

Introduction to human physiology (related to Physical Activity)

DBB170 – Sensors for physiology

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- ▶ Some examples – energy expenditure
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About me



Professional - present

- Professor 'Chair Design & Analysis of Intelligent Systems for Leisure Time Sports & Vitality' (Tu/e)
- Head of Research at 'Move to Be Research Group' (Fontys Sporthogeschool)
- Research Fellow at Policy in Sports & Physical Activity Research Group (KU Leuven)

Educational background

- PhD in Human Kinesiology (Human Movement Sciences)
- MSc in Social Psychology
- Statistics, econometrics, qualitative methods

Research topics

- Profiling people (during physical activity and/or sports participation) in different settings
- Designing tailored services and products to improve physical activity, pleasure and vitality
- Evaluating the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of these social and/or technical innovations.

Objective

To develop a basic understanding of **aspects of human physiology**, in particular those aspects which can be measured **unobtrusively or almost unobtrusively**, which are important for many **medical areas and vitality areas** (such as sports).

Human Physiology

“ The study of how body structures function / The science of body functions”

SUBSPECIALTIES OF PHYSIOLOGY	STUDY OF
Neurophysiology (NOOR-ō-fiz-ē-ol-g-ō-jē; <i>neuro-</i> = nerve)	Functional properties of nerve cells.
Endocrinology (en'-dō-kri-NOL-ō-jē; <i>endo-</i> = within; <i>-crin</i> = secretion)	Hormones (chemical regulators in the blood) and how they control body functions.
Cardiovascular physiology (kar-dē-ō-VAS-kū-lar; <i>cardi-</i> = heart; <i>-vascular</i> = blood vessels)	Functions of the heart and blood vessels.
Immunology (im'-ū-NOL-ō-jē; <i>immun-</i> = not susceptible)	How the body defends itself against disease-causing agents.
Respiratory physiology (RES-pī-a-to'-rē; <i>respira-</i> = to breathe)	Functions of the air passageways and lungs.
Renal physiology (RĒ-nal; <i>ren-</i> = kidney)	Functions of the kidneys.
Exercise physiology	Changes in cell and organ functions as a result of muscular activity.
Pathophysiology (PATH-ō-fiz-ē-ol'-ō-jē)	Functional changes associated with disease and aging.

Source: Tortora & Derrickson, 2009.

Human Physiology

The human body consists of 6 levels of organization

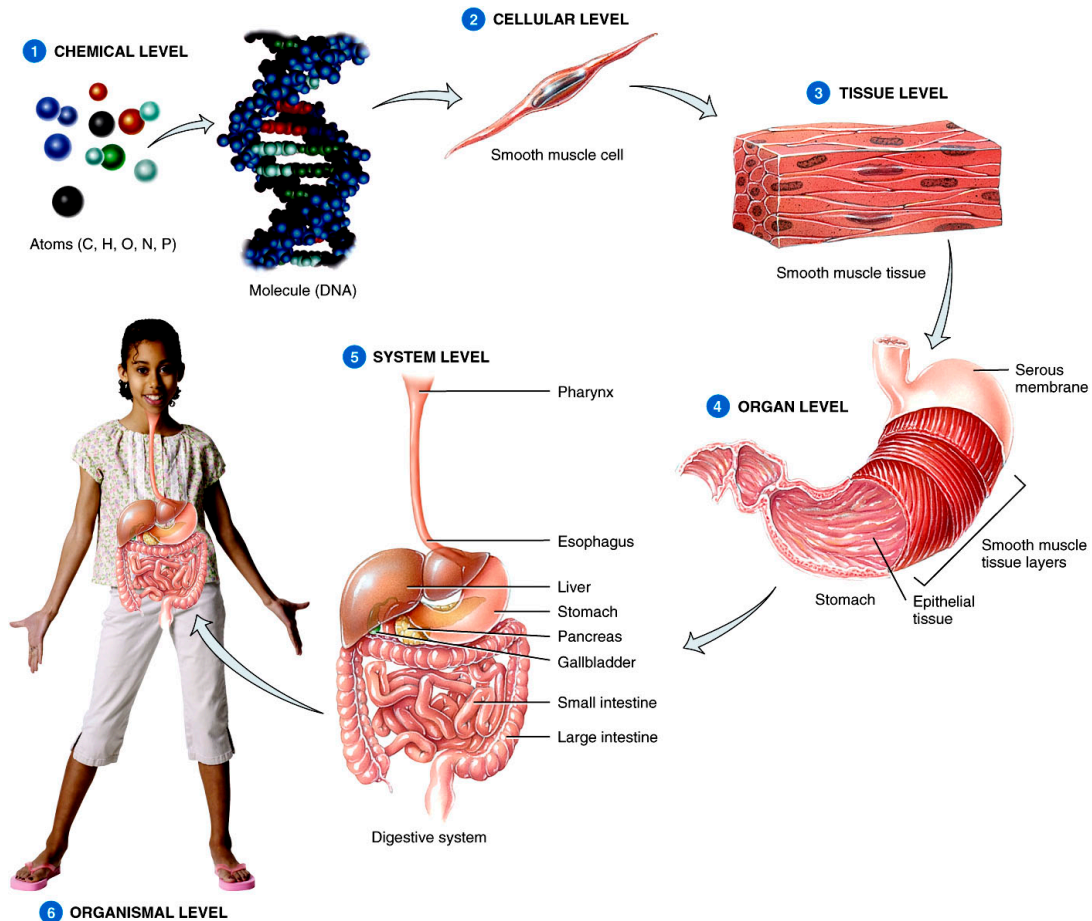
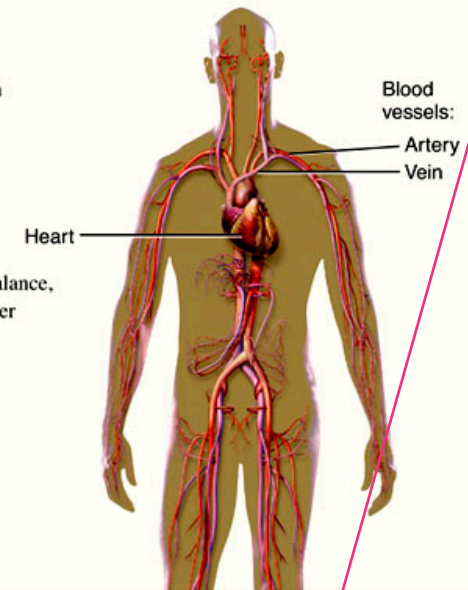


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CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM (CHAPTERS 19–21)

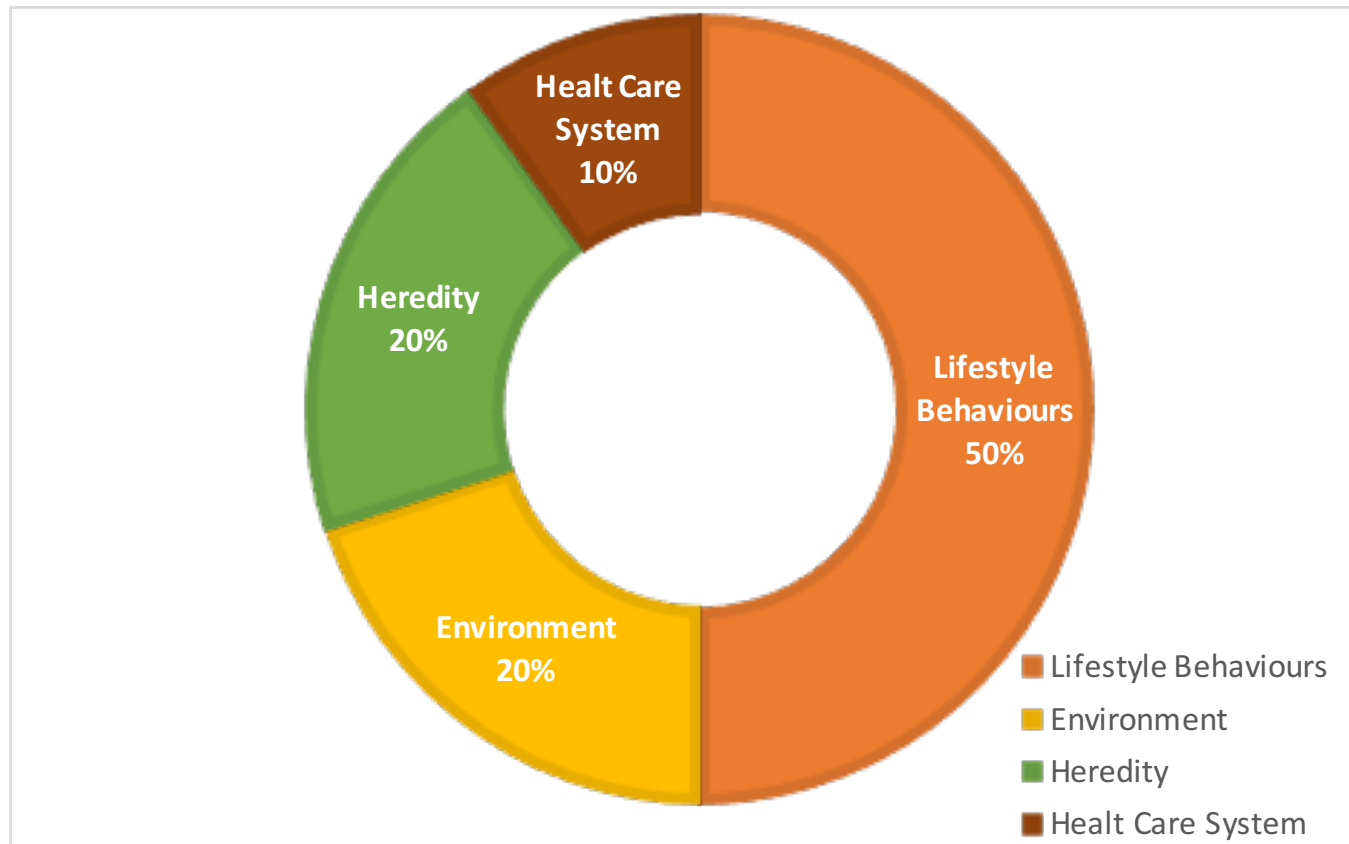
Components: Blood, heart, and blood vessels.

