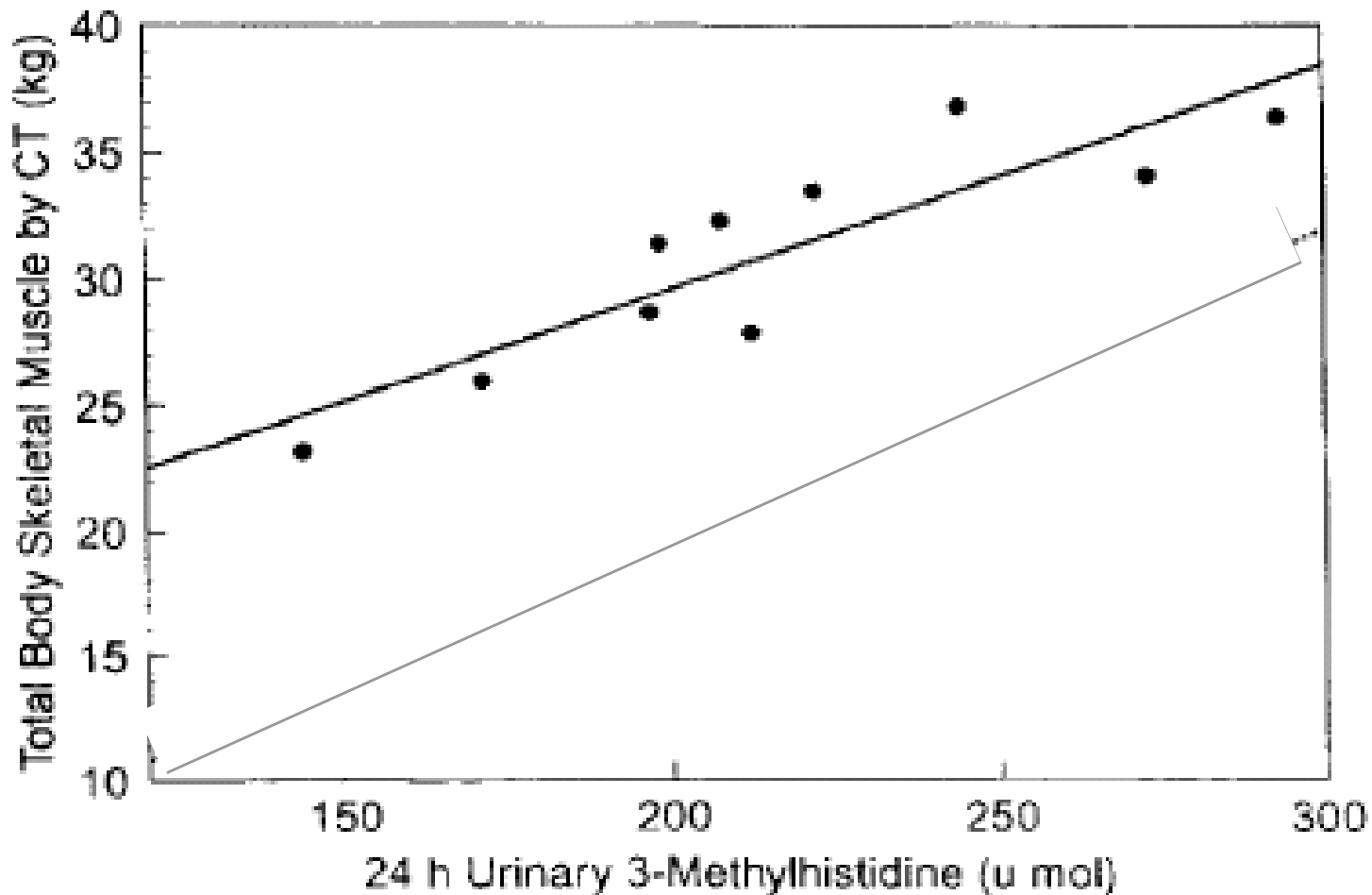
Limitazioni:

- C'è un'ampia variabilità individuale di escrezione di creatinina giornaliera in relazione in particolare all'introito alimentare.
- Altri fattori possono alterare la misurazione: età, sesso, livello di attività fisica e profilo metabolico.

3-Metilistidina

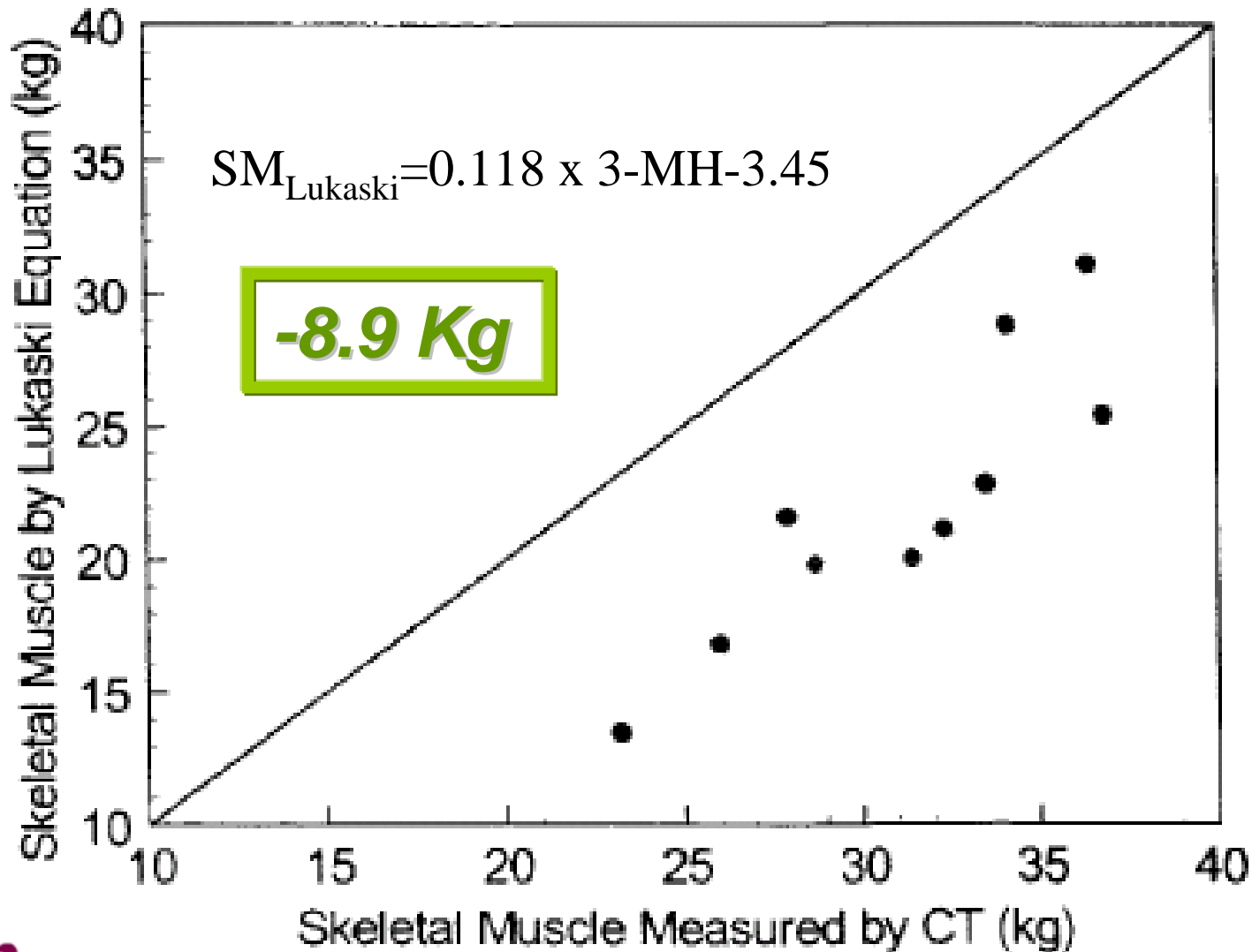
- 3-Metilistidina (3-MH) è un aminoacido che è misura del catabolismo delle proteine muscolari. La sua concentrazione nel muscolo umano è relativamente costante tra i 4 e i 65 anni, ma cala con la riduzione dell'escrezione urinaria legata all'età.

Total body skeletal muscle mass (SM. in kilograms) measured by computerized axial tomography (CT) (ordinate) vs 24-hour urinary 3-methylhistidine excretion (3-MH, W micromoles)(n = 10)



Wang Z et al. JPEN J Parenter Enteral Nutr 1998 22: 82

Total body skeletal muscle mass measured by the Lukaski equation (SM , in kilograms) on the ordinate vs total body skeletal muscle mass measured by multiscan computerized axial tomography (CT) method



3-MH

Limitazioni:

- L'uso di 3-MH come marker di massa muscolare è stata criticata in considerazione della potenziale influenza del turnover di proteine non muscolari (Rennie and Millward 1983).
- È stato evidenziato contributo di proteine provenienti da cute e tratto gastrointestinale rispetto all'escrezione urinaria di 3MH.
- La misurazione richiede dieta priva di carne per permettere l'eliminazione di quota endogena di 3-MH.

Nuclear techniques for quantifying muscle mass in vivo

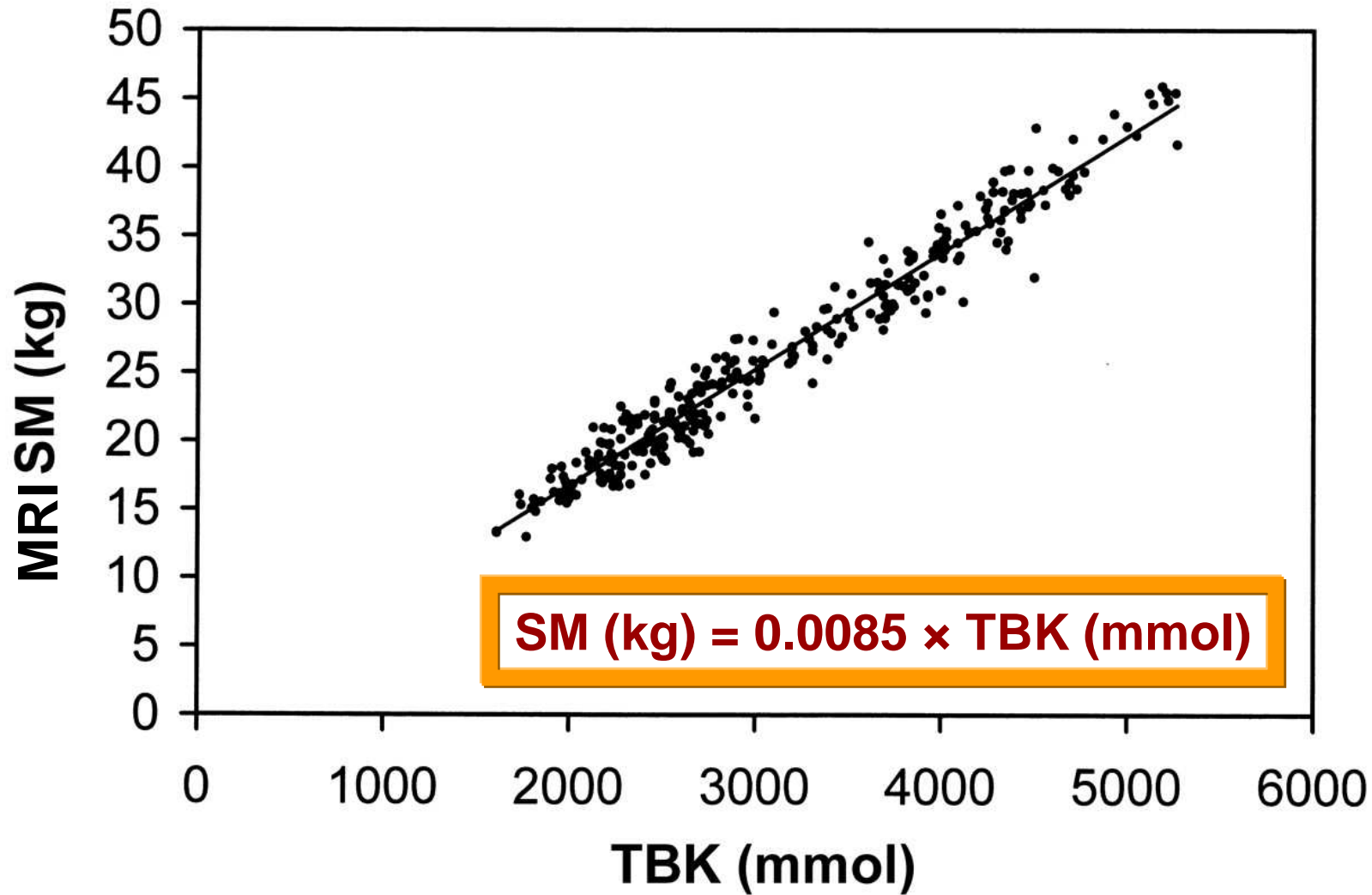
- Total body potassium

K^{40} - Whole Body Counting

- K^{40} emette radiazione gamma
- Usando contatori total body la quantità di radiazioni emesse può essere determinata
- Assunzioni:
 - frazione costante di K^{40} nel potassio corporeo (0.0118%)
 - frazione costante di potassio nella massa non grassa

Total-body skeletal muscle (SM) measured by magnetic resonance imaging plotted against total body potassium (TBK) measured by whole-body 40K counting.

