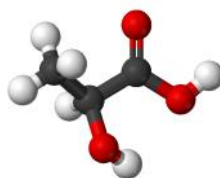


## Γαλακτικό-Γαλακτικό Οξύ:

πολύτιμος μεταβολίτης της αναερόβιας γλυκόλυσης με μεγάλη προσφορά στον αθλητισμό και τους αθλούμενους

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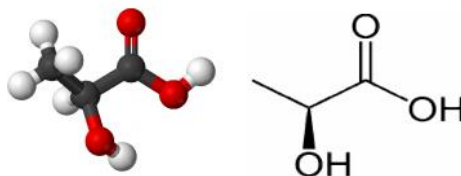
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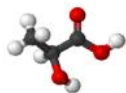
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Ένας πολυσυζητημένος, παρεξηγημένος  
και πολύτιμος μεταβολίτης  
της αναερόβιας γλυκόλυσης  
με μεγάλη προσφορά  
στον αθλητισμό και τους αθλούμενους



( :  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{COOH}$  μ :  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_3$ )

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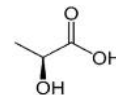
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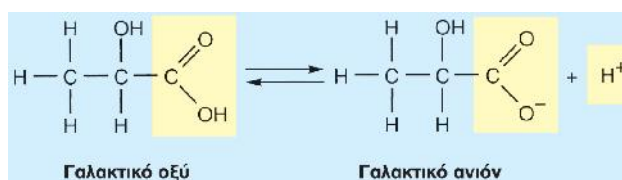
Ιονίζεται άμεσα

Γίνεται ιόν γαλακτικού

κατά 99,9%



Μετράμε γαλακτικό και όχι γαλακτικό οξύ



## Μυϊκή κόπωση: Τι φταίει $\text{H}^+$ ή $\text{La}^-$ ?

(τα υδρογόνα μας απαλλάσσουν από το δίλημμα)

Περιορίζουν τη μυϊκή λειτουργία

Μειώνουν την πρόσδεση των εγκάρσιων γεφυρών

Αναστέλλουν τη μέγιστη ταχύτητα συστολής

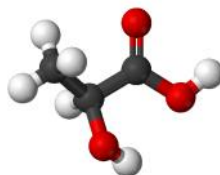
Αναστέλλουν τη δράση της ΑΤΡασης

Αναστέλλουν τη γλυκολυτική ροή

Αναστέλλουν τη σύνδεση  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  με την τροπονίνη

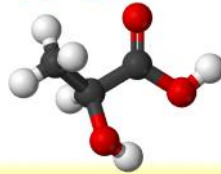
Αναστέλλουν την επαναρρόφηση  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  μέσω ΑΤΡασης

(μας λύνουν το πρόβλημα?)

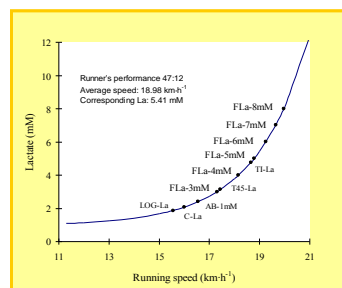


**Γαλακτικό (La-):**  
**Δεν προκαλεί μυϊκό κάματο**  
**βοηθά-συμμετέχει-συνδράμει**  
**και ενισχύει δυναμικά**  
**τον ενεργειακό μεταβολισμό**  
**παράγεται χωρίς οξυγόνο (αναερόβια)**  
**δεν είναι όμως αναερόβιος μεταβολίτης**  
**παράγεται και με την παρουσία οξυγόνου**

**Hill (1924): η έλλειψη οξυγόνου αυξάνει το γαλακτικό**

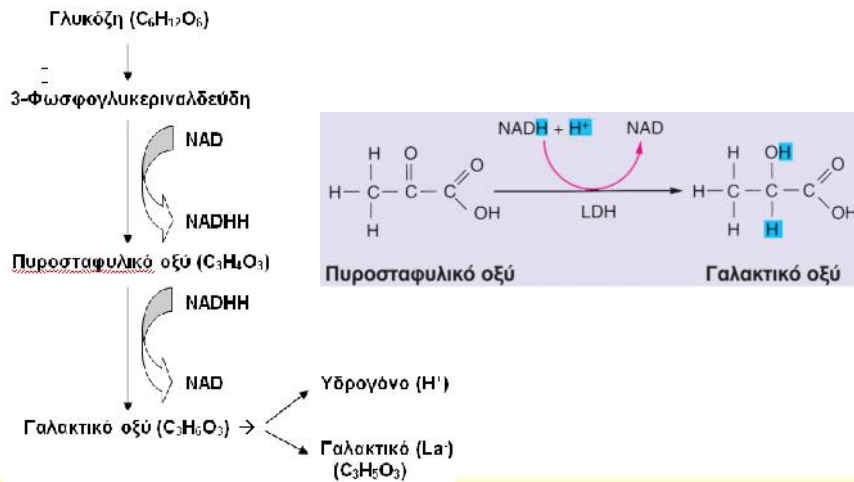


**Γαλακτικό (La-):**  
**Δεν εμφανίζει, δεν προκαλεί κατώφλια,**  
**δεν δημιουργεί κατώφλια**  
**Η δική σας επιλογή στην καμπύλη γαλακτικού**  
**με τη γνώση των φυσιολογικών λειτουργιών**  
**δημιουργεί το καλύτερο «κατώφλι»**  
**δημιουργεί το δικό σας «κατώφλι»**

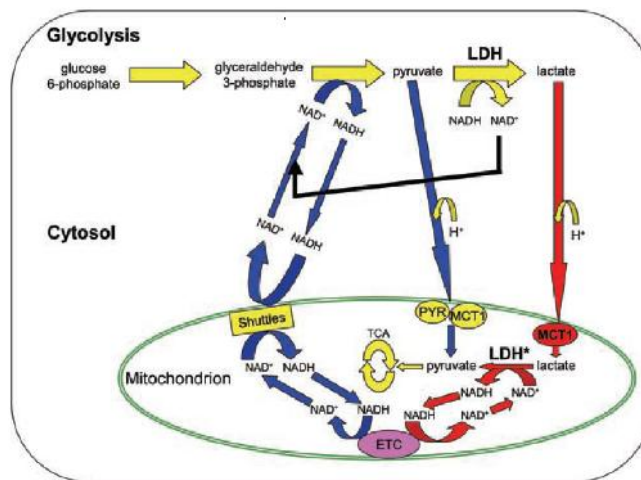


# Γαλακτικό:

Ως "αποδέκτης" υδρογόνων (NADHH-NAD)  
δίνει ζωή τον ενεργειακό μεταβολισμό



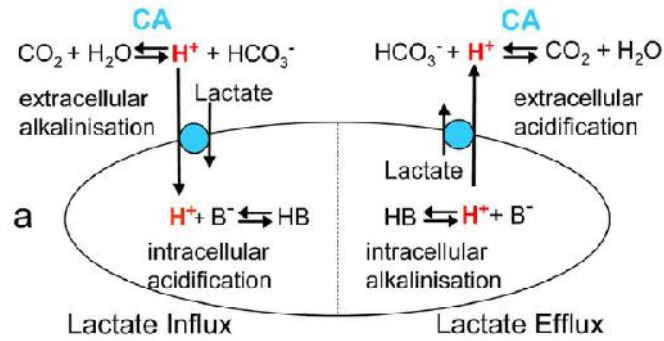
## Άμεση μετάβαση και χρήση γαλακτικού άμεση παροχή ενέργειας μέσω γαλακτικού (lactate shuttle)



