

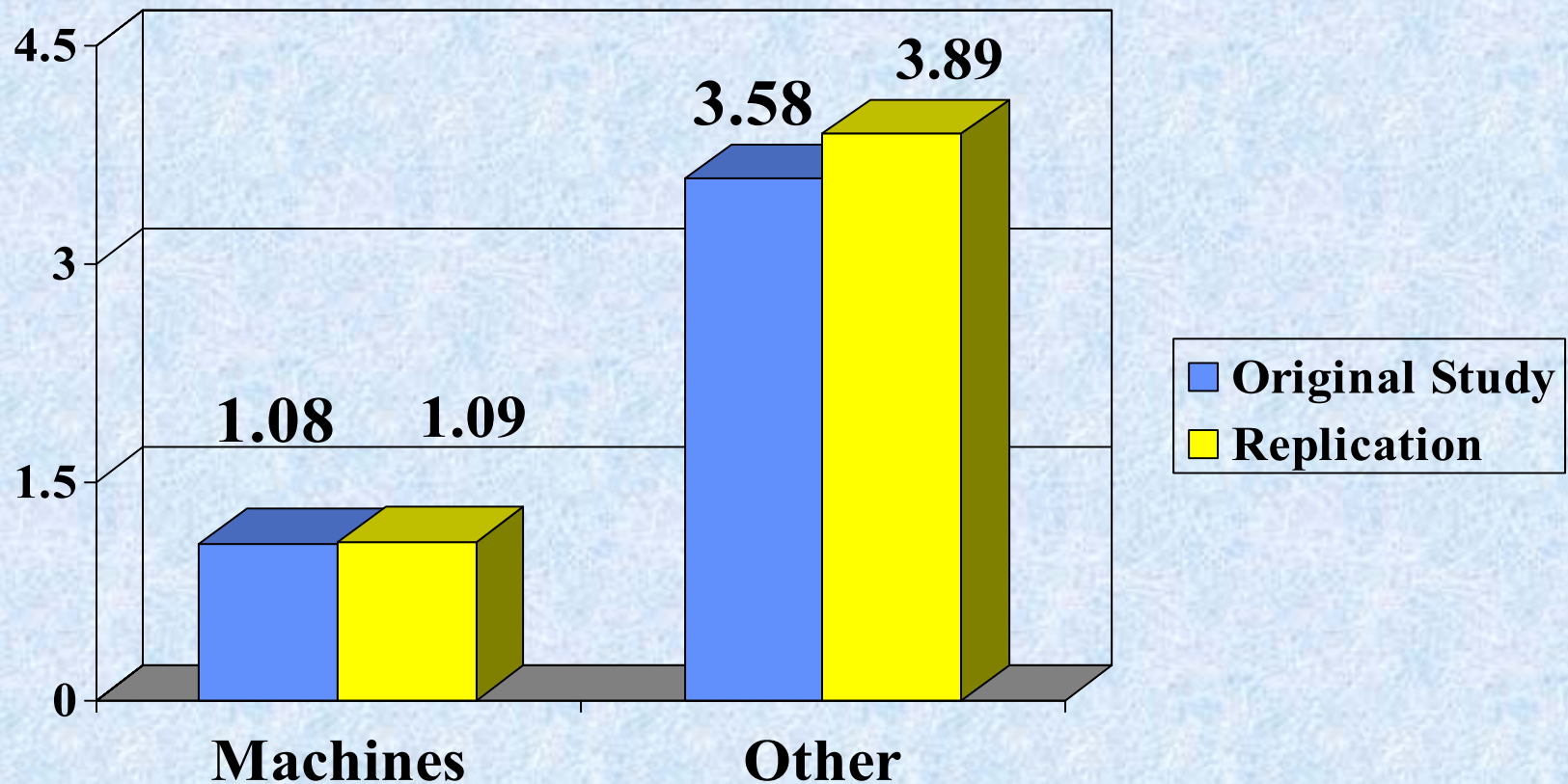
**“Video Lottery Terminals”
The Crack Cocaine of Gambling**

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**Do Video Slots (“VLT’s”)
Get People Addicted
Faster?**