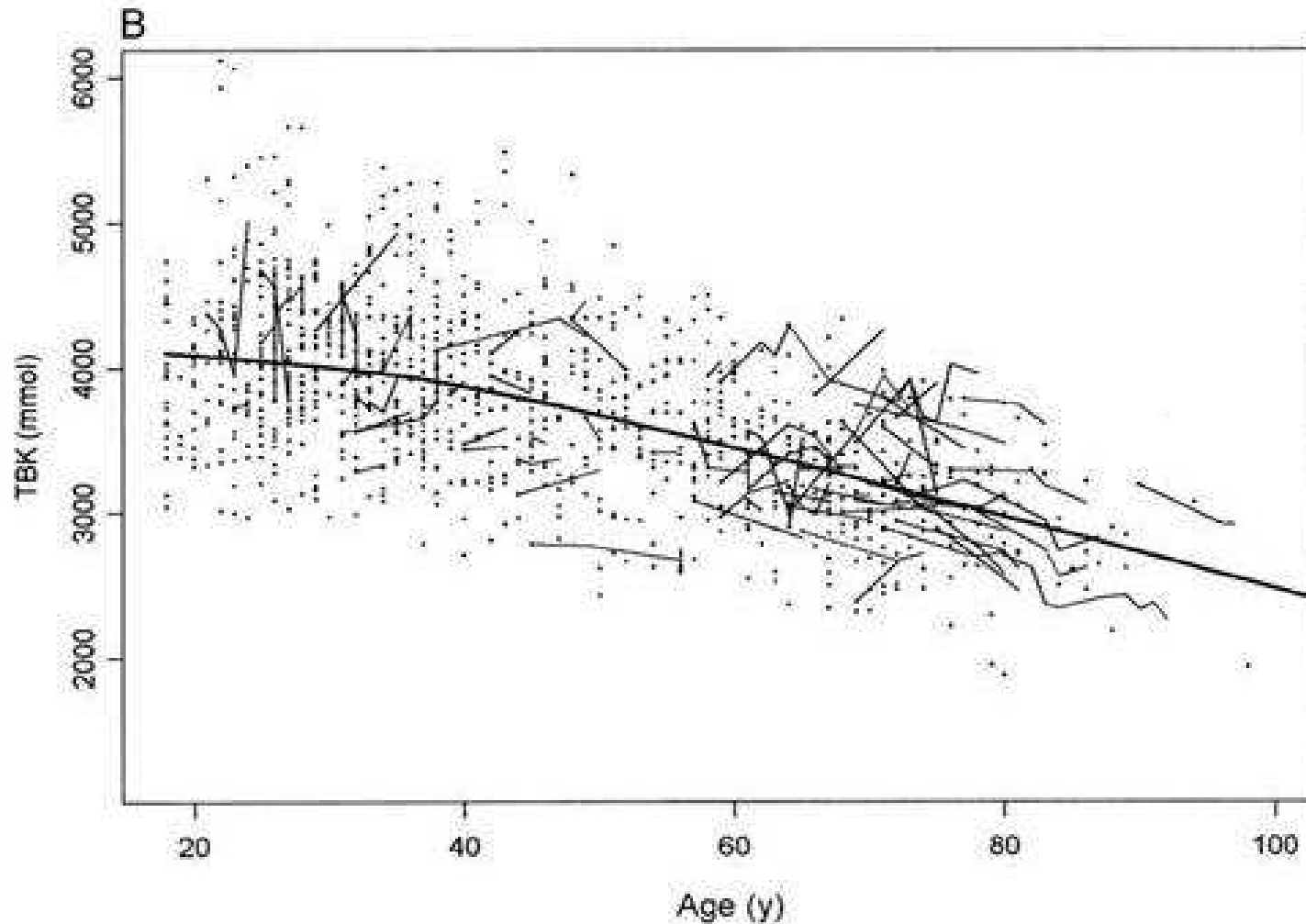
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Changes in total body potassium (TBK) with age in 973 men (1200 observations).

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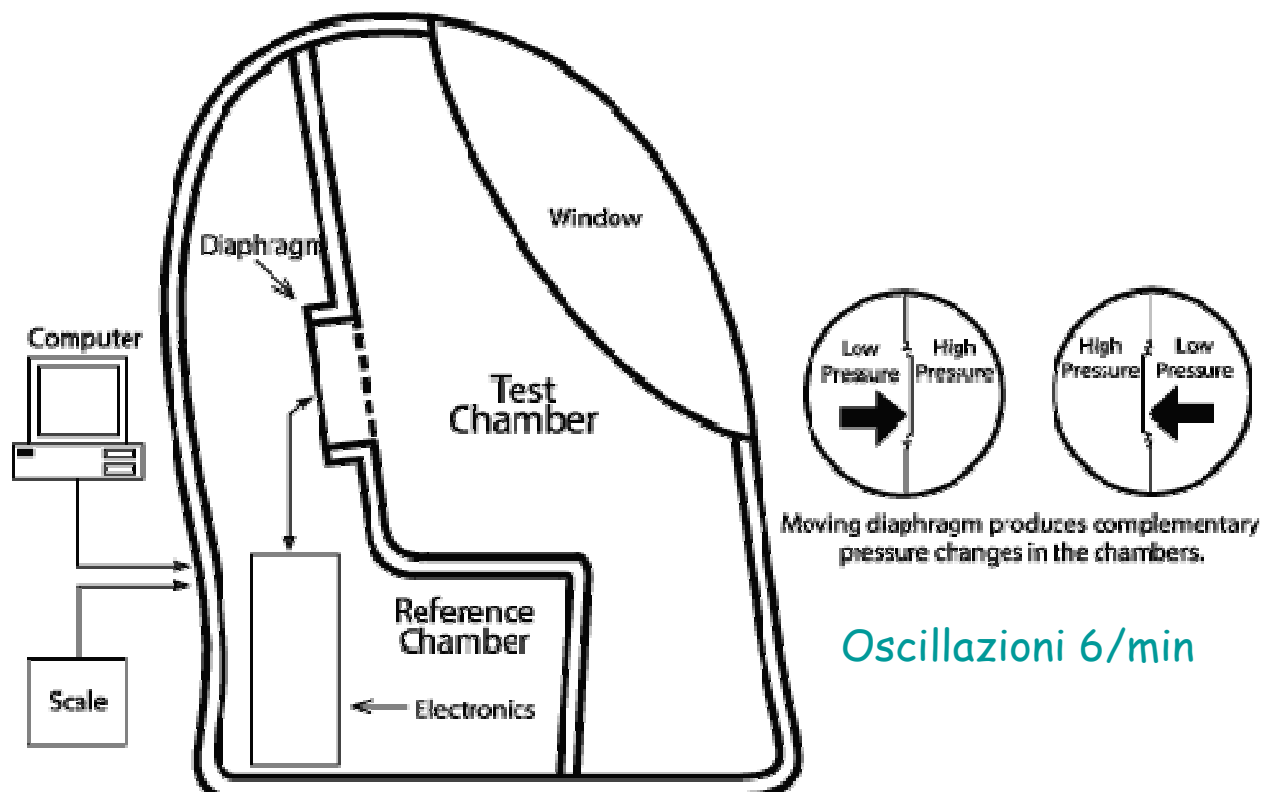
K⁴⁰ - Whole Body Counting

- Tecnica non invasiva non richiede digiuno
- Dai 20 ai 40 minuti ad esame.
- Precisione: 5% per gli adulti. 8-12% nei bambini.
- 180 centri al mondo (la metà negli USA).
- Costo dipende da età della popolazione esaminata
- Costo dell'esame nell'adulto \$10,000-15,000.
- Costo di camera schermata dove eseguire l'esame è di \$80,000.

Most used methods for quantifying muscle mass in vivo

- Air-displacement plethysmography system
- Bioelectrical Impedance analysis

Air-Displacement Plethysmography (BOD POD)



Principio fisico: legge dei gas di Boyle e Mariotte

A temperatura costante il volume (V) occupato da una determinata massa è inversamente proporzionale alla pressione cui quella massa è sottoposta

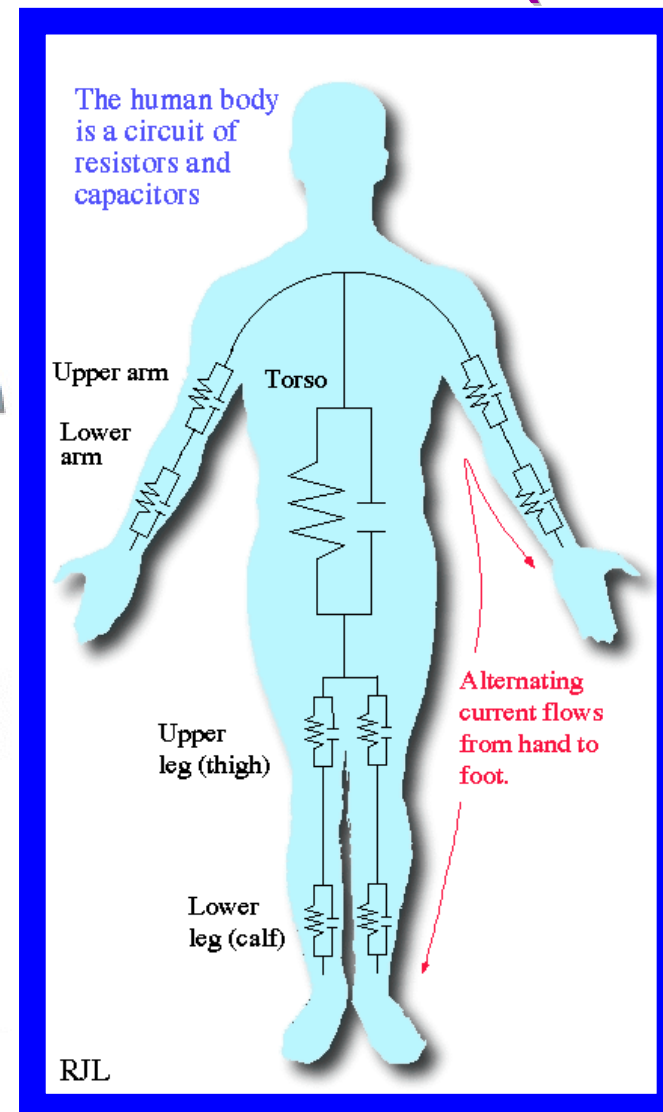
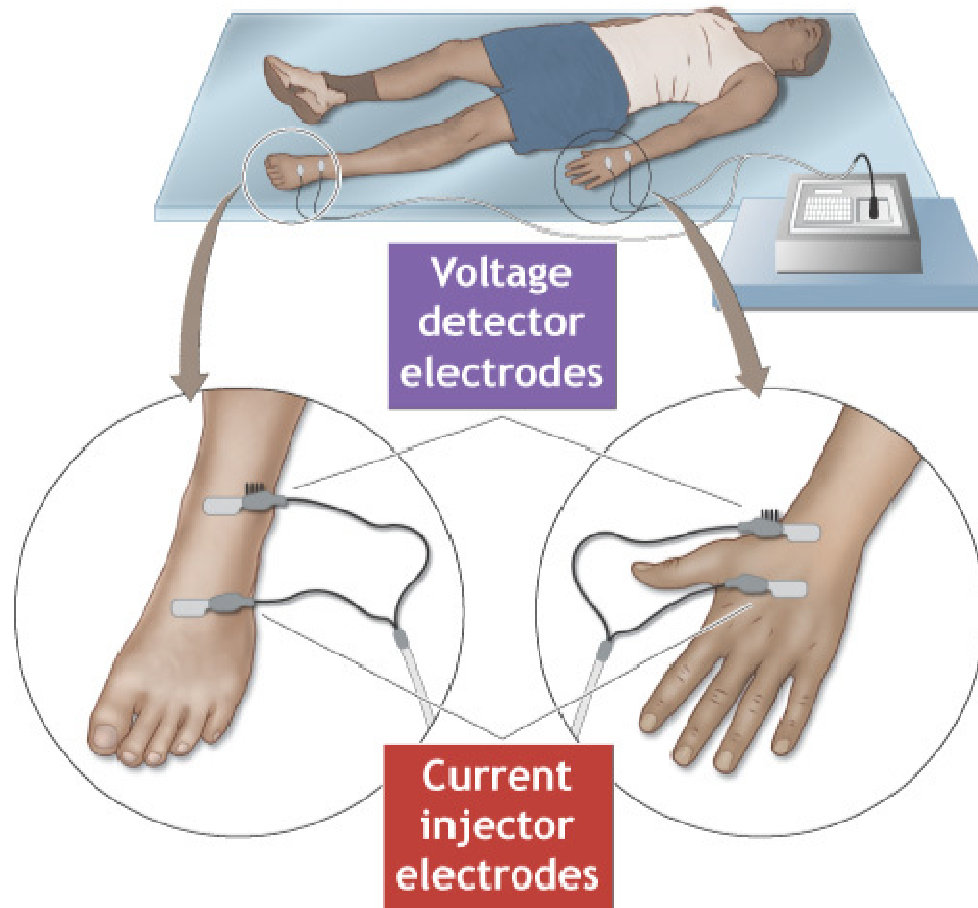
**Calcola il volume, quindi il PS; per ottenere la massa adiposa si usa la Formula di SIRI: Massa adiposa% = $(4950/\text{densità}-4,5)100$
Dove: densità FM = 900 kg/m^3 ; densità FFM= 1100 kg/m^3**

Air-Displacement Plethysmography (BOD POD)

Vantaggi e svantaggi

- Range di errore è dell' 2% simile alla bilancia idrostatica
- Richiede 5 minuti
- Può ospitare soggetti fino ai 400 kg
- È formula dipendente
- Scarsa trasportabilità ed estremamente costosa

Bioelectrical impedance assessment (BIA)

