

# Mechanical Power

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## CONCEPTS

Ventilation induced lung injury (VILI)  
was defined as the lesions derived from  
the application of mechanical ventilation

*Vasquez et al (2018)*

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## Mechanisms of VILI

- Barotrauma
- Volutrauma
- Atelectrauma
- Biotrauma
- Ergotrauma

(Brochard; Bersten, 2019)

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## NEW AIM

*Understanding the biophysical causes of VILI  
changed the focus of concern from the inflation  
pattern related to tidal volume and pressures,  
to consider harmful exposures of energy.*

Marini & Gattinoni (2020)

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## UNIFICATION

*Comprised of plateau pressure, driving pressure,  
PEEP, tidal volume, flow, resistance,  
elastance and respiratory rate*

*Serpa Neto et al (2018)*

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## ESSENSE

*Mechanical power depicts the  
energy transferred to the respiratory system by the  
ventilator during a certain period  
in joule per minute*

*Van der Meijden et al (2019)*

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*But*

*Where did it come from?*

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It came from the physics

*Newton's work formula:*

**Work (J) = Force (N) . Displacement (m)**

In the respiratory system,

Pressures produce volume changes (*MARINI, 2018*)

**Work of breathing = Stress . Strain**

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# STRESS

The airway pressure reflects the *stress*  
applied to the lungs and chest wall

*Marini, Gattinoni & Rocco (2020)*

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# STRAIN

It corresponds to change in lung volume,  
that is,  
the alveolar deformation

*Marini, Gattinoni & Rocco (2020)*

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## WORK OF BREATHING

$$\text{Work of breathing} = \text{Stress} \cdot \text{Strain}$$

or

$$\text{Work of breathing (cmH}_2\text{O}\cdot\text{L)} = \text{Pressure (cmH}_2\text{O)} \cdot \text{Tidal volume (L)}$$

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## MECHANICAL POWER

$$\text{Power (cmH}_2\text{O}\cdot\text{L/minute)} = \text{RR (1/minute)} \cdot \text{Pressure (cmH}_2\text{O)} \cdot \text{Vt (L)}$$

Constant 0.098 to convert to joule per minute

$$\text{Mechanical Power (J/minute)} = 0.098 \cdot \text{RR (1/minute)} \cdot \text{Pressure (cmH}_2\text{O)} \cdot \text{Vt (L)}$$

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BUT

HOW CAN IT BE MEASURED?

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## GEOMETRIC METHOD

Power can be calculated using the geometric method,  
measuring the dynamic inspiratory area of airway pressure  
and volume curve during the respiratory cycle

*Chiumello et al., (2020)*

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It's necessary to know  
a little about  
hysteresis...

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*Hysteresis* is defined as  
the different trajectories of the *volume* in the application  
and removal of a certain *pressure*  
and reflect an imperfect elastic response to deformation...

Chiumello *et al.*, (2020)

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*Hysteresis* corresponds to the energy required during inflation  
and complete pulmonary deflation,  
that is,  
the effort to overcome parenchymal viscoelasticity

Marini (2019)

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On ventilator display,  
*hysteresis* is represented  
by the P-V Loop



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## GEOMETRIC METHOD

$$\text{Mechanical Power} = 0.098 \cdot \text{RR (1/minute)} \cdot P_{\text{Total (cmH}_2\text{O)}} \cdot V_t \text{ (L)}$$



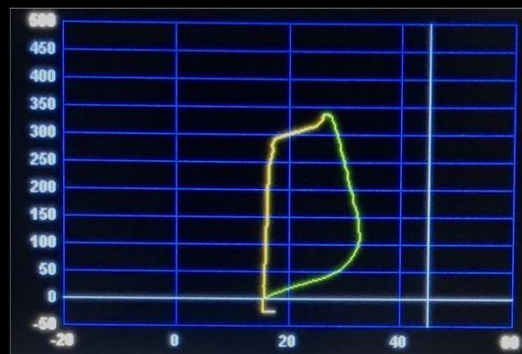
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## GEOMETRIC METHOD

$$0.098 \cdot \text{RR} \cdot (P_{\text{Peak}} \cdot V_t)$$

$$0.098 \cdot 28 \cdot 27 \cdot 0,34$$

$$\text{Mechanical Power} = 25.1 \text{ J/minute}$$



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...In order to make it easier to use mechanical power,  
formulas were created for its calculation...

