# Spiroergometry



- Functional laboratory diagnostics following multiple physiologic parameters throughout time
- Typically performed on bicycle ergometer

 Gas analyser, sporttester, ECG, lactate level analyser

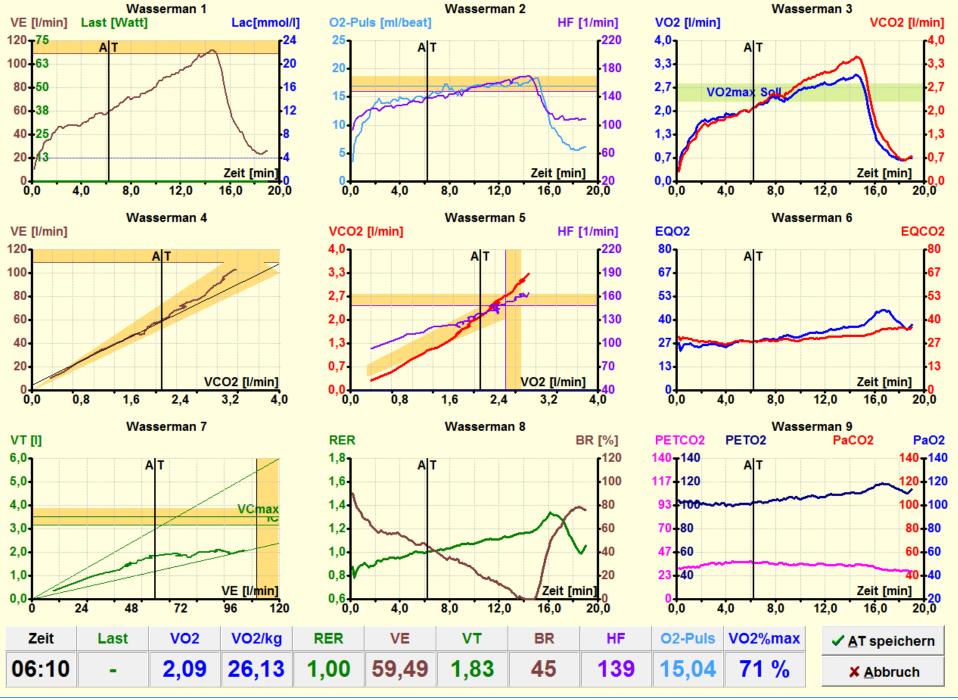


### **Spiroergometric parameters**

- Ventilatory: breathing frequency, breath volume, minute ventilation
- Circulatory parameters: HR, blood pressure, ECG
- (Metabolic parameters: lactate level, pH)

#### **Calculated parameters**

- Ventilatory equivalents:  $V_E/VO_2$ ,  $V_E/VCO_2$
- RQ respiration quotient  $(CO_2/O_2)$
- Pulse oxygen



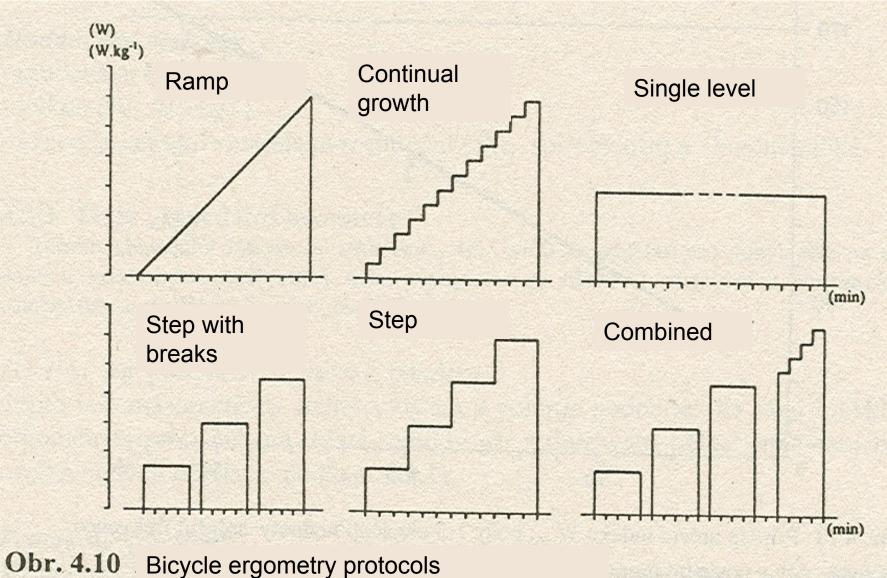
BR = breath reserve; VT = ventilatory threshold

http://www.bartels.de/spowi/spiroergometrie\_en.htm

# What is spiroergometry good for

- Clinical diagnostics of respiratory or circulatory problems
- Performance of a sportsman
- Anaerobic threshold and VO<sub>2</sub>max

### The test protocols



# VO<sub>2</sub>max – maximal oxygen consumption

- = maximal aerobic capacity
- The highest possible minute oxygen consumption at the highest output
- Relates to the endurance performance
- For interindividual comparison should be relativised (VO<sub>2</sub>max/kg)



- The highest levels around 18<sup>th</sup> year:
  - men 46.5 ml/kg/min
  - women 37 ml/kg/min
- Decreases with age

 Dependency on: ventilation, alveolarcapillary and tissue diffusion, cardiovascular system, cellular oxidation



- Cross-country skiers
- Long distance runners
  - Orientation runners
  - 800–1500 m runners
    - Biathletes
    - Speed skaters
      - Cyclists
      - Walkers
      - Swimmers
      - Canoeists
        - Rowers
    - Badminton players
    - 200–400 m runners
      - Downhill skiers
    - Ice-hockey players
    - Basketball players
      - Soccer players
      - Tennis players
        - Wrestlers
        - Gymnasts
      - Untrained people