

# Funzionalità respiratoria ed Asma in età prescolare

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# ASMA

Sintomo

wheezing

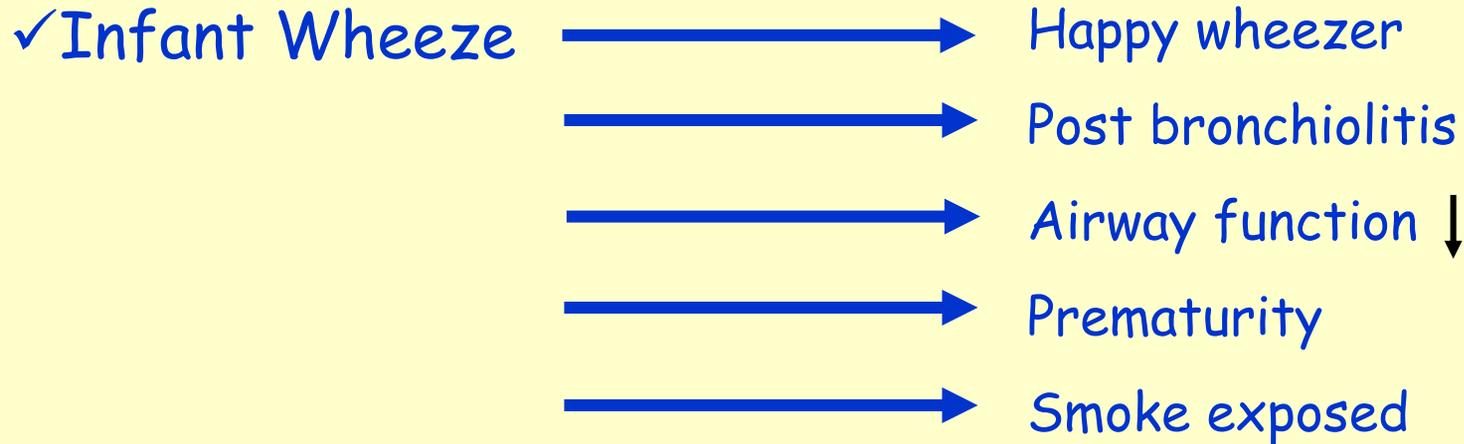
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Malattia

Asthma

aeree

# Asthma syndromes in children



✓ Atopic Asthma

✓ Wheezy bronchitis

✓ Cough

# TO DIAGNOSE ASTHMA IN INFANTS THINK OF THE “3R”

## Reattività

- ◀ Dovrebbe esserci un fattore trigger facilmente identificabile, di solito un'infezione virale

## Reversibilità

- ◀ L'ostruzione delle vie aeree è reversibile dopo somministrazione di broncodilatante

## Ricorrenza

- ◀ Di solito più di tre episodi

*Finder Curr. Probl. Pediatr. 1999; 29: 65*

# A CLINICAL INDEX TO DEFINE ASTHMA RISK

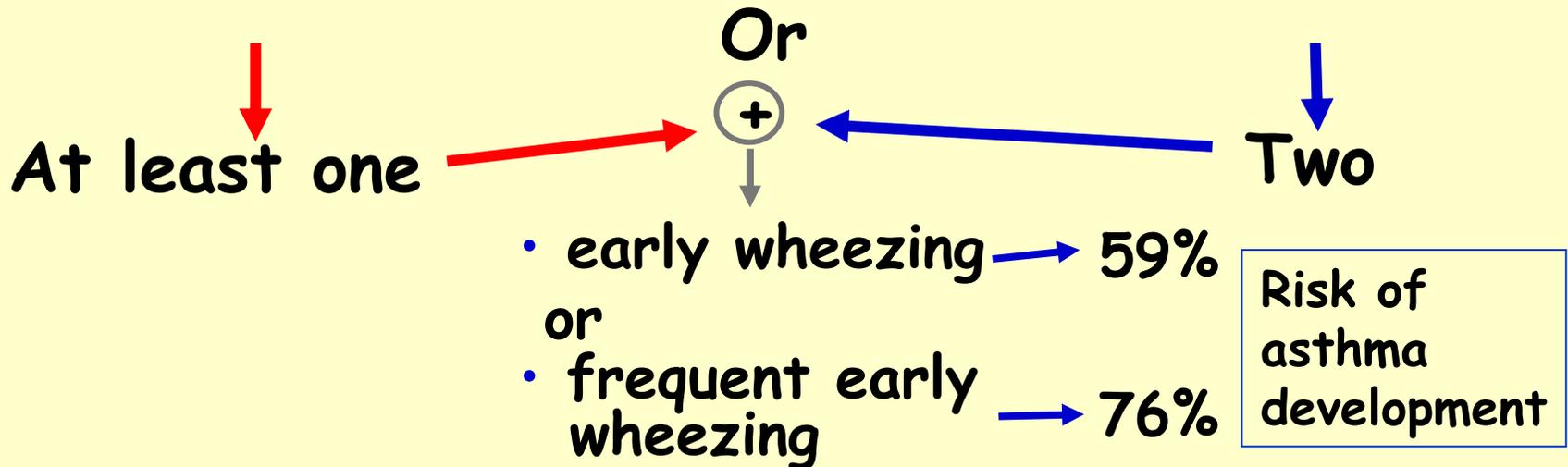
Major

← CRITERIA →

Minor

- 1) Parental asthma
- 2) Eczema
- 3) Atopy

- 1) Allergic rhinitis
- 2) Wheezing apart from cold
- 3) Eosinophilia ( $\geq 4\%$ )



*Prognostic factor for asthma and wheezing illness  
from childhood to adulthood*

*Helms PJ, Amin SS - Breathe 2004 1:131*

Persistence

- ✓ Female
- ✓ Onset < 2 years
- ✓ Personal atopy
- ✓ Severe disease
- ✓ Bronchial hyperresponsiveness

Resolution

- ✓ Male
- ✓ Onset > 2 years

Uncertain

- ✓ Prematurity
- ✓ Bronchiolitis
- ✓ Family atopy
- ✓ Maternal smoking

# Allergici si nasce?



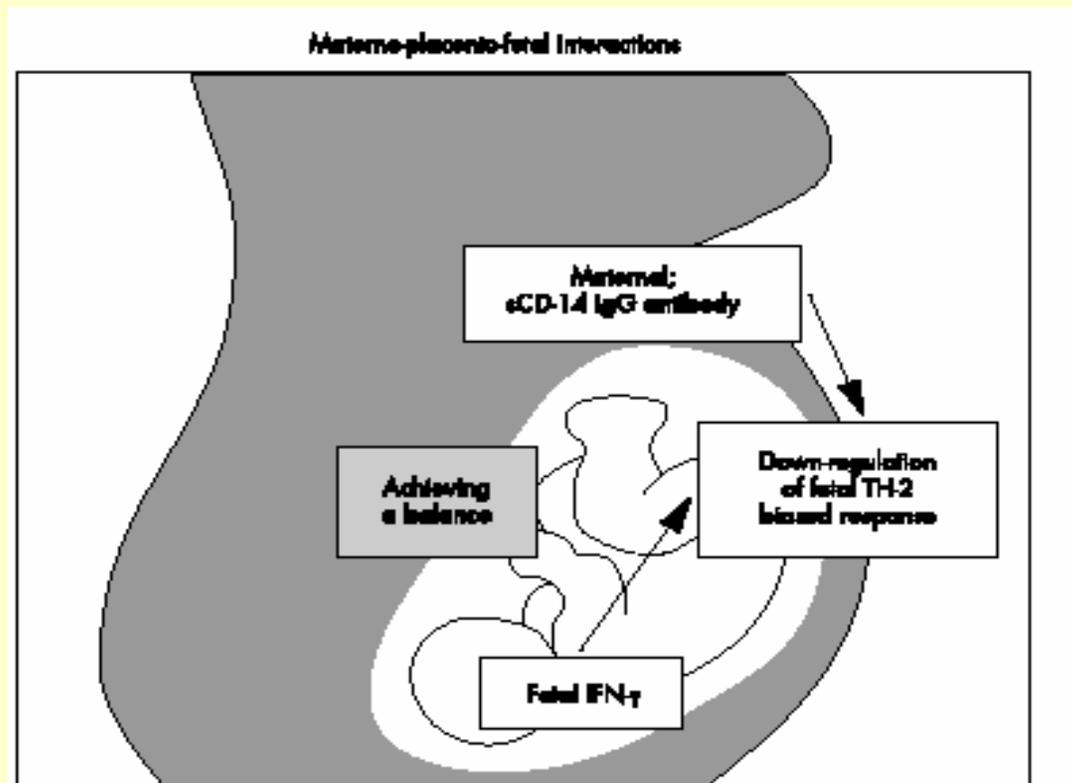
Il pattern  
Th2 è  
presente in  
tutti i  
neonati

# The early life origins of asthma and related allergic disorders

J O Warner

A focus on the way the disease evolves in early life

Arch Dis Child 2004;89:97–102.





Sebbene il remodelling è stato considerato essere secondario ad un'inflammatione di lunga durata, studi biotici in bambini piccoli hanno mostrato una ristrutturazione morfologica già quattro anni prima dell'inizio dei sintomi (ERJ 1997; 10: Suppl.25, 160s), indicando un processo che inizia precocemente nello sviluppo dell' asma ed avviene contemporaneamente allo stabilirsi dell'inflammatione persistente.