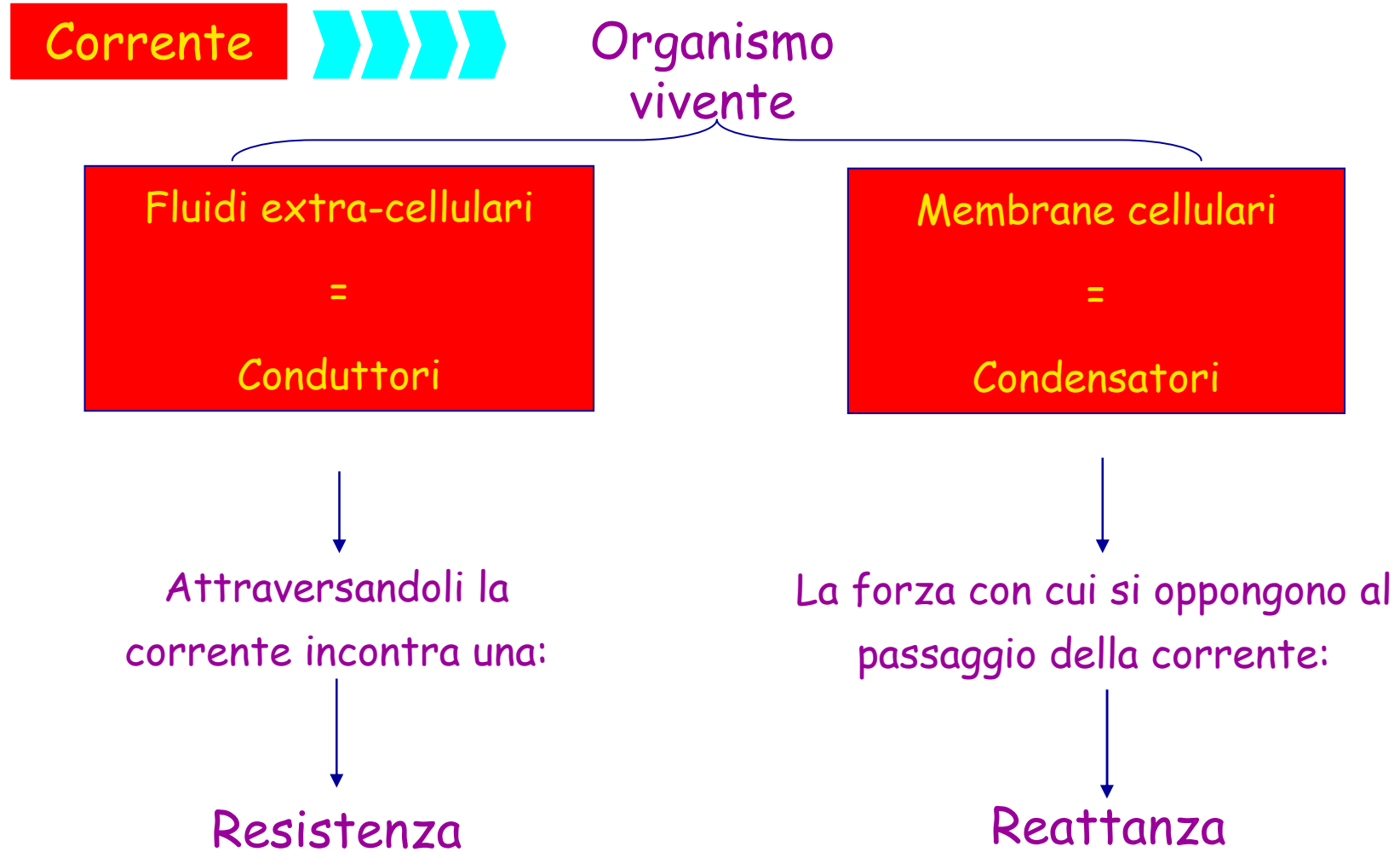


- Sviluppato negli anni 60
- Una corrente a basso voltaggio (50 kHz 800 μ A max) viene fatta passare attraverso il corpo del paziente

Janssen I,
J Appl Physiol 2001

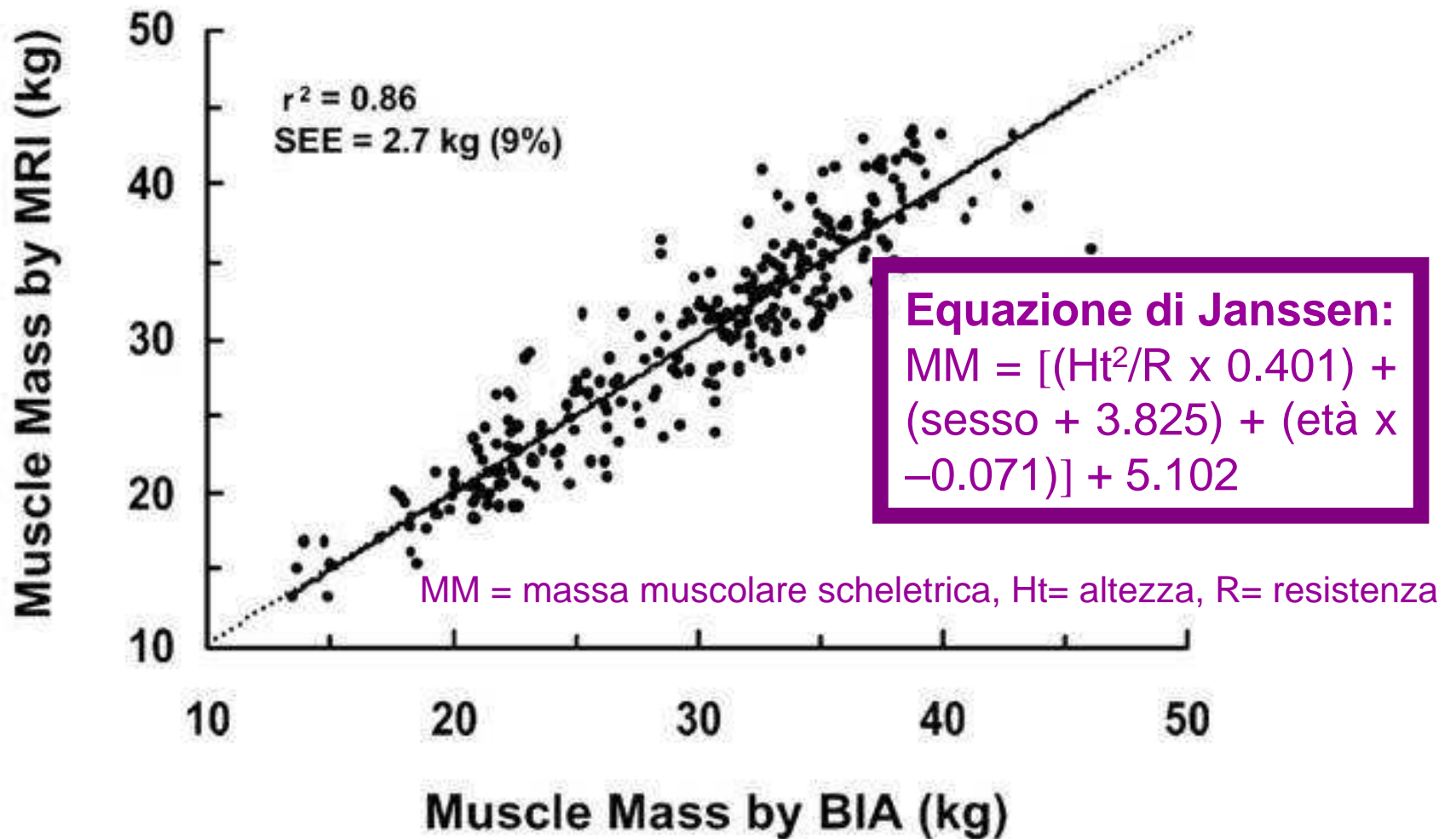
BIOIMPEDENZIOMETRIA: modello bicompartimentale

Consente di stimare l' Acqua Corporea Totale



Resistenza è maggiore nel tessuto grasso (14-22% acqua)
Conduttanza è maggiore nel tessuto magro (73% acqua) che quindi offrirà minore resistenza

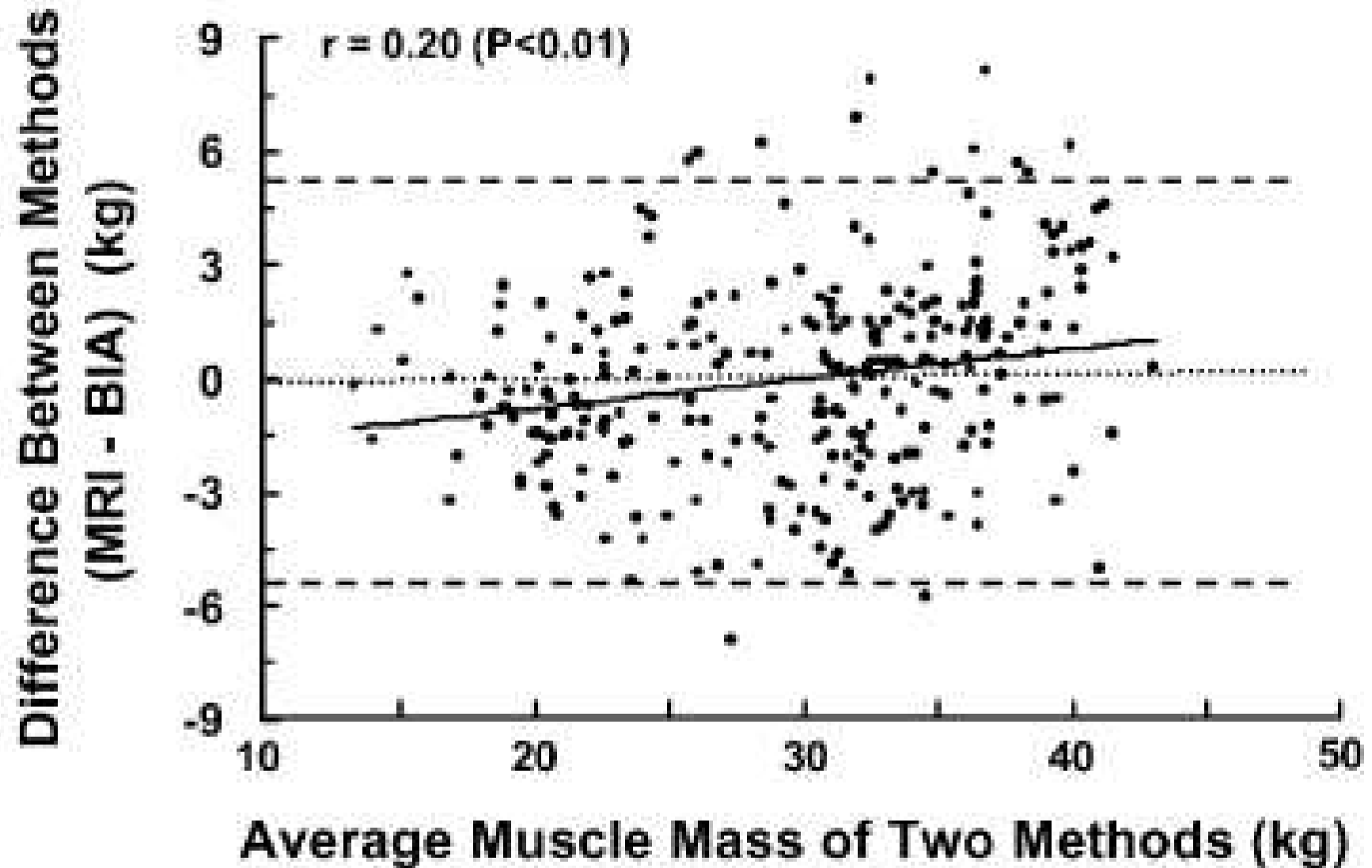
Correlation of skeletal muscle mass as evaluated on the basis of the regression equation derived and measured with MRI (388 men and women, aged 18–86 yr)



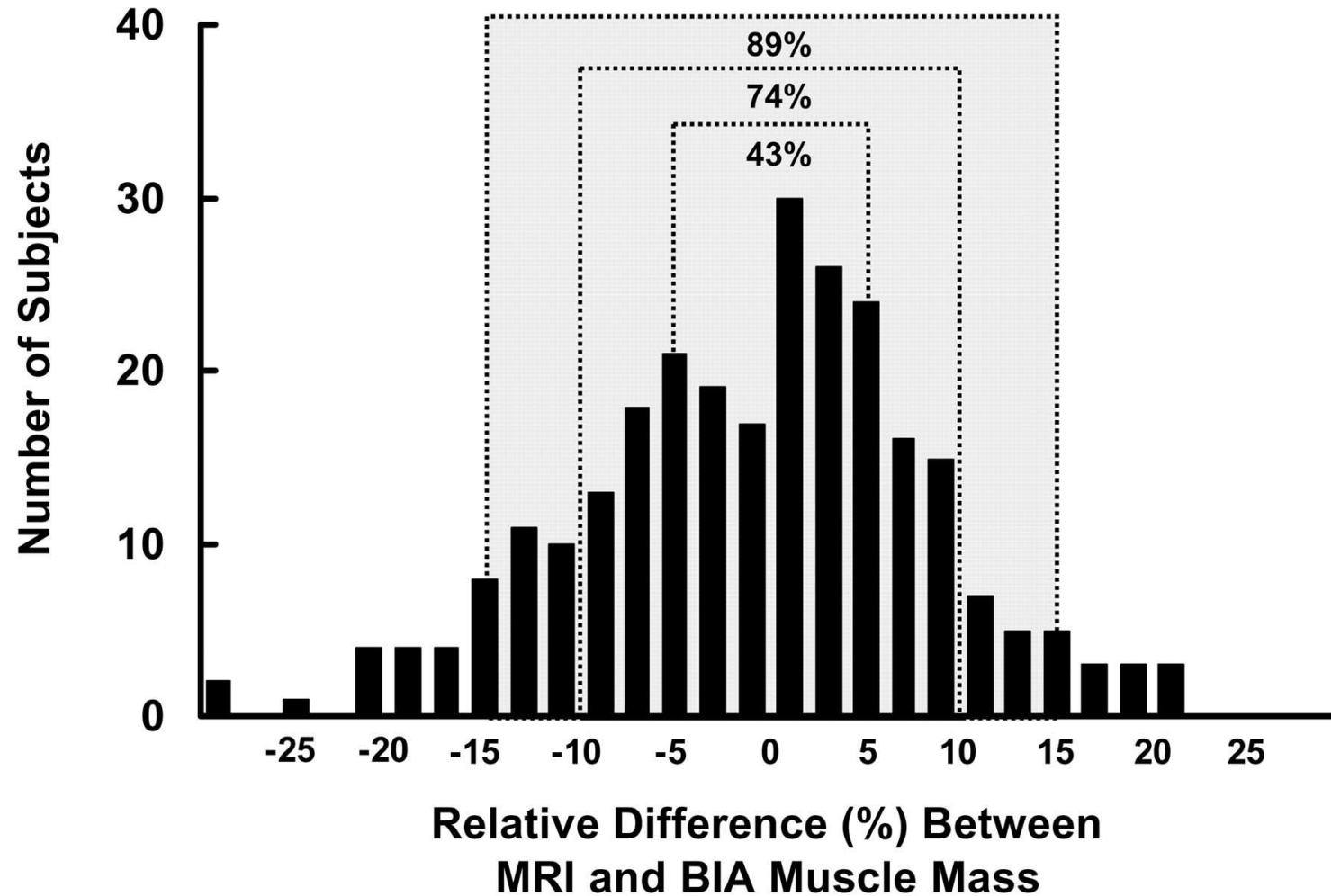
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Difference between skeletal muscle mass measured by MRI and BIA vs. average skeletal muscle mass measured by the 2 methods for the Caucasian subjects.