Functions: Heart pumps blood through blood vessels; blood carries oxygen and nutrients to cells and carbon dioxide and wastes away from cells and helps regulate acid–base balance, temperature, and water content of body fluids; blood components help defend against disease and repair damaged blood vessels.



Source: Tortora & Derrickson, 2009.

What factors influence our health?

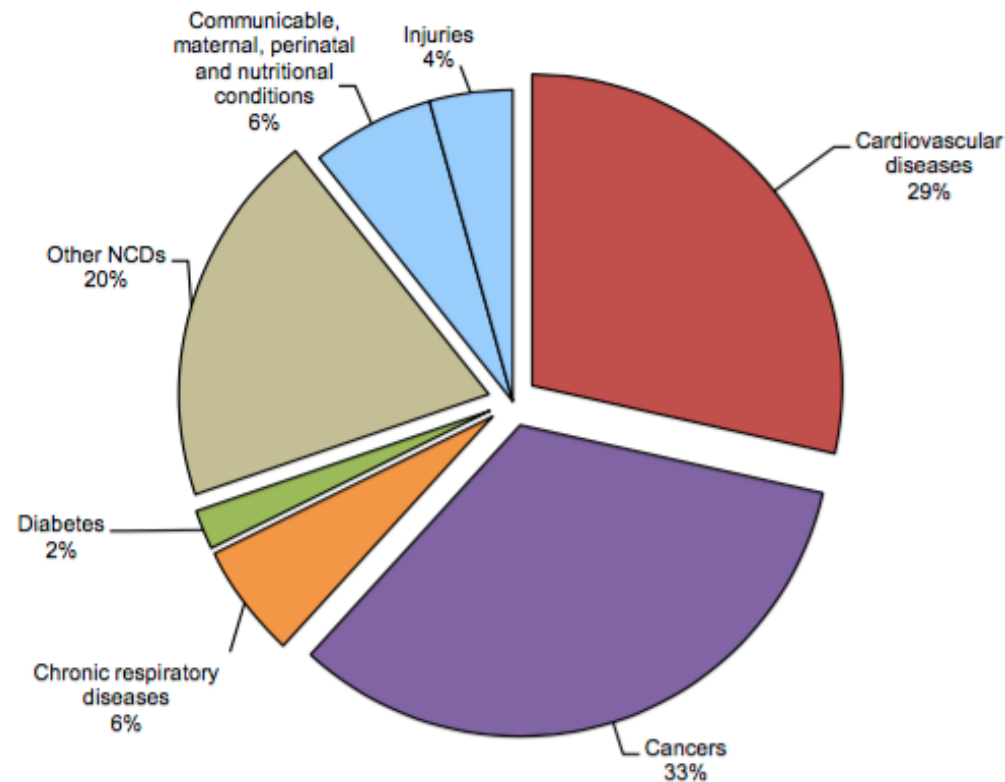


Health report - The Netherlands

Percentage of population living in urban areas: 83.2%

Population proportion between ages 30 and 70 years: 53.5%

Proportional mortality (% of total deaths, all ages, both sexes)



Total deaths: 140,000

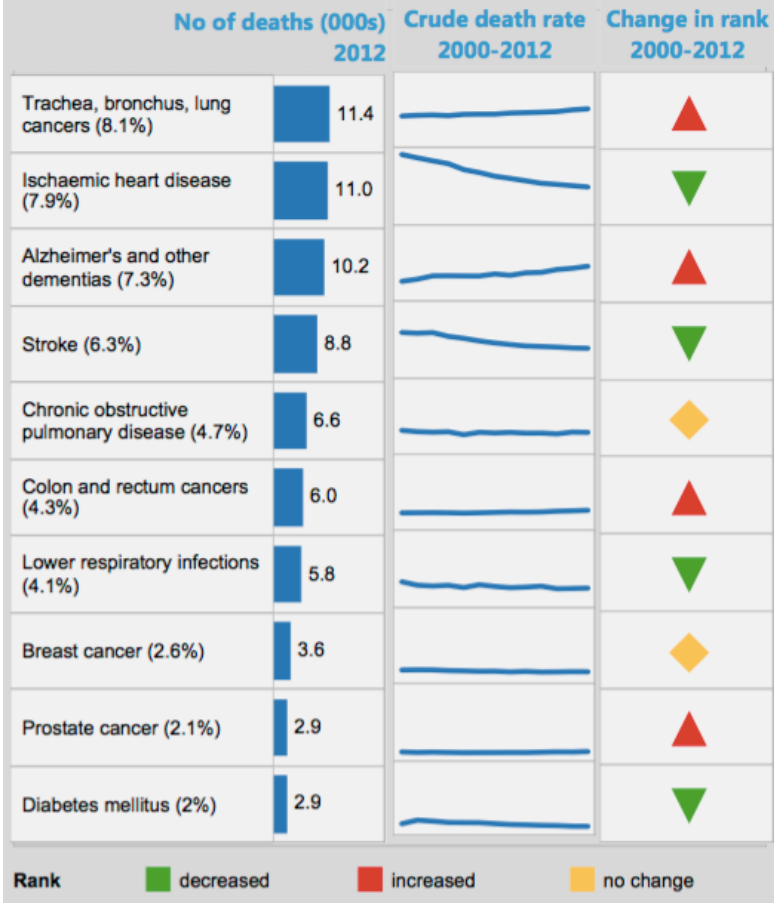
NCDs are estimated to account for 89% of total deaths.

Source: World Health Organization - Noncommunicable Diseases (NCD) Country Profiles, 2014.

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Top 10 causes of death

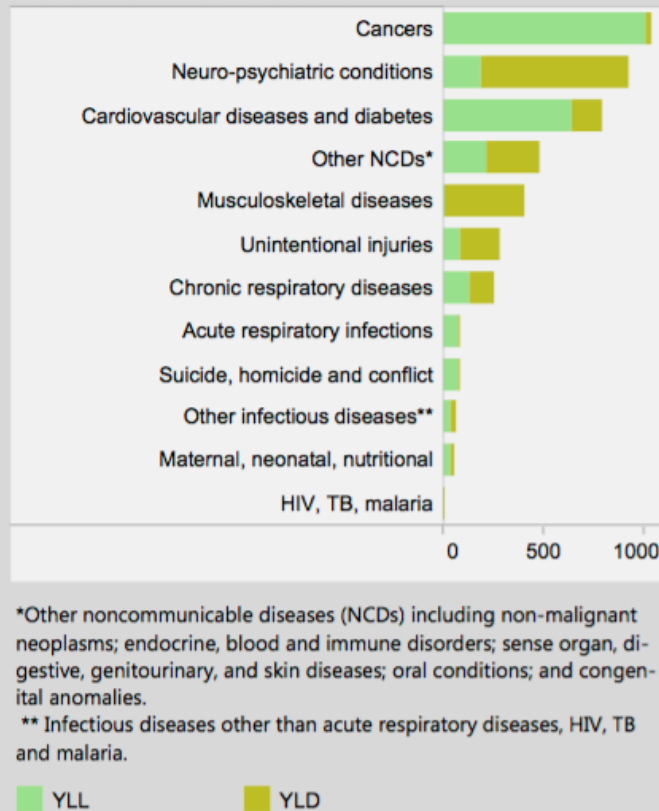
Trachea, bronchus, lung cancers was the leading cause of death, killing 11.4 thousand people in 2012



Burden of disease, 2012

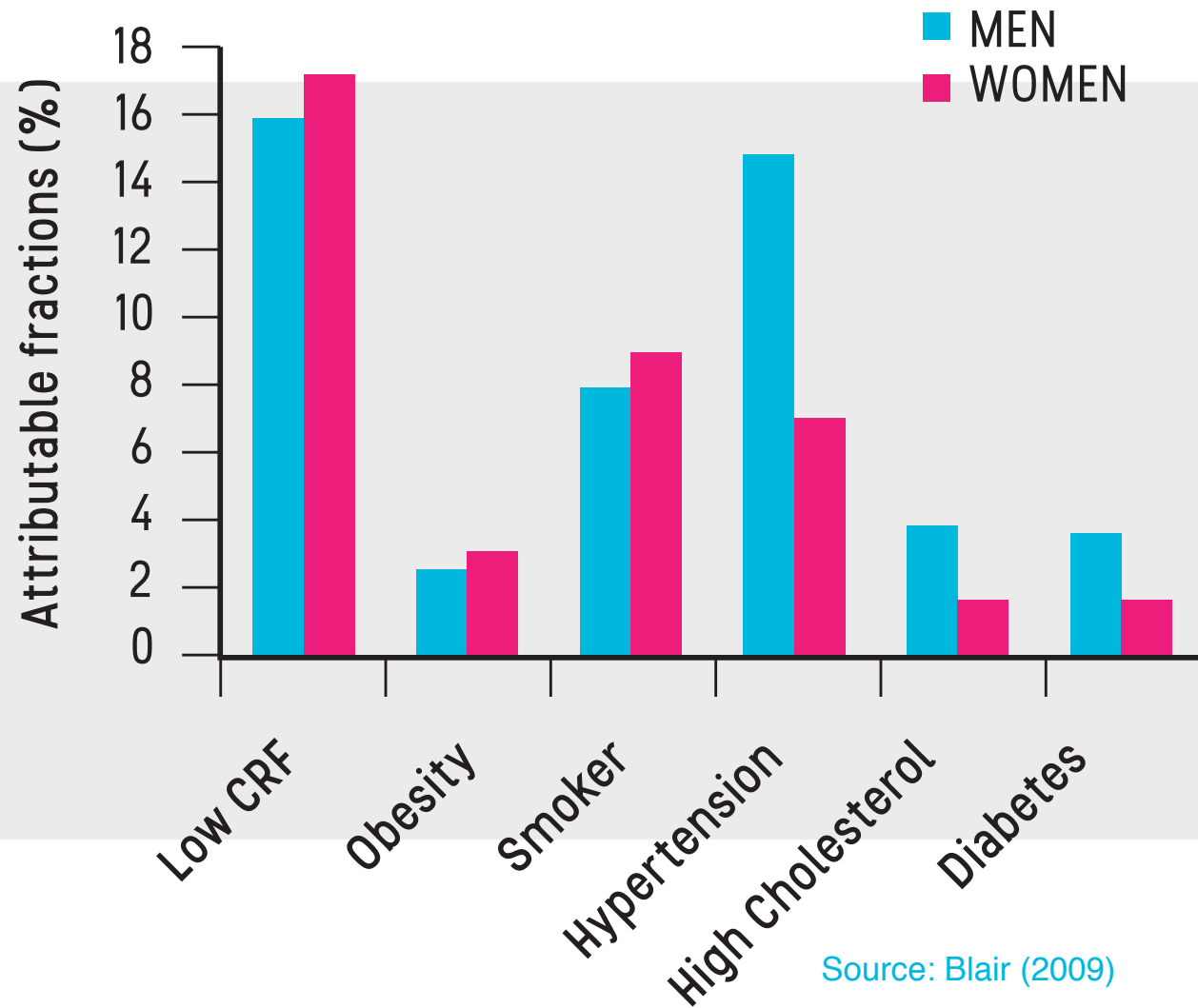
Disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) are the sum of years of life lost due to premature mortality (YLL) and years of healthy life lost due to disability (YLD).

