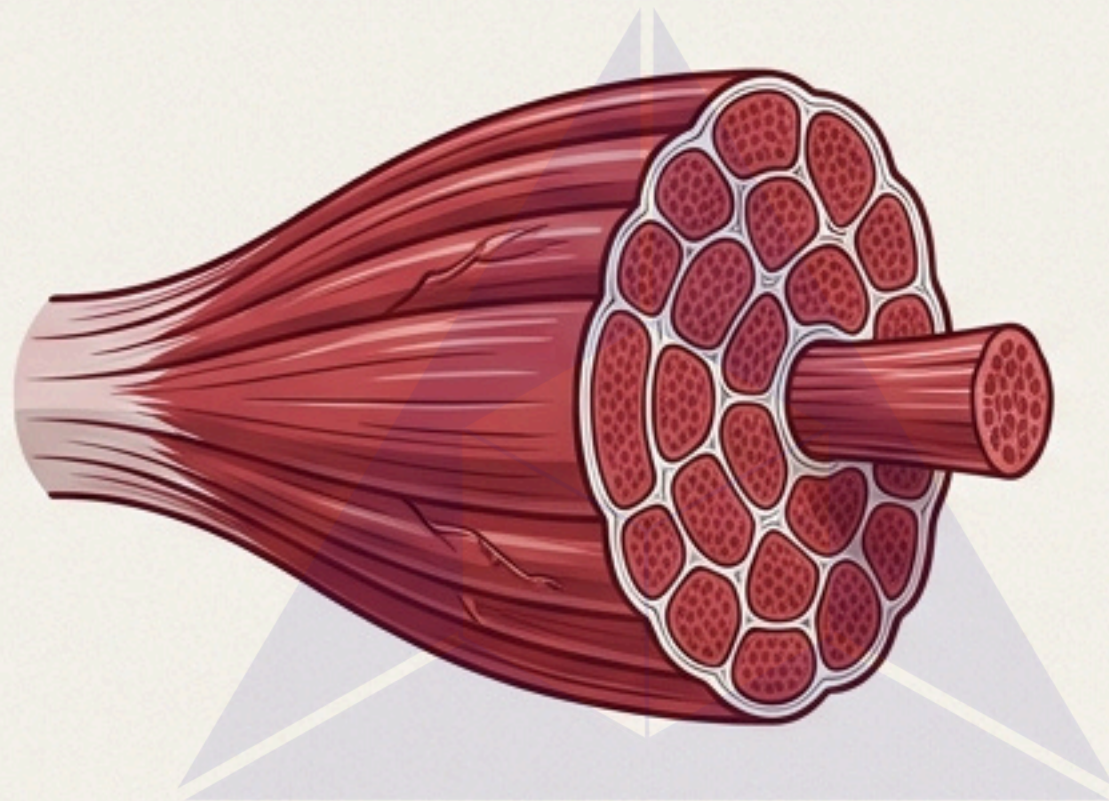
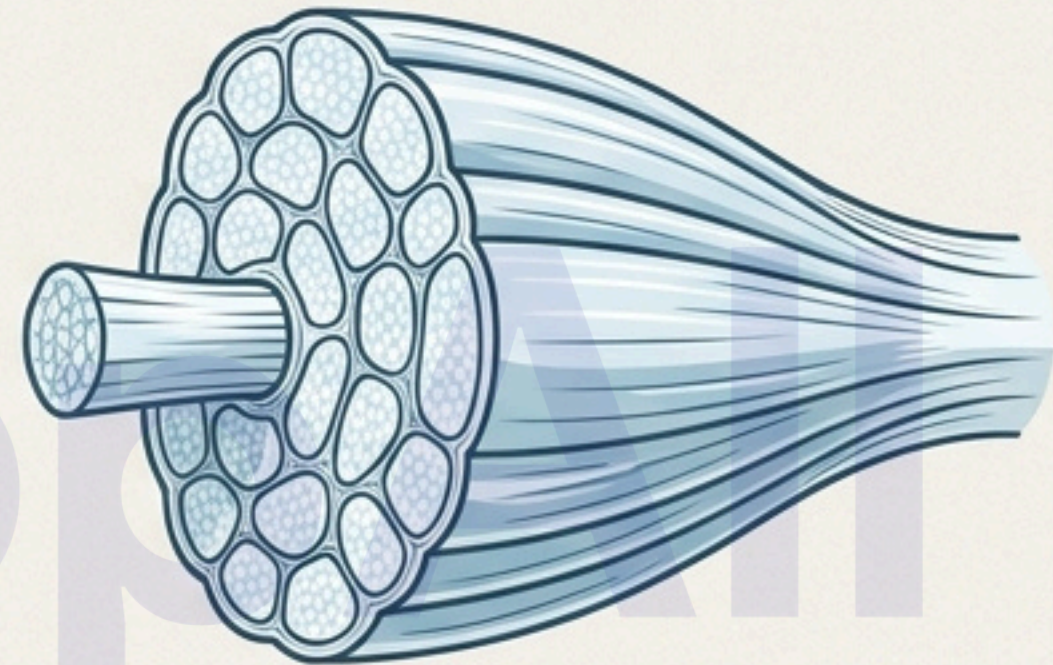