Distribution of relative differences between MRI-measured and BIA-predicted skeletal muscle mass within the Caucasian subjects.



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Vantaggi della BIA

- non è richiede molta esperienza ed abilità
- strumentazione è portatile
- investimento e spese di manutenzione relativamente basse
- misurazione sul paziente è indolore e rapida

Svantaggi della BIA

- altamente influenzata dallo stato di idratazione del soggetto
- influenzata da temperatura ambientale
- Non permette di distinguere massa magra appendicolare
- è formula dipendente

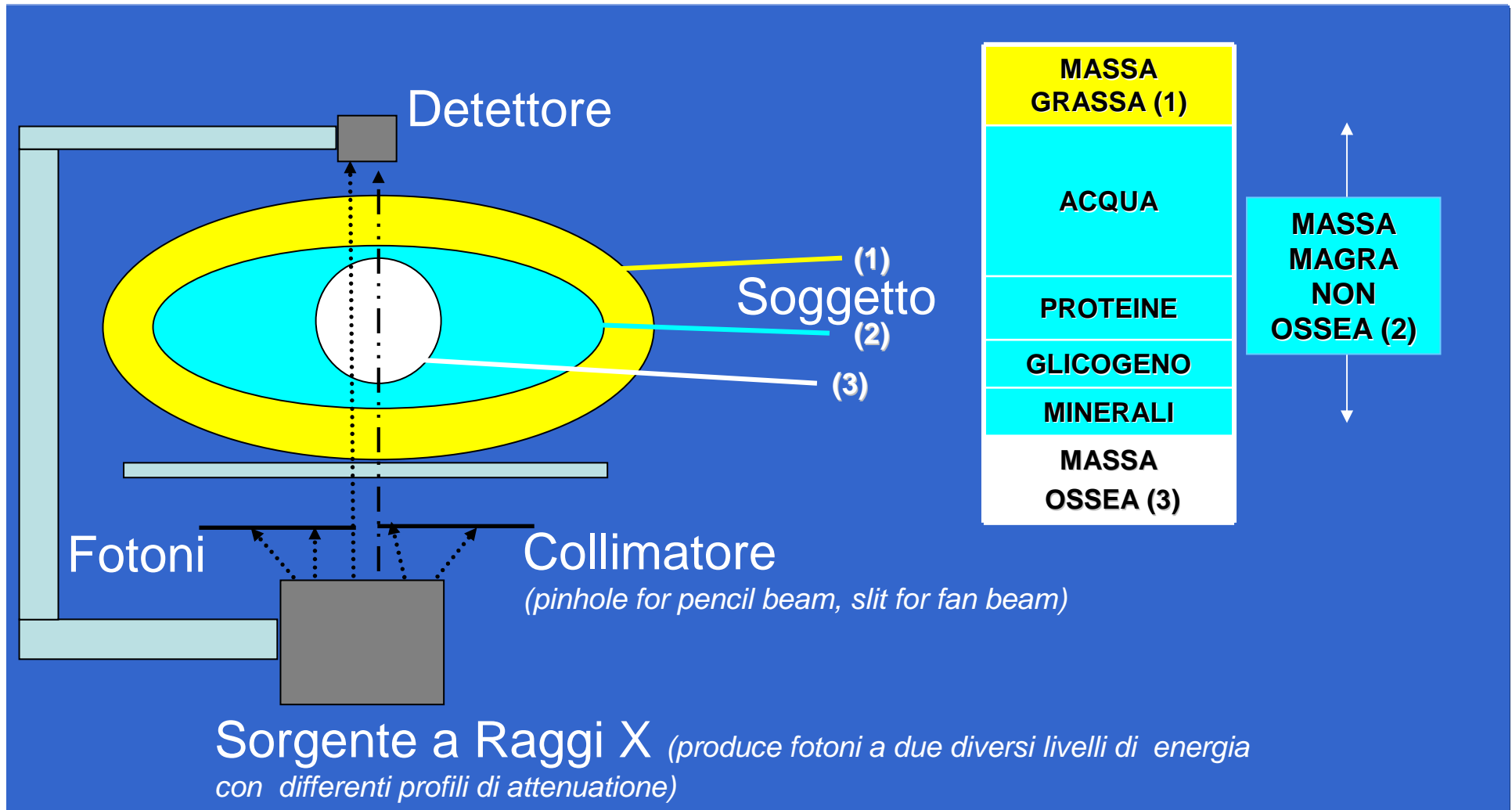
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- Dual Energy X-ray absorptiometry
- Computed Tomography
- Magnetic Resonance

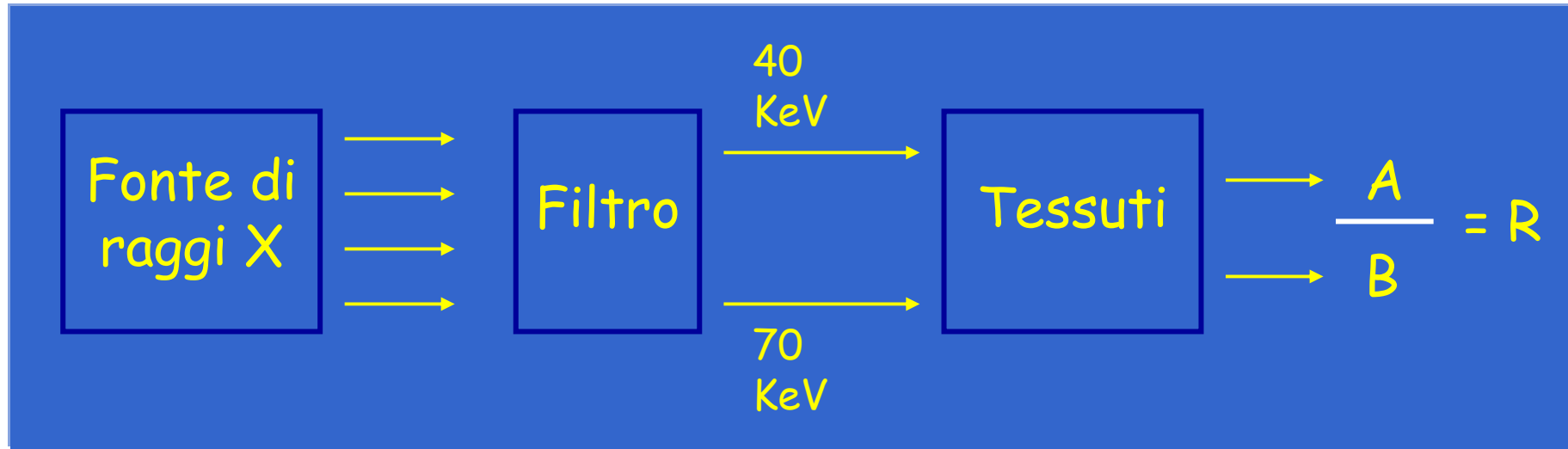
Dual energy X-Ray absorptiometry DXA



Dual Energy X-ray Absorptiometry

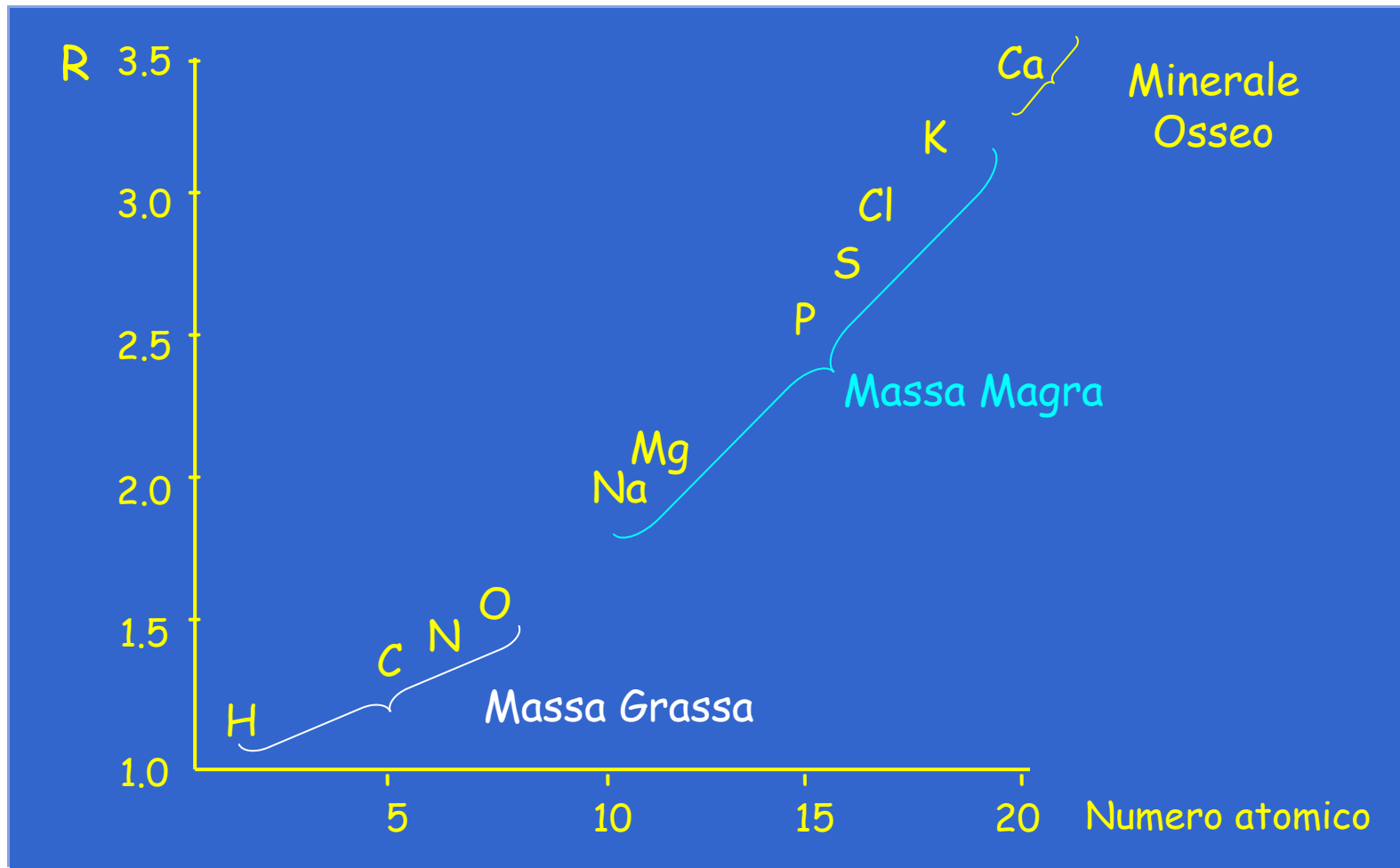


Dual-energy X-ray Absorpiometry (DXA)



dove R rapporto fra il valore di attenuazione subito dal raggio a più bassa energia (A) e quello subito dal raggio a energia più elevata (B). Tale rapporto risulta tanto più elevato quanto più alto è il numero atomico della sostanza attraversata.

Dual-energy X-ray Absorpiometry (DXA)



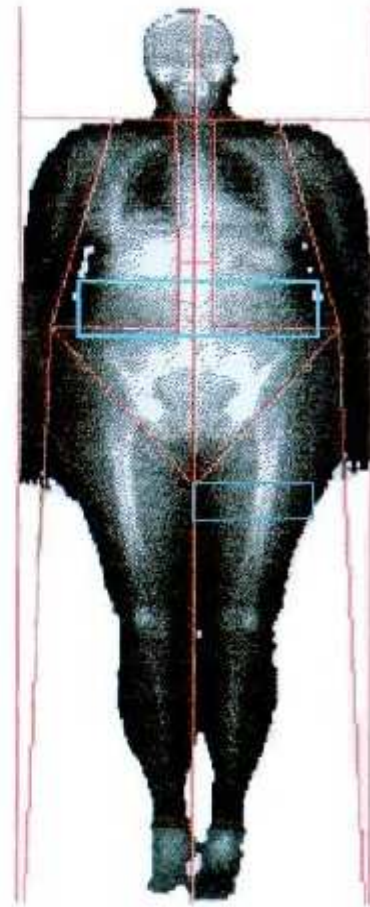
I trigliceridi (= massa grassa), essendo costituiti da H, C e O, hanno il minimo valore di R; i liquidi intra ed extra-cellulari (=massa magra), contenenti Na, K e Cl, hanno valori di R intermedi. L'osso minerale e i cristalli di idrossiapatite hanno i valori più elevati di R.