DALYs, YLL and YLD (thousands) by broad cause group



Source: Country statistics and global health estimates by WHO and UN partners (2015)

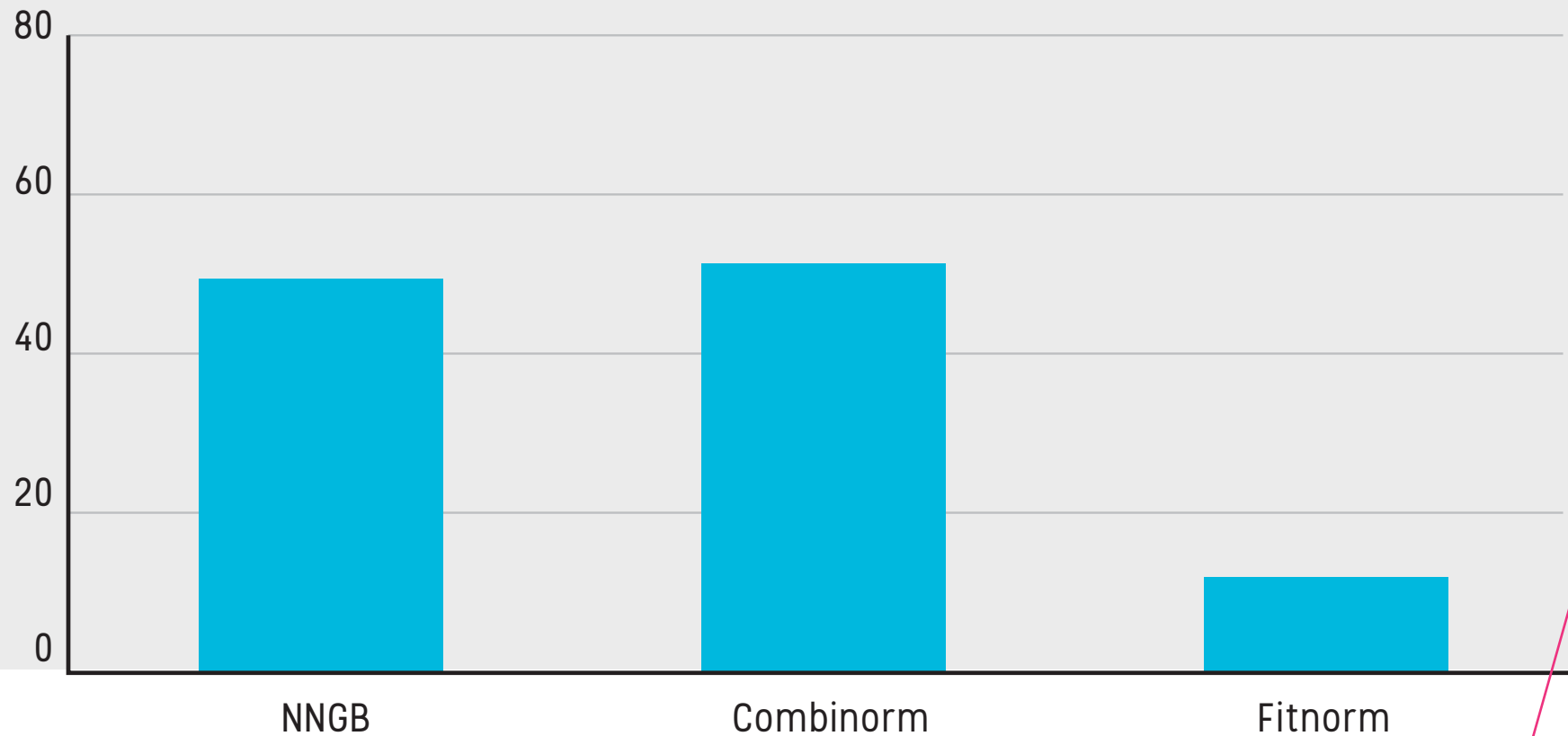
Attributable fractions for all cause deaths



Source: Blair (2009)

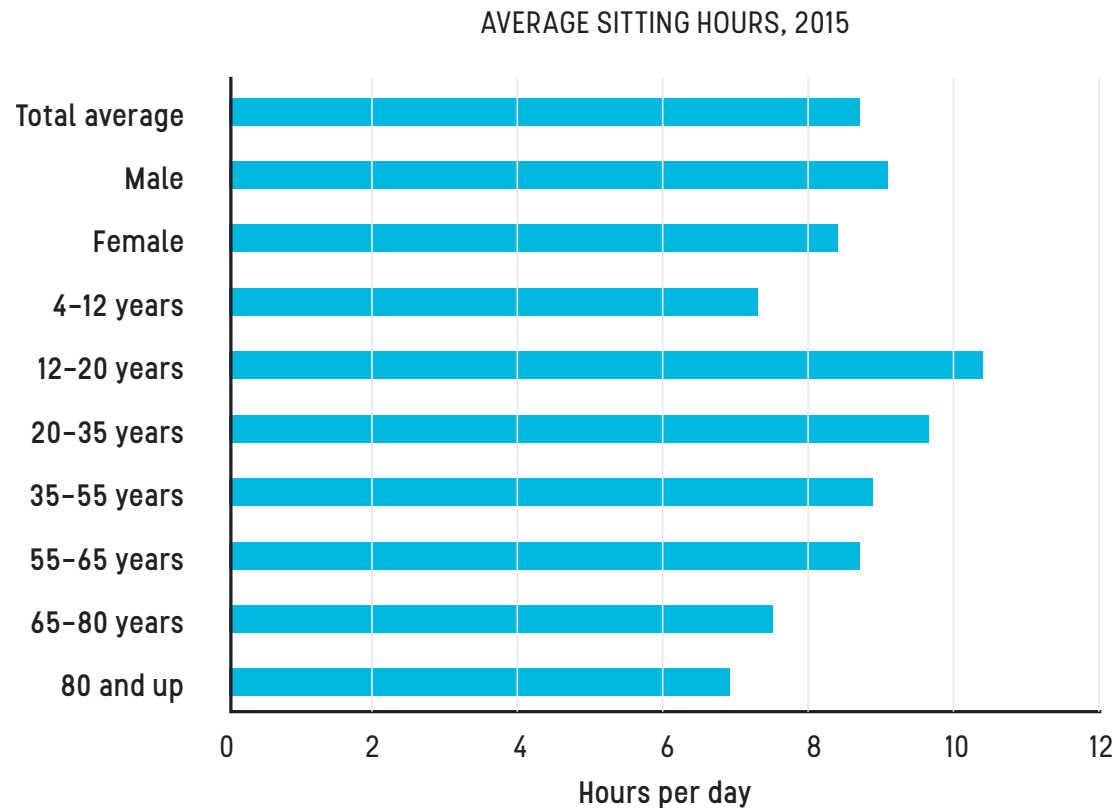
Facing a noticeable increase in physical inactivity

Achieving the NNGB, Combinorm and Fitnorm in 2015, 18 to 54 years old



Source: volksgezondheidenzorg.nl

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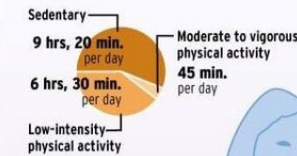


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Sitting's toll on the body

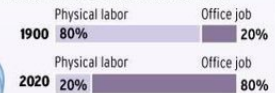
Studies show that sitting for more than 95 percent of the time at work increases the risk for physical injury and disease.

Average activity during waking hours



From the farm to the office

A century ago in the U.S. there were 11.5 million farmers; now there are about 851,000. It is estimated that by 2020 the workforce will have completed the reversal from physical labor to office work:



How sitting harms the body

AS SOON AS YOU SIT:

Electrical activity in the leg muscles shuts off

Calorie burning drops to 1 per minute

Enzymes that help break down fat drop by 90%

AFTER 2 HOURS:

Good cholesterol drops by 20%

AFTER 24 HOURS:

Insulin effectiveness drops by 24% and risk of diabetes rises

High amounts of stress are placed on the spine, specifically in the lower back and neck regions.

OVER TIME:

Holding the muscles in the torso, neck and shoulders in a somewhat fixed position squeezes the blood vessels reducing blood flow and causing fatigue.

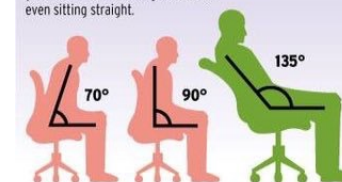
Many experience decreased fitness, reduced lung and heart efficiency and a higher risk for injury and disease, especially those who also have little to no physical activity in their lives.

Blood often pools in the lower legs, resulting in numbness and varicose veins.

