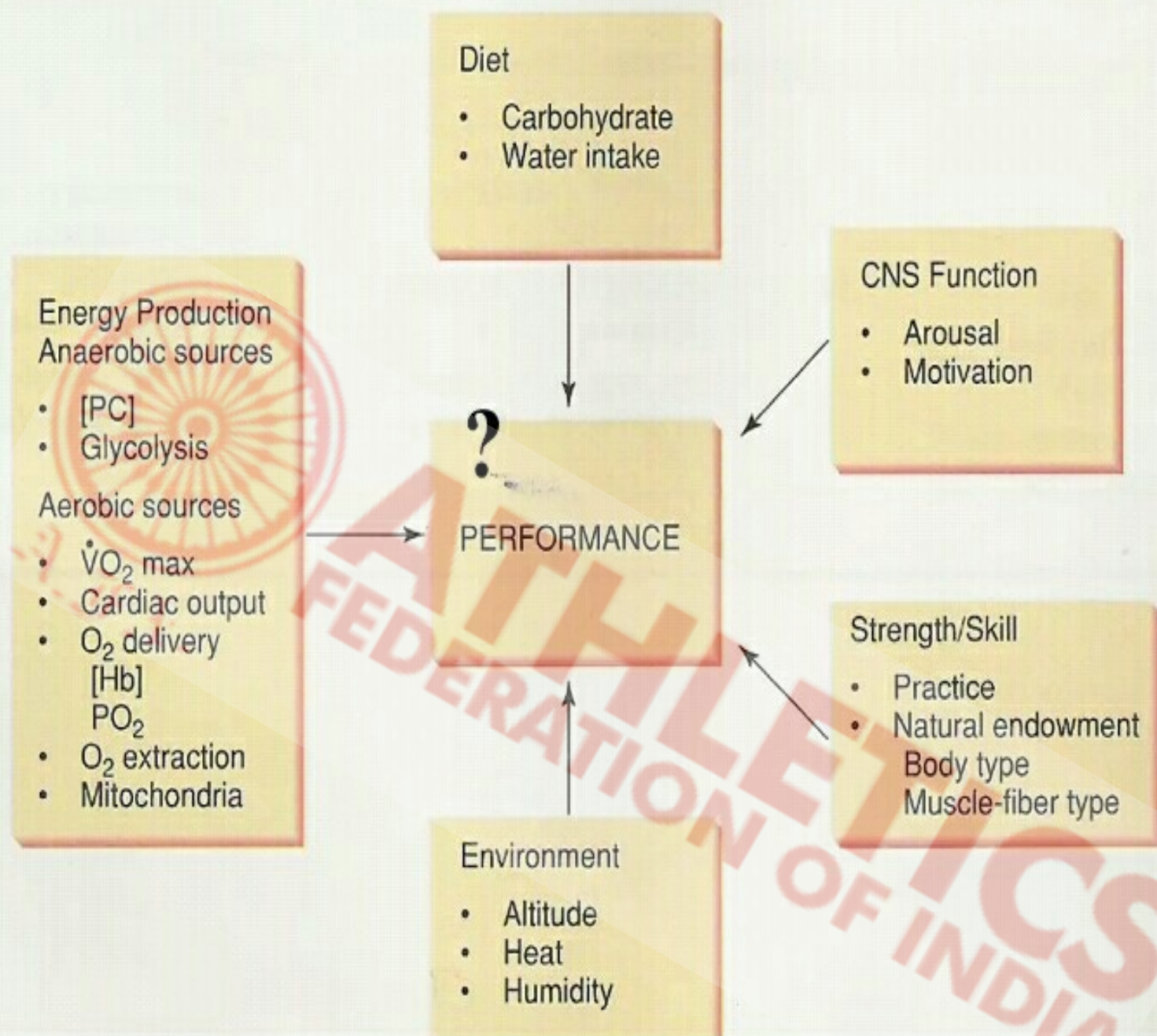


# Physiological and metabolic demand of Middle and Long Distance runners



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## Energy substrates (Nutrients) that gives us energy:

Carbohydrates

Glucose

Fats

Fatty acids

Proteins

Amino Acids

Digestion

They are used to produce ATP or stored

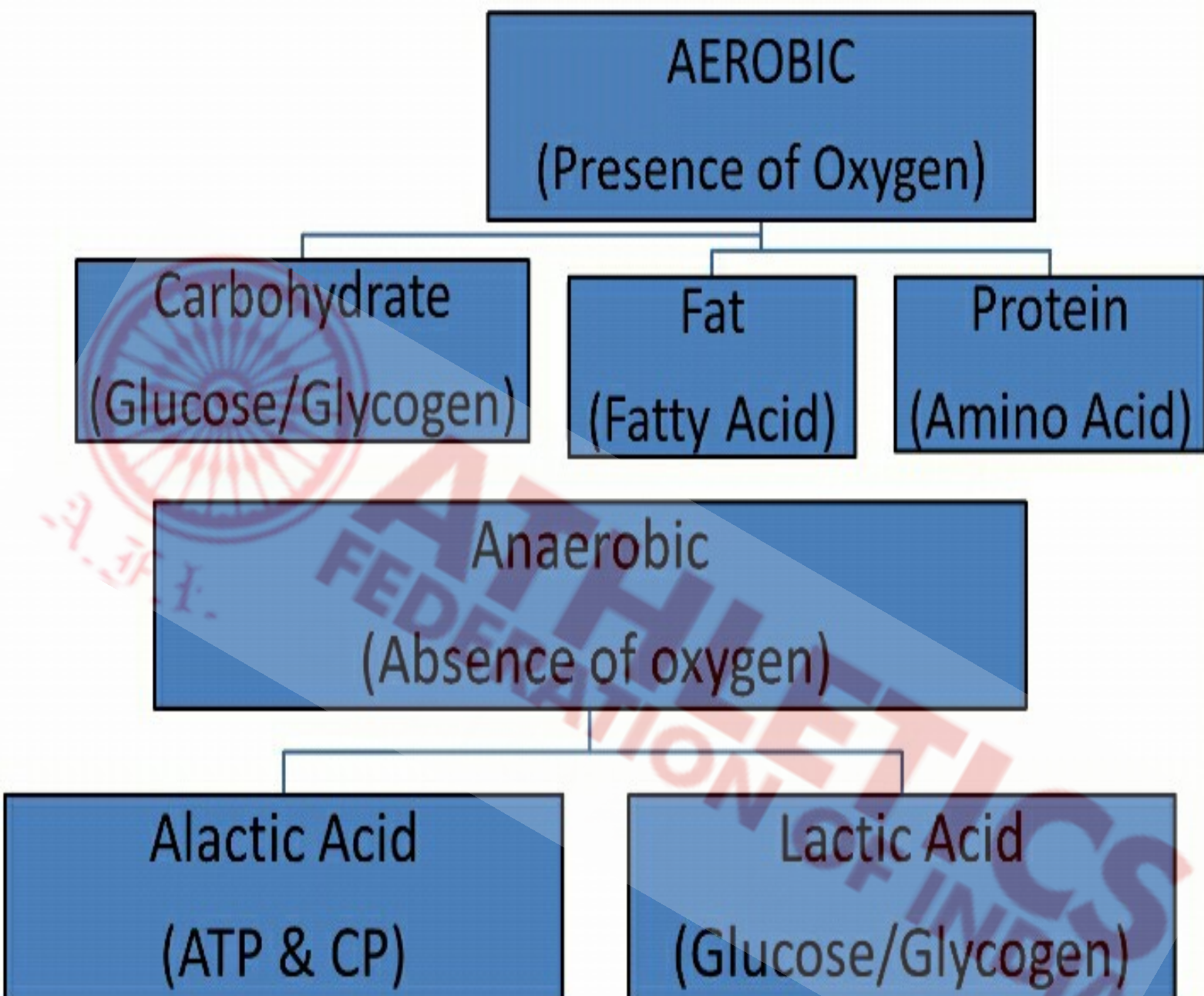


## Body Stores of Fuels and Energy

	g	kcal
<b>Carbohydrates</b>		
Liver glycogen	110	451
Muscle glycogen	500	2,050
Glucose in body fluids	15	62
Total	625	2,563
<b>Fat</b>		
Subcutaneous and visceral	7,800	73,320
Intramuscular	161	1,513
Total	7,961	74,833

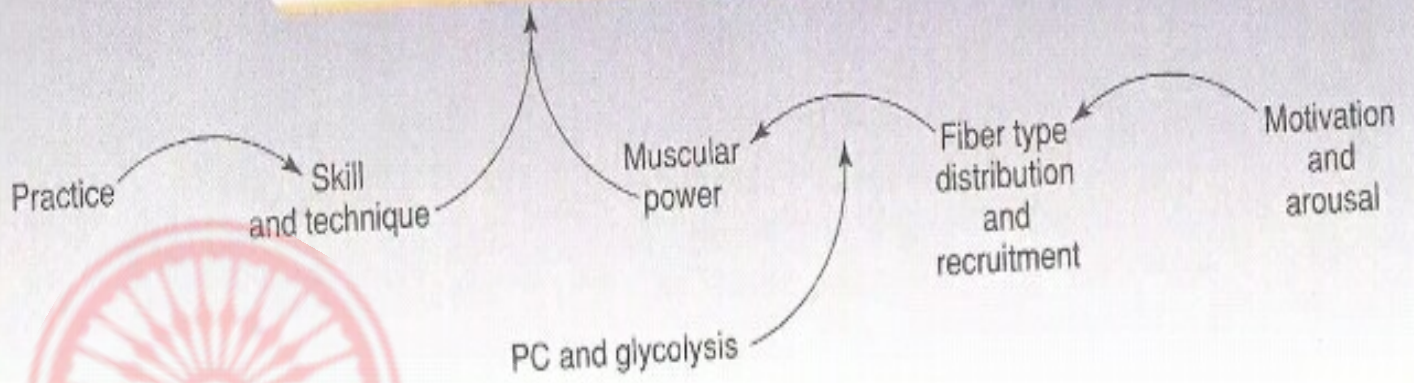
*Note.* These estimates are based on an average body weight of 65 kg (143 lb) with 12% body fat.