Endurance vs Quick Energy



Type I: Slow-Twitch

High oxidative capacity, fatigue-resistant, supports sustained low-intensity activity.

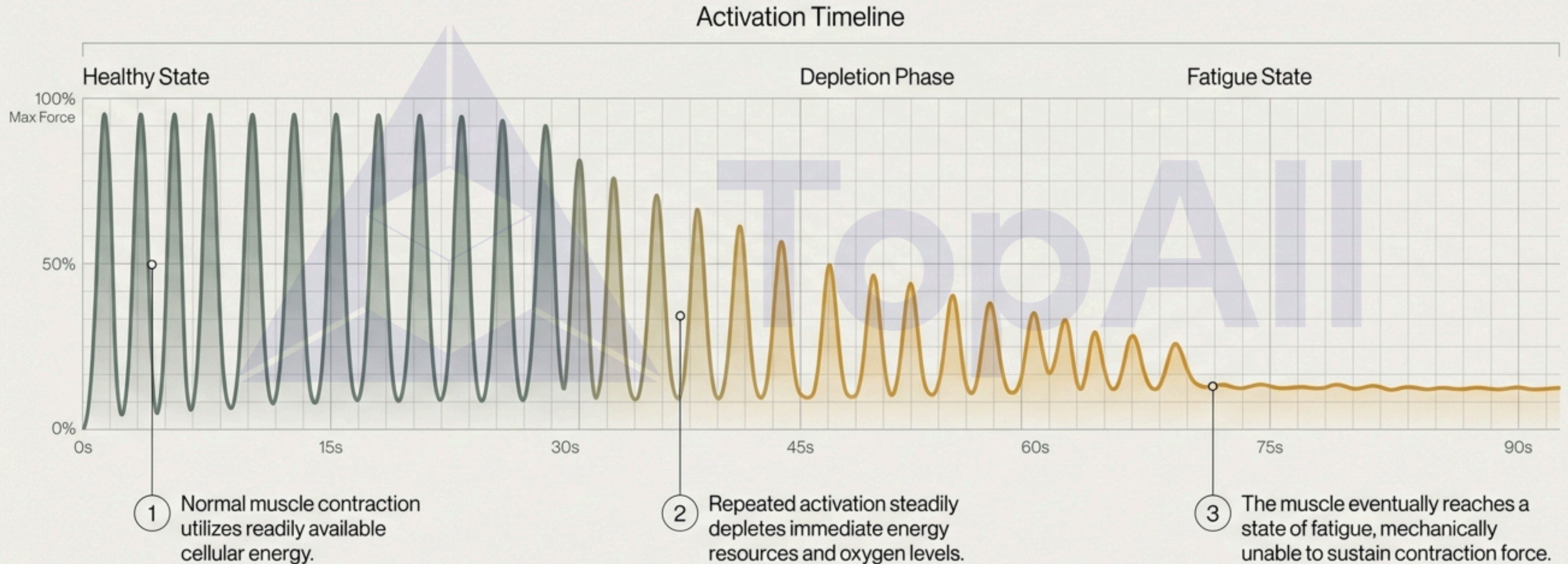


Type II: Fast-Twitch

High glycolytic capacity, fatigues rapidly, powers explosive high-intensity bursts.

Muscle performance is an economic trade-off. To meet the varying physical demands of survival, the human body evolved two specialized biological engines to power movement.