Gladden (2004) J Physiol 558.1 pp 5-30

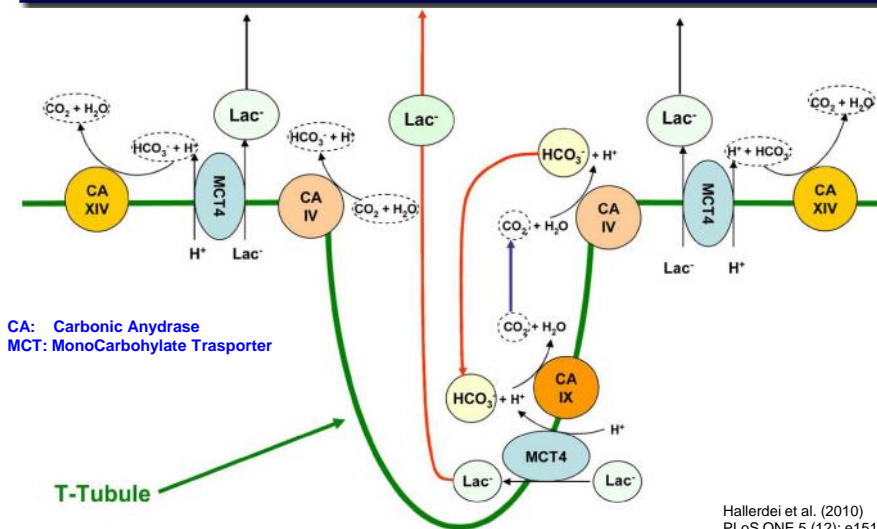
## Μεταφοράς γαλακτικού - υδρογόνου (μεταβολική οξέωση - pH)

### Sarcolemmal and T-Tubular Lactic Acid Transport



Hallerdei J, Scheibe RJ, Parkkila S, Waheed A, Sly WS, et al. (2010) T-Tubules and Surface Membranes Provide Equally Effective Pathways of Carbonic Anhydrase-Facilitated Lactic Acid Transport in Skeletal Muscle. PLoS ONE 5(12): e15137. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0015137

### Schematic cooperation of the MCT4 and the three membrane-bound CAs in lactic acid transport across the sarcolemma



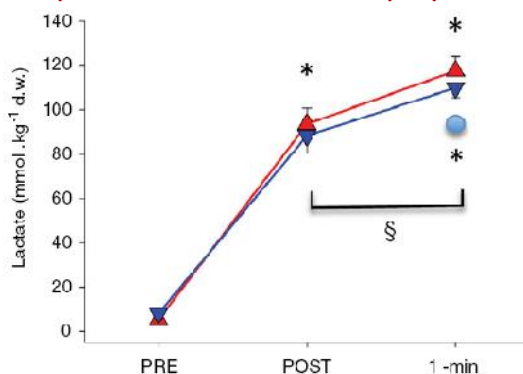
About half of lactic acid transport occurs via the surface membrane, supported by the buffering action of CA XIV and CA IV. The other half occurs via the T-tubular membrane and is supported by the buffering action of CA IX. The removal of lactic acid from the T tubules occurs by outward diffusion of lactate, while the H<sup>+</sup> are transported out by an inward diffusion of HCO<sub>3</sub> in combination with an outward diffusion of CO<sub>2</sub>, a CO<sub>2</sub>- HCO<sub>3</sub> shuttle. This removal mechanism operates effectively in spite of the long diffusion distance from the T-tubule interior to the extracellular space due to very large concentration gradients of lactate and HCO<sub>3</sub> that can build up along the T-tubule. These gradients and the mobility of protons are much smaller in the sarcoplasm of the fiber.

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Exhaustion is not due to lactate accumulation and the associated muscle acidification; neither the aerobic energy pathways nor the glycolysis are blocked at exhaustion.

Muscle lactate accumulation may actually facilitate early recovery after exhaustive exercise even under ischaemic conditions.

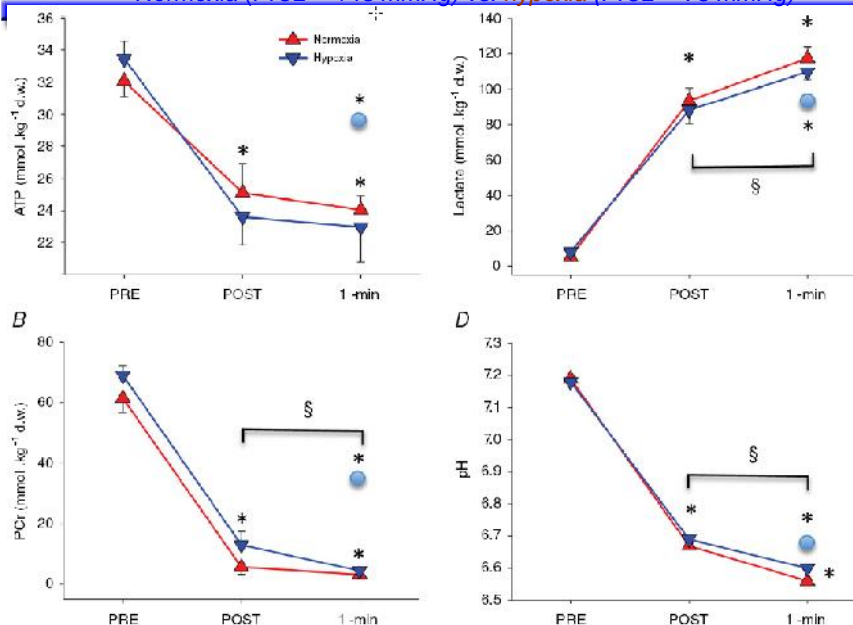
Exhaustion depends more on central than peripheral mechanisms



Normoxia (PIO<sub>2</sub> = 143 mmHg) & hypoxia (PIO<sub>2</sub> = 73 mmHg)  
Occlusion in one leg. Biopsies (vastus lateralis) obtained 10 and 60 s after the end of the sprint  
\*P < 0.05, compared with PRE; §ANOVA time effect POST vs. 1-min occlusion P < 0.05.