# ENERGY SYSTEMS

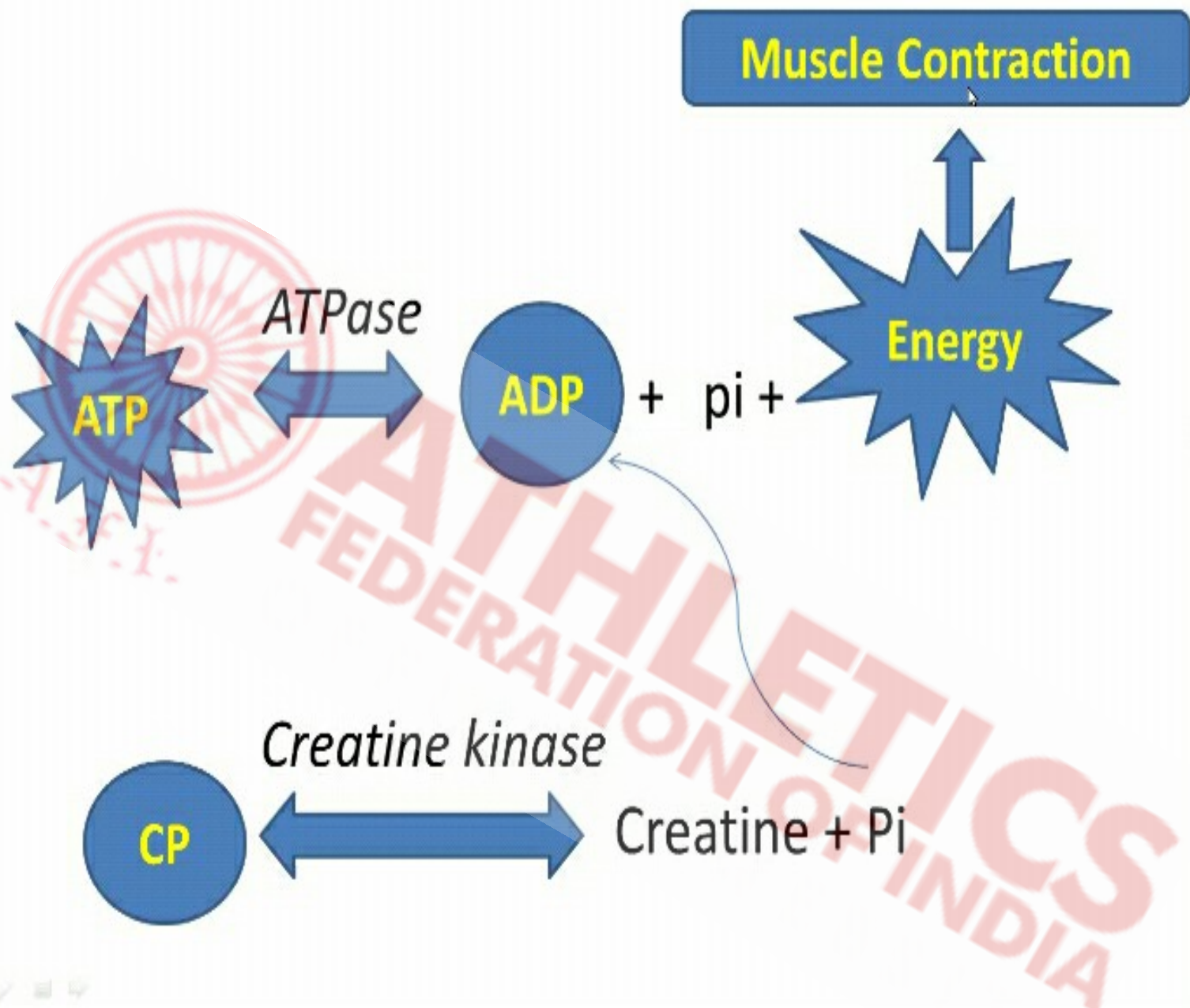




Ultra Short-Term Performance (<10 s)

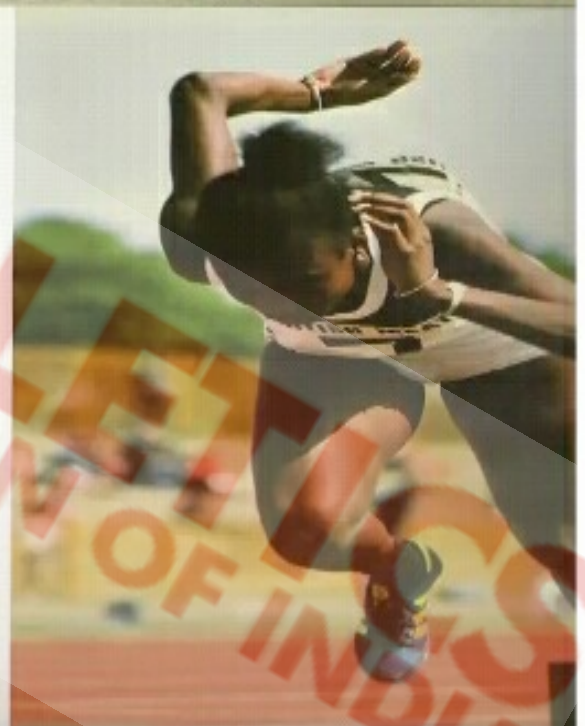
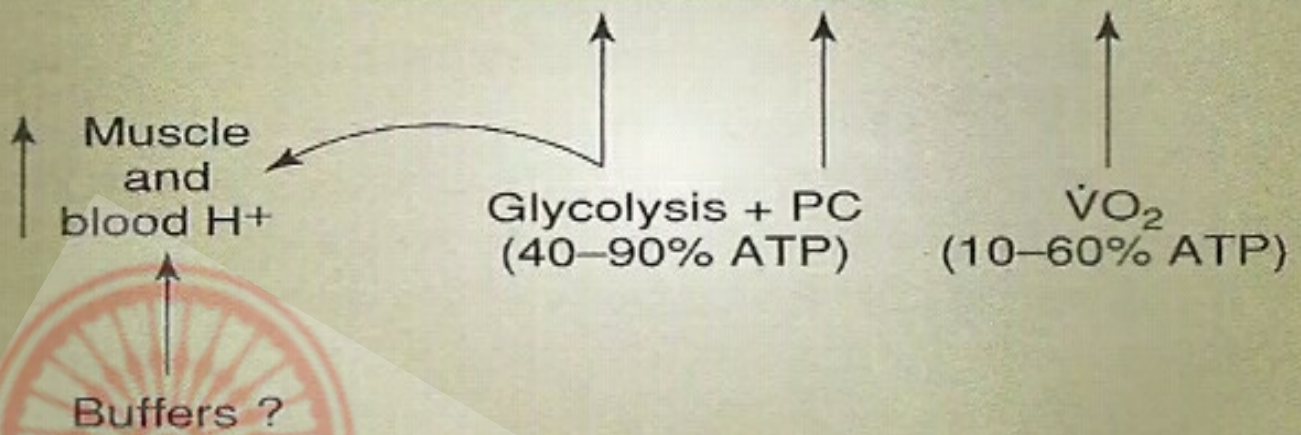