The Mechanics of Muscle Fatigue





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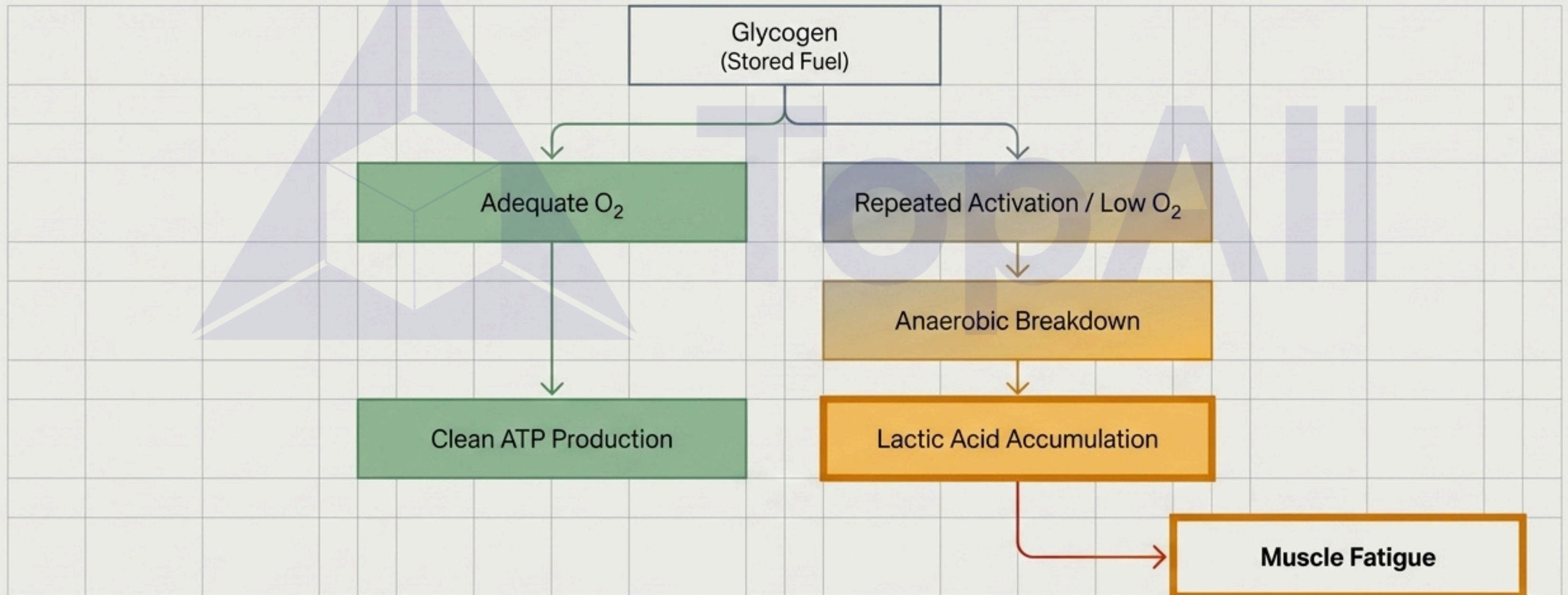
