

EFFECTS OF MUSCLE GROUP, MUSCLE LENGTH AND METABOLIC PROFILE ON DIFFERENCES IN NEUROMUSCULAR FATIGUE BETWEEN PREPUBERTAL CHILDREN AND ADULTS



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INTRODUCTION

Why studying exercise-induced fatigue in children?



(A 2, 2007)

Physical

itation

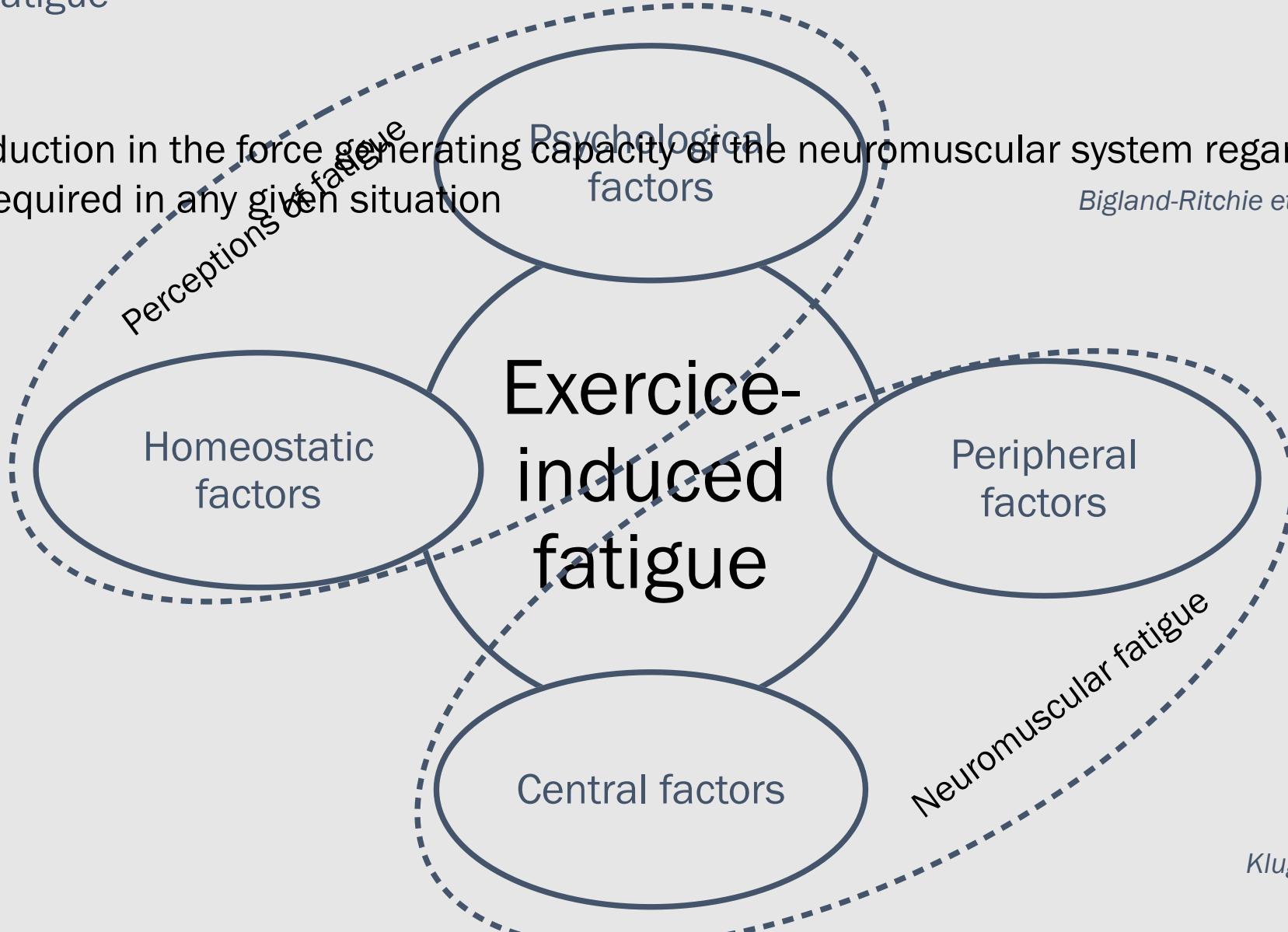
(La science révèle enfin pourquoi les enfants sont inépuisables, Positiv, Axel Leclercq, 26 avril 2018)

Exercice-induced fatigue

Définition:

Any reduction in the force generating capacity of the neuromuscular system regardless of the force required in any given situation

Bigland-Ritchie et Woods (1984)



Kluger et al. (2013)

Differences in neuromuscular fatigue between prepubertal children and adults

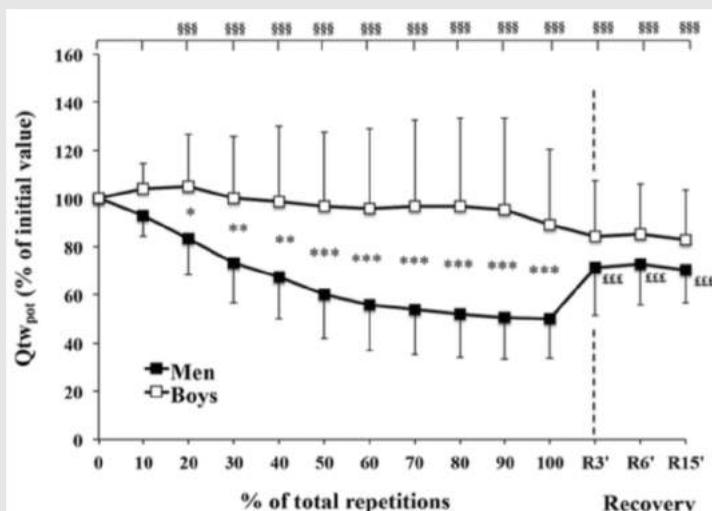
During maximal voluntary contraction (MVC)

Fatigability

Children <<< Adults



Peripheral fatigue
Children <<< Adults

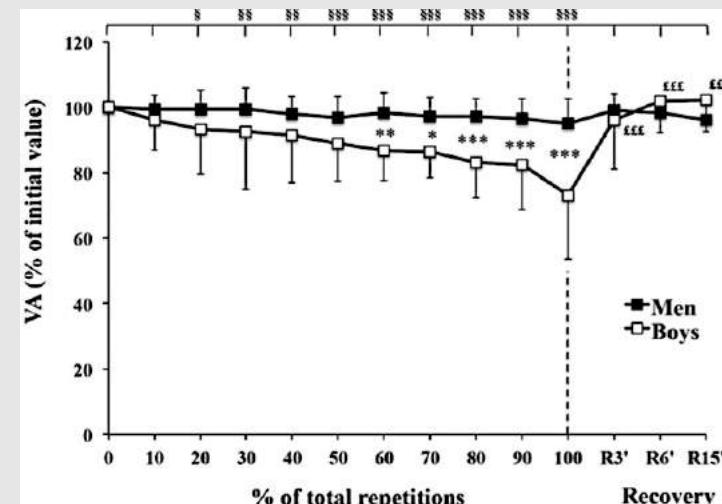


Qtw_{pot} : Potentiated single twitch

Ratei et al. 2015



Central fatigue
Children >>> Adults



VA : Voluntary activation level

Introduction

Methods

Muscle group effect

Muscle length effect

Metabolic profile effect

Conclusion

Mechanisms underpinning differences between children and adults



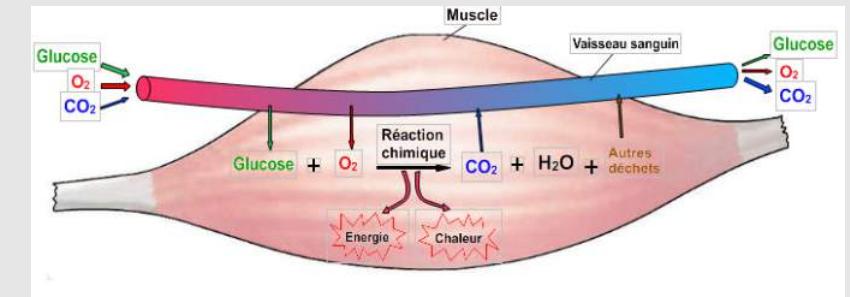
Difference in torque level

Ratele et al. (2015)

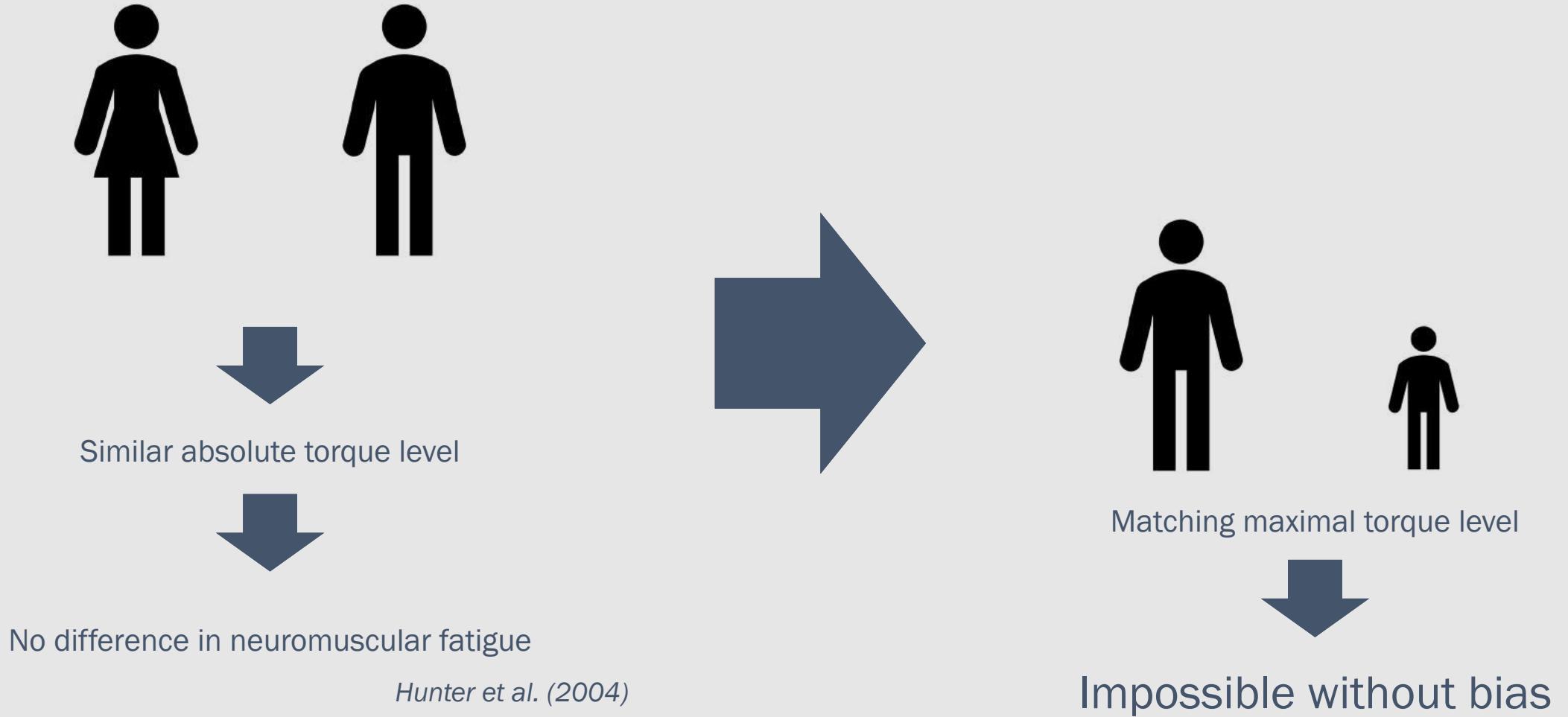
Difference in metabolic profile

Ratele & Blazevich (2017)

Difference in neuromuscular fatigue between children and adults

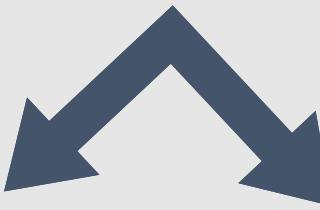


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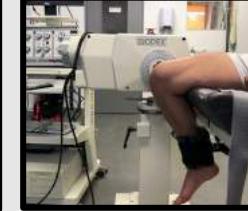
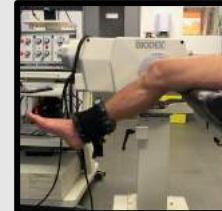
Vary difference in torque level between children and adults



Muscle group effect



Muscle length effect



How to evaluate the effect of difference in torque level?



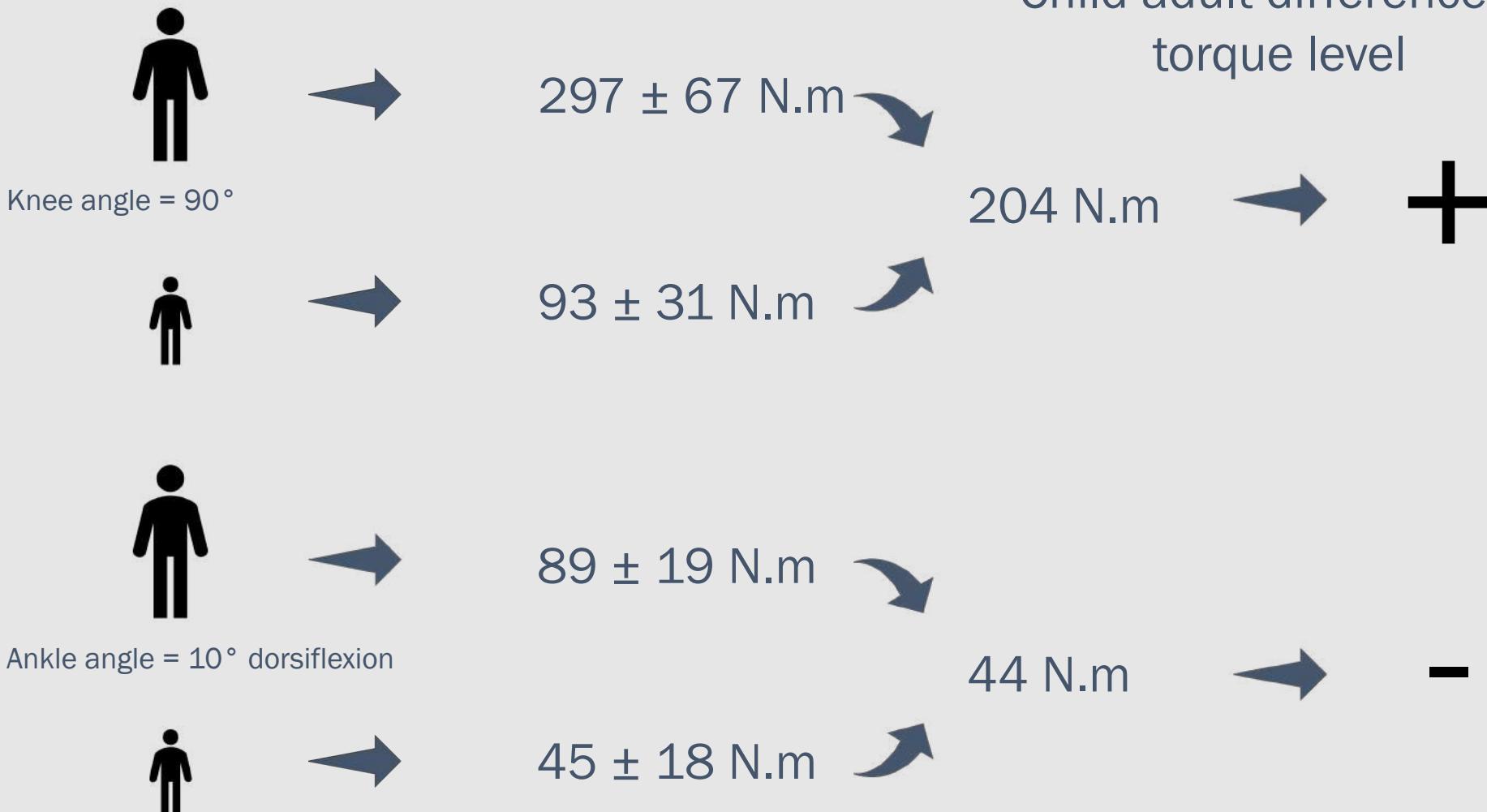
Kluka et al. (2015)



Kluka et al. (2016)