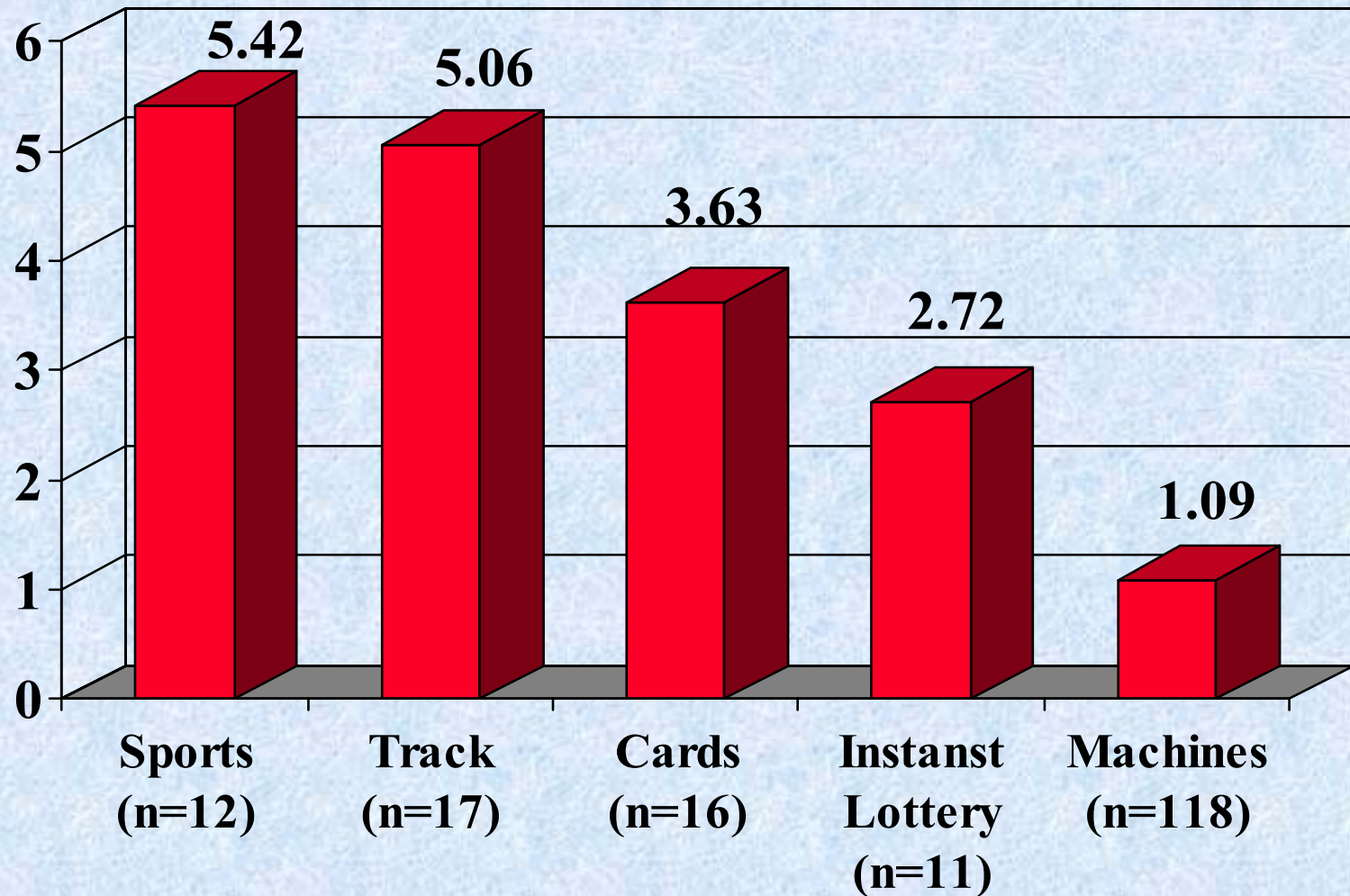
Speed of Addiction- VLT's vs. Other Gambling (In Years)



Explanation

- **Unparalleled “gateway” form, coupled with maximum “virulence”**
- **Speed & Continuity**
- **No clocks or other cues to stop**
- **Money is unreal – just credits**
- **Virtual Reel Mapping for Near Misses**

Latency of PG-Onset in Different Primary Forms of Gambling (in years)



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