TOTAL BODY Dual-energy X-ray Absorpiometry (DXA)

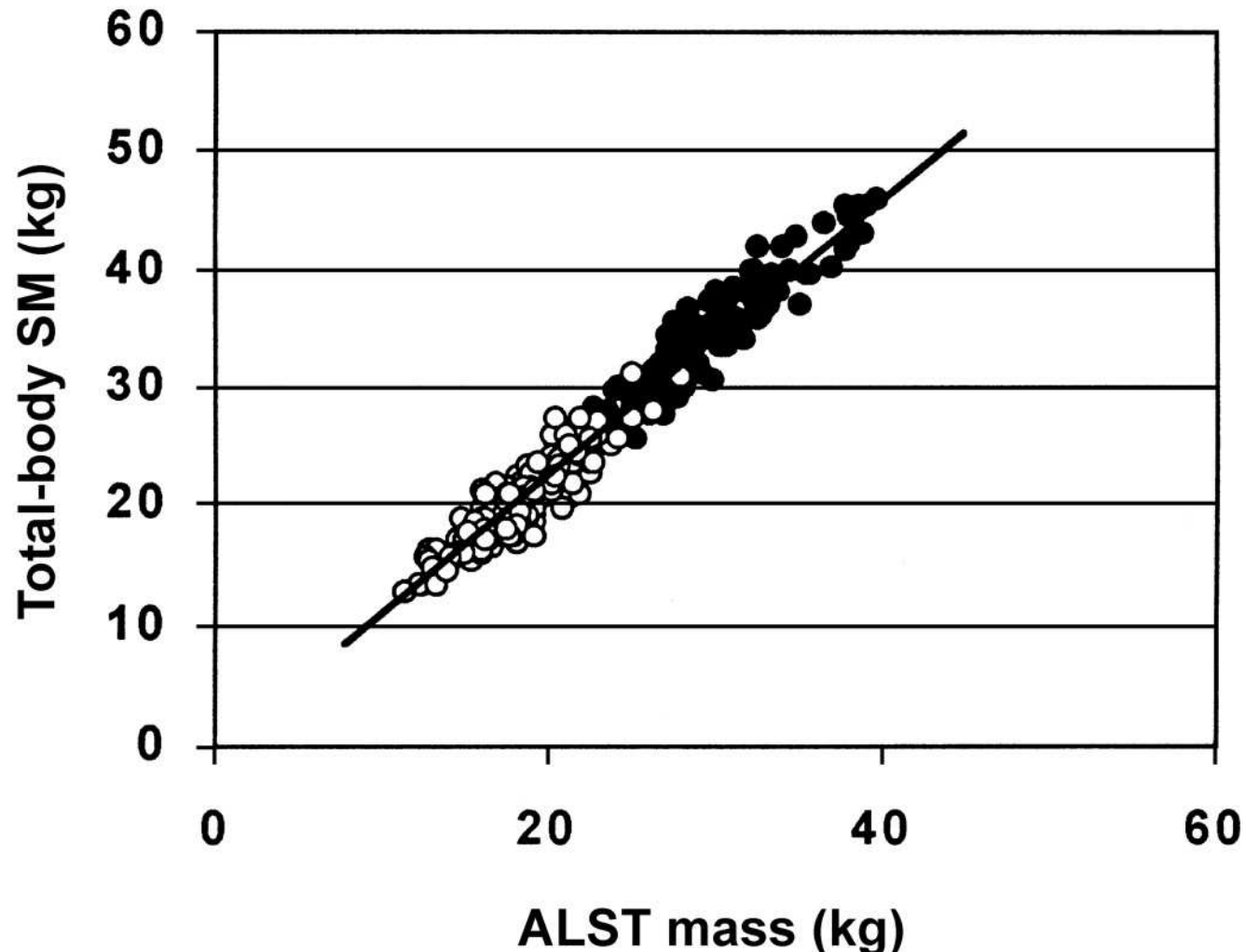
Total body. Women
59 kg, BMI 22.6



Total body. Women
kg 104, BMI 34

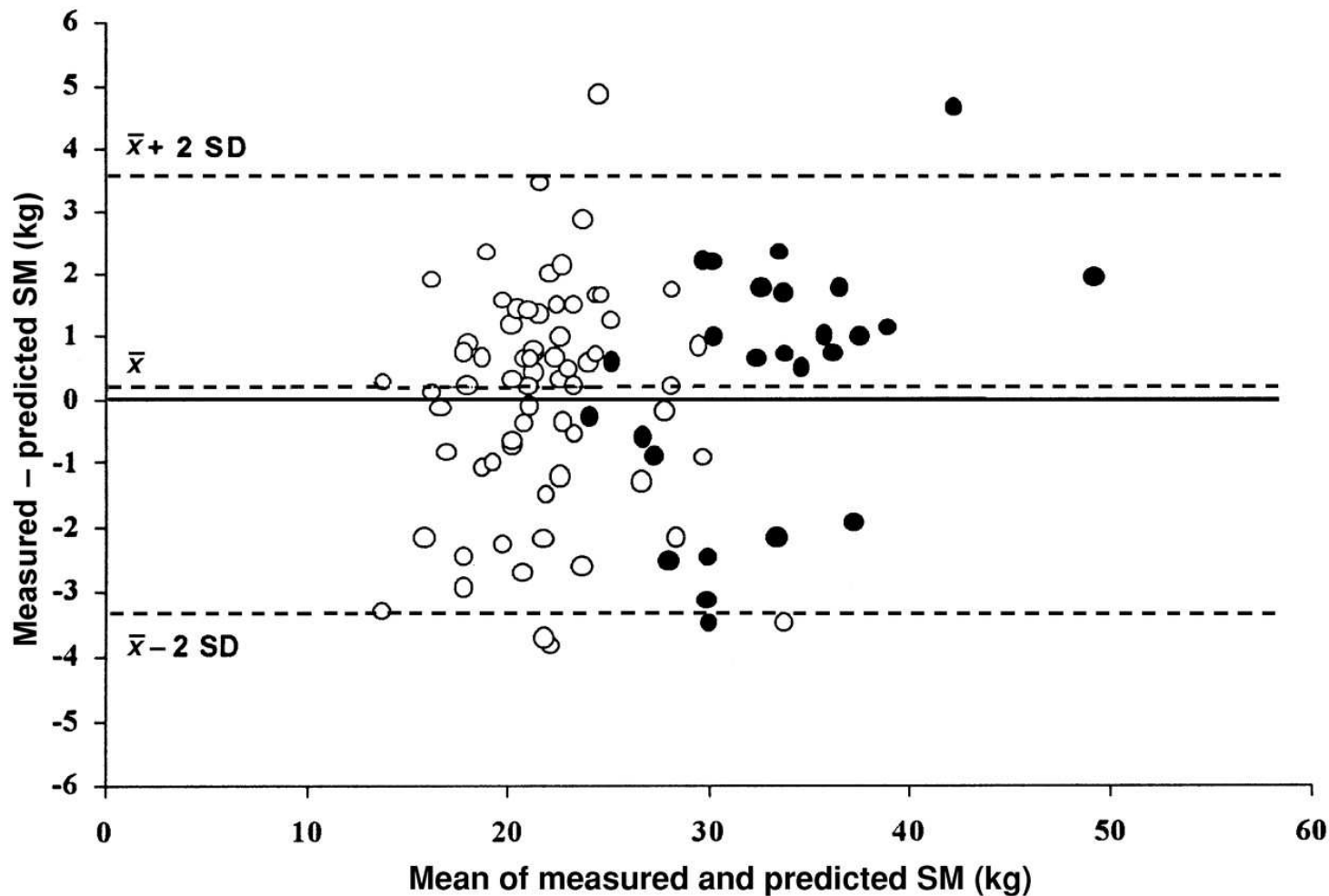


Correlation between total-body skeletal muscle (SM) mass estimated by *magnetic resonance imaging* and appendicular lean soft tissue (ALST) mass estimated by *dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry* in men (•) and women (○) in the model-development group.



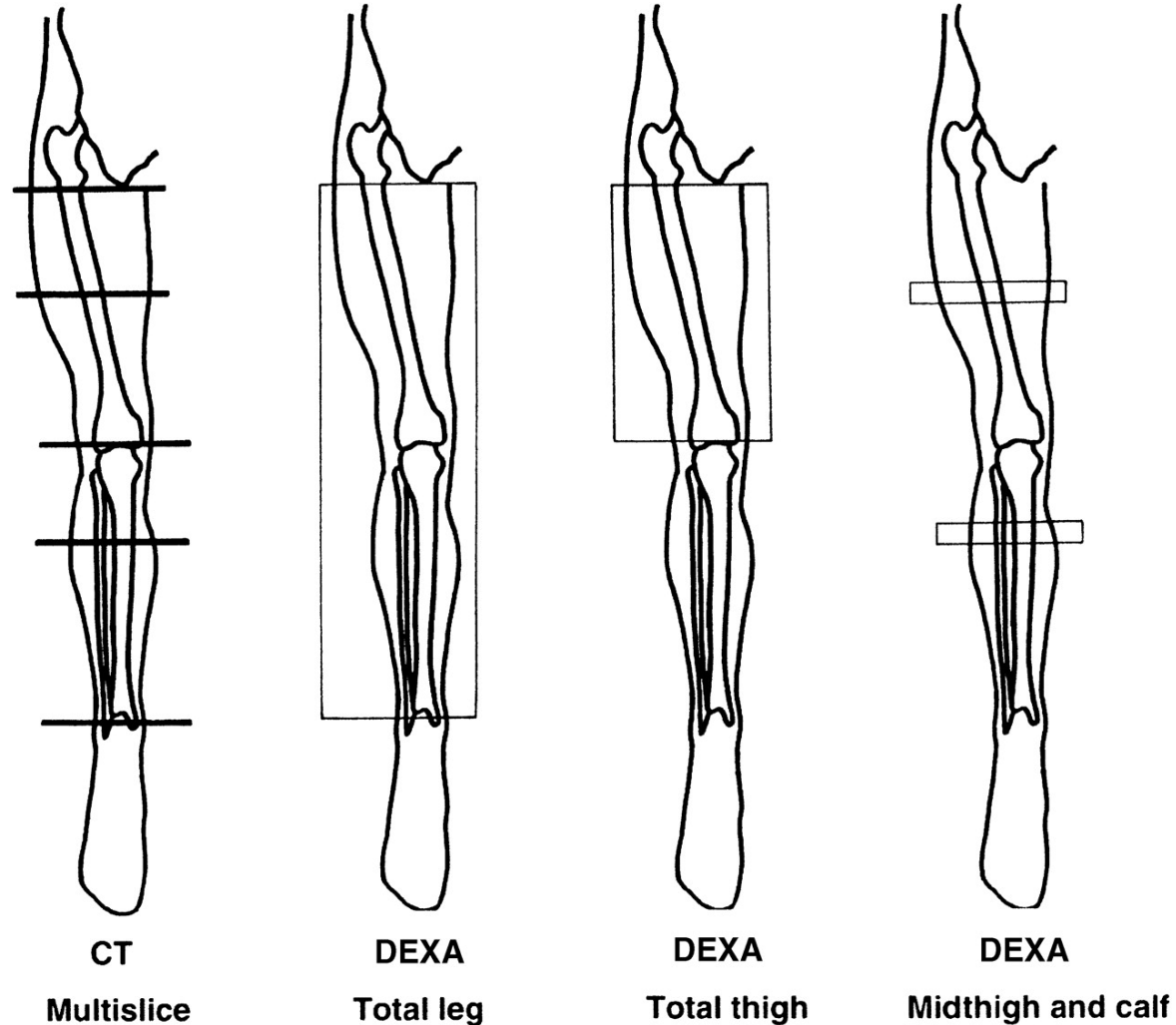
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Correlation between the difference in measured and predicted total-body skeletal muscle (SM) mass and the mean of measured and predicted SM mass in men (•) and women (○) in the model-validation group.



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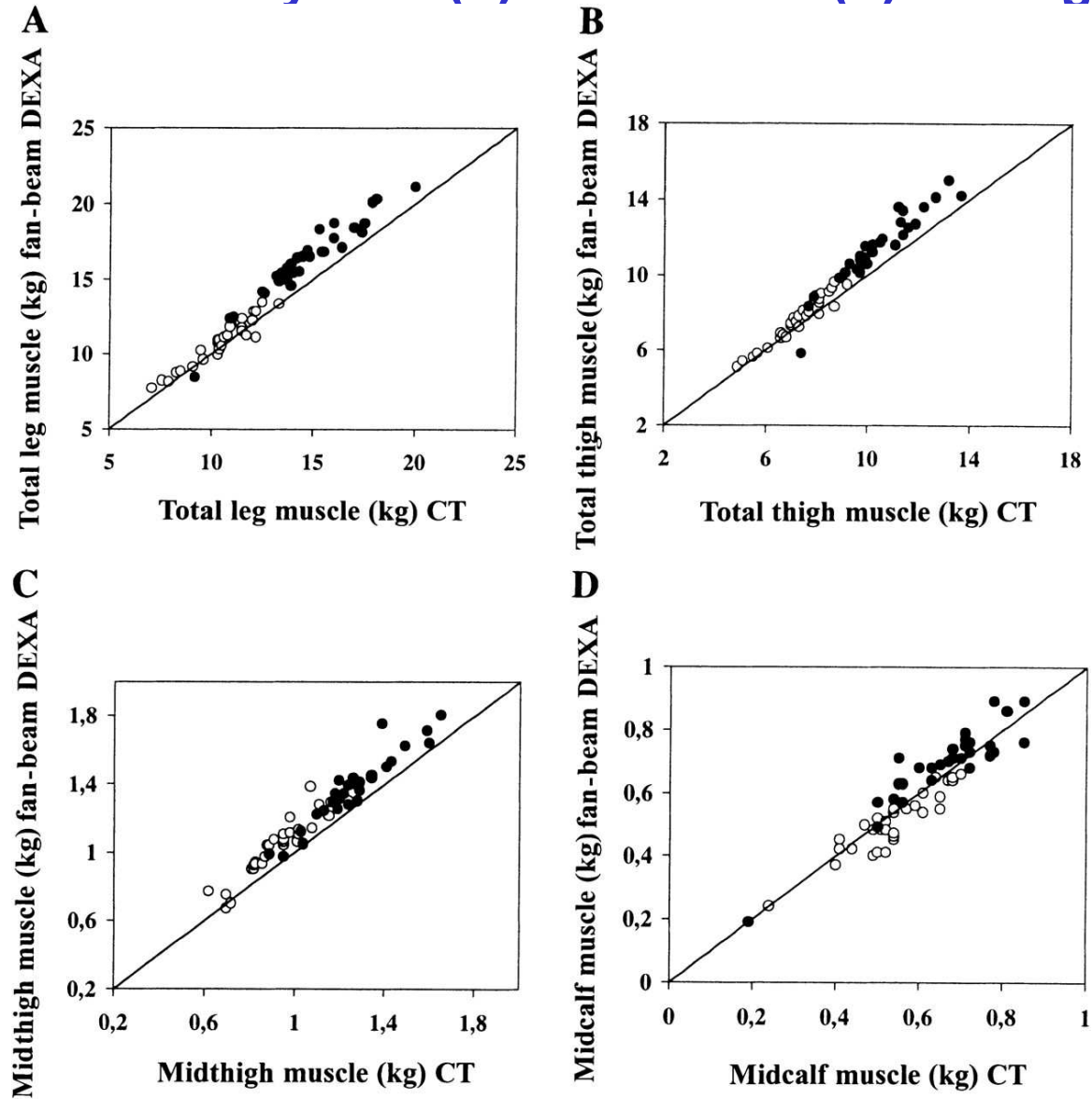
Location of computed tomography (CT) slices and areas used in dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA) scan analysis to measure leg skeletal muscle mass.