# The ATP-CP/Phosphagen Energy System



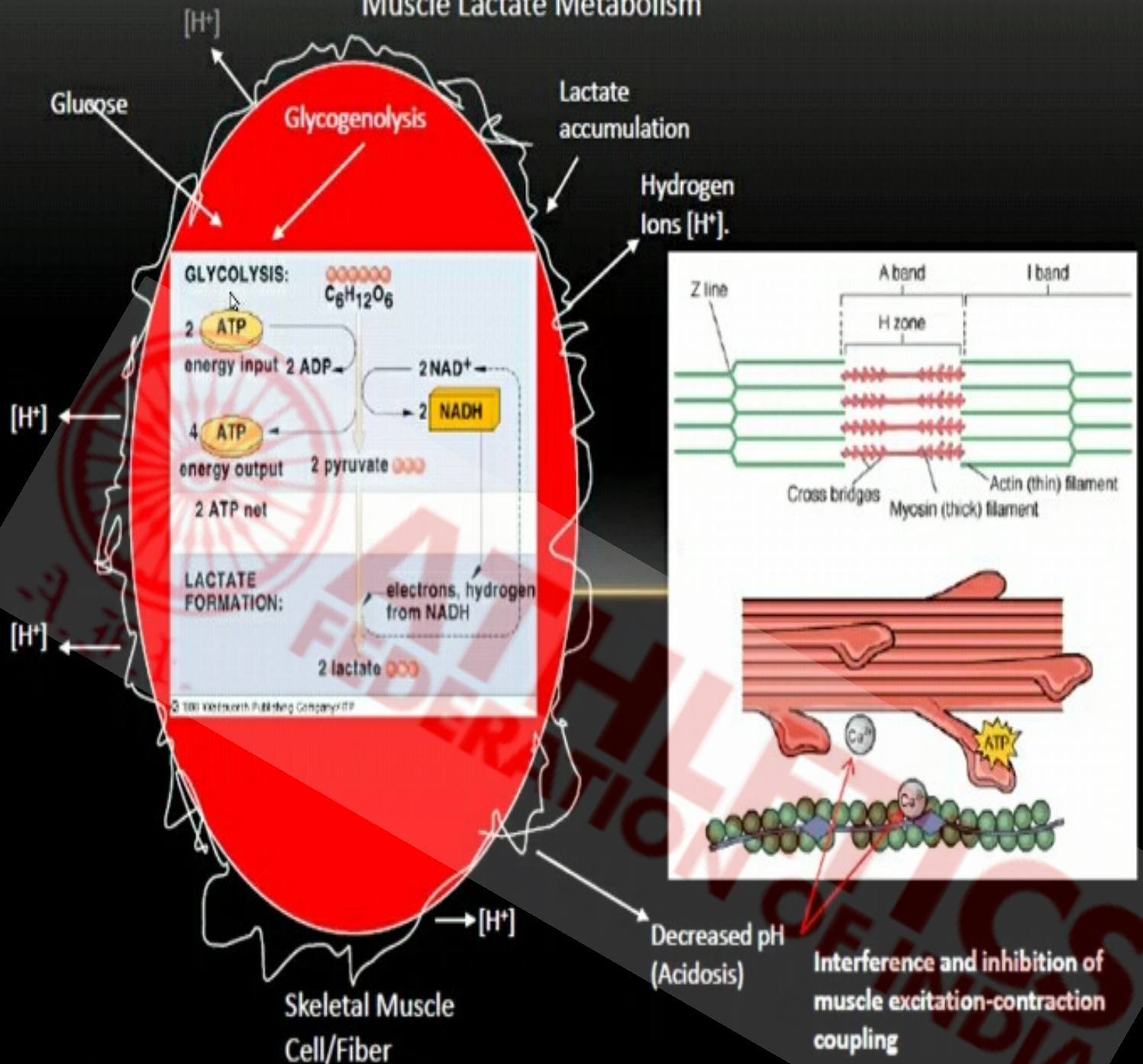


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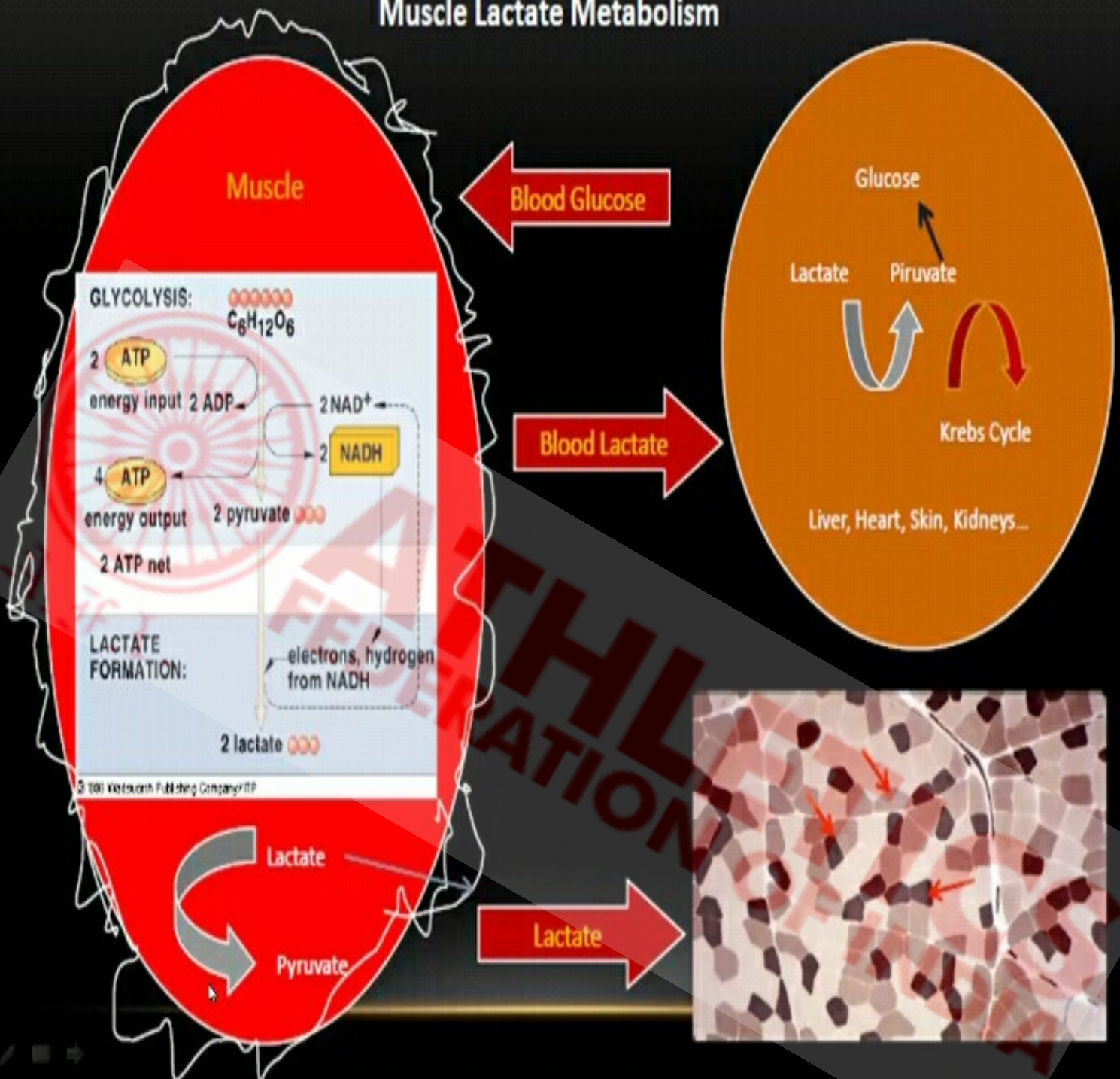




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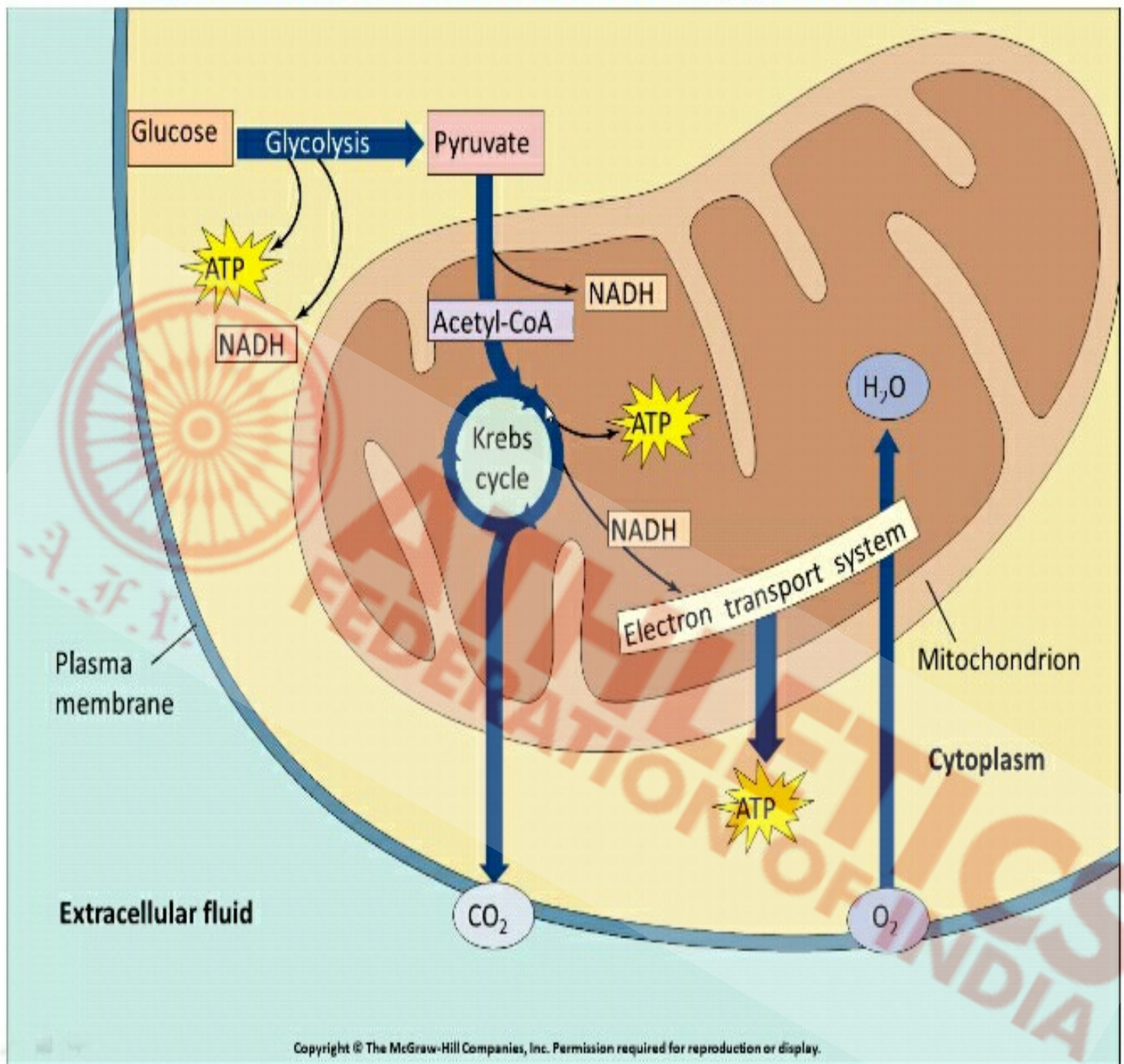


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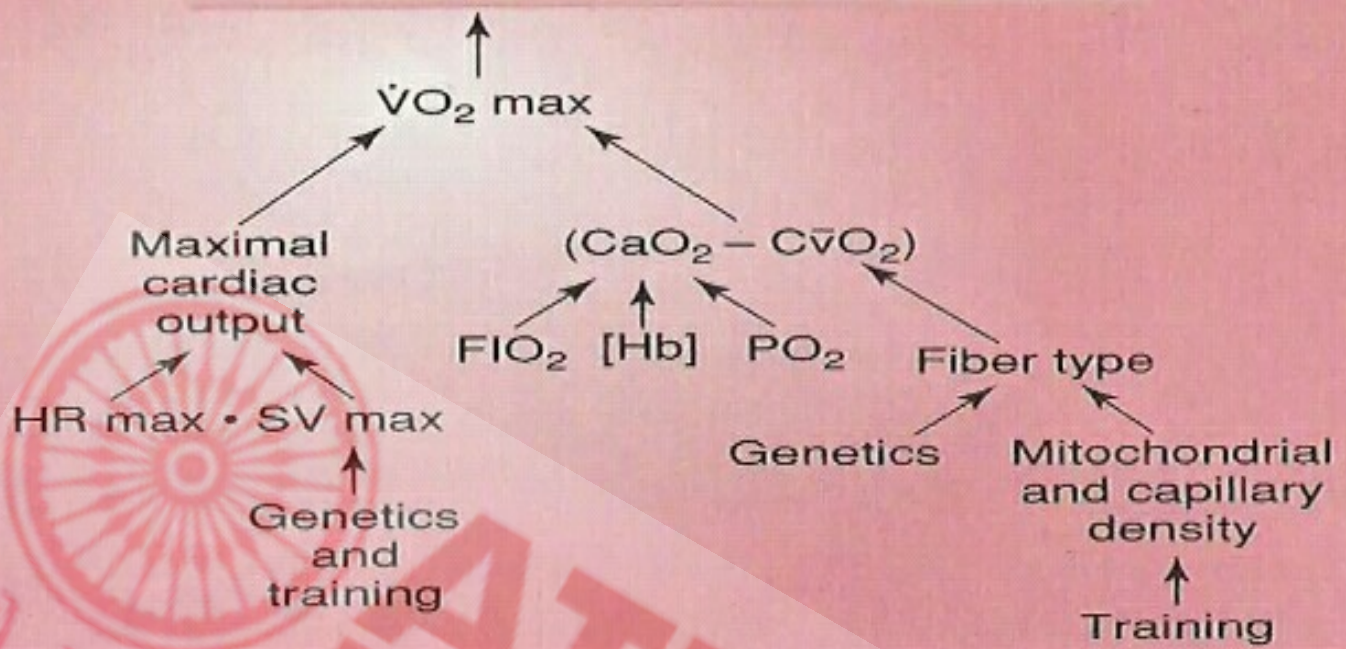