Eur Respir J 2003; 22: Suppl. 44, 24s–29s- Pediatr Allergy Immunol 2005; 16: 43



Sito dell'infiammazione

✓ Piccole vie aeree

✓ Grandi vie aeree

✓ Zona silente (<2 mm)

Tipo di cellula coinvolta

✓ Eosinofili

✓ Neutrofili

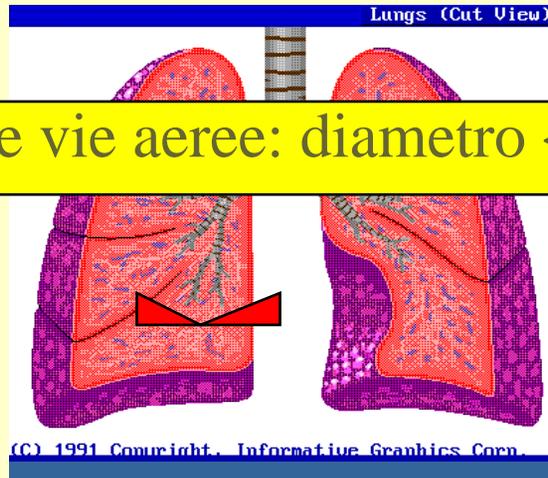
Danno funzionale

Riduzione dei  
meccanismi di  
compenso

# Distal Lung

## La zona silente

Mead J et al. – J Appl Physiol 1970 ; 28: 596

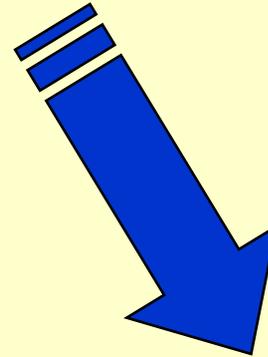
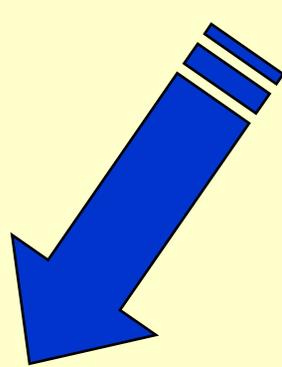


Piccole vie aeree: diametro  $< 2$  mm

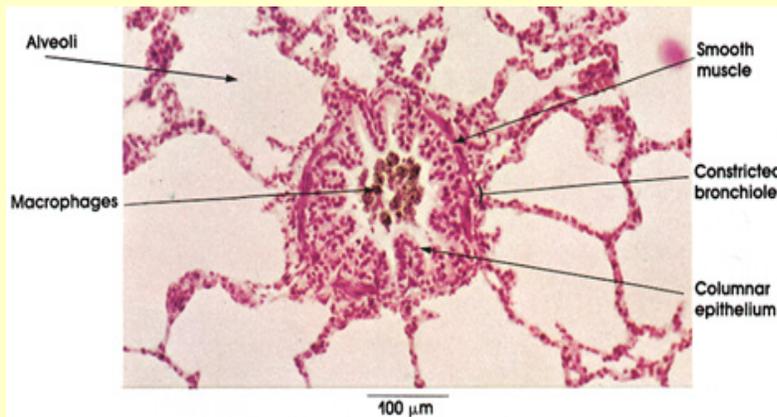
Studi fisiopatologici evidenziano che l'unità "Distal Lung", che include le piccole vie aeree ( $< 2$  mm) ed il parenchima polmonare, partecipa alla patogenesi dell'Asma.

M. Kraft Eur Respir J 1999; 14: 1403-1417

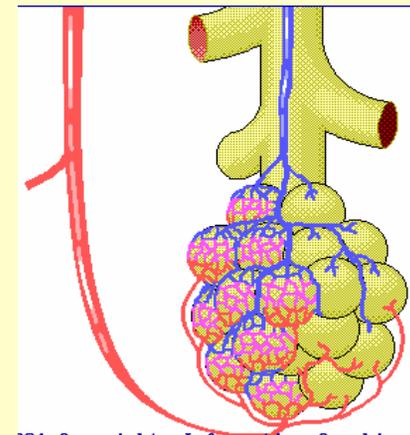
# Distal Lung



## Parenchima Polmonare



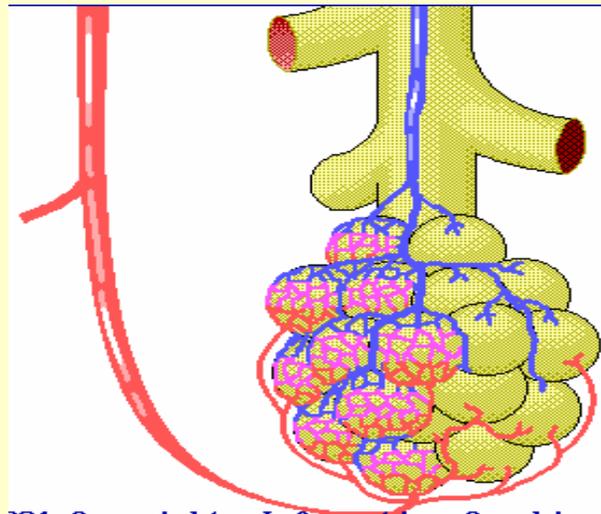
## Vie Aeree < 2 mm

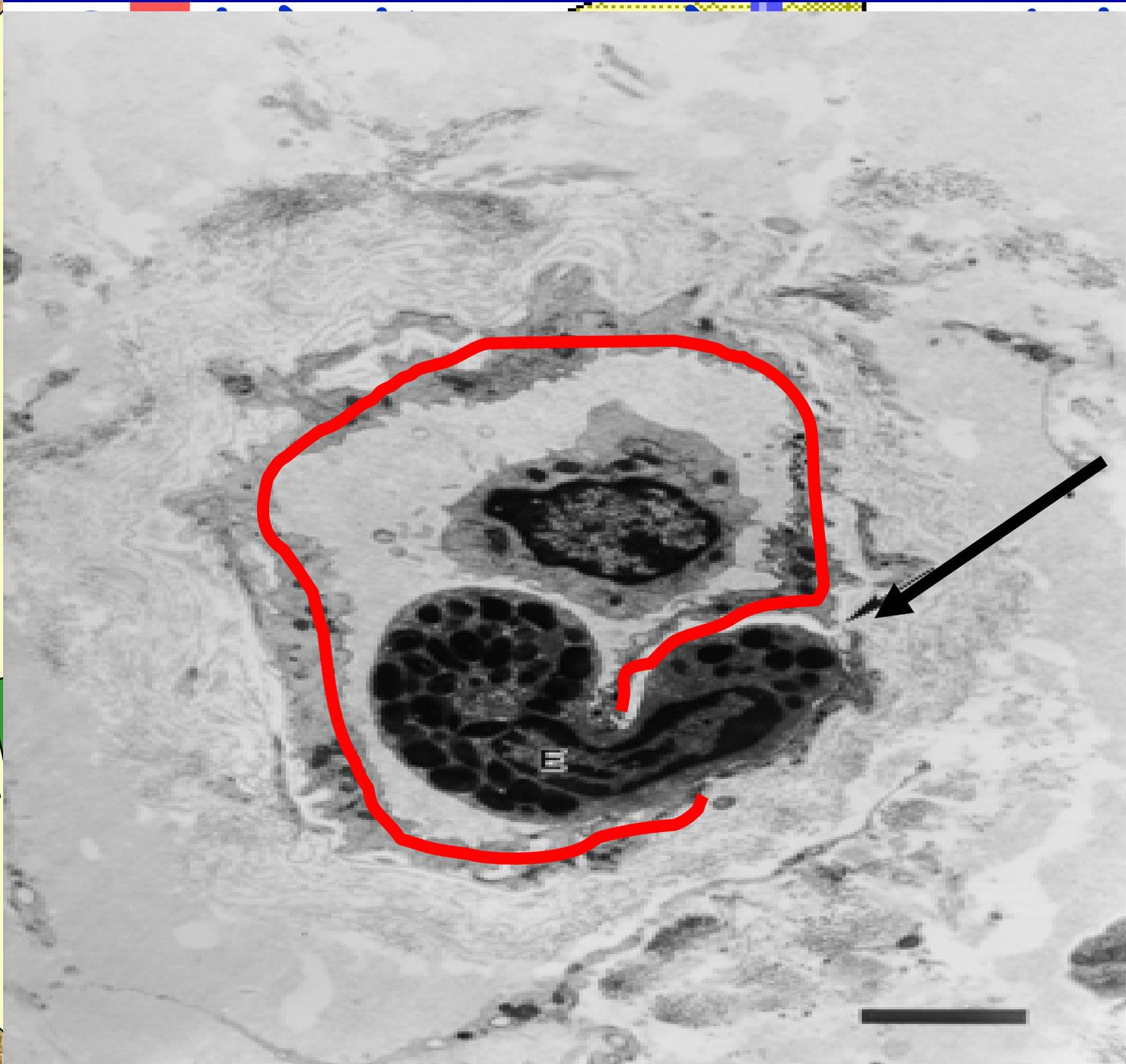


# La Zona Silente del Polmone

**La sezione trasversale complessiva delle piccole vie aeree è significativamente più grande di quella delle grandi vie aeree**