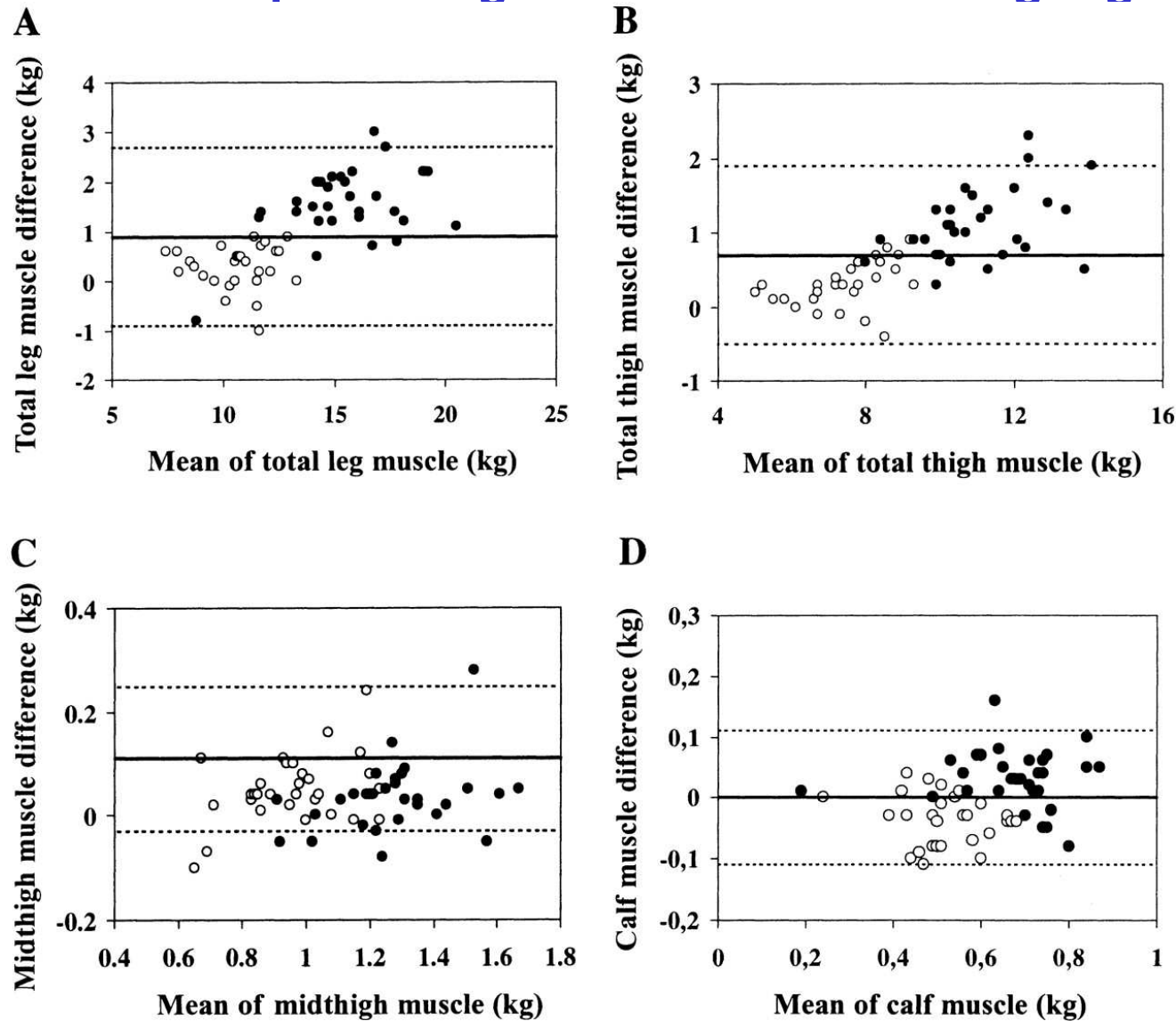
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A–D: relationship between muscle mass by fan-beam DEXA and by multislice CT in elderly men (●) and women (○) at 4 leg regions.



A–D: difference in muscle mass between fan-beam DEXA and by multislice CT plotted against the mean at 4 leg regions.



Weight and dimensions limits of different DXA models

Manufacturer/ Densitometer	Weight Limit Kg (lb)	Table Dimensions cm
GE Lunar iDXA (2010)	182 Kg	287 × 132
GE Lunar Prodigy	136 (300)	197.5 × 60
GE Lunar DPX-MD	136 (300)	196.8 × 57.6
Hologic QDR series	136 (300)	195.6 × 65- 67
Hologic Discovery Series (2010)	204 Kg	195 × 65
Norland XR-46	114 (250)	193 × 64
Norland XR-36	114 (250)	193 × 64

Comparison between Dexa Hologic QDR 2000 and 4500

TABLE 1. TOTAL BODY COMPOSITION RESULTS USING PENCIL-BEAM AND FAN-BEAM HOLOGIC DXA INSTRUMENTS

<i>Scan mode</i>	<i>BMD</i> (g/cm ²)	<i>BMC</i> (g)	<i>Fat</i> (kg)	<i>Lean</i> (kg)	<i>%fat</i>	<i>Wt_{DXA}</i> (kg)
Pencil-beam*						
mean	0.942	1549.5	13.9	32.4	26.4	47.9
SD	0.191	838.5	11.0	14.7	9.4	24.7
min.	0.619	384.8	1.8	10.4	8.9	16.0
max.	1.284	3425.6	48.0	67.6	46.9	119.0
Fan-Beam*						
mean [†]	0.949	1556.9	13.1 ^b	33.5 ^c	25.5 ^a	48.2 ^c
SD	0.173	781.0	9.5	15.8	7.1	24.8
min.	0.678	407.4	2.5	10.9	11.7	16.3
max.	1.263	3149.4	41.8	75.1	41.1	120.0

n = 47 (21 males, 26 females); body weight = 48.4 ± 24.8 kg; range = 16.3–120.0 kg.

* Pencil-beam = Hologic QDR-2000W, enhanced whole-body V5.71 analysis; fan-beam = Hologic QDR-4500A, whole-body V8.21a analysis.

[†] Paired *t*-test results for pencil-beam vs. fan-beam: (^a*p* < 0.02, ^b*p* < 0.0001, ^c*p* < 0.00001).

Advantages and disadvantages of DXA

- **Advantages**

- x-ray exposure is minimal (< 1 mrem for 1 scan)

- subregion evaluation is allowed

- quick: total body scan

- Pencil beam DXA (20-25 min)

- Fan beam DXA (< 4-4.5 min)

- used in large clinical trials

- Highly precise and reproducible technique (CV for fat mass 1-1.7% and for FFM 0.7-1.0%)

- **Disadvantages**

- costs (machine and technicians)

- not transportable

- lose accuracy with increasing body thickness, than lose precision and accuracy in thicker obese subjects

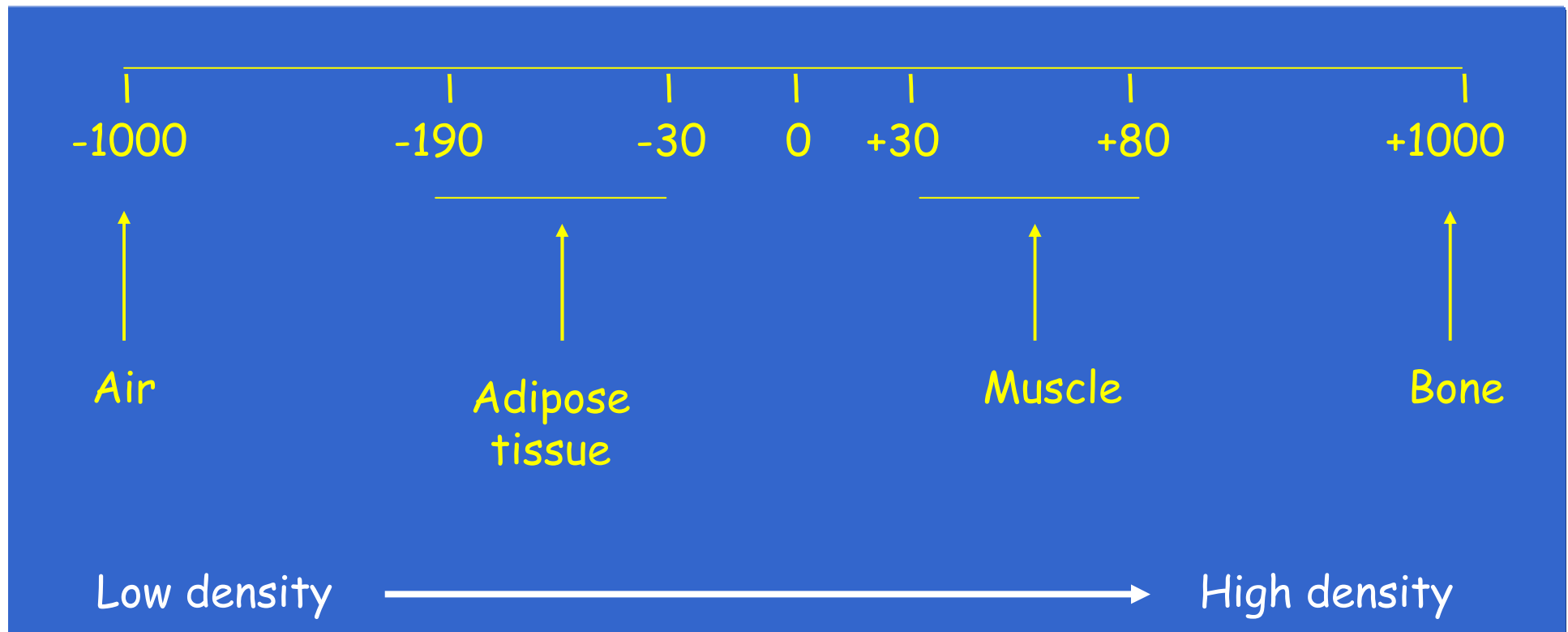
- radiation exposure (as a day of sunbathing)

- weight and dimensions limits

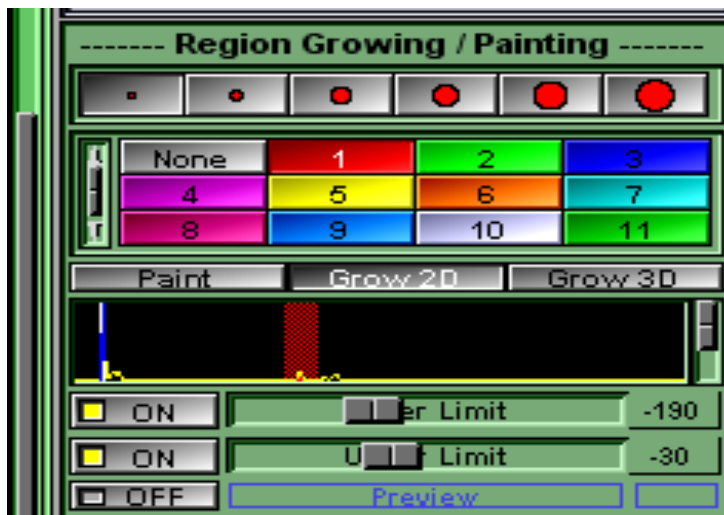
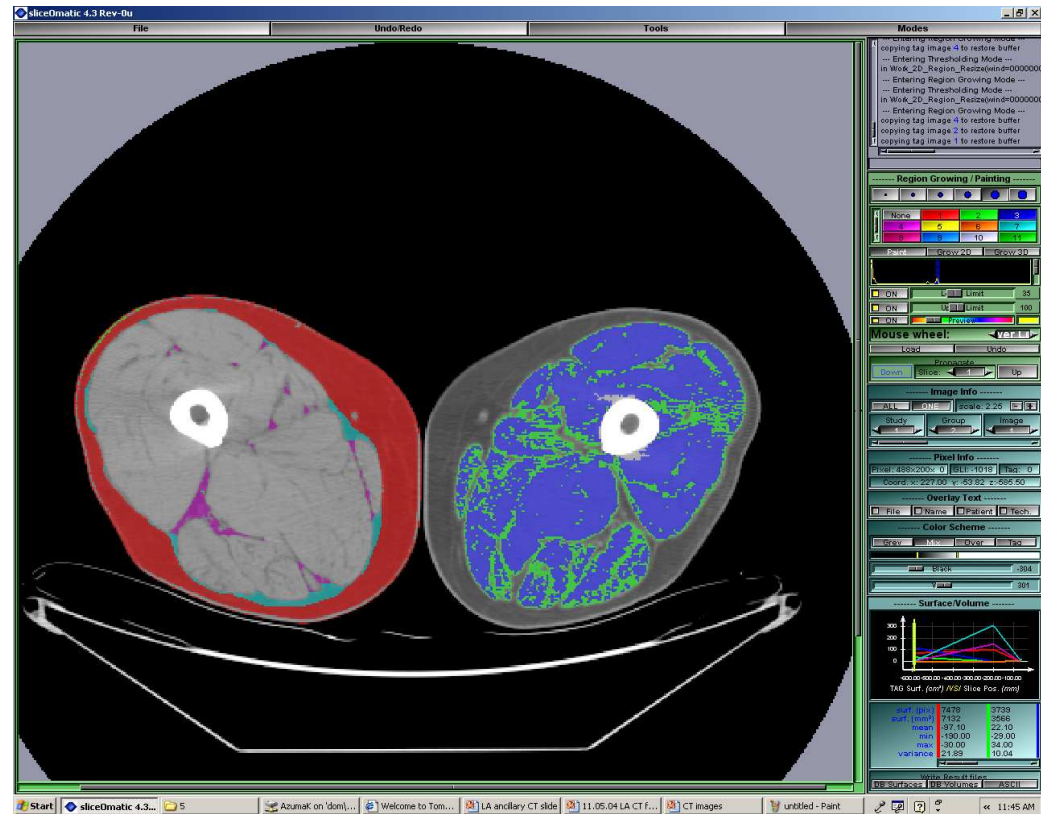
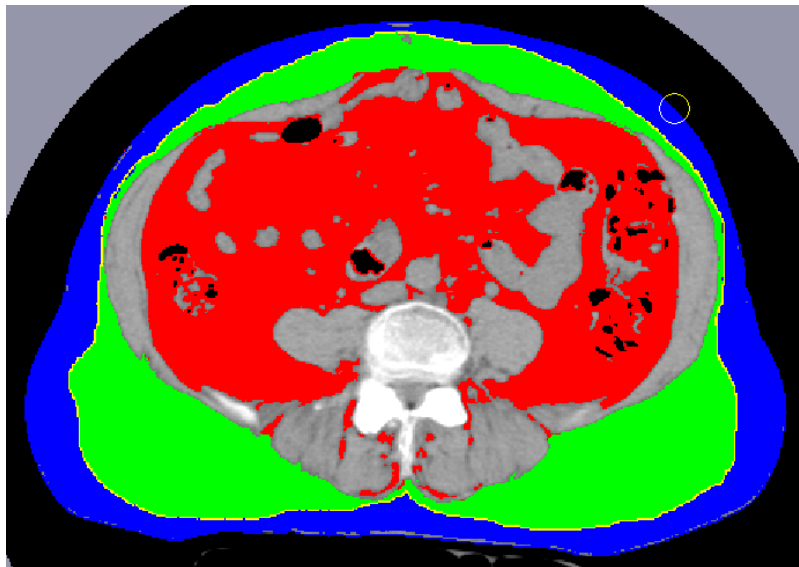
CT scan

CT can differentiate tissues based on their attenuation characteristics, which depend on their density.

