

Adding vibrations during high intensity cycling increases acute physiological responses

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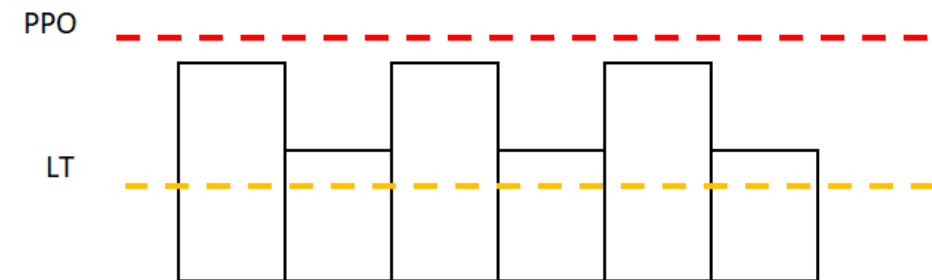
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- $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ can be increased after high intensity interval training (HIIT) program (Buchheit & Laursen, 2013)
- Improvement of $\dot{V}O_{2max}$ depends on total time $>90\dot{V}O_{2max}$ per training session (Migdley & Mc Naughton, 2006)
- Time $> 90\% \dot{V}O_{2max}$ can be increased by 43% during a HIIT included varied-intensity work intervals (Bossi et al., 2020)



➤ Training stress can be increased by adding vibrations (VIB) while cycling

➤ Adding VIB (40 Hz) during a single HIIT session (6 × 5 min all-out)

increase time $>90\% \dot{V}O_{2\max}$ by 58%

(Rønnestad et al., 2018)



Mechanisms: recruitment of fast twitch fibres (tonic reflex vibration) AND/OR upper limb muscles for damping



VIBRATIONS

Limit : all-out HIIT could be too difficult for less-trained cyclists



adding intermittent vibrations during a varied-intensity HIIT may be an effective strategy to increase time $>90\% \text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$ with minimising discomfort to the cyclists



To evaluate the **acute effects of adding vibrations** (VIB; 40 Hz) to the **submaximal intensity during a varied-intensity HIIT session** on the responses of the **cardiovascular and muscular systems**

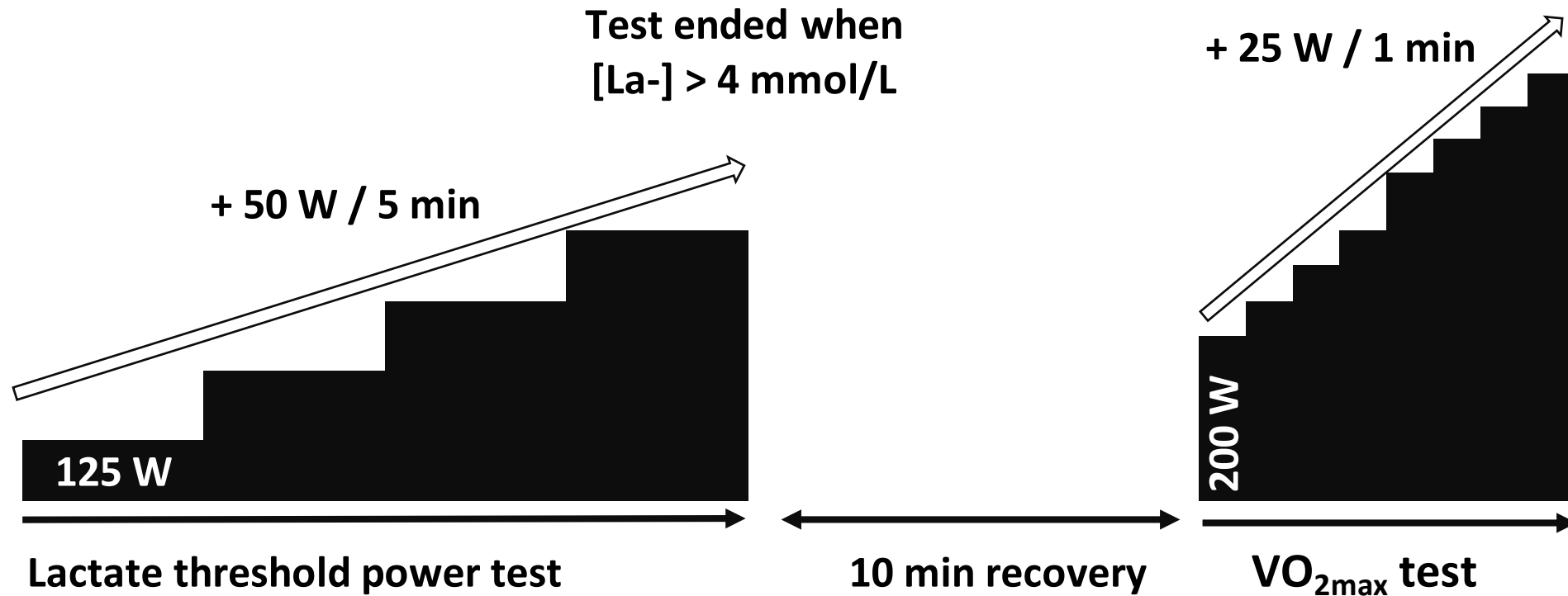
Hypothesis : VIB → ↗ muscular recruitment → ↗ $\dot{V}O_2$ → ↗ time >90% $\dot{V}O_{2max}$

- ✓ 12 well-trained male cyclists
- ✓ 3 test sessions separated by 2 days

Age (years)	27 ± 9
Body height (cm)	182 ± 4
Body mass (kg)	72.7 ± 5.3
$\dot{V}O_{2\max}$ ($\text{ml} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$)	72.5 ± 8.0
$\dot{V}O_{2\max}$ ($\text{L} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$)	5.27 ± 0.64
\dot{W}_{\max} ($\text{W} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$)	6.1 ± 0.6
\dot{W}_{\max} (W)	430 ± 32
MAP ($\text{W} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$)	5.2 ± 0.7
MAP (W)	375 ± 58
HR_{\max} ($\text{beats} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$)	188 ± 9
$[\text{La}^-]_{\text{peak}}$ ($\text{mmol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$)	13.8 ± 2.2
$\dot{V}E_{\text{peak}}$ ($\text{L} \cdot \text{min}^{-1}$)	200.2 ± 22.7
RER_{peak}	1.15 ± 0.03
RPE_{peak}	19.3 ± 0.5
$\text{LT}_{4 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}}$ ($\text{W} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$)	4.1 ± 0.5
$\text{LT}_{4 \text{ mmol} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}}$ (W)	299 ± 28

FIRST TEST SESSION

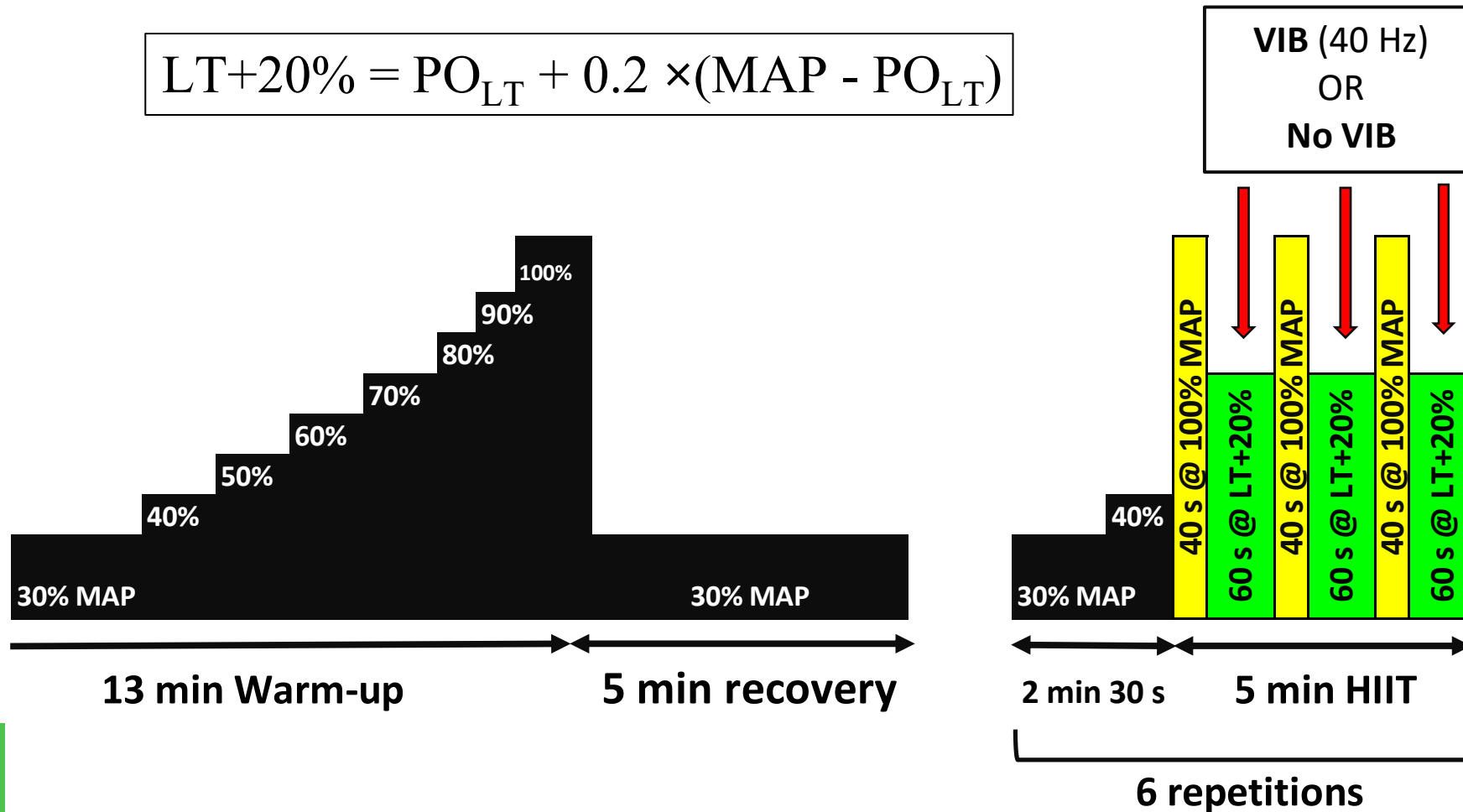
(freely constant pedalling cadence)

Test until exhaustion

SECOND ET THIRD TEST SESSIONS

(freely constant pedalling cadence)

$$LT+20\% = PO_{LT} + 0.2 \times (MAP - PO_{LT})$$

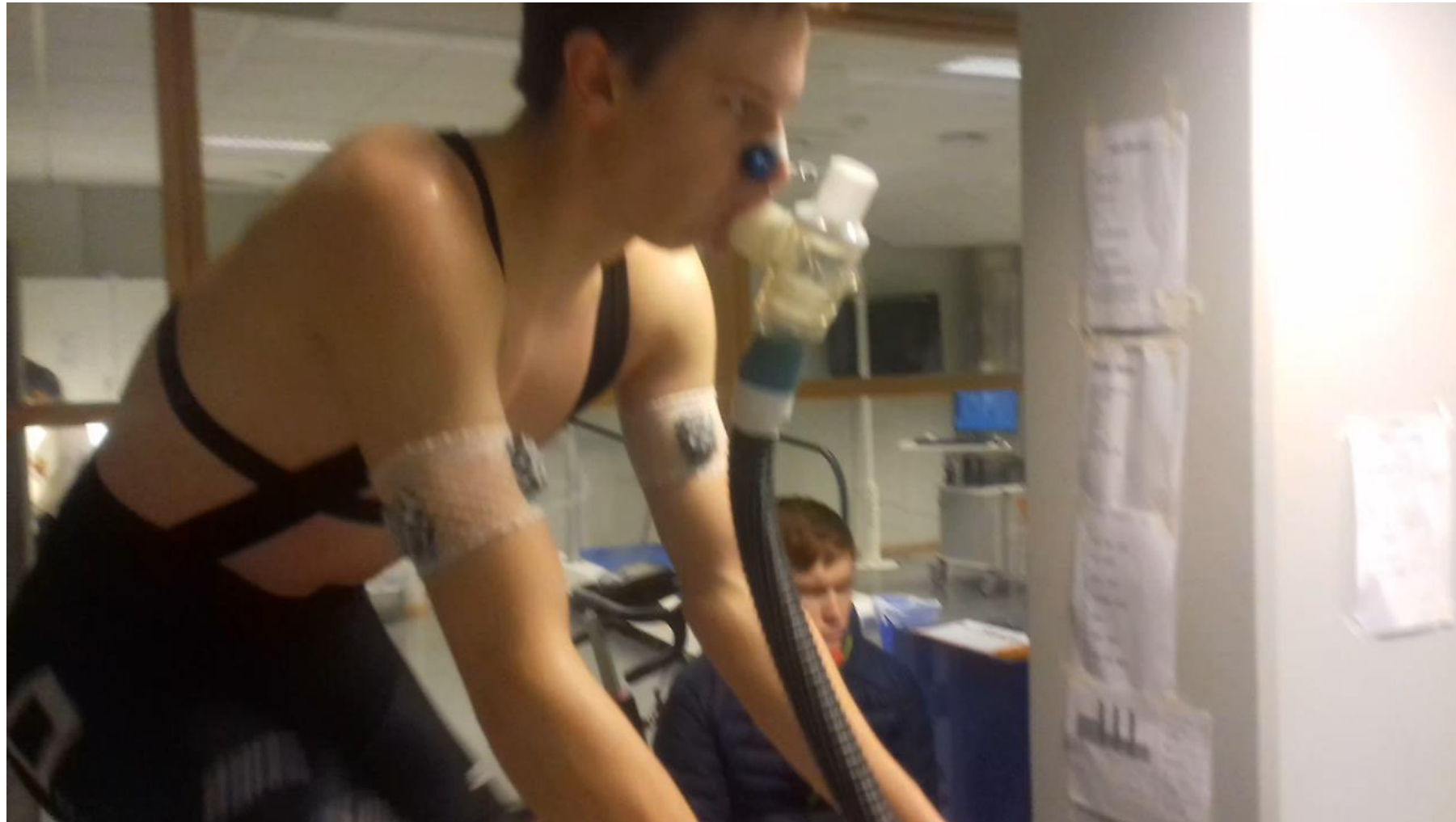


SRM crankset



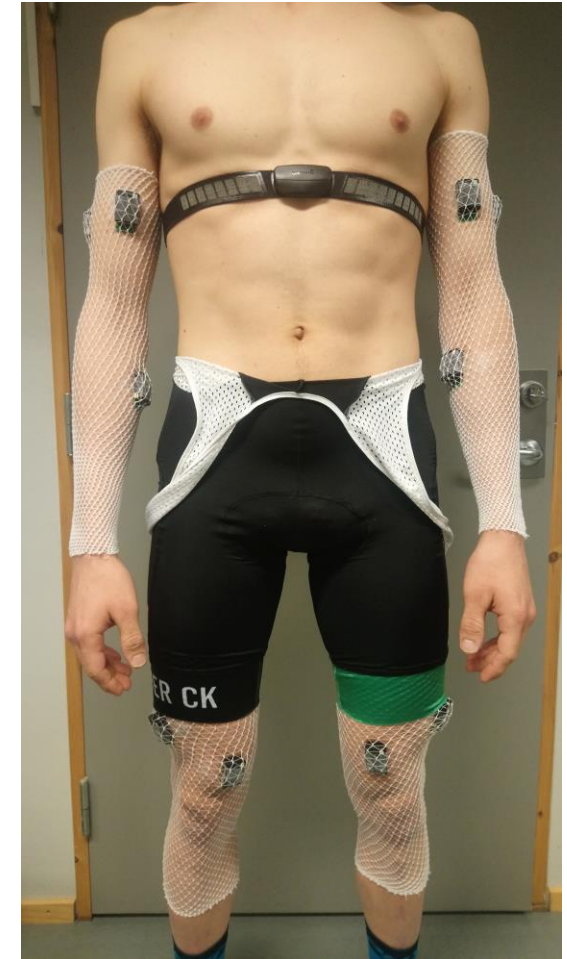
Direct drive trainer
(Wahoo KIRCK)

← Vibration plate
(PneuVib Pro)



Data collection

- PO, CAD, HR (every 1 s)
- VO_2 and VCO_2 (averaged every 10 s)
- Blood lactate and RPE (6-20 scale Borg)
- EMG activity of lower limbs (vastus lateralis, vastus medialis, rectus femoris, biceps femoris) and upper limbs (biceps and triceps brachii) with Trigno Sensors (Delsys)

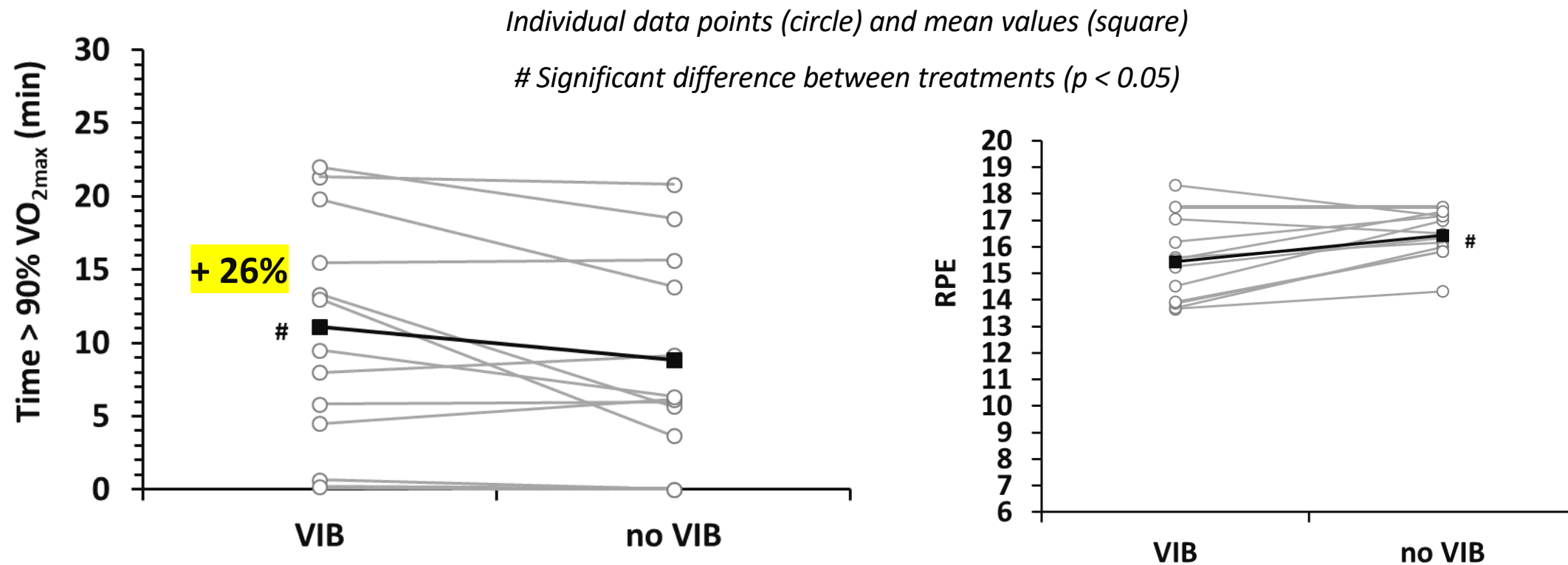


Data analysis

- Total time over HIIT session $>90\% \dot{V}O_{2\max}$
- Global muscular activity of lower limbs (mean of VL, VM, RF and BF) and upper limbs (mean of BB and TB)

Statistics

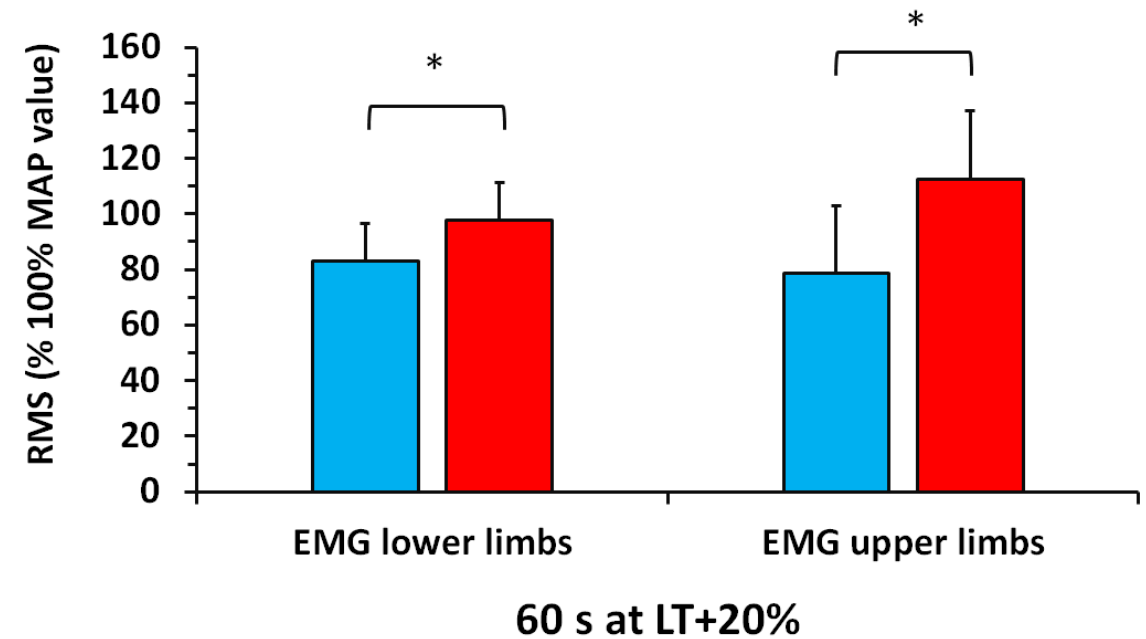
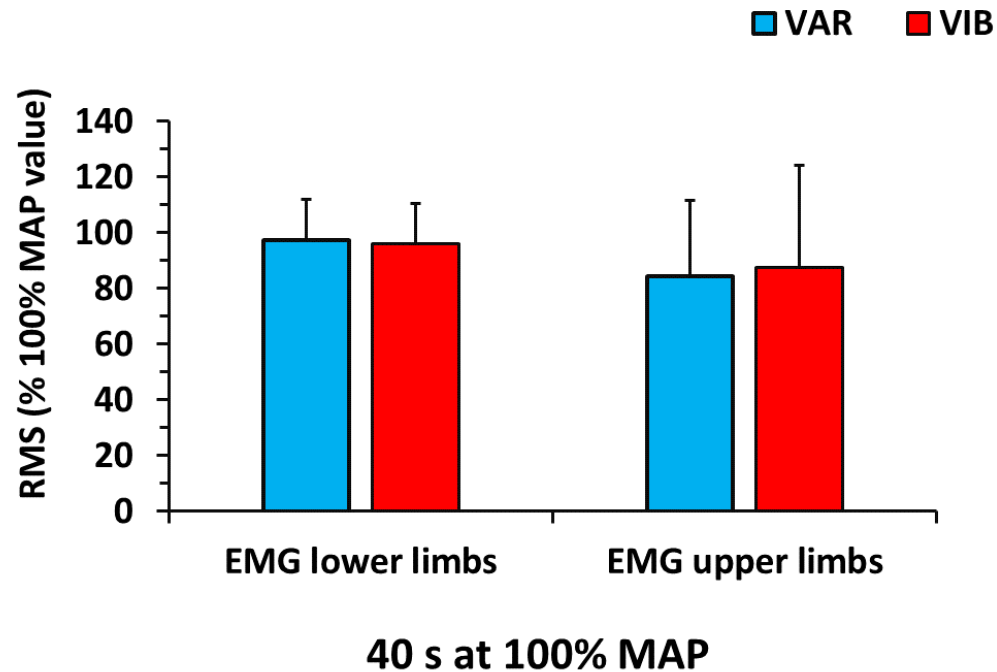
- Student`s two-tailed paired t-tests ($p < 0.05$)



- VIB ↗ Total time $\geq 90\%$ ➔ *In accordance with Rønnestad et al. (2018)*
- Mean RPE was lower in VIB ➔ \searrow *pain sensation associated with exercise ?*

- No significant difference in HR and Lactate between VIB and VAR


	VIB	No VIB
$\dot{V}O_{2\text{mean}}$ (L.min)	$4.53 \pm 0.50^{\#}$	4.45 ± 0.49
$\dot{V}O_{2\text{mean}}$ (% $\dot{V}O_{2\text{max}}$)	$86.2 \pm 3.5^{\#}$	84.6 ± 3.8
Total VO_2 (L)	$135.9 \pm 15.1^{\#}$	133.3 ± 14.5
time >90% $\dot{V}O_{2\text{max}}$ (min)	$11.1 \pm 7.6^{\#}$	8.8 ± 6.9
HR _{mean} (beats.min ⁻¹)	169 ± 9	167 ± 8
time >90% HR _{max} (min)	17.7 ± 4.2	14.1 ± 6.6
$\dot{V}E_{\text{mean}}$ (L·min ⁻¹)	141.2 ± 21.6	137.0 ± 20.5
RER	0.96 ± 0.02	0.97 ± 0.02
[La ⁻] _{mean} (mmol·L ⁻¹)	8.8 ± 3.1	8.5 ± 2.8
RPE _{mean}	$15.4 \pm 1.6^{\#}$	16.4 ± 0.9
Leg RPE _{mean}	6.7 ± 1.9	6.6 ± 1.7



- No significant differences were found at 100% MAP
- VIB ↗ EMG activity of lower and upper limbs at LT +20%

Adding vibration to the submaximal intensity of a varied-intensity HIIT session acutely increases time $\geq 90\%$ $VO_{2\max}$ and muscular activity of upper and lower limbs

Next

- Find the better intensity-time-vibration frequency combination during a single varied HIIT session to maximize time $\geq 90\%$ $VO_{2\max}$
- Study of long-term effects (positive and negative)  8 weeks HIIT training with VIB

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Questions?