# Aerobic process of energy release

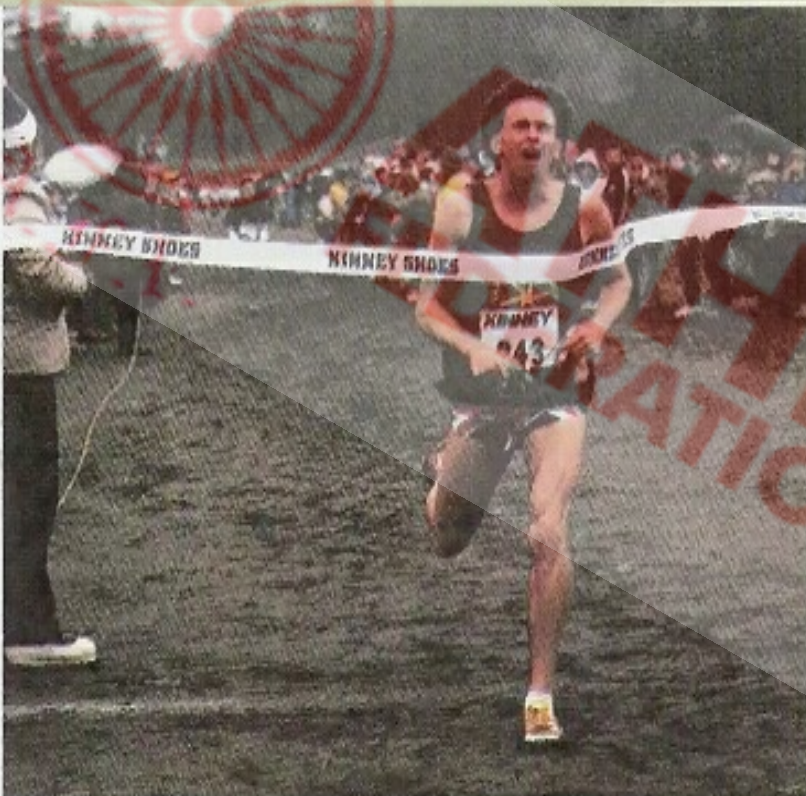
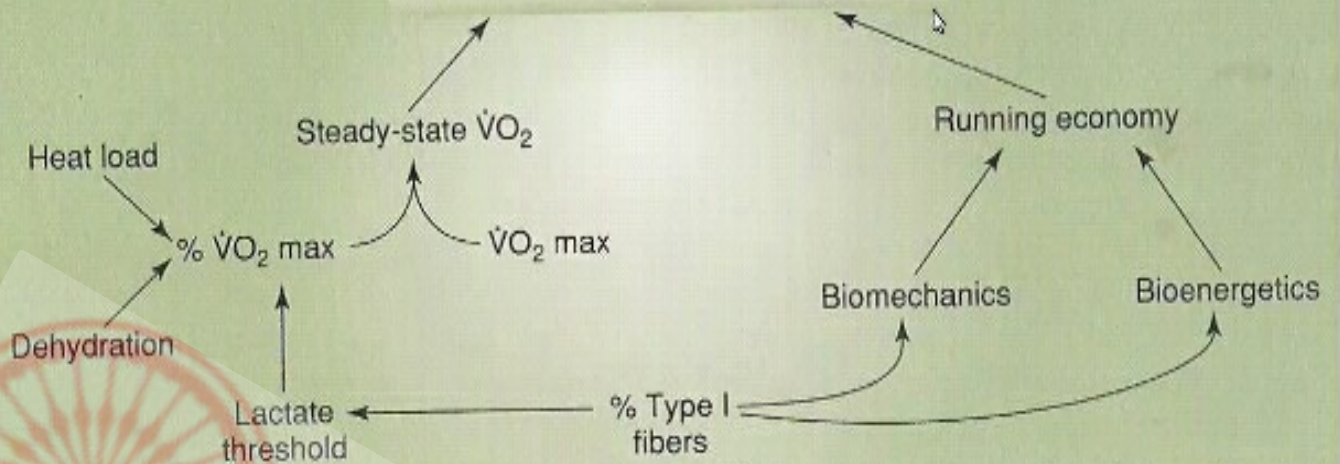


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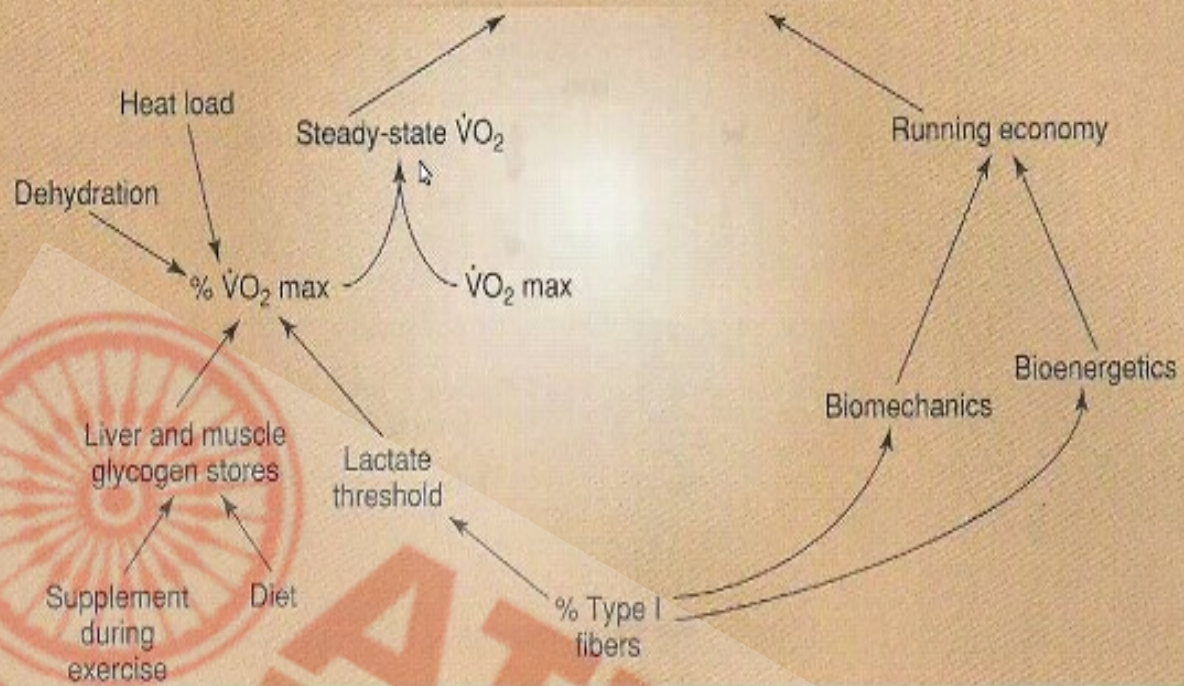


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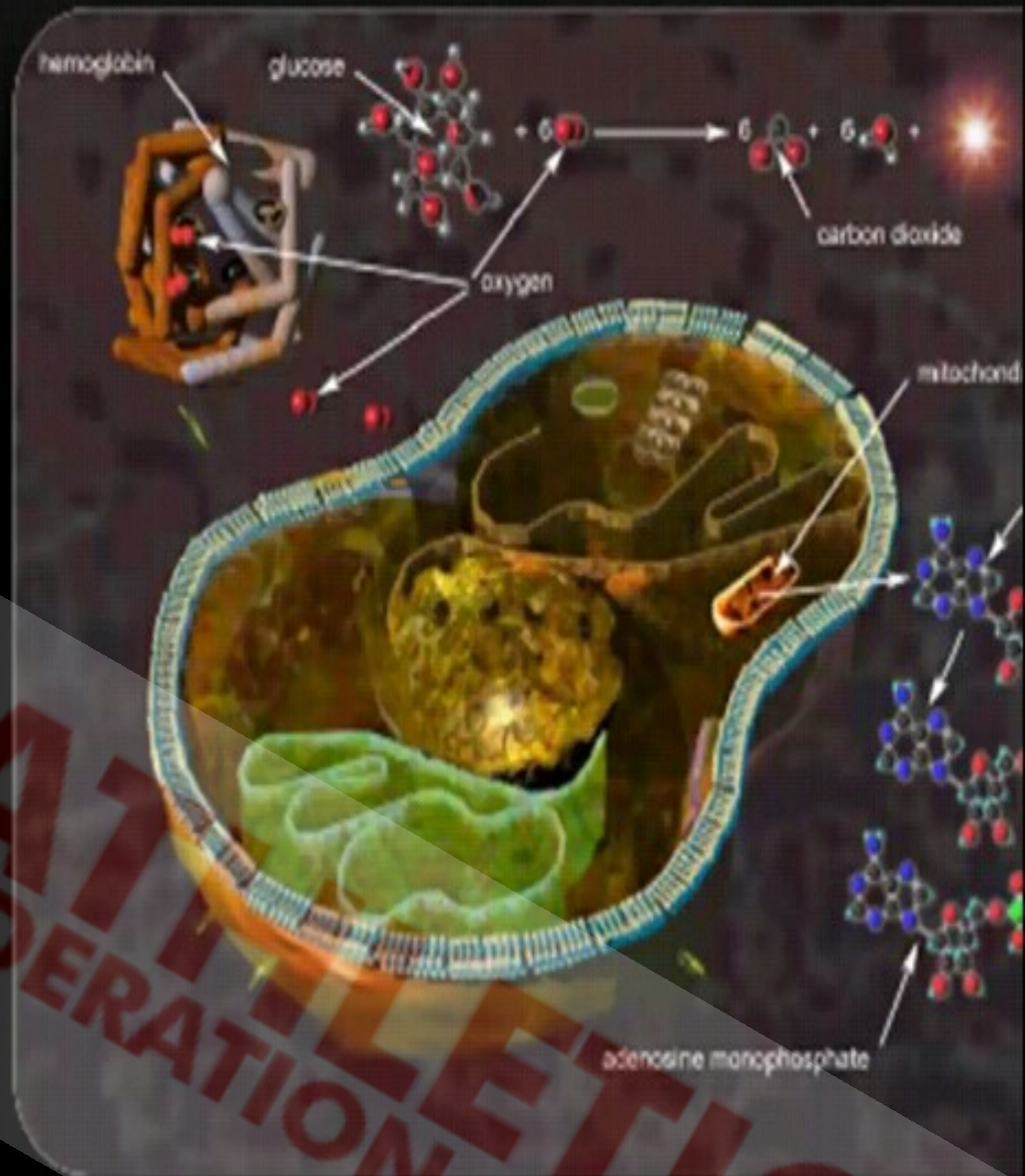


# Aerobic Performances (1-4 hours)





# Central Adaptation



-The events happening at the cellular level make the difference

## MAP TRAINING INTENSITY

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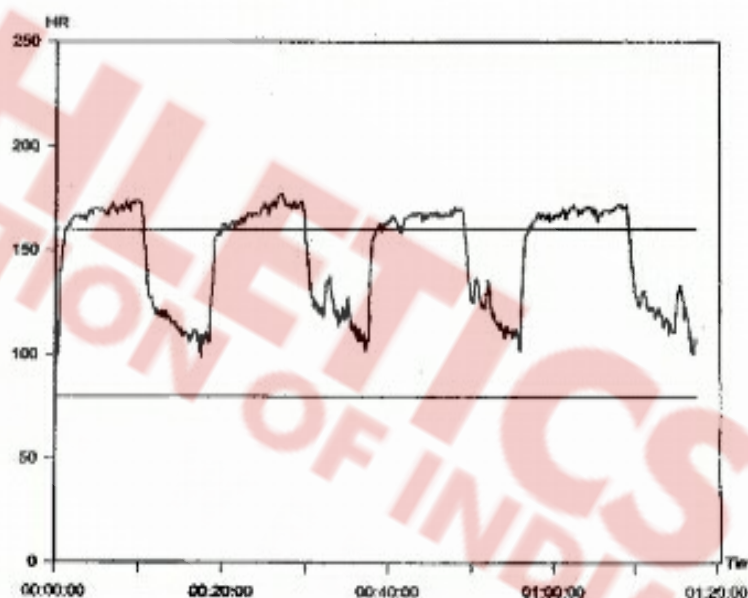
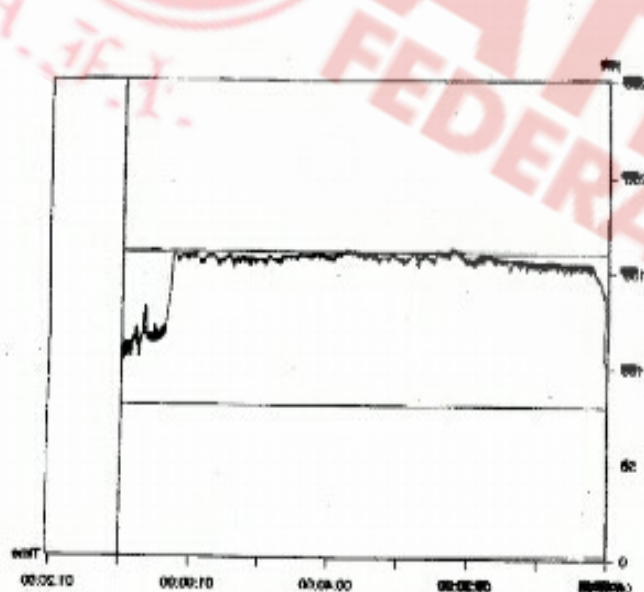
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95-100% MAP