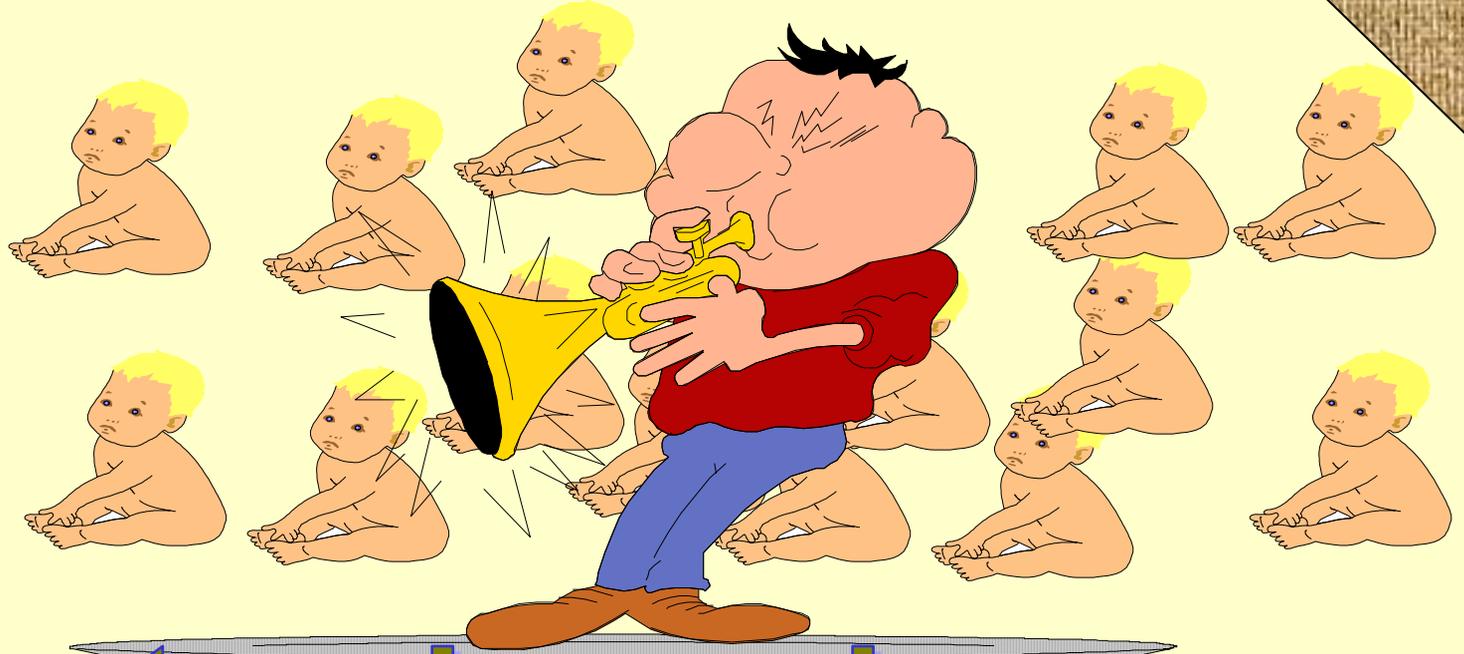
Weibel ER . – Morphometry of the Human Lung. NY Academic Press 1963



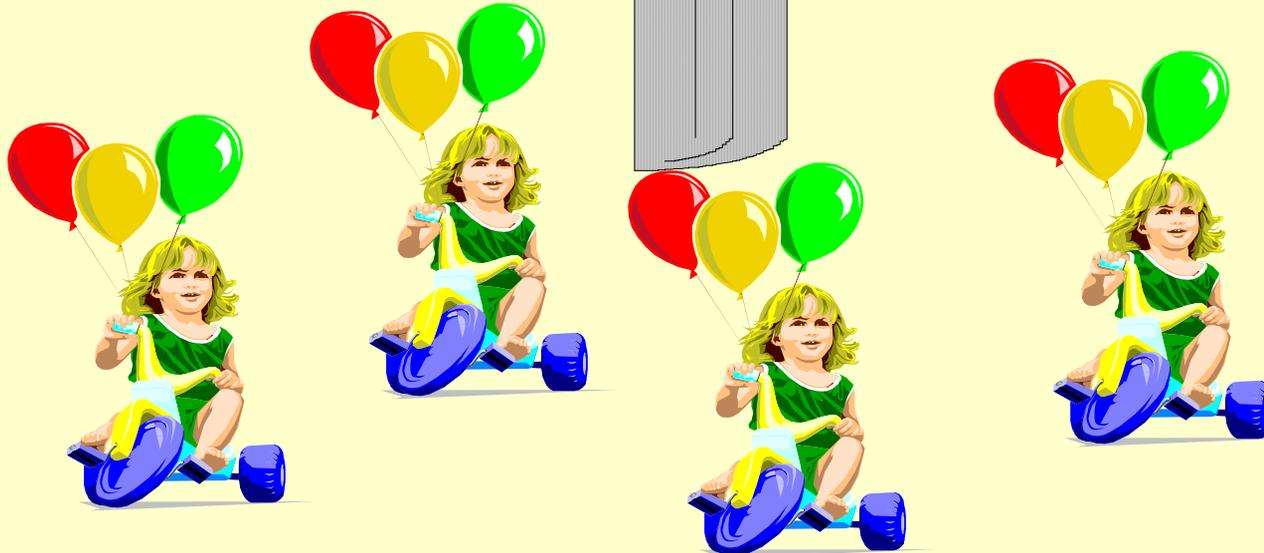


# Sviluppo polmonare nel bambino

- **alla nascita: prevalgono le vie aeree sugli alveoli**
- **nei primi tre anni: sviluppo progressivo degli alveoli e delle ramificazioni periferiche**
- **Il bambino, nei primi 3 - 4 anni, presenta una maggiore tendenza alla chiusura ed al collasso delle piccole vie aeree**
- **dai 4 agli 8 anni la situazione tende ad avvicinarsi a quella dell'adulto**



# maturazione polmonare



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Table 1 Proportion of asthmatics with lung eosinophilia

Study	Case definition*	Method	Definition of eosinophilic and non-eosinophilic asthma based on cut off values**	No	Eosinophilic asthma
<i>Studies in adults:</i>					
Fahy <i>et al</i> (1995) <sup>22</sup>	Acute severe asthma	Sputum	2% eosinophils†	18	50%
Turner <i>et al</i> (1995) <sup>24</sup>	Mild asthma with exacerbation in past 2 weeks	Sputum†	4% eosinophils†	34	47%
Pizzichini <i>et al</i> (1996) <sup>27</sup>	Stable asthma	Sputum	2% eosinophils†	19	58%
Wenzel <i>et al</i> (1999) <sup>14</sup>	Severe asthma, corticosteroid (CS) dependent	Bronchial biopsy	Mean eosinophil count +2SD (exact value not given)	34	59%
Pavord <i>et al</i> (1999) <sup>22</sup>	Asthma patients treated with $\beta_2$ agonists	Sputum	3% eosinophils†	23	61%
Pavord <i>et al</i> (1999) <sup>22</sup>	Asthma of variable severity	Sputum †	3% eosinophils	26	88%
Jatakanon <i>et al</i> (1999) <sup>23</sup>	Persistent asthma of variable severity:	Sputum	2% eosinophils	55	60%
	• Mild persistent			23	78%
	• Moderate persistent			16	38%
	• Severe persistent			16	56%
Lemière <i>et al</i> (1999) <sup>24</sup>	Asthma of variable severity	Sputum	2% eosinophils	6	33%
Berlyne <i>et al</i> (1999) <sup>22</sup>	Asthma of variable severity	Sputum †	2% eosinophils	84	52%
			Mean eosinophil count + 2SD (87 × 10 <sup>3</sup> /g)	84	82%
Tarodo de la Fuente <i>et al</i> (1999) <sup>22</sup>	Asthma of variable severity	Sputum	2% eosinophils	38	34%
	• Mild untreated			9	22%
	• Moderate treated with ICS			12	25%

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Una revisione della letteratura dimostra che, al massimo, solo il 50% dei casi di asma sono attribuibili a infiammazione eosinofila delle vie aeree (46% nei bambini). Douwes J *et al.* - Thorax 2002; 57: 643-648

NFAT

<i>Studies in children:</i>					
Gibson <i>et al</i> (1998) <sup>20</sup>	Open population incl non-symptomatic subjects	Sputum	2.5% eosinophils†	[162]	[27%]
	• Symptoms in past 2 weeks‡			56	41%
	• BHR§			23	62%
Gibson <i>et al</i> (1999) <sup>41</sup>	Acute severe asthma	Sputum	2.5% eosinophils	37	88%
Marguet <i>et al</i> (1999) <sup>10</sup>	• Asthma with recurrent symptoms	BAL	2% eosinophils†	14	57%
	• Infantile wheezers (age 5-46 months)			26	19%
Wilson <i>et al</i> (2000) <sup>21</sup>	Asthma of variable severity:	Sputum	2% eosinophils†	36	19%
	• Not treated with ICS			21	29%
	• Treated with ICS			15	7%
Gibson <i>et al</i> (2001) <sup>42</sup>	Asthma defined as wheezing in last 12 months‡	Sputum	2.5% eosinophils	22	45%

NF-κB

\*All asthma cases were recruited from symptomatic patients attending a clinic, unless indicated otherwise; these studies therefore only give a crude estimate of the proportion of asthma which is characterised by lung eosinophilia in selected populations.