Morales-Alamo and others (2015) J Physiol DOI: 10.1113/JP270487

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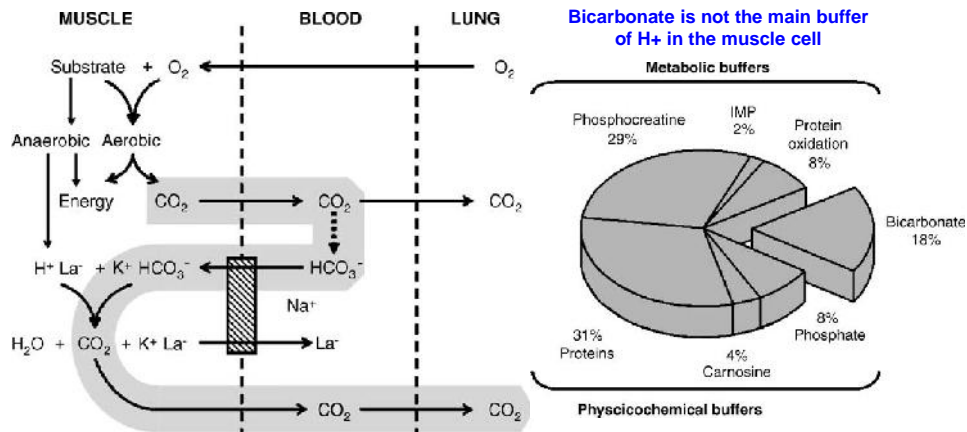


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**La-                      μ -μ                      CO2**

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A critical reappraisal**

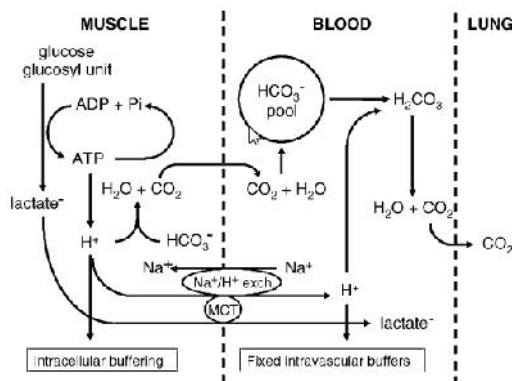


*F. Peronnet, B. Aguilaniu / Respiratory Physiology & Neurobiology 150 (2006) 4–18*

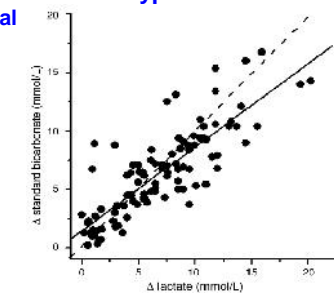
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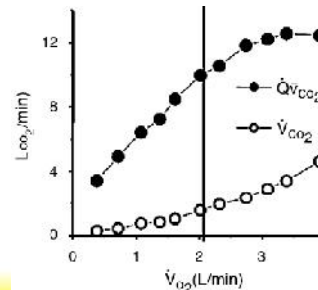
H<sup>+</sup> buffering in the muscle, acid–base balance and hyperventilation in ramp exercise does not appear to be valid



At the present time there is no comprehensive explanation for the control of ventilation in response to exercise below or above AT



The CO<sub>2</sub> flow to the lungs levels off above AT



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## «Αναερόβιο κατώφλι»

Σύνθεση-συνδυασμός  
αερόβιας ικανότητας  
δρομικής οικονομίας  
και αντοχής

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### Causes of lactate turnover during exercise

- intracellular function of glycogen metabolism
- function of cell-cell lactate shuttles



**Causes of lactate turnover**  
(oxidative steady state)  
**optimal power output**

- mitochondrial phosphorylation
- cytosol phosphorylation
  - oxidative energy
  - glycolytic energy

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**Lactate plays a key role  
in many intracellular functions  
during exercise**

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## Consequences of the whole body and intramuscular lactate turnover

- The concept of anaerobic threshold (AT)
  - Lactate threshold (LT)
  - Ventilatory threshold (VT)

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## Consequences of lactate kinetics

- Lactate turning point
- Lactate breaking point
- Onset of Plasma Lactate Accumulation (OPLA)
- Onset of Blood Lactate Accumulation (OBLA)
- Maximal Steady State (MSS)
- Maximal Lactate Steady State (MLSS)

*Question: Which is the proper one?*

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## Consequences of lactate kinetics

- Log-Log threshold point
- Fixed lactate threshold points (2, 3, 4 mM)
- 1 mM above resting or exercise baseline
- Individual anaerobic threshold
- A tangent threshold point (45° or 51°)
- The slope index model (45°)

*Question: Which is the proper one?*

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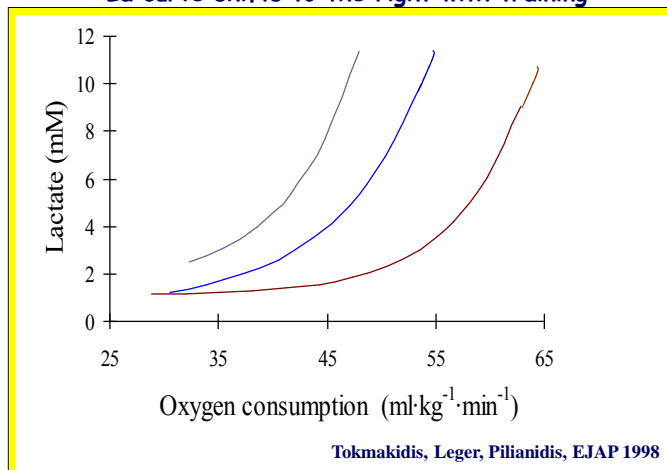
## Consequences of lactate kinetics

- Transitional steady state
- Critical power
- Fatigue threshold
- Bicarbonate threshold
- Plasma ammonia threshold
- Electromyography (EMG) threshold
- Heart rate threshold (popular but invalid)

*Question: Which is the proper one?*

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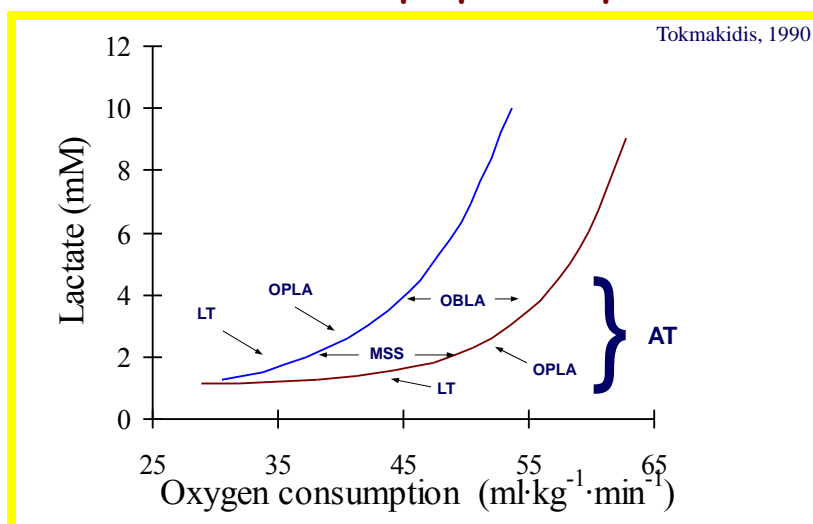
### La curve shifts to the right with training



The rightward displacement of the La curve that occurs with training is partly due to the increase of the maximal speed or  $VO_{2max}$  values. Most of the time, when there is an increase in  $VO_{2max}$ , there is also an increase in AT.

