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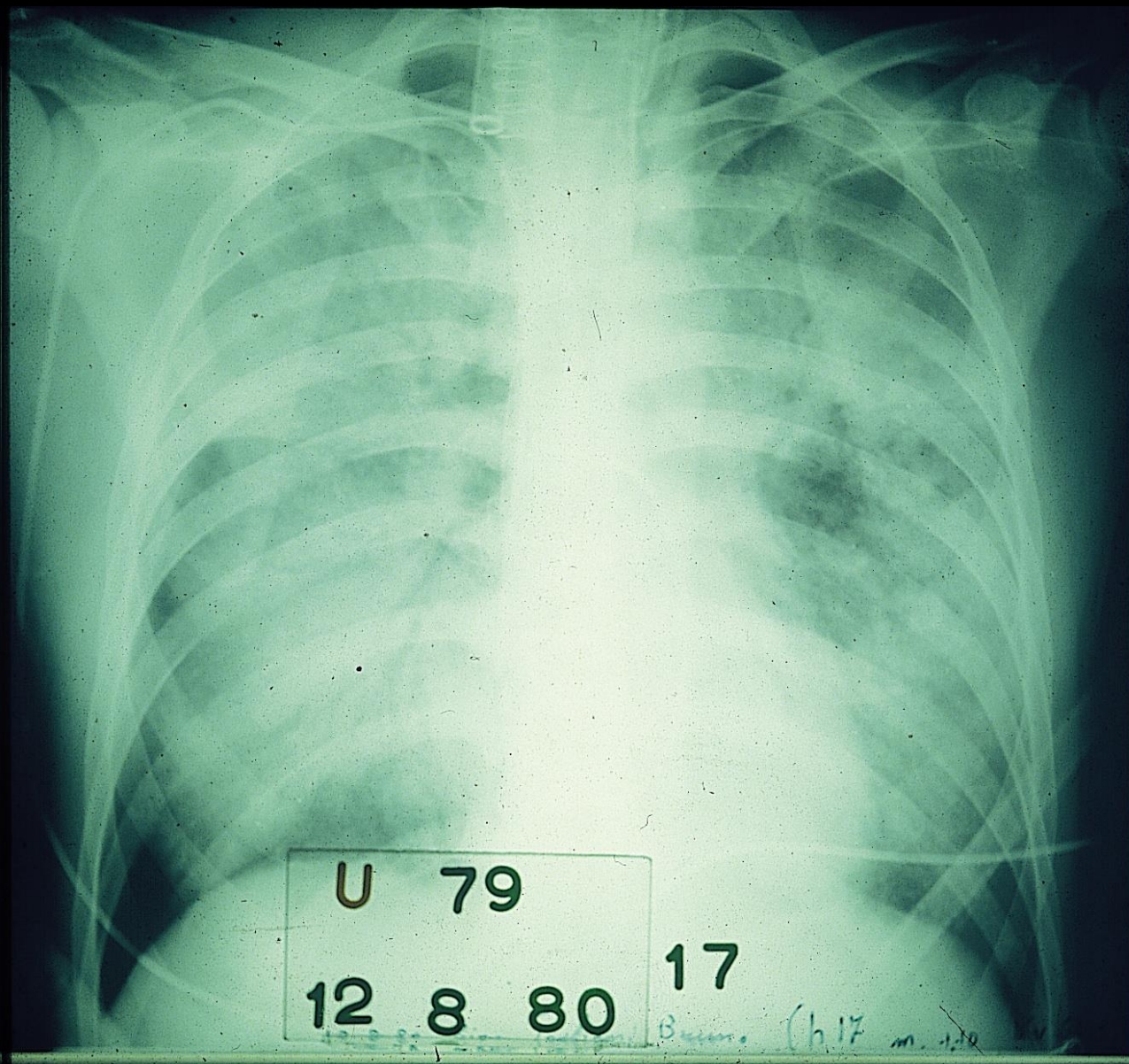
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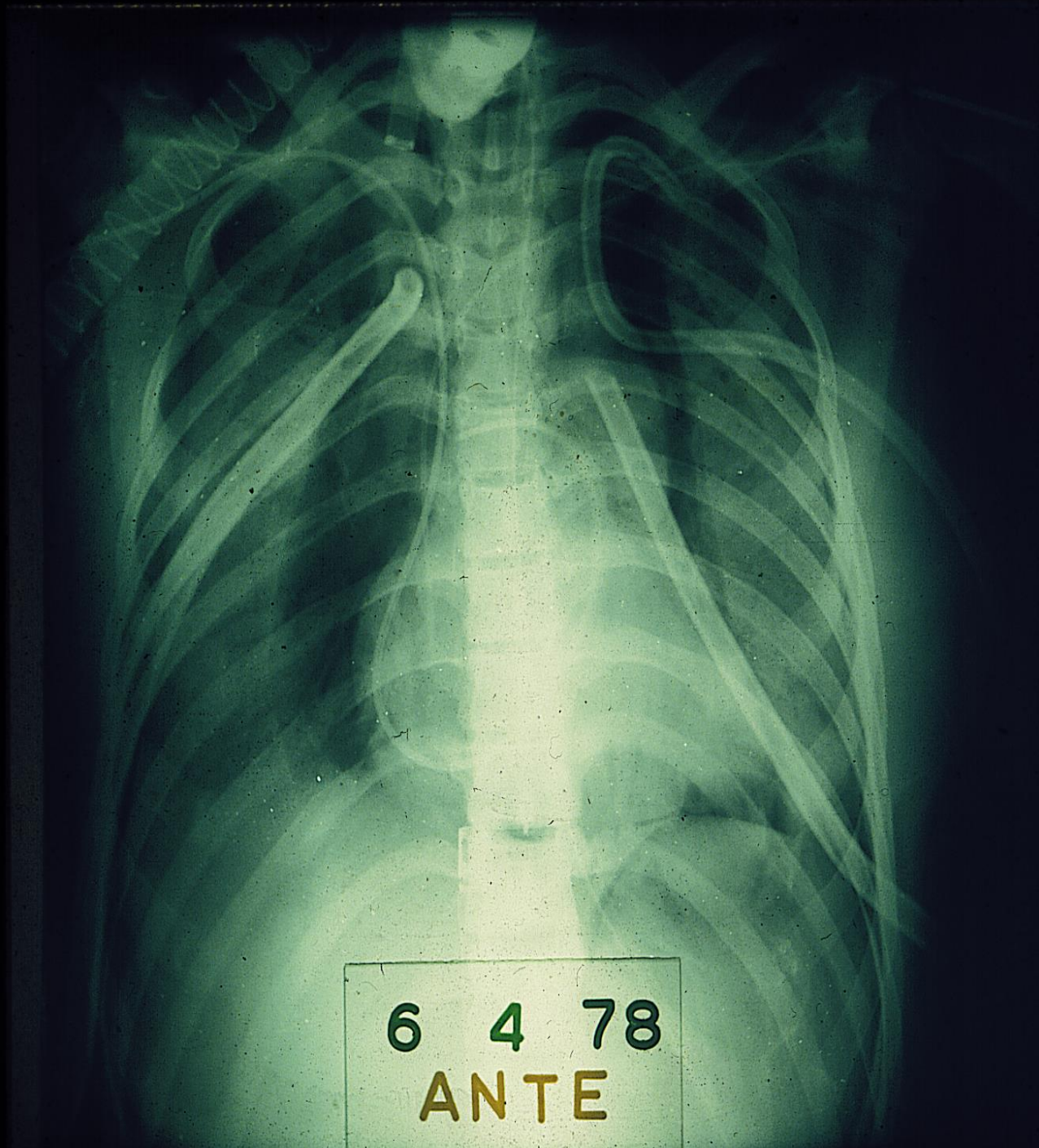
# The '70s mechanical ventilation

12 - 15 ml/kg  $V_T$ , 5 - 10 cmH<sub>2</sub>O PEEP

“ We ventilated  
thousands of patients in this way,  
and the only side effect was hypocapnia”

H. Pontoppidan, *N Engl J Med* 1972

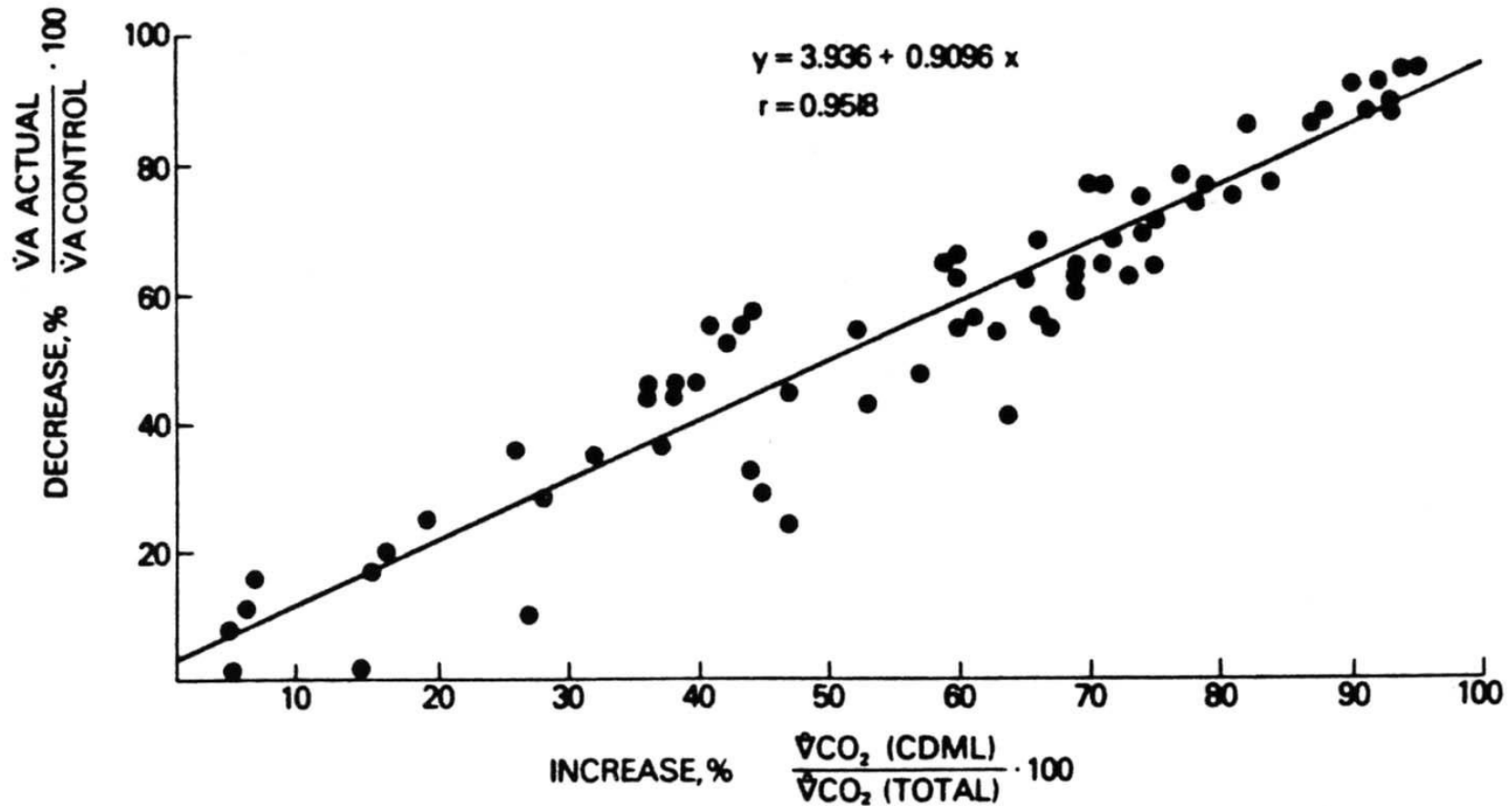




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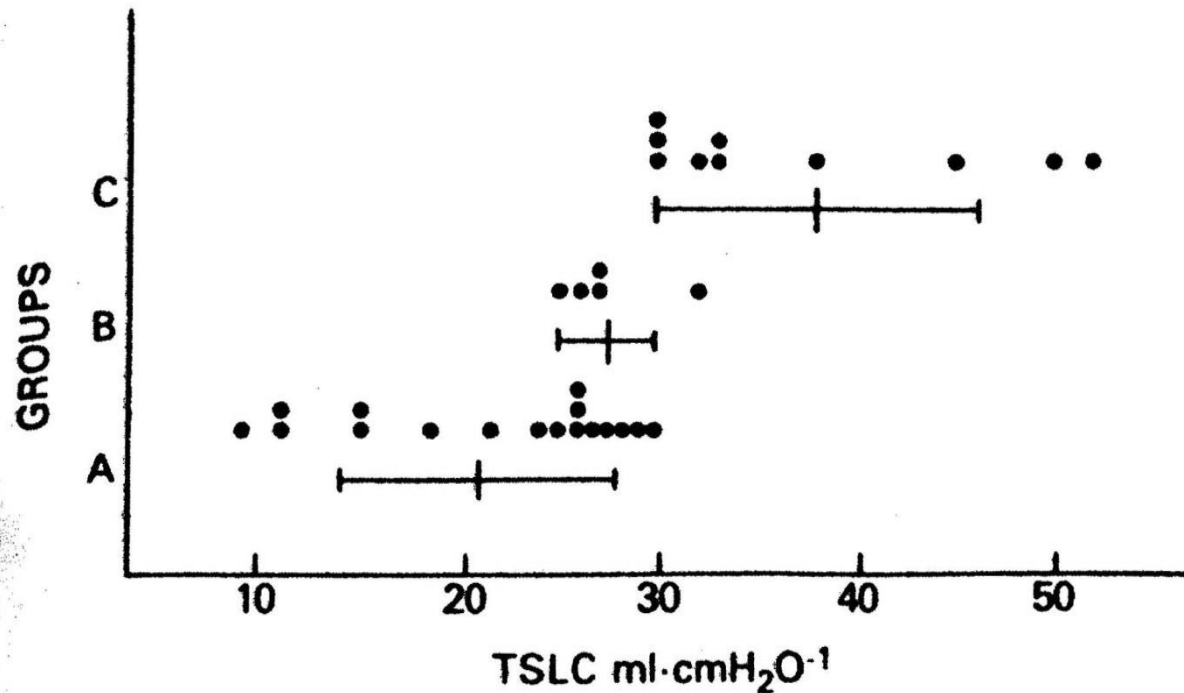
# The lung rest concept