$$0,098 \cdot RR \cdot (\Delta Vt^2 \cdot [0,5 \cdot EL_{rs} + RR \cdot (1 + I:E)/(60 \cdot I:E) \cdot R_{wa}] + \Delta Vt \cdot PEEP)$$

Gattinoni *et al* (2016)

$$Vt \times (\text{Flow R} + \int \text{Flow DT/2C} + PEEPI)$$

Marini (2019)

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But

it still remained complex

and they created the surrogate formulas

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Surrugate formulas use variables available  
on the ventilator to calculate the  
mechanical power in VCV and PCV

Despite the small differences in relation to the geometric method

*Chiumello et al (2020)*

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## Surrugate formulas

VCV

$$0.098 \cdot RR \cdot V_t \cdot [ P_{pico} - 0,5 (P_{Plateau} - PEEP) ]$$

*Gattinoni et al (2016)*

$$\frac{V_e \cdot (P_{Peak} + PEEP + \text{Flow Inspiratory} / 6)}{20}$$

*Giosa et al (2019)*

PCV

$$0.098 \cdot RR \cdot V_t \cdot (PEEP + \Delta P_{Insp})$$

*Becher et al (2019)*

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...What is it for?

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It is the physiological concept  
that simplifies the assessment  
of mechanical ventilation portraying it  
with for the unification of the set of its components

*Vasquez et al (2018)*

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There is a tendency to replace the concepts based on tidal volume and pressures for understanding mechanical power as a VILI generator, but its predictive accuracy is still unclear

*Marini, Rocco & Gattinoni (2020)*

However, lower levels of mechanical power are desired...

*Coppola et al (2020)*

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The quantitative fragmentation of the energy required to inflate the lungs may point to protective ventilation strategies effective to the reduction of the risk of VILI

*Marini, Rocco & Gattinoni (2020) Vassali et al (2020)*

and may clarify the contribution of each component of the power to the generation of such injury

*Vassali et al (2020)*

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The total elastic power is subdivided into two parts:

- Dynamic power corresponds to the energy necessary to inflate the lungs.
- Static power corresponds to the potential energy stored in the respiratory system by the PEEP.

*Colino et al (2019)*

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The total inflation energy, that is, the mechanical power is equal to the total elastic power plus the total kinetic power,

*Marini, Gattinoni & Rocco (2020)*

which is the energy spent on overcoming the airway and tissue resistance to the flow

*Colino et al (2019)*

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Some evidence about ?

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### Mechanical power evidences

An elevated Mechanical Power regardless of the combination of its components can lead to VILI

*Serpa Neto et al (2018)*

Especially when it exceeds 12J/minute, whereas over 17J/min it is associated with a higher mortality rate

*Coppola et al (2020)*

and between 19 to 24J/minute denotes the severity of ARDS

*Maiolo et al (2018)*

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## PCV

Mechanical power in burn patients were elevated and that, regardless of mechanical ventilation time, these values are related to mortality

	Number of days	Outcome	N	Mean	SD ±	P value
Mechanical power (J/min)	1-5	Survival	5	17.60	5.54	0.029*†
		Death	9	24.42	7.76	
	6-9	Survival	3	17.42	2.92	
		Death	4	30.01	10.81	
	10+	Survival	2	22.31	0.82	
		Death	3	25.20	5.86	

Simonete, Alberti da Silva & Franck, 2023

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## PCV

There is interference in the outcome in the univariate analysis of mechanical power and its components, but the multivariate analysis showed that only mechanical power correlates with the outcome in SARS-CoV-2

Variables	P value		Risk Ranking	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval
	Univariate	Multivariate			
V <sub>T</sub> (L)	< 0.001	0.236	---	0.911	(0.780 - 1.064)
Elastance(cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L)	< 0.001	0.580	---	1.060	(0.862 - 1.303)
ΔP (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	< 0.001	0.450	---	1.239	(0.708 - 2.166)
P <sub>Plateau</sub> (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	< 0.001	0.586	---	0.953	(0.802 - 1.133)
Mechanical power (J/minute)	0.009	0.040	Higher values	1.062	(1.003 - 1.124)

Franck, Franck & Daoud (2022)

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## VCV

The univariate analysis did not show differences in outcome, whereas the multivariate analysis suggests interference in the outcome, further estimating that for every additional unit in mechanical power there is an increase of 13.4% on the mortality risk.