Two changes to make

Adjust the seat

Sitting at 135 degrees puts less strain on your back than hunching forward or even sitting straight.



Get up and move

The recommended 30 minutes of activity per day is not enough.

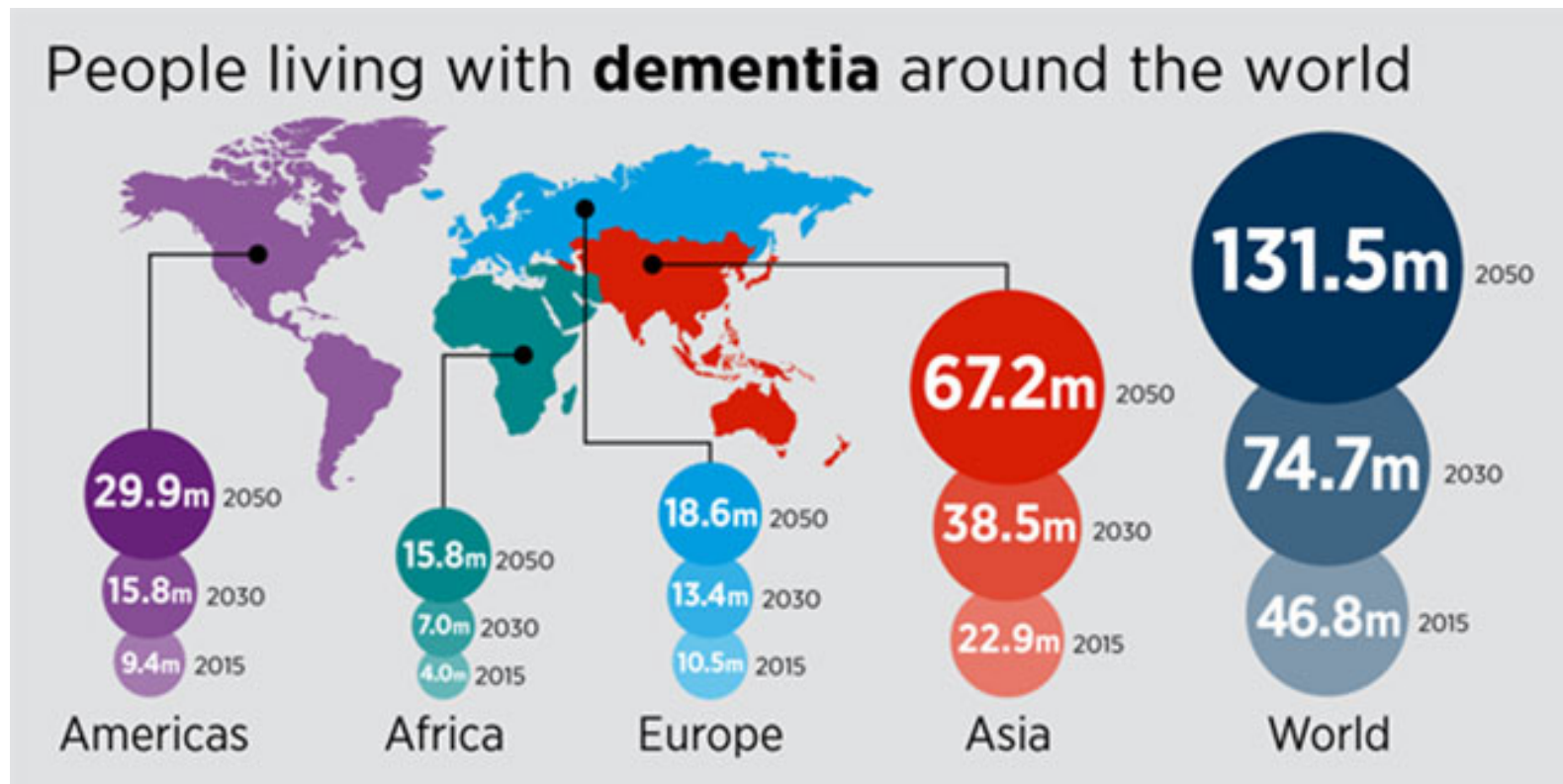
Interrupt sitting whenever you can:

- Walk around the office
- Take the stairs
- Walk to co-worker instead of messaging



Sources: Medical Billing and Coding; Occupational and Environmental Medicine; The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition; Businessweek; The New York Times; Science Daily; ehow.com; Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety; Molly Zisk / The Register

Mental health/disorder (e.g. dementia)

