

Lecture 13: Respiration (Part 2)

0. Review

1. Absolute Lung Volume

2. Whole-Body Plethysmography

3. Helium Dilution

4. Nitrogen Washout

5. MiniLab

★ Student presentations (Mar 10+12)

→ Teams of 2-3 students (3 is preferable)

→ 15 min powerpoint

(see course website for guidelines)

• Today: HW 5 due ← Quiz next Tue

• Fri: Lab 4 report due

• Next Mon (2/24): Email Buma
(team + topic)

• PreLab 6 due next lab session

• HW 6 due next Thu (2/27)

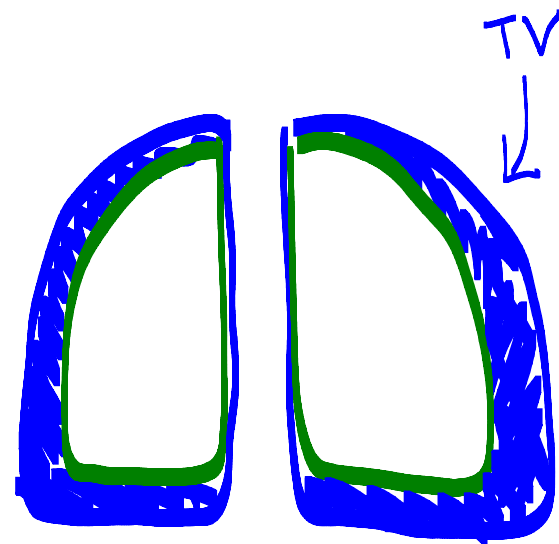
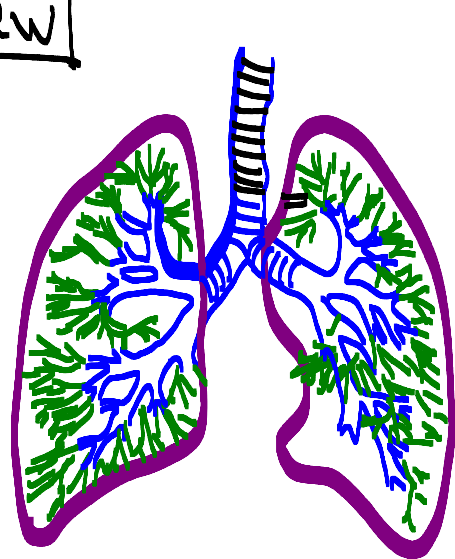
• Lab 5 report due next Fri (2/28)

★ Ellis Hospital Tour Mar 10 (Tue)

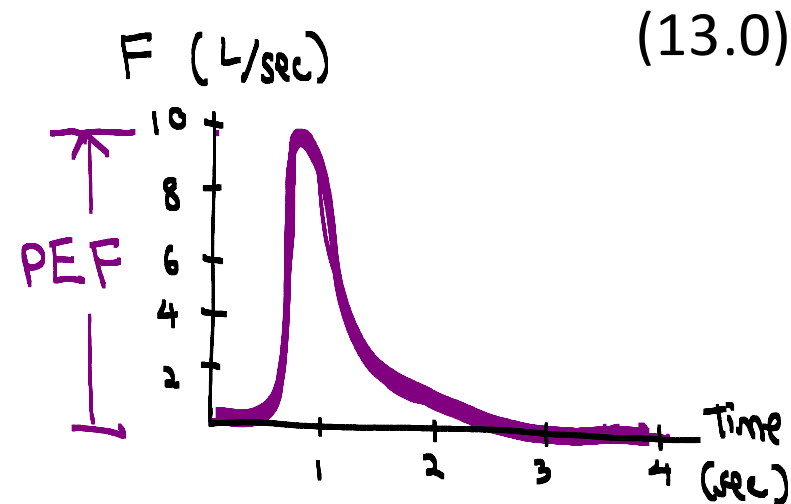
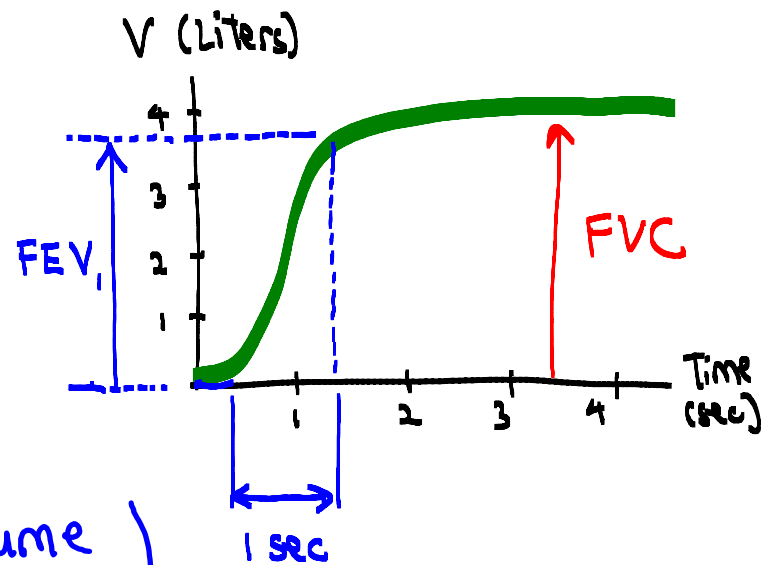
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Group 2: Depart 2:45 PM