## Control of breathing using an extracorporeal membrane lung



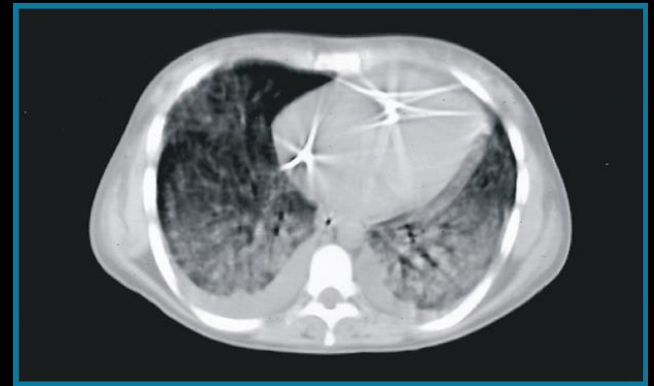
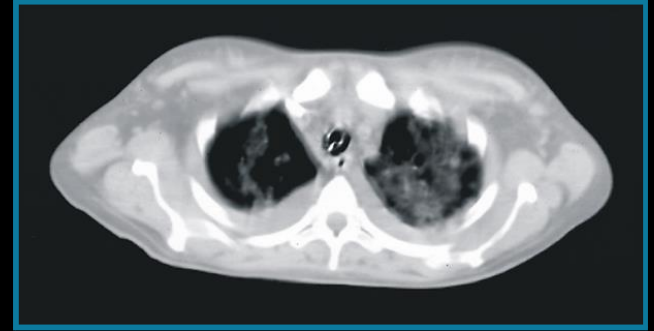
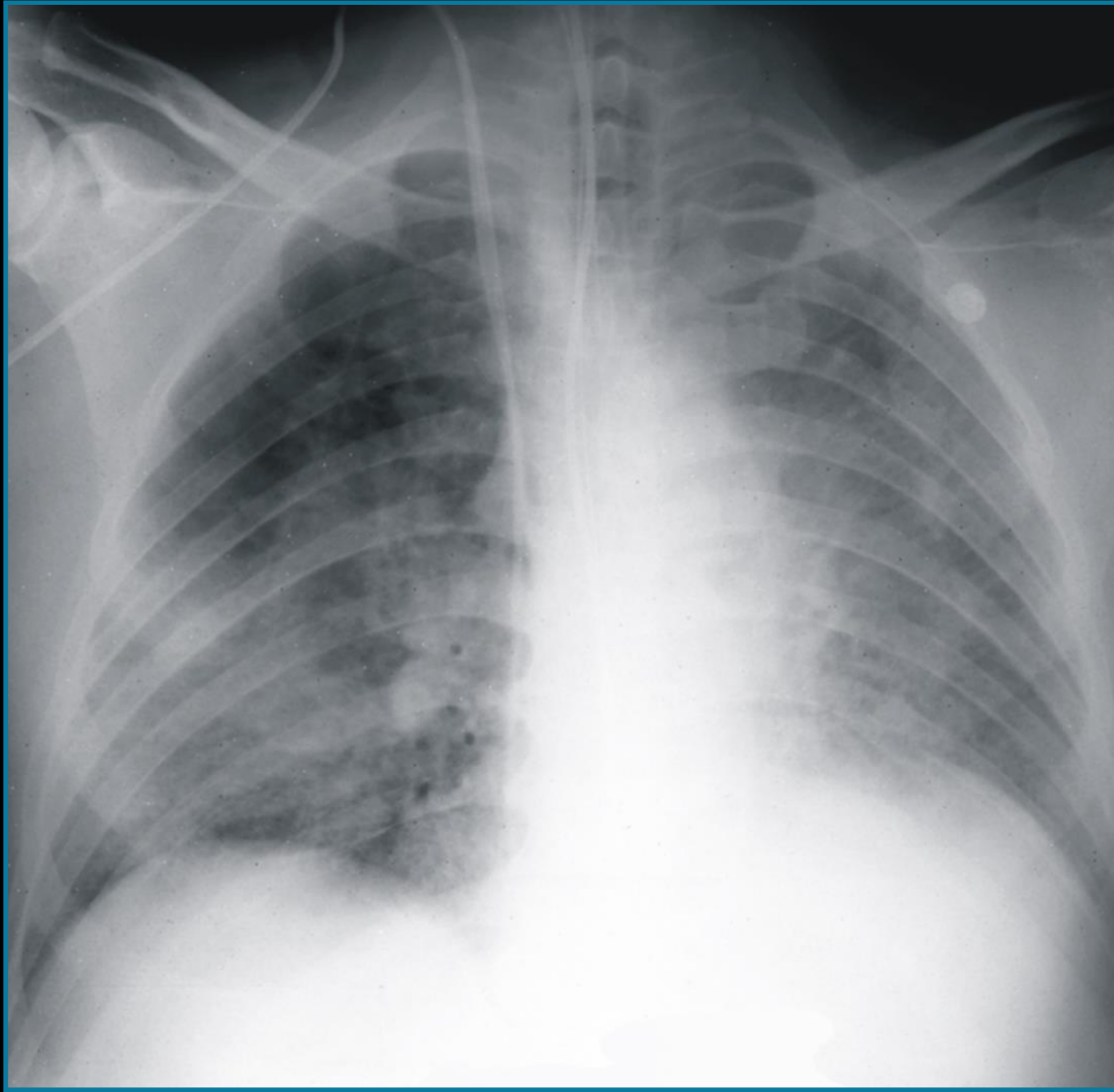
We choose to rest the lung with diffusion oxygenation (3 breaths/min), avoiding possible pulmonary and extrapulmonary complications of CPPV, and removed CO<sub>2</sub> through a membrane lung by low-flow veno-venous bypass to make lung rest feasible.

# Patients meeting ECMO criteria

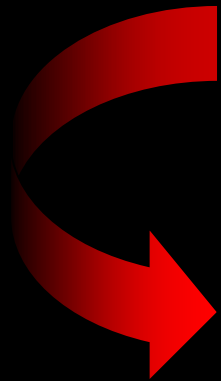


**Fig. 2.** Baseline total static lung compliance in Groups A, B, and C during conventional continuous positive pressure ventilation





# CT “density”



mass

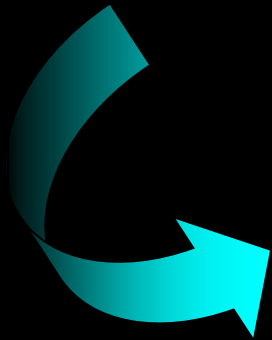


volume

in which

**mass**

is



original mass of tissue

+

mass of blood

+

mass of edema

+

mass of cells, etc.

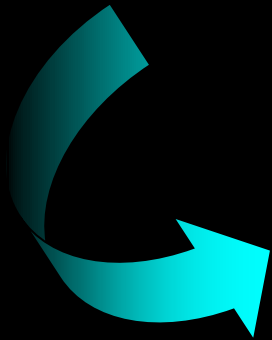
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+100

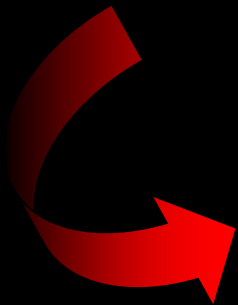
in which  
**volume**  
is



mass of tissue  
+  
volume of gas

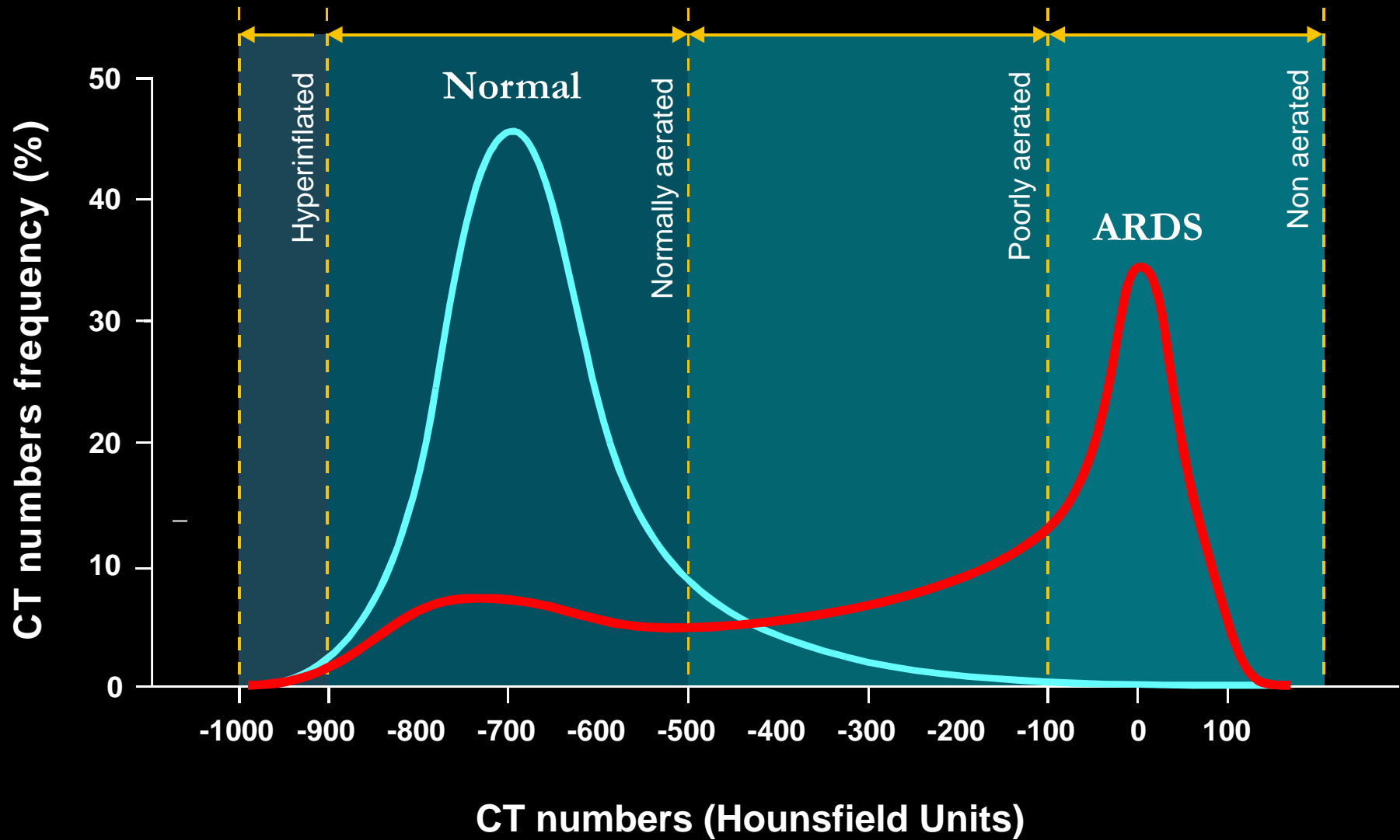
Indeed,

$$\text{CT number} = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{mass} + \text{volume}}$$



cannot discriminate  
between tissue mass,  
blood mass, edema etc.



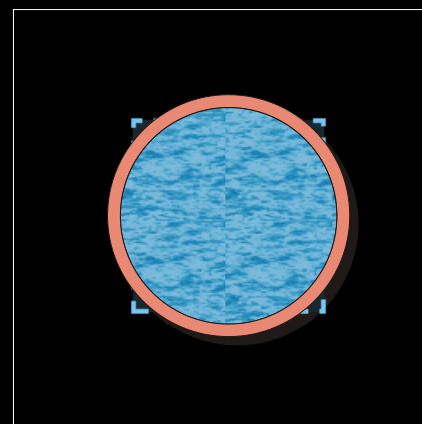
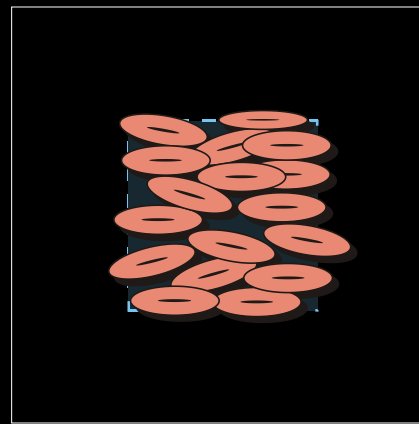
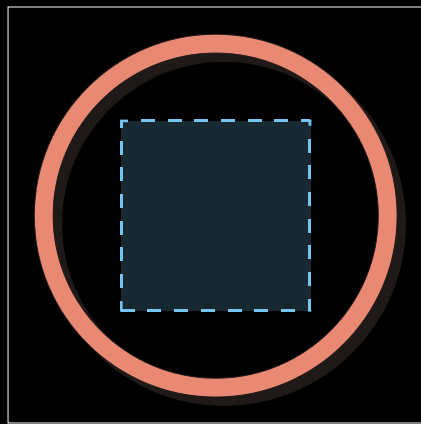
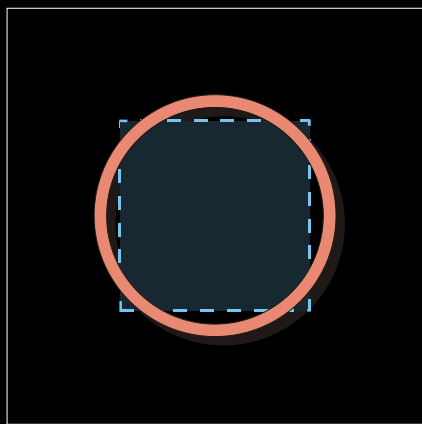
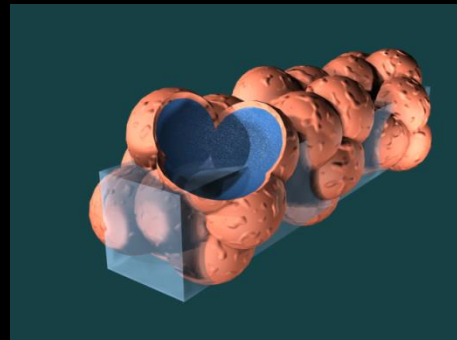
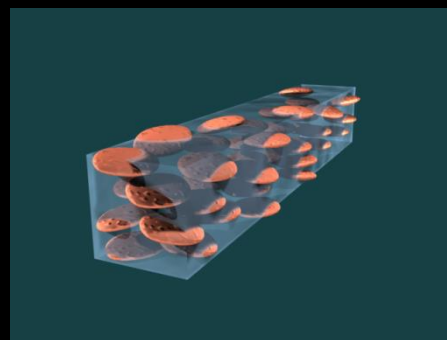
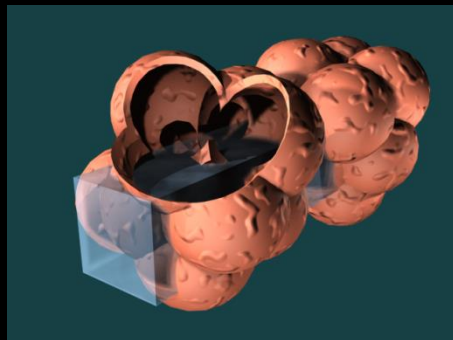
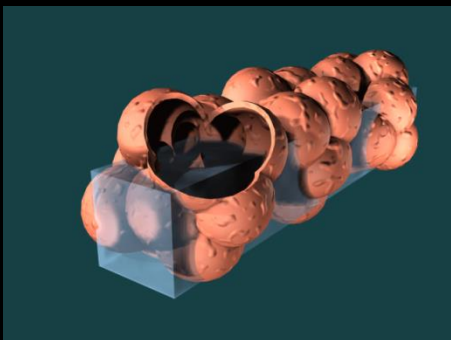


FRC

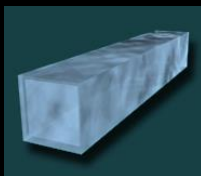
TLC

Collapse

Edema



Voxel:



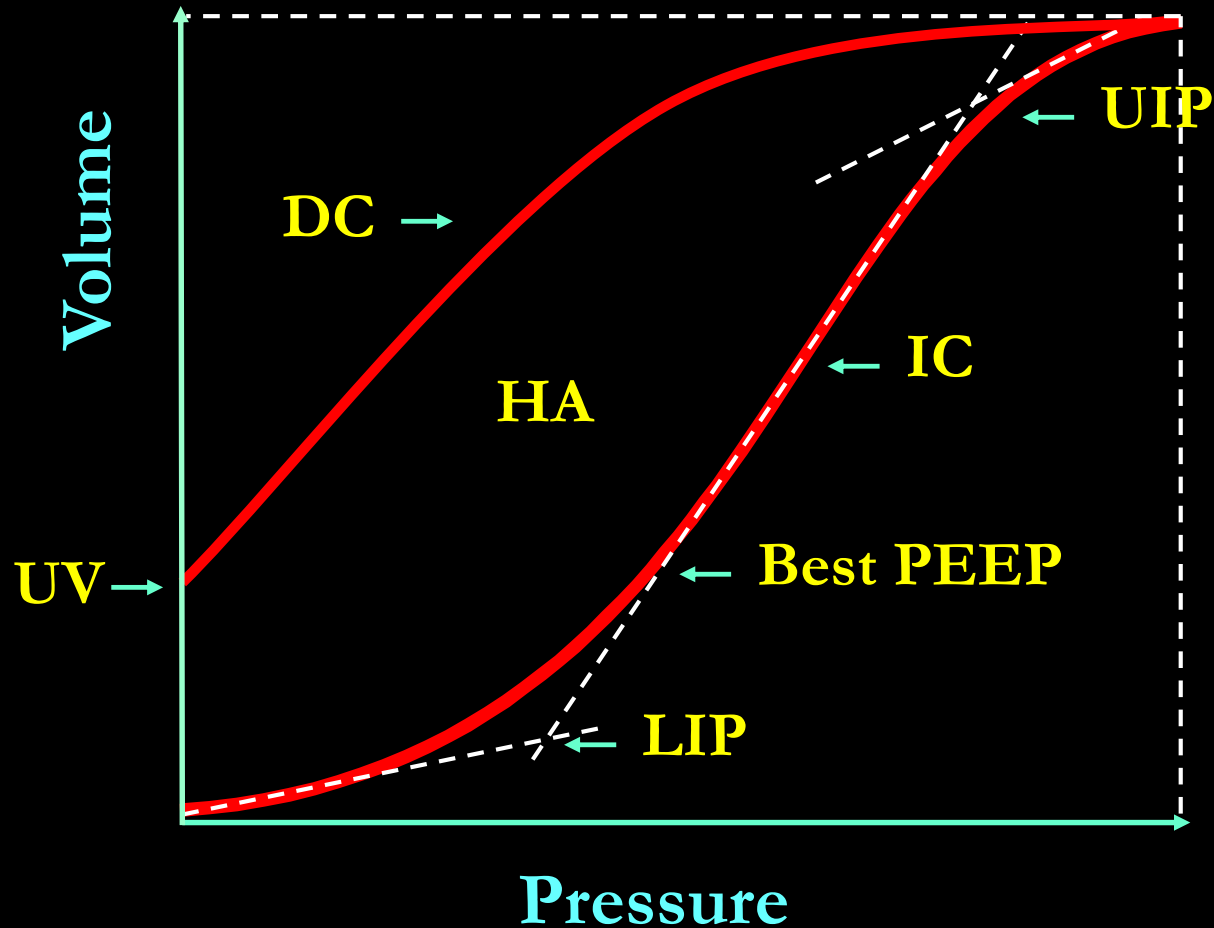
$1.5 \times 1.5 \times 10 \text{ mm} = 22.5 \text{ mm}^3$

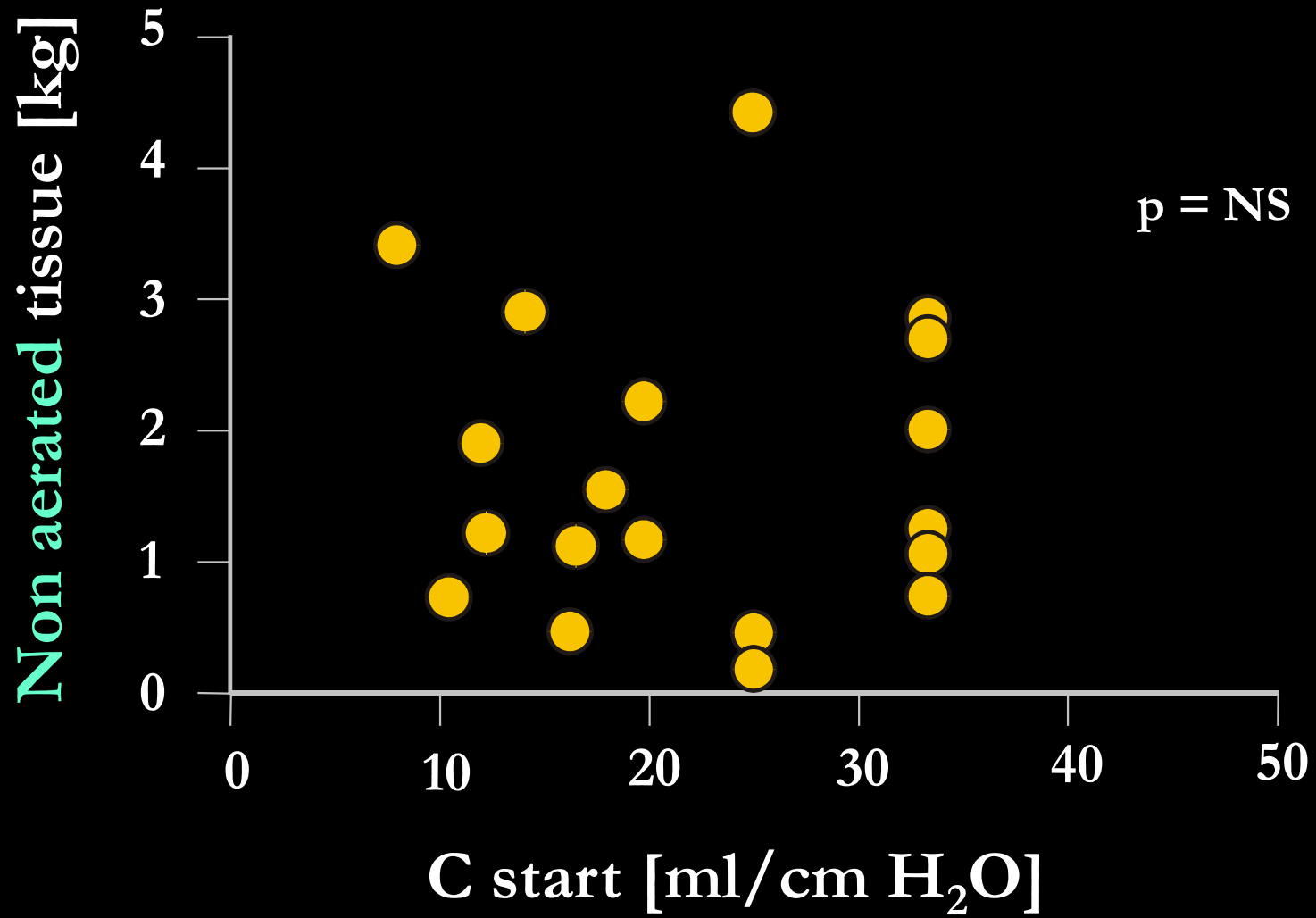
Each voxel,  
the “CT pulmonary unit”  
is a black box

where

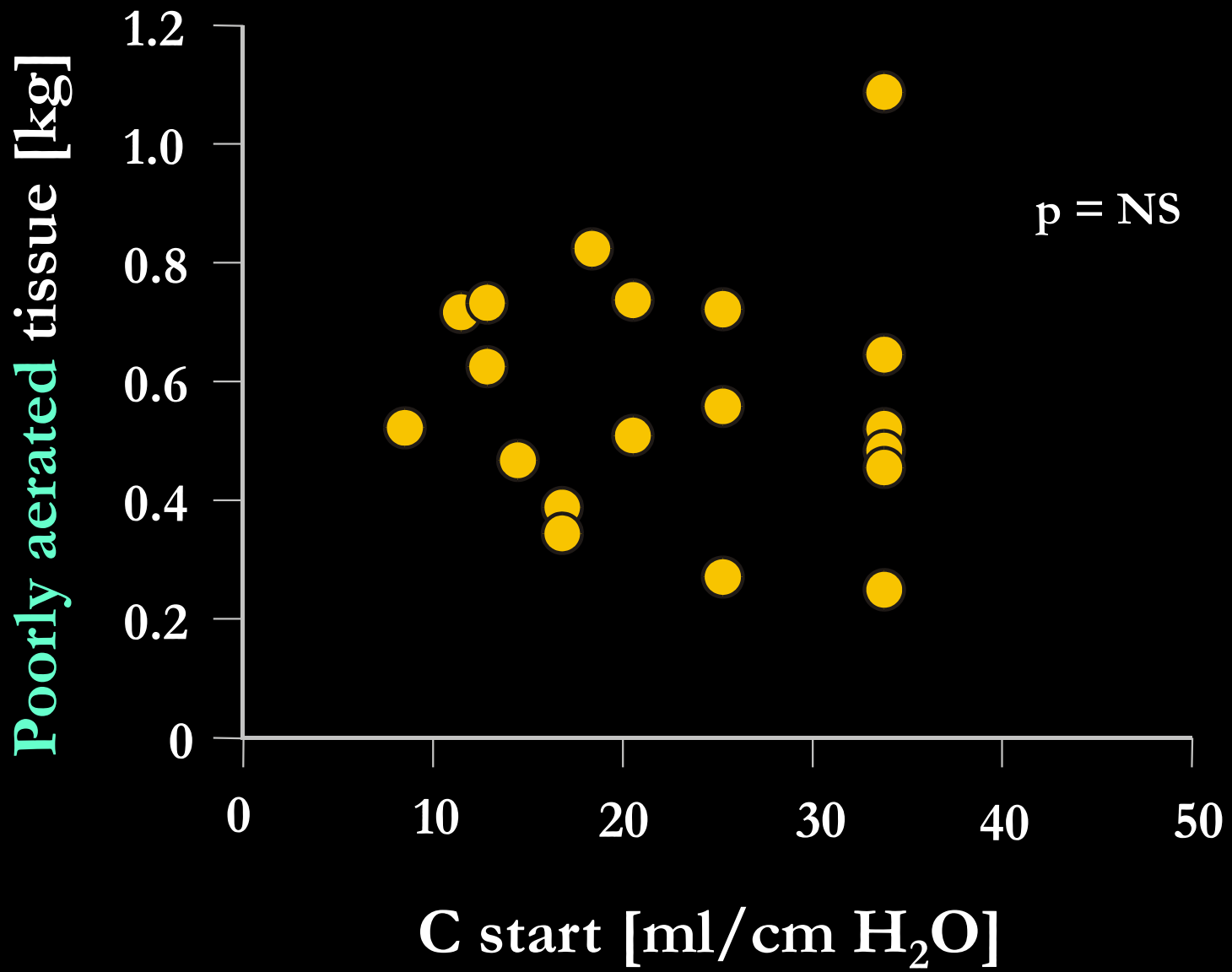
it is impossible to discriminate directly  
the nature of the density

# Volume-Pressure curve

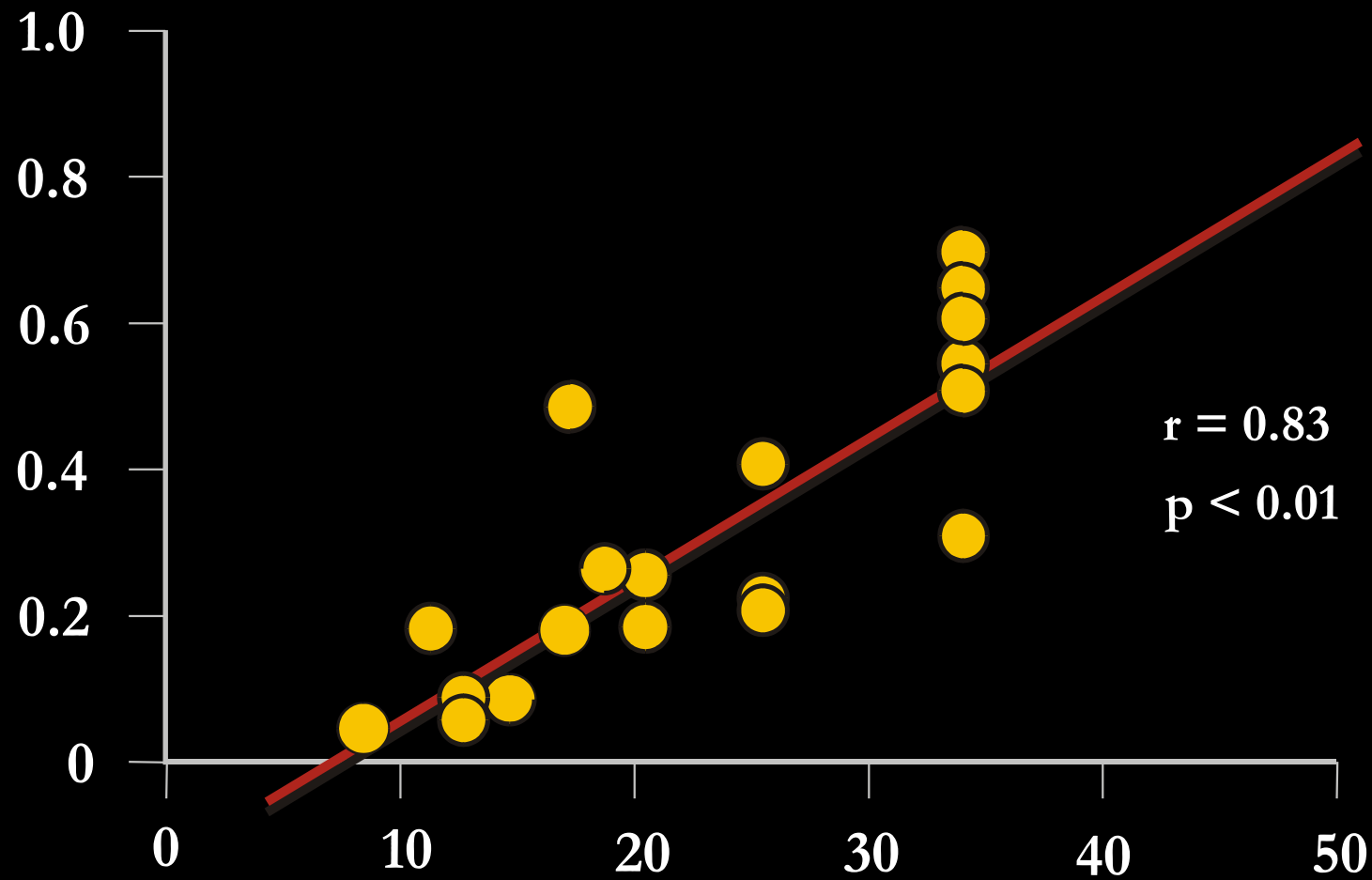








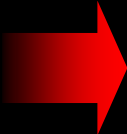
Normally aerated tissue [kg]



