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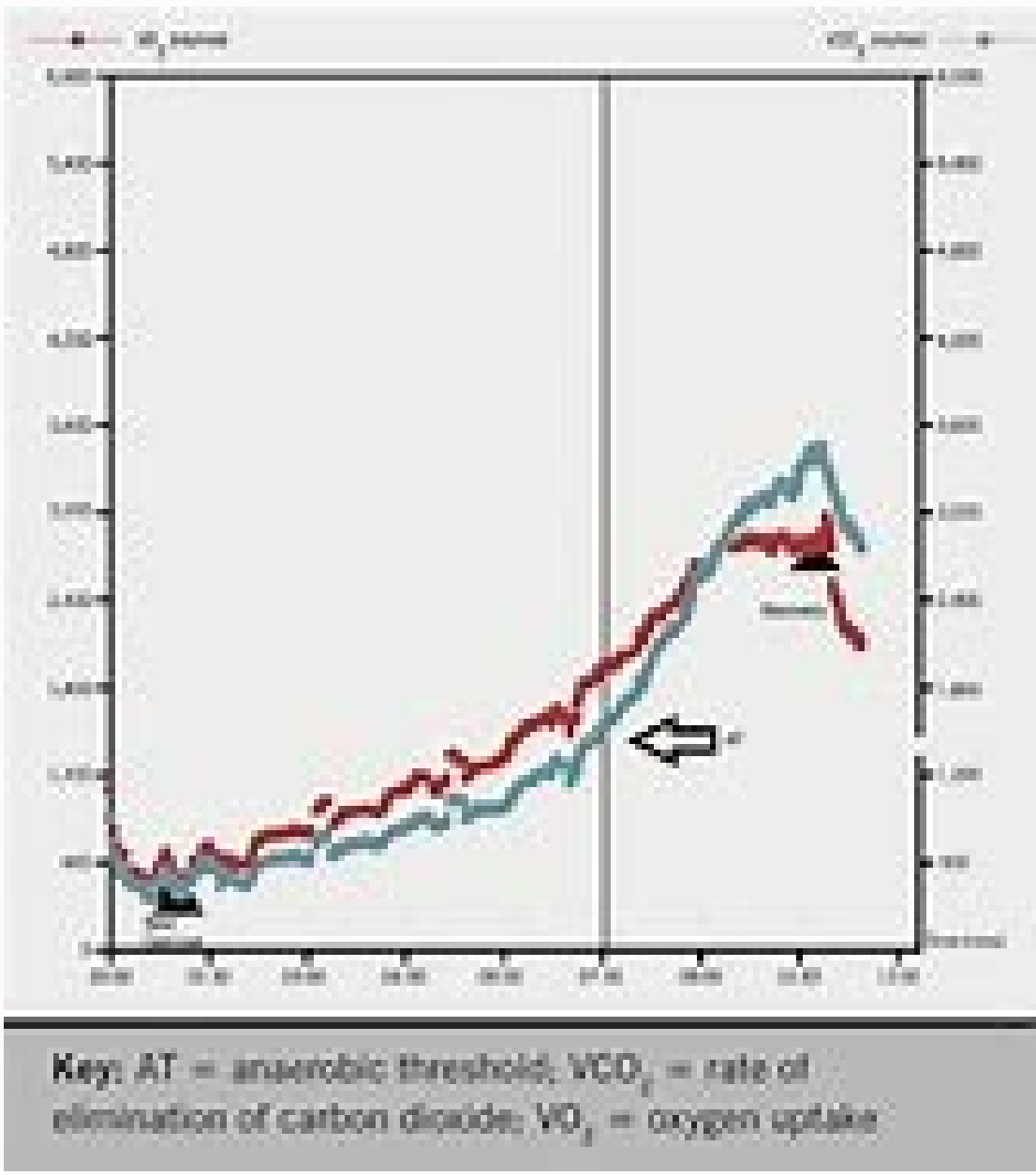
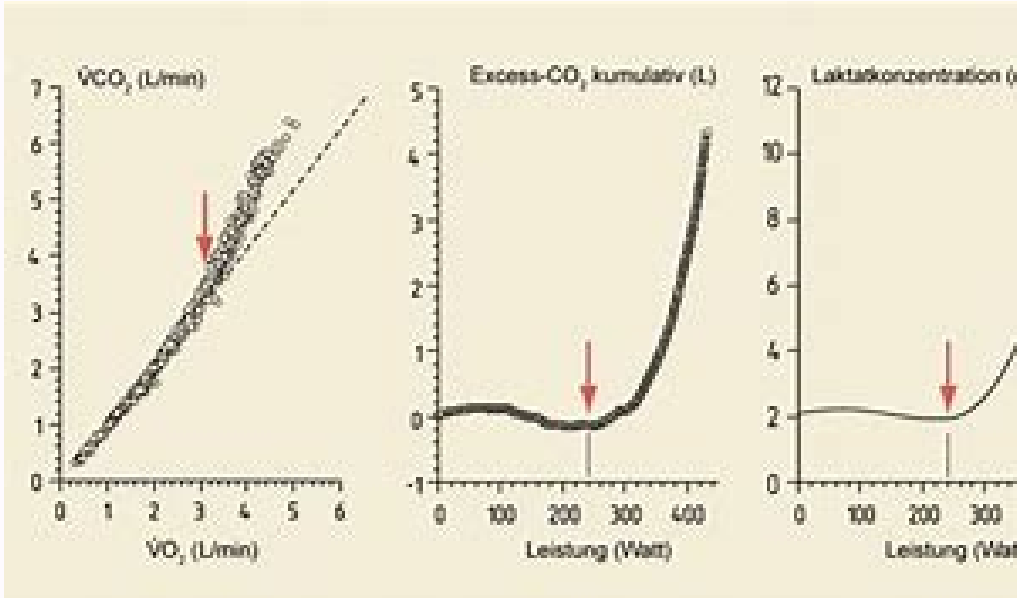
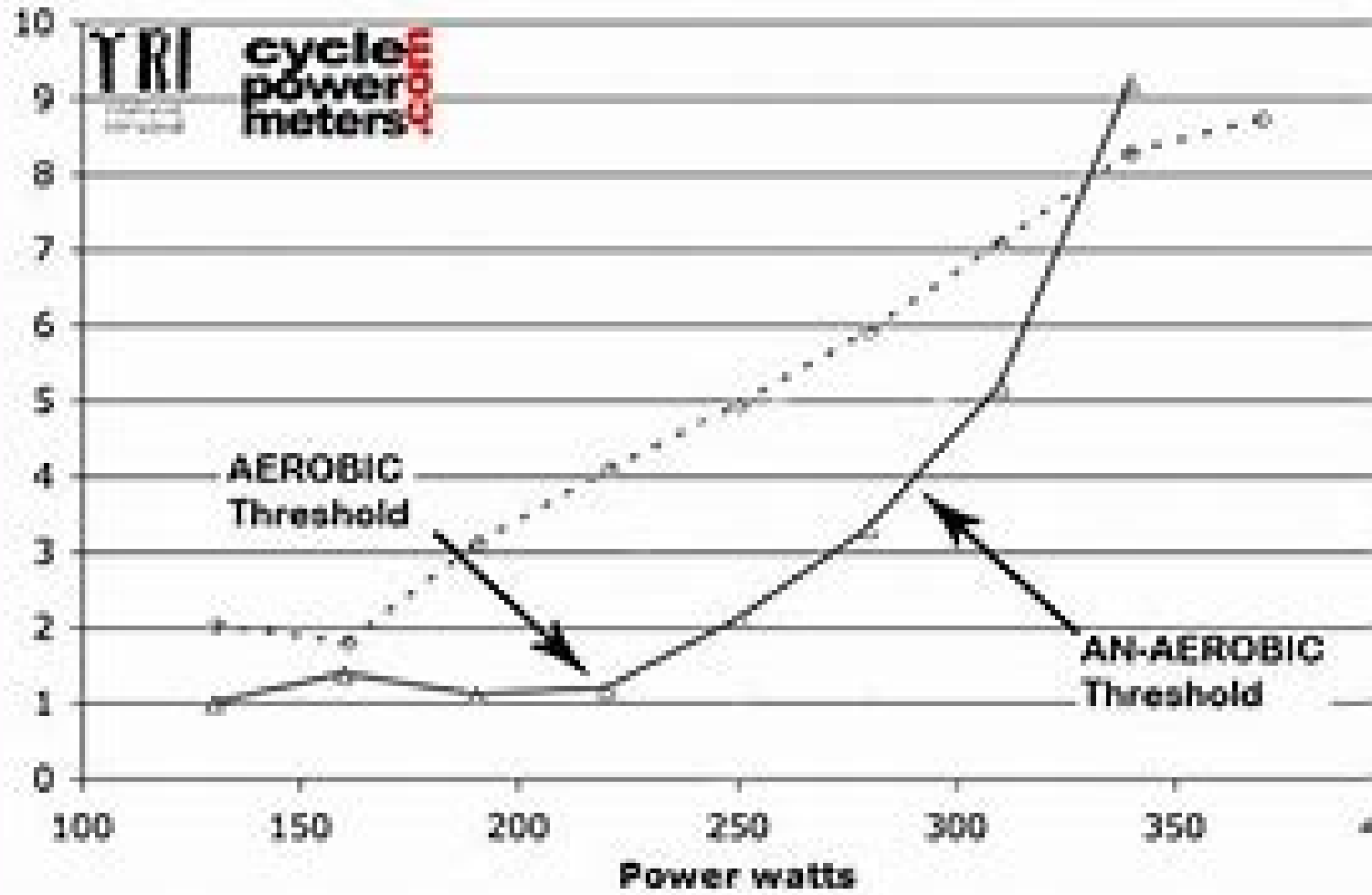
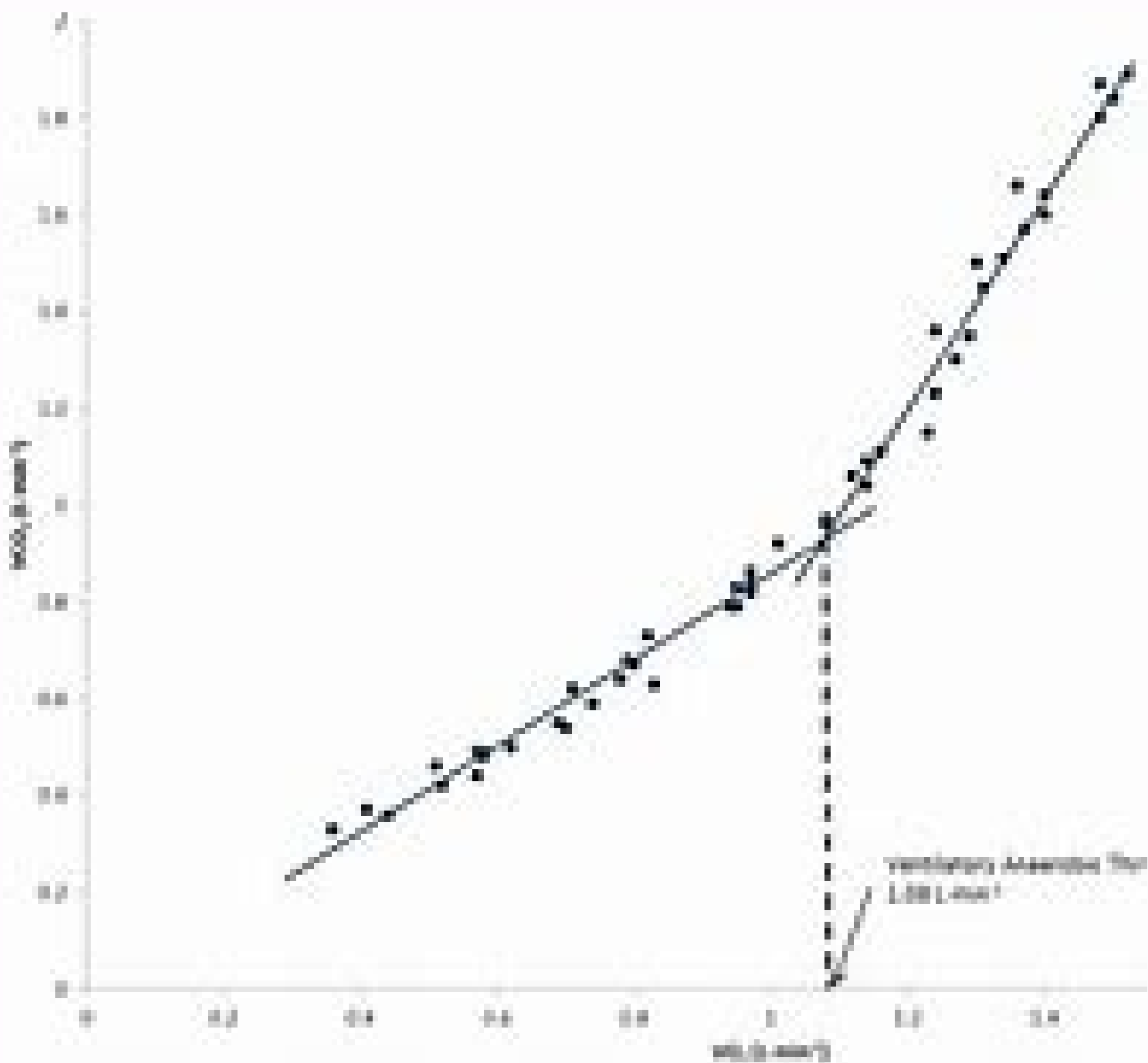
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The lactation threshold is a term used for many years in all sports, and is one of the most used in the world of training by athletes and coaches around the world. However, do we really know what the threshold of lactation is? Do we at least know what lactate is, or its role in performance and metabolism? The fact is that there is still a lot of confusion as regards lactate and what constitutes the threshold of lactation. Lactation is a great unknown in human metabolism, despite its key role in its regulation. For many years it was thought that lactate was only a waste product due to anaerobic exercise. At some point it was even thought to crystallize after exercise, causing muscle pain (which we now know is not true). But the mystery surrounding milk is not due to lack of scientific effort. Studies on lactate date back to the 19th century, when the Nobel Prize Louis Pasteur proposed that lactate was produced by lack of oxygen during muscle contraction. Another Nobel Prize winner, Otto Meyerhof proposed that glycogen be a precursor to lactation. He also noted that muscle contraction produced lactation and loss of excitement. In the 1923's another Nobel Prize, AV Hill and his colleague Lupton described the