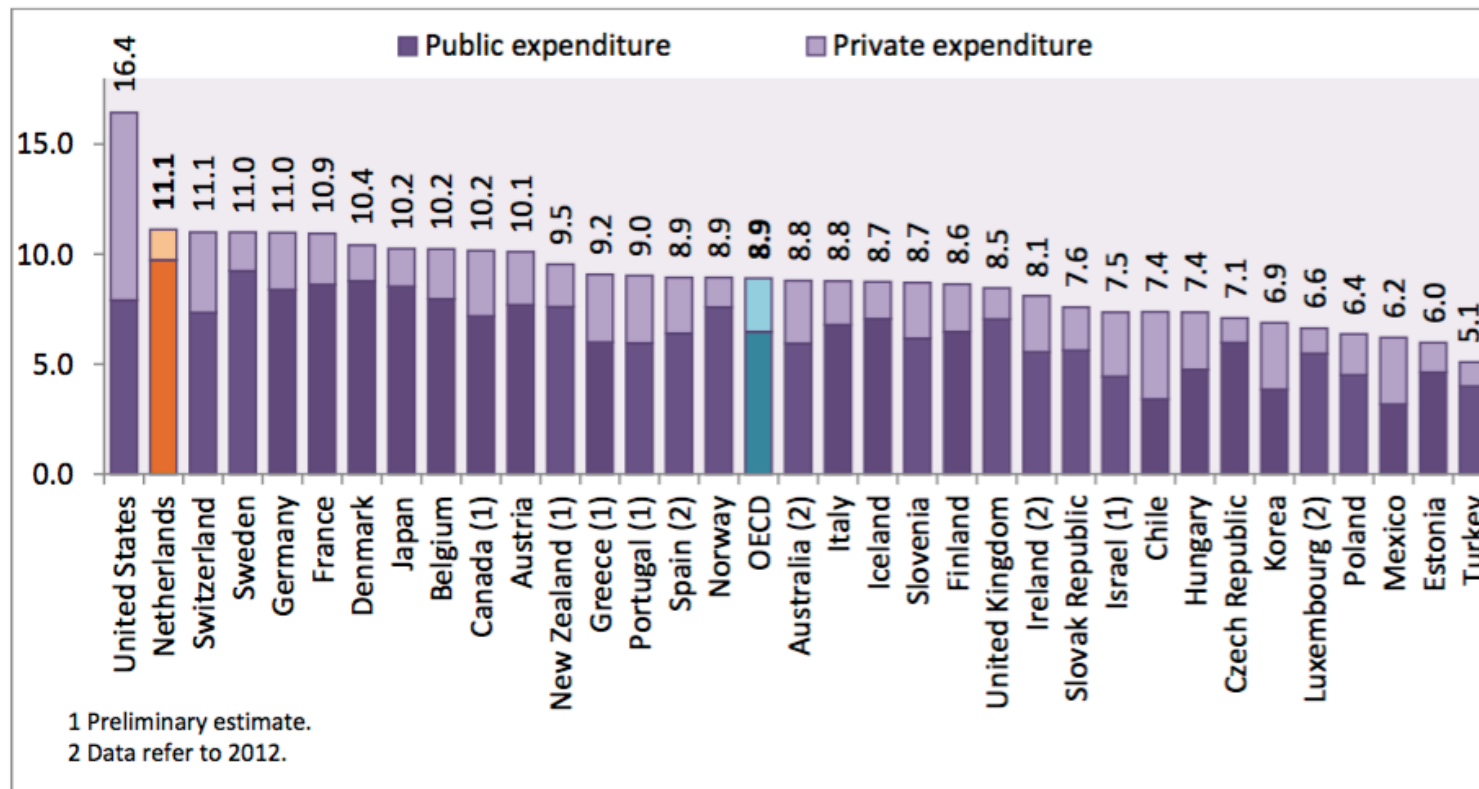


Source: www.bupa.com

Health spending

3%

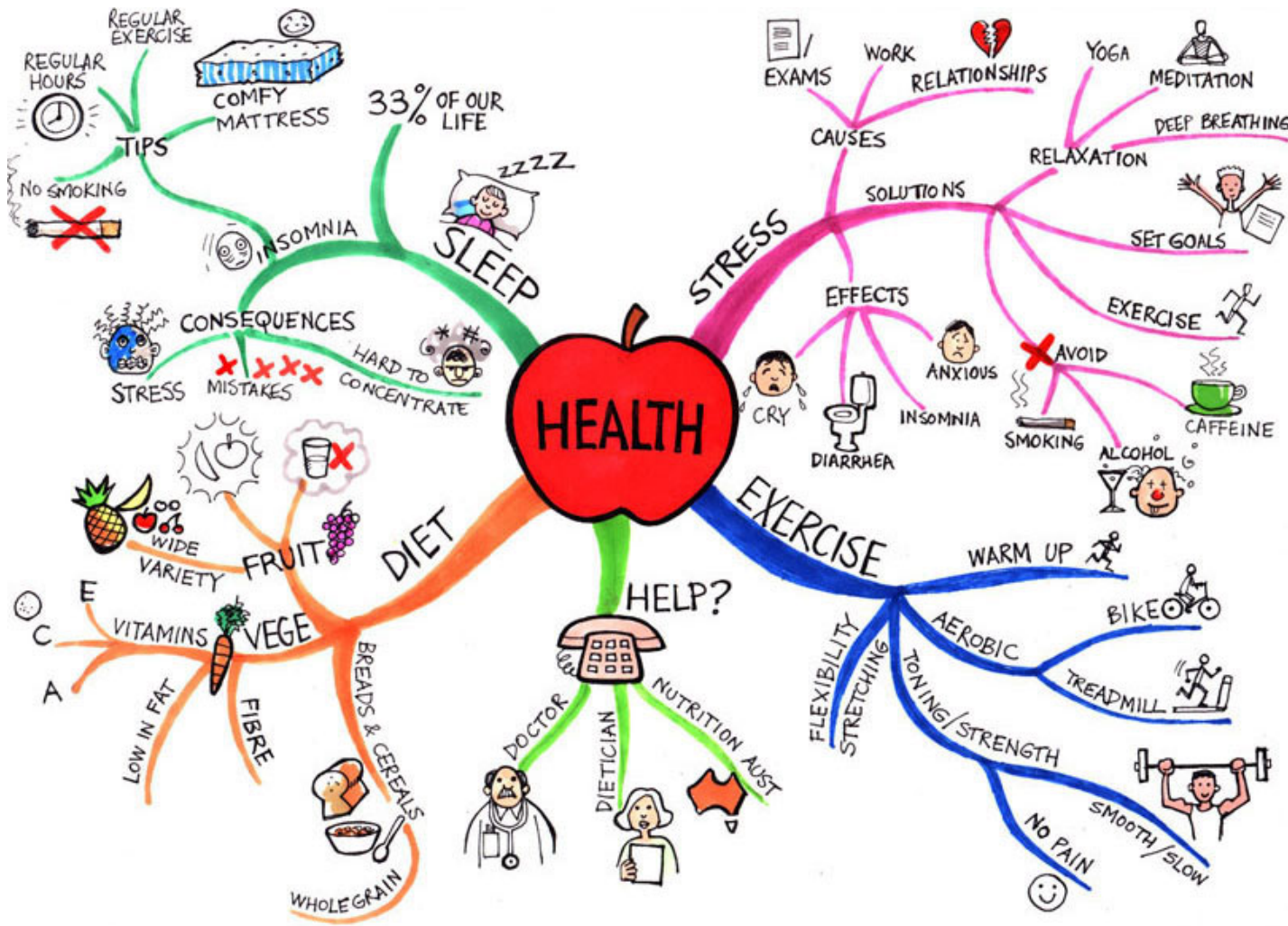
Figure 2. Health spending* as a share of GDP, 2013



* Excluding capital expenditure.

Source: OECD Health Statistics 2015

A holistic approach to health? - Lifestyle behaviors



Evidence for exercise as a medicine

The British Journal of Diabetes & Vascular Disease

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Prevention of type 2 diabetes by lifestyle intervention in primary health care setting in Poland: Diabetes in Europe Prevention using Lifestyle, physical Activity and Nutritional intervention (DE-PLAN) project

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Prevention of Dementia: Focus on Lifestyle

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Abstract

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The objective of this paper is to summarize current knowledge on the possible advantages of lifestyle interventions, with particular attention to physical fitness, cognitive activity, leisure and social activity as

Does physical activity prevent cognitive decline and dementia?: A systematic review and meta-analysis of longitudinal studies

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Three main research/design challenges wrt sensing