$r = 0.83$   
 $p < 0.01$

C start [ml/cm H<sub>2</sub>O]

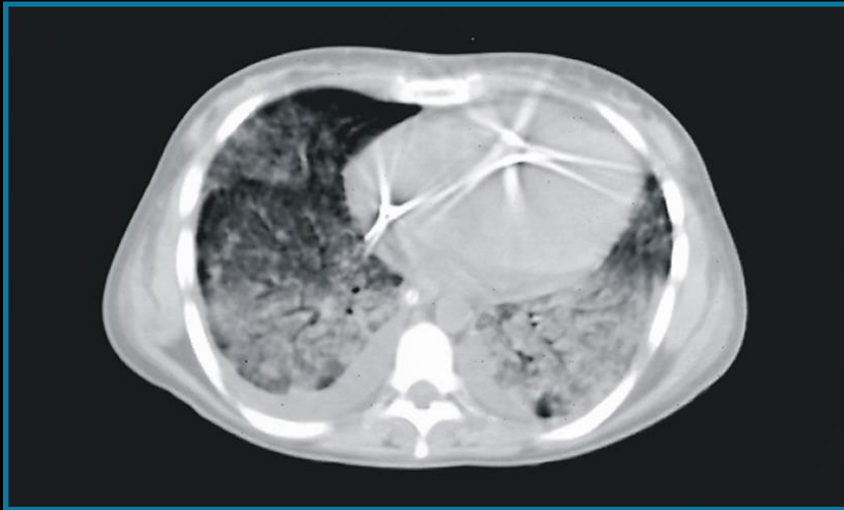
The ARDS lung is small and not stiff

**Normal**  
$$\frac{V_T}{FRC} = \frac{500 \text{ ml}}{2500 \text{ ml}} = 0.2$$

**ARDS**  
$$\frac{V_T}{FRC} = \frac{500 \text{ ml}}{500 \text{ ml}} = 1$$

# End Expiration

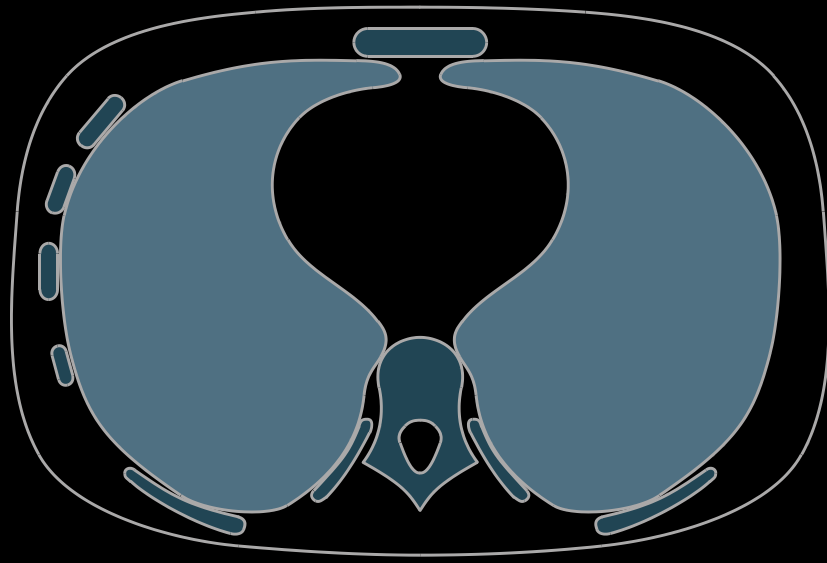
*Supine*



*Prone*

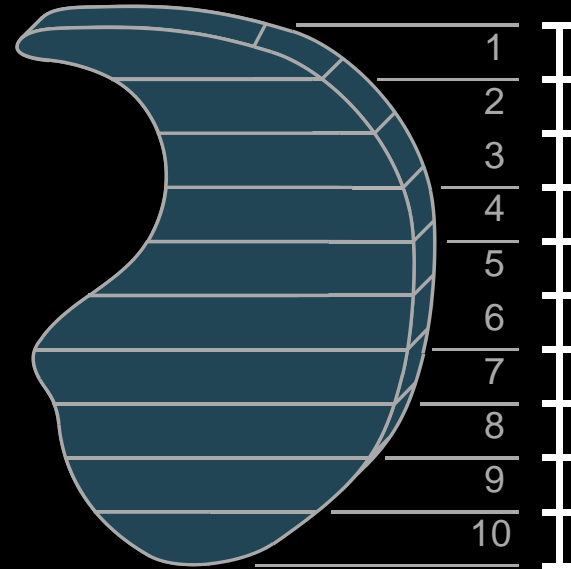


Ventral

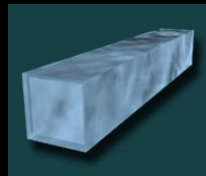


Dorsal

Level

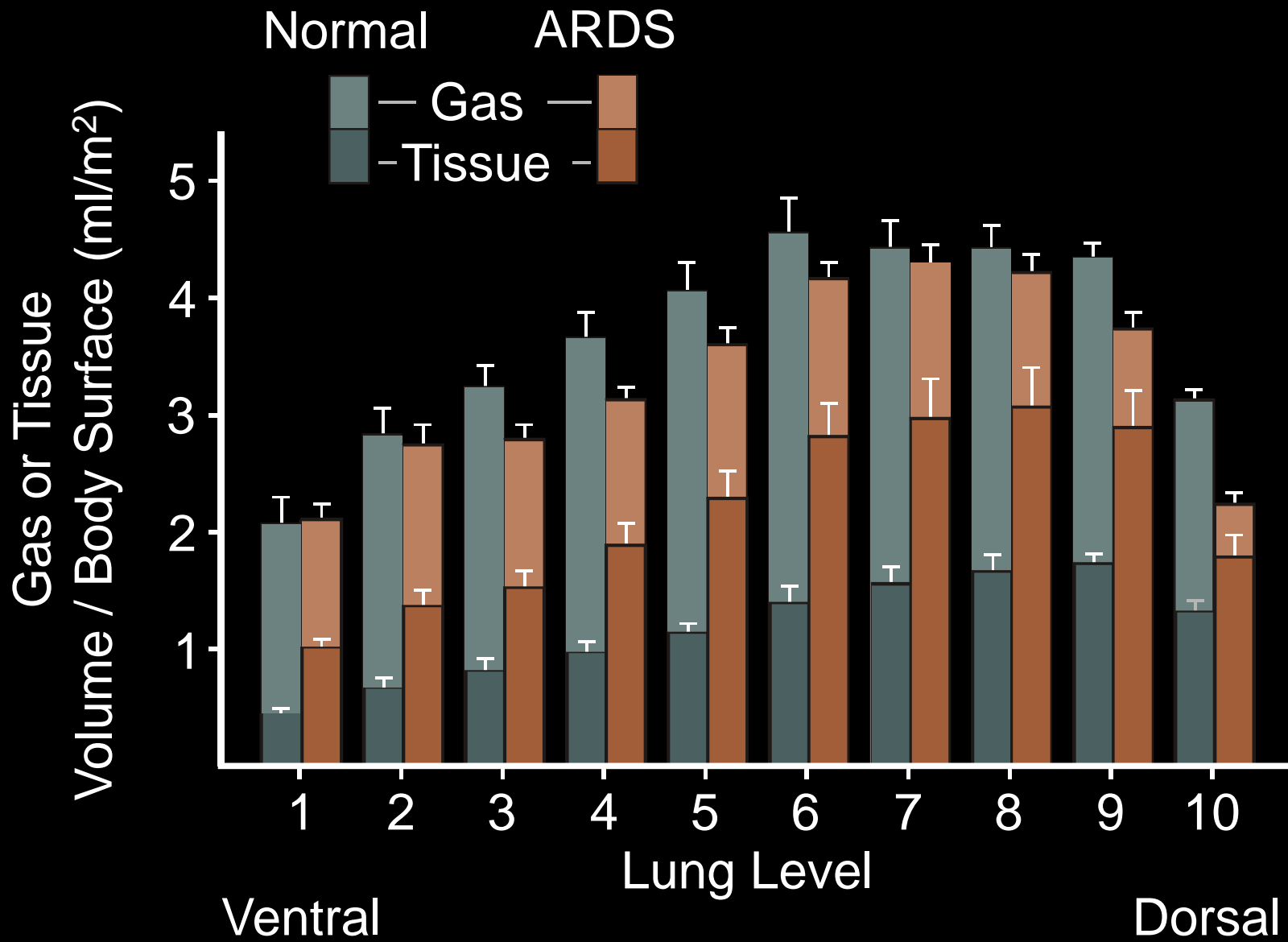


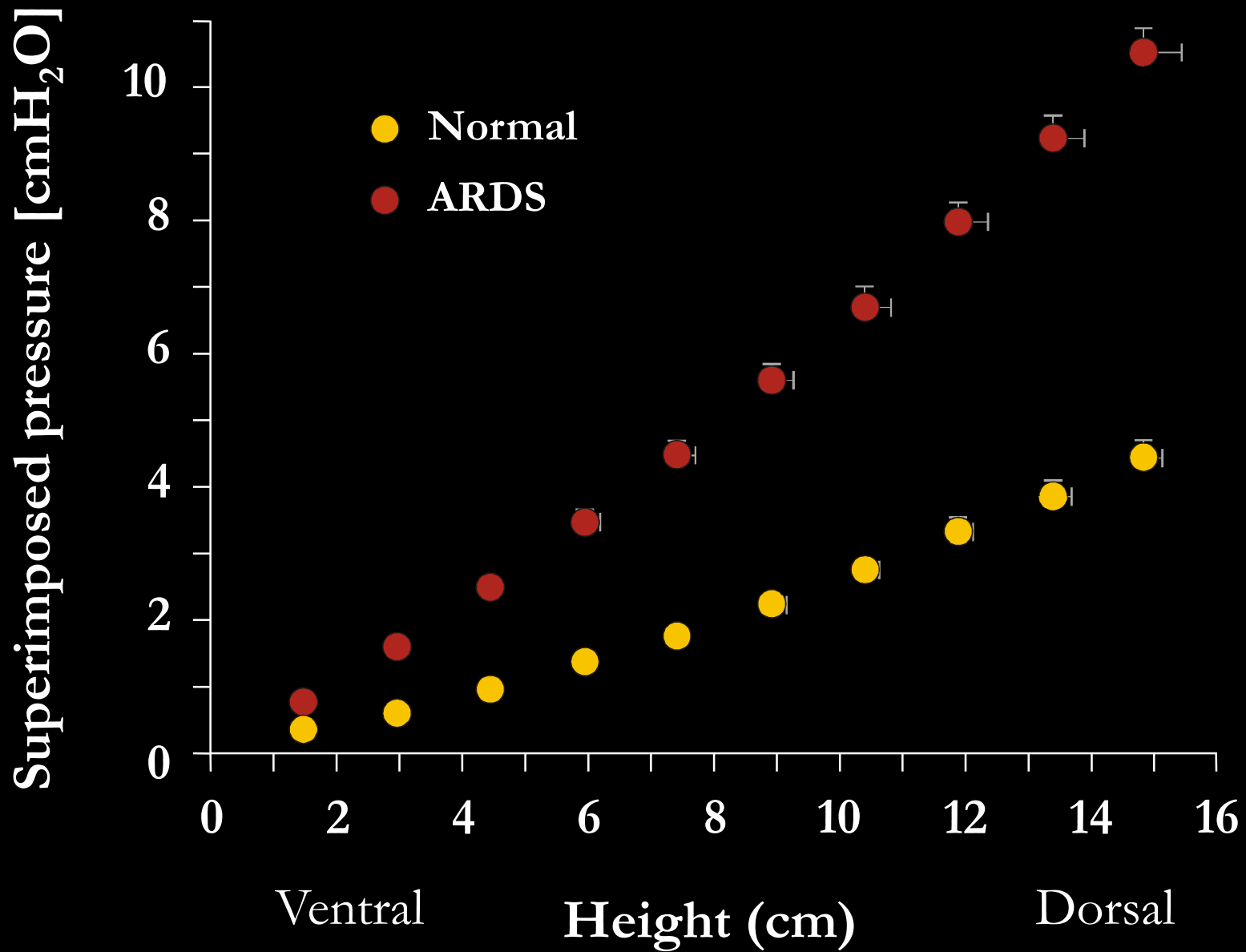
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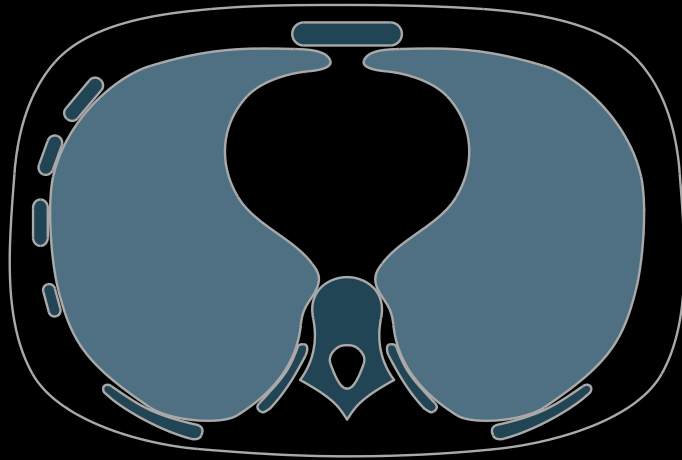
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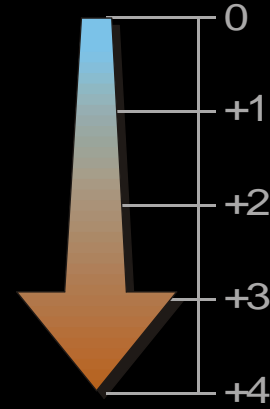


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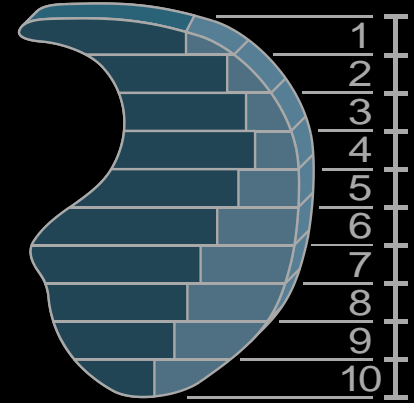
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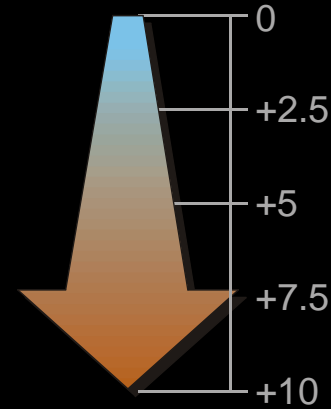
**Normal**

