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Thermoregulation

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Body temperature – homeostatic parameter

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Heat stroke		HYPER- THERMIA
Hard exercise, fever	40	支도
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Loss of consciousness		HYPO- THERMIA
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Muscle failure, cardiac fibrillation		
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Normal body

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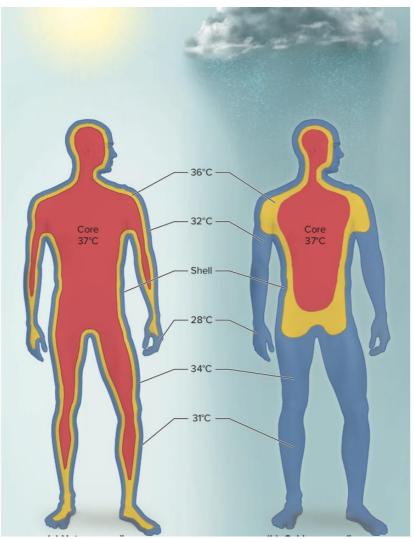
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Body core vs. shell

homeotherms vs. poikilotherms

Body core temperature –
 regulated within certain (narrow)
 range

- Skin temperature (shell) more
 variable (ambient t., core body t.)
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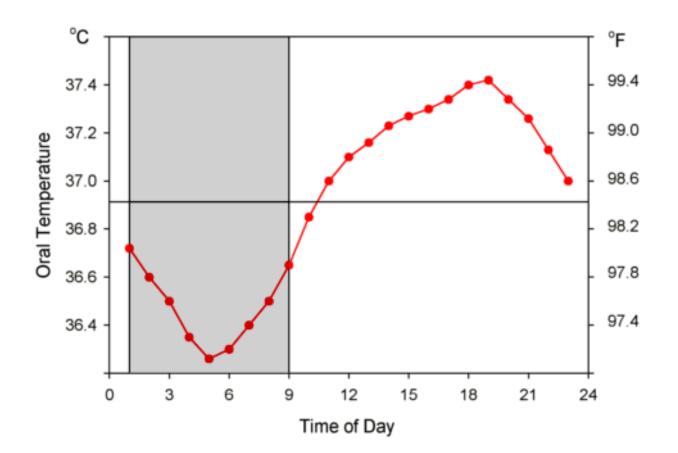
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Variations of body core temperature

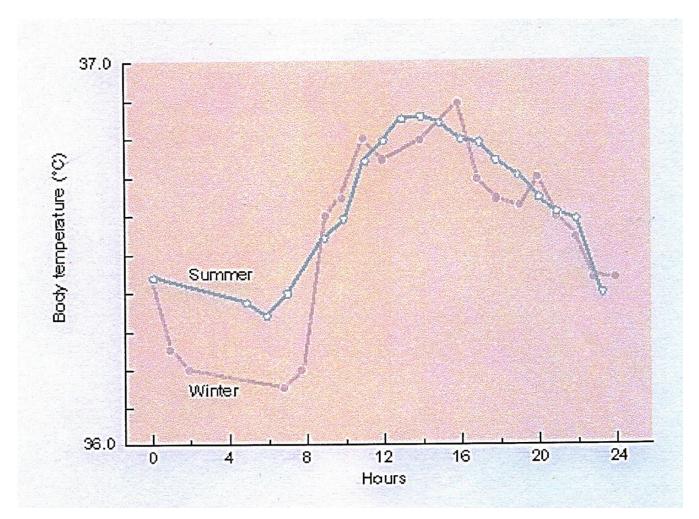
- Circadian rhythm
- Circamensal rhythm (women between puberty and menopause)
- Seasonal variations (circannul rhythm)