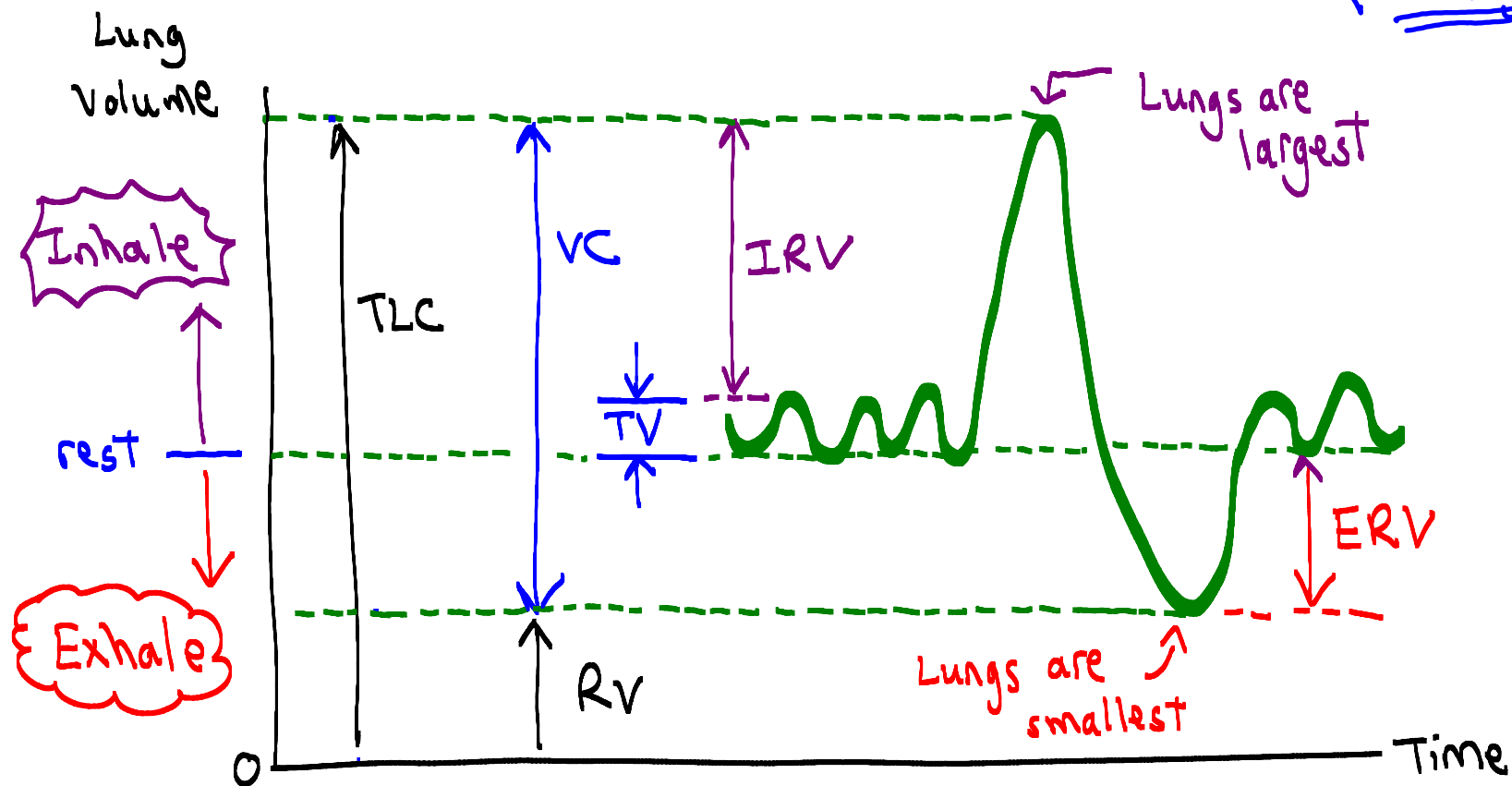
0. Review



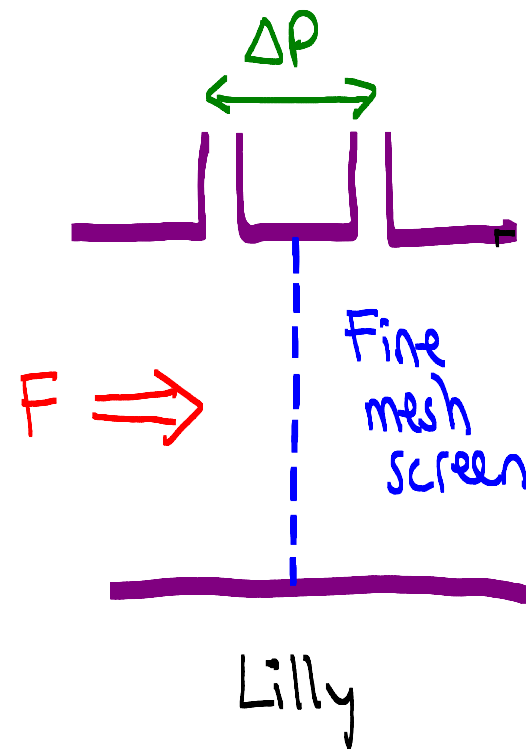
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