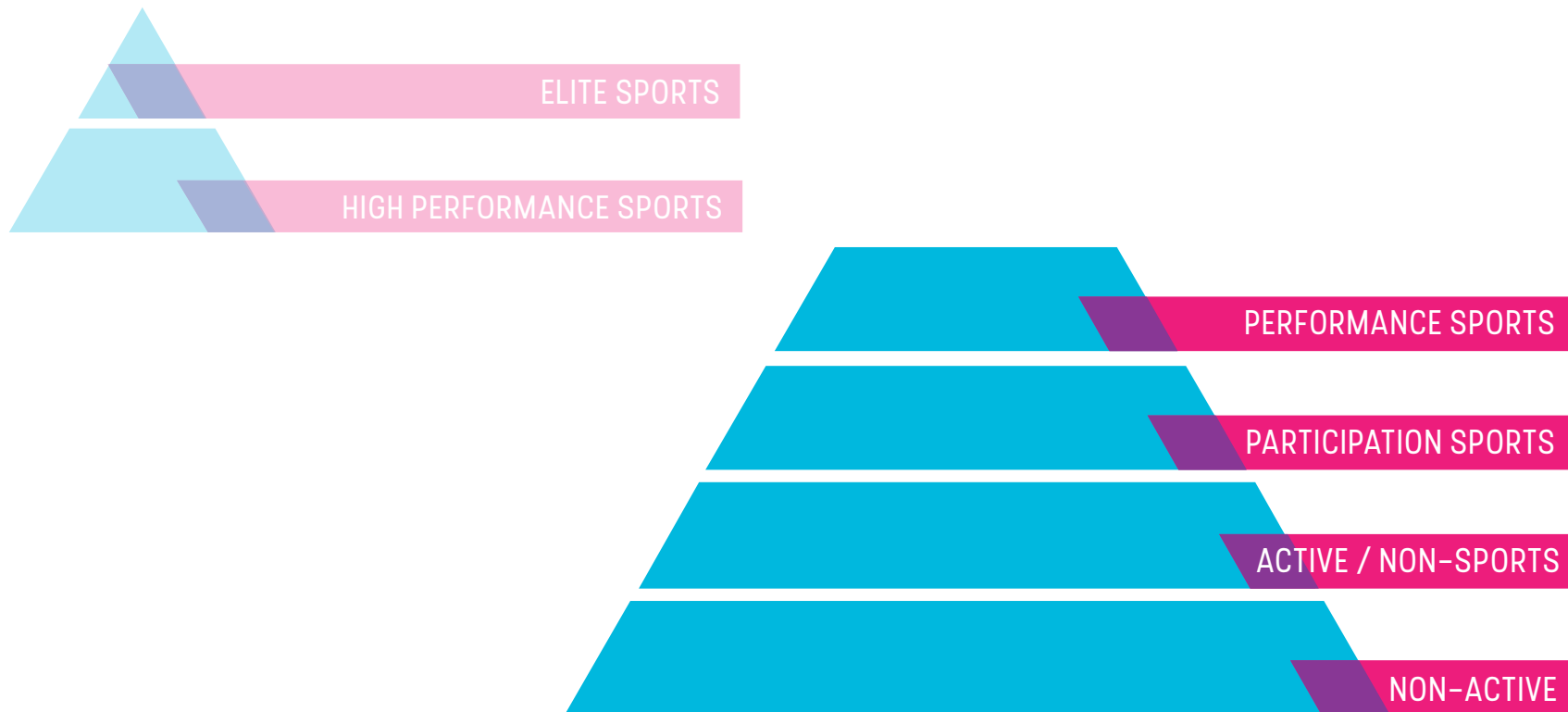
Challenge I – Unobtrusive

A classic lab setting
for exercise physiological research

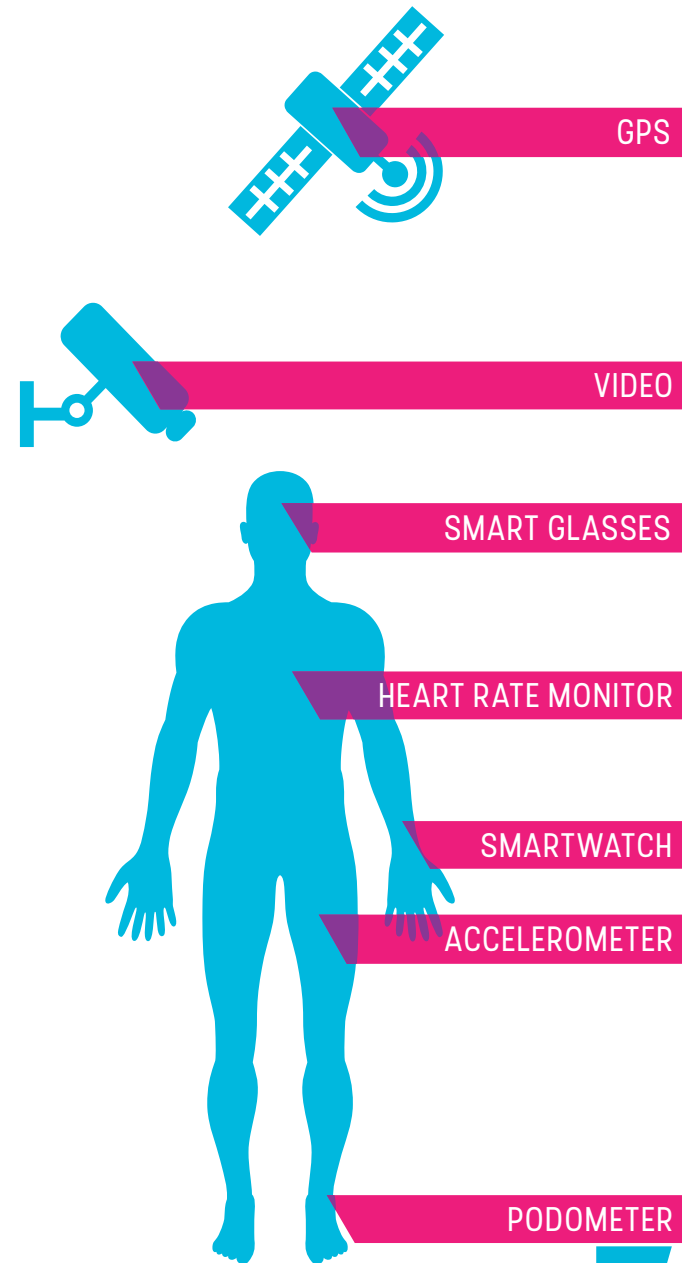


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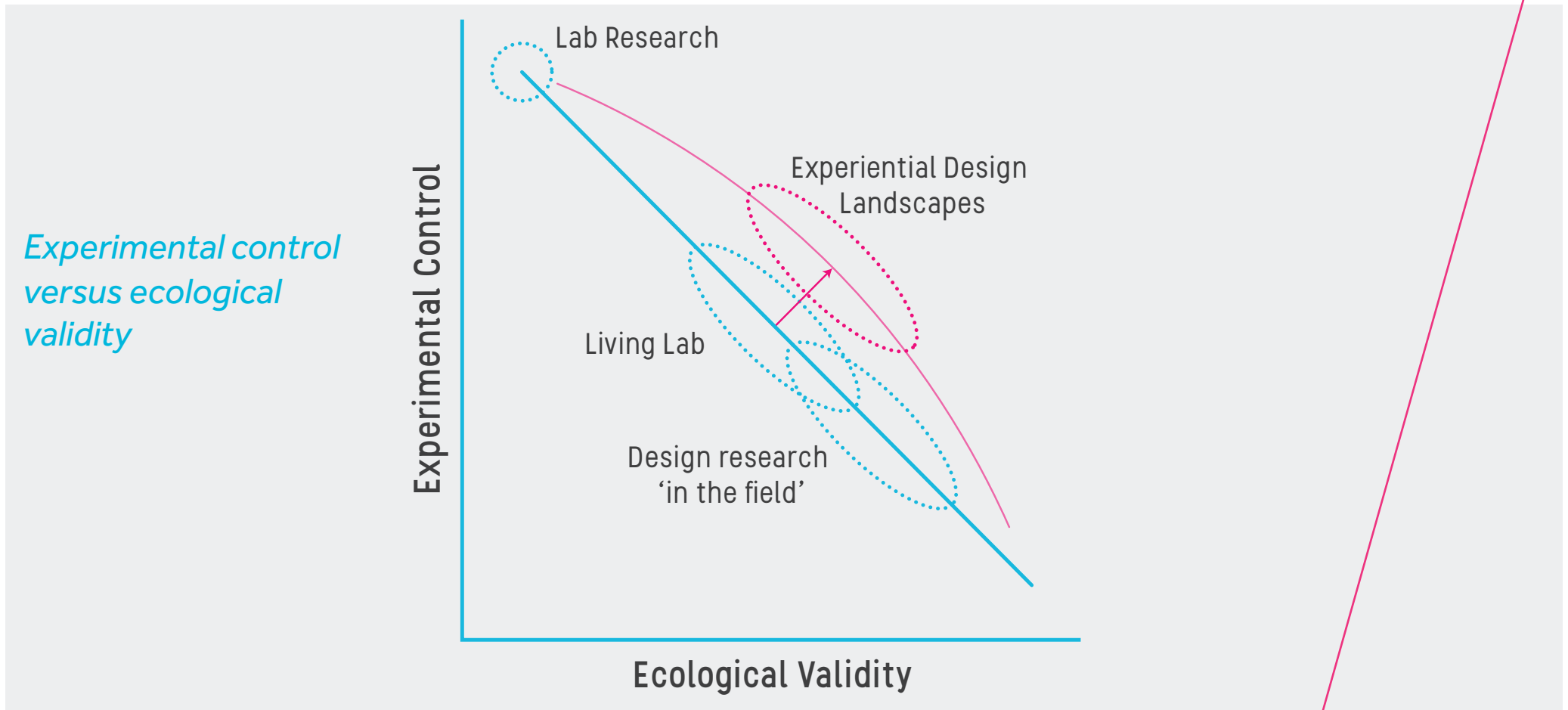


24/7 monitoring of behaviour the connected individual



Three main research/design challenges wrt sensing

Challenge I – The truth is out there



Source: Peeters & Megens (2014)

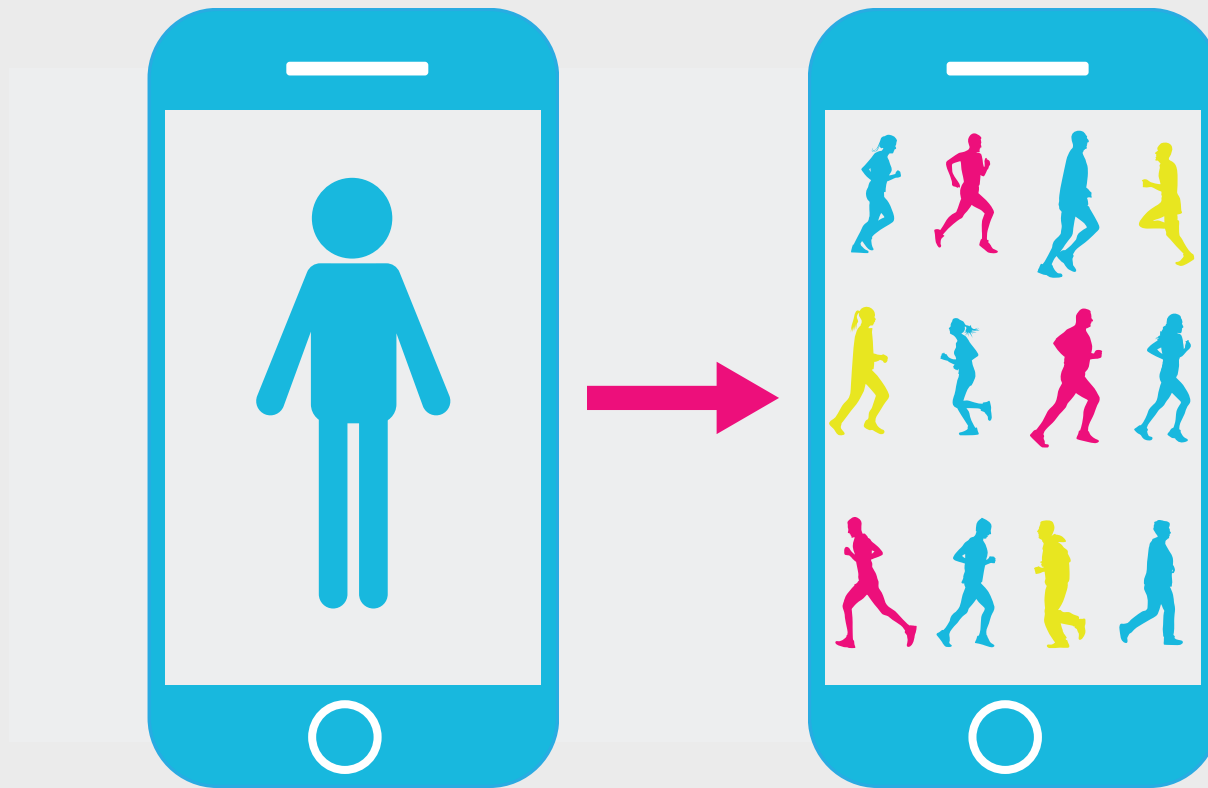
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Challenge II – Acquisition, integration and application of meaningful data



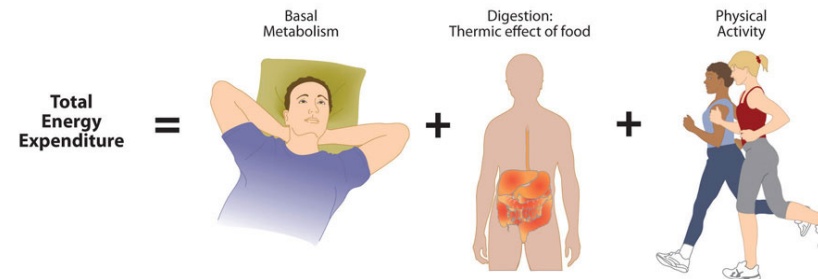
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Challenge III – Personalized feedback – one size does not fit all



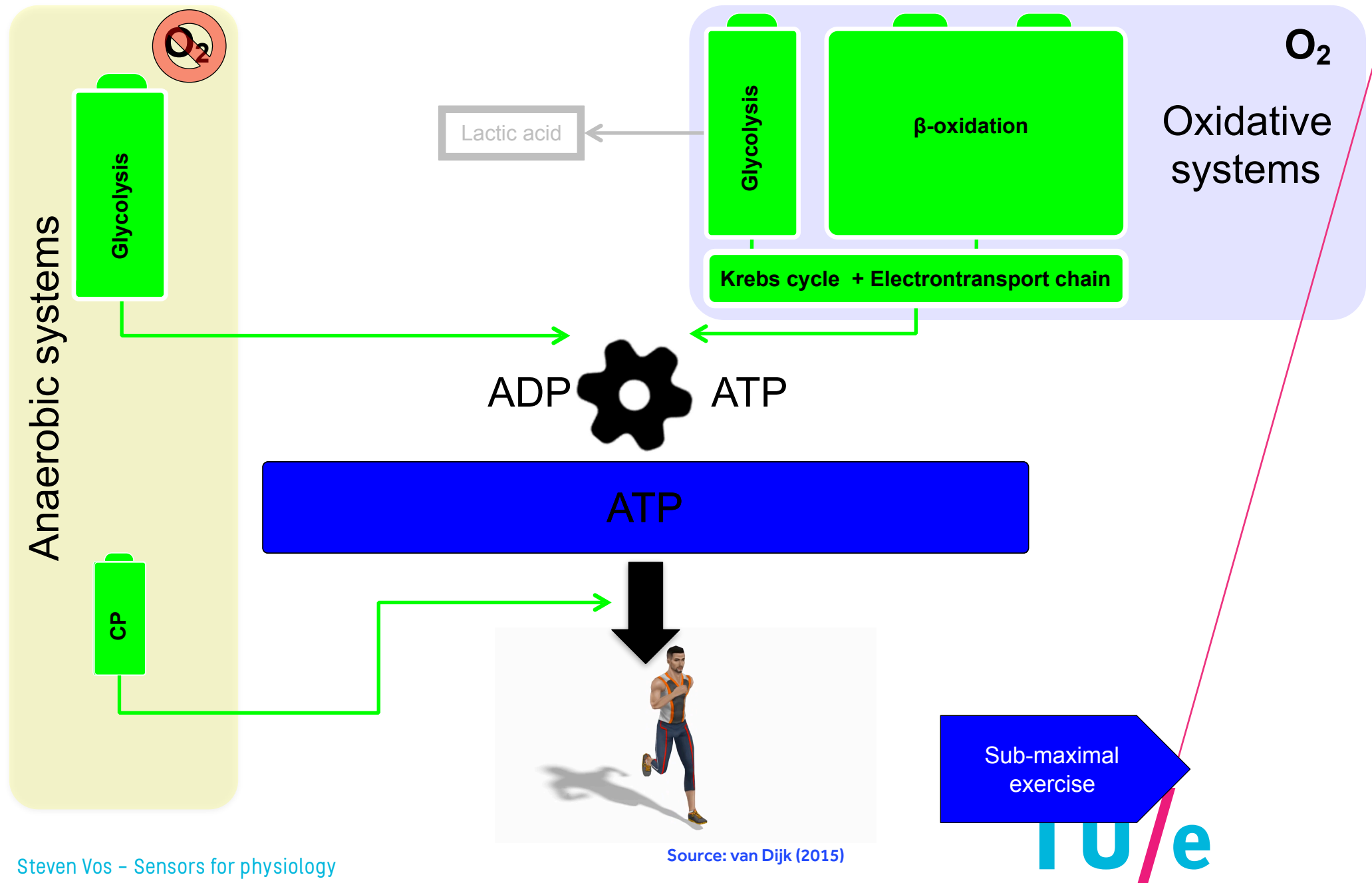
Example - energy expenditure

Metabolic equivalent tasks ...