- Ageing



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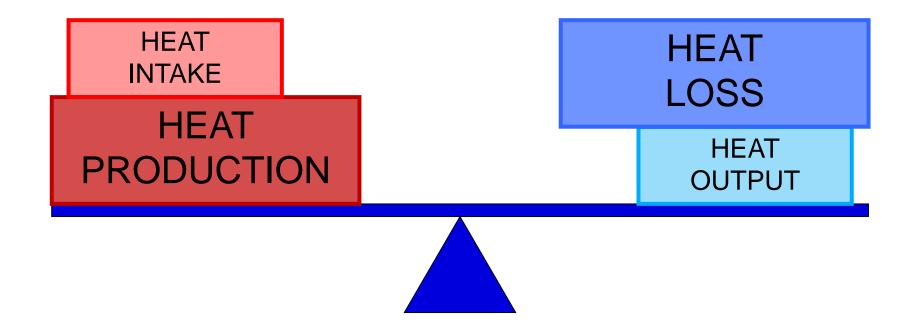
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A fine balance of body core temperature



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Heat vs. temperature

 Heat [J] – energy transferred to or from the system; measure of the internal energy state

 Temperature [K, °C, °F] – a measure of heat content; mean kinetic energy of the particles (molecules, ions)

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Transfer of heat within the body

- primarily by CONVECTION
- medium = blood

- minor amount by **CONDUCTION**
- direct contact of organs/tissues

Heat production

- Metabolism: metabolic rate ≈ heat production
- Physical activity (active muscle contraction) rest vs. exercise

– Postprandial thermogenesis (food intake)

- Shivering thermogenesis
- Non-shivering thermogenesis (brown adipose tissue)

Heat intake and loss

passive processes

- **–** RADIATION
- CONVECTION
- **–** CONDUCTION

skin-environment temperature gradient

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Heat output (active loss)

- **–** EVAPORATION
- sensible perspiration = sweat production (1 L of <u>evaporated</u> s. = 2 428 kJ)
- Insensible perspiration = diffusion of water through skin and mucosae

- from the skin to the environment
- (RADIATION)
- (CONDUCTION)
- (CONVECTION)

Thermoregulation

- All processes involved in keeping the body core temperature within the range

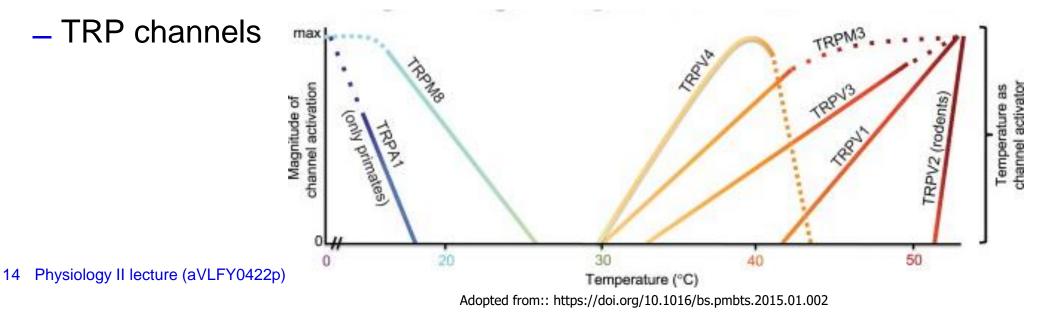
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Social thermoregulation

Afferentation

- Central thermoreceptors deep brain temperature
- temperature-sensitive neurons in anterior preoptic hypothalamus

– Peripheral thermoreceptors – skin temperature



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Thermoregulatory centre

anterior preoptic HYPOTHALAMUS

- integration of afferent information
- modifying the efferent pathways (vegetative, somatic) to the thermal effectors

– "set-point" vs. threshold temperature for the effector(s)

Thermal effectors

- Behaviour
- Cutaneous circulation
- Sweat glands
- Skeletal muscles (shivering)
- Horripilation
- Brown adipose tissue (nonshivering thermogenesis)

Cold-induced thermoregulatory mechanisms

Decrease of heat loss

- Behaviour: Decrease of body surface, taking warm clothes
- Vasoconstriction in the skin. Horripilation
- Inhibition of sweating
- Increase of heat production
 - Skeletal muscles: Intentional movements (behaviour). Shivering
 - Nonshivering thermogenesis (brown adipose tissue, NA, β3R, UCP1)
 - Hunger (increas of food intake)