†Induced and spontaneous sputum.

‡Children with asthma symptoms not recruited through a clinic.

§Children with bronchial hyperresponsiveness (BHR).

¶In case the authors did not define a cut off or when a cut off of less than 2% was chosen in the original study, we have set the cut off at 2%.

\*\*Cut off was determined based on eosinophil counts in control subjects unless indicated otherwise.

††30 obstructed ICS treated patients were included in the study but in the figure only 26 could be observed. Individual sputum data for the other three asthma groups (ICS treated non-obstructed and ICS naive obstructed and non-obstructed patients) were not given in the article.

‡‡59 patients were included in the study but in the figure only 56 could be observed.

# Asthma and Neutrophils

Bronchial Neutrophilia in patients with noninfectious Status Asthmaticus - Lamblin C et al.-AJRCCM 1998; 157:394

Il nostro studio fornisce nuove conoscenze che confermano il coinvolgimento dei neutrofili nella **patogenesi dello stato asmatico**

The role of eosinophils and neutrophils in inflammation - Sampson AP - Clin Exp Allergy 2000; 30 suppl 1: 22

Non solo i neutrofili contribuiscono all'esacerbazione dell'asma acuto, ma sono anche abbondantemente presenti nelle vie aeree dei  
**pazienti con asma cronico severo.**

Bronchoalveolar lavage in asthmatic children: evidence of neutrophils activation in mild-t-moderate persistent asthma - Barbato A et al. Pediatr allergy Immunol 2001; 12:73

I nostri risultati dimostrano che l'infiammazione mediata dai neutrofili è maggiore **quanto più severo è l'asma**

The most notable difference of chronic severe asthma compared with mild to moderate disease is the **increased number of neutrophils**

Review su infiammazione cronica in Asma e COPD-  
Current Opinion in Asthma and Clinical Immunology  
- February 2005; 5:77

# Differential cytology of bronchoalveolar lavage fluid in asthmatic children

Najafi N et al. Pediatr Pulmonol 2003 Apr; 35:302-8

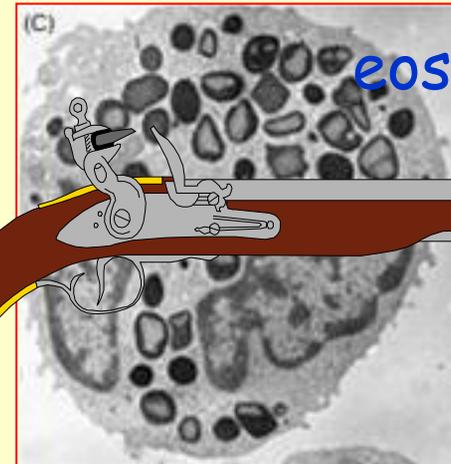
E' stato esaminato il liquido di lavaggio broncoalveolare in 39 bambini con nuova diagnosi di asma (19 allergici e 18 non allergici), in assenza di terapia antiinfiammatoria

## Conclusioni:

L'infiammazione a cellule neutrofile potrebbe essere più importante nell'asma in età pediatrica

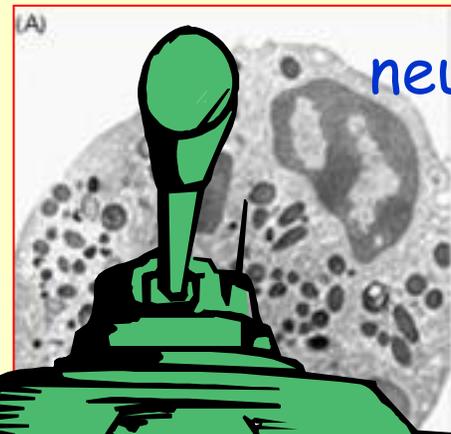
# Eosinofili e Neutrofili

Eosinofili: modulano la risposta infiammatoria allergica e contribuiscono alla distruzione dei parassiti



eosinophils

Neutrofili: fagocitano e distruggono piccoli organismi, specialmente batteri



neutrophils

red blood cell



Sito dell'infiammazione

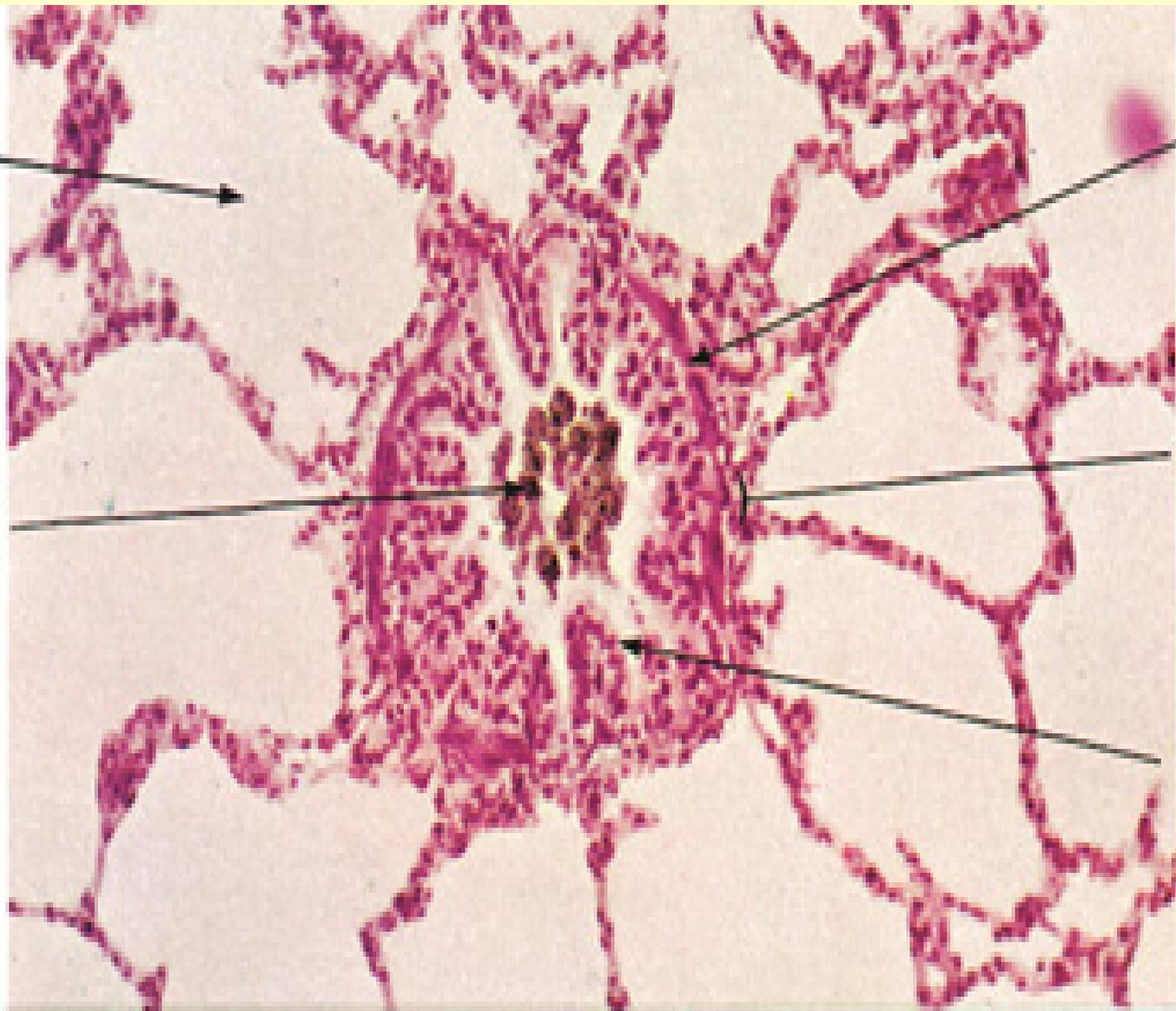
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Alveoli