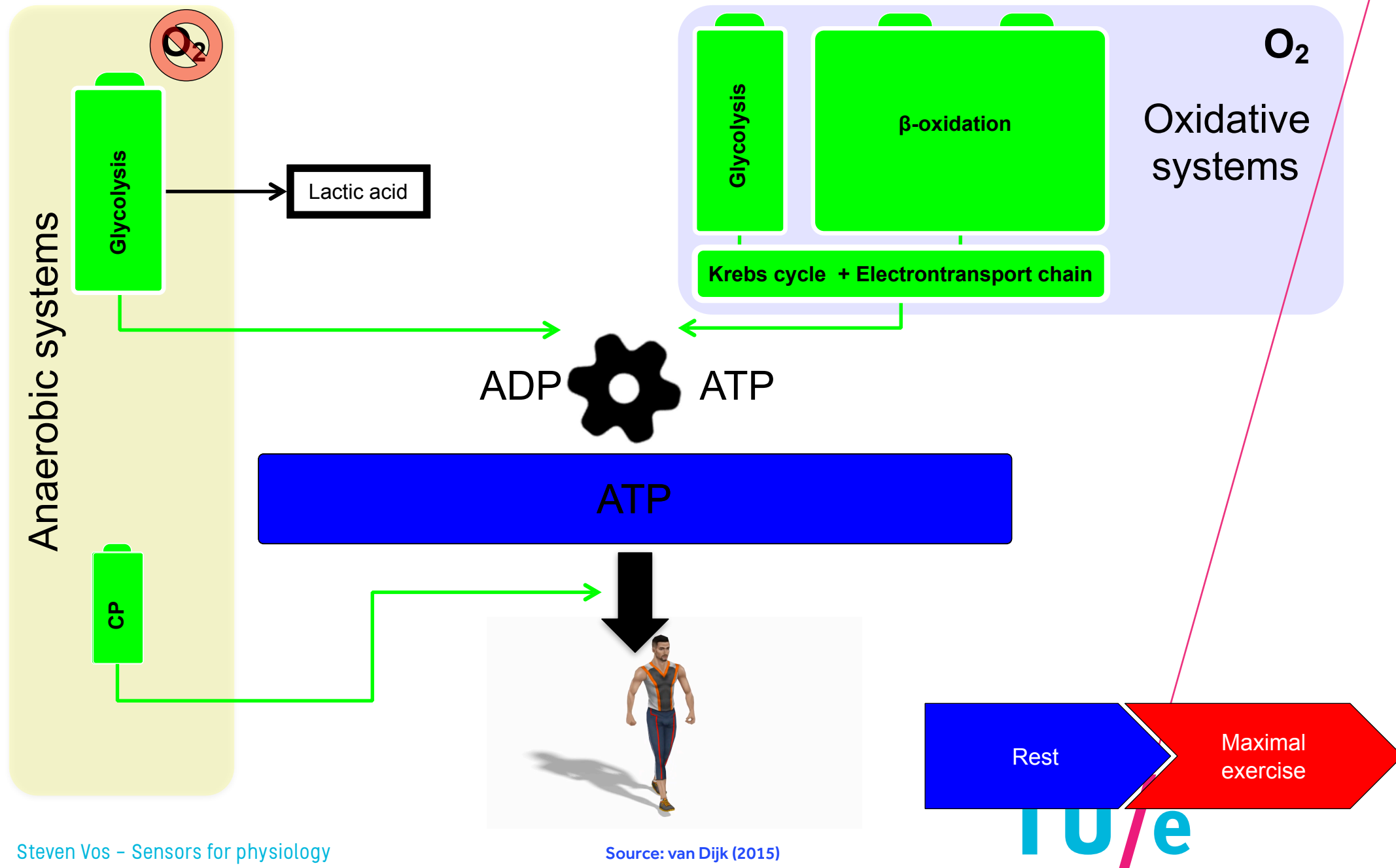


Physical activity	MET
Light intensity activities	< 3
sleeping	0.9
watching television	1.0
writing, desk work, typing	1.8
walking, 1.7 mph (2.7 km/h), level ground, strolling, very slow	2.3
walking, 2.5 mph (4 km/h)	2.9
Moderate intensity activities	3 to 6
bicycling, stationary, 50 watts, very light effort	3.0
walking 3.0 mph (4.8 km/h)	3.3
calisthenics, home exercise, light or moderate effort, general	3.5
walking 3.4 mph (5.5 km/h)	3.6
bicycling, <10 mph (16 km/h), leisure, to work or for pleasure	4.0
bicycling, stationary, 100 watts, light effort	5.5
Vigorous intensity activities	> 6
jogging, general	7.0
calisthenics (e.g. pushups, situps, pullups, jumping jacks), heavy, vigorous effort	8.0
running jogging, in place	8.0
rope jumping	10.0

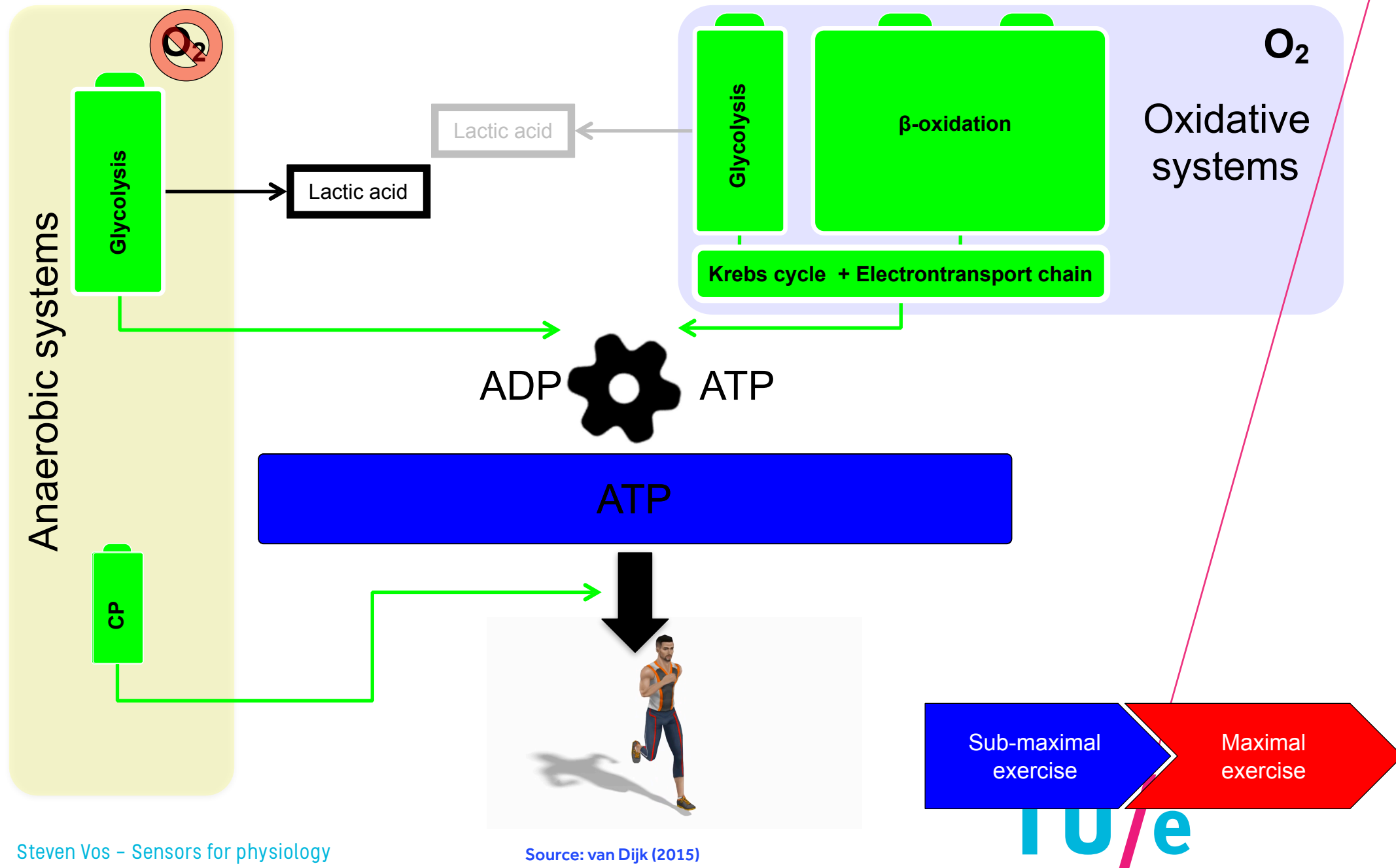
Example - physiology of energy metabolism during different levels of exercise



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Some examples - measuring lactic acid

Ultrafit: Fitness in the blood



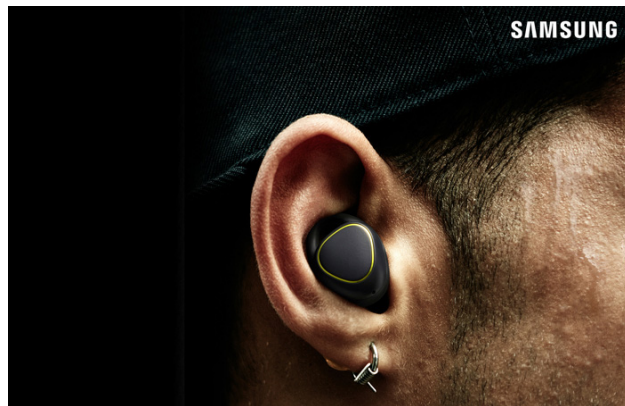
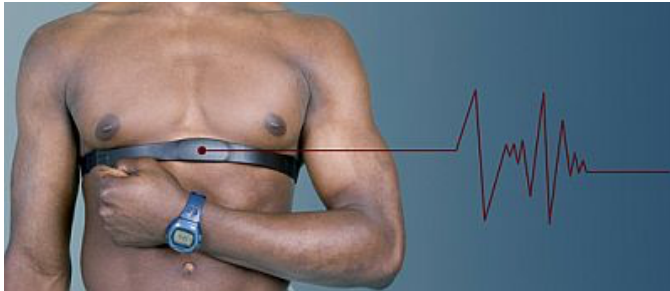
Photo by Jeffrey Thompson

Ben Popp uses a blood lactate meter to measure levels during a workout at Now Bikes and Fitness in St. Paul.