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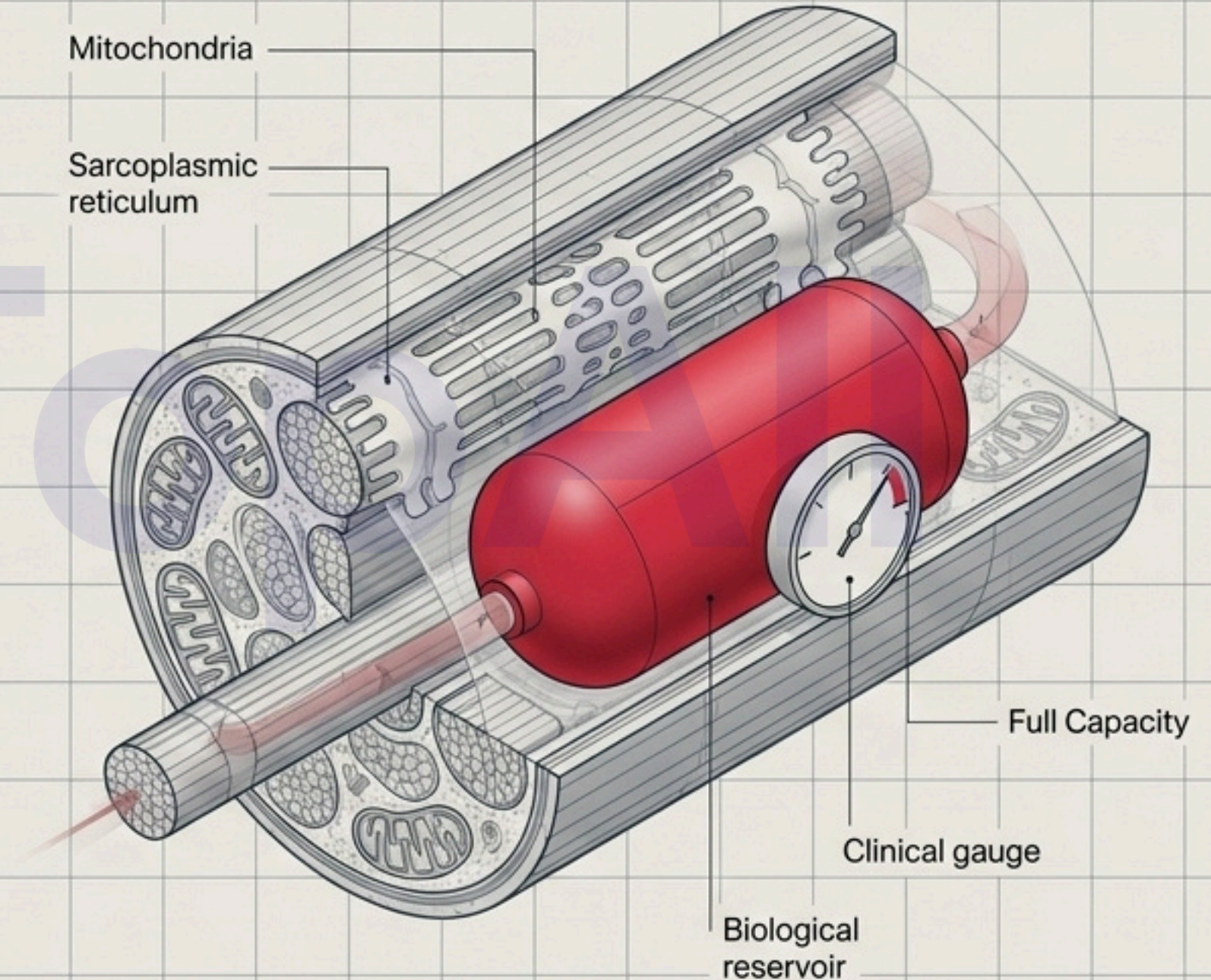
The Chemical Driver of Fatigue