Level

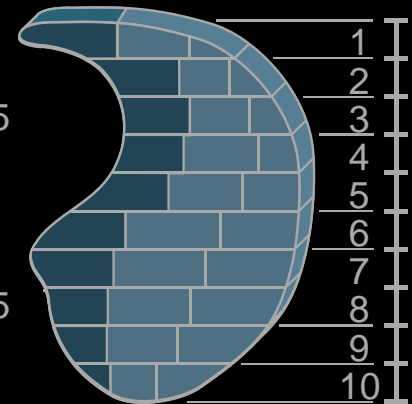


**ARDS**

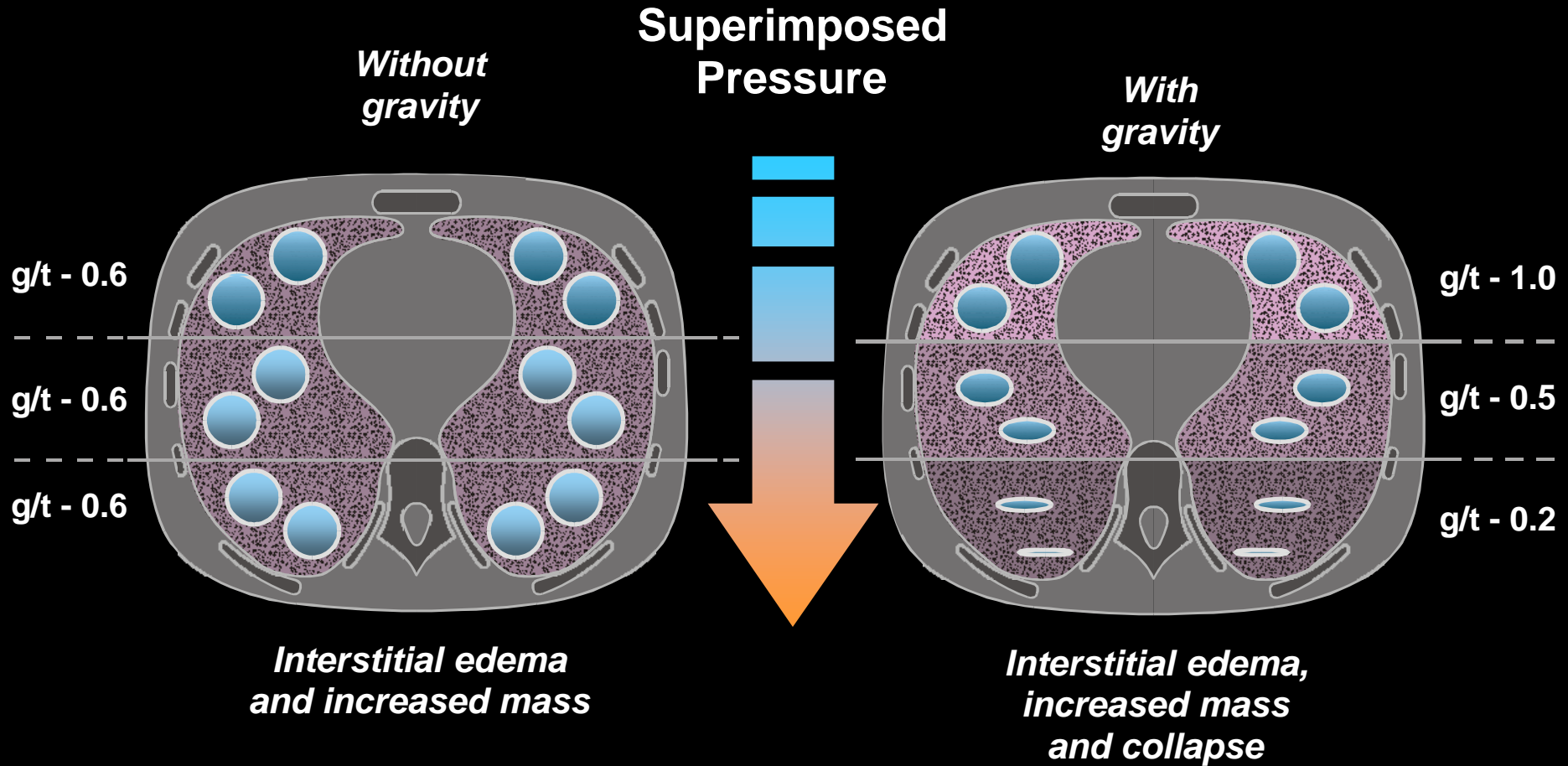
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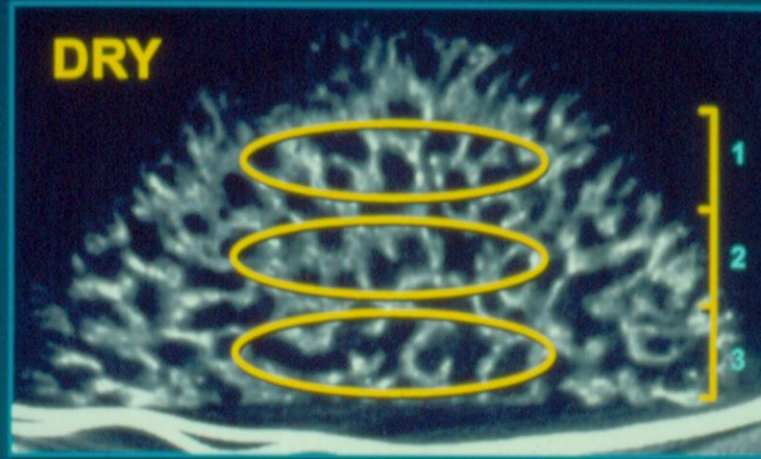
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# The Sponge Model

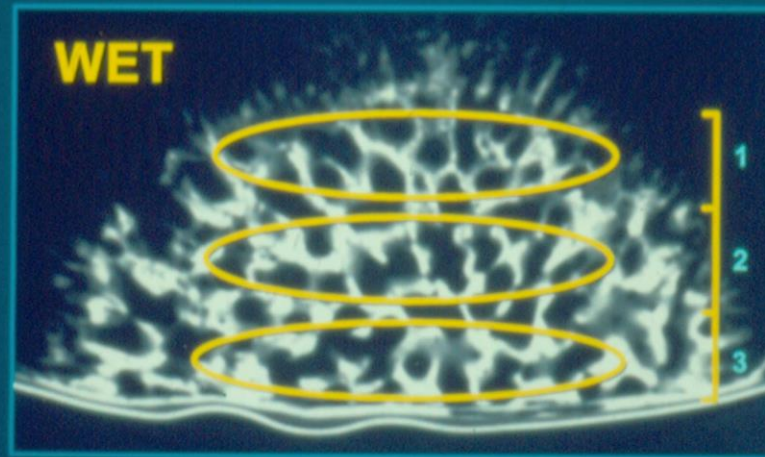


**DRY**



1. mean CT =  $-965.9 \pm 21.2$
2. mean CT =  $-966.5 \pm 19.4$
3. mean CT =  $-968.1 \pm 20.6$

**WET**



1. mean CT =  $-668.2 \pm 295.0$
2. mean CT =  $-594.4 \pm 341.8$
3. mean CT =  $-572.6 \pm 354.2$

# PEEP mechanism

Superimposed  
Pressure

*PEEP = 0*

*PEEP = 10*

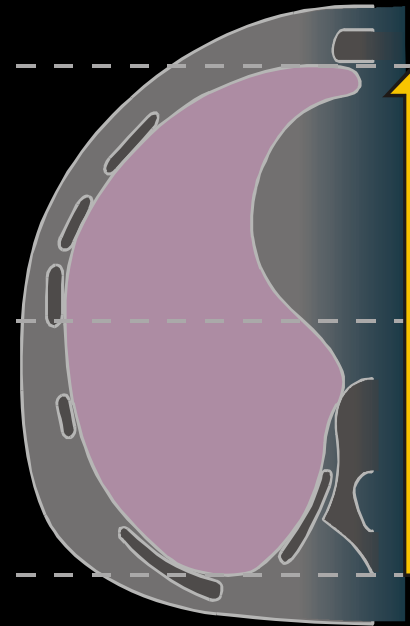
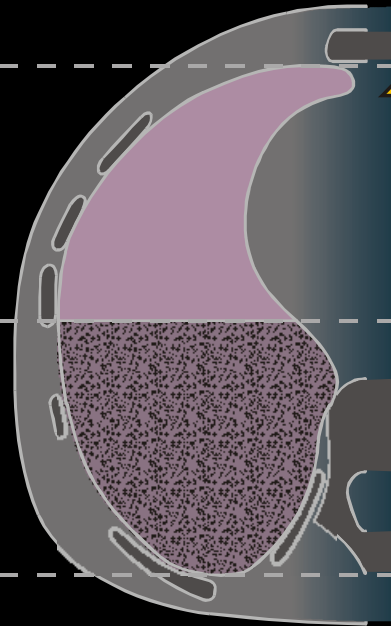
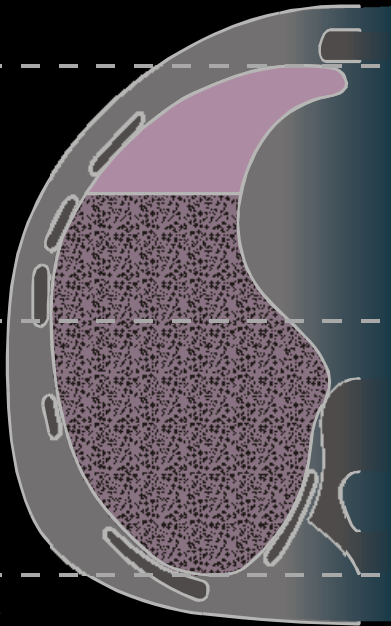
*PEEP = 20*

$\text{cmH}_2\text{O}$

0

10

20

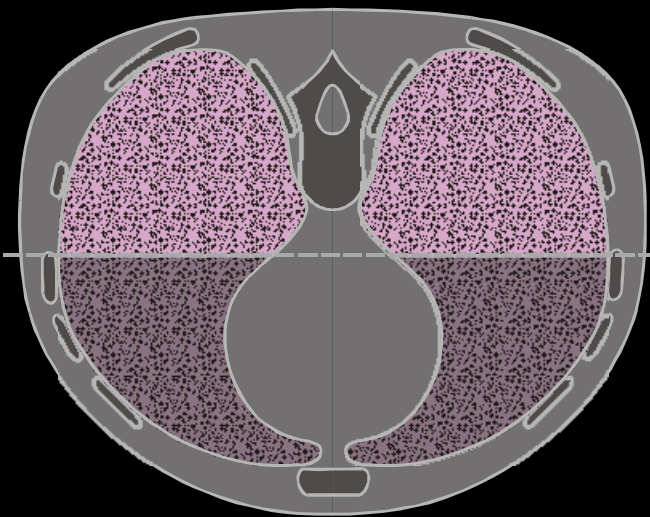
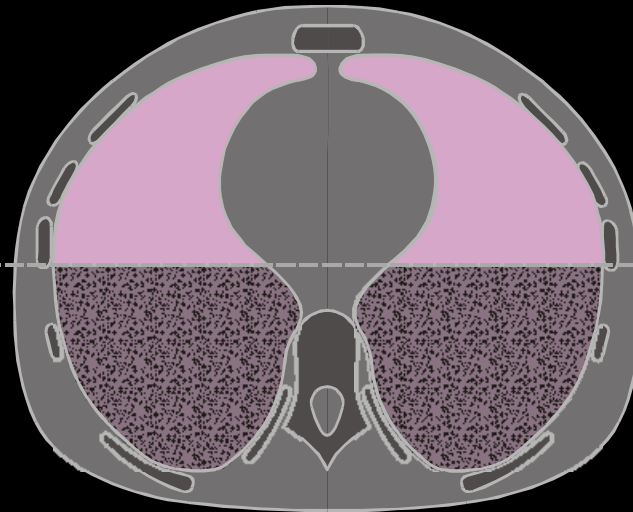
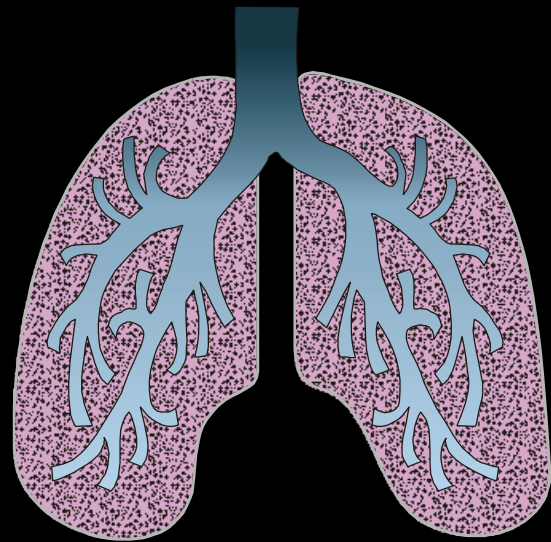