term 'O2A debt' and linked it to anaerobic milk production. However, it was only at the end of the 20th century that we really began to understand the role of lactate in physical exercise and metabolism. The doctor... George Brooks, an expert in the metabolism of the University of California in Berkeley, has studied lactate for over forty years. We owe most of what we know about milk to his work. Now we know that lactate formation can occur under aerobic conditions and that lactate production is the result of the use of glucose by muscle cells Aerobic conditions. From the work of Brooks, we also know that the lactate is not a waste product. In fact, it is the most important glucoseogenic precursor (new glucose generator) in the body. About 30% of The glucose we use during exercise is derived from the "recycling" of lactate to glucose. Lactate is also a key regulator of intermediate metabolism, regulating substrate utilization. It decreases and inhibits the breakdown of fats for energy purposes (lipolysis), as well as the rate of glucose utilization by cells (glucolysis). Believe it or not, lactate is even essential for the brain, being the main fuel neurons use. Lactate is actually essential for long-term memory and may also be involved in understanding Alzheimer's disease. (Some studies show that when the absorption of lactate by neurons is suppressed, long-term memory is inhibited.) Lactate may also be involved in some chronic metabolic diseases such as type 2 diabetes. Blood lactate levels in this population are 2-3 times higher than in the healthy, physically active population. Cancer cells have a disturbed metabolism that uses too much glucose aerobically (Warburg effect) and produces large amounts of lactate which could contribute to tumor growth and progression. Clearly, lactate is not just a waste product of anaerobic exercise. It is an important fuel and a key regulator of metabolism. It's also a possible epicenter of several chronic diseases. Lactate is the by-product of the use of glucose by muscle cells. The higher the glucose flow in the cell, the higher the lactate production, regardless of the availability of oxygen. During high-intensity exercise, Type II-Fast Twitch muscle fibers are fully recruited, due to the high contraction requirements of the skeletal muscle to produce energy (ATP). Type II muscle fibers are highly glycolytic (using a lot of glucose) which can be in the production of high quantities of lactate. This production is a natural by-product of the use of glucose by skeletal muscle cells. During intense physical exercise, lactate production is many times higher than that of rest levels. The release of hydrogen ions (H+) associated with the lactate can cause a significant reduction in contractile muscle pH, contractile, in acidosis. This excessive accumulation of H+, not only from lactate, but also from ATP breakdown for muscle contraction (ATP hydrolysis), can interfere with muscle contraction at different