When repeated stimulation outpaces the oxygen supply, the muscle is forced into the anaerobic breakdown of glycogen. This alternative pathway generates energy but results in the rapid accumulation of lactic acid, the chemical culprit behind muscle exhaustion.

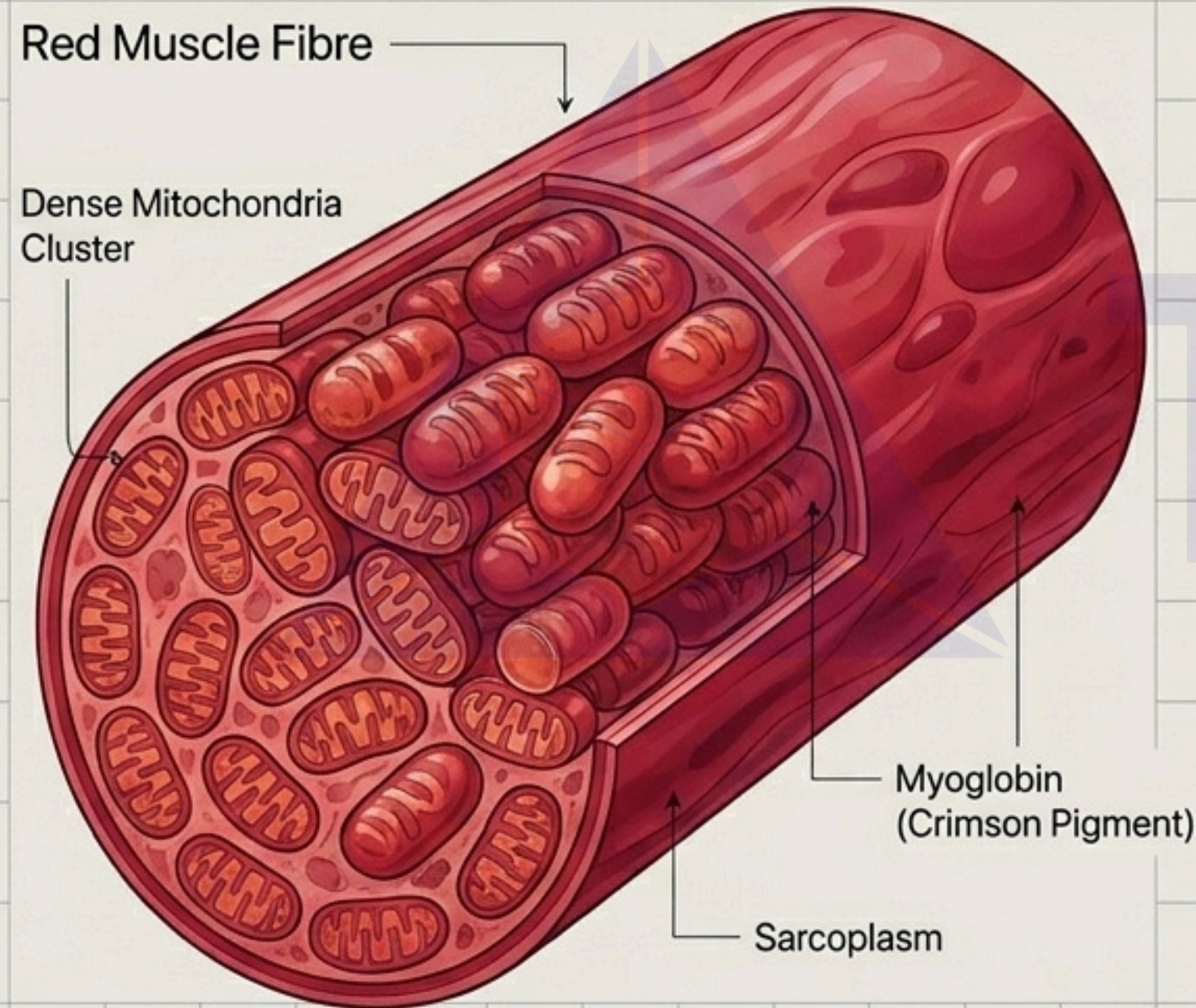


The Oxygen Reservoir

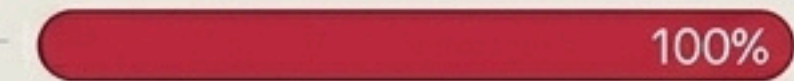
- Myoglobin: A red-coloured, oxygen-storing pigment found within muscle tissue.
- Function: It acts as an internal reservoir, caching large amounts of oxygen directly at the site of the muscle fibres. When external oxygen delivery falls behind during exercise, myoglobin releases its stored O_2 to continuous ATP (energy) production the onset of lactic acid accumulation.



Red Fibres: The Endurance Engine

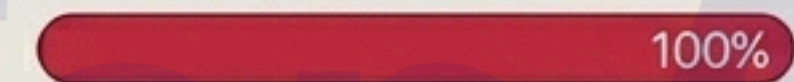


Myoglobin Content



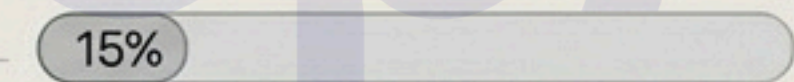
Packed with myoglobin to store massive oxygen reserves (gives reddish appearance).