Smooth muscle

Constricted bronchiole

Macrophages

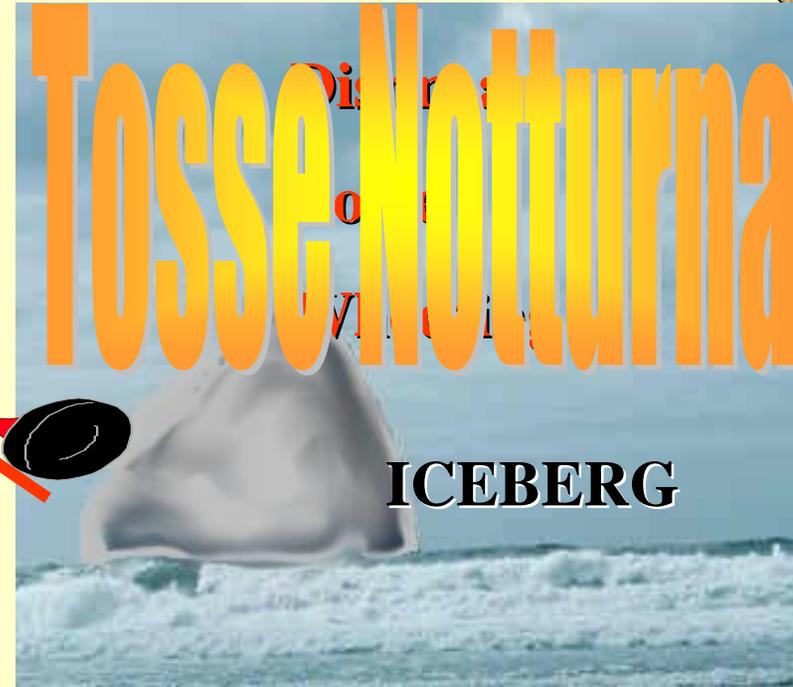
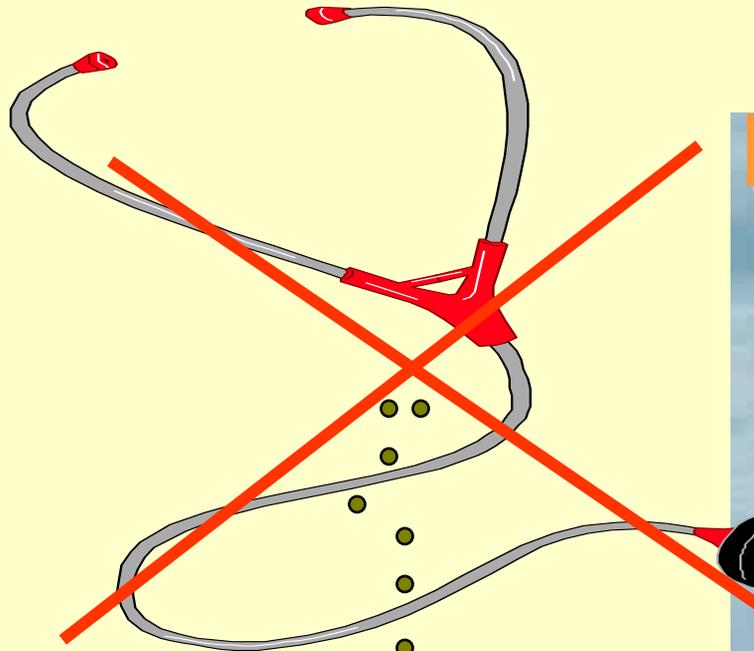
Columnar epithelium

100  $\mu\text{m}$

# The Bronchial Lavage of Pediatric Patients with Asthma contain Infectious Chlamydia.

Webley WC et al. Department of Microbiology,  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA,  
USA.

Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2005 Feb 25



**Test di Funzionalità  
Respiratoria**

**Infiammazione  
Ostruzione piccole  
vie aeree**

# Childhood cough variant asthma and its relationship to classic asthma

Makoto Todokoro et al. *Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol.*

We also speculate that many cases of CVA in younger

children are classic asthma, but wheezing is not detectable

because of infantile specificity in respiratory physiology.

# Diagnostica strumentale

✓ Spirometria 

Flussi e volumi  
vie aeree

✓ Interruzione multipla (Rint) 

Capacità di  
restituire energia

✓ Oscillometria Forzata 

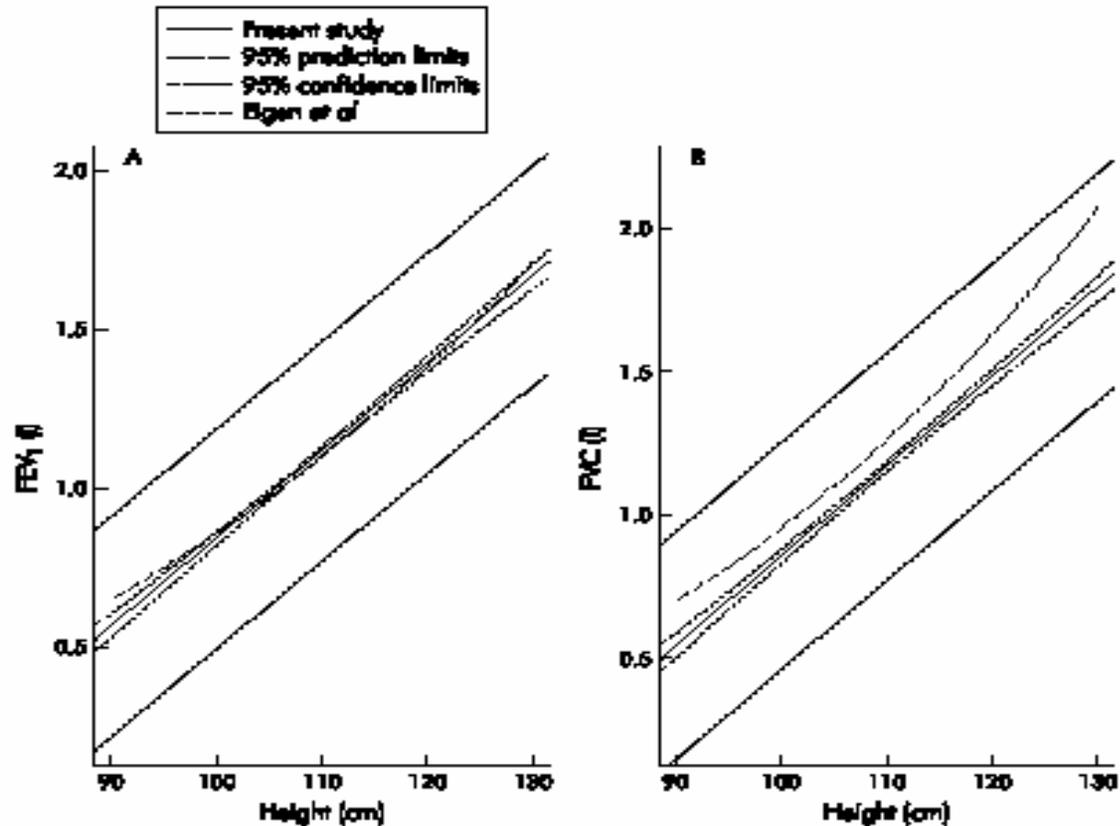
Capacità di  
accumulare e  
restituire energia

✓ Ossido nitrico 

Infiammazione  
allergica

# Feasibility of measuring lung function in preschool Children

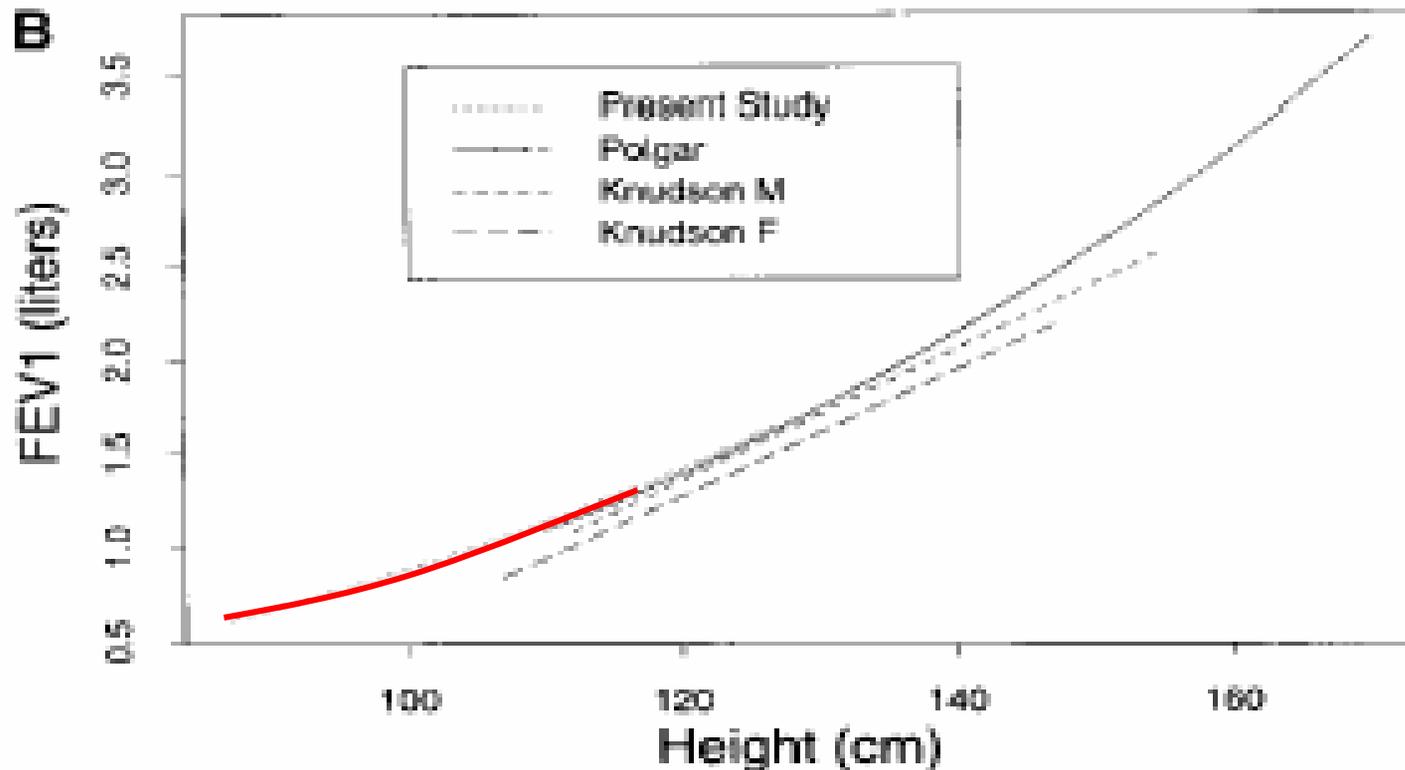
W Nystad et al. - Thorax 2002;57:1021-1027



Predicted values of FEV<sub>1</sub> and FVC by height using the equations of the present study and that of Eigen et al.<sup>10</sup> with 95% prediction and 95% confidence limits.