Muscle groups

Child-adult difference in torque level

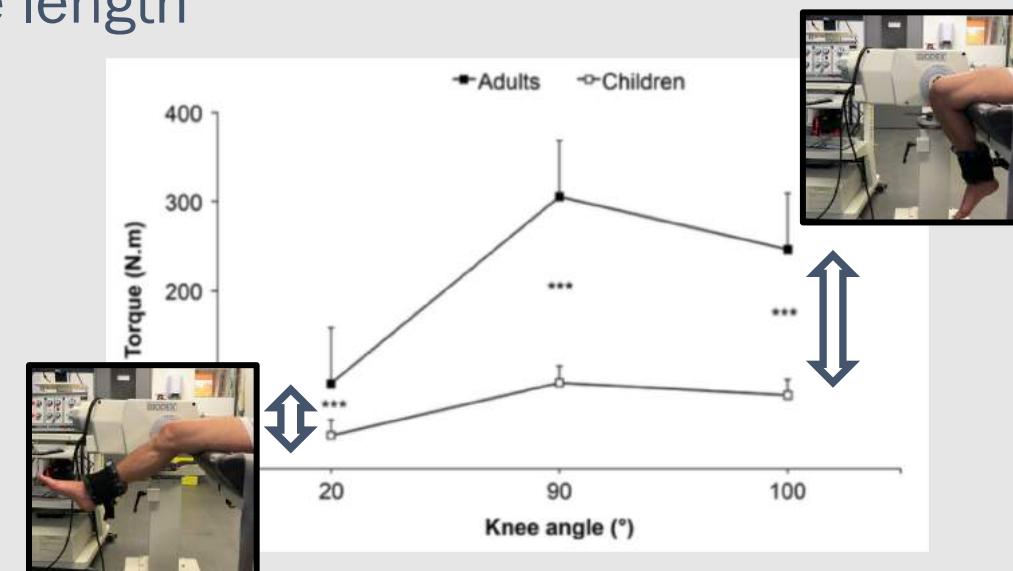


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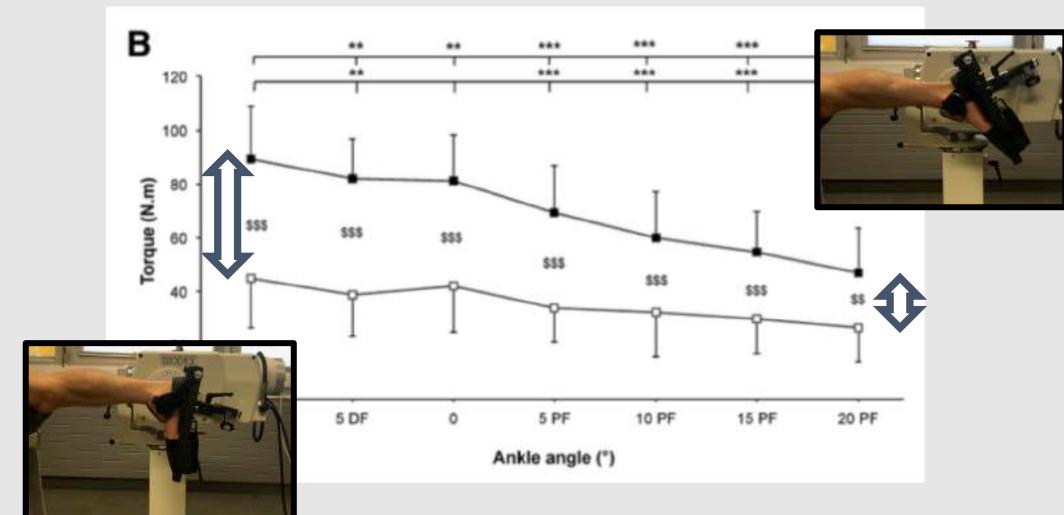
Muscle length



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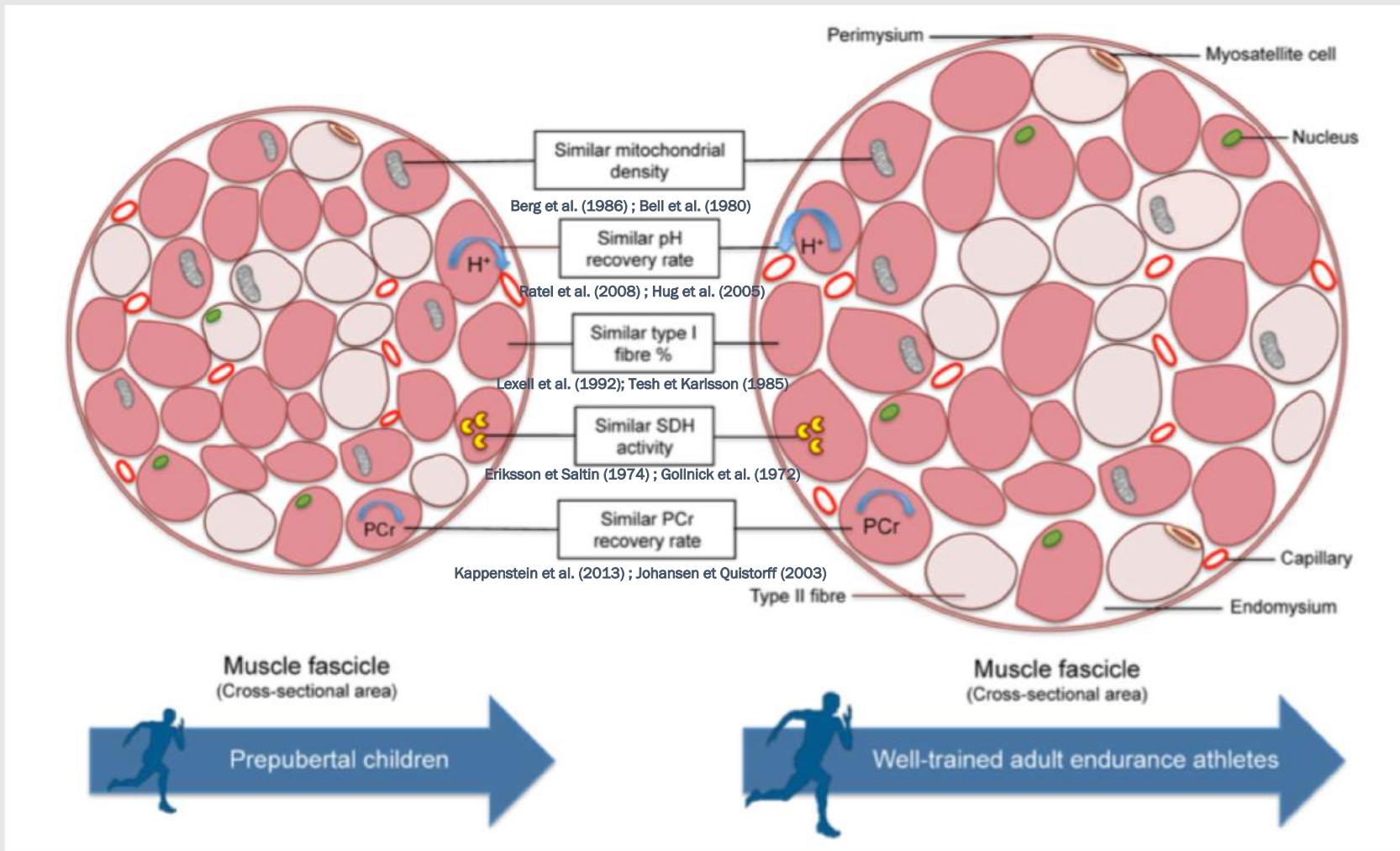


Kluka et al. (2016)



How to evaluate the effect of metabolic profile difference ?

Hypothesis: Children and endurance athletes seem to be metabolically comparable



METHODS

Populations



8-10 yr
(n = 25)



18-30 yr
(n = 25)



21-45 yr
(n = 13)

< 4h PA/week

> 6x /week

Performance:
10 000 m between 28 & 33'

Fatigue protocol



MVC & MVC_{anta} : Maximal voluntary contraction of agonist muscles and antagonist muscle, respectively.

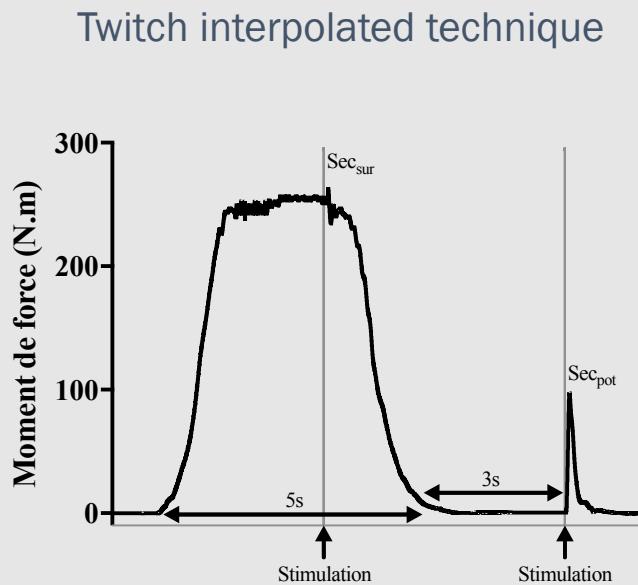
Knee extensor muscles

Plantar flexor muscles

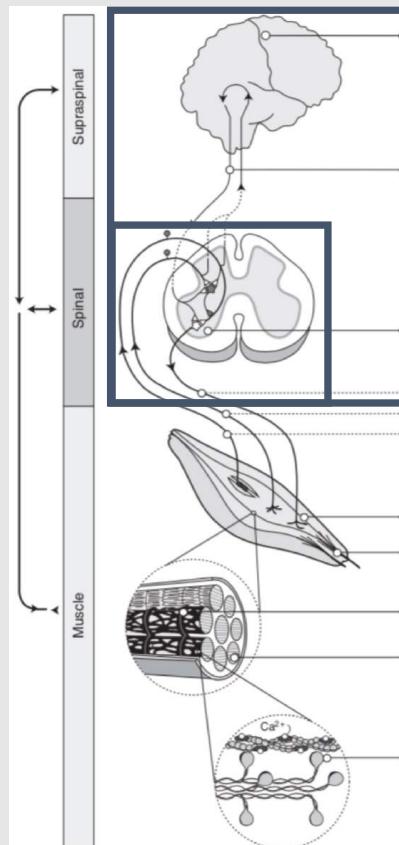
Parameters

Fatigability \Rightarrow Total number of repetitions

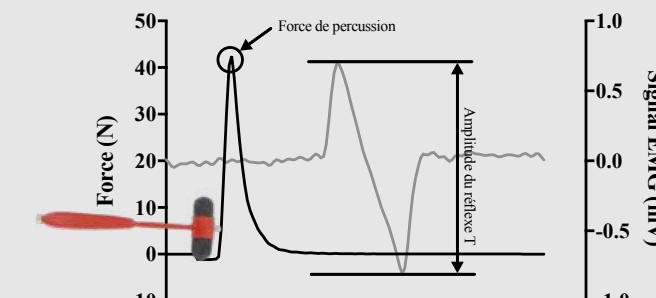
Central fatigue :



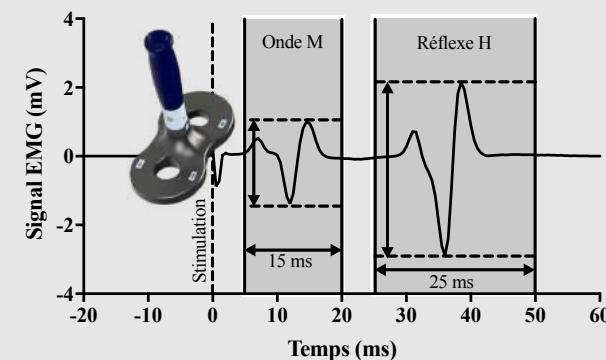
Voluntary activation level



Spinal fatigue



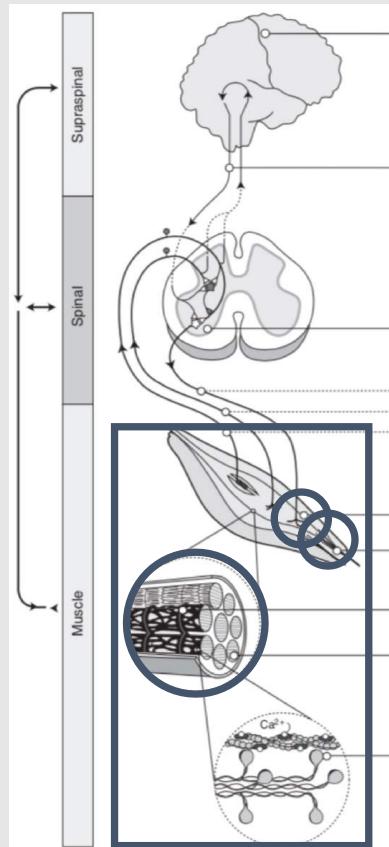
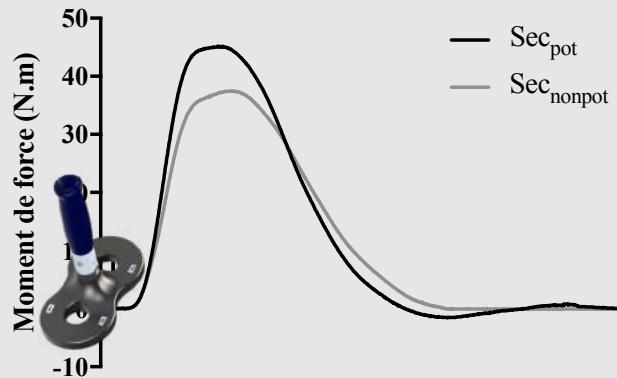
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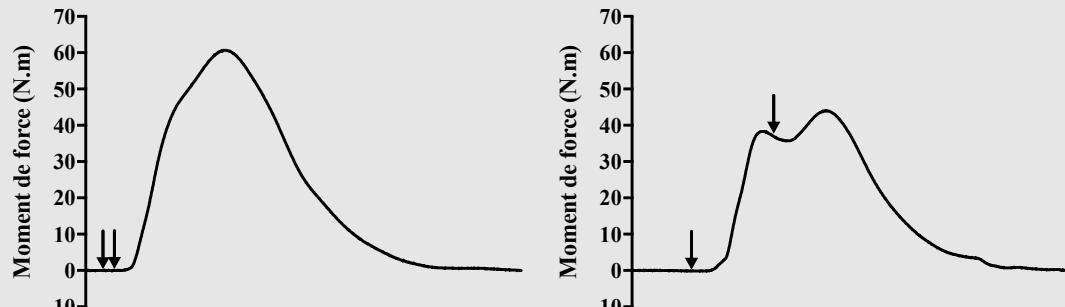
H-reflex

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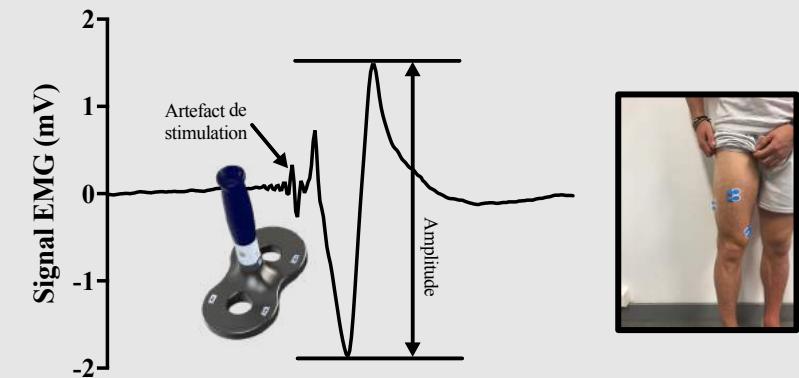
Peripheral fatigue



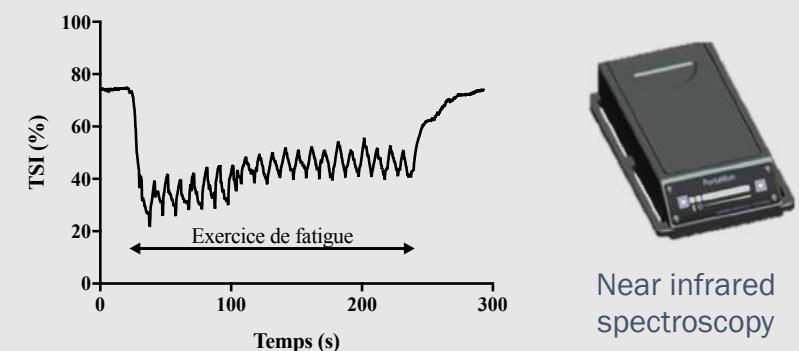
Potentiated single twitch



Low- to high-frequency doublet
(Excitation-contraction coupling)



M-wave (Sarcolemmal excitability)



Muscle oxygenation



Near infrared
spectroscopy

MUSCLE GROUP EFFECT

Aim and hypotheses

Aim: To compare difference in development and etiology of the neuromuscular fatigue between prepubertal boys and men during intermittent maximal fatigue protocol with KE and PF.