Warm-induced thermoregulatory mechanisms

Increase of heat loss/output

- Skin vasodilatation
- Increase of sweating (evaporation)
- Increase of ventilation
- Decrease of heat production/intake
 - Behaviour: Moving out of the sun, taking light clothes. Inactiveness

(decrease of intentional movements), apathy

Loss of appetite

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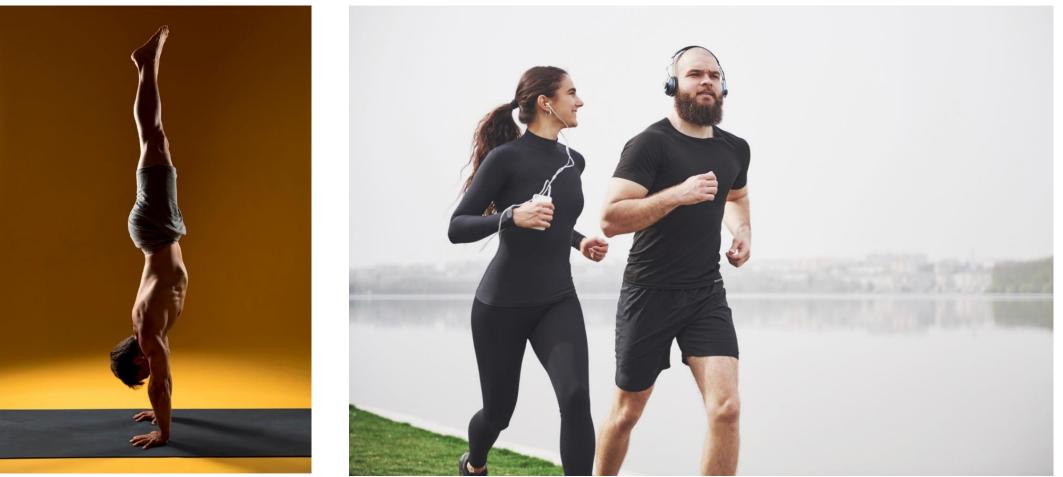
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Work (physical activity, exercise)



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Skeletal muscle

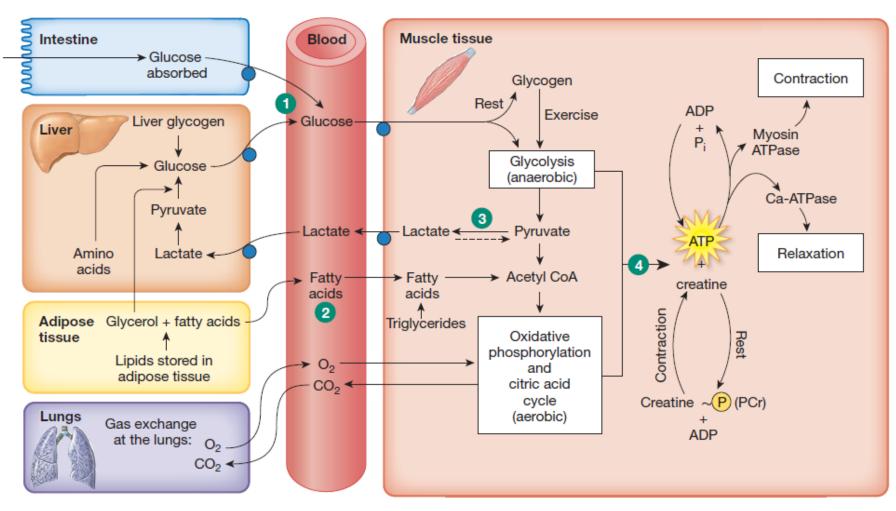
- Contraction: isometric (static work) vs. isotonic (dynamic work)

- Blood flow depends on muscle tension
- Metabolic autoregulation: ↓pO2; ↑pCO2; ↓pH; ↑K+; ↑local temperature