BSX Insights – indirect through measurement of oxygen saturation in the muscles



Some examples - measuring heart rate



Some examples - measuring energy expenditure

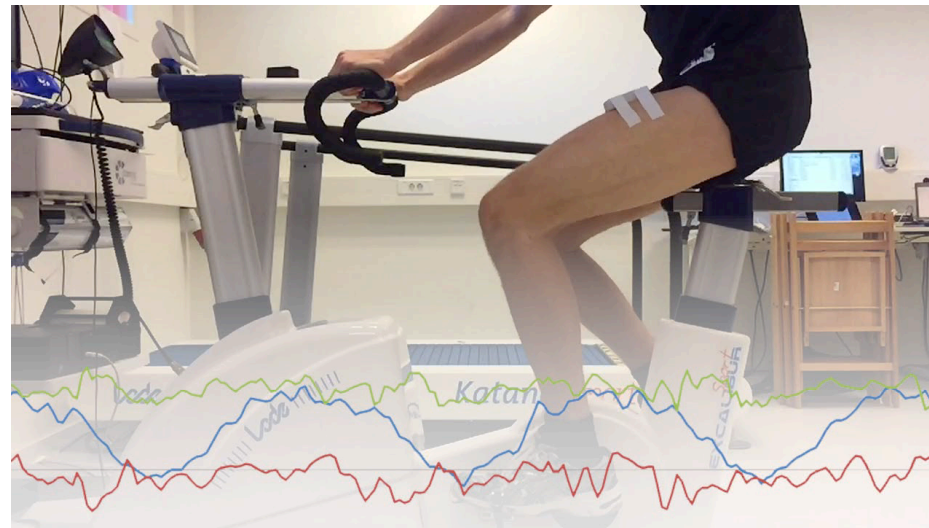
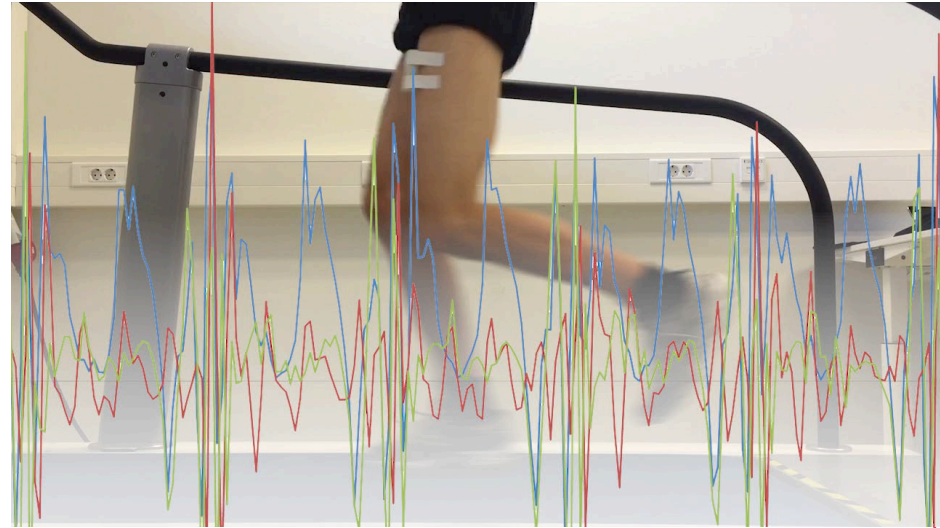
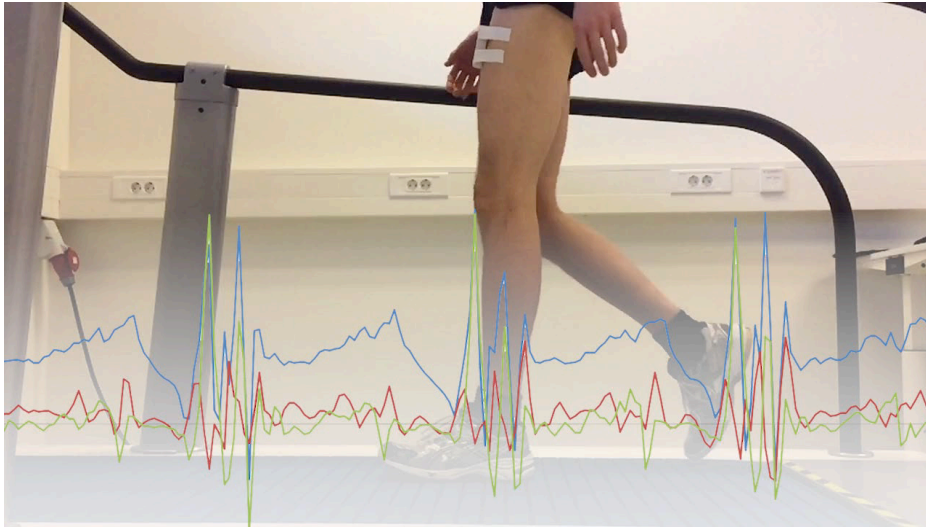
Indirect calorimetry – determined by measuring O₂ consumption and CO₂ production



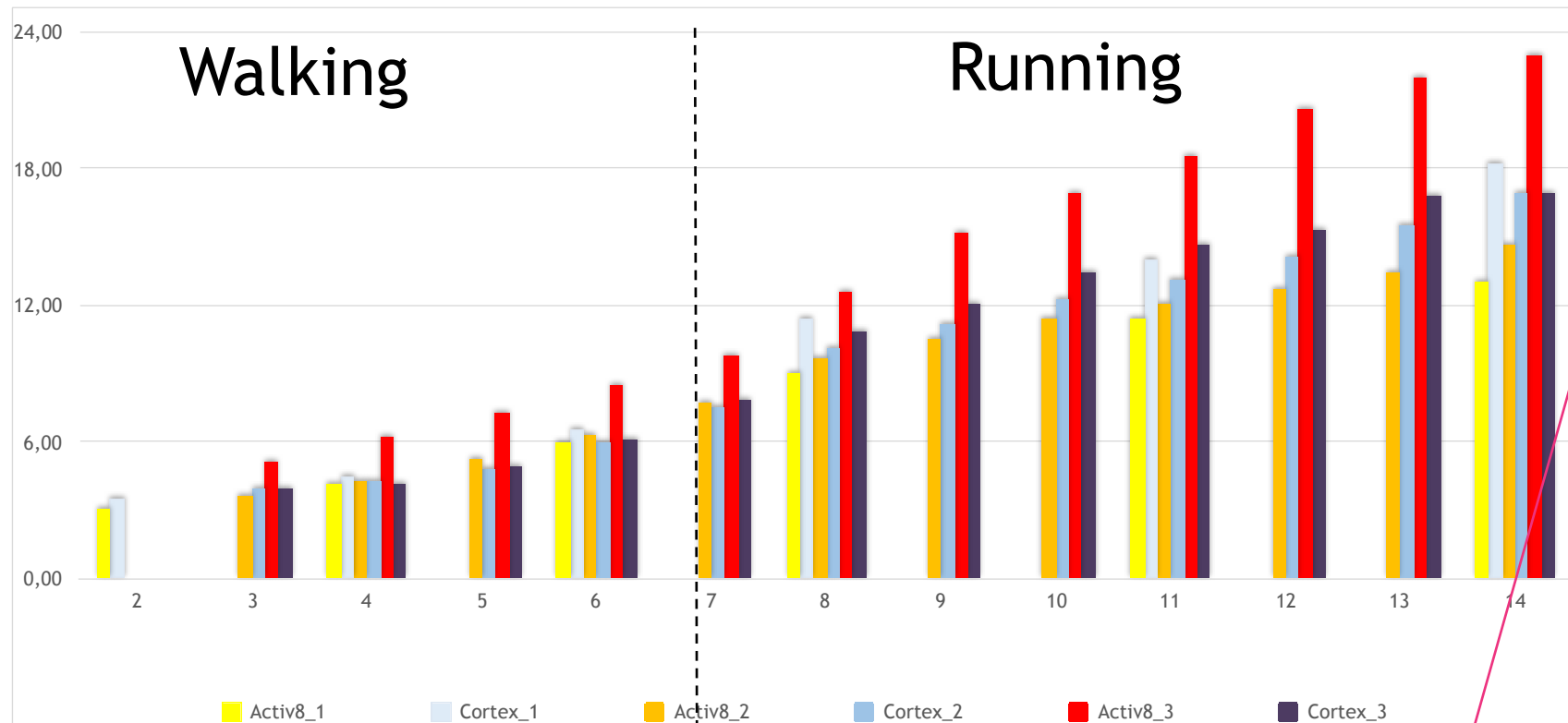
Some examples - measuring energy expenditure?



Some examples - optimizing algorithms for measuring energy expenditure through a 3-axial accelerometer



Some examples - optimizing algorithms for measuring energy expenditure through a wearable device



To be continued in the upcoming weeks ...

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