# ALI / ARDS modeling (early phase)

*Stiff*

*Small*

*Small*



**The uniform lung**

**The baby lung**

**The sponge lung**

# Early vs late ARDS

## N° PATIENTS

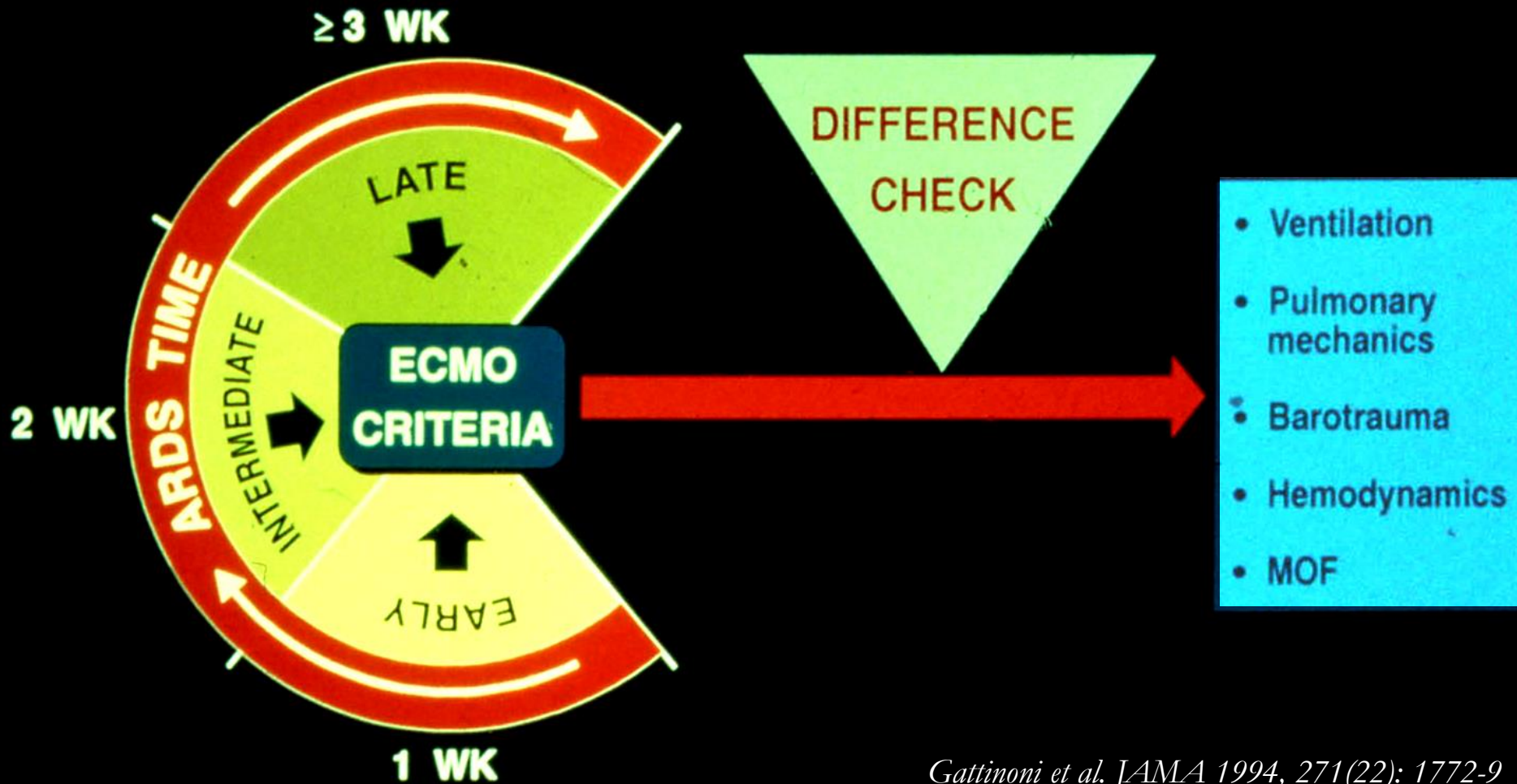
**EARLY ARDS = 37**

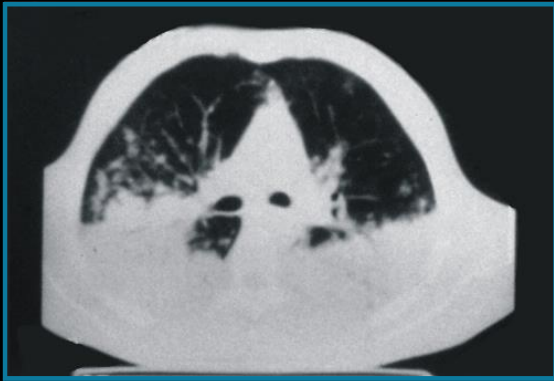
**INTERMEDIATE ARDS = 24**

**LATE ARDS = 23**

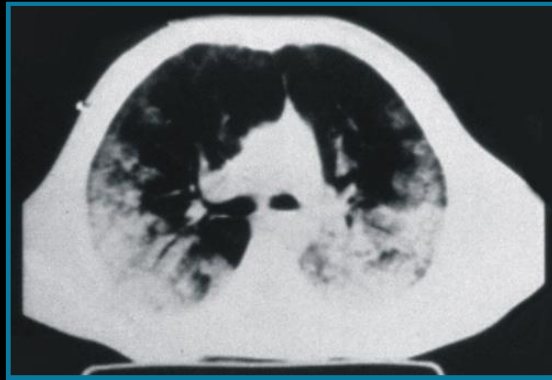


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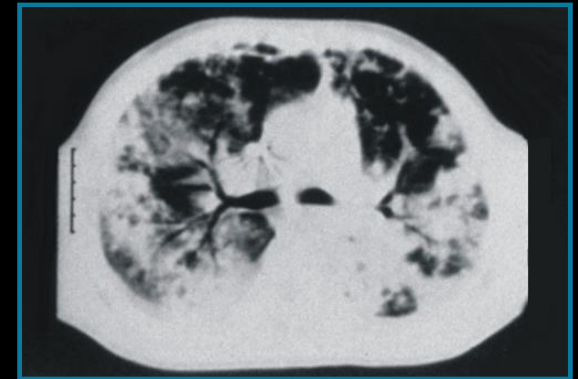




**Early ARDS**  
*(week 1)*

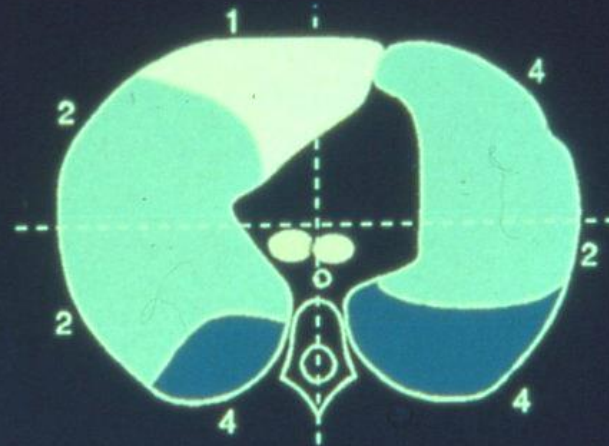


**Intermediate ARDS**  
*(week 2)*



**Late ARDS**  
*(week  $\leq 3$ )*

# Early vs late ARDS



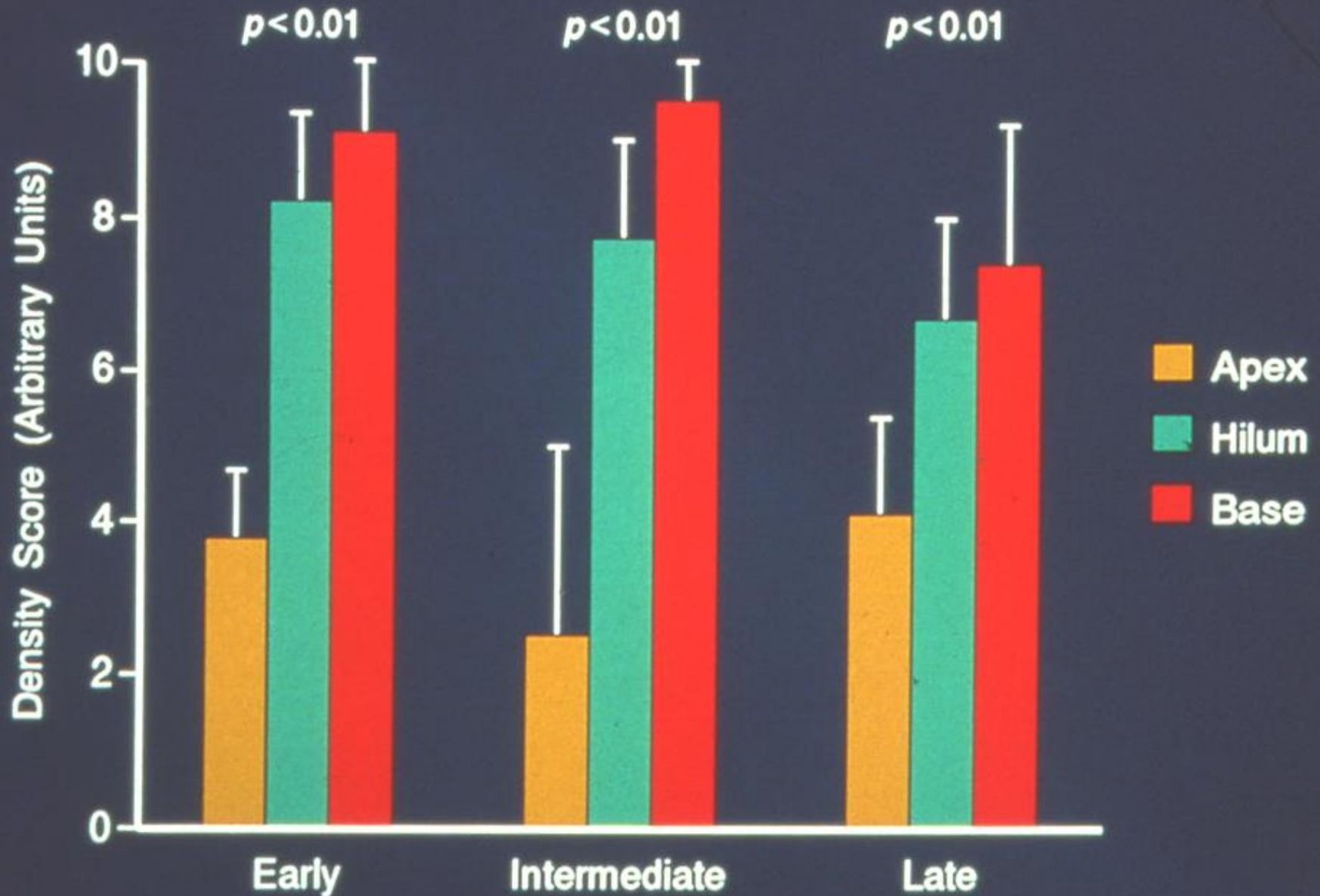
hazy (1-2)

patchy (2-4)

compact (4-8)

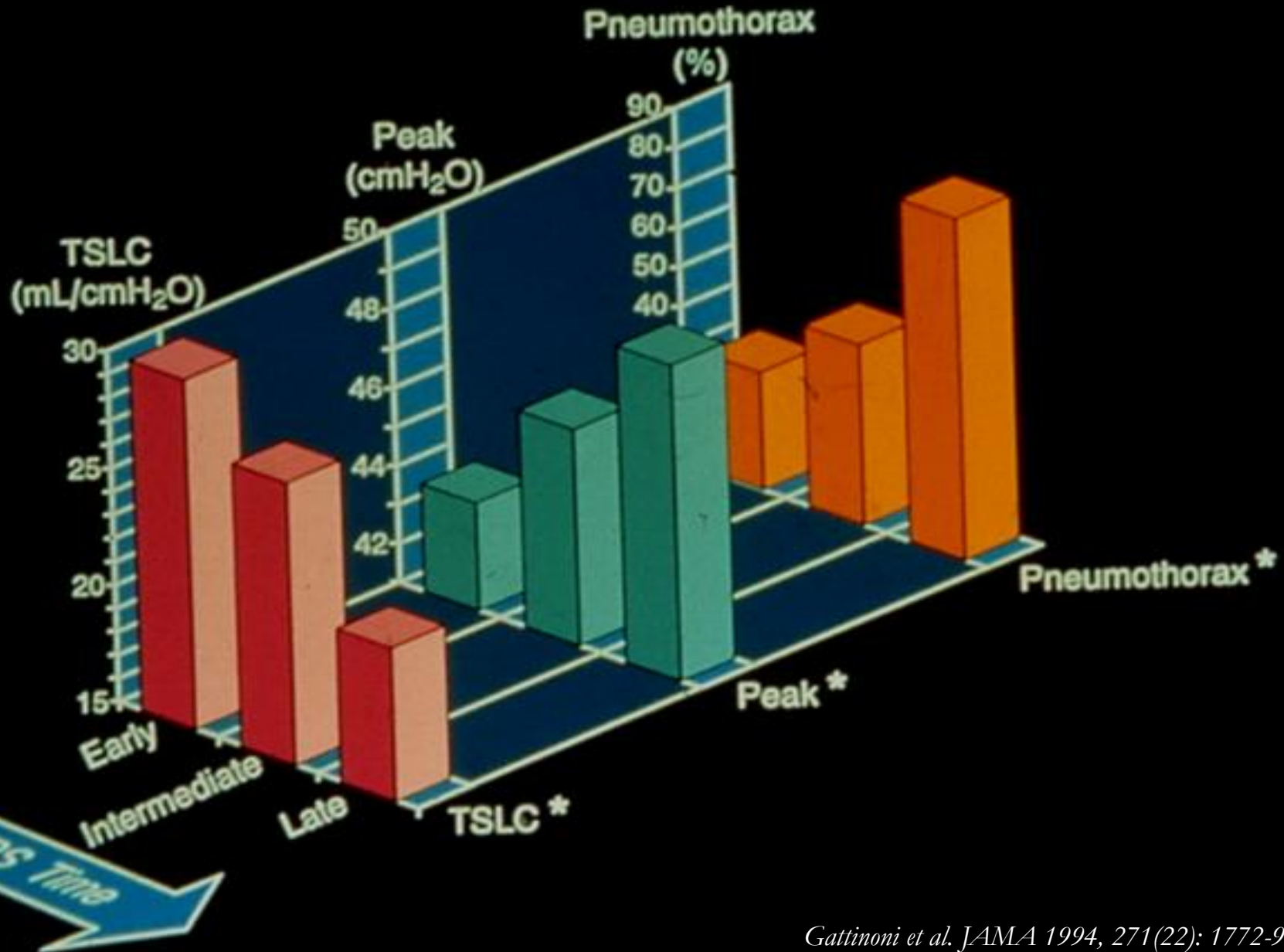


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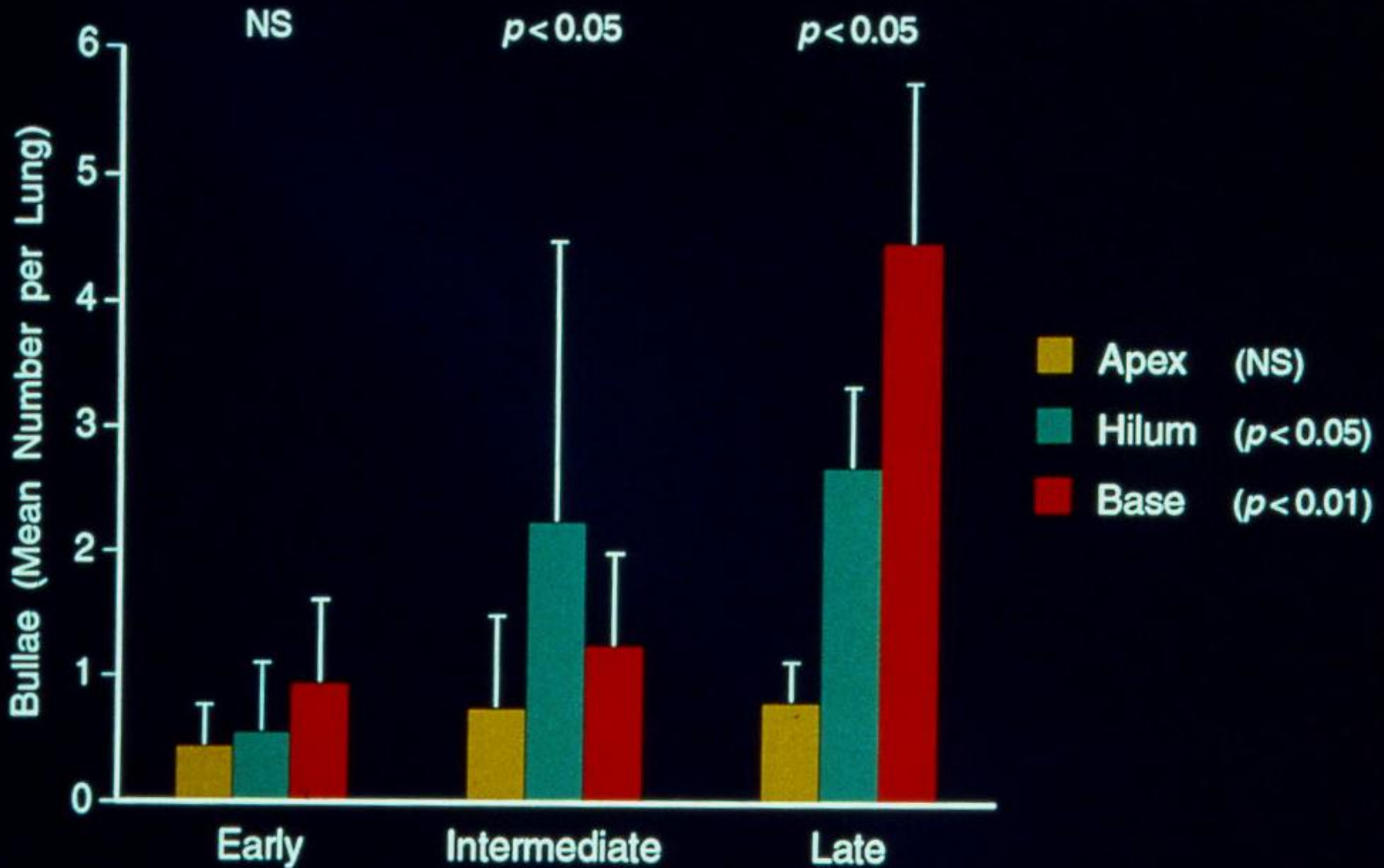