Peripheral

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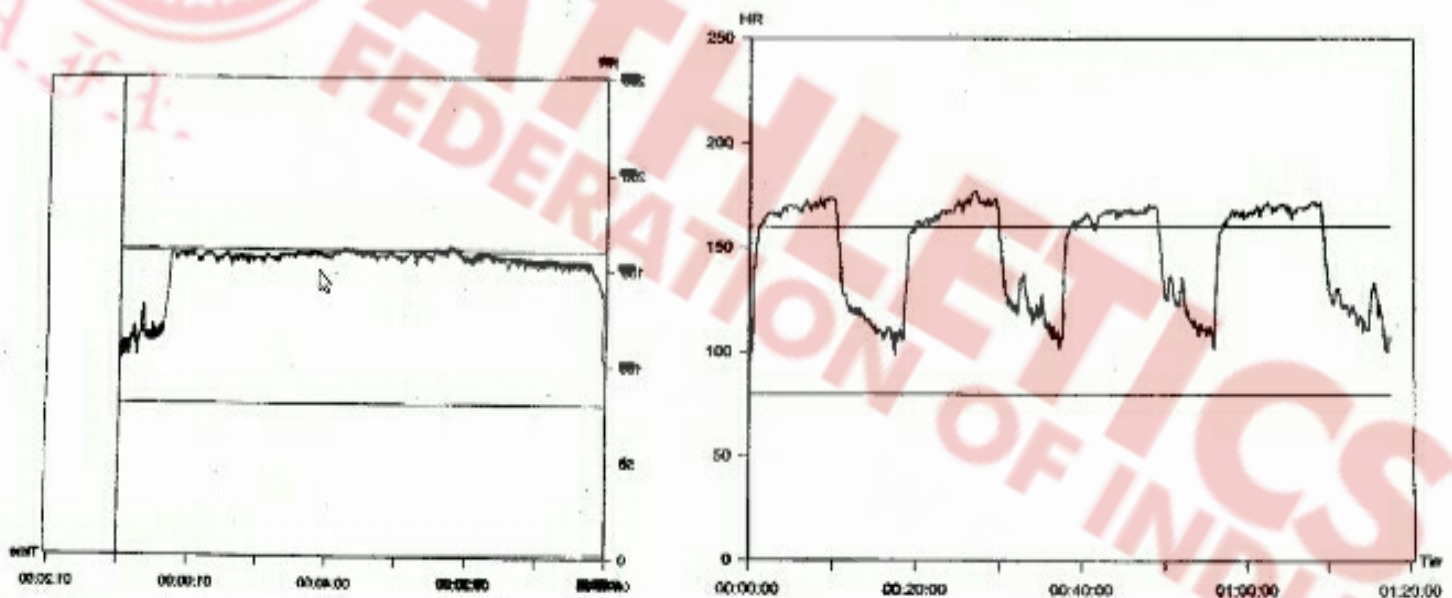
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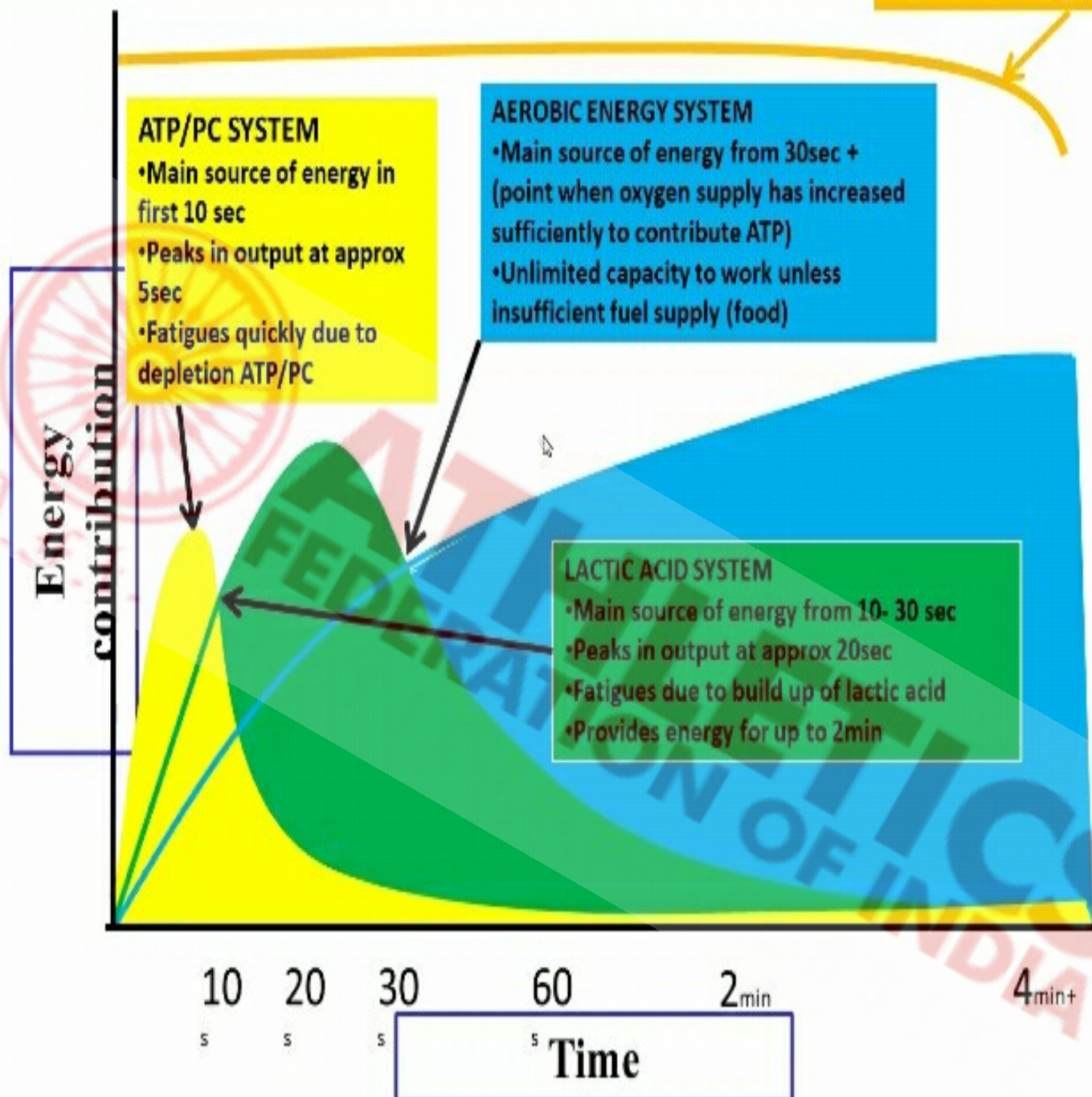
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# ENERGY SYSTEM INTERPLAY DURING EXERCISE TO EXHAUSTION

Total energy demand



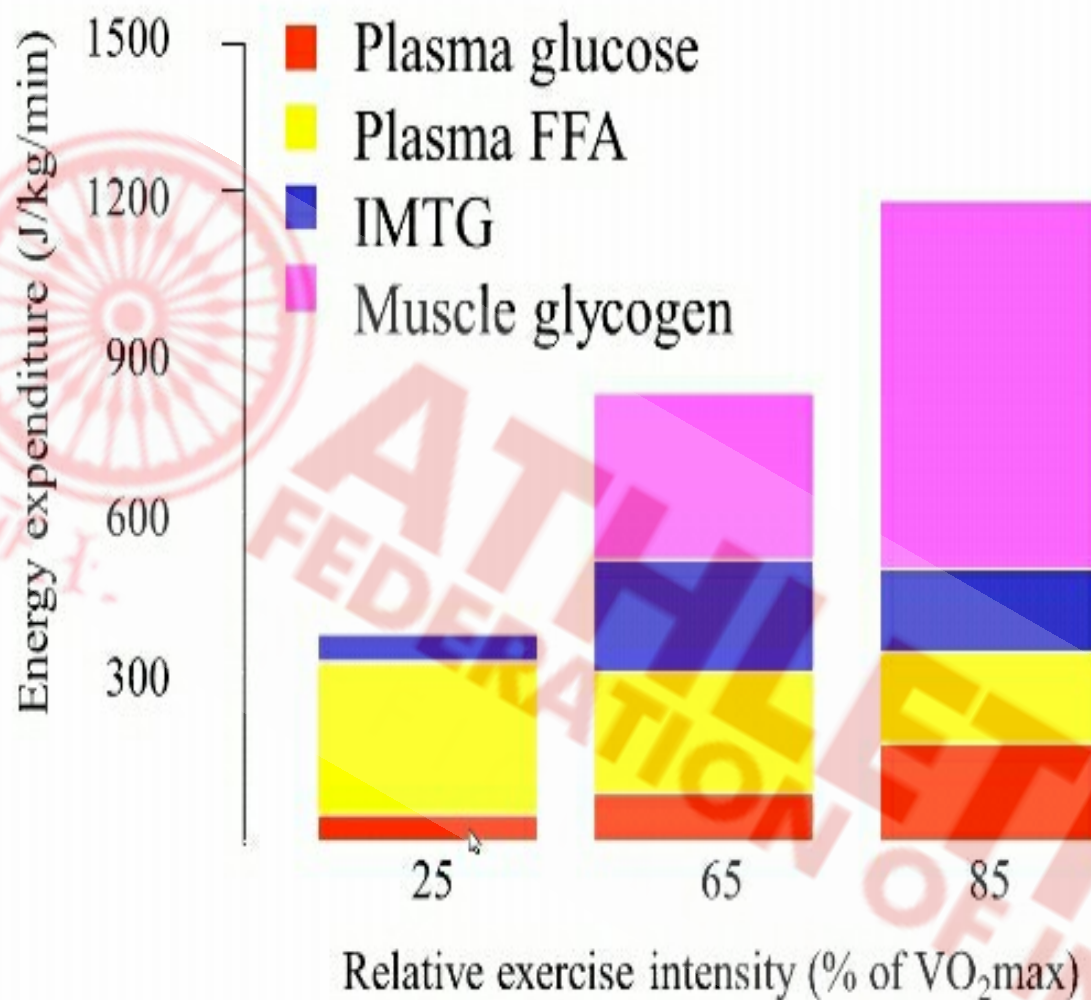


Energy system	Aerobic(long term)	Anaerobic (short term)	Anaerobic Alactic (Immediate)
Fuel source	Circulated nutrients (oxygen as a catalyst)	Glycogen (stored carbohydrate) in the muscle and liver	Stored <b>ATP and CP</b>
Limit of fuel source	The body's ability to process <b>oxygen</b> .	At 100% intensity: 10 seconds to 2 minutes "The limiting factor at maximum intensity is the build up of glycogen stores"	Upto 10 seconds
Byproducts	ATP, CO <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> O	ATP, <b>Lactic acid</b>	ATP, Creatine
Intensity of exercise when system is dominant	Low to moderate: higher intensities for efforts lasting longer than 2 minutes "Significant overlap with anaerobic system <b>at higher intensities</b> for events longer than 2 minutes"	High to very high for longer than 10 seconds (upto 2 or 2.5 minutes at maximum intensity)	Very high intensity: explosive movements (upto 10 seconds, unless stores have time to replenish)

