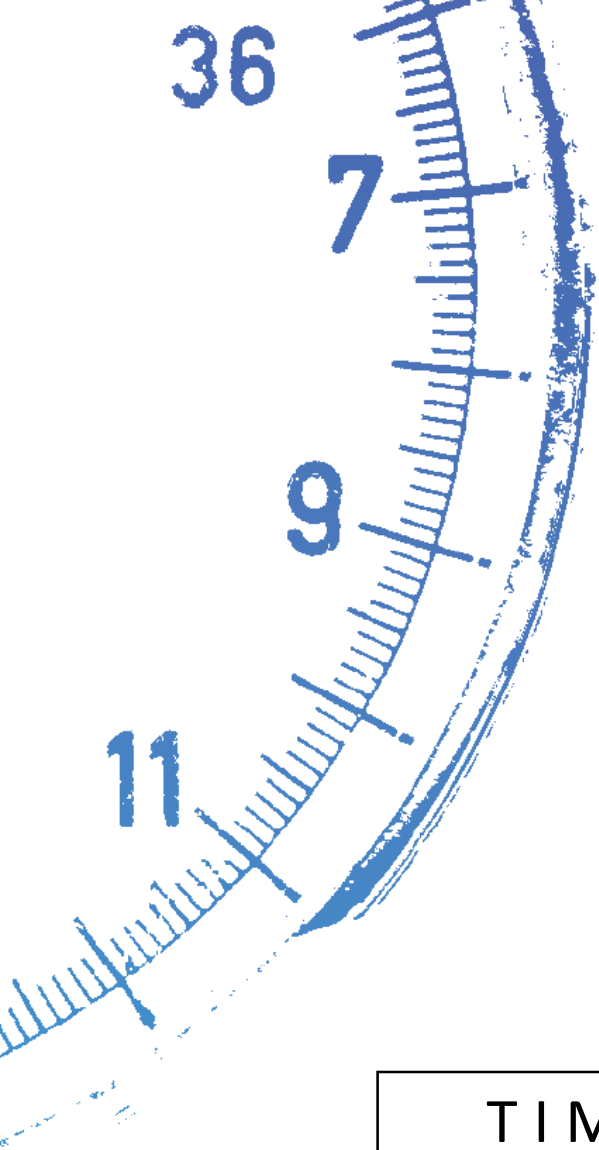


SCIENCE IN CYCLING  
CONFERENCE - JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>



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TIME TRIAL MODELLING

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# DATA ANALYSIS

OUR SOLUTION: EVERYTHING ON A SINGLE WEBSITE

- Dashboard
- Activity
- Planning
- Explore
- Record

Mon. 4 April 2016 - 12:05  
Sunny day

25 °C 15 kph NW

03:14:49 2,829 Kcal  
hilly +1331 m

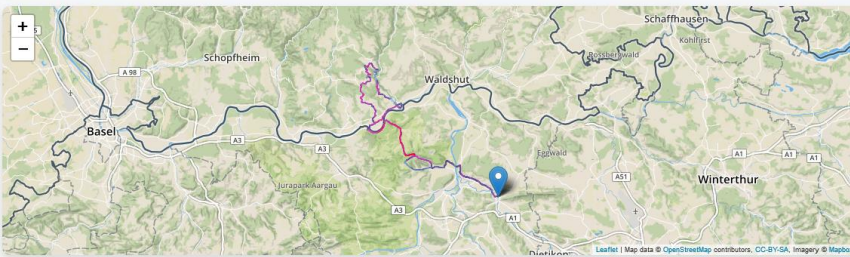
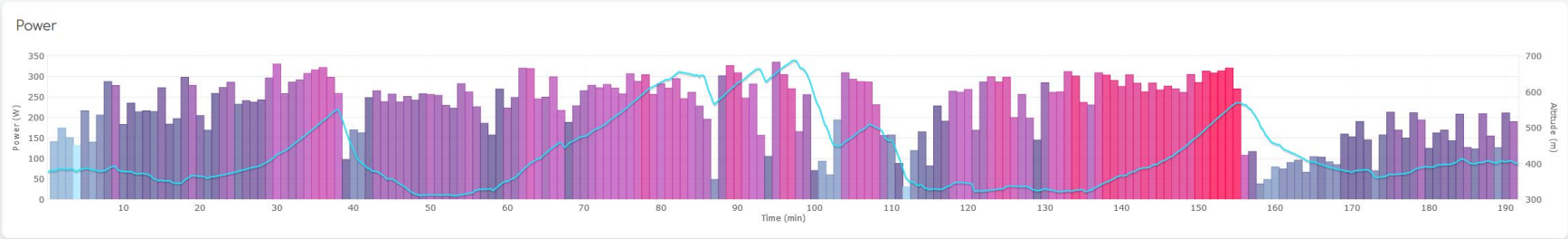
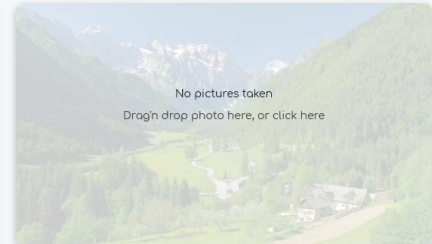
Performance

91.8 Km 28.7 kph  
221 w 150 BPM  
80 rpm 228 TSS

Extrem Workload 65 %  
Long Recovery time 2 days

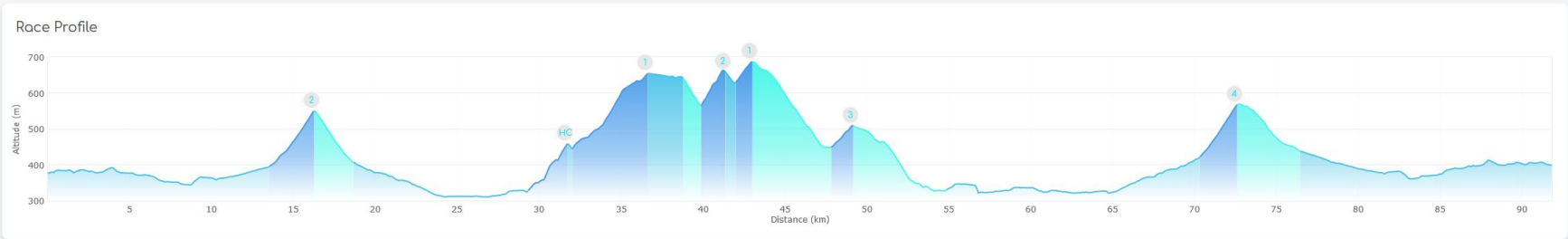
Work zones

- Recovery: 32min
- Endurance: 52min
- Tempo: 82min
- High intensity: 24min



Interval Statistics 5km

Distance	Duration	Speed	Elev +	Power	Heart rate
5.0km	10min44s	279kph	49m	192W	124bpm
10.0km	09min40s	31.1kph	31m	230W	141bpm
15.0km	12min32s	23.9kph	111m	263W	149bpm
20.0km	09min32s	31.4kph	86m	242W	150bpm
25.0km	07min36s	39.5kph	6m	250W	153bpm



# MODELLING APPLIED TO CYCLING

WHY IS IT THAT INTERESTING?