Mitochondria Count



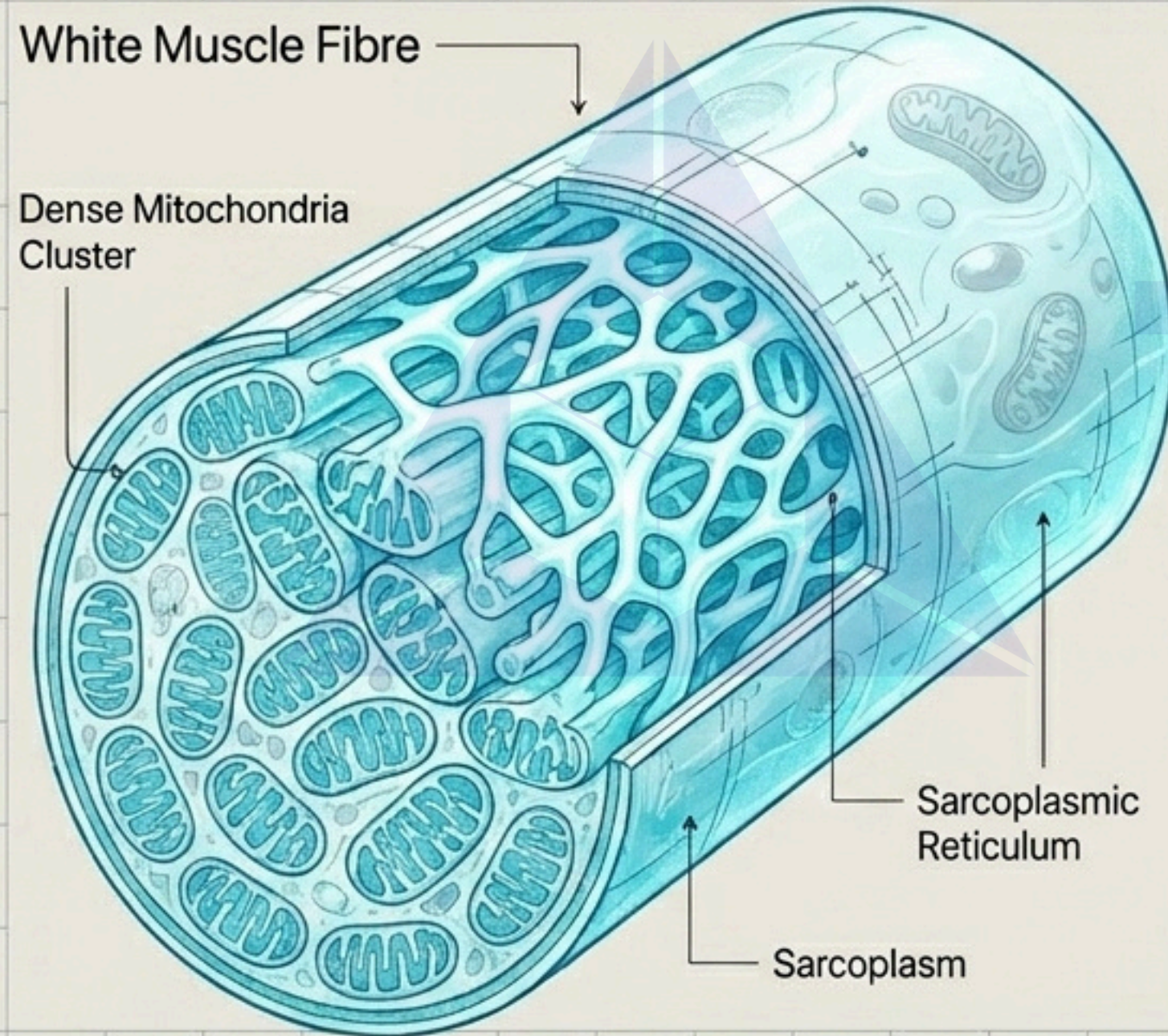
Abundant mitochondria utilize this stored oxygen for highly efficient, sustained ATP production.

Sarcoplasmic Reticulum



Classified as aerobic muscles, designed specifically to resist fatigue over long durations.

White Fibres: The Quick Energy Engine



Myoglobin Content

10%

Very little myoglobin or mitochondria; appears pale or whitish.

Mitochondria Count

10%

Highly expanded sarcoplasmic reticulum allows for massive, instantaneous calcium release.

Sarcoplasmic Reticulum

100%

Relies almost entirely on anaerobic processes, prioritizing explosive, short-term power over endurance.

The Cellular Performance Matrix

Trait	Red Fibres	White Fibres
Appearance	Reddish	Pale / Whitish
Myoglobin Content	High	Very Low
Mitochondria Count	Plenty	Few
Sarcoplasmic Reticulum	Low	High
Primary Energy Process	Aerobic	Anaerobic
Optimal Use-Case	Sustained Endurance	Explosive Quick Energy

The muscular system achieves versatility by balancing these two opposing fibre types. The ratio of Red to White engines determines whether a muscle is built for a marathon or a sprint.



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