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Recovery of fuel stores after use	<p>Highly dependant on intensity</p> <p>Lower intensity, <b>6 to 24 hours</b></p> <p>Higher intensity, <b>24 to 36 hours</b></p>	<p>Rate of <b>lactic acid removal</b></p> <p><b>25% in 10 minutes</b></p> <p><b>50% in 25 minutes</b></p> <p><b>100% in 75 minutes</b></p> <p>"low intensity can help "flush" lactic acid out of the muscles and facilitate faster recovery</p> <p>Replenishment of <b>glycogen</b> following <b>continuous</b>, high intensity endurance activities</p> <p><b>60% in 10 hours</b></p> <p><b>100% in 48 hours</b></p> <p>Replenishment of glycogen following <b>intermittent activity</b></p> <p><b>40% in 2 hours</b></p> <p><b>55% in 2 hours</b></p> <p><b>100% in 24 hours</b></p> <p>:Inorder to replenish glycogen stores, athletes must consume carbohydrate rich foods"</p>	<p><b>50% replenished in 30 seconds</b></p> <p><b>2 minutes for complete restoration (if resting)</b></p>
Athletic abilities developed by training this system	<p><b>Aerobic power</b> (highest intensity that still involves the aerobic oxygen system)</p> <p>Aerobic endurance (ability of the body to supply muscles with oxygen for long periods)</p> <p>Muscular endurance</p>	<p><b>Muscular endurance</b> (repeated muscle contractiopns)</p> <p><b>Speed Endurance</b>(moving as fast as possible: 10 seconds to 2 minutes)</p>	<p><b>Power</b> (moving against resistance or a force as fast as possible)</p> <p><b>Maximum speed</b> (upto 10 seconds)</p>
Use in triathlon	Dominant system in triathlon: all components	Supplement to aerobic capacity at high intensities (e.g. surges, accelerations,	Race starts, surges, rapid accelerations and/or power increases upto 10 se conds



## METABOLISM: Effects of Exercise Intensity



Romijn et al. *Am. J Physiol. Endocrin. Metab.* 265: E380-E391, 1993.

**Table II.** Estimates of anaerobic and aerobic energy contribution during selected periods of maximal exercise

Duration of exhaustive exercise (sec)	% Anaerobic	% Aerobic <sup>a</sup>
0-10	94	6
0-15	88	12
0-20	82	18
0-30	73	27
0-45	63	37
0-60	55	45
0-75	49	51
0-90	44	56
0-120	37	63
0-180	27	73
0-240	21	79



# WHAT IS LACTATE?

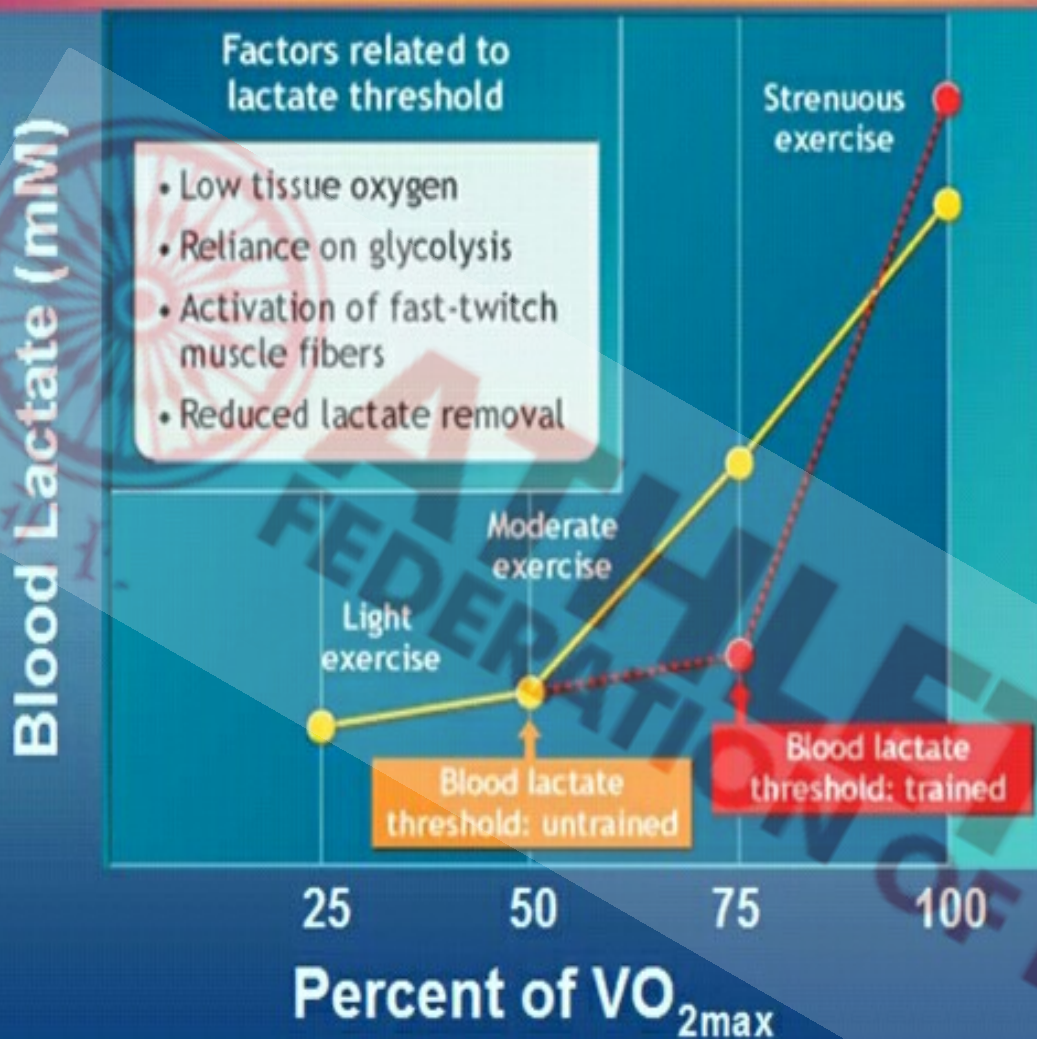
- Glycolysis yields Pyruvate
- In anerobic glycolysis Pyruvate is converted to Lactic acid
- Lactic acid is highly unstable, dissociates
- $\text{Na}^+ / \text{K}^+$  Lactate

# WHEN DOES IT INCREASE?

- Increases as exercise intensity increases
- Steep increase at 50 - 60% of  $\text{VO}_2$  Max
- Anaerobic Threshold / Lactate Threshold / Lactic Acid Inflection Point
- Onset of Blood Lactate Accumulation – 4 mmol/litre