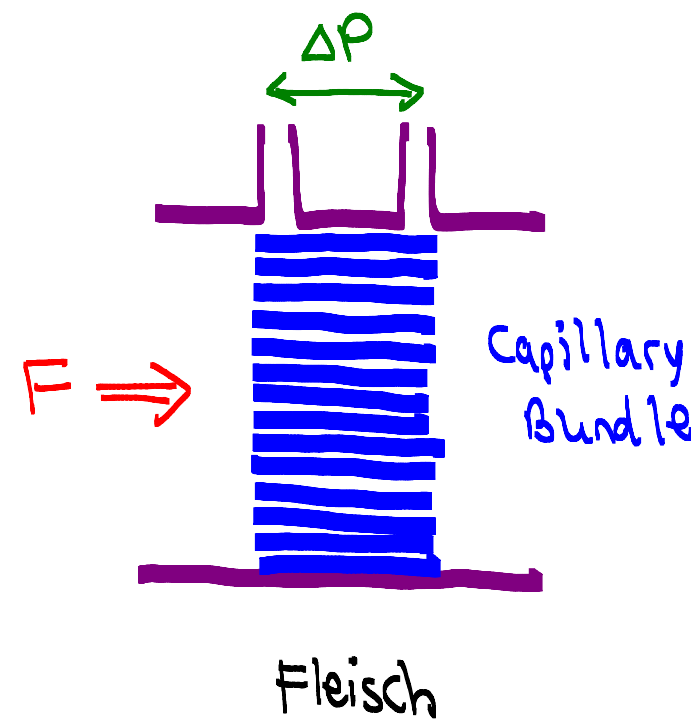
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Pneumotachometer