– Metabolism: aerobic vs. anaerobic

– Muscle spindles – muscle tension – afferentation of exercise pressor reflex

Skeletal muscle metabolism



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Reaction of the body to exercise

Sympathetic NS (ergotropic system)

- Cardiovascular changes
- Respiratory changes
- Metabolic changes

- HOMEOSTASIS

Anticipation of exercise

- Reaction of the body (cardiovascular system)
- Prepare the body for the increased metabolism of the exercising skeletal muscles

- Same as the early response to exercise
- Resembling fight-or-flight reaction

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Cardiovascular response to exercise

- Increased cardiac output
- Vasoconstriction in inactive skeletal muscles, the GIT, skin, (kidneys)
- Vasodilation in active muscles (metabolic autoregulation)
- Increased venous return
- Histamine release
- Epinephrine release (adrenal medulla)
- Thermoregulation

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Increase of cardiac output. Cardiac reserve

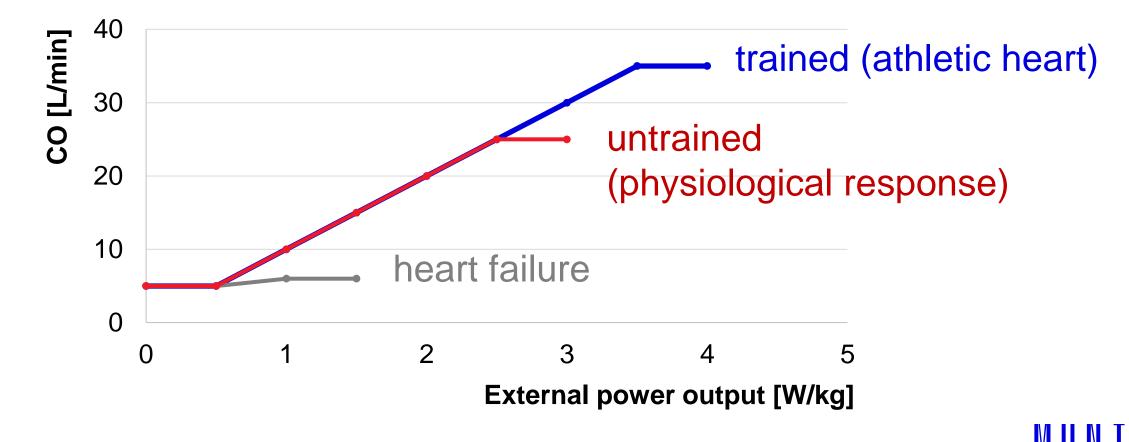
- CO = SV x HR (SNS: positive inotropic and chronotropic effect)

- Cardiac reserve = maximal CO / resting CO (4-7)

- Coronary reserve = maximal CF / resting CF (~ 3.5)
- Chronotropic reserve = maximal HR / resting HR (3-5)
- Volume reserve = maximal SV / resting SV (~1.5)

CO – cardiac output; CF – coronary flow; HR – heart rate; SV – stroke volume

Cardiac reserve in healthy and failing heart



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Changes of arterial blood pressure

PARAMETER	AT REST	DURING EXERCISE	INCREASE (x)
Cardiac output [L/min]	5 – 6	25 (35)	4 – 5 (7) cardiac reserve
Heart rate [1/min]	(45) 60-90	190 – 200 (220) age-dependent	3 – 5 chronotropic reserve
Stroke volume [mL]	75	115	~1.5 volume reserve
Systolic BP [mmHg]	120	static work ↑ dynamic work ↑↑	
Diastolic BP [mmHg]	70	static work ↑↑↑ dynamic work — /↓	
Mean arterial P (MAP) [mmHg]	~90	static work ↑ dynamic work — / ↑	
Muscle persufion [mL/min/100g]	2 – 4	60 – 120 (180) static vs. dynamic work	30 (10% COmax)

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Respiratory response to exercise

Respiratory centre - ↑ ventilation

– chemoreceptors: \uparrow pCO2 + \downarrow pH

- proprioceptors in lungs

– Sympathetic stimulation (stress – anticipation)