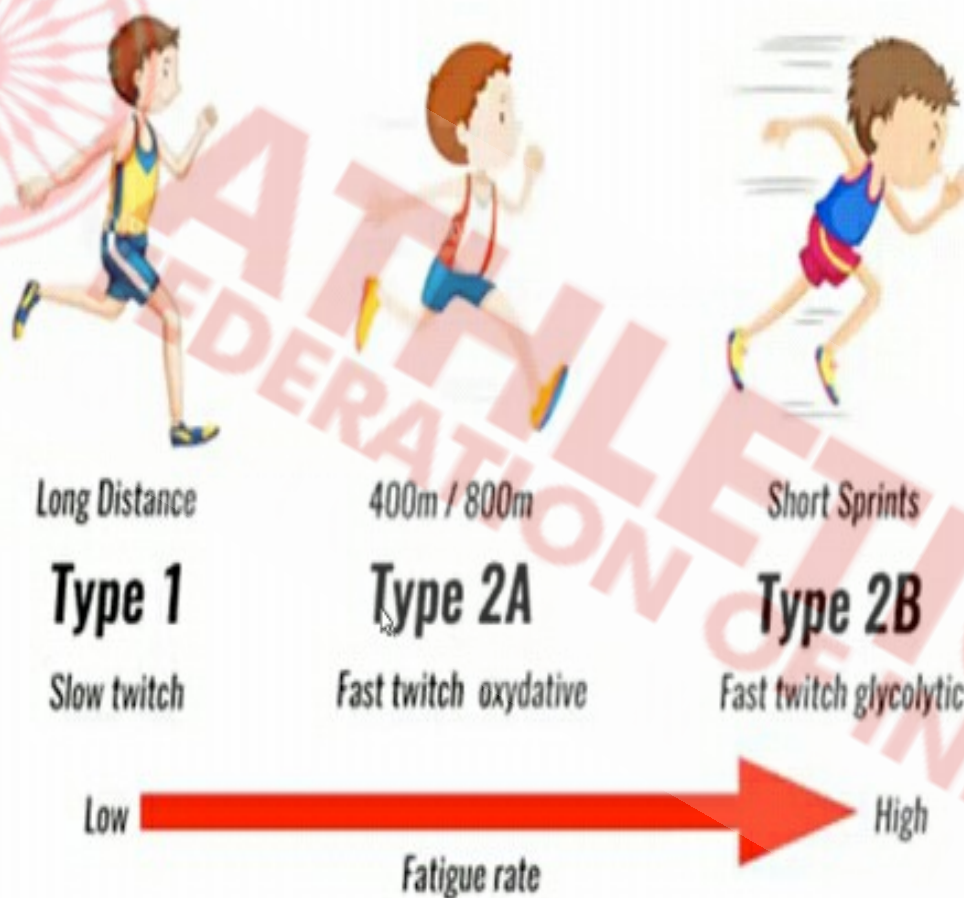


# Blood Lactate as a Function of Training



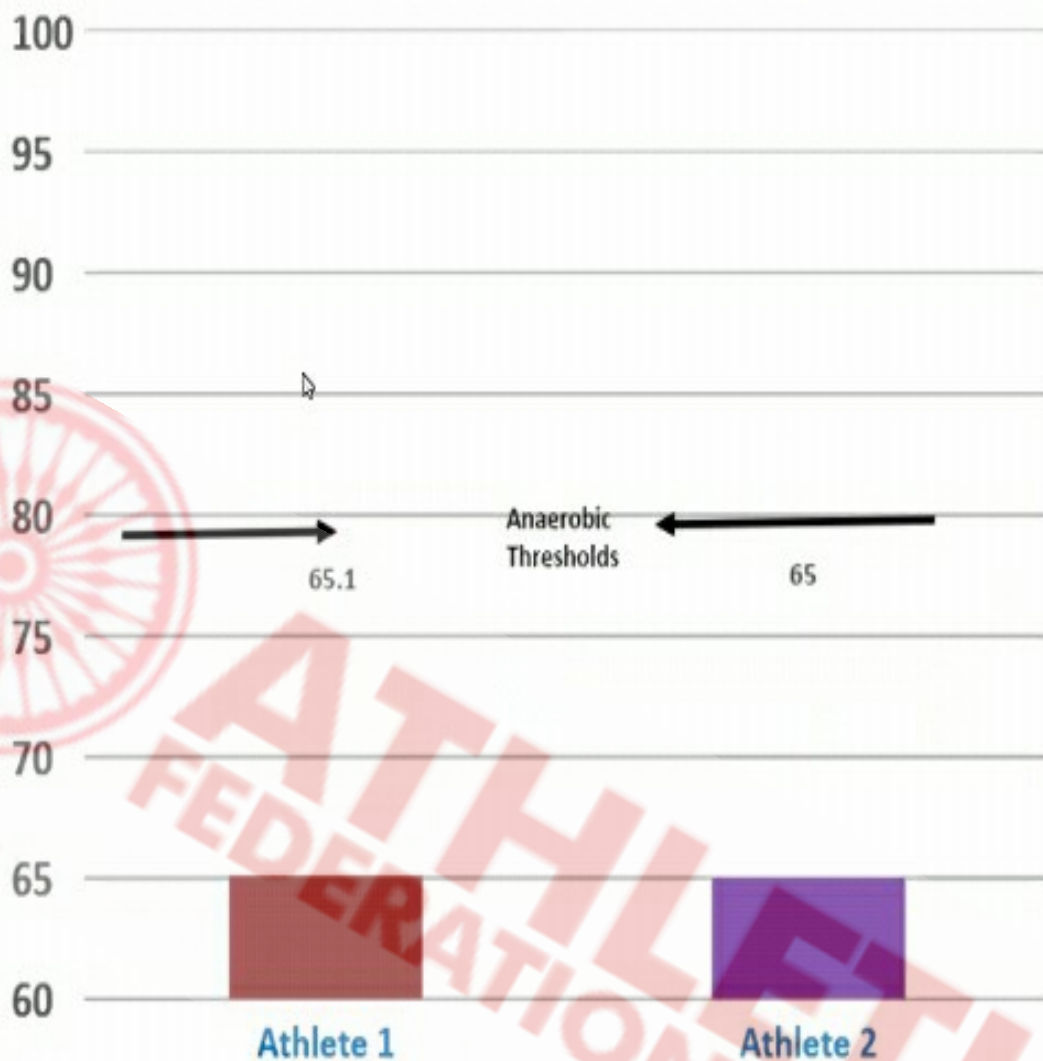
# Fiber type: Determine your performance

Fiber type can indirectly be assessed by EMG (motor recruitment, force generation etc.)





## Anaerobic threshold point would determine the ability of Athlete



**$VO_{2max}$  of 2 Athletes with different ATs. Athlete-2 is better adapted with higher AT**

# The functional significance of the lactate threshold ( $T_{lac}$ )

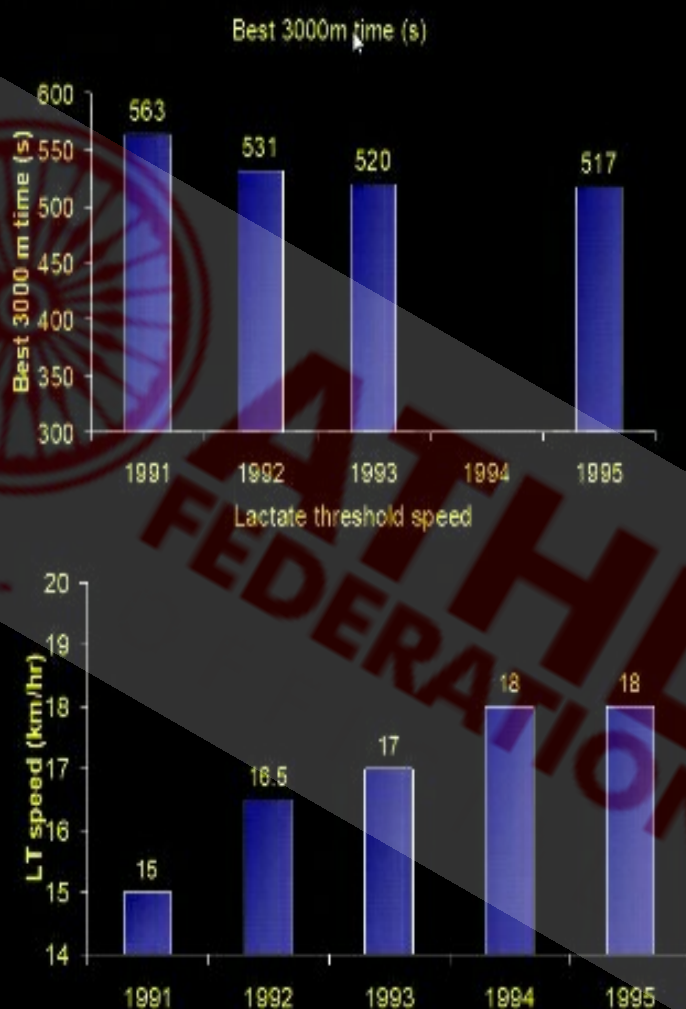
- Whilst a high  $VO_2$  max is a prerequisite for success in endurance events...
- The ability to sustain a high % of  $VO_{2\max}$  without accumulating fatigue is of greater importance
  - $T_{lac}$  is a functional index of muscle metabolism
  - Lactate **inhibits lipolysis** (utilisation of fat)
  - **Accelerated glycogen utilisation** above  $T_{lac}$
  - Well-trained marathon runners operate just above  $T_{lac}$
- $T_{lac}$  is a functional index of muscle fatigue
  - High levels of  $H^+$  interfere with:
    - **enzyme activity**
    - **cross-bridge attachments**





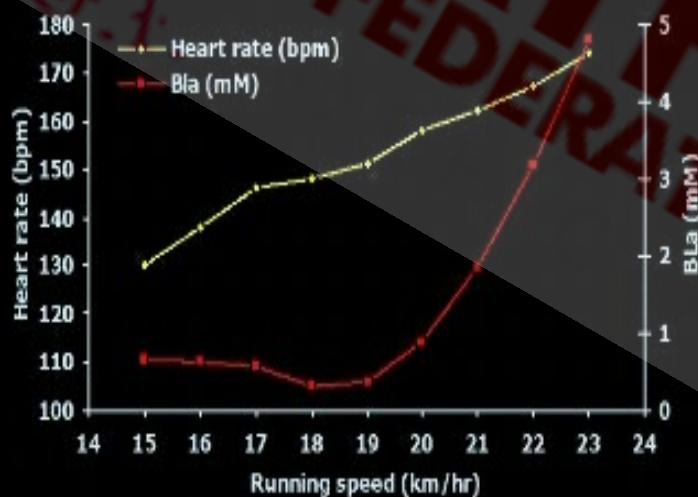
# Lactate threshold even influences high-intensity performance

Case study: Jones, A. M. (1998). A five year physiological case study of an Olympic runner. *Brit. J. Sports Med.* **32**: 39-43



# The functional significance of the lactate threshold ( $T_{lac}$ )

- Identifying the  $T_{lac}$  is importance to endurance athletes:
  - Sets the highest work-rate that can be sustained without fatigue or rapid glycogen depletion
  - Useful for setting upper limit of 'aerobic' or 'steady' training





# Imbalance between rates of glycolysis and mitochondrial respiration

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## Hydrogen release in glycolysis

- Glycolysis requires  $\text{NAD}^+$  to 'strip' the  $\text{H}^+$  atom from 3-phosphoglyceradehyde
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- $\text{NADH}$  transports  $\text{H}^+$  to electron transport chain where they are used to re-synthesise ATP



# Factors that influence the production and oxidation of lactate

How does endurance training help raise the lactate threshold?

## 1. Increased delivery of $O_2$

- $\uparrow$  SV =  $\uparrow$  cardiac output
- $\uparrow$  Capillarisation

## 2. Increased utilisation of $O_2$

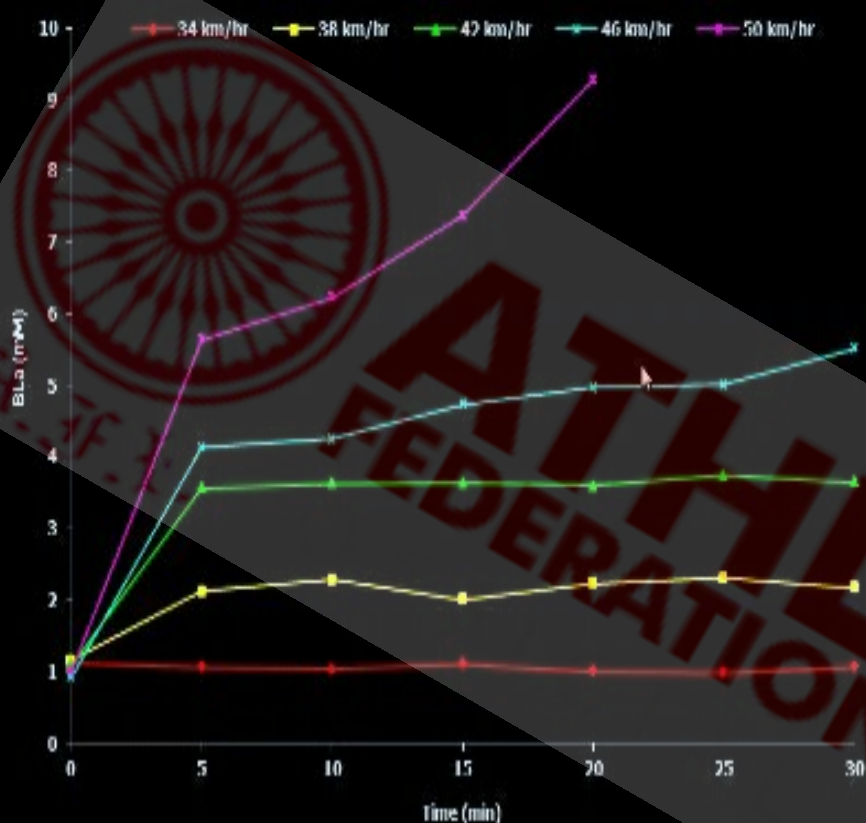
- $\uparrow$  Mitochondrial volume and enzyme content
- $\uparrow$  Capillarisation