# Spirometric Pulmonary Function in Healthy Preschool Children

HOWARD EIGEN et al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 163. pp 619-623, 2001



# **An Interactive Computer-Animated System (SpiroGame)**

## **Facilitates Spirometry in Preschool Children**

**DAPHNA VILOZNI et al.**

**Am J Respir Crit Care Med Vol 164. pp 2200–2205, 2001**



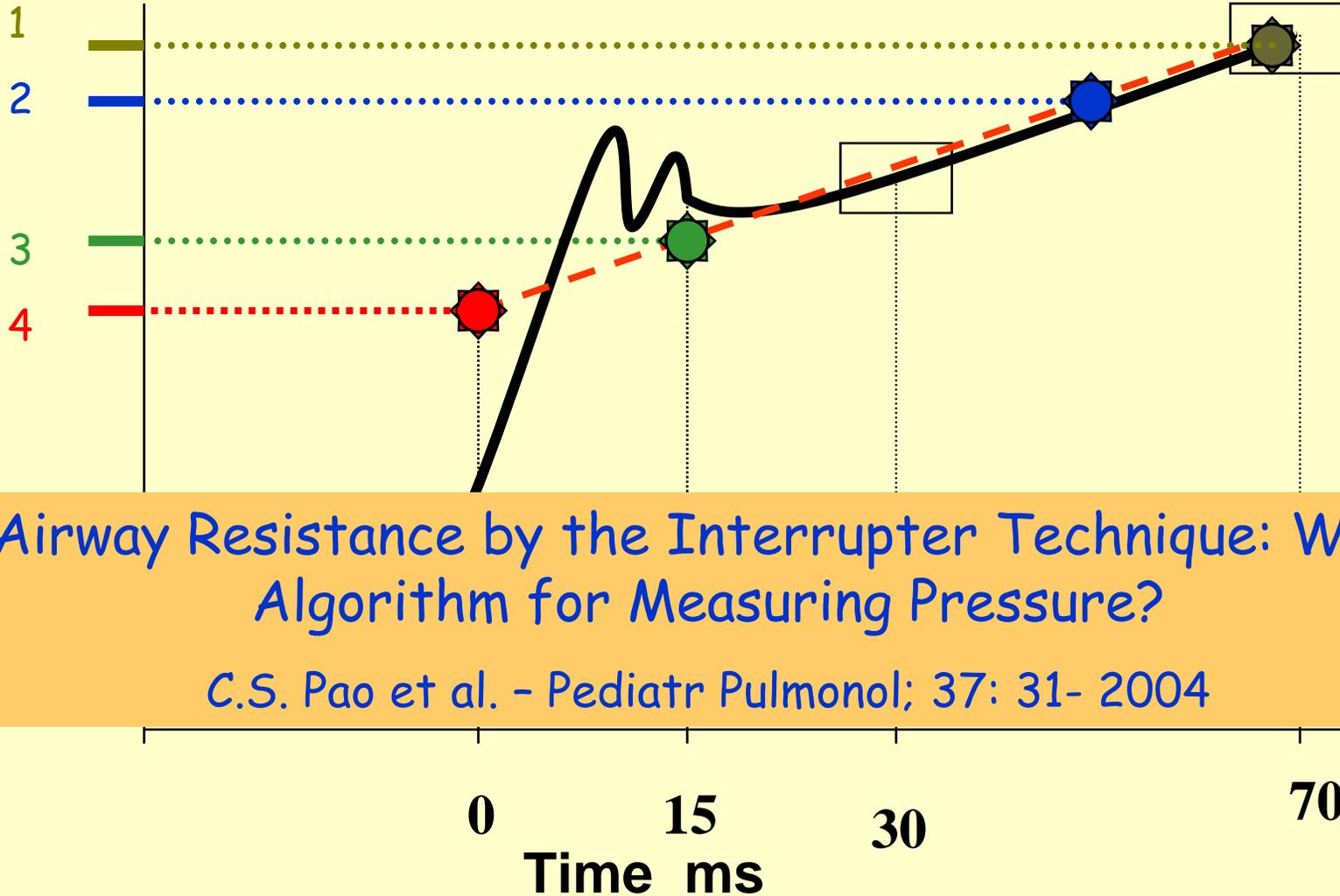


# Tempi di chiusura e attendibilità

- ✓ Il tempo totale di chiusura è di 100 ms ed impercettibile per il paziente
- ✓ Se il paziente non ha un'ostruzione importante il tempo per raggiungere l'equilibrio tra pressione alla bocca e pressione alveolare è di 70-80 ms
- ✓ Se il paziente ha un'ostruzione importante il tempo necessario all'equilibrio tra pressione alla bocca e pressione alveolare può superare i 100 ms, con una conseguente sottostima della pressione e quindi del valore del Rint

# La Curva del Rint ed i quattro algoritmi

Airway pressure



Airway Resistance by the Interrupter Technique: Wich Algorithm for Measuring Pressure?

C.S. Pao et al. - *Pediatr Pulmonol*; 37: 31- 2004

Dopo l'occlusione  
(Pint)



$$R_{int} = \frac{\text{Pressione}}{\text{Flusso}}$$

Prima  
dell'occlusione



# Interrupter Resistance and Wheezing Phenotypes at 4 Years of Age

JE. Brussee et al, Am J Respir Crit Care Med – 169: 209–213, 2004



TABLE 2. MEAN INTERRUPTER RESISTANCE VALUES PER WHEEZING PHENOTYPE

Wheezing phenotype	Total Study Population			Nonatopic Mother			Atopic Mother		
	n	Mean (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	z Score <sup>1</sup>	n	Mean (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	z Score <sup>1</sup>	n	Mean (95% CI) <sup>a</sup>	z Score <sup>1</sup>
Never	482	0.95 (0.93, 0.97)	0.46	188	0.91 (0.88, 0.94)	0.31	294	0.98 (0.95, 1.01) <sup>b</sup>	0.55
Early	236	0.95 (0.92, 0.98)	0.49	80	0.95 (0.90, 1.00)	0.49	156	0.96 (0.91, 1.00)	0.49
Late	22	0.96 (0.87, 1.05)	0.52	6	1.07 (0.85, 1.28)	0.89	16	0.92 (0.82, 1.02)	0.37
Persistent	98	1.08 (1.02, 1.14) <sup>b,4,5</sup>	0.96	29	1.10 (0.99, 1.21) <sup>1,4</sup>	1.04	69	1.07 (1.01, 1.14) <sup>1,4,5</sup>	0.92

# Ripetibilità a breve termine della misurazione RINT in bambini in età prescolare

**Lombardi E, Boccaccino A, Novembre E  
Bernardini R, Sgarra L, Spinosa E, Vierucci A.  
SIAIP – Firenze Marzo 2001**

- ✓ 51 bambini di età media= 4,6 anni (range 2,6 – 6,5)
- ✓ 2 misurazioni (media di 6) consecutive ad 1 minuto di distanza
- ✓ ripetibilità : 2 DS dalla media delle differenze appaiate tra le due misurazioni

Bridge et al. ERJ 1999;13:792:	0,21	0,17	0,15
Lombardi et al.	0,20	0,25	0,28



Oostveen E et al. for ERS TASK FORCE.