X-ray attenuation is quantified as Hounsfield Units (HU).

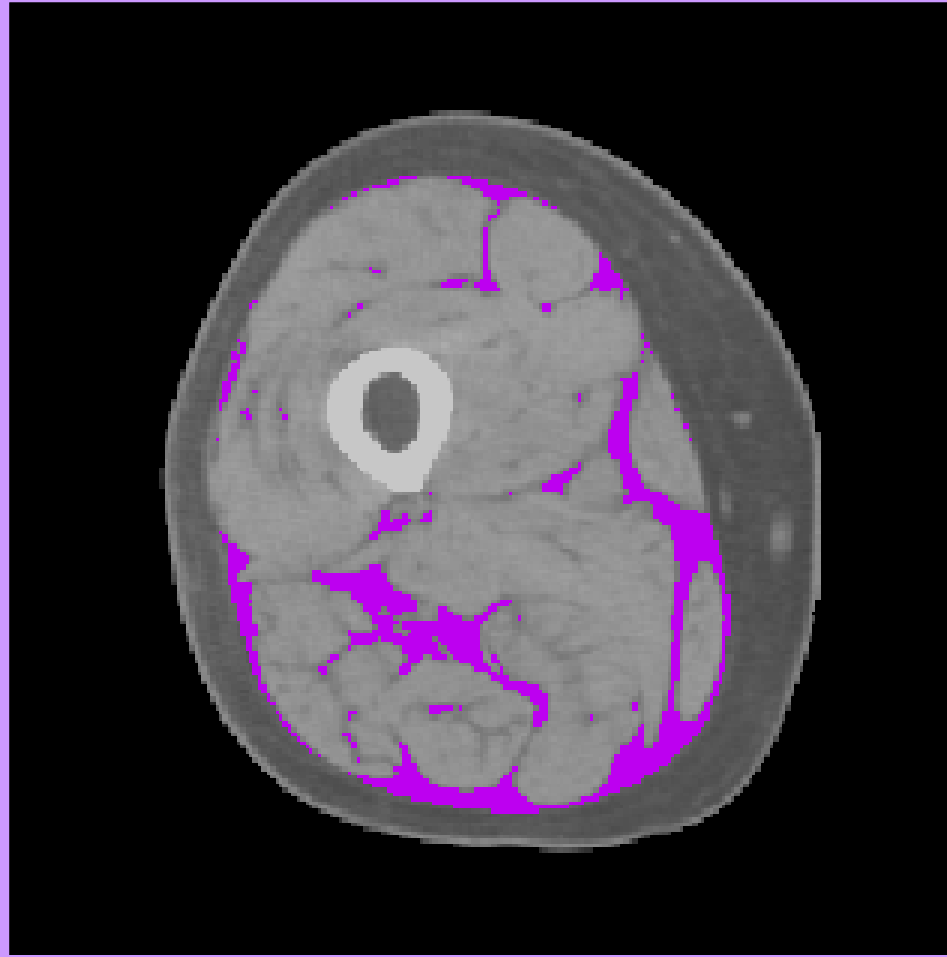


CT analysis with Sliceomatic Region Growing Mode Abdomen and Thigh



Hounsfield units:
>200 HU for bone
-30 to -190 HU for AT
0 to 100 HU for muscle

Intermuscular Fat (CT)



LDLT women, 69 year, BMI 49, W 121 cm, diabetes



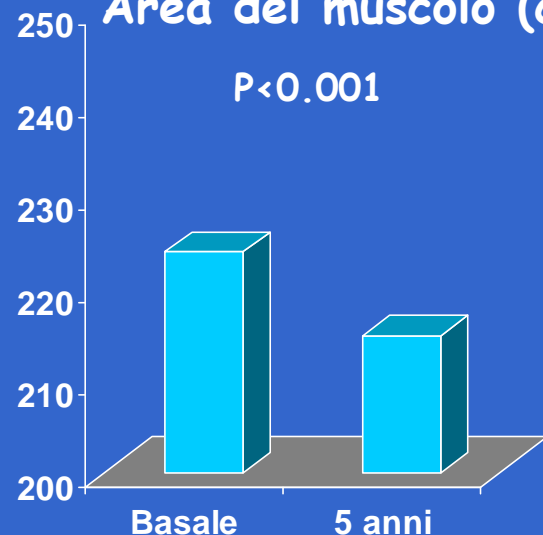
Muscle density (Hounsfield unit) - average value of muscle = lean, fat, collagen, blood vessels– lower density means more fat

Myosteatorsis – muscle density and/or intramuscular fat

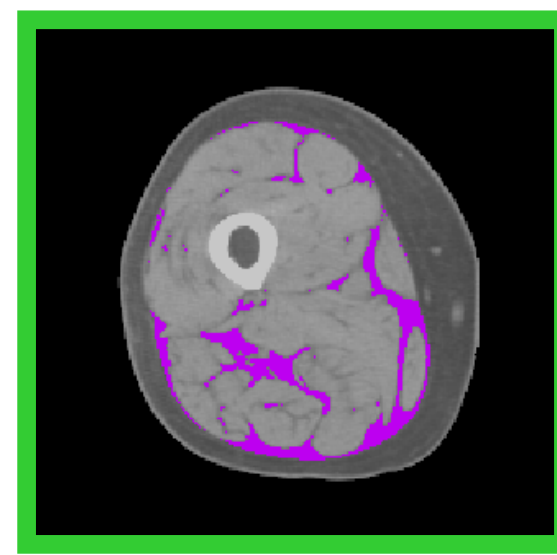
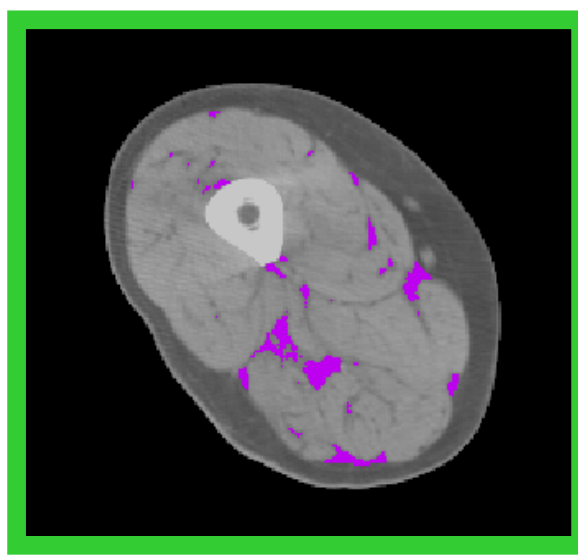
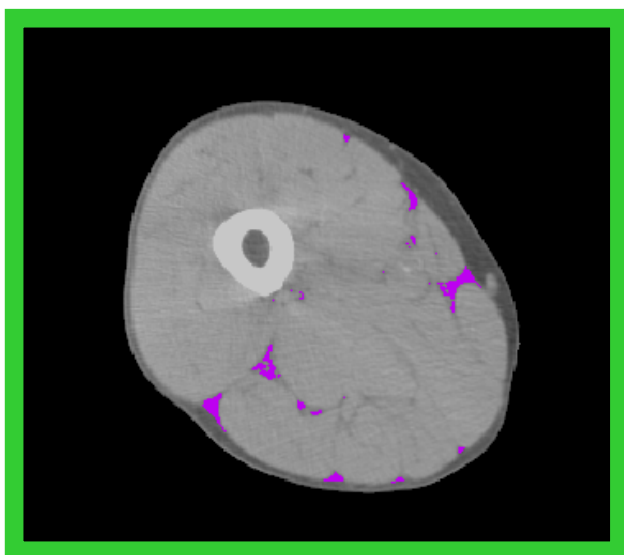
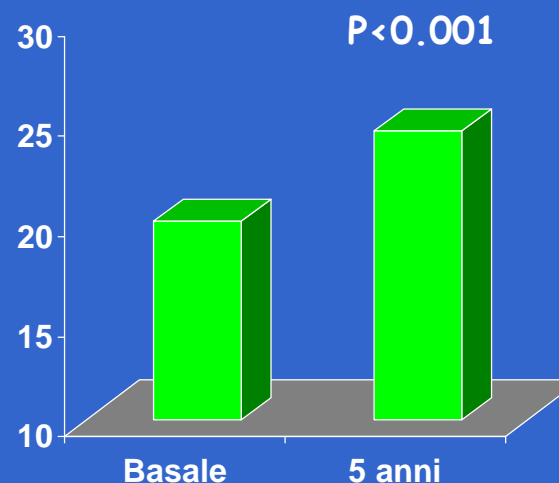


Modificazione della composizione corporea della coscia valutate mediante TAC (n=1981) in 5 anni di follow-up

Area del muscolo (cm²)



Infiltrazione lipidica del muscolo (cm²)



Computer Tomography (CT)

Advantages

Cross-sectional measurement of lean and fat areas in a specific part of the body

Evaluation of muscle quality parameters (intermuscular fat)

Relatively rapid (approx 30 min for whole body scan)