Variable	P value		Risk Ranking	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval
	Univariate	Multivariate			
Age (Years)	< 0.001	< 0.001	Older ages	1.063	(1.029 - 1.099)
Driving pressure (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	< 0.001	0.245	---	1.245	(0.859 - 1.806)
PEEP (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	< 0.001	0.044	Lower values	1.217	(1.006 - 1.473)
Elastance (cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L)	< 0.001	0.029	Higher values	1.118	(1.012 - 1.237)
Mechanical Power (J/min)	0.864	0.023	Higher values	1.134	(1.018 - 1.263)

Franck, Franck & Feronato (2022)

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Some doubts about ?

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IS THE EVALUATION OF MECHANICAL POWER AND ITS COMPONENTS SIMILAR IN PRESSURE OR VOLUME VENTILATION?

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IS THE EVALUATION OF TIDAL VOLUME AND COMPLIANCE IS SIMILAR IN PRESSURE OR VOLUME VENTILATION?

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## VCV

SARS-CoV-2

TIDAL VOLUME &amp; COMPLIANCE

Variable	Outcome	N	Mean	Median	Min.	Max.	Standard Deviation	P value
F <sub>insp</sub> (L/min)	Survival	53	53.3	54.0	35	74	8.9	0.903
	Death	94	53.1	53.5	24	82	8.9	
Compliance (L/cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	Survival	53	0.034	0.034	0.016	0.060	0.010	< 0.001
	Death	94	0.027	0.023	0.009	0.077	0.013	
V <sub>t</sub> (L)	Survival	53	0.35	0.36	0.25	0.50	0.06	0.367
	Death	94	0.34	0.34	0.23	0.54	0.06	

Franck, Franck &amp; Feronato (2022)

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## PCV

SARS-CoV-2

TIDAL VOLUME &amp; ELASTANCE

Variable	Outcome	N	Mean	Median	Min.	Max.	Standard Deviation	P value
Mechanical power (J/min)	Survival	84	28.06	25.39	11.92	83.85	11.14	0.009
	Death	79	33.34	28.79	14.49	92.88	13.92	
F <sub>insp</sub> (L/min)	Survival	84	33.16	31.20	21.82	73.60	8.70	0.011
	Death	79	29.78	29.60	12.60	56.25	7.95	
Compliance (L/cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	Survival	84	0.040	0.037	0.021	0.074	0.010	< 0.001
	Death	79	0.027	0.027	0.010	0.050	0.009	
Elastance (cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L)	Survival	84	26.72	26.93	13.51	48.72	6.64	< 0.001
	Death	79	42.41	37.50	20.00	100.00	16.21	
Resistance (cmH <sub>2</sub> O/L/min)	Survival	84	0.09	0.08	0.02	0.23	0.05	0.071
	Death	79	0.11	0.09	0.06	0.41	0.07	
V <sub>T</sub> (L)	Survival	84	0.49	0.48	0.30	0.92	0.10	< 0.001
	Death	79	0.41	0.40	0.21	0.75	0.10	

Franck, Franck &amp; Daoud (2022)

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PCV

BURNS

TIDAL VOLUME &amp; ELASTANCE

	Outcome	N	Mean	Median	SD ±	Min	Max	P value
RR (Breath/min)	Survival	10	20.7	22.0	4.57	15	30	0.015*
	Death	16	26.43	26.5	5.92	17	37	
T <sub>insp</sub> (s)	Survival	10	0.94	0.95	0.15	0.65	1.2	0.233**
	Death	16	0.87	0.8	0.14	0.7	1.3	
PEEP (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	Survival	10	7.6	7.5	1.5	5	11	<0.001*†
	Death	16	12.0	11.0	3.1	8	19	
P <sub>peak</sub> (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	Survival	10	23.1	23.0	4.81	21	42	<0.001*
	Death	16	31.87	32.0	5.41			
P <sub>plat</sub> (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	Survival	10	18.3	19.0	3.3	12.0	23.0	<0.001*
	Death	16	29.46	29.0	5.19	19.0	38.0	
ΔP <sub>insp</sub> (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	Survival	10	15.5	15.5	4.64	7	22	0.033*
	Death	16	19.875	20.5	4.88	7	27	
ΔP (cmH <sub>2</sub> O)	Survival	10	9.57	9.4	2.93	6	13.2	<0.001*
	Death	16	15.25	15.4	3.03	9.5	19.4	
VT (l)	Survival	10	0.57	0.56	0.18	0.33	0.97	0.005*
	Death	16	0.41	0.39	0.08	0.27	0.57	

Simonete, Alberti da Silva &amp; Franck (2023)

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WE NEED TO FRAGMENT  
MECHANICAL POWER ?