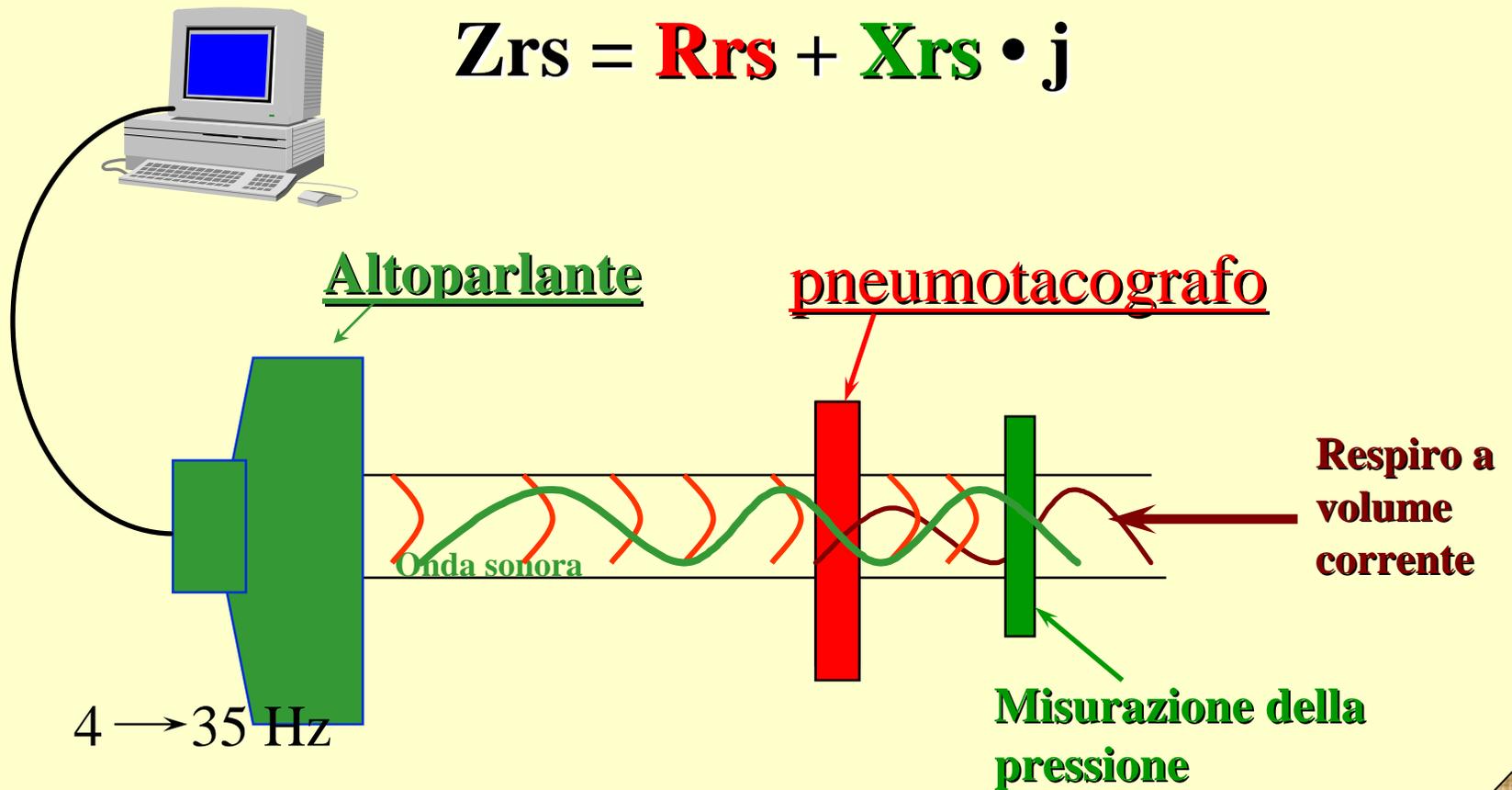
The forced oscillation technique in clinical practice:  
methodology, recommendations and future developments.

Eur Respir J 2003; 22: 1026-1041

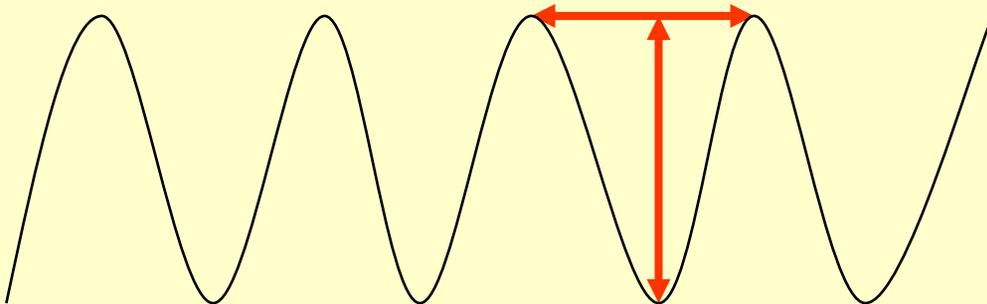
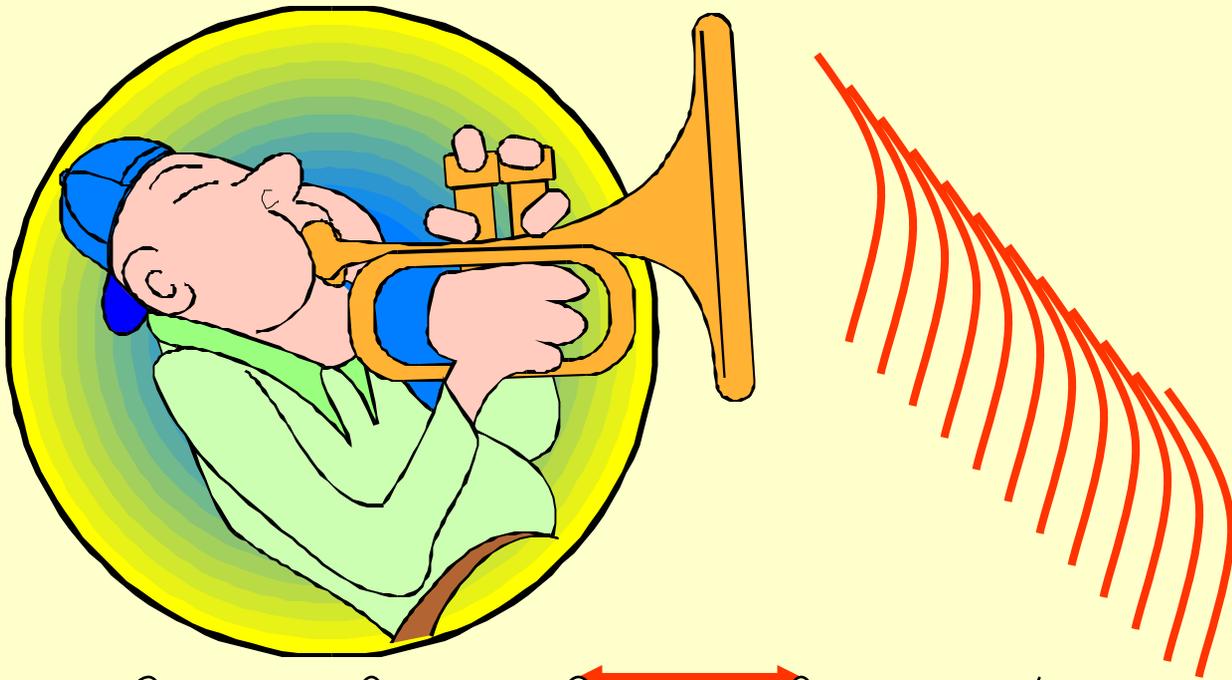