### Question:

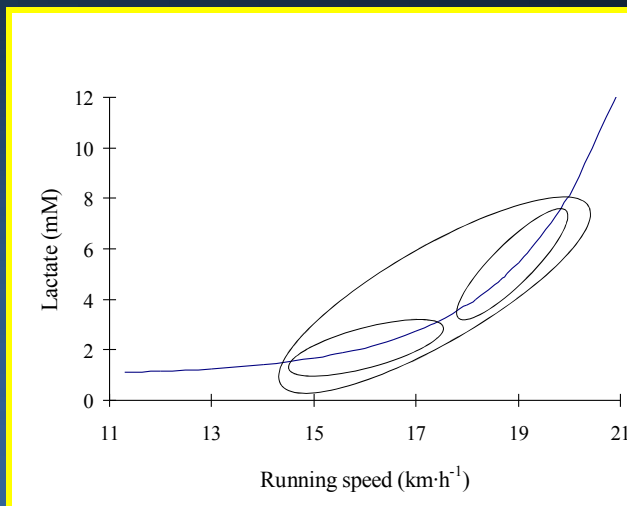
#### Which is the proper AT point?



Various AT points used in the literature give different intensities

**Lactate threshold is considered to be a reliable and powerful predictor of performance**

(Many reports have presented high correlation with running performance)

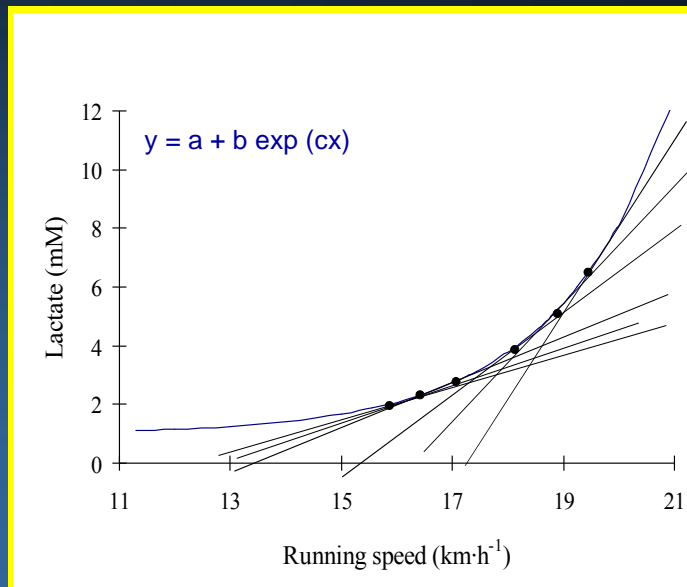


any point on the lactate curve correlates equally well with performance

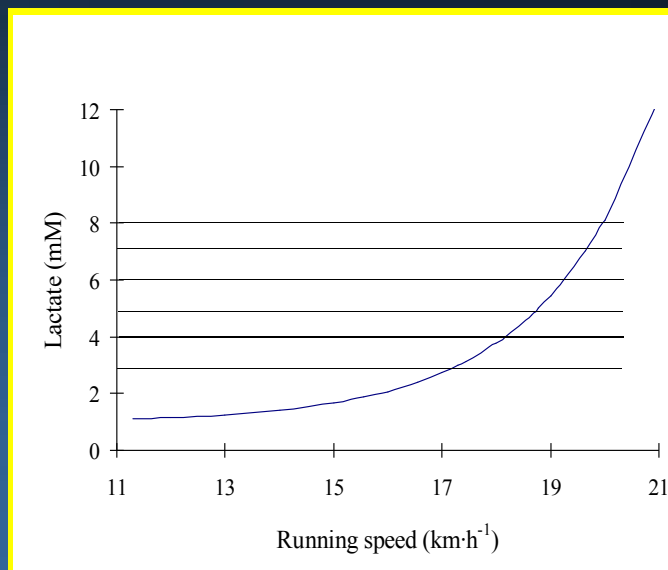
## Selected AT points

- ✓ a conventional lactate threshold
- ✓ a fixed lactate level of 4 mM
- ✓ a point of 1 mM above baseline
- ✓ a log-log threshold point
- ✓ a slope index point

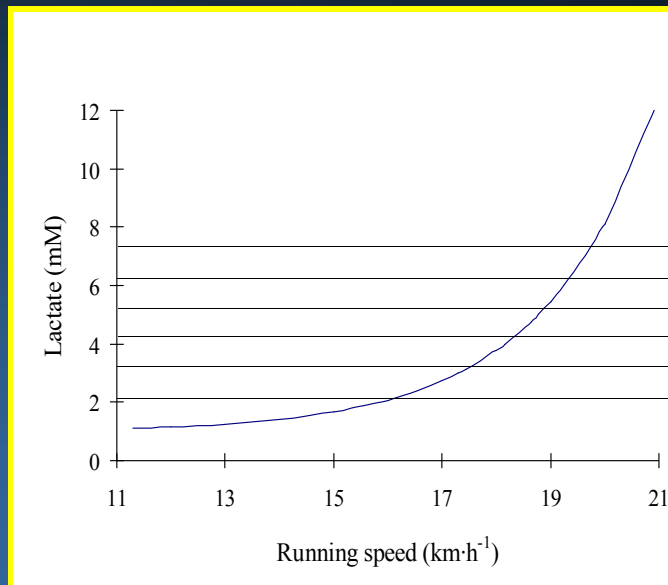
La data were fitted to a continuous nonlinear regression (slope index model with specific tangents)