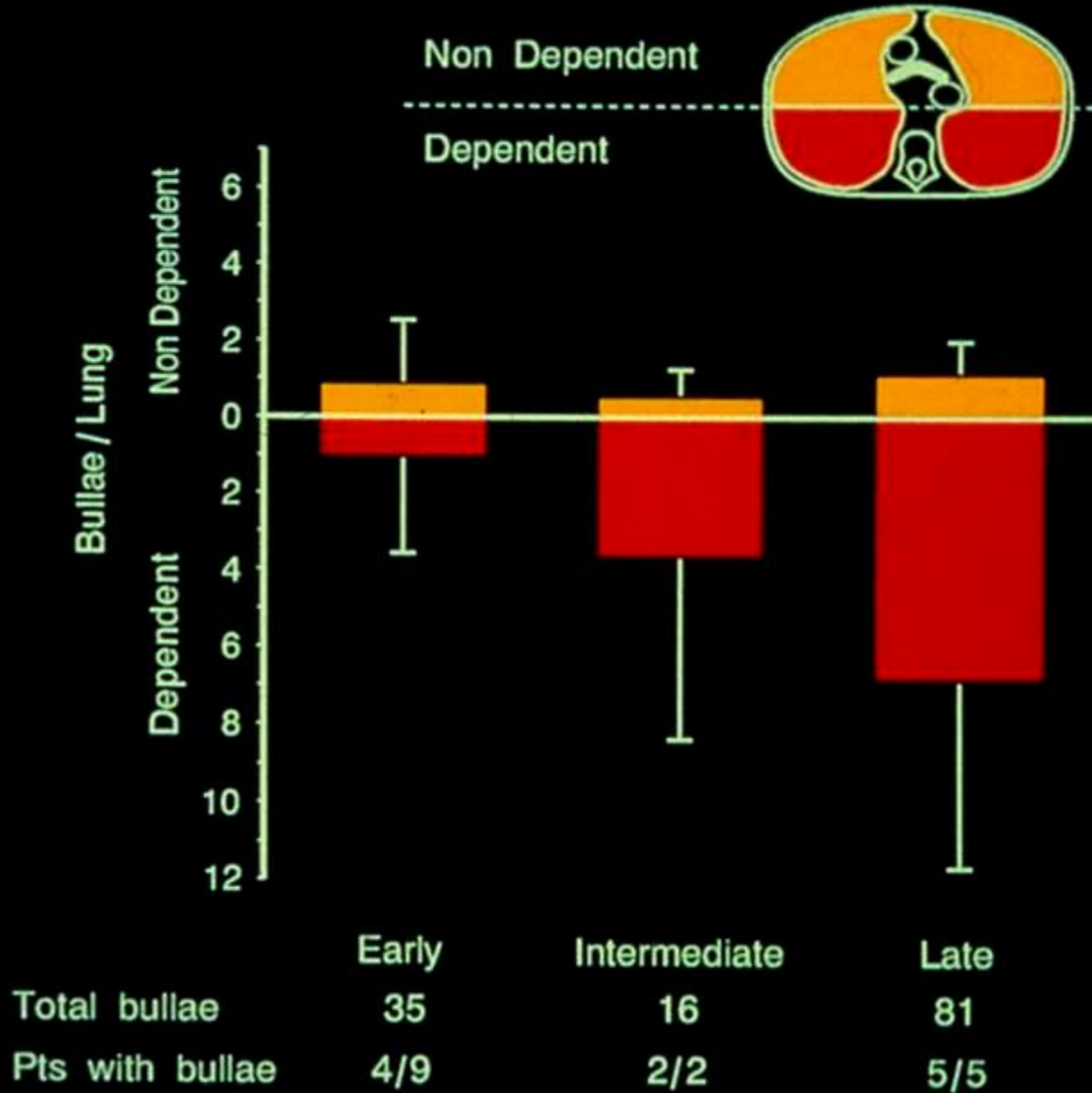
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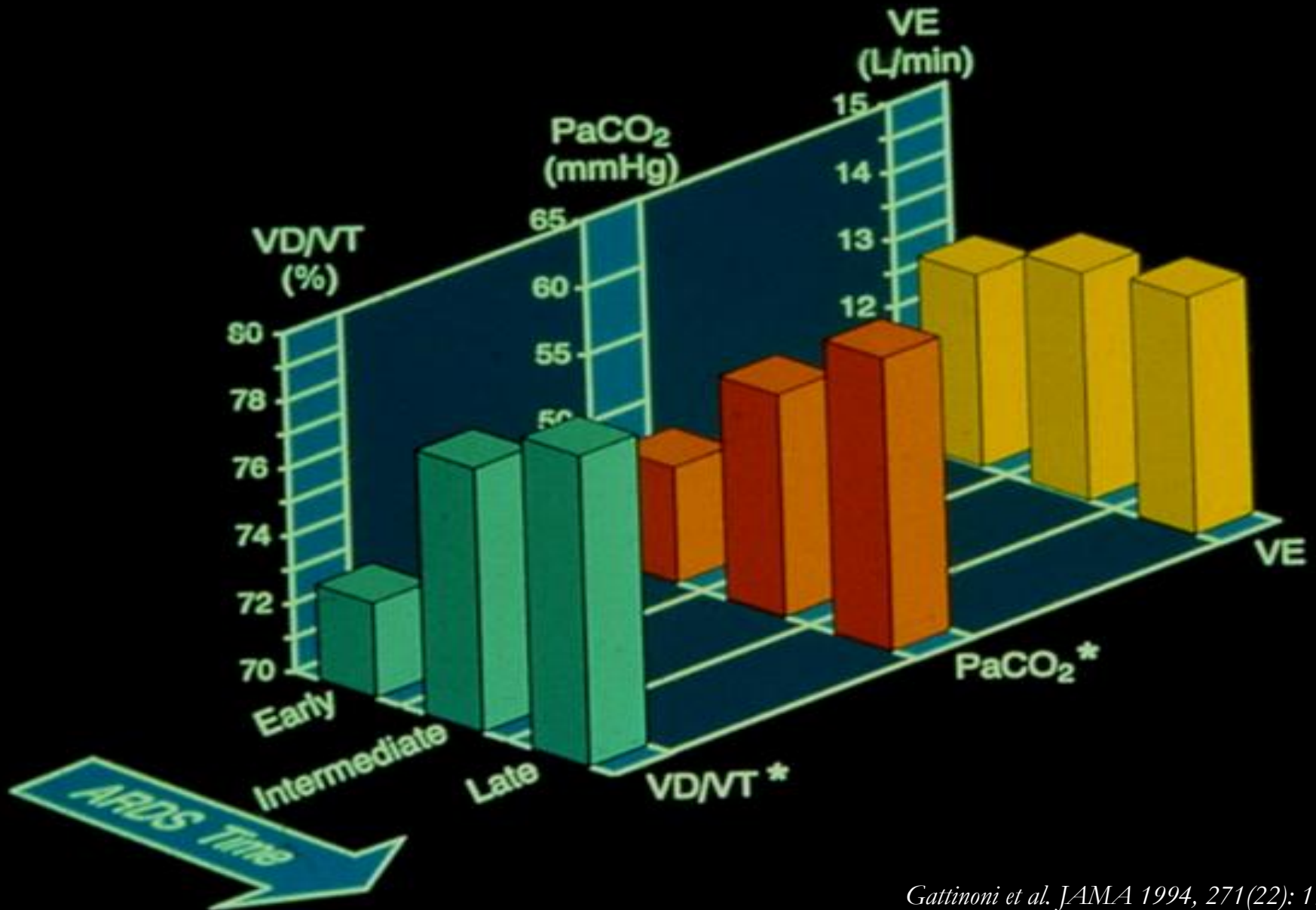
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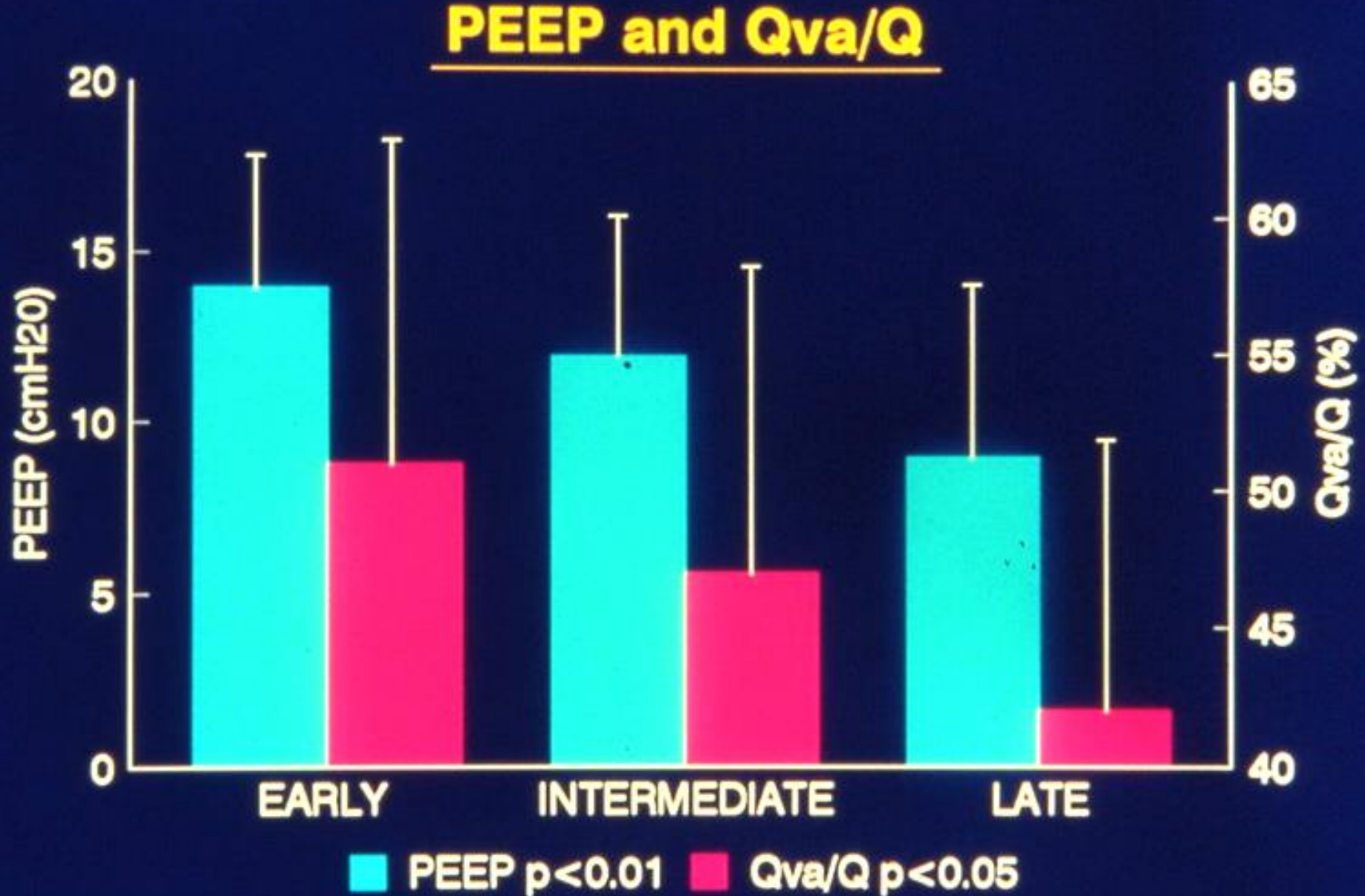