# Principio dell'Oscillometria Forzata

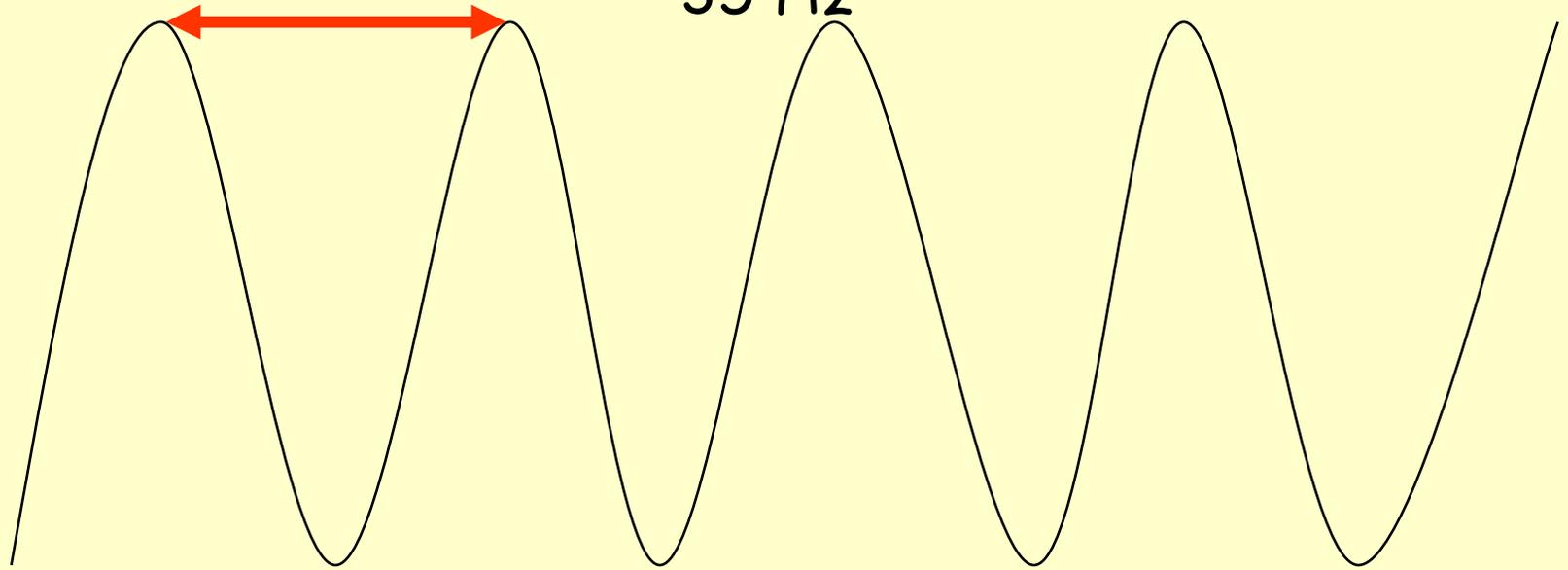
$$Z_{rs} = R_{rs} + X_{rs} \cdot j$$



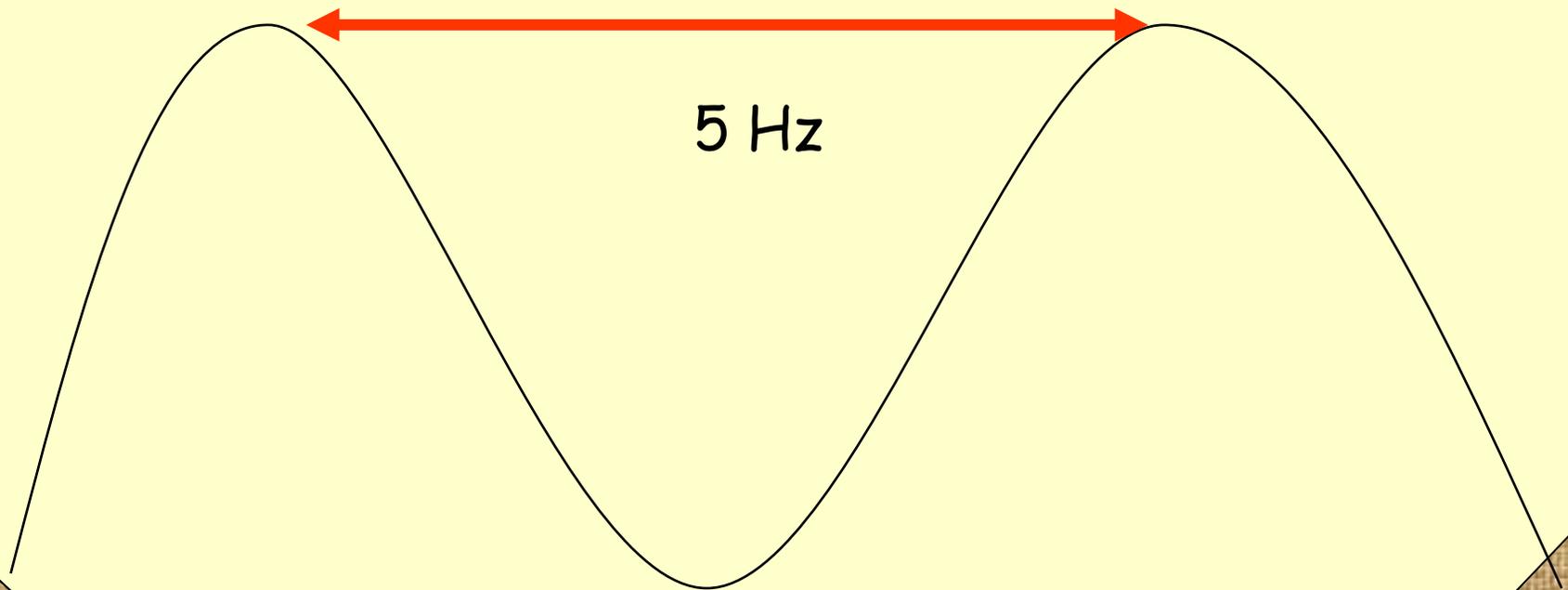
Onda sonora = onda elastica



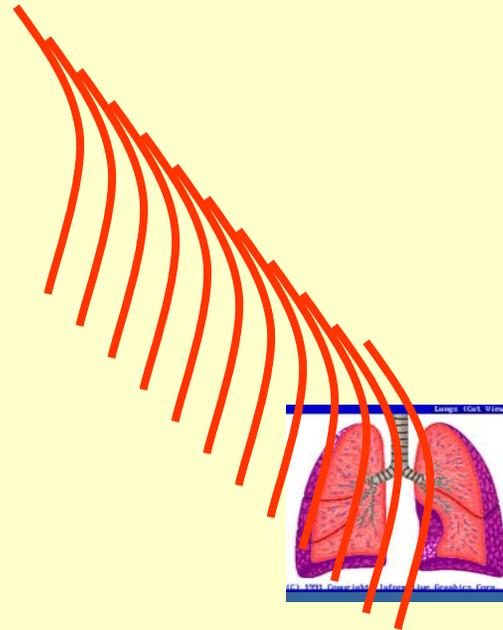
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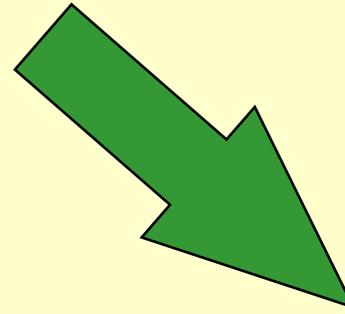
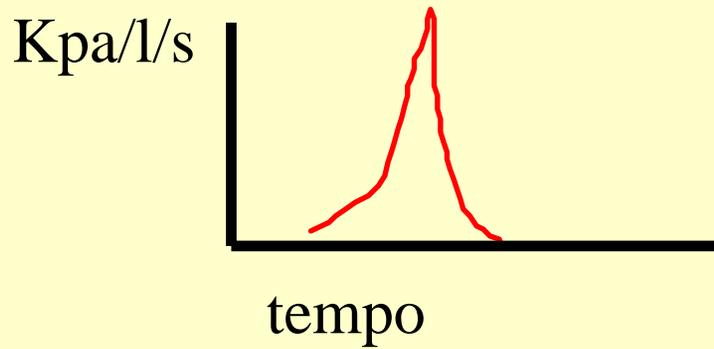
5 Hz



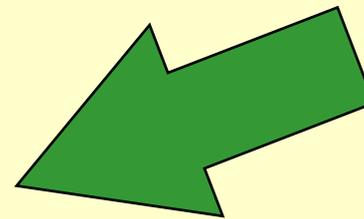
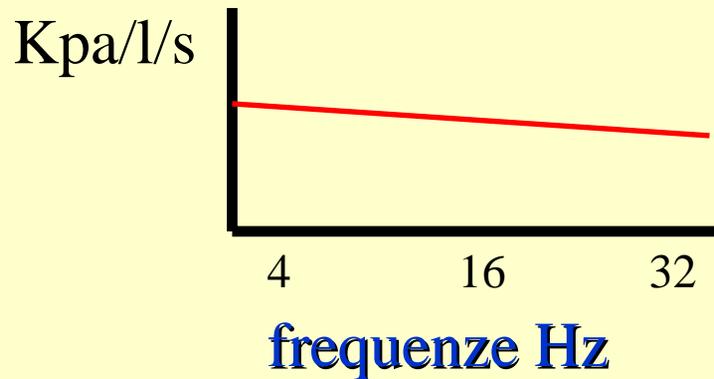
# Onda sonora = onda elastica



# Fast Fourier Trasformation



**FFT**



Si può effettuare con  
l'Oscillometria Forzata una  
diagnosi differenziale della sede,  
centrale o periferica,  
dell'ostruzione respiratoria?

L'Oscillometria forzata può essere considerata una tecnica routinaria, anche se sofisticata, o è ancora riservata ad un uso sperimentale?

# Oscillometry - a Fashion?

<b>1956</b>	<b>Monofrequent</b>
Du Bois	
Musers	
Goldman	
<b>1970</b>	
Smidt	
Korn	
Landser	
<b>1985</b>	<b>Multifrequent</b>
Van de	
Woestijne	
Zwaart	
<b>2000</b>	

## Parameter Interpretation

$Z, \varphi$

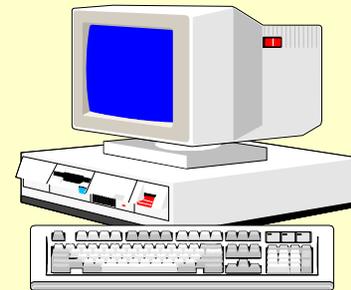
experimental  
laboratory

Analytics  
(FFT)



$Z_{rs}$

10 min



2 min

$R5, X5$

$R_c$



$R_p$

routine !

15 sec

0.001 sec

# *World-wide use of Oscillometry*

1995 - 50 multifrequent oscillometric units in use

2003 - 1,500 devices in clinical practise

- ⇒ Scandinavia (Finland) 100 - standard resistance measurement
- ⇒ Germany / Austria 550 - already in clinical routine (paediatric, occupational m.)
- ⇒ Netherlands 100 - clinical routine
- ⇒ China 200 - validated method
- ⇒ USA 220 - clinical trials
- ⇒ Asia, South America, Canada 150
- ⇒ France 150 - paediatric medicine
- ⇒ UK 30 - paediatric medicine