The fixed lactate concentration of 3-8 mM

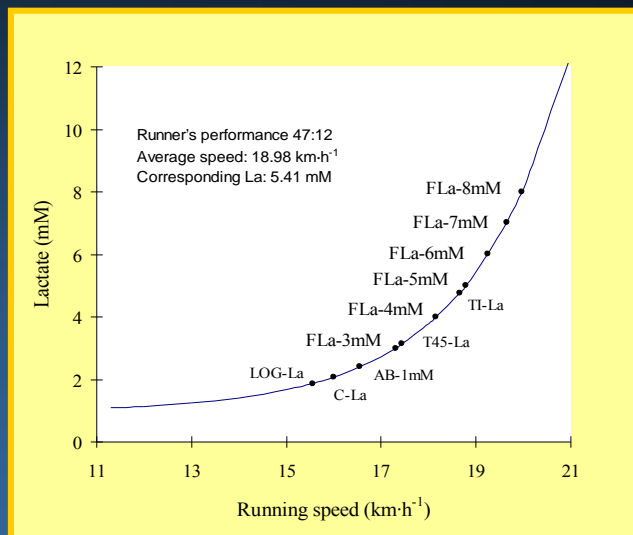


## The lactate concentration of 1-6 mM above baseline



|         | 15.000 m<br>km·h <sup>-1</sup><br>(n=19) | 10.000 m<br>km·h <sup>-1</sup><br>(n=11) | 20.000 m<br>km·h <sup>-1</sup><br>(n=16) | 42.195 m<br>km·h <sup>-1</sup><br>(n=13) |
|---------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| FLa-3mM | 0.930                                    | 0.929                                    | 0.889                                    | 0.907                                    |
| FLa-5mM | 0.949                                    | 0.934                                    | 0.911                                    | 0.917                                    |
| FLa-6mM | 0.949                                    | 0.932                                    | 0.910                                    | 0.915                                    |
| FLa-7mM | 0.948                                    | 0.930                                    | 0.908                                    | 0.913                                    |
| FLa-8mM | 0.946                                    | 0.928                                    | 0.905                                    | 0.911                                    |
| AB-2mM  | 0.942                                    | 0.922                                    | 0.907                                    | 0.907                                    |
| AB-3mM  | 0.944                                    | 0.922                                    | 0.908                                    | 0.905                                    |
| AB-4mM  | 0.944                                    | 0.922                                    | 0.907                                    | 0.904                                    |
| AB-5mM  | 0.943                                    | 0.921                                    | 0.905                                    | 0.903                                    |
| AB-6mM  | 0.942                                    | 0.921                                    | 0.903                                    | 0.902                                    |
| T30-La  | 0.923                                    | 0.988                                    | 0.888                                    | 0.865                                    |
| T40-La  | 0.934                                    | 0.900                                    | 0.899                                    | 0.880                                    |
| T50-La  | 0.938                                    | 0.908                                    | 0.900                                    | 0.890                                    |
| T60-La  | 0.936                                    | 0.913                                    | 0.896                                    | 0.839                                    |
| T70-La  | 0.926                                    | 0.915                                    | 0.881                                    | 0.886                                    |

Any lactate point can be used  
as a "threshold" or as a performance index



The knowledge of the physiological consequences of a chosen La level  
is what counts and not the AT point itself

The anaerobic threshold is expressed  
in different units

### Absolute units of AT

- running speed (km/h)
- $\text{VO}_2$  (ml/kg/min)

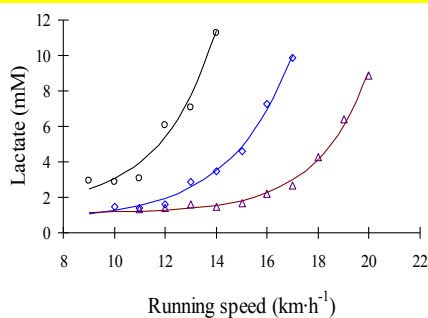
### Relative units of AT

- %  $\text{SPEED}_{\text{max}}$
- %  $\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$

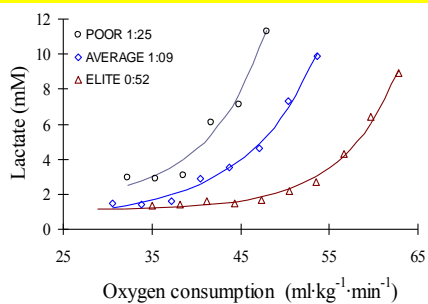


It is recognized that any AT point represents a sub-maximal value

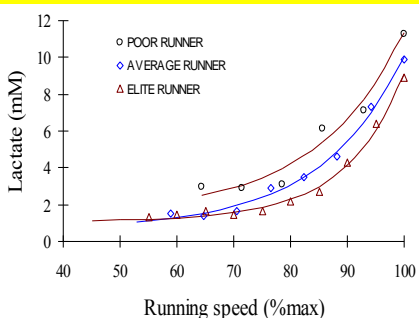
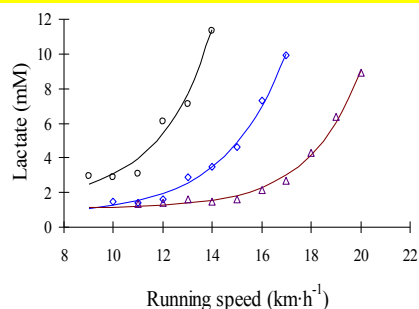
| AT - UNITS                                             | AEROBIC POWER | RUNNING ECONOMY | ENDURANCE |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|
| SPEED km·h <sup>-1</sup>                               | YES           | YES             | YES       |
| VO <sub>2</sub> ml·kg <sup>-1</sup> ·min <sup>-1</sup> | YES           | NO              | ?         |
| % VO <sub>2</sub> max                                  | NO            | YES             | ?         |
| % SPEED max                                            | NO            | ?               | ?         |



The differences among the La curves are reduced when speed units are transformed in VO<sub>2</sub> units.



This is the effect of running economy which disappears when the speed units are expressed in VO<sub>2</sub> units.

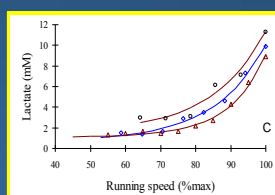
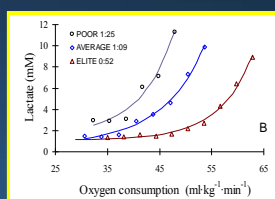
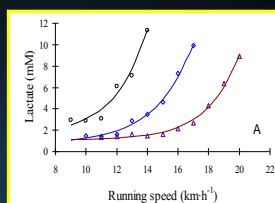


When AT is normalized according to the maximal running speed and it is expressed as %SPEEDmax, aerobic power, running economy and perhaps endurance are removed.