Linear flow: $\Delta P = F \times R$

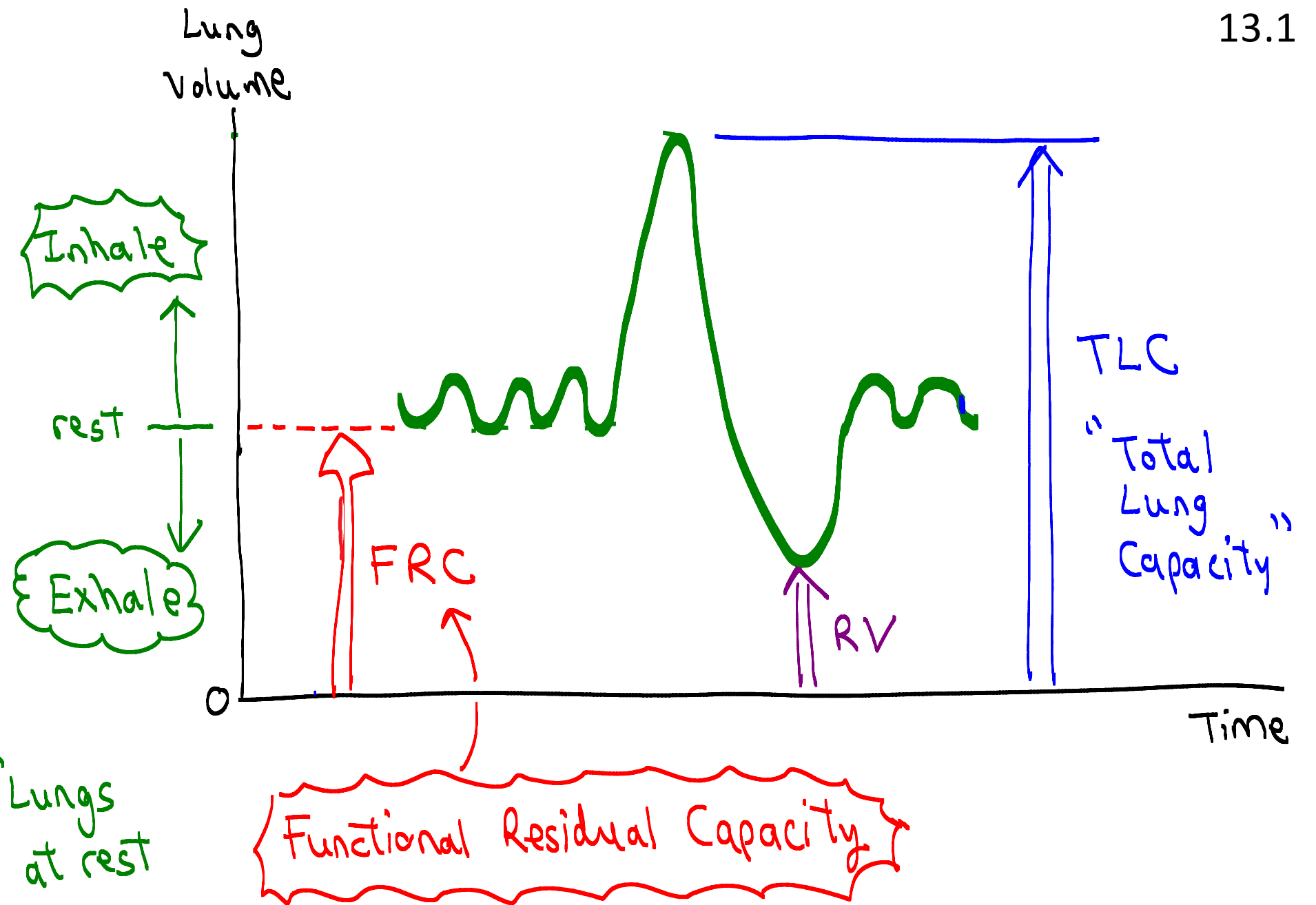
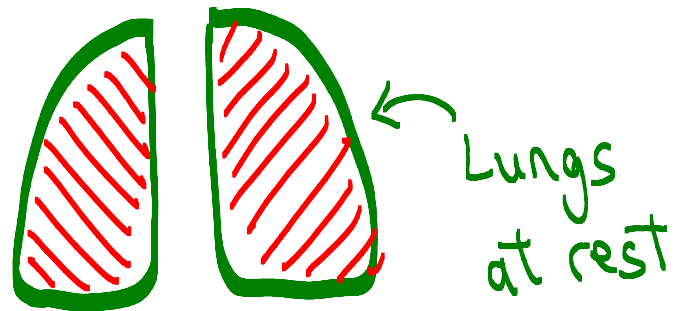


1. Absolute Lung Volume

- Spirometers measure changes in lung volume
- Absolute lung volume is also clinically useful.