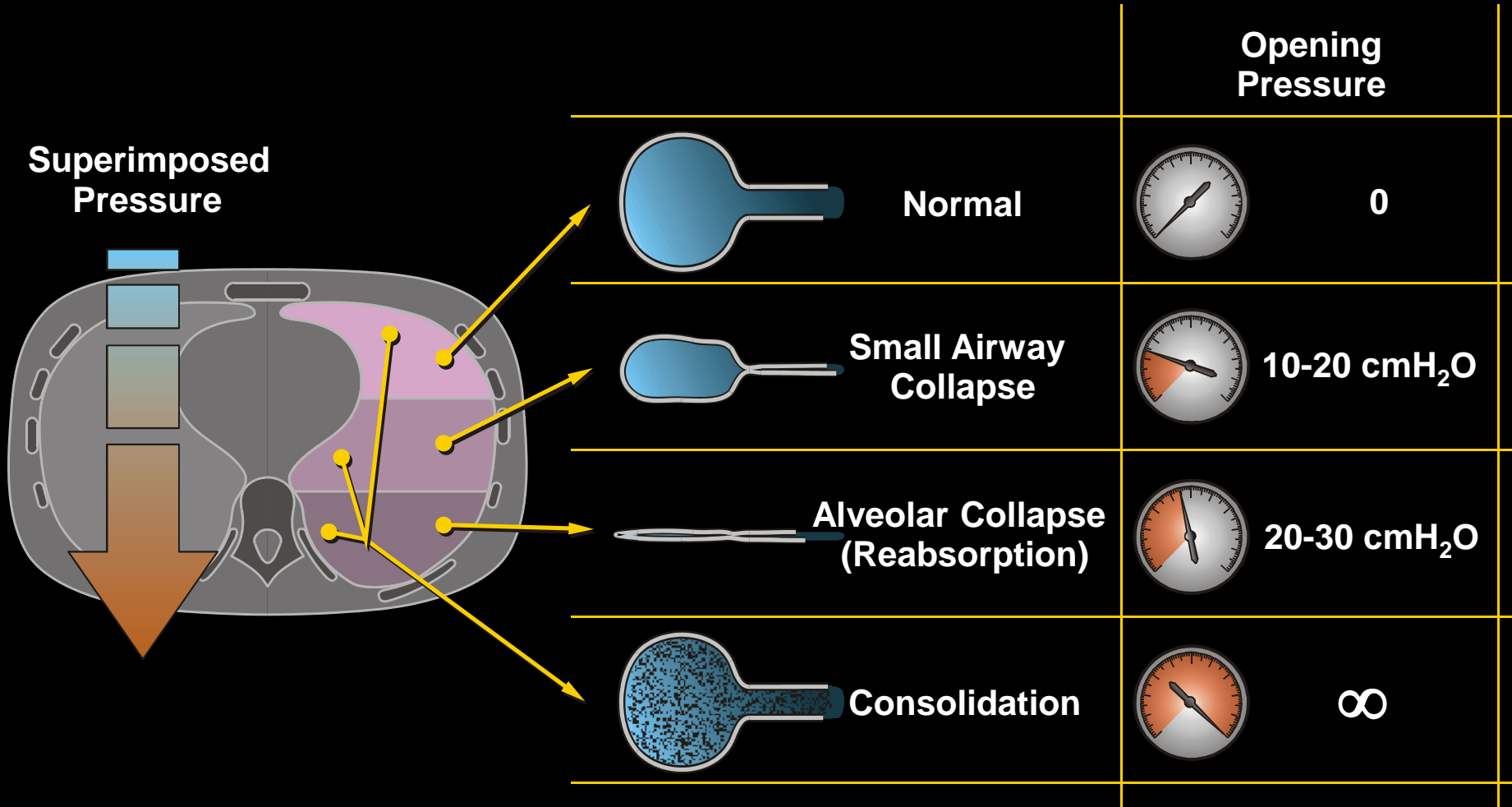
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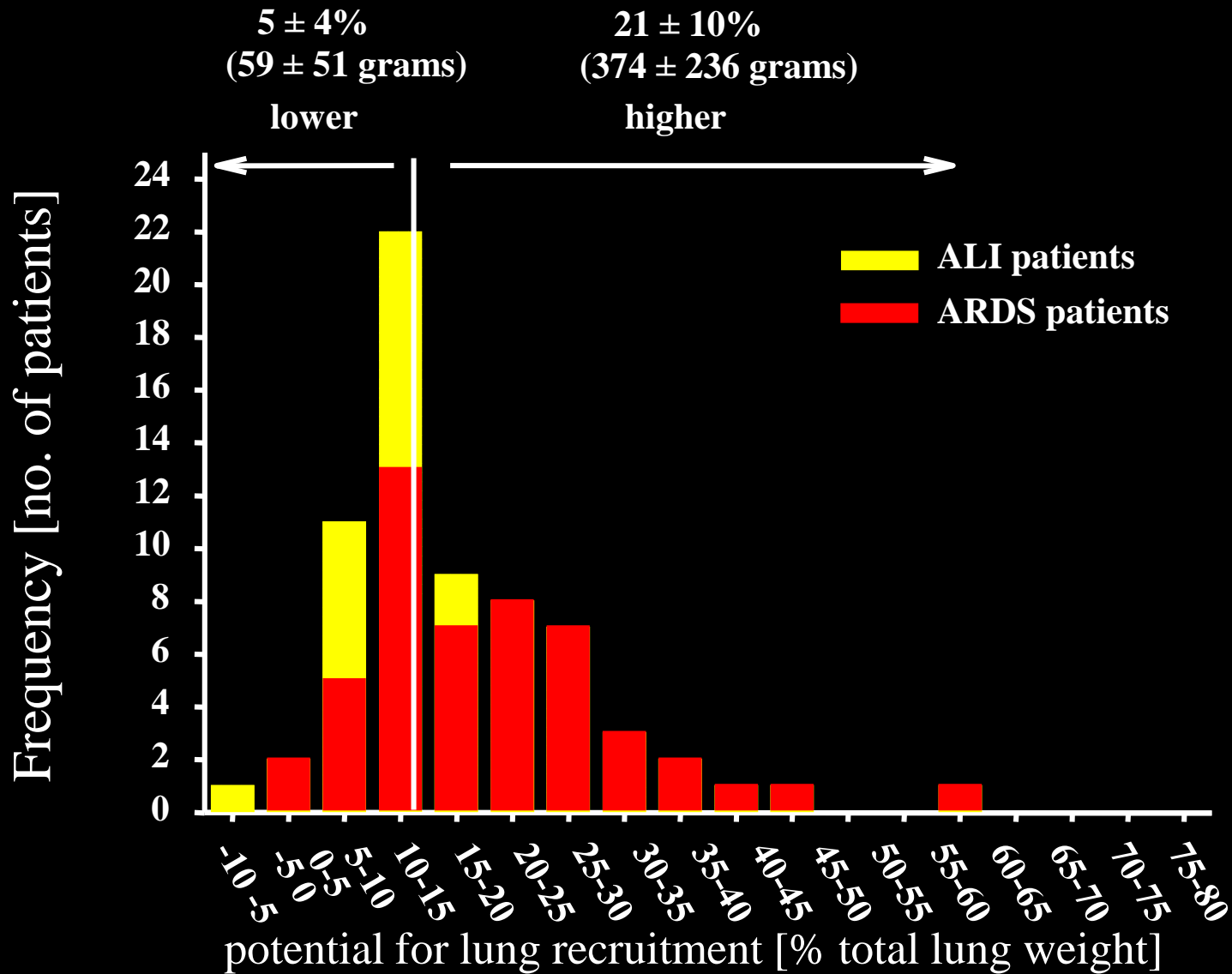


# Early vs late ARDS





# Potential for lung recruitment

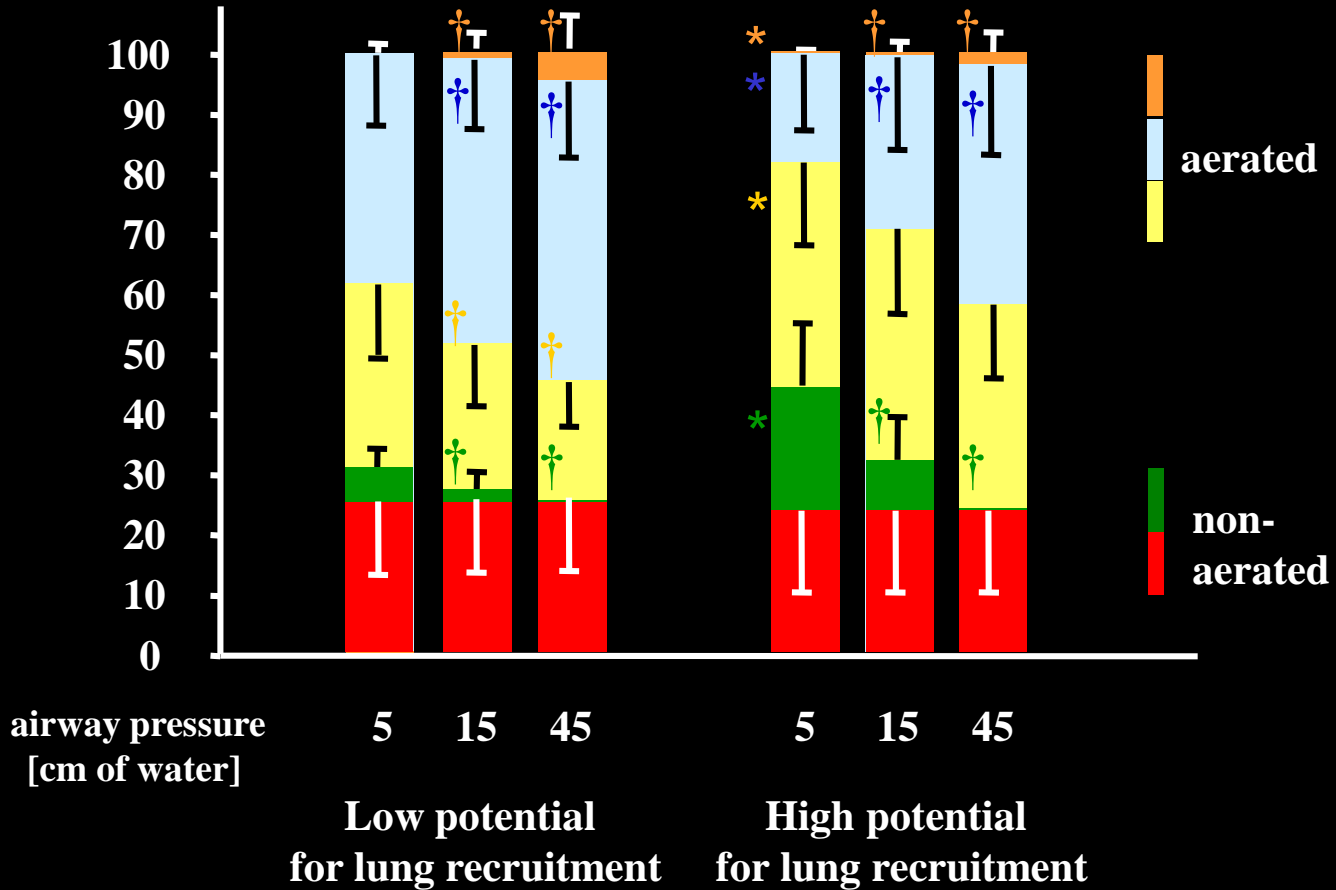


■ potential for recruitment    ■ overinflated  
■ consolidated                      ■ normally-aerated  
■ poorly

lung weight [gr]    1266 ± 327

1735\* ± 547

Tissue weight [% total lung weight]

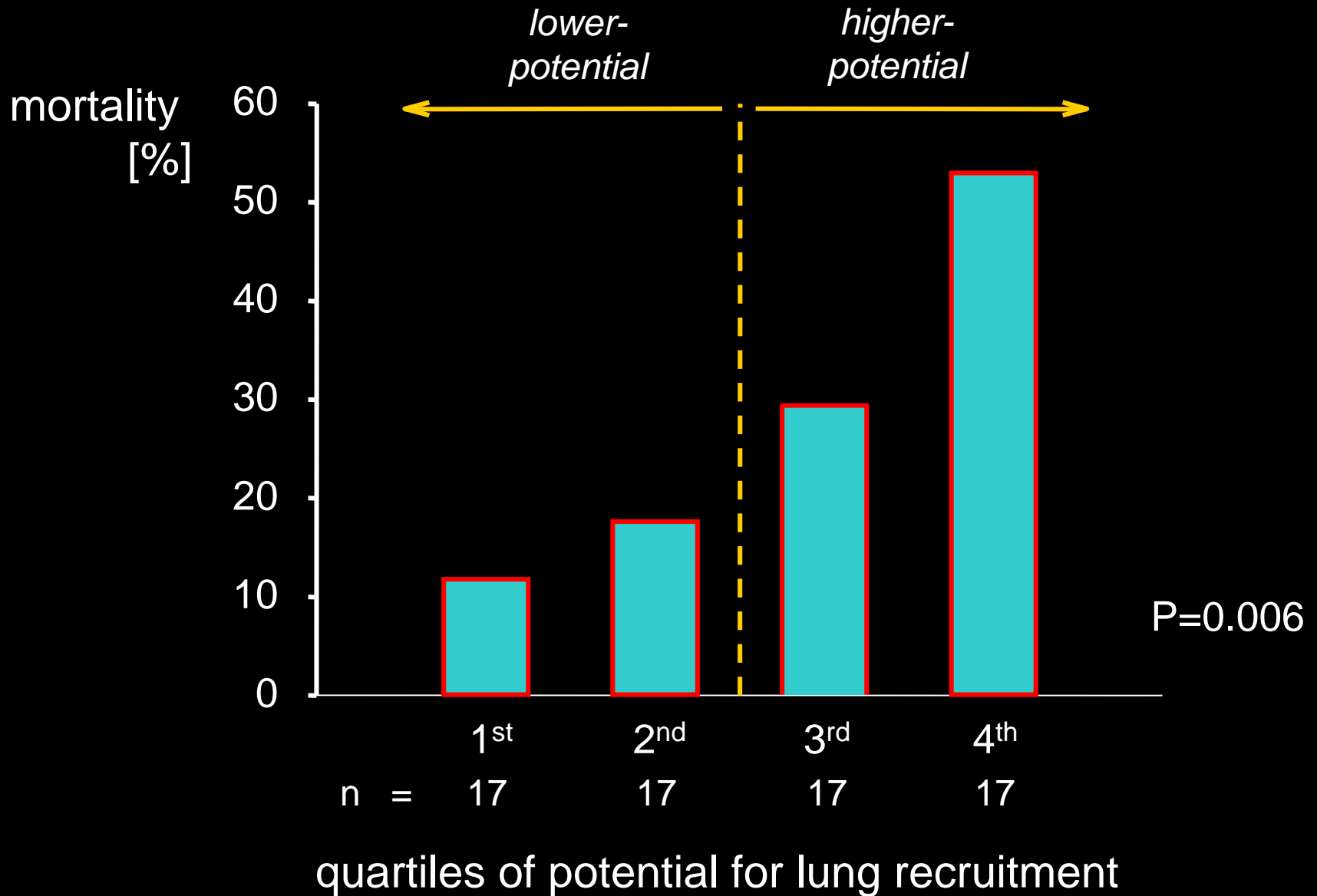


\*P<0.01 vs. patients with a low potential for lung recruitment,  
 †P<0.01 vs. 5 cm of water of PEEP within the same group.

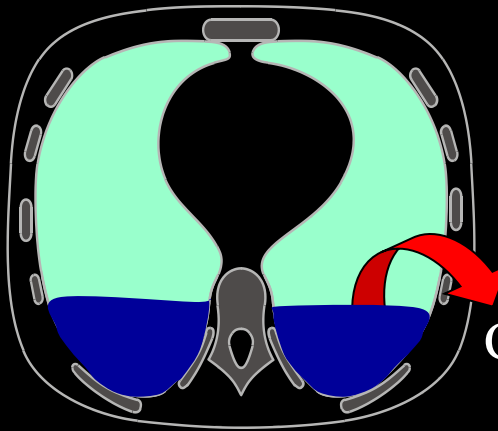
# ALI/ARDS lung composition

	Lower potential for recruitment (34 pts)	Higher potential for recruitment (34 pts)	P
Lung weight	1266±327	1735±547	0.0001
% Open	70±12	56±17	<0.0001
% openable at 45cmH <sub>2</sub> O	5±4	21±10	<0.0001
% always closed	25±12	24±14	0.69

# Mortality at ICU-discharge



# Possible model

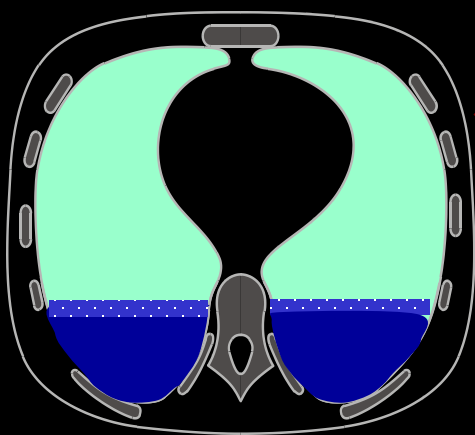


Core disease  
24%

Inflammation  
spreading

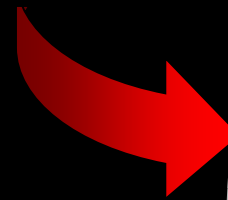
Lower

Higher



71%  
5%  
24%

Lower severity and mortality



55%  
21%  
24%

Higher severity and mortality

## Conclusion

- ➔ Early ARDS is characterized by edema and intact lung structure (baby lung)
- ➔ Recruitability is function of the extent of edema
- ➔ With time lung structure is altered associated with increased dead space and  $\text{PCO}_2$



Thank you

Grazie