This in turn reduces the differences among runners and it eliminates the correlation between AT and performance.

|                                                           | 15.000 m<br>kmh <sup>-1</sup><br>(n=19) | 10.000 m<br>kmh <sup>-1</sup><br>(n=11) | 20.000 m<br>kmh <sup>-1</sup><br>(n=16) | 42.195 m<br>kmh <sup>-1</sup><br>(n=13) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <b>SPEED kmh<sup>-1</sup></b>                             |                                         |                                         |                                         |                                         |
| C-La                                                      | 0.921***                                | 0.893***                                | 0.869***                                | 0.863***                                |
| LOG-La                                                    | 0.868***                                | 0.849***                                | 0.827***                                | 0.770**                                 |
| TH-La                                                     | 0.933***                                | 0.906***                                | 0.897***                                | 0.906***                                |
| T45-La                                                    | 0.937***                                | 0.904***                                | 0.900***                                | 0.886***                                |
| FLa-4mM                                                   | 0.948***                                | 0.937***                                | 0.910***                                | 0.918***                                |
| AB-1mM                                                    | 0.935***                                | 0.923***                                | 0.904***                                | 0.914***                                |
| <b>VO<sub>2</sub> ml·kg<sup>-1</sup>·min<sup>-1</sup></b> |                                         |                                         |                                         |                                         |
| C-La                                                      | 0.718***                                | 0.557                                   | 0.687**                                 | 0.520                                   |
| LOG-La                                                    | 0.655**                                 | 0.518                                   | 0.661**                                 | 0.417                                   |
| TH-La                                                     | 0.834***                                | 0.695*                                  | 0.829***                                | 0.711**                                 |
| T45-La                                                    | 0.811***                                | 0.656*                                  | 0.814***                                | 0.668*                                  |
| FLa-4mM                                                   | 0.855***                                | 0.743**                                 | 0.834***                                | 0.729**                                 |
| AB-1mM                                                    | 0.812***                                | 0.692**                                 | 0.797**                                 | 0.653*                                  |
| <b>% VO<sub>2</sub> max</b>                               |                                         |                                         |                                         |                                         |
| C-La                                                      | -0.319                                  | -0.194                                  | -0.280                                  | -0.302                                  |
| LOG-La                                                    | -0.214                                  | -0.170                                  | -0.120                                  | -0.314                                  |
| TH-La                                                     | -0.312                                  | -0.050                                  | -0.357                                  | -0.356                                  |
| T45-La                                                    | 0.176                                   | 0.186                                   | 0.158                                   | -0.019                                  |
| FLa-4mM                                                   | 0.139                                   | 0.212                                   | 0.057                                   | 0.018                                   |
| AB-1mM                                                    | -0.031                                  | 0.095                                   | -0.028                                  | -0.164                                  |
| <b>% SPEED max</b>                                        |                                         |                                         |                                         |                                         |
| C-La                                                      | -0.172                                  | -0.035                                  | -0.220                                  | -0.221                                  |
| LOG-La                                                    | -0.068                                  | -0.024                                  | -0.042                                  | -0.210                                  |
| TH-La                                                     | -0.219                                  | 0.056                                   | -0.300                                  | -0.300                                  |
| T45-La                                                    | 0.429                                   | 0.415                                   | 0.319                                   | 0.128                                   |
| FLa-4mM                                                   | 0.352                                   | 0.404                                   | 0.186                                   | 0.161                                   |
| AB-1mM                                                    | 0.217                                   | 0.325                                   | 0.109                                   | -0.028                                  |

\*\*\* P<0.001; \*\* P<0.01; \* P<0.05



| AT - UNITS                                            | AEROBIC POWER | RUNNING ECONOMY | ENDURANCE* | CORRELATION (r) |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| Tokmakidis et al., 1998                               |               |                 |            | <b>15.00 km</b> |
| SPEED km h <sup>-1</sup>                              | YES           | YES             | YES        | 0.95            |
| VO <sub>2</sub> ml kg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> | YES           | NO              | ?          | 0.86            |
| % VO <sub>2</sub> max                                 | NO            | YES             | ?          | 0.35            |
| % SPEED max                                           | NO            | ?               | ?          | 0.14            |
| Weltman et al., 1987                                  |               |                 |            | <b>3.20 km</b>  |
| SPEED km h <sup>-1</sup>                              | YES           | YES             | YES        | 0.88            |
| VO <sub>2</sub> ml kg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> | YES           | NO              | ?          | 0.79            |
| Kumagai et al., 1982                                  |               |                 |            | <b>16.09 km</b> |
| VO <sub>2</sub> ml kg <sup>-1</sup> min <sup>-1</sup> | YES           | NO              | ?          | 0.83            |
| % VO <sub>2</sub> max                                 | NO            | YES             | ?          | 0.11            |
| Rotstein et al., 1986                                 |               |                 |            | <b>1.20 km</b>  |
| SPEED km h <sup>-1</sup>                              | YES           | YES             | YES        | 0.74            |
| % VO <sub>2</sub> max                                 | NO            | YES             | ?          | 0.14            |

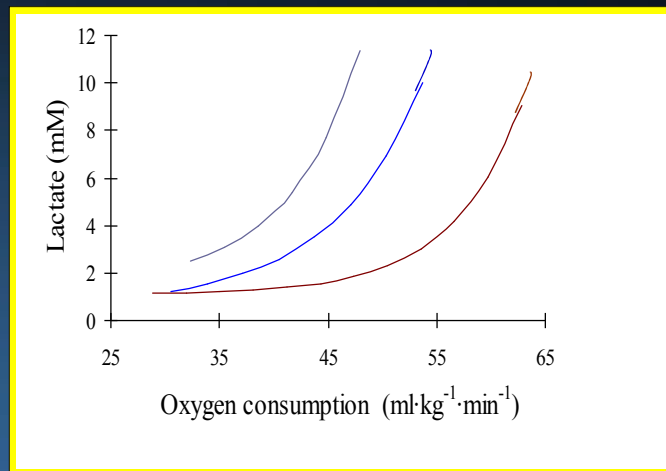
When AT was normalized for maximal speed or VO<sub>2max</sub> values, the net results were not well correlated with performance. For this reason, the correlation between AT and performance is mostly reported in absolute speed or VO<sub>2</sub> units.

**The absolute AT is a sub-maximal value  
that includes the value of VO<sub>2max</sub>**

**Thus ...**

**the absolute AT is not independent  
of VO<sub>2max</sub>  
as it has been considered**

La curve shifts to the right with training



The rightward displacement of the La curve that occurs with training is partly due to the increase of the maximal speed or  $VO_{2max}$  values. Most of the time, when there is an increase in  $VO_{2max}$ , there is also an increase in AT.

| References                | Training period | Training effects (% differences) |                   |             |
|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|                           |                 | Absolute AT units                | Relative AT units | $VO_{2max}$ |
| Sady et al. (1980)        | 8 weeks         | 37.0                             | 2.7               | 26.5        |
|                           |                 | 26.8                             | 0.8               | 25.8        |
| Raedy & Quinney (1982)    | 9 weeks         | 70.4                             | 19.4              | 36.7        |
| Gibbons et al. (1983)     | 8 weeks         | 15.2                             | 0.2               | 14.8        |
| Caldwell & Rauhala (1983) | 3 months        | 21.0                             | 7.6               | 12.4        |
| Davis et al. (1979)       | 9 weeks         | 44.1                             | 15.4              | 25.3        |