sites. For example, it can compete with football (CA++) for the binding site troponin c (a protein involved in muscle contraction regulation). H+ can also inhibit calcium release and re-uptake from the sarcoplasmic lattice. Both processes are involved in muscle contraction. All of this can result in a decrease in the capacity of muscle contraction which can cause a significant decrease in the peak force, a decrease in the maximum speed of muscle shortening and performance. We know very well that the better the competitive level and training of an athlete is, the less accumulation of blood lactate that is observed. In Table-1 we can observe the blood lactation levels of different cycling categories at different exercise intensities (watt/kg) that I collected over the years during physiological tests. We can clearly see that the higher the competitive level of a cyclist, the lower the lactate blood and the higher the power and performance. Workload Junior Cyclist Top Amateurs Avg. Pro-Tour World Class Class w / kg Blood La (Mmol / L) Blood La (Mmol / L) Blood LA (MMOL / L) Blood LA (MMOL / L) 3 1.3 1.1 0.8 3.5 1.8 1.3 1.2 0.8 4 3 2.3 2 0.96 4.5 6.6 3.5 3.2 1.8 5 10 7.6 5.8 3.1 5.5 9.2 8.2 5.2 6. 8.9 Table 1. Differences in blood lactation levels (MMOL/L) between competitive cyclists of different levels. Table modified by San Millaa;n et al, 2009 This lower blood lactation levels observed in top athletes is due to a

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