SIMPLIFIED AND ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF THE ATHLETE PERFORMANCE

CURRENT BEST PRACTICE IN FORMULA 1



TT MODELS WERE DEVELOPPED WITH AND TESTED BY A WORLD TOUR TEAM

# INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

## INTRODUCTION

AN OPTIMAL POWER-VARIABLE STRATEGY ALLOWS SAVING SIGNIFICANT TIME VS CONSTANT POWER STRATEGY\*

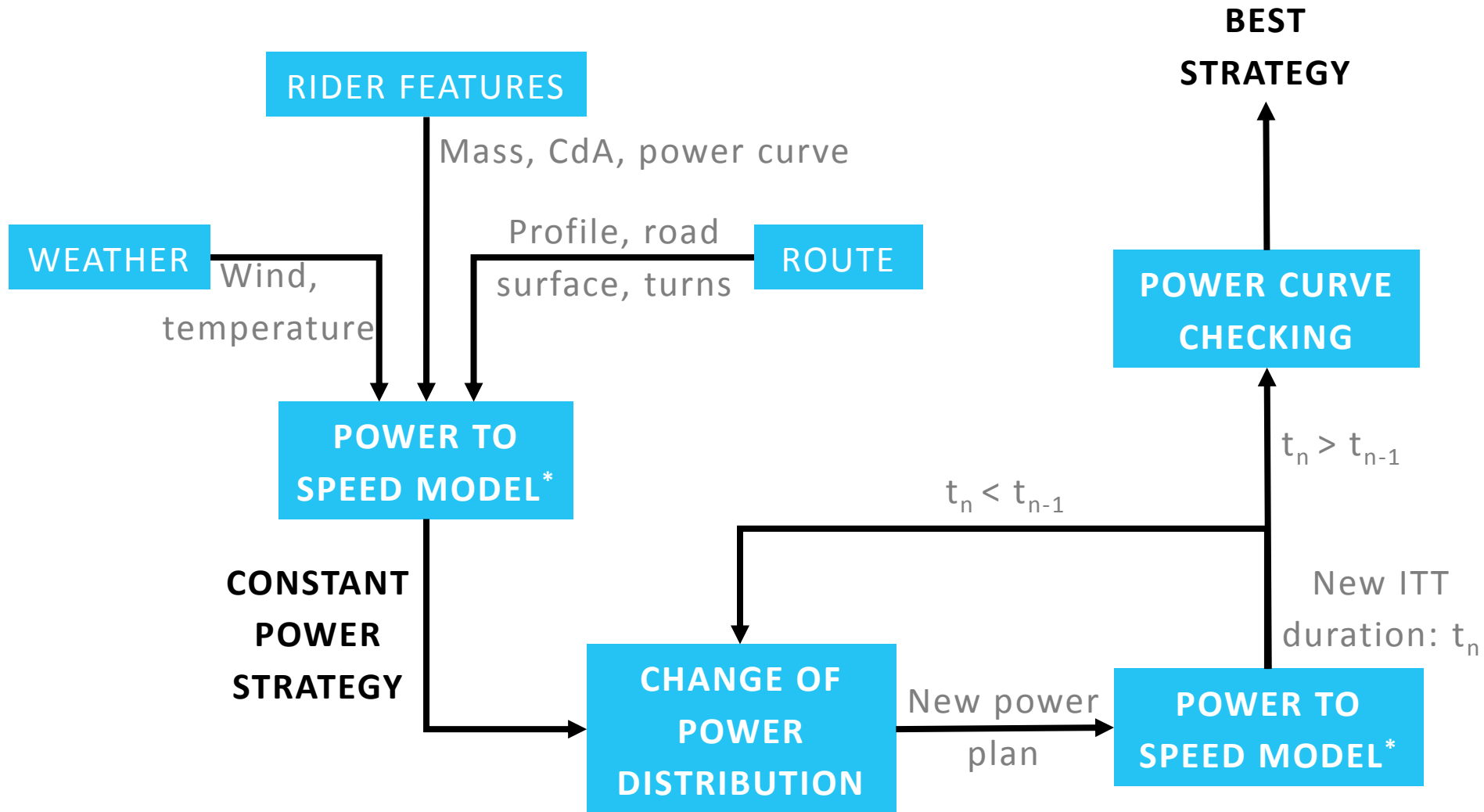
USE TO CHOOSE THE OPTIMAL EQUIPMENT (FRAME, WHEELS, SUITS...)

TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS WORTH CHANGING BIKE DURING THE TT

\* Distribution of Power Output During Cycling, G. Atkinson et al, Sports Medicine 2007

# INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

## HOW IT WORKS



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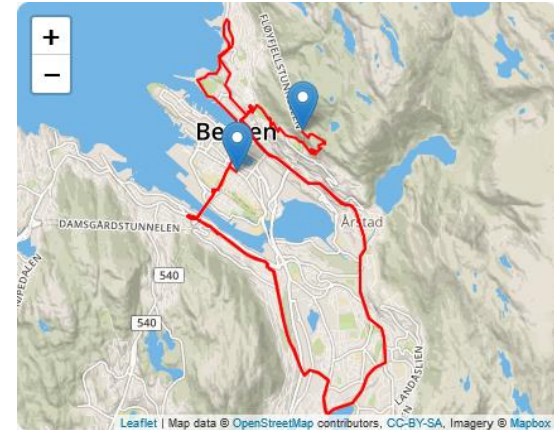
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## SIMULATION PARAMETERS

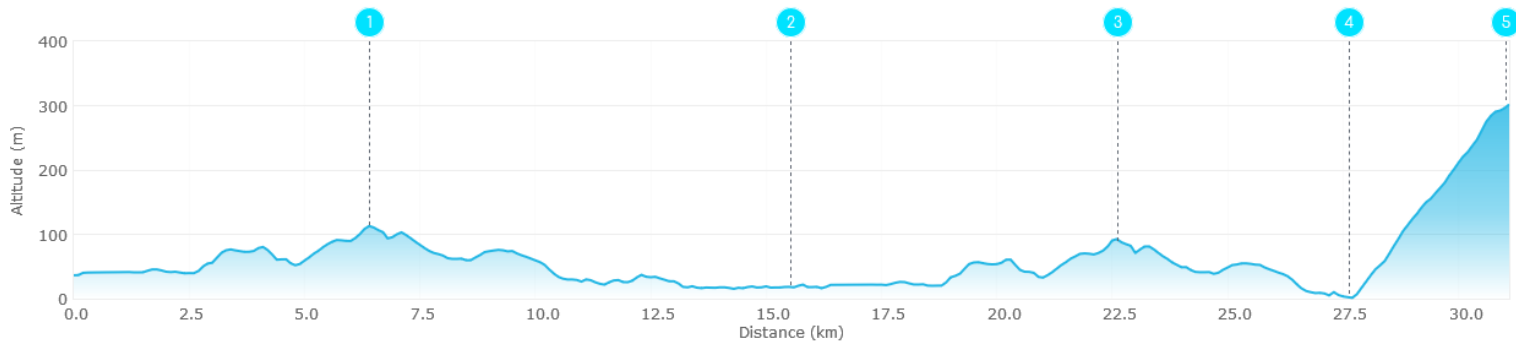
### 3 VIRTUAL PRO RIDERS

Name	Mass	CdA (m <sup>2</sup> )	Max power (40 min)
Rider 1	73 kg	0.225	475 W
Rider 2	78 kg	0.234	470 W
Rider 3	75 kg	0.227	412 W

### 2017 WORLD ITT (BERGEN)



Rank	Rider	Time	Gap	Average Speed	Average Power
1	Rider 1	41:35		44.94kph	473W
2	Rider 2	42:54	+01'18"	43.57kph	466W
3	Rider 3	45:19	+03'44"	41.24kph	406W



# INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

SIMULATION RESULTS


59S SAVED OVER 31KM VS CONSTANT-POWER STRATEGY!!

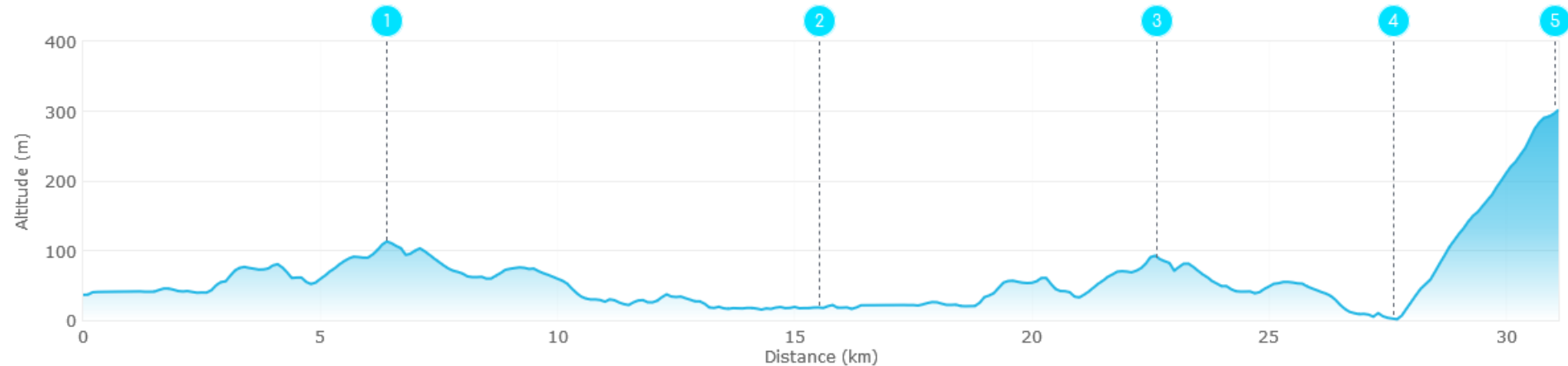
Power

Energy

LOOK LIKE INTERVAL TRAINING

Difference ▾

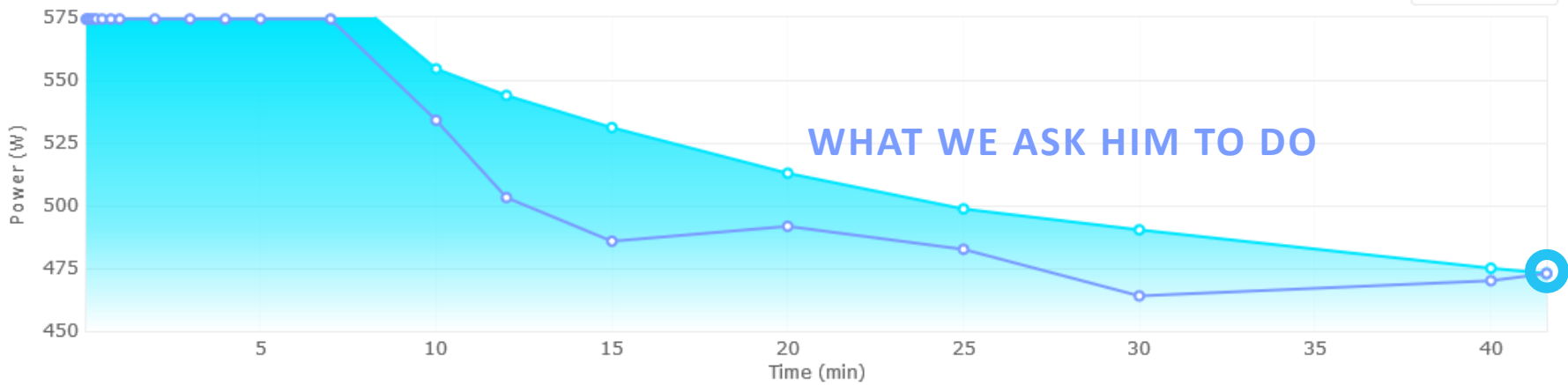
	SPLIT 1	SPLIT 2	SPLIT 3	SPLIT 4	SPLIT 5
	6.52km at 1.1%	9.12km at -1.0%	7.11km at 1.0%	5.0km at -1.7%	3.41km at 8.9%
	08:18	10:37	08:58	05:32	08:14
	47.2 kph	51.5 kph	47.6 kph	54.2 kph	24.8 kph
Rider 1	546 W	371 W	510 W	349 W	574 W



# INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

IS IT FEASIBLE?

Mean maximal power curves



	Sprint				Anaerobic								VO2 max						Lactate threshold				
	3"	5"	10"	15"	20"	30"	45"	1'	2'	3'	4'	5'	7'	10'	12'	15'	20'	25'	30'	40'	42'		
Best	W	1,779	1,579	1,440	1,305	1,184	1,052	961	870	731	685	649	621	589	554	544	531	513	499	490	475	473	
	W/Kg	25.41	22.55	20.57	18.64	16.91	15.03	13.73	12.42	10.44	9.78	9.27	8.87	8.42	7.92	7.77	7.59	7.33	7.12	7.00	6.79	6.76	
	Kg	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
This ride	W	574	574	574	574	574	574	574	574	574	574	574	574	574	534	503	486	492	483	464	470	473	
	W/Kg	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.63	7.19	6.94	7.02	6.89	6.63	6.71	6.76	
	Kg	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70
	%	32.28	36.38	39.88	44.01	48.50	54.58	59.76	66.03	78.60	83.89	88.47	92.50	97.42	96.31	92.52	91.47	95.88	96.78	94.63	98.95	99.99	



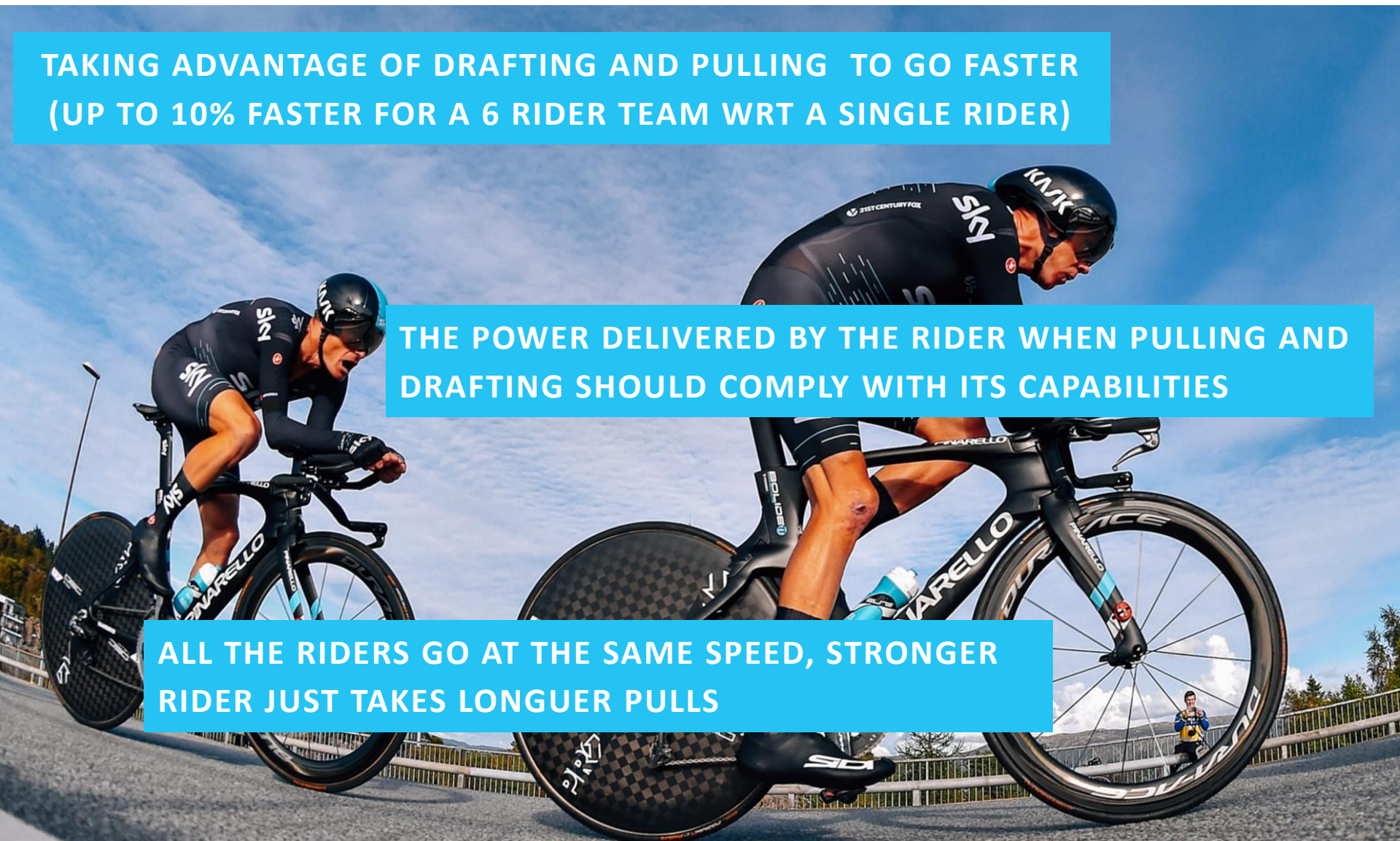
# TEAM TIME TRIAL

PULLING & DRAFTING = GOING FASTER

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DRAFTING AND PULLING TO GO FASTER  
(UP TO 10% FASTER FOR A 6 RIDER TEAM WRT A SINGLE RIDER)

THE POWER DELIVERED BY THE RIDER WHEN PULLING AND  
DRAFTING SHOULD COMPLY WITH ITS CAPABILITIES

ALL THE RIDERS GO AT THE SAME SPEED, STRONGER  
RIDER JUST TAKES LONGUER PULLS



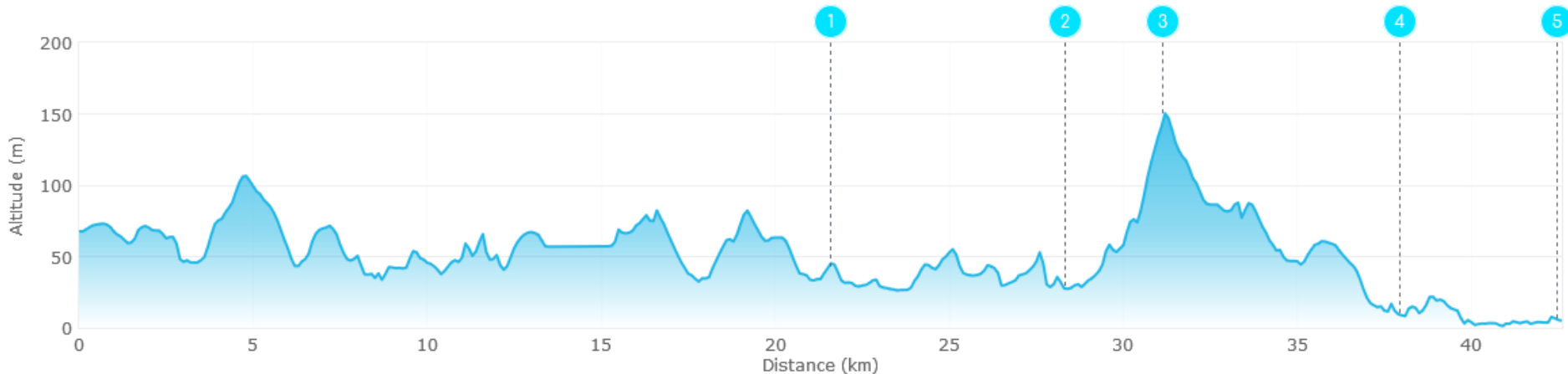
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Rider 5	59 kg	0.184	359 W
Rider 6	63 kg	0.191	385 W

### 2017 WORLD TTT (BERGEN)



# TEAM TIME TRIAL

THE DIFFERENT TESTED SCENARIOS

**BEST STRATEGY VS FINISHING WITH THE WHOLE TEAM: 51S SAVED**

IT IS WORTH  
DROPPING RIDERS



Ranking	Race Duration	Gap	Finishing Riders	Dropped Riders	Rider 1	Rider 2	Rider 6	Rider 5	Rider 3	Rider 4
1	47:40	+00:00	4	Rider 4 - Rider 3	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->22km	->28km
<b>BEST STRATEGY</b>		+00:00	4	Rider 4 - Rider 3	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->28km	->28km
3	48:04	+00:25	4	Rider 4 - Rider 3	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->38km	->28km
4	48:05	+00:25	5	Rider 4	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->22km
5	48:05	+00:26	5	Rider 4	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->28km
6	48:06	+00:26	4	Rider 4 - Rider 5	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->38km	Finisher	->28km
7	48:06	+00:27	4	Rider 4 - Rider 3	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->31km	->28km
8	48:22	+00:42	5	Rider 3	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->22km	Finisher
9	48:23	+00:43	5	Rider 3	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->28km	Finisher
10	48:26	+00:47	5	Rider 4	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	->38km
11	48:31	+00:51	6	-	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher	Finisher

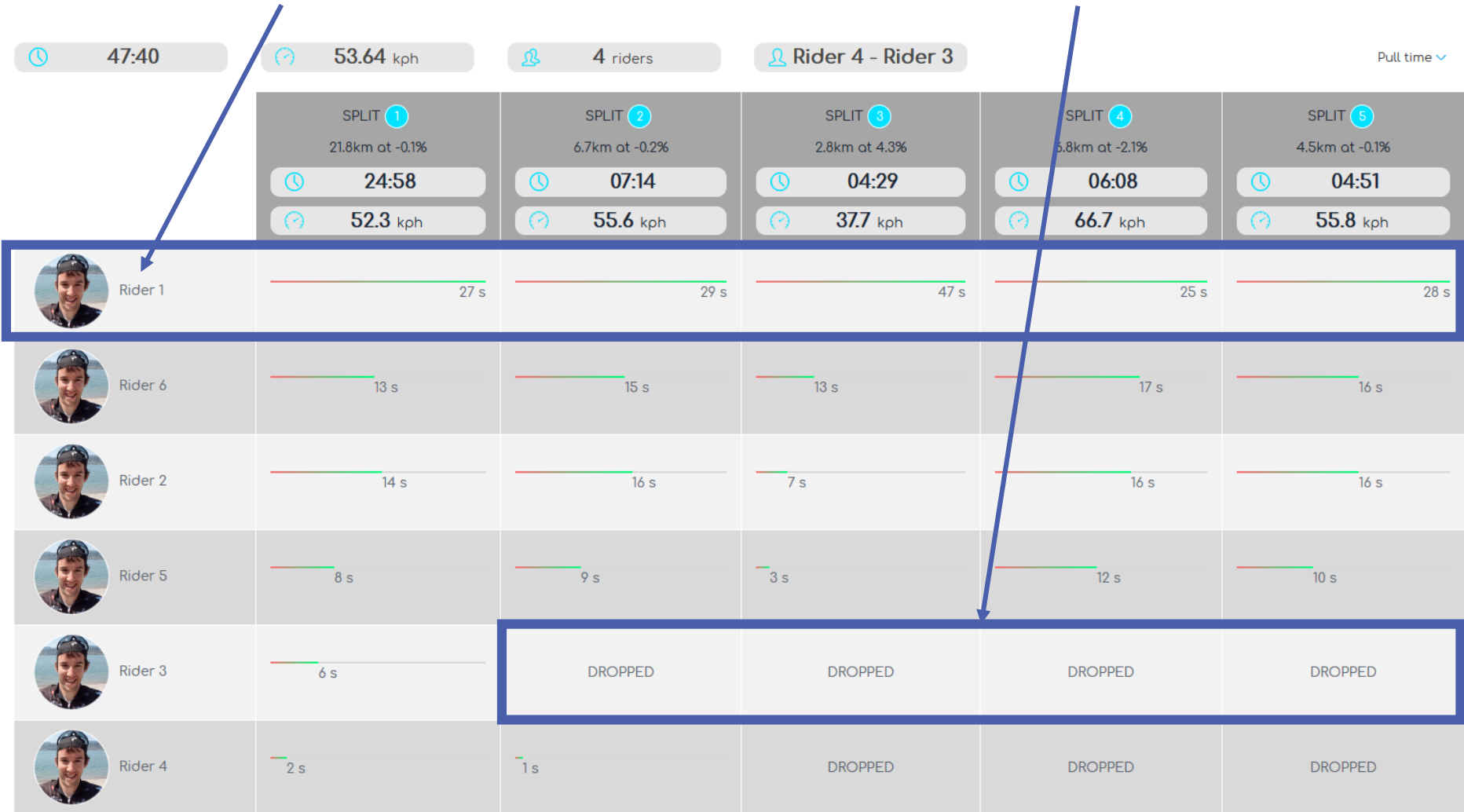
**ALL RIDERS FINISHING**

# TEAM TIME TRIAL

DETAILS OF A STRATEGY

WEAKEST RIDER ACTUALLY CONTRIBUTES BUT ONLY FOR 21.8km

BEST RIDER TAKES LONGER PULL



# CONCLUSION

TIME TRIAL MODELLING

MODELLING IS A POWERFUL SOLUTION TO SAVE TIME ON TIME TRIALS

TO OPTIMALLY DETERMINE THE EQUIPMENT AND THE PACING STRATEGY

MODELS ARE ONLY TOOLS TO HELP COACH/SD MAKING DECISIONS



# CONCLUSION

FURTHER INNOVATIONS

TTT ALGORITHM MODELS THE DYNAMIC OF RIDING WITHIN A GROUP

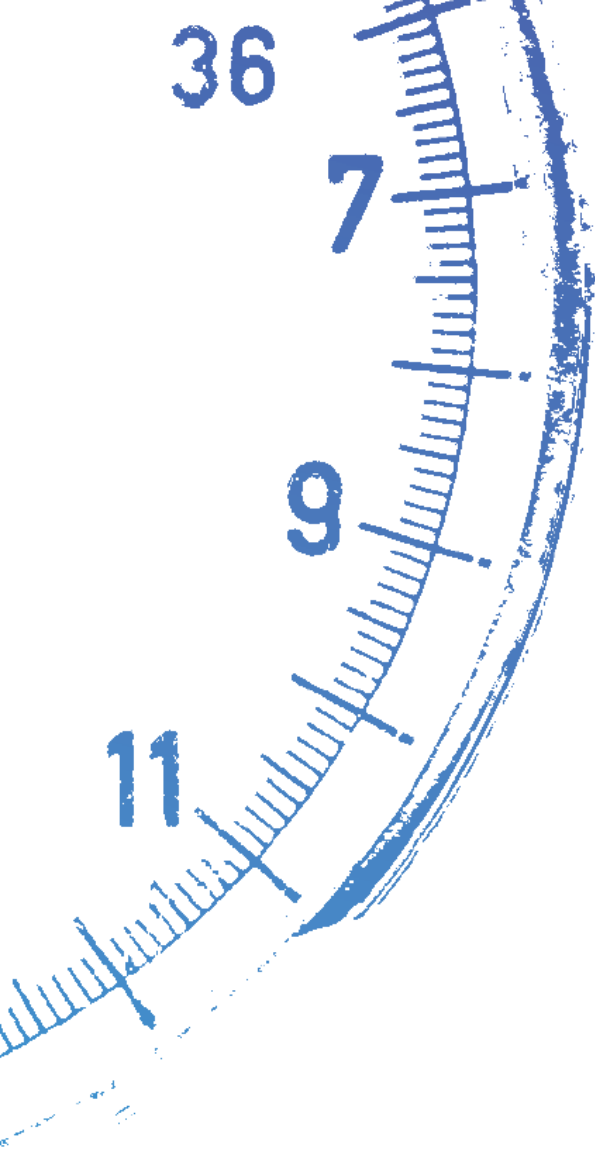
THIS PAVES THE WAY OF MANY APPLICATIONS

PELTON VS BREAK-AWAY STRATEGY

OPTIMAL TEAM TRAIN/PACE  
FOR PREPARING A SPRINT

OPTIMAL TRAIN/PACE IN THE LAST CLIMB OF A MOUNTAIN STAGE





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THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION

# CONCLUSION

## GUIDELINES

ALMOST ALWAYS TAKE A TT BIKE

DO NOT CHANGE FOR ANOTHER BIKE DURING AN ITT

DROPPING RIDERS IN A TTT ALLOWS SAVING TIME

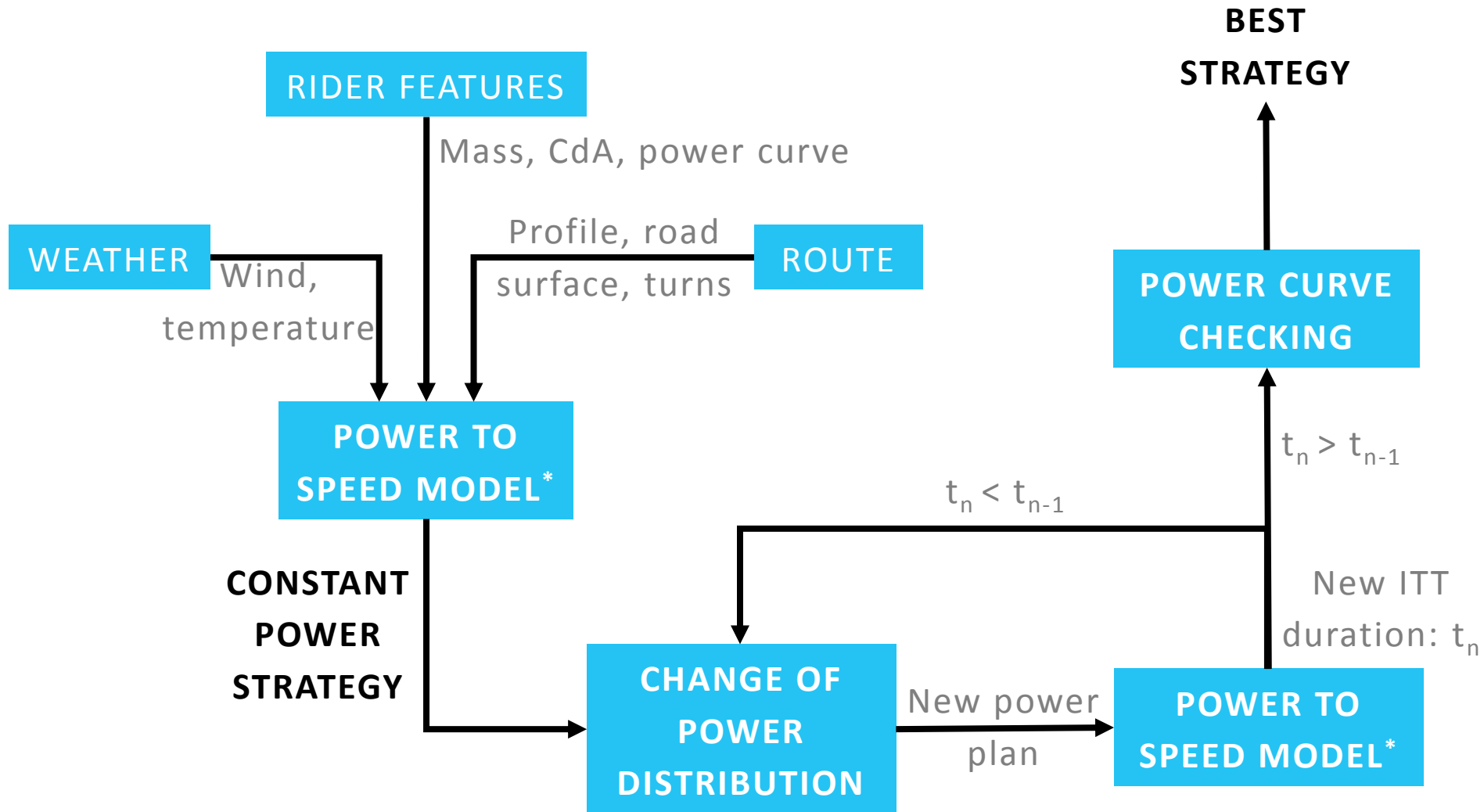
DO NOT WAIT FOR A RIDER (IN CASE OF INCIDENT) DURING A TTT





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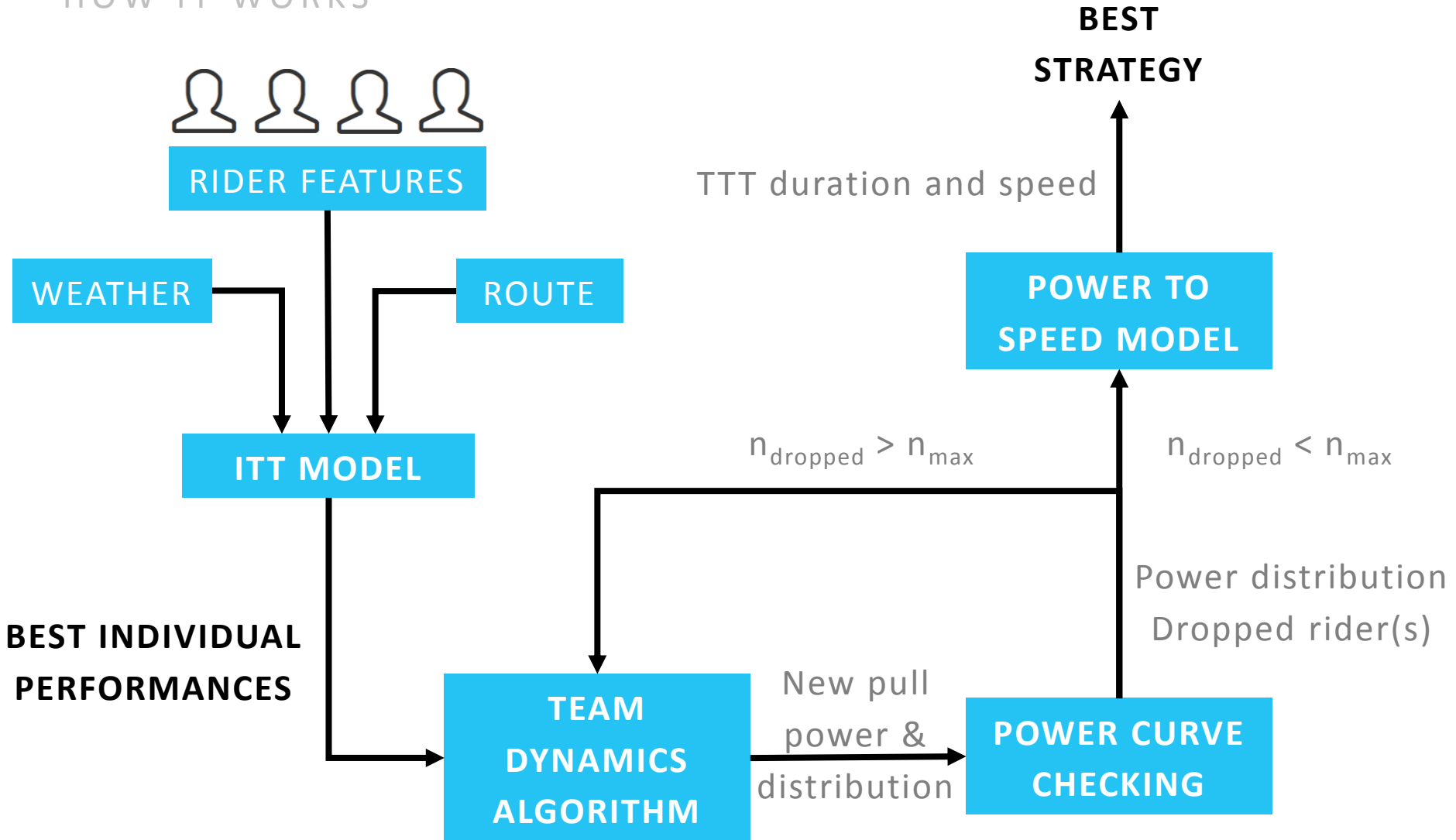
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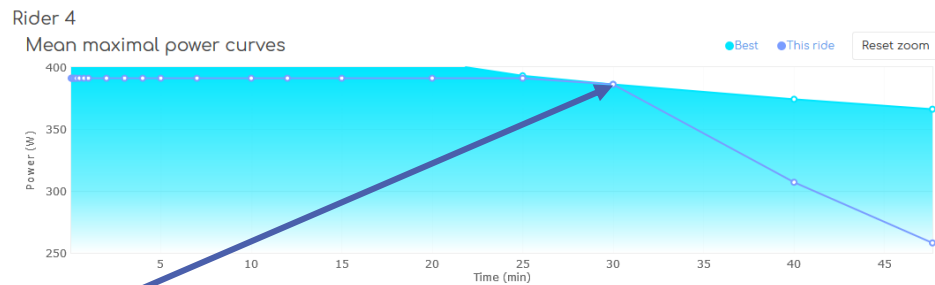
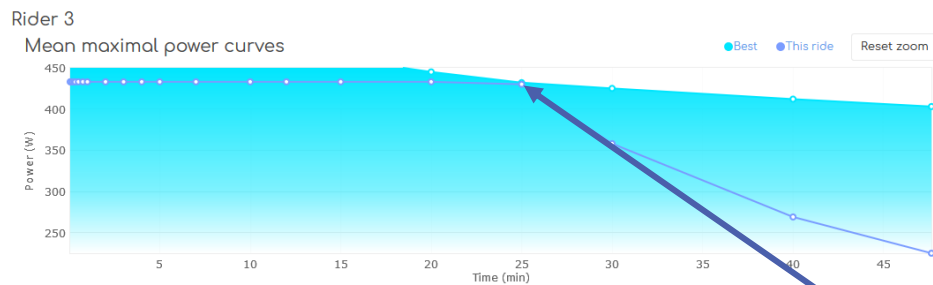
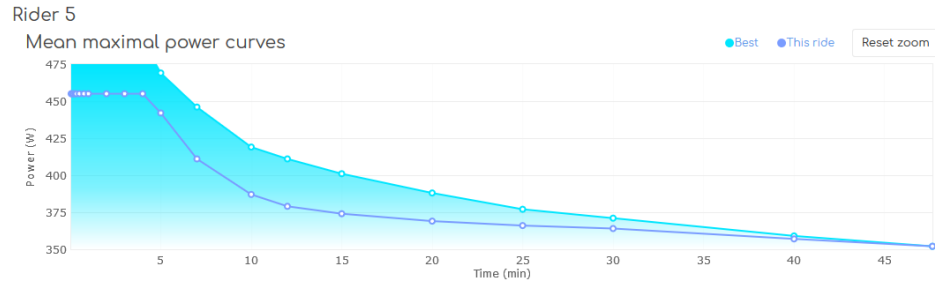
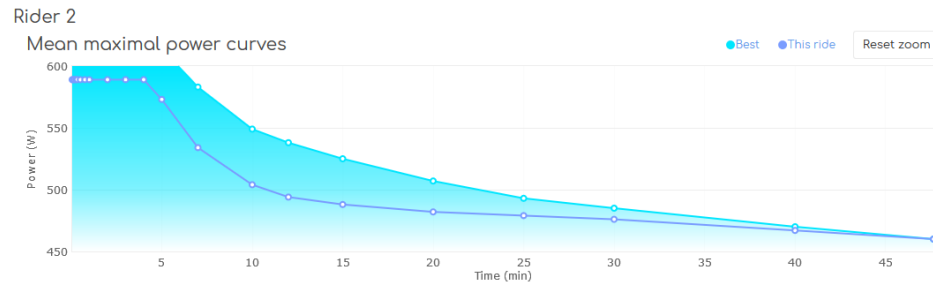
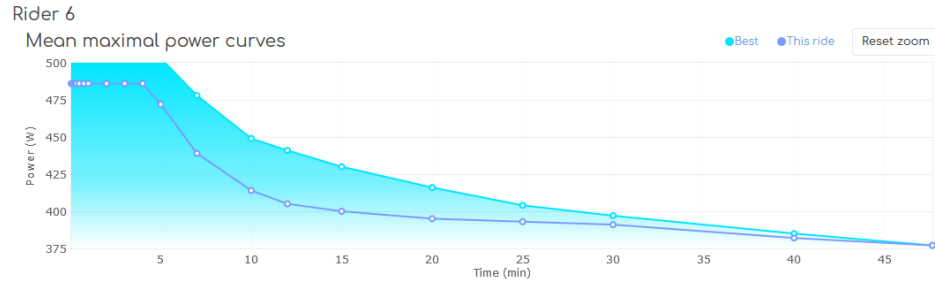
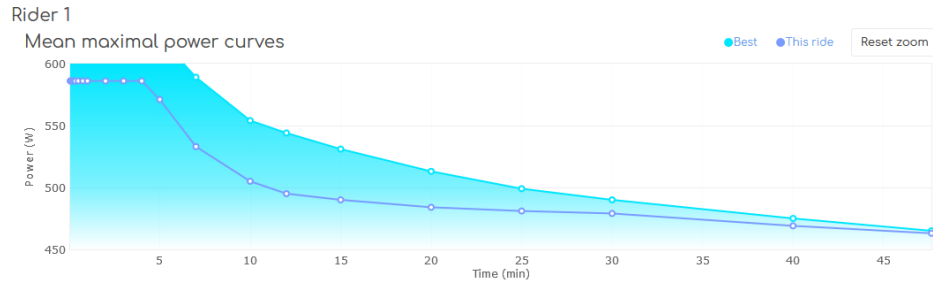
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HOW IT WORKS



# TEAM TIME TRIAL

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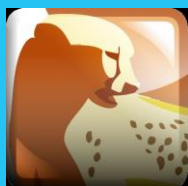


RIDERS START BEING DROPPED

# DATA ANALYSIS

THE CURRENT SITUATION

## SESSION ANALYSIS



**today's  
plan**

## SOCIAL NETWORK



## CUSTOMIZED TRAINING PLAN



## RACE/PACING STRATEGY

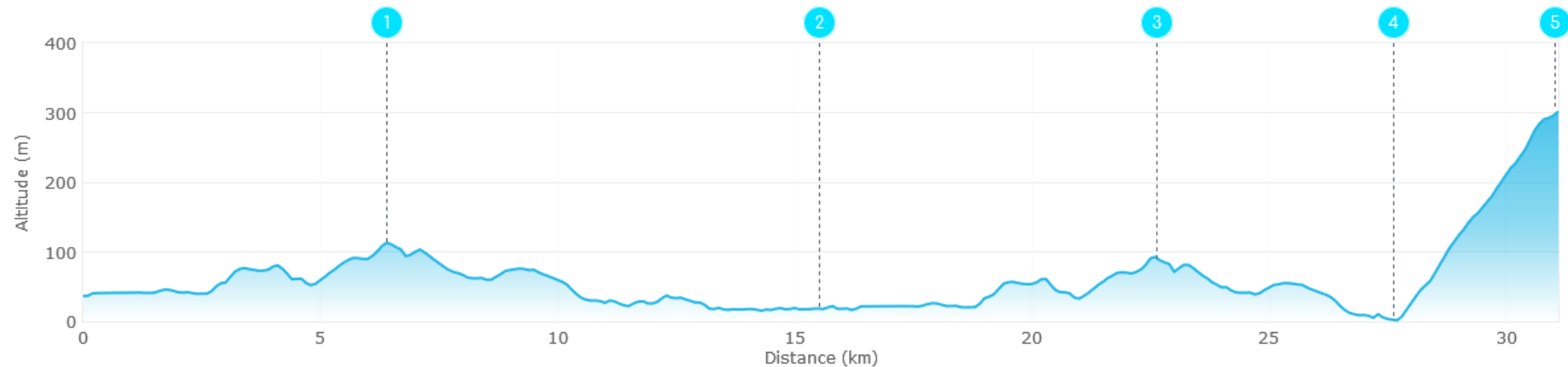


# INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

## PACING DETAILS

### Race intervals

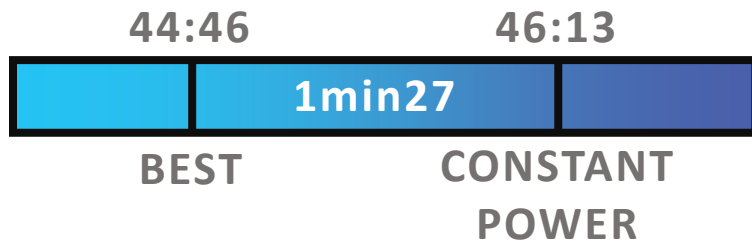
Interval Distance	Total Distance	Interval Time	Total Time	Interval Speed	Average Speed	Interval Power	Average Power	Grade
6.52km	6.52km	08:18	08:18	47.2kph	47.2kph	546W	546W	1.1%
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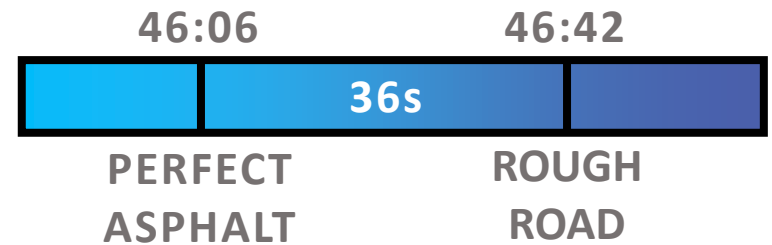
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PREDICTION ACCURACY

## PACING STRATEGY



## ROAD SURFACE



## POWER CURVE



## WIND SPEED



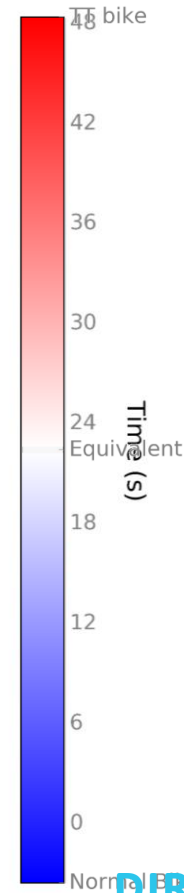
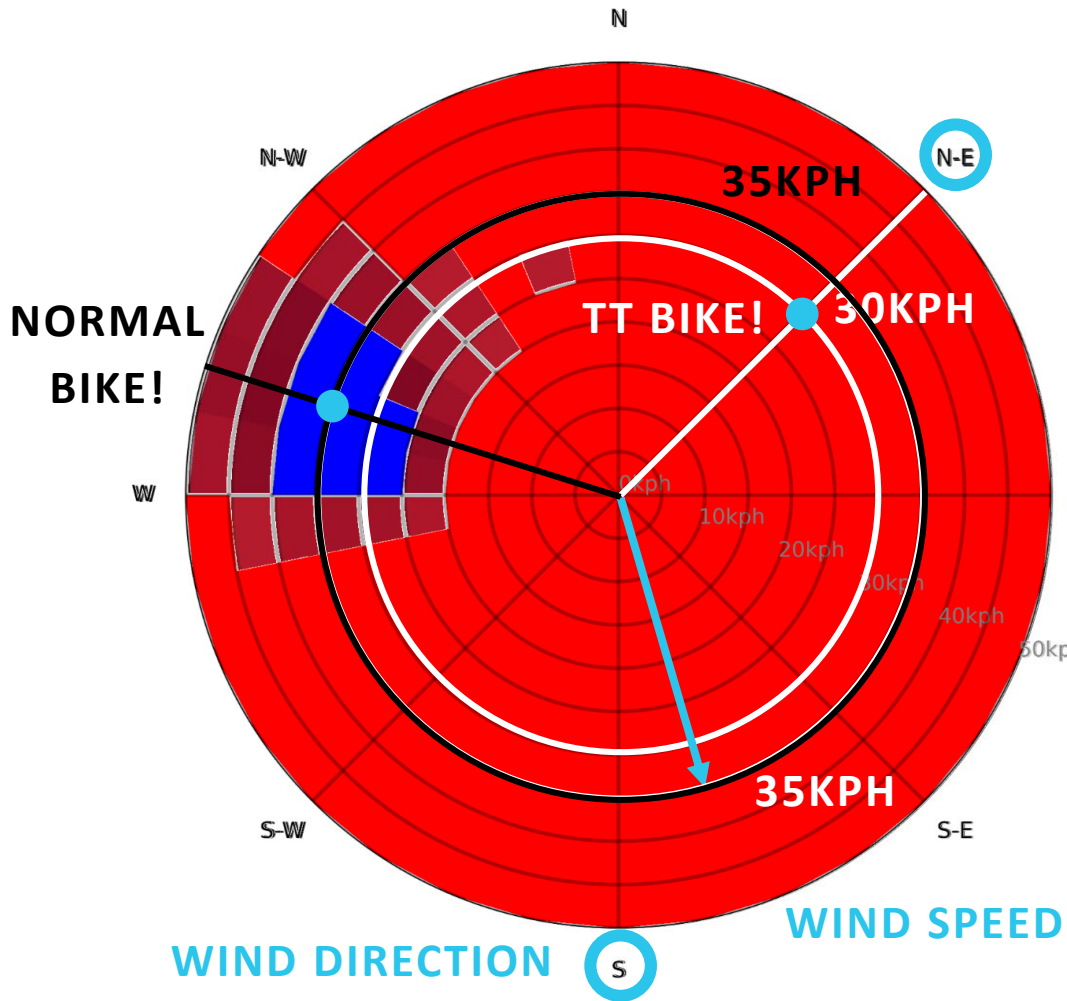
## WIND DIRECTION



# INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL

DOES THE WIND CHANGE THINGS?

Influence of wind on the TT duration



**ANEMOMETER**



**DIRECTION:** WNEW  
**SPEED:** 30KPH

# TEAM TIME TRIAL

HOW IT WORKS