**The identification of a unique threshold (AT point)  
on the blood lactate concentration curve**

**There is no unique AT point on the La curve  
Any point can be well correlated with performance**

## **The unit effect and the anaerobic threshold**

**The relative importance of the threshold  
as compared to  $VO_{2max}$  might not be as critical  
when the AT point is expressed as  $\%VO_{2max}$**

### Lactate turnover in exercise: consequences and practical implications

- The properties of the lactate curve should not be overlooked
- The blood lactate response to exercise is a useful tool for exercise prescription

Thus, it is important to understand the physiological consequences of a chosen lactate level rather than to concentrate on an 'AT' for exercise prescription

#### Lactate turnover and the lactate threshold in trained and untrained men (Messonnier LA et al. J Appl Physiol 114: 1593–1602, 2013)

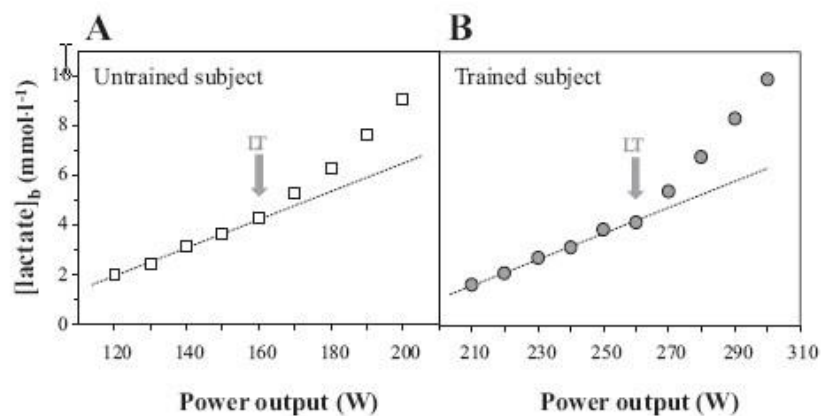


Fig. 1. Typical blood lactate evolution curves obtained in untrained (A) and trained (B) subjects during the lactate threshold (LT) determination test. Deviation from the dashed line is indicative of the acceleration in blood lactate accumulation (i.e., the LT). Of note, the dashed line should not be considered as demonstrating a linear relationship between blood lactate concentrations and power output.

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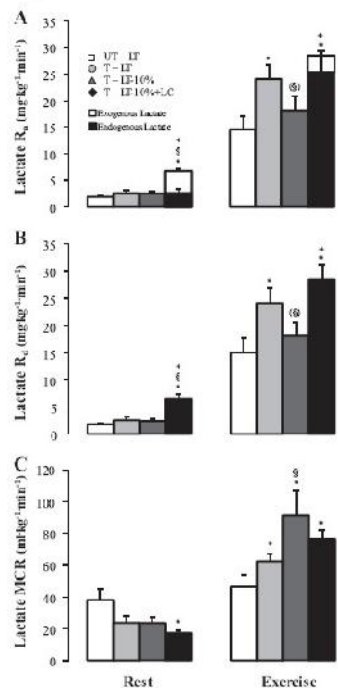
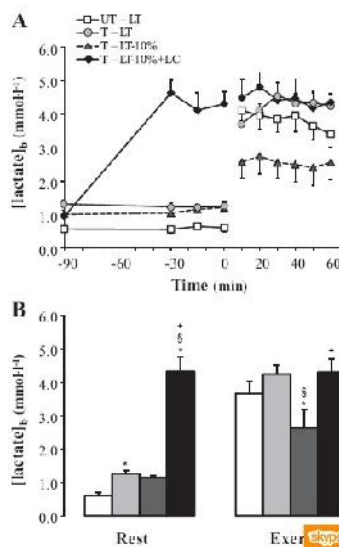
**Table 1. Physiological responses to maximal oxygen consumption and lactate threshold determination tests for untrained and trained subjects**

| Variable                              | Untrained   | Trained      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Maximal oxygen consumption test       |             |              |
| $\dot{V}H_{max}$ (bpm)                | 189 ± 5     | 189 ± 3      |
| $\dot{V}E_{max}$ (l/min)              | 115 ± 8     | 144 ± 13*    |
| $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ (l/min)             | 3.7 ± 0.1   | 5.0 ± 0.3*   |
| $PO_{2max}$ (W)                       | 248 ± 7     | 357 ± 12*    |
| Lactate threshold test                |             |              |
| $\dot{V}H$ at LT (bpm)                | 158 ± 5     | 163 ± 3      |
| % $\dot{V}H_{max}$ at LT (%)          | 83 ± 3      | 89 ± 1       |
| $\dot{V}O_2$ at LT (l/min)            | 2.57 ± 0.09 | 3.85 ± 0.21* |
| % $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ (%)               | 69 ± 3      | 77 ± 2*      |
| [lactate] <sub>b</sub> at LT (mmol/l) | 4.3 ± 0.6   | 3.5 ± 0.6    |

Values are means ± SE; n = 6 for untrained and trained groups. Differences between groups: \* $P < 0.05$ ; †  $0.05 < P < 0.1$ .  $\dot{V}H_{max}$ , maximal heart rate; bpm, beats per minute;  $\dot{V}E_{max}$ , maximal pulmonary ventilation;  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ , maximal oxygen consumption;  $PO_{2max}$ ,  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ -associated power output;  $\dot{V}H$  at LT, heart rate at lactate threshold (LT); % $\dot{V}H_{max}$  at LT, percent of maximal heart rate at LT;  $\dot{V}O_2$  at LT, oxygen consumption at LT; % $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ , percent of maximal oxygen consumption; [lactate]<sub>b</sub>, blood lactate concentration.

were significantly higher in trained cyclists compared with untrained subjects ( $P < 0.05$ ).

Exercise power outputs and relative metabolic rates during isotope tracer trials. Absolute POs during the LT trial in



**Lactate kinetics in trained and untrained**  
(Messonnier LA et al. J Appl Physiol 114: 1593-1602, 2013)

Lactate rates of appearance (Lactate Ra) (A) and disposal (Lactate Rd) (B), and metabolic clearance rate of lactate (Lactate MCR) (C) at rest and during 60 min of exercise at LT, LT-10%, and LT-10%LC in untrained and trained subjects. Values are means (parentheses mean a trend ( $P < 0.10$ )).

**Explanation of symbols:**

Lactate threshold (LT), 10% below the LT workload (LT-10%), and LT-10% with a lactate clamp (LT-10%LC) in untrained (UT) and trained (T) subjects.

White squares indicate LT trial in UT subjects (UT-LT). Dark grey circles, striated triangles, and black diamonds indicate LT, LT-10%, and LT-10%LC trials in T subjects (T-LT, T-LT-10%, and T-LT-10%LC, respectively).