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The increase in Mechanical Power with increased dynamic elastic power and decreased static elastic power influenced the mortality rate of patients with SARS-CoV-2

Variable (J/min)	Outcome	N	Media	Median	Min.	Max.	Standard Deviation	P value
Mechanical Power or Total Inspiratory Energy	Survival	53	26.80	25.24	15.83	44.98	7.59	0.864
	Death	94	26.58	24.96	13.72	50.01	50.01	
Elastic Energy Dynamic Inflation	Survival	53	6.17	5.93	2.21	13.89	2.25	< 0.001
	Death	94	8.41	7.76	1.96	24.11	3.51	
Inspiratory Flux Resistance Energy	Survival	53	4.56	3.81	0.83	11.66	2.73	0.562
	Death	94	4.81	4.51	1.51	11.11	2.18	
Static Elastic Energy	Survival	53	16.07	15.61	6.27	27.59	5.07	0.005
	Death	94	13.36	11.71	5.35	33.34	5.84	

(Franck, Franck & Feronato, 2022)

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Is mechanical power accurate?

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Global lung mechanics provide for a poor surrogate of alveolar dynamics and methods for the in-depth analysis of alveolar dynamics on the level of individual alveoli are sparse and afflicted by important limitations.

Grune, Tabuchi & Kuebler, 2019

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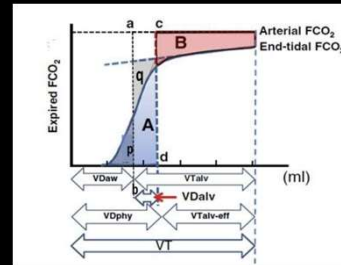
CAN WE MEASURE ALVEOLAR MECHANICS?

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## Alveolar mechanics: A new concept in respiratory monitoring

The concept of alveolar compliance depend on measuring the transalveolar pressure using esophageal balloon manometry and alveolar tidal volume using volumetric capnometry.

This may have multiple implications in the understanding of components of ventilator induced lung injury specifically alveolar stress, strain, and mechanical power.



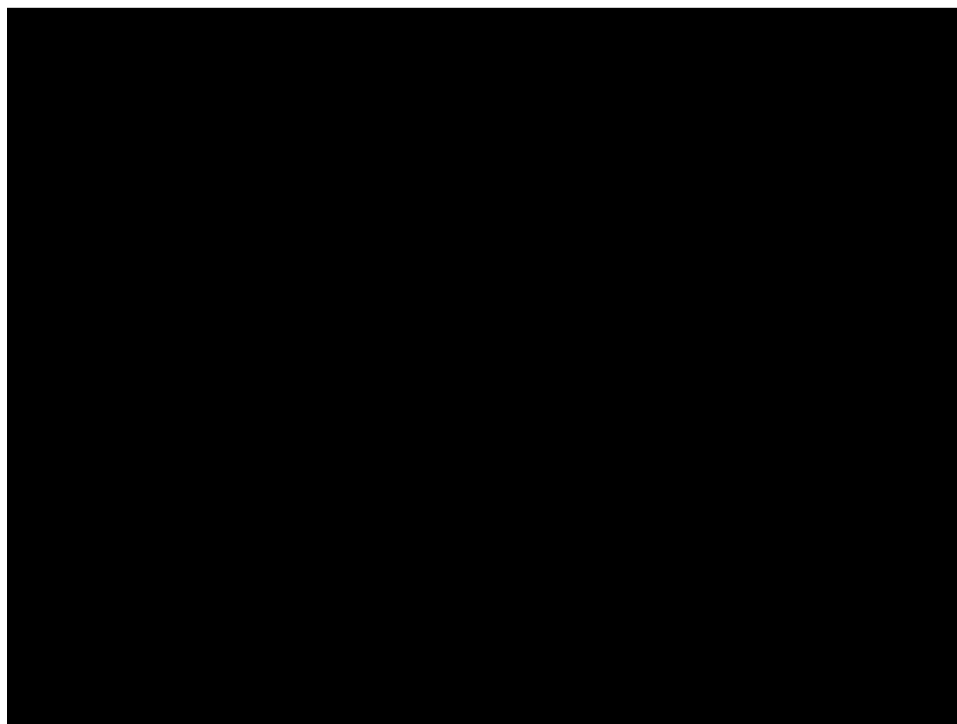
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DO WE NEED ANY INDEX?

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I hope to see them soon....

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