Can be used for longitudinal studies

Low frequency of artifacts compared to MRI

Disadvantages

Exposure to radiation

Time-consuming

High space to requirements

Technically difficult to perform

Expensive

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

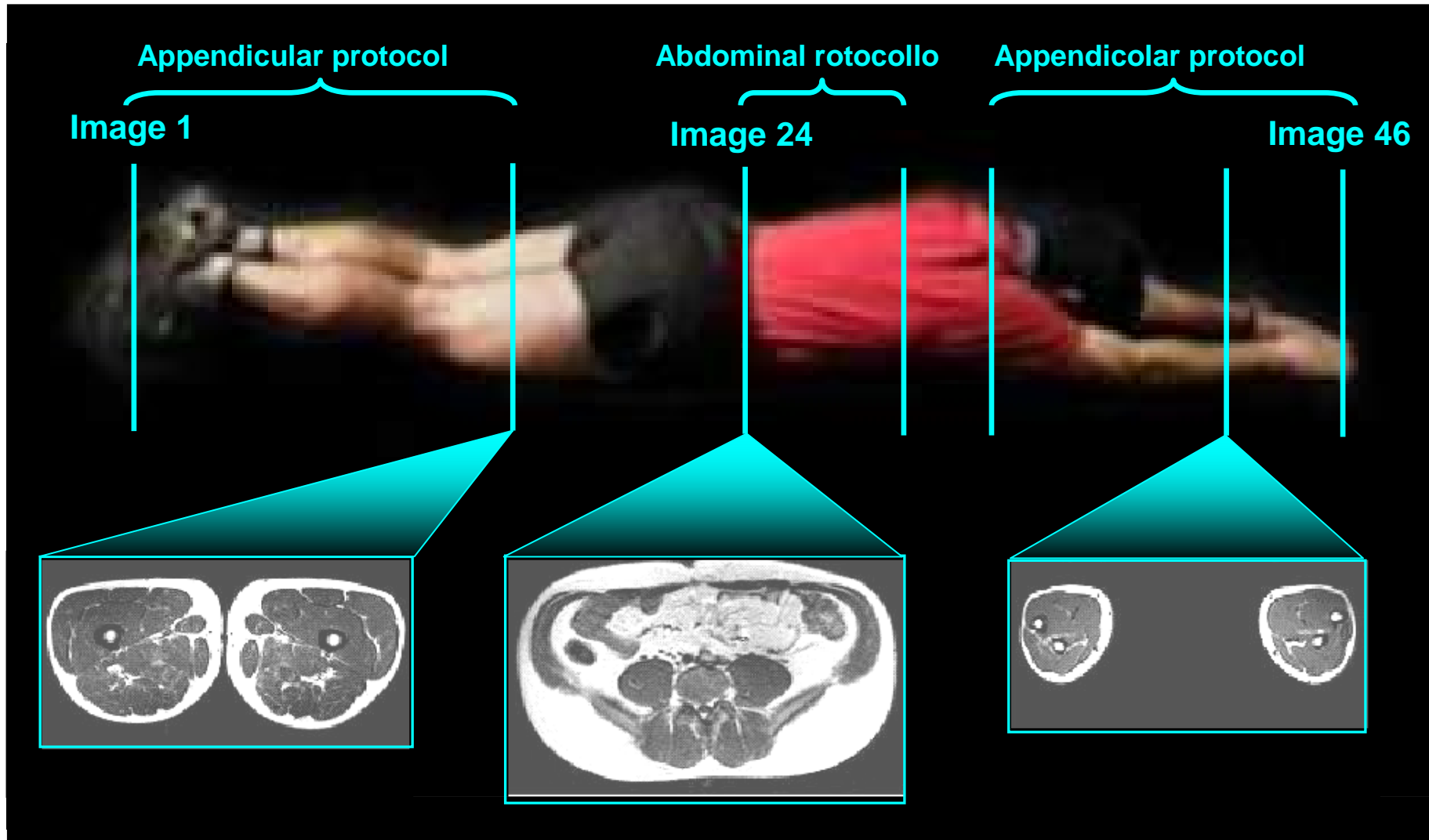
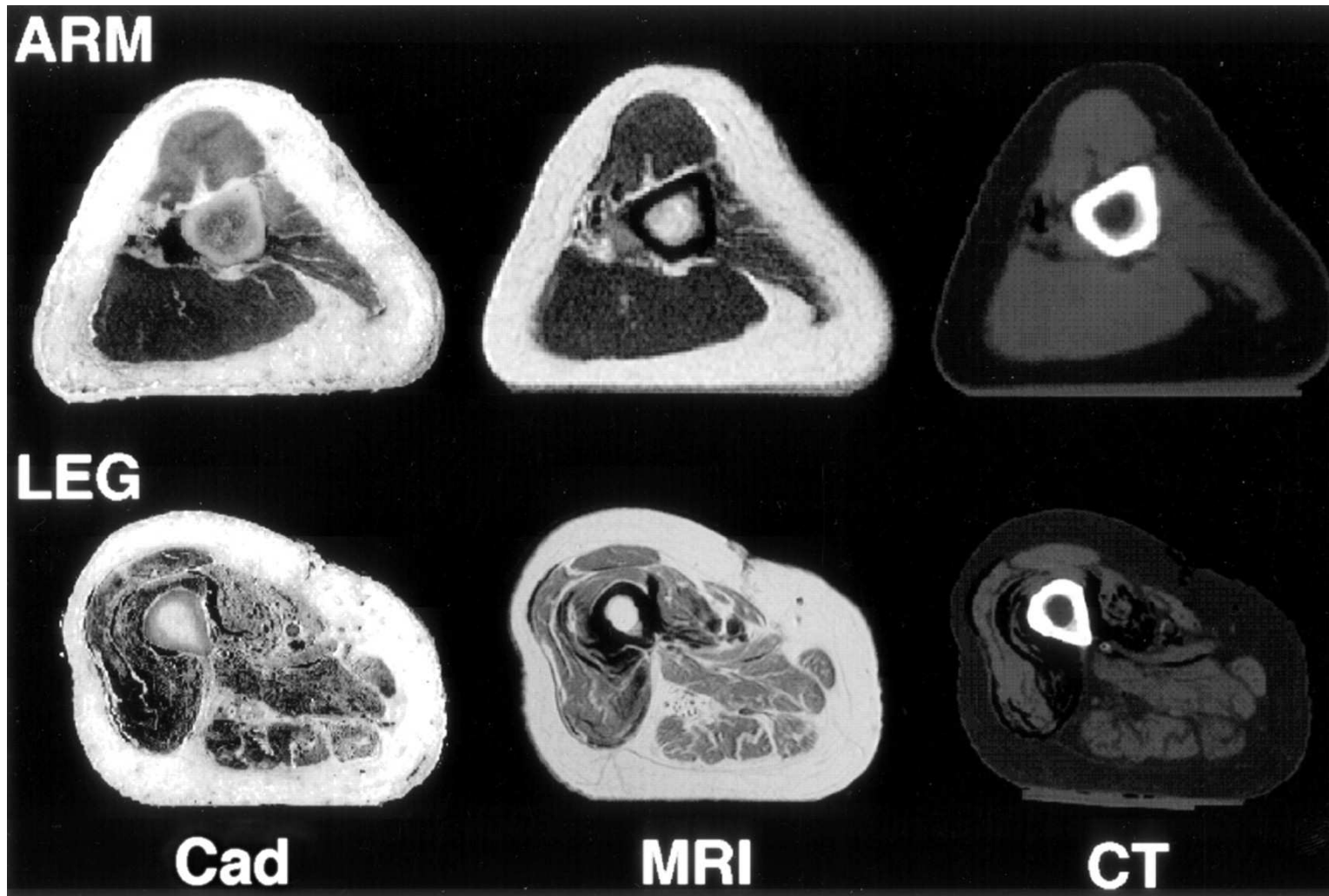
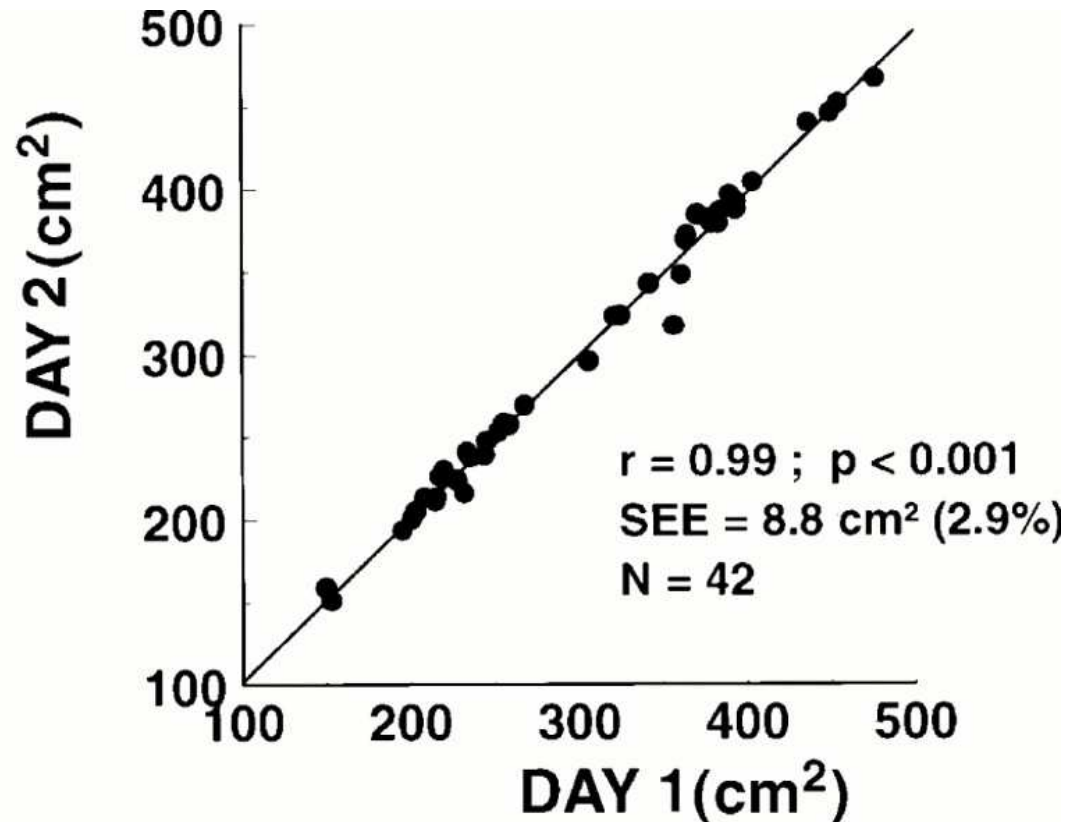
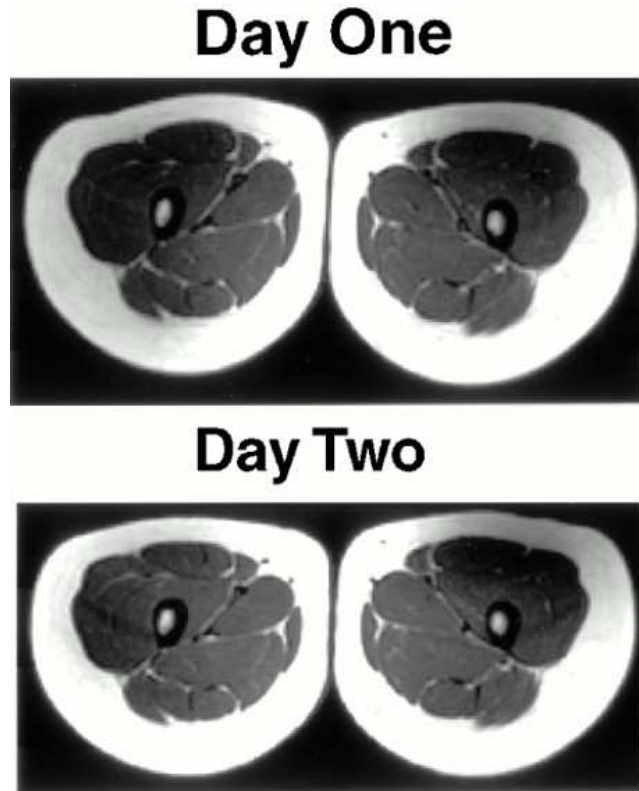


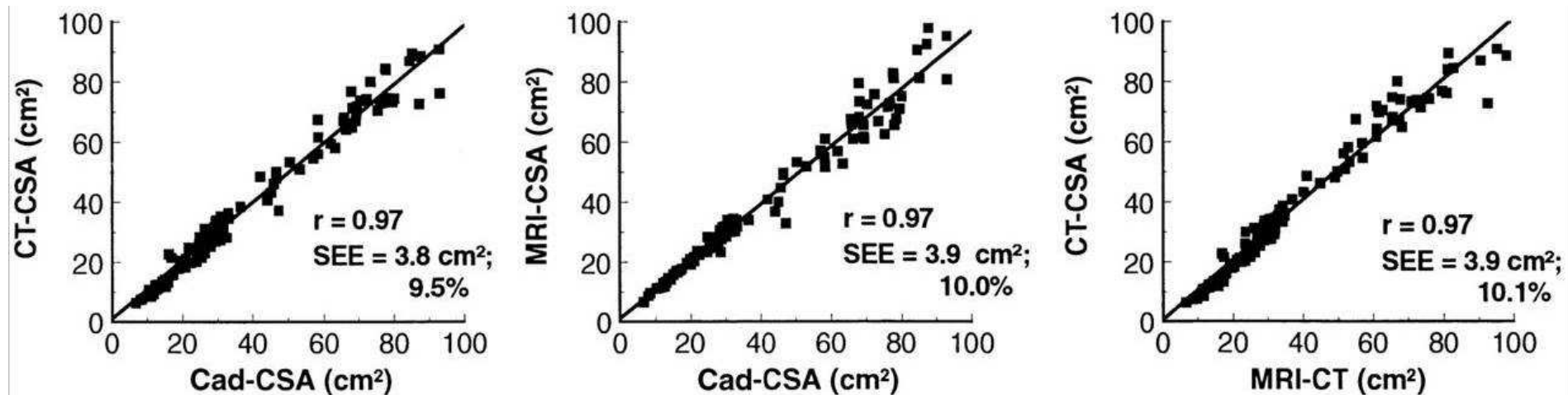
Illustration of typical images of arm and leg as obtained by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computerized tomography (CT), and cadaver (Cad).



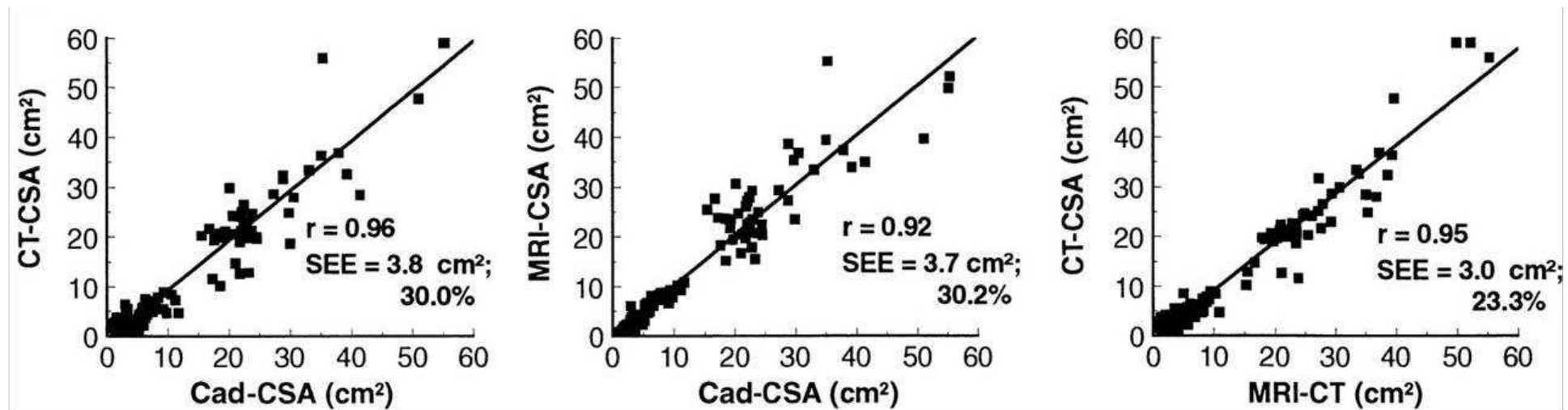
Comparison of typical in vivo magnetic resonance images obtained on 2 separate days from the same subject at the level of the midthigh.



Regression analyses among MRI, CT, and Cad for Skeletal muscle



Regression analyses among MRI, CT, and Cad for interstitial adipose tissue



Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

Advantages

Does not use ionizing radiation

High quality image and can accurately quantify both subcutaneous & visceral fat

Relatively rapid (approx 30 min for whole body scan)

Can be used for longitudinal studies

Disadvantages

Not available appropriate image analysis software

Less precise for intermuscular fat quantification

Some exclusions (e.g. pacemakers)

Expensive

High frequency of artifacts ("shading" at the peripheries of images due to inhomogeneity in the magnetic field)

Comparison of methods for assessing skeletal muscle mass

	Creatinine /3-MH	TBK-TBN	DXA	MRI	CT	ANTH	BIA
Accurate?	●●●	●●	●●●	●●●●	●●●●	●	●●
Reproducible?	●●	●●●	●●●●	●●●	●●●	●	●●●
Cost to purchase?	●●●	●●●●	●●●	●●●●	●●●●	●	●
Cost to operate?	●●●●	●●●	●●	●●●	●●●	●	●
Technician training?	●●●●	●●●	●●	●●●●	●●●	●●	●
Radiation exposure?	●	●	●●	●	●●●●	●	●
Site	WB	WB	R,WB	R,WB	R,WB	R,WB	R(?),WB
Trasportable?	●	●●	●●	●	●	●●●●	●●●●