**Lactate kinetics and the lactate threshold in trained and untrained men**  
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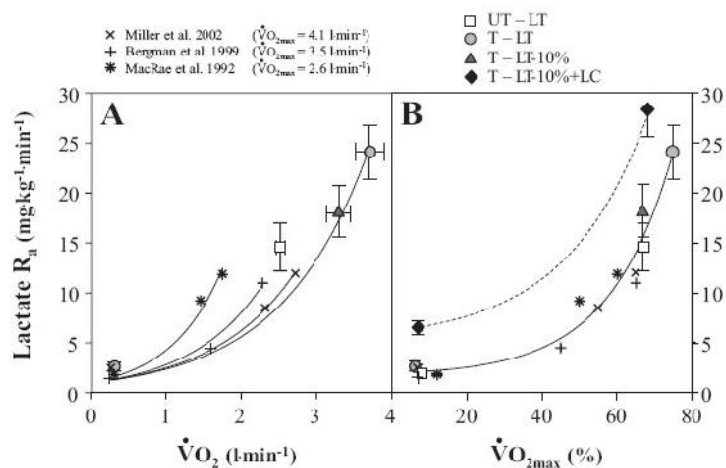


Fig. 5. Lactate  $R_a$  as a function of absolute ( $\dot{V}O_2$ ) (A) and relative (to  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ ) (B) metabolic rates elicited at rest and exercise in the present and previous studies involving subjects with different physical fitness status.  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$  values (means  $\pm$  SE) of UT and T subjects are  $3.7 \pm 0.1$  and  $5.0 \pm 0.3$  liter/min, respectively.

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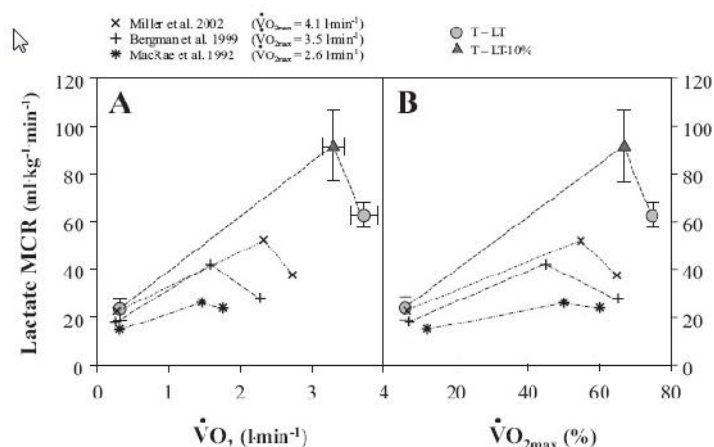
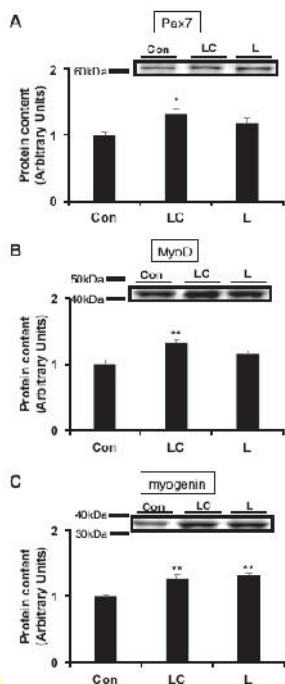


Fig. 8. Lactate metabolic clearance rate (MCR) as a function of absolute ( $\dot{V}O_2$ ) (A) and relative (to  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ ) (B) metabolic rates elicited at rest and exercise in the present and previous studies involving subjects with different physical fitness status. See Fig. 2 for an explanation of symbols.  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$  values (means  $\pm$  SE) for UT and T subjects are  $3.7 \pm 0.1$  and  $5.0 \pm 0.3$  l/min, respectively.





### Lactate-Caffeine Supplement Increases Muscle Mass

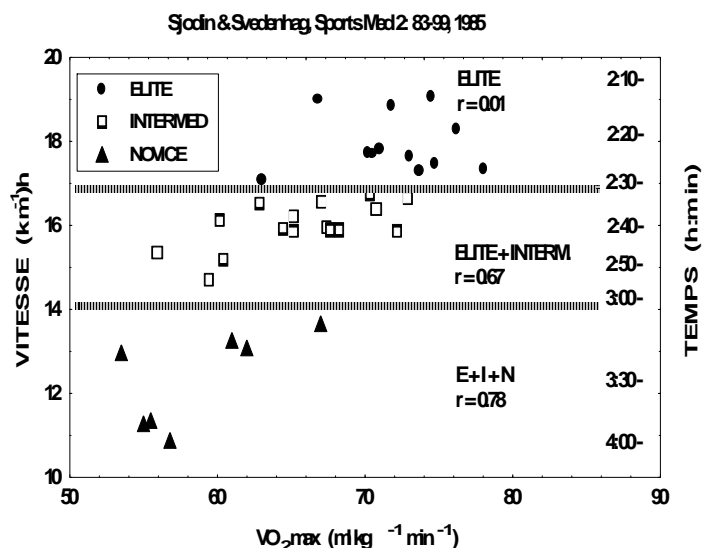
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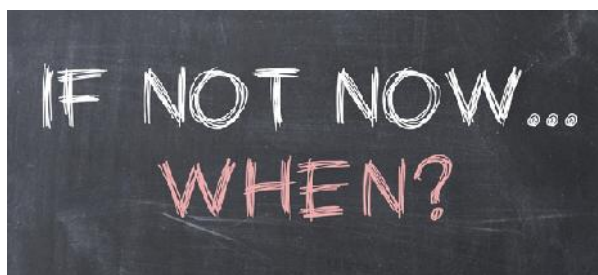
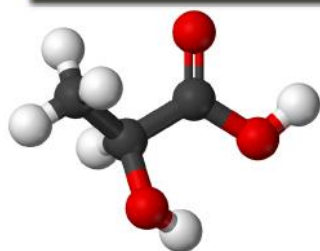
#### Effect of lactate or lactate-caffeine on satellite cell activity in C2C12 muscle cells.

Protein expression of paired box protein (Pax7; *A*), myogenic differentiation factor (MyoD; *B*), and myogenin (*C*) is shown with representative immunoblots. C2C12 cells were incubated with media containing 10 mM sodium lactate 5 mM caffeine (LC) or 10 mM sodium lactate (L) for 6 h.

L increased myogenin expression compared with Cont.

LC significantly increased Pax7, MyoD, and myogenin expression compared with Con, and increased MyoD expression compared with L. \* $P < 0.05$ , \*\* $P < 0.01$  vs. Cont.





IF NOT NOW...  
WHEN?

A chalkboard with the text "IF NOT NOW... WHEN?" written on it. The words "IF NOT NOW..." are written in white chalk, and "WHEN?" is written in pink chalk. The chalkboard is positioned below the ball-and-stick model and above a thick yellow horizontal line.