1 + 2 = lower necessity for anaerobic glycolysis at a given workload  
= lower lactate production

## 3. Increased oxidation of lactate

- $\uparrow$  LDH heart type : LDH muscle type
- $\uparrow$  Capillarisation
- $\uparrow$  lactate transporters

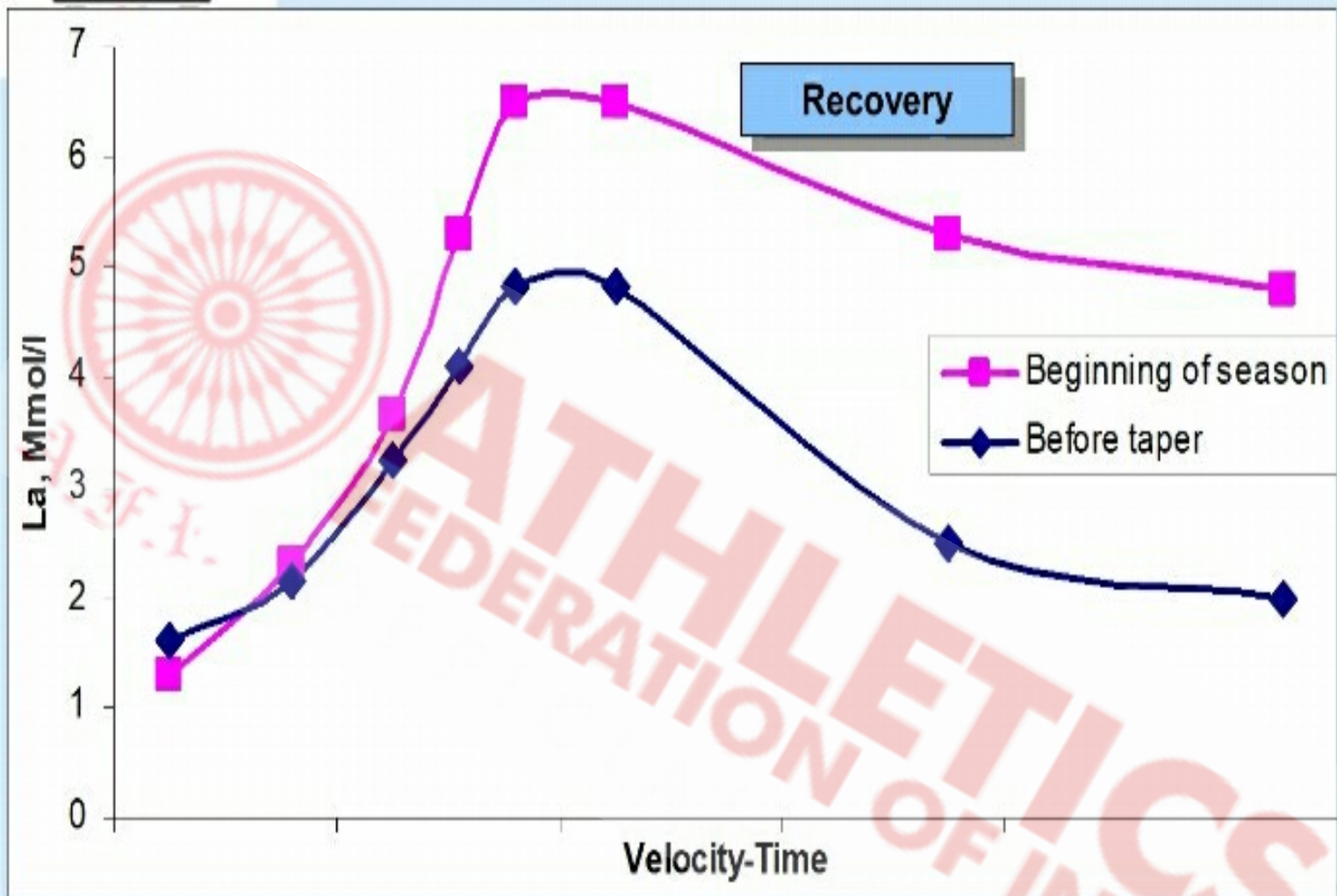
# Maximal lactate steady state (MLSS)



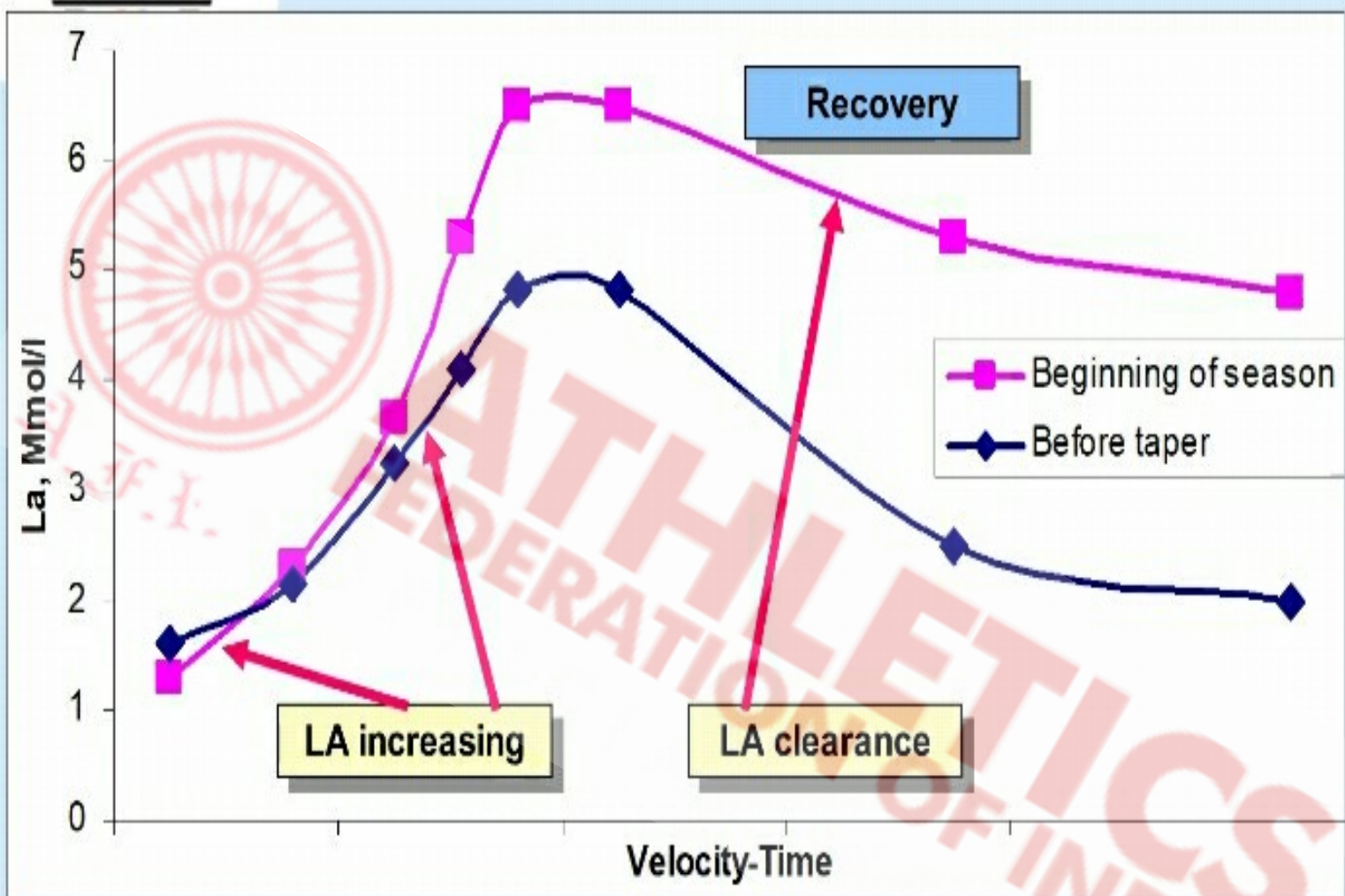
- In constant-load exercise individuals can actually sustain an intensity higher than the  $T_{lac}$  at which blood [La] is **greater than at rest** but **not increasing** over time
- The highest intensity that can be sustained where there is a balance between lactate production and its removal from the blood is known as the **maximal lactate steady state (MLSS)** (Heck et al 1985)



# Lactate Profile



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## Monitoring: (Aerobic capacity/ indices)

- ❑ Maximal oxygen uptake  
( $\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$ )

- ❑ And running economy

TABLE 1.7

# Characteristics of Several Types of Cyclic Exercises From an Energetics Viewpoint

Type of exercise	Anaerobic	Aerobic-anaerobic		Aerobic		
Duration of exercise (min)	1-2	3-10	11-35	36-90	90-360	>360
Oxygen uptake (% $\dot{V}O_{2\max}$ )	95-100	95-100	90-95	80-95	60-85	50-60
Aerobic/anaerobic ratio	50:50	80:20	85:15	95:5	98:2	99:1
Energy expenditure (kJ·min)	160	120	110	105	80	75
kJ (total)	160-320	320-1200	1200-3700	3900-8400	8400-25,300	>27,000
Breakdown of glycogen in muscle (%)	10	30	40	60	80	95
Blood lactate (mmol/L)	18	20	14	8	4	2
Free fatty acids in plasma (mmol/L)	0.5	0.5	0.8	1.0	2.0	2.5



### Zones of Training Workload for Young Athletes in Endurance Events

Exercise energetics	Goals	Time of main exercise (min)	Blood lactate (mmol/L)	Heart rate (bpm)	Training mean
Aerobics	1. Regeneration, maintenance, and adaptation to long-lasting exercises and improved economy 2. Development of aerobic power and capacity	45–120 up to 150 up to 180	1.5–2.5 1.0–2.0	130–150 100–130	Regeneration runs Extensive runs
		15–45	2.5–4.0	150–180	Endurance runs Fartlek Cross-country runs
		8–20 1–3	4.0–7.0	170–190	Intensive endurance runs Long repetition runs Extensive interval runs
Aerobic-anaerobic	4. Critical exercises	2–8 1–3	7.0–10.0	180–200	Endurance tempo runs Intensive interval runs Time trials
Anaerobic	5. Over critical	40 s 15–40 s	>10.0	Up to 200	Speed endurance runs Tempo runs Time trials
Anaerobic	6. Maximal	Up to 15 s	Individual		Speed-development runs Short repetitions of maximal or sub-maximal velocities

## Lactate Values of Various Running Exercises in Top-Level Marathon Runners

Exercise	Blood lactate (mmol/L)	Exercise intensity (% of marathon velocity)
Recovery workout	1.0	<80
Extensive endurance	1.0-1.1	80-90
Intensive endurance	1.3	90-97
Tempo endurance	2.0	100
Extensive intervals (fartlek)	3.0	105
Intensive intervals	>8.0	