Respiratory response to exercise

PARAMETER	AT REST	DURING EXERCISE	INCREASE (x)
Ventilation [L/min]	6 – 12	90 – 120	15 – 20 respiratory reserve
Breathing frequency [1/min]	12 – 16	40 – 60	4 – 5
Tidal volume (V_T) [mL]	0.5 – 0.75	~2	3 – 4
Pulmonary artery blood flow [mL/min]	5 – 6	25 – 35	4 – 6
O₂ uptake (V_{O2}) [mL/min)]	250 – 300	~3000	10 – 12 (25)
CO₂ production [mL/min]	~200	~8000	~40

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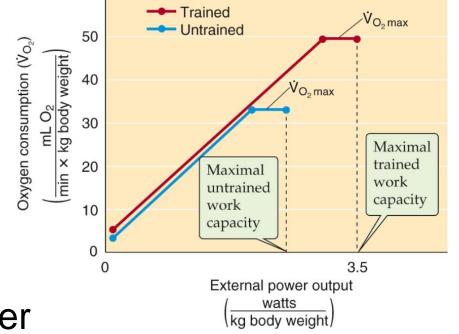
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Oxygen uptake by lungs

- Spiroergometry
- Resting V_{O2} : ~3.6 mL O_2 / (min x kg)
- $-V_{O2 max}$ objective index for aerobic power
 - untrained middle age person: 30 40 mL O₂ / (min x kg)
 - elite endurance athletes: 80 90 mL O₂ / (min x kg)

-HF / COPD patients: 10 – 20 mL O₂ / (min x kg)



Determinants of V_{O2 max}

1. Uptake of O_2 by the lungs

- pulmonary ventilation

2. O_2 delivery to the muscles

- blood flow (pressure gradient - cardiac output x resistence)

- haemoglobin concentration

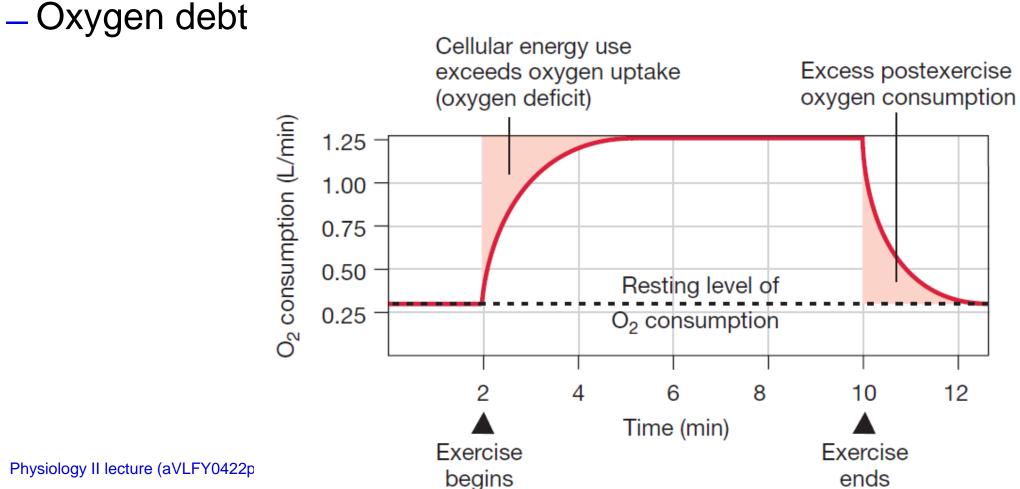
3. Extraction of O_2 from blood by muscle

- pO₂ gradient: blood-mitochondria

Oxygen consumption during exercise

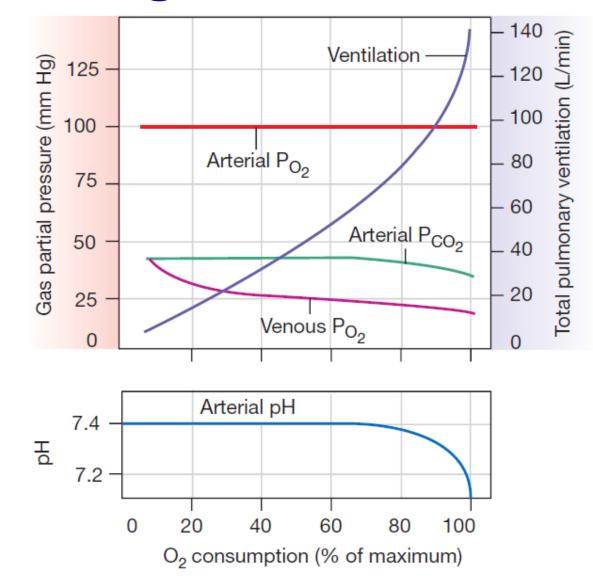
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Blood gases during exercise



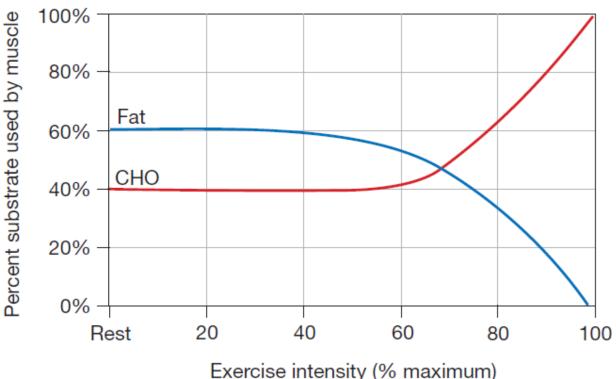
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Energy substrate used by skeletal muscle during exercise

- Low-intensity e.: fats
- High-intensity e.: glucose

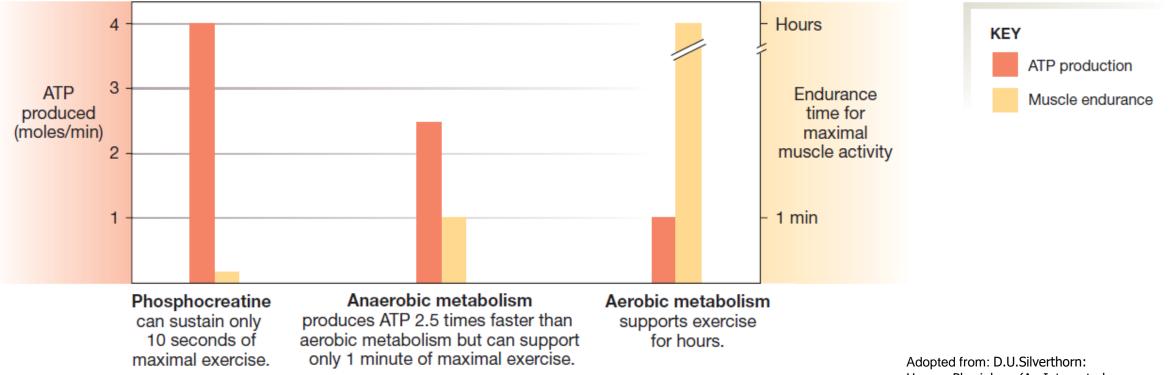


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Energy substrate use – aerobic vs. anaerobic



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Testing of fitness

- Spiroergometry
- Standardised workload
 - accurate: in W/kg

- comparative (simple, inaccurate): in MET
 - metabolic equivalent (actual MR / resting MR)
 - 1 MET = uptake of 3.5 ml O_2 /kg.min \approx 4.31 kJ/kg.h
 - sleeping ≈ 0.9 MET; slow walking ≈ 3-4 MET; fast running ≈ 16 MET

Indexes of fitness

- $-W_{170}$ [W/kg]
- $-V_{O2 max}$ [mL O₂ / (min x kg)]
- Aerobic / anaerobic threshold

- Fatigue
- Training
- Adaptation to exercise
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