Hypotheses:



Greater difference in torque level between
boys and men



Greater difference in neuromuscular fatigue
between boys and men

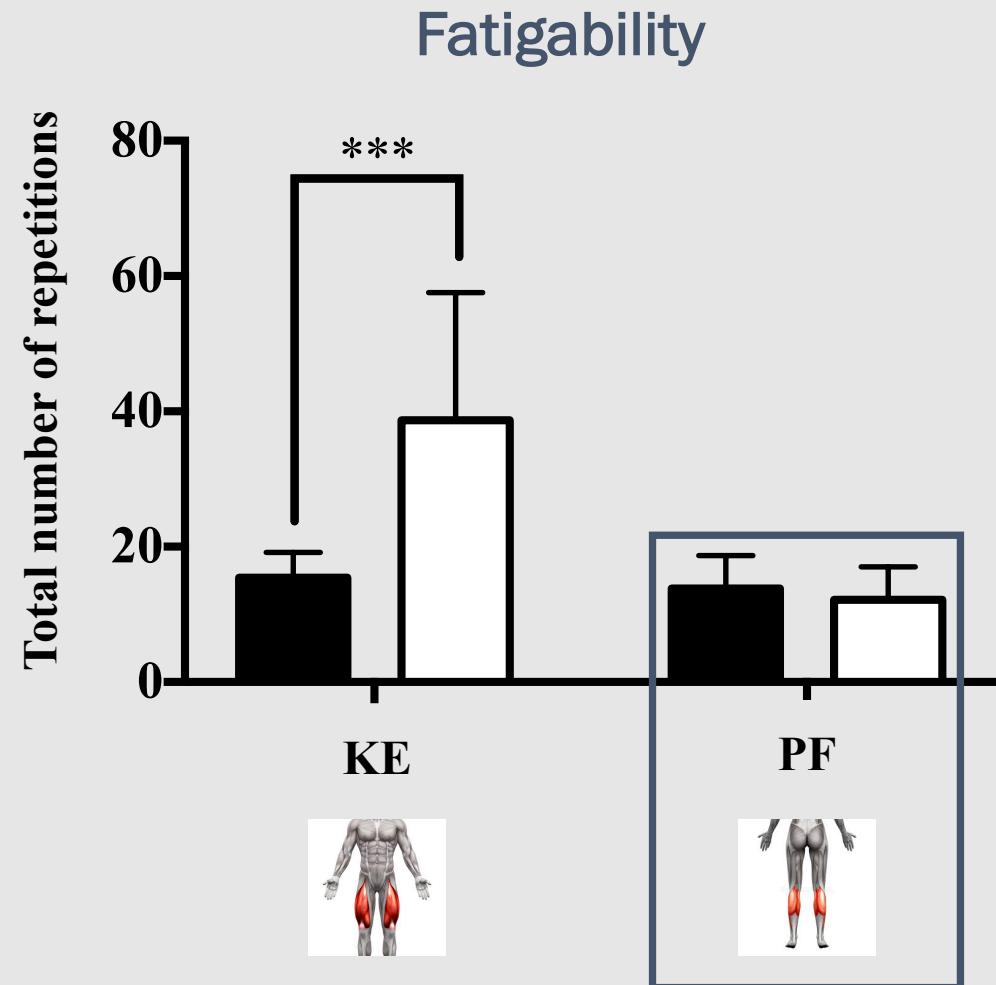
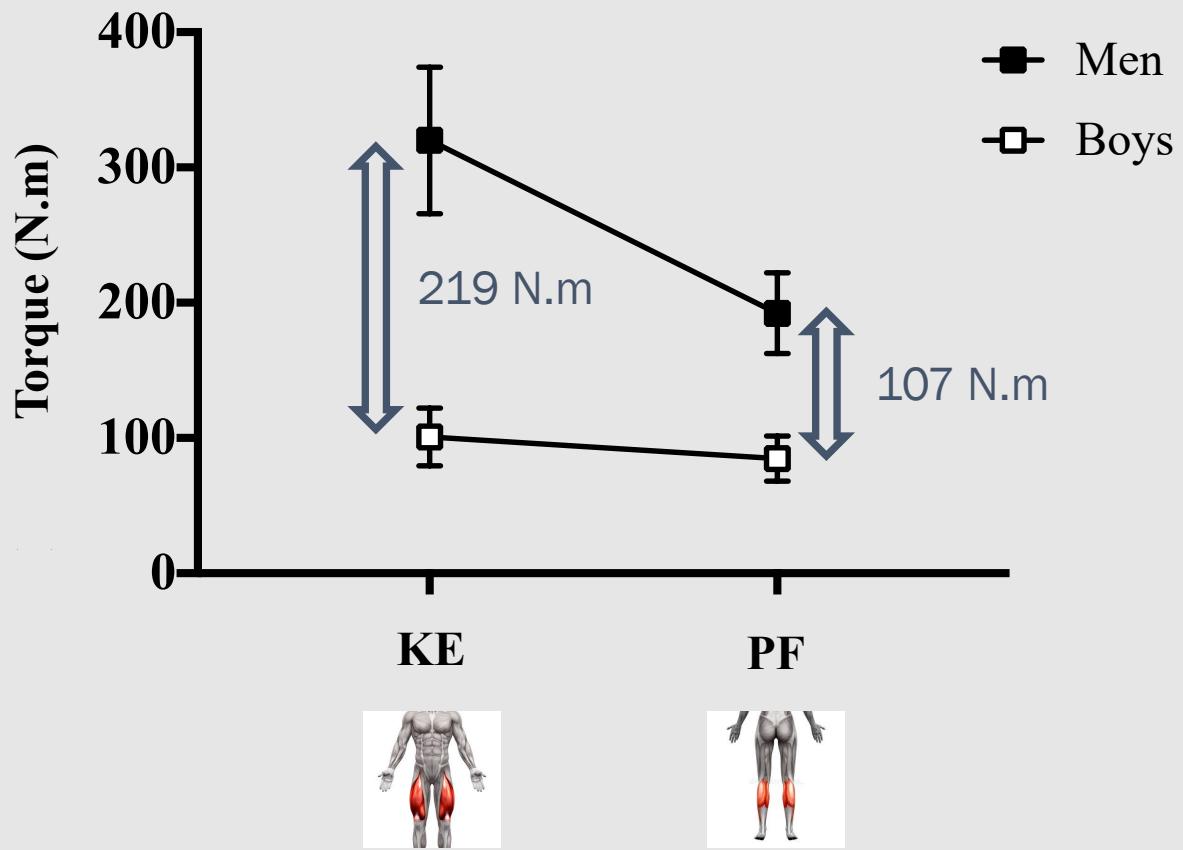


Lower difference in torque level between
boys and men



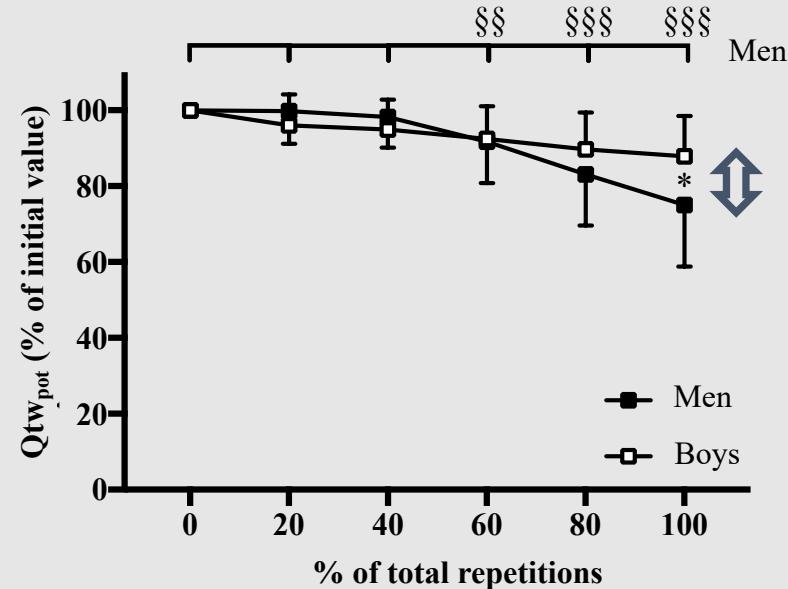
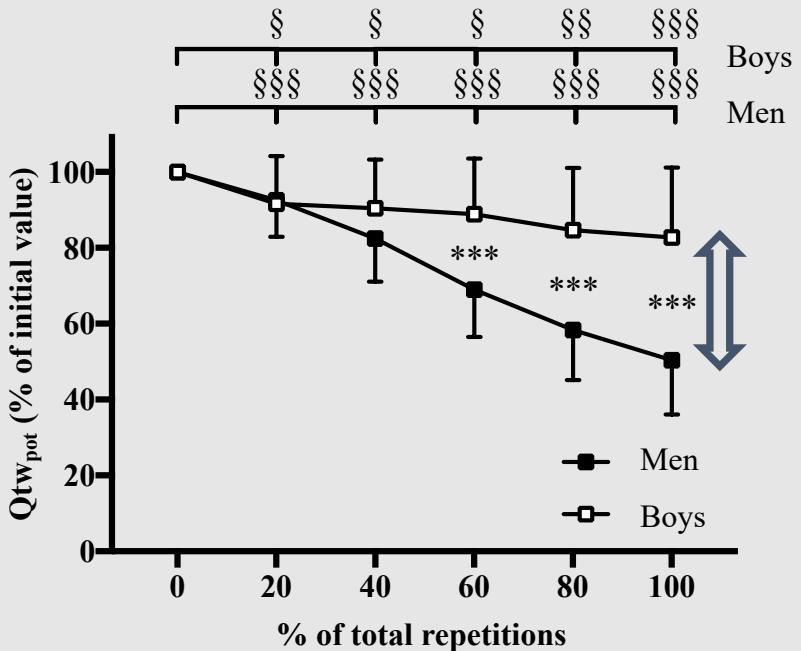
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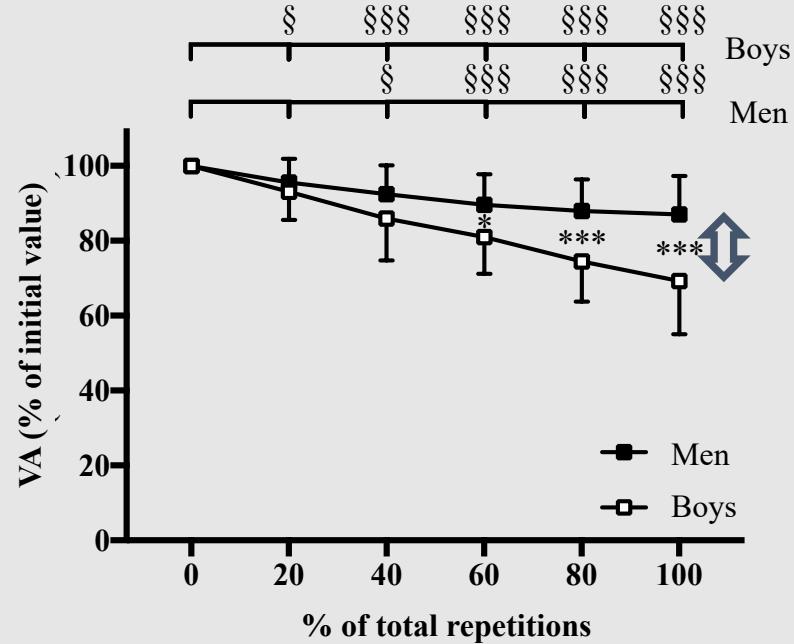
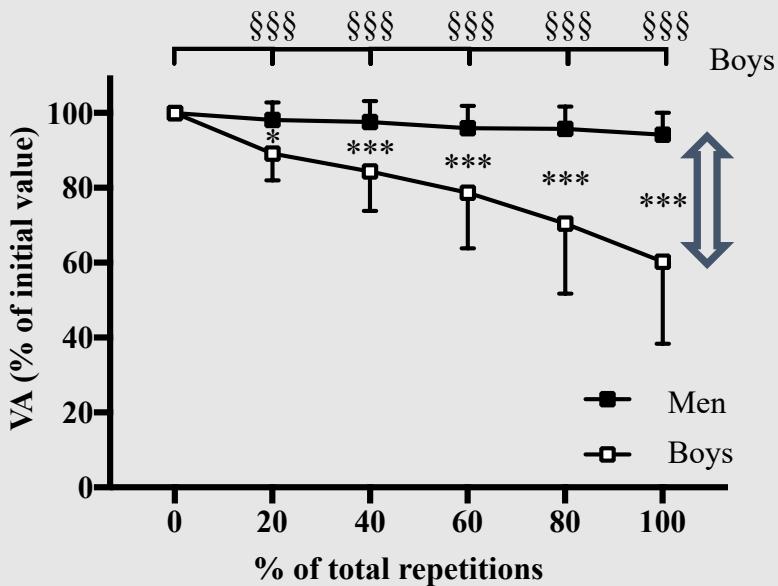
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Qtw_{pot} : Potentiated single twitch

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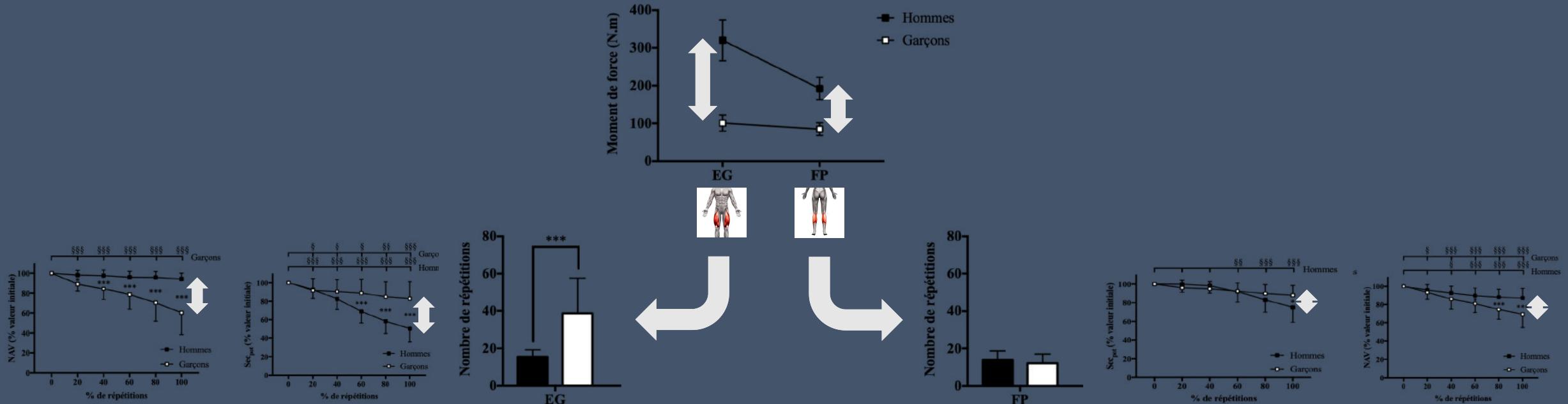
Central fatigue



VA : Voluntary activation level

Conclusion

⇒ Muscle group impact difference in fatigability between children and adults but no difference in etiology of the neuromuscular fatigue



Limits :

Muscle group differences could also be accounted for by differences in muscle typology between children and adults

Type I fiber



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Lexell et al. (1992)



SOL & GL : 70% and 50% type I fiber
Edgerton et al. 1975



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VL : 30% of type I fiber
Edgerton et al. 1975

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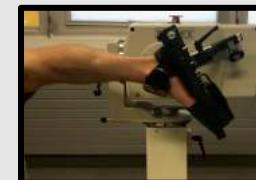
MUSCLE LENGTH EFFECT

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Hypotheses:

Short muscle length

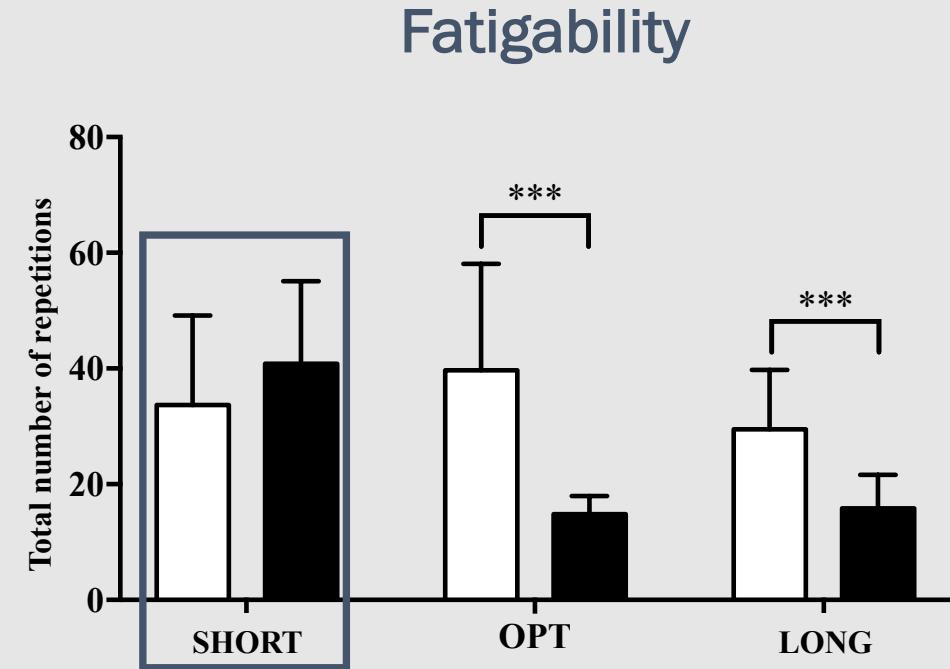
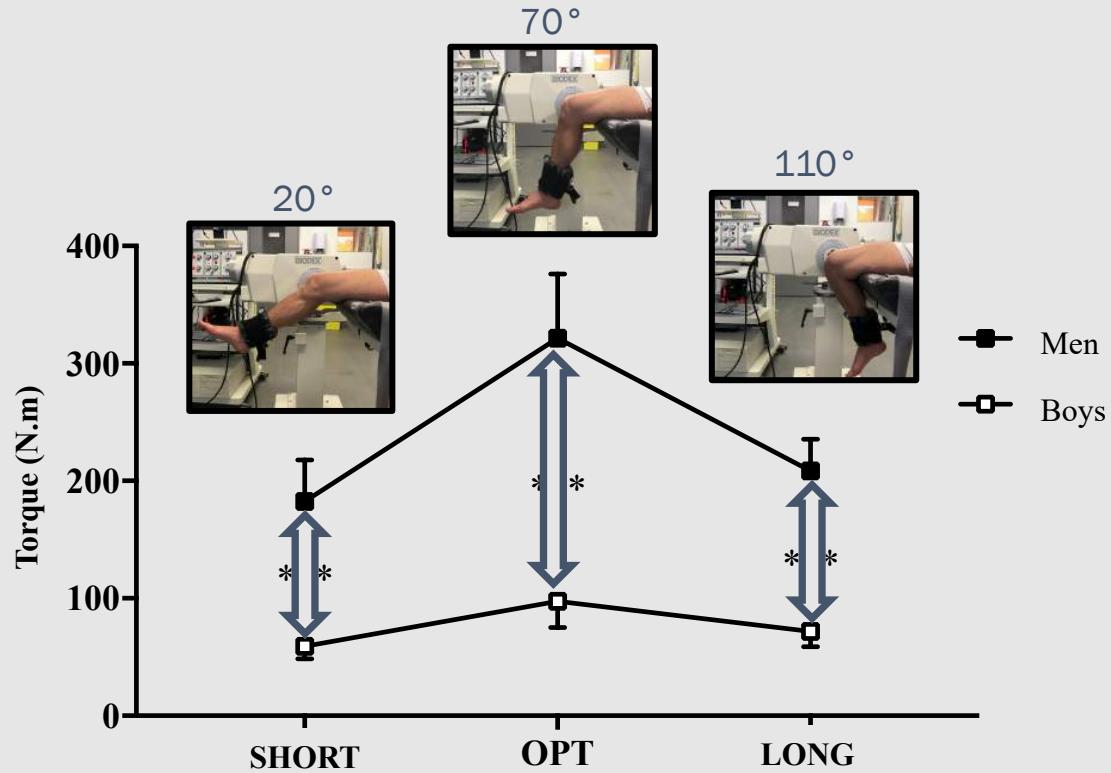


Reduced difference in torque level between children and adults



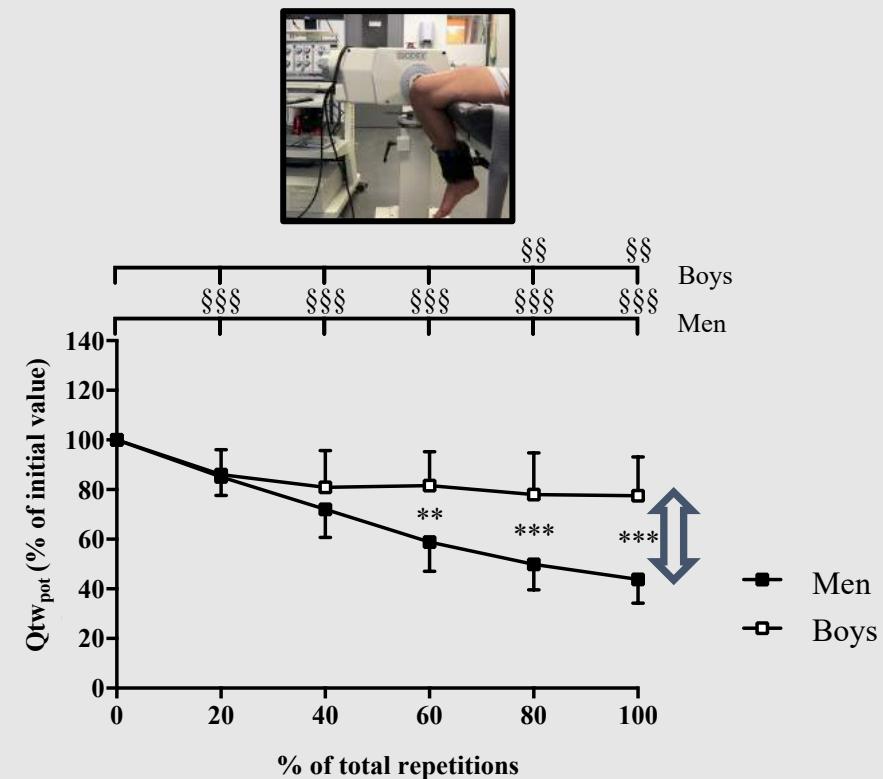
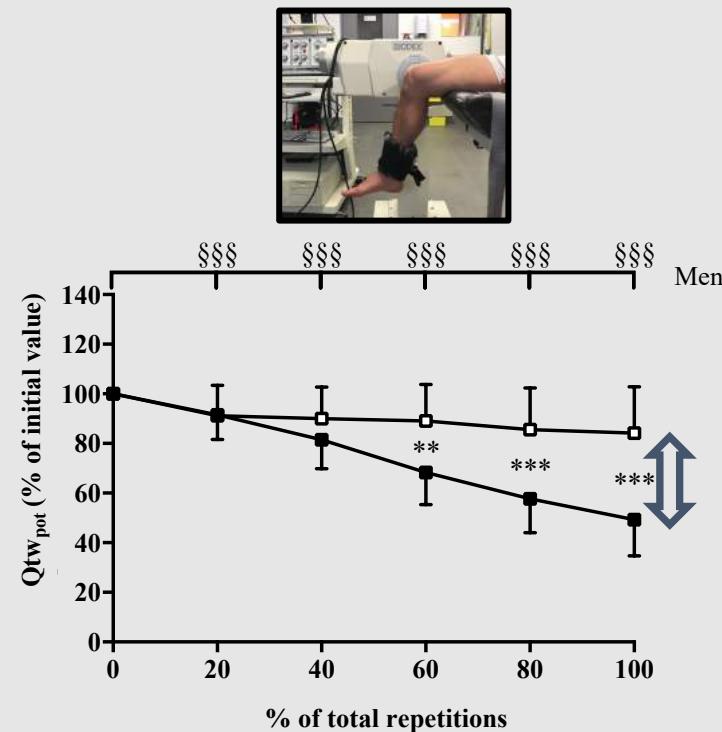
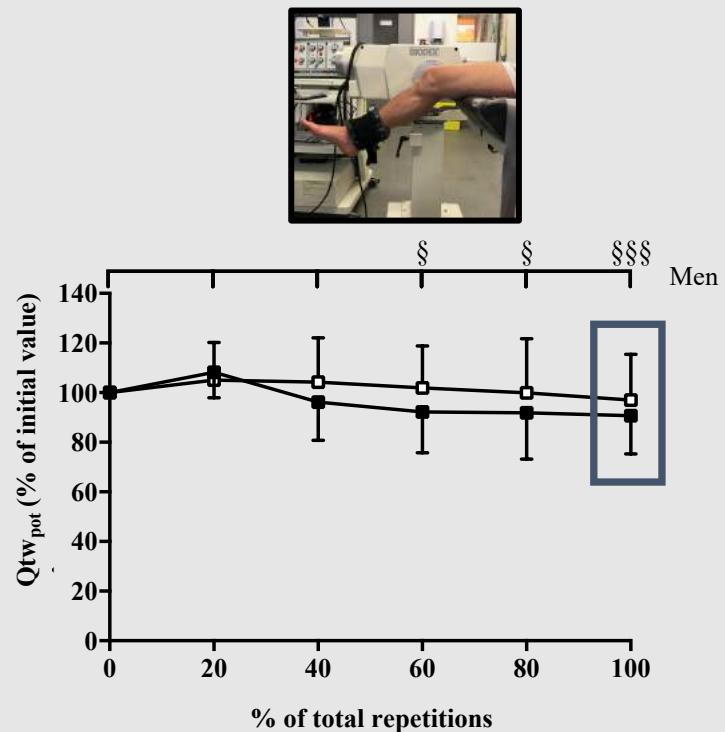
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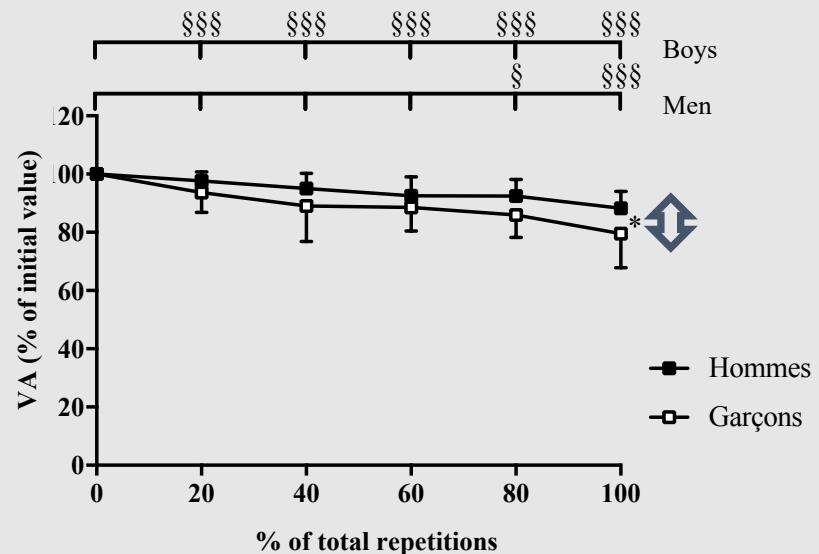
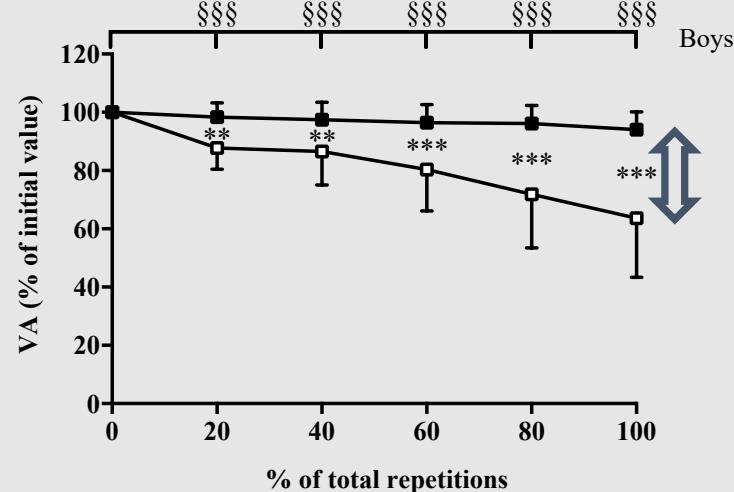
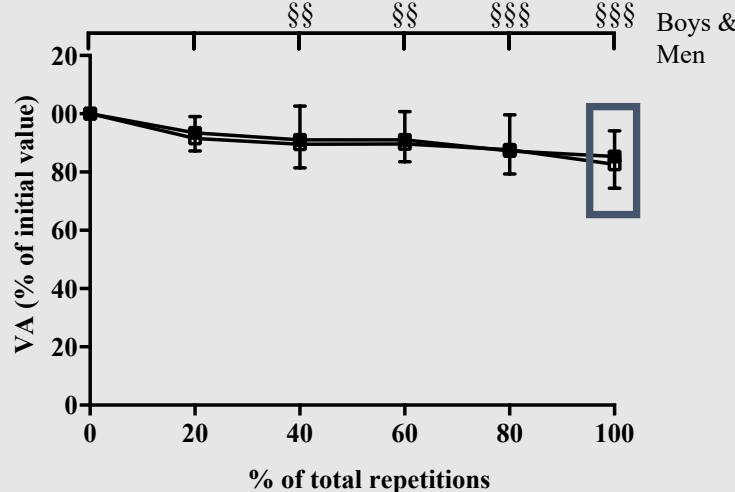
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$Q_{tw_{pot}}$: Potentiated single twitch

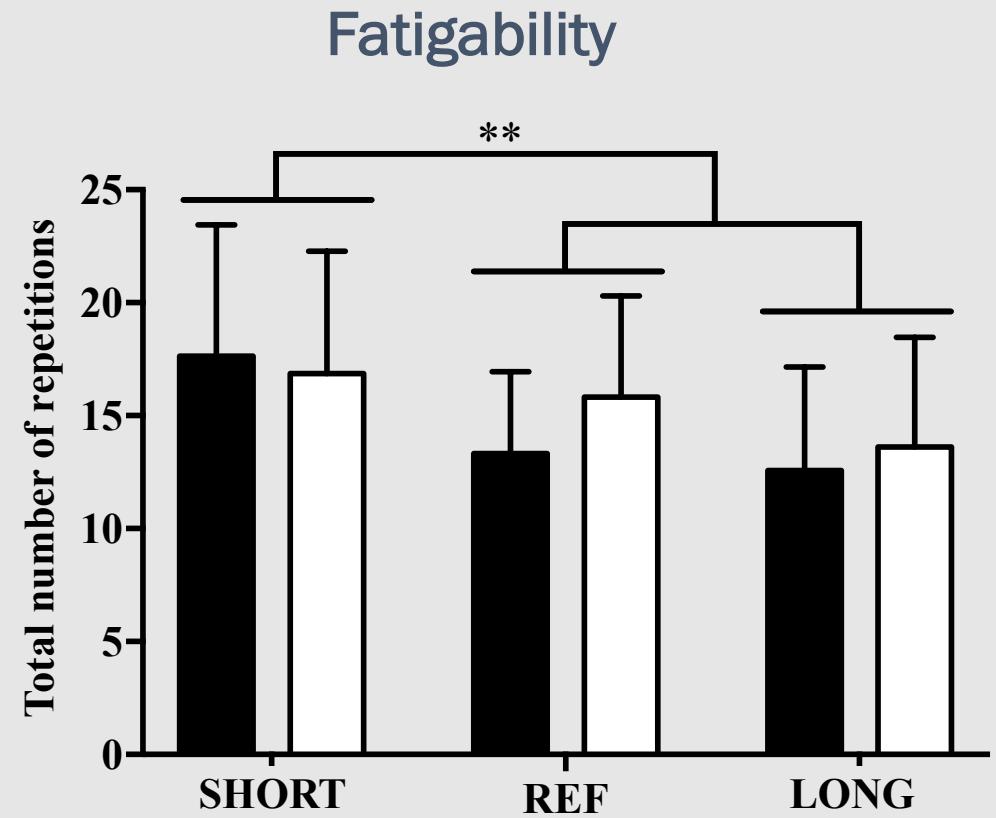
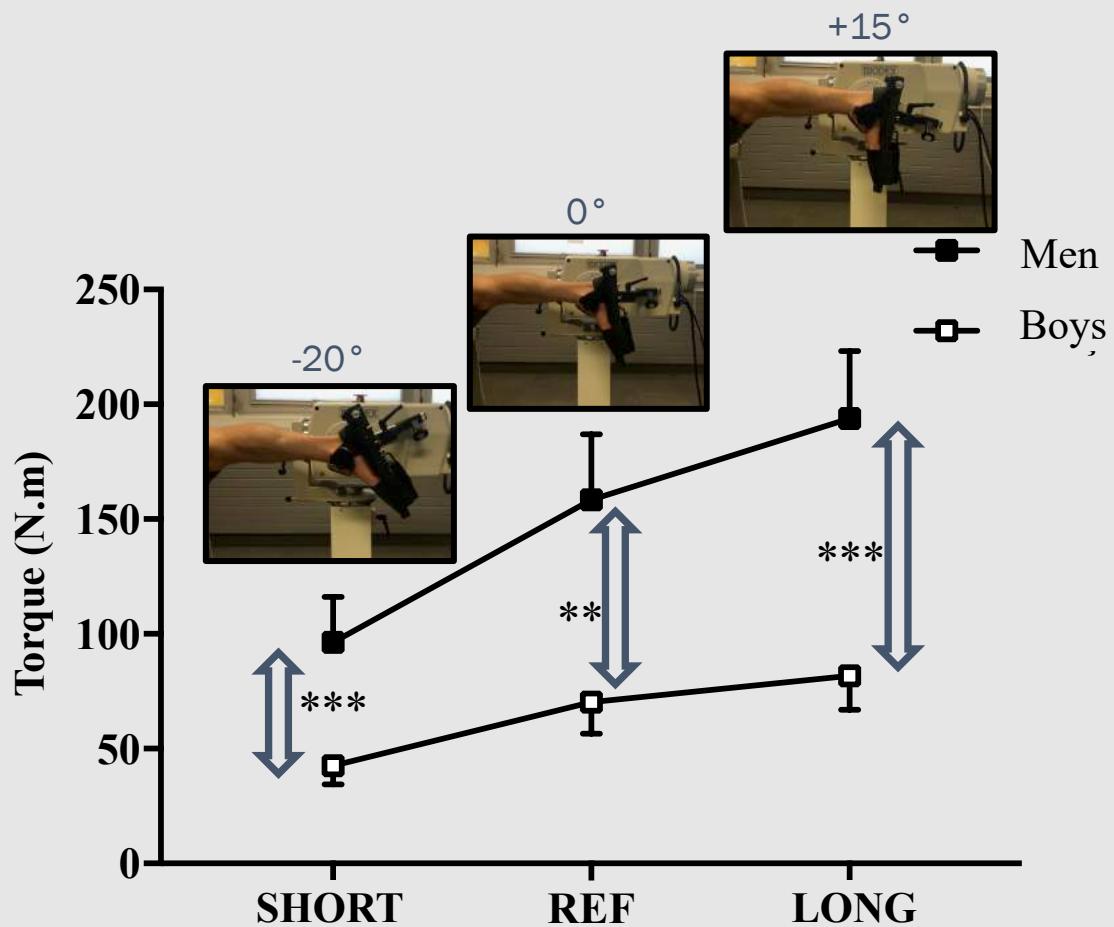
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Central fatigue



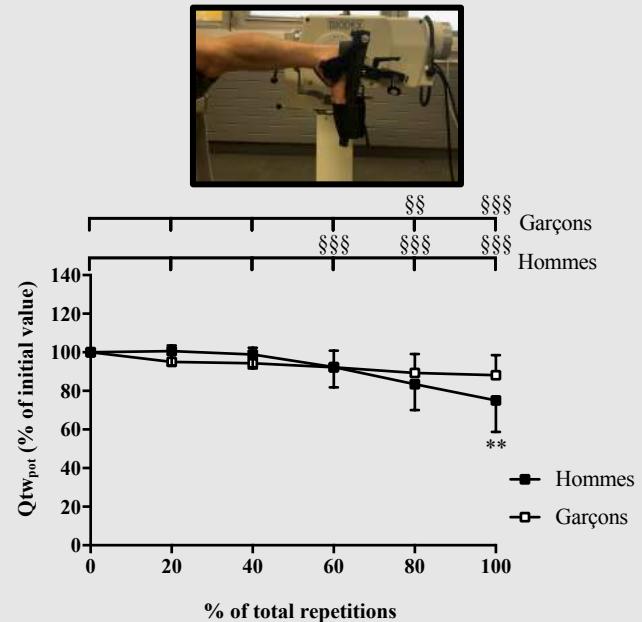
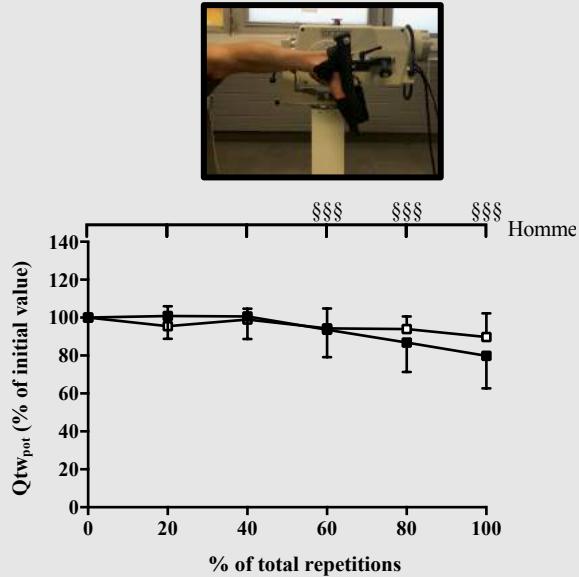
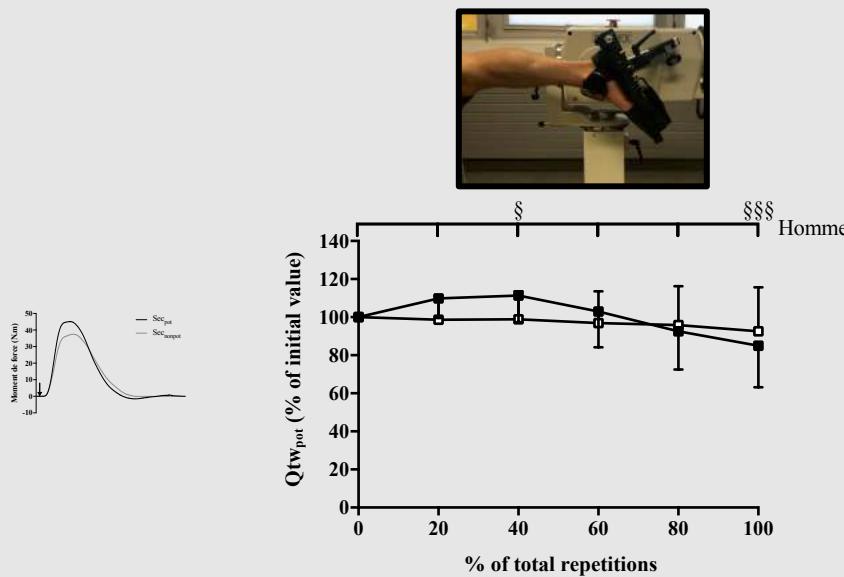
NAV : Niveau d'activation volontaire

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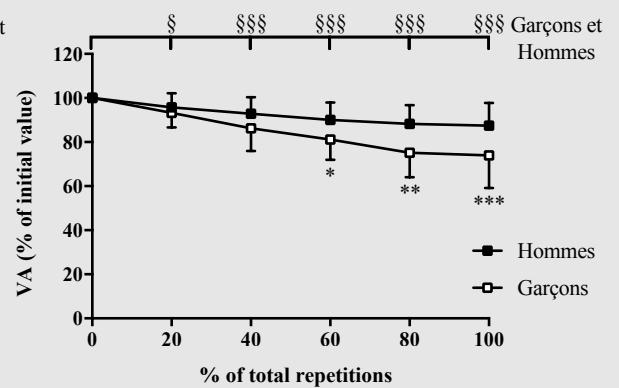
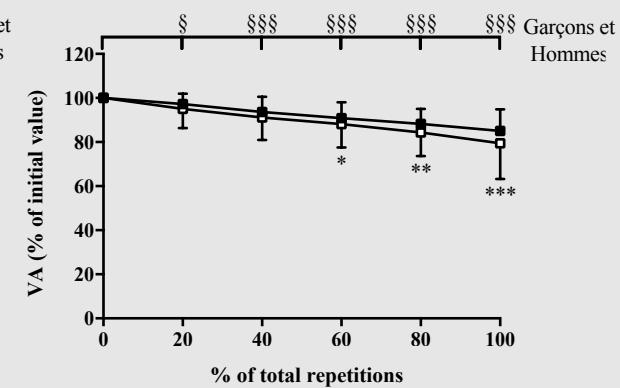
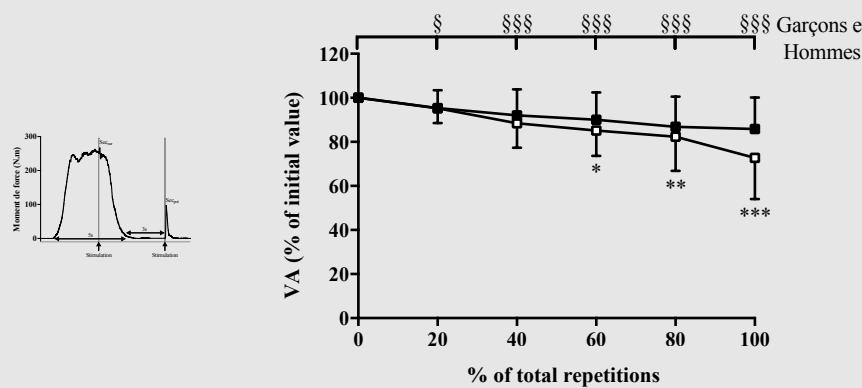


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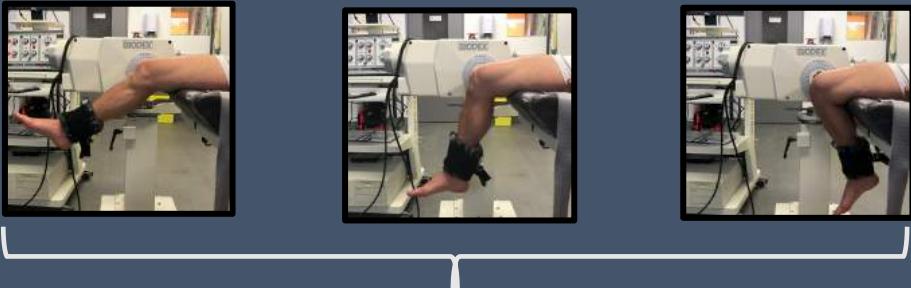
Central fatigue



Conclusion

⇒ KE muscles length impact difference in development and etiology of the neuromuscular fatigue between children and adults but not PF muscles length.

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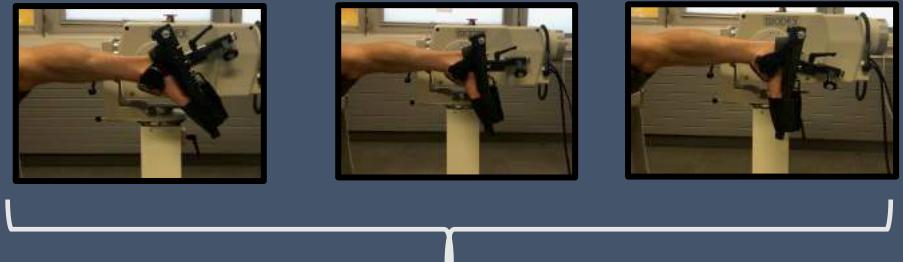


Muscle length effect
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Difference in neuromuscular fatigue

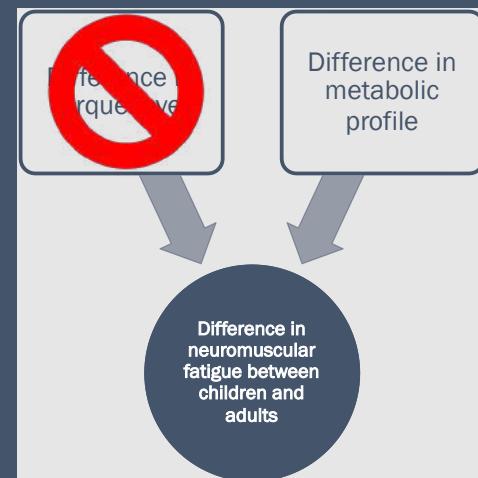
Difference in torque level
↓
Difference in neuromuscular fatigue

Similar difference in torque level
↓
Difference in neuromuscular fatigue

Plantar flexor muscles



No effect of muscle length
↓
Difference in neuromuscular fatigue



METABOLIC PROFILE EFFECT

Aim and hypotheses

Aim : To compare difference in development and etiology of the neuromuscular fatigue between prepubertal boys and endurance athletes during intermittent maximal fatigue protocol

Hypotheses :



Difference in neuromuscular fatigue



Reduced difference in neuromuscular fatigue

Children exhibit a more comparable neuromuscular fatigue profile to endurance athletes than untrained adults

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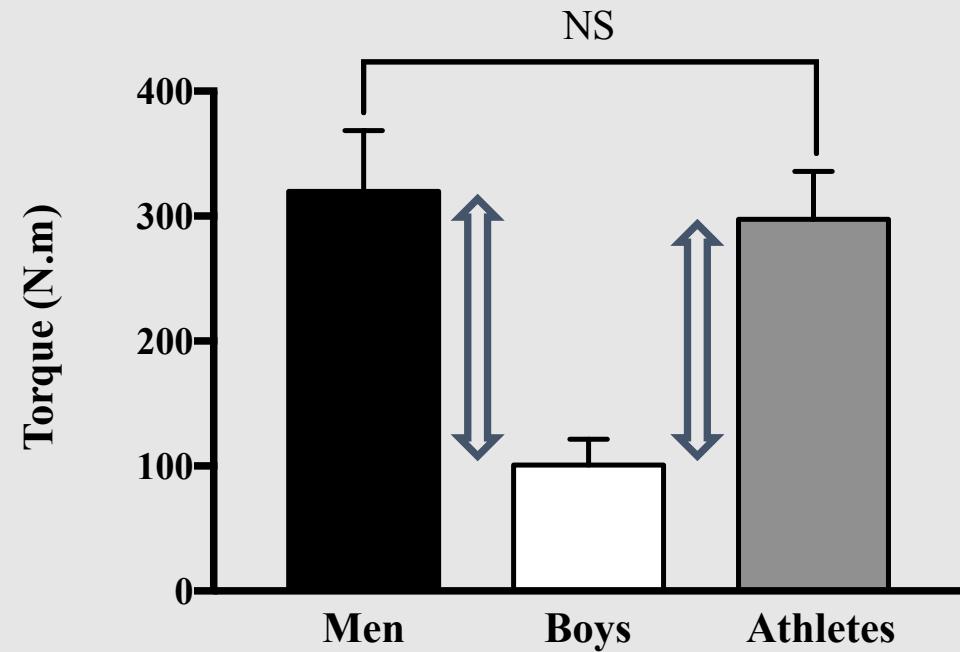
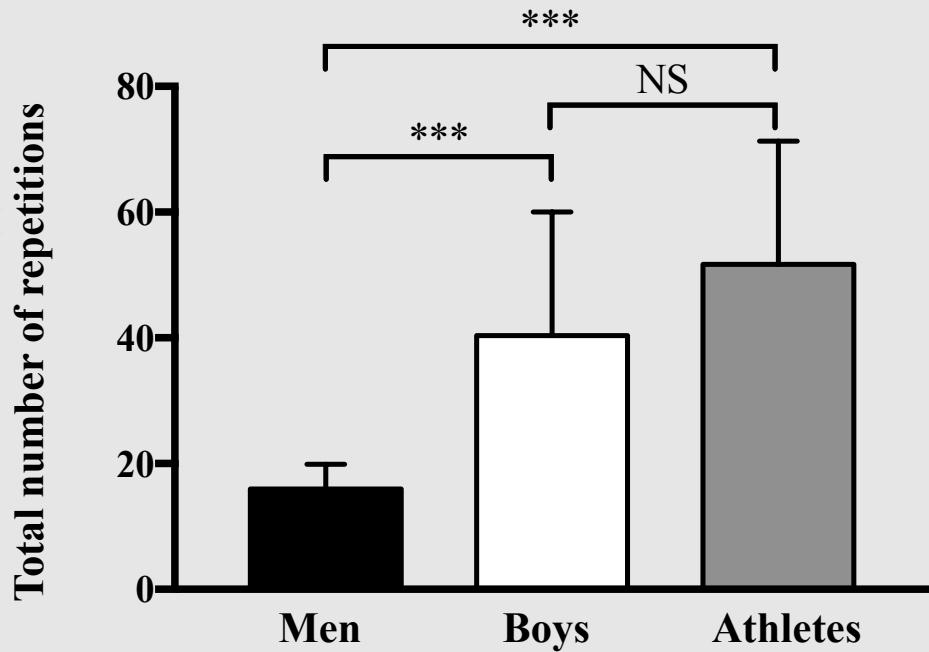
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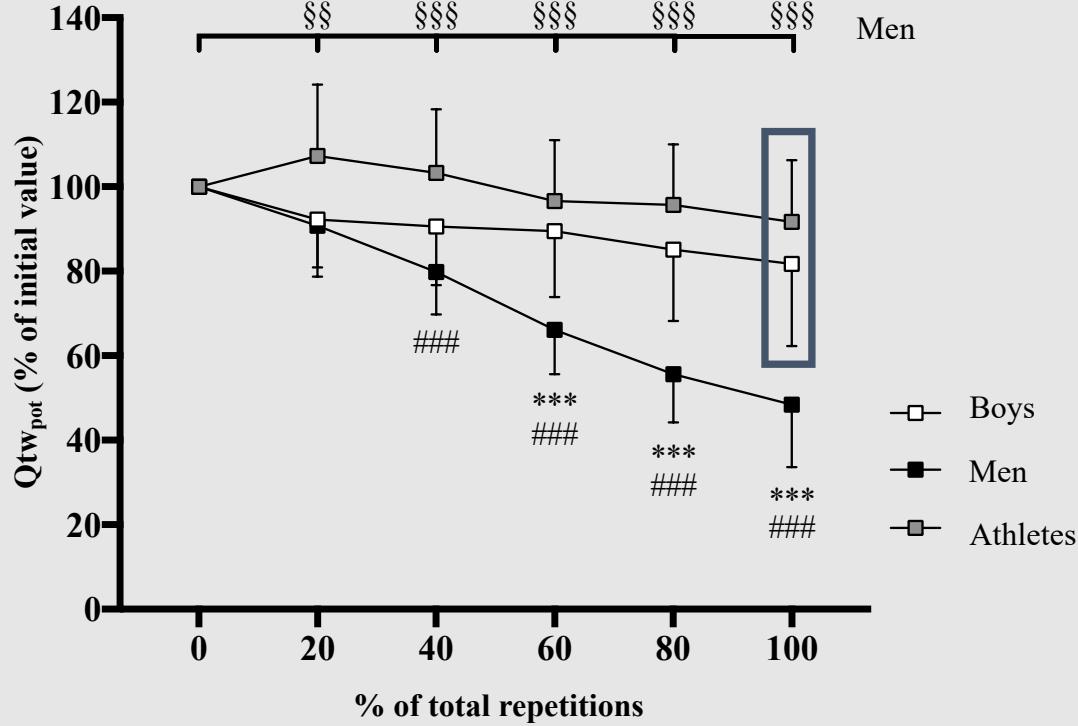
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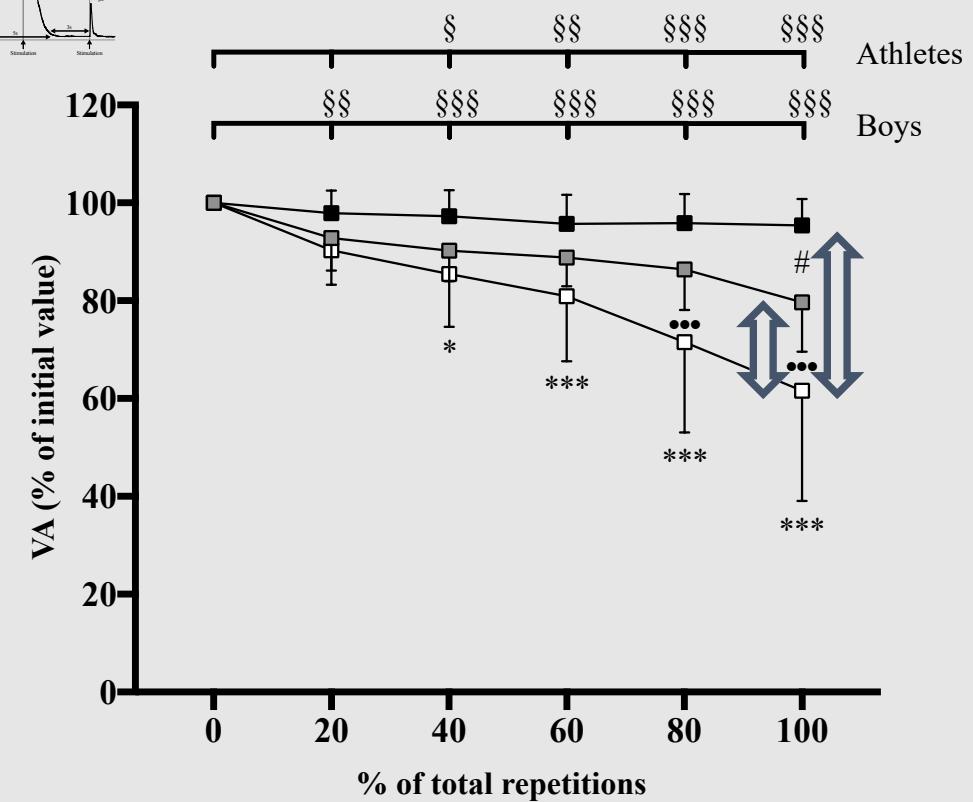


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Peripheral fatigue



Central fatigue

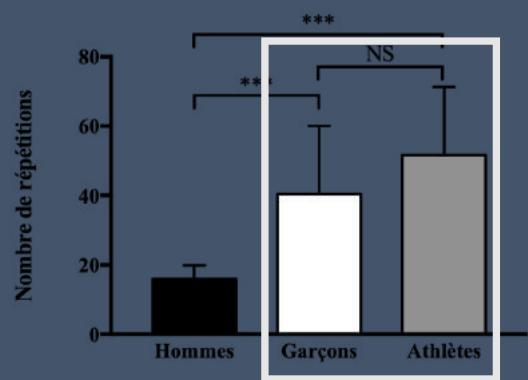


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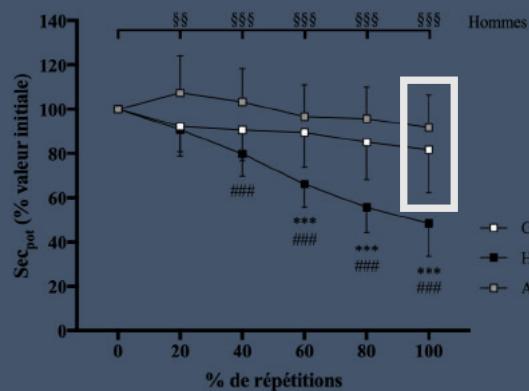
Conclusion

⇒ Boys and athletes have a more comparable neuromuscular fatigue profile than boys and untrained men

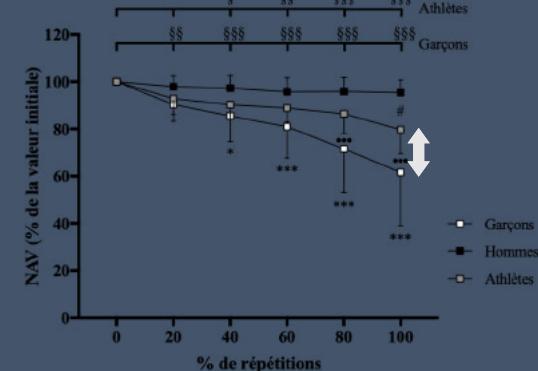
Fatigability and peripheral fatigue



⇒ Comparable profile

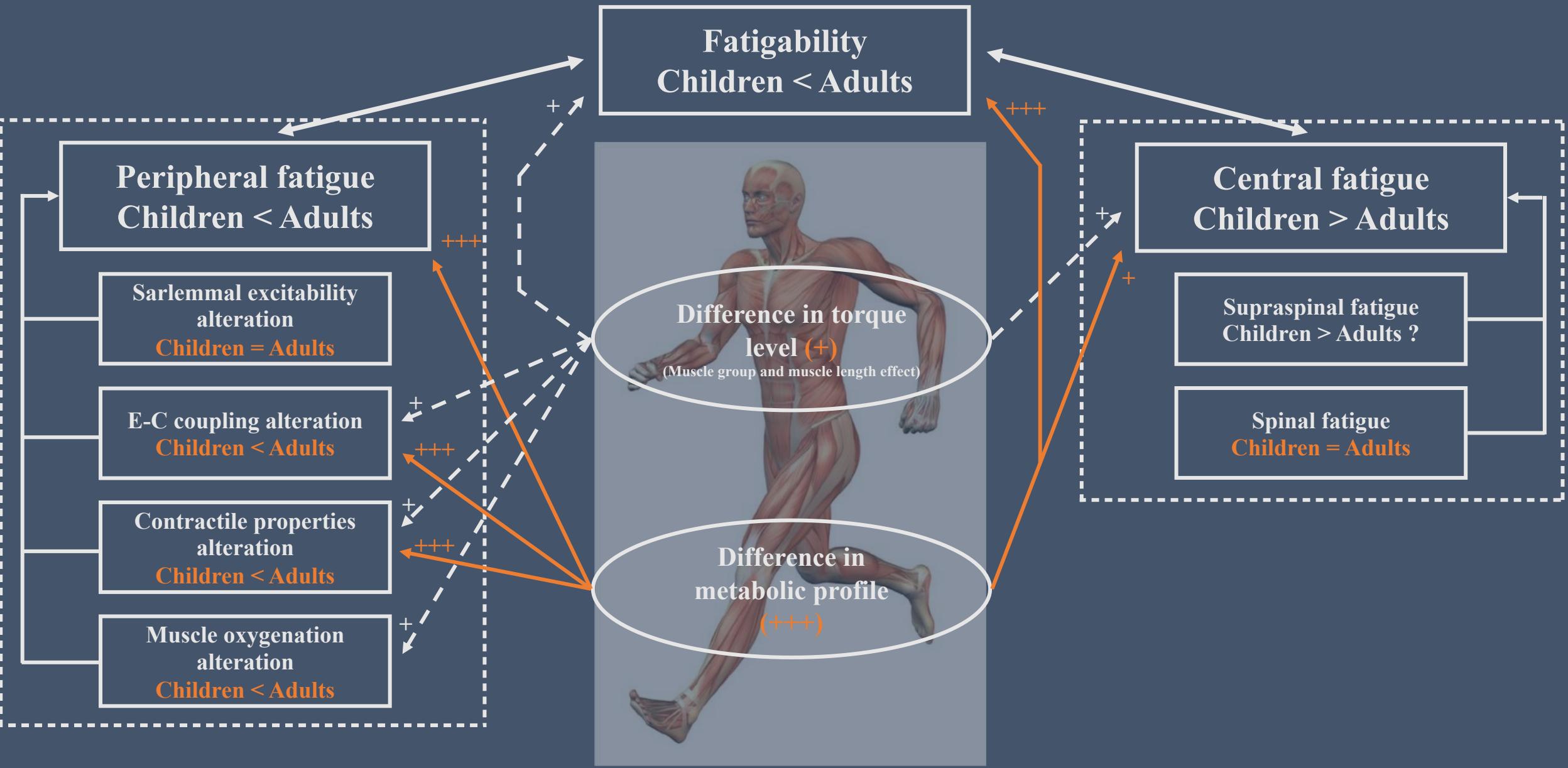


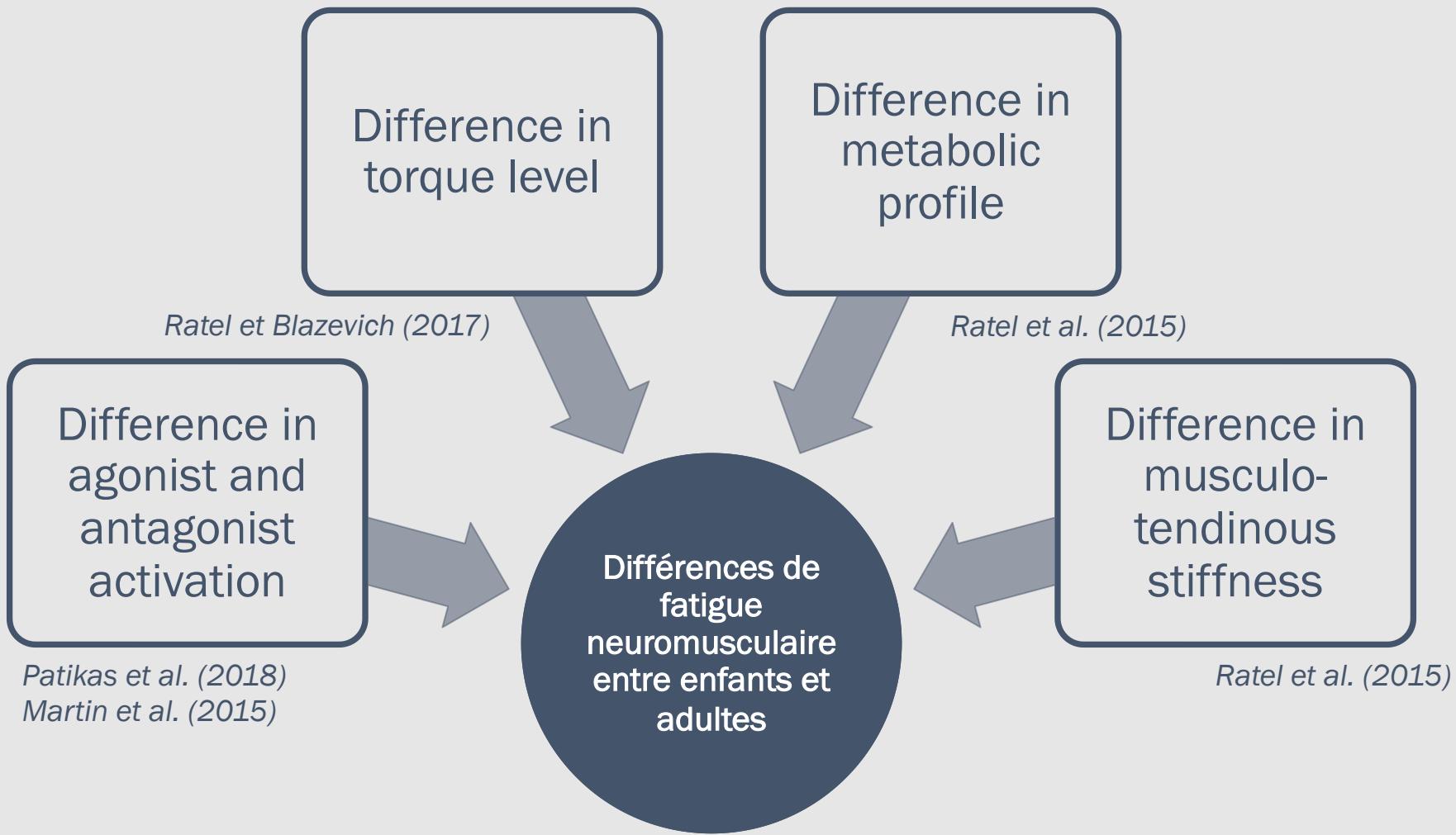
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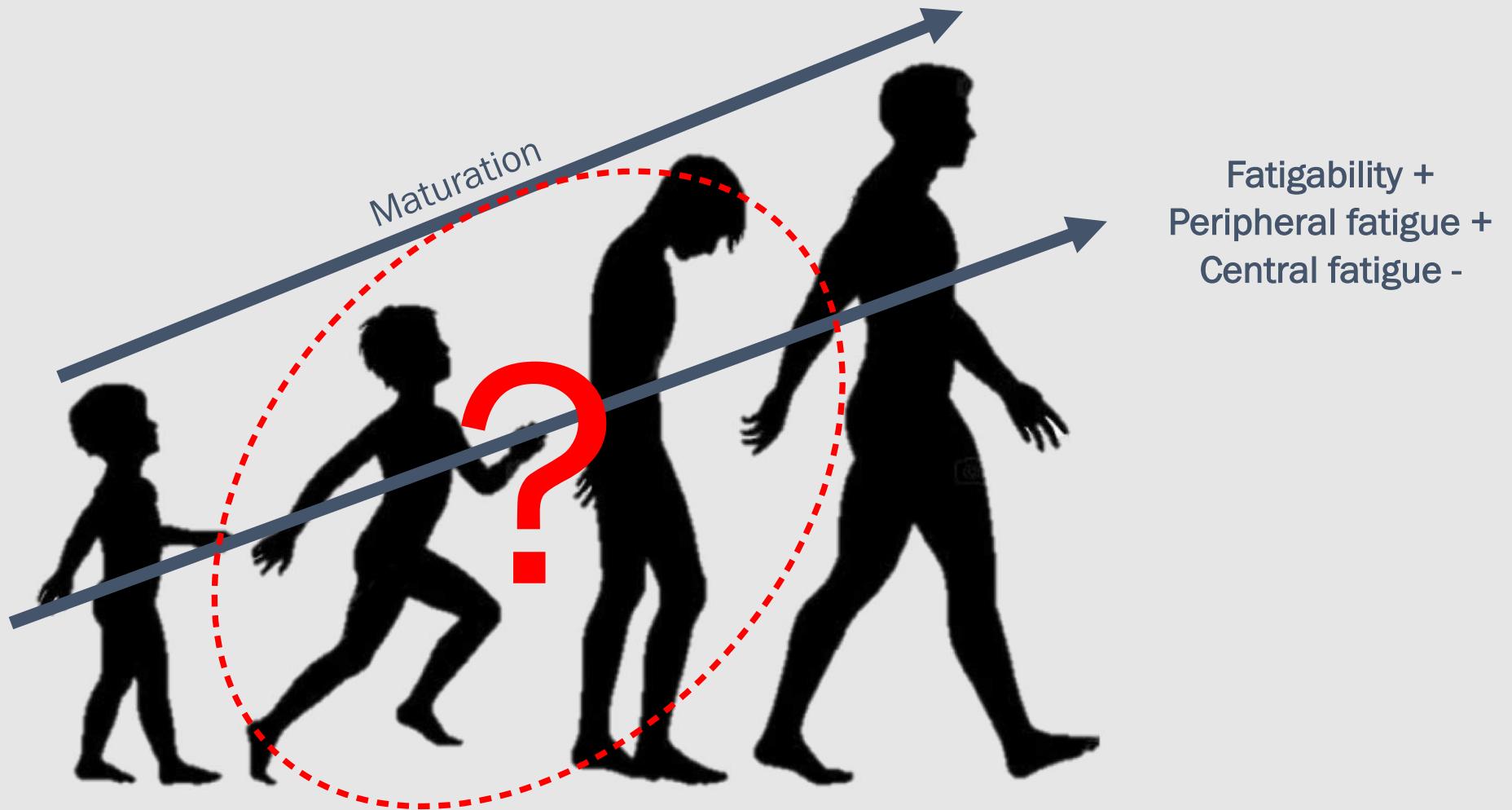
⇒ Different profile

CONCLUSION





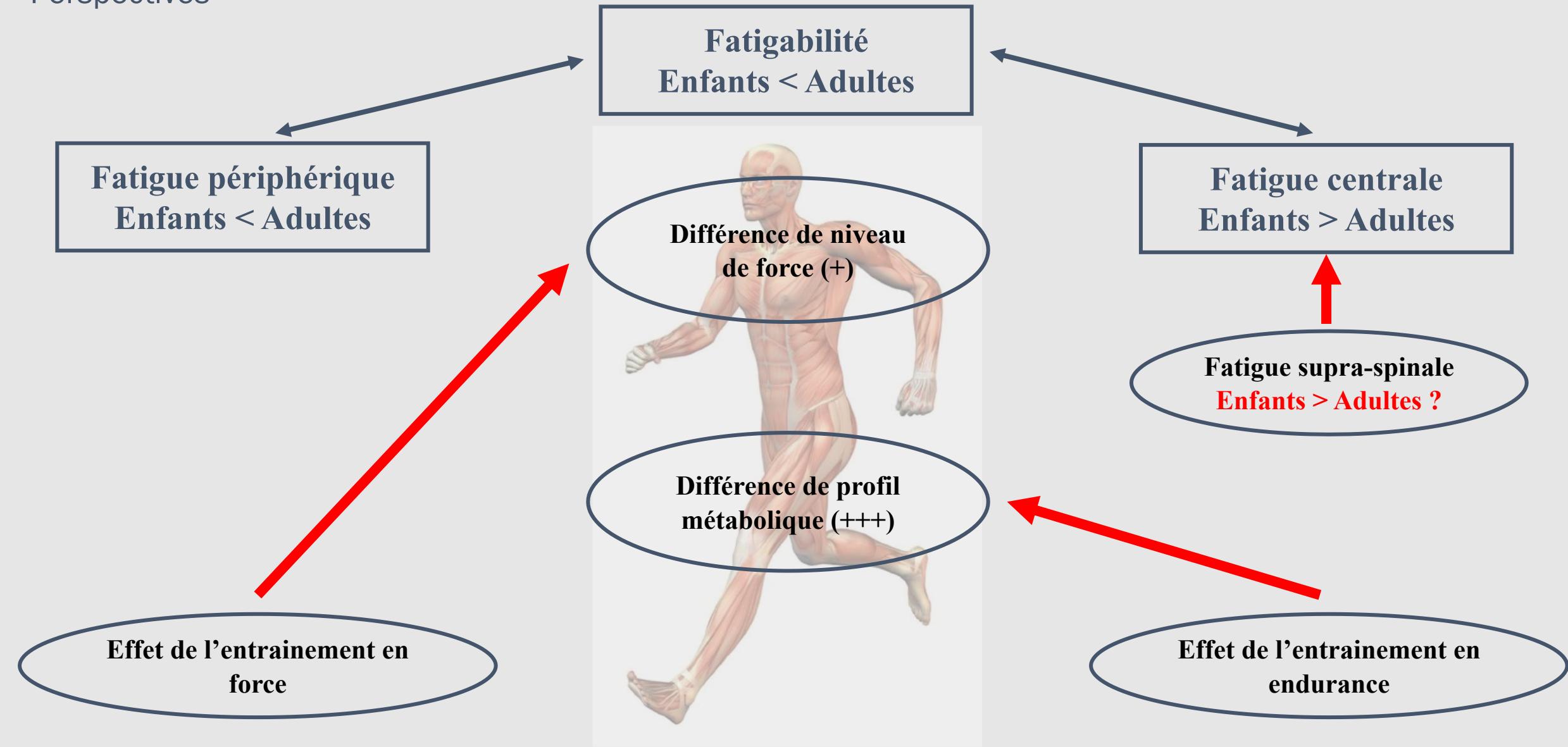
Fatigability -
Peripheral fatigue -
Central fatigue +





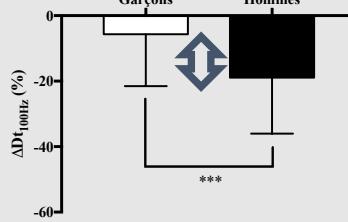
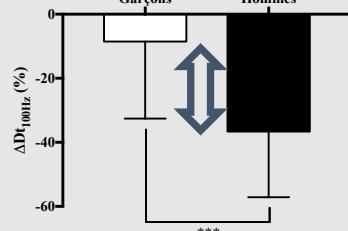
Children exhibit comparable fatigue to well trained endurance athletes

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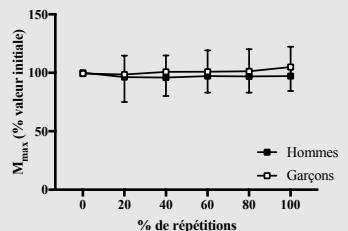
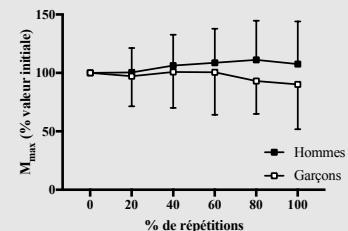
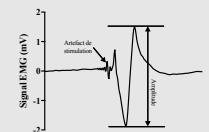


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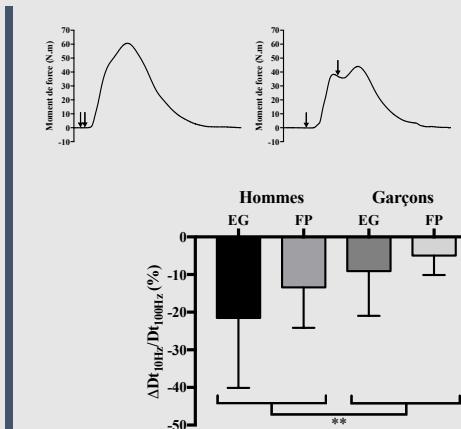


⇒ Lower alteration of contractile properties



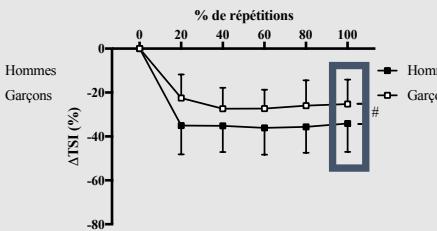
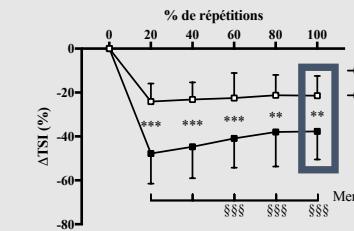
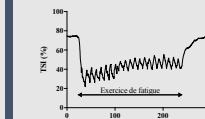
⇒ No alteration of sarcolemmal excitability

M_{max} : Onde M maximale



Dt_{10Hz}/Dt_{100Hz} : Ratio des doubles à basse et haute fréquences

⇒ Lower alteration of E-C coupling

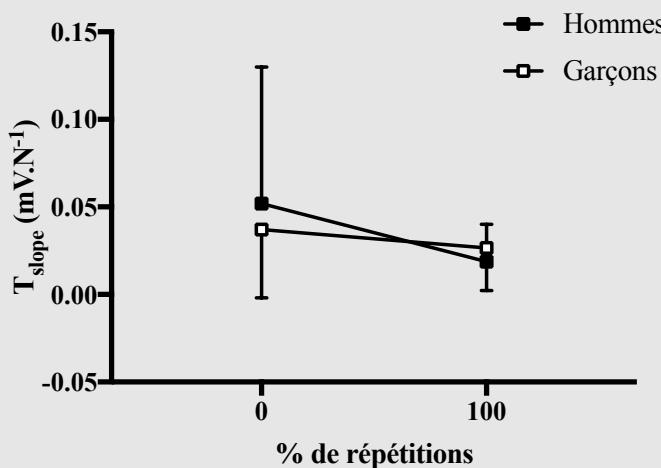


⇒ Lower alteration of muscle oxygenation

TSI : Index de saturation en O_2 tissulaire

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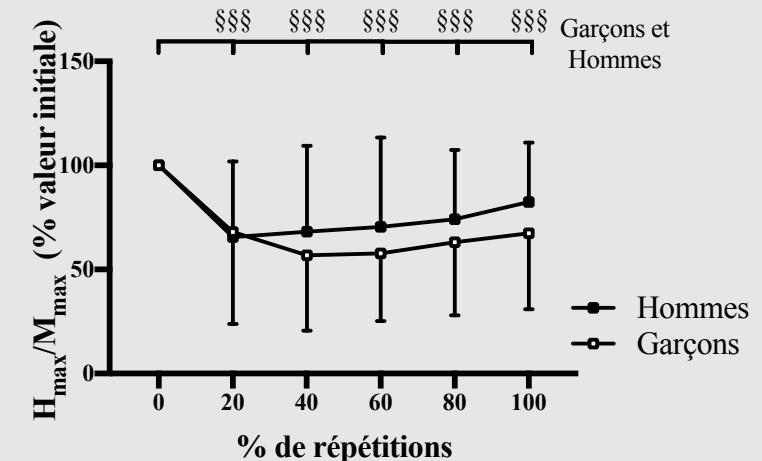
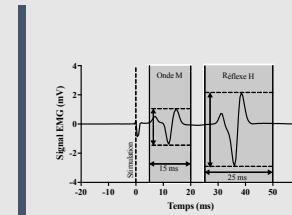
Central fatigue



⇒ No spinal fatigue

T_{slope} : T reflex gain

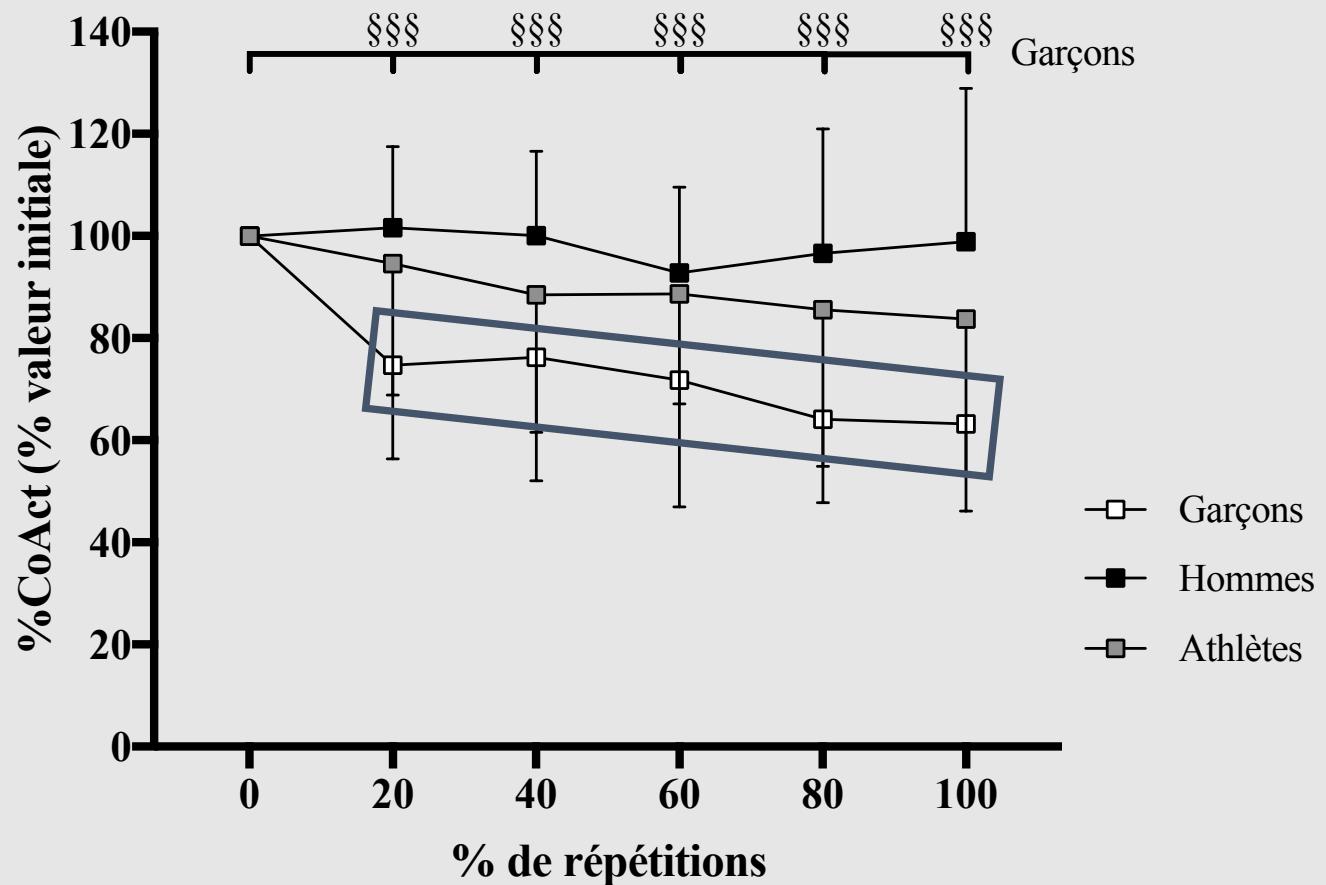
⇒ Supraspinal fatigue boys > men ?



⇒ No difference in spinal fatigue

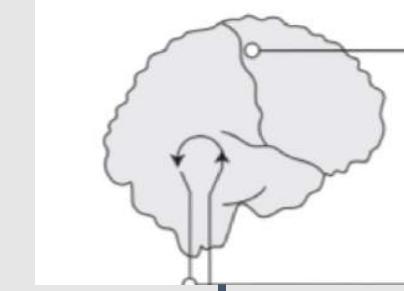
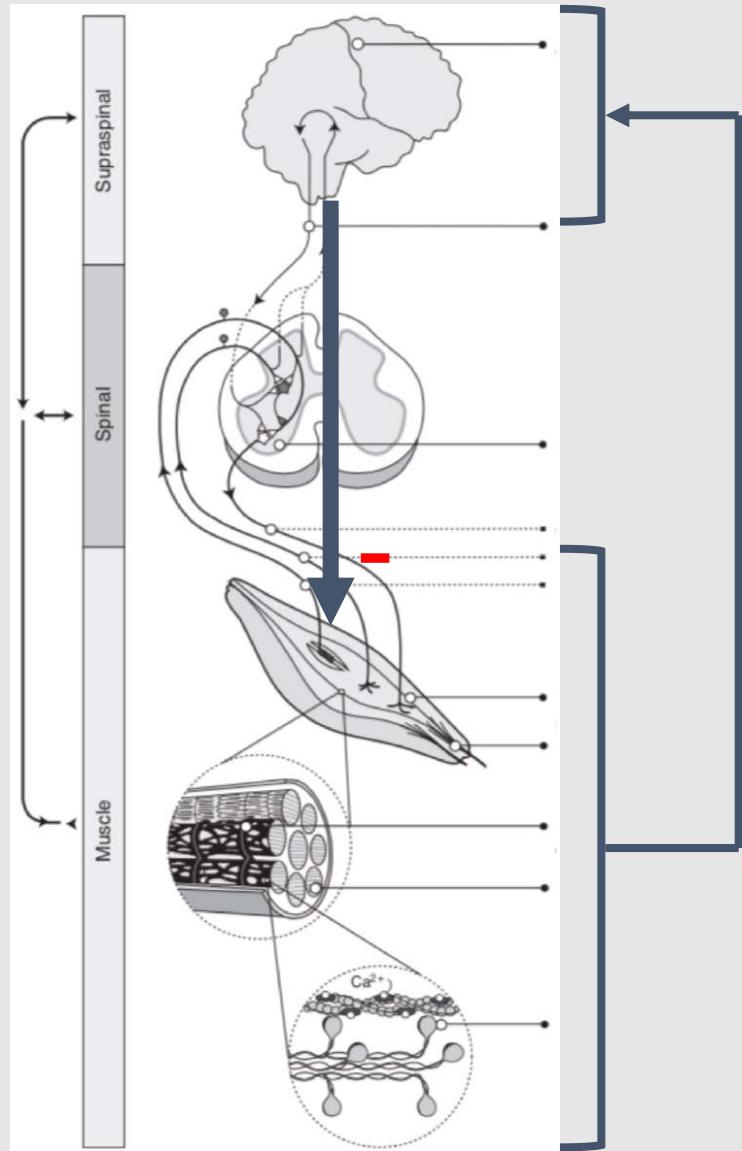
H_{max}/M_{max} : H reflex to Mmax ratio

Co-activation



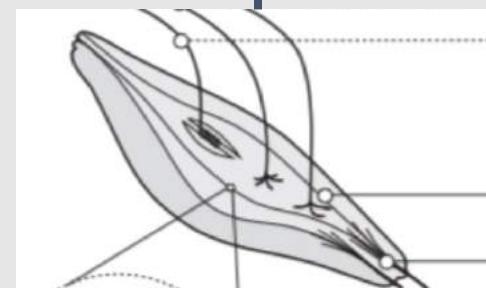
⇒ Specific neural regulation in boys?

Co-activation



Proactif ?
(Feedforward)

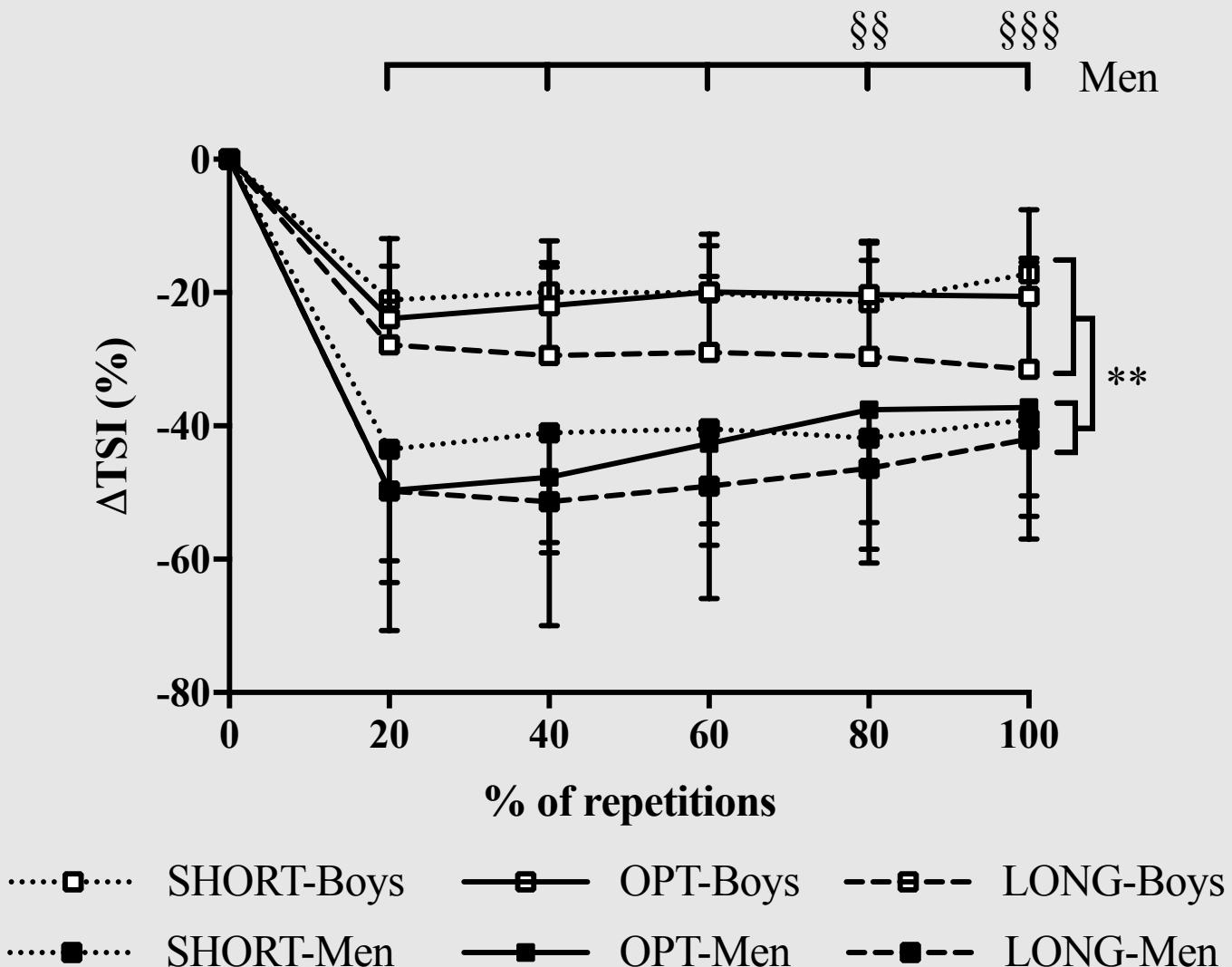
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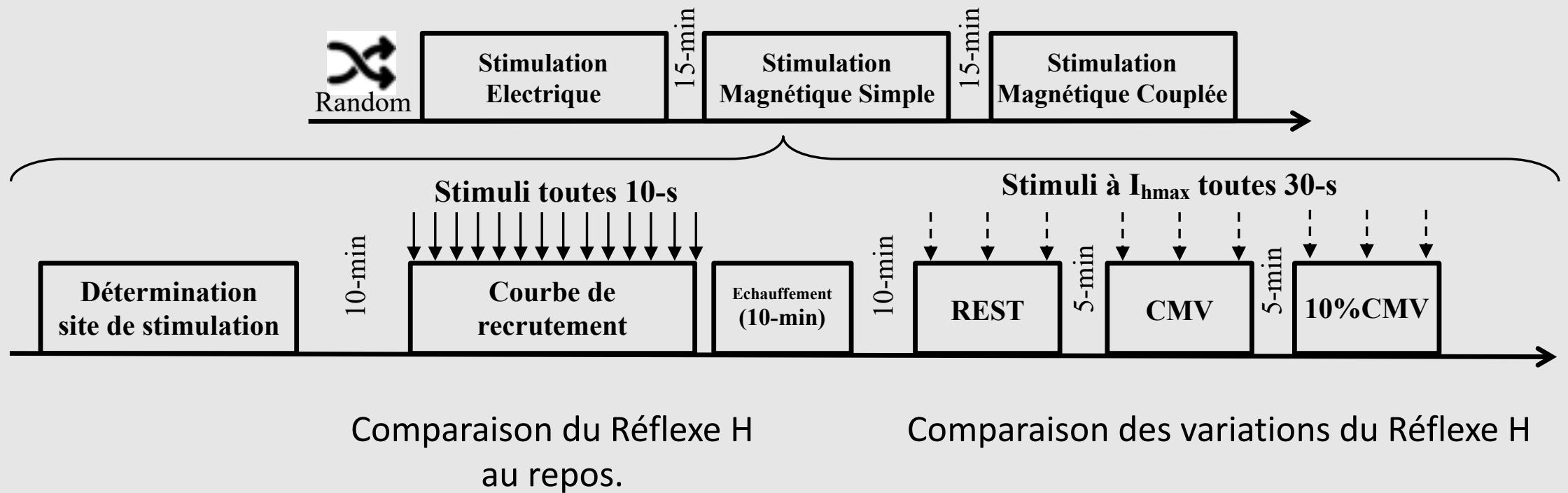
Rétroactif ?
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Différence enfant/adulte en condition de fatigue ?

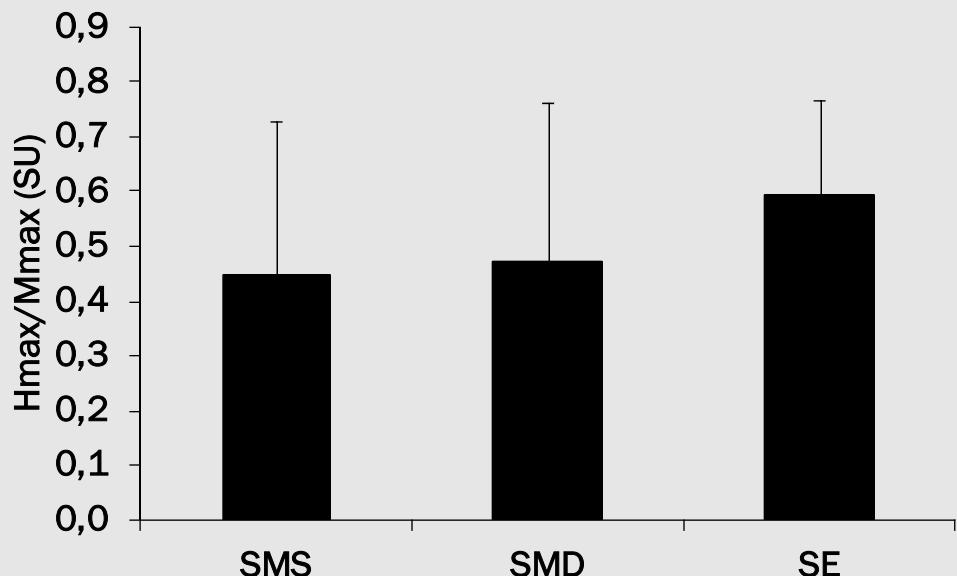
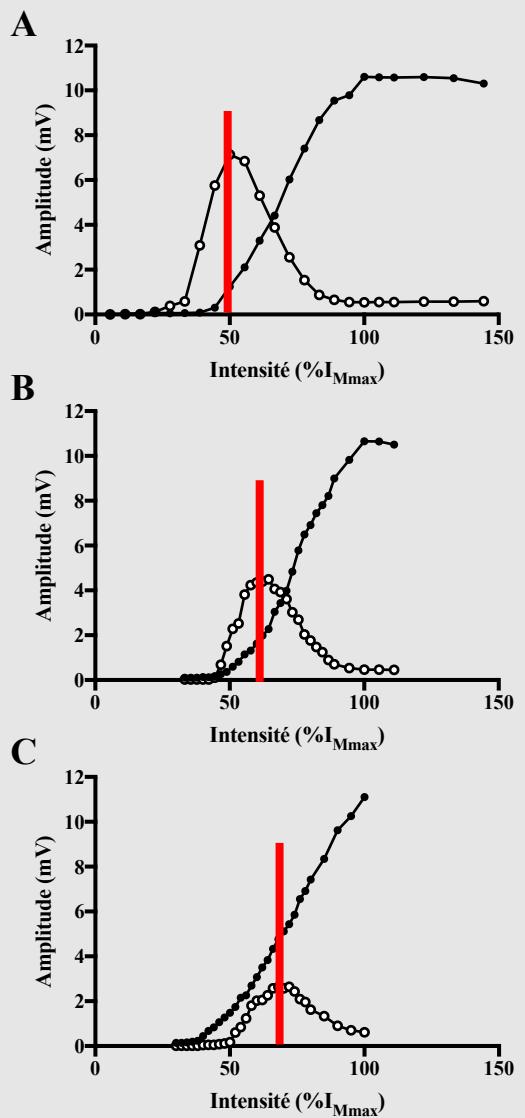
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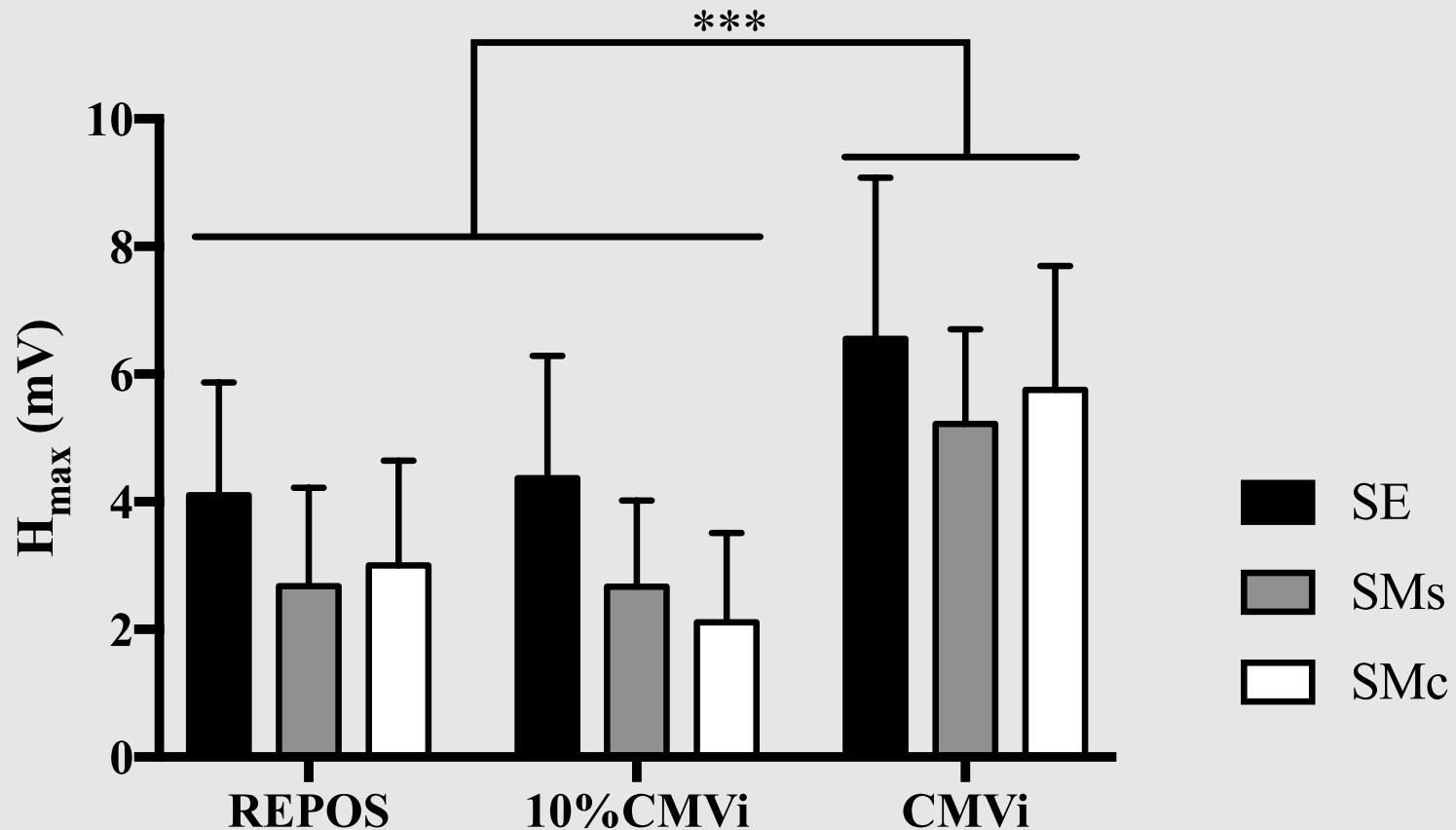
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Activation volontaire enfants/adultes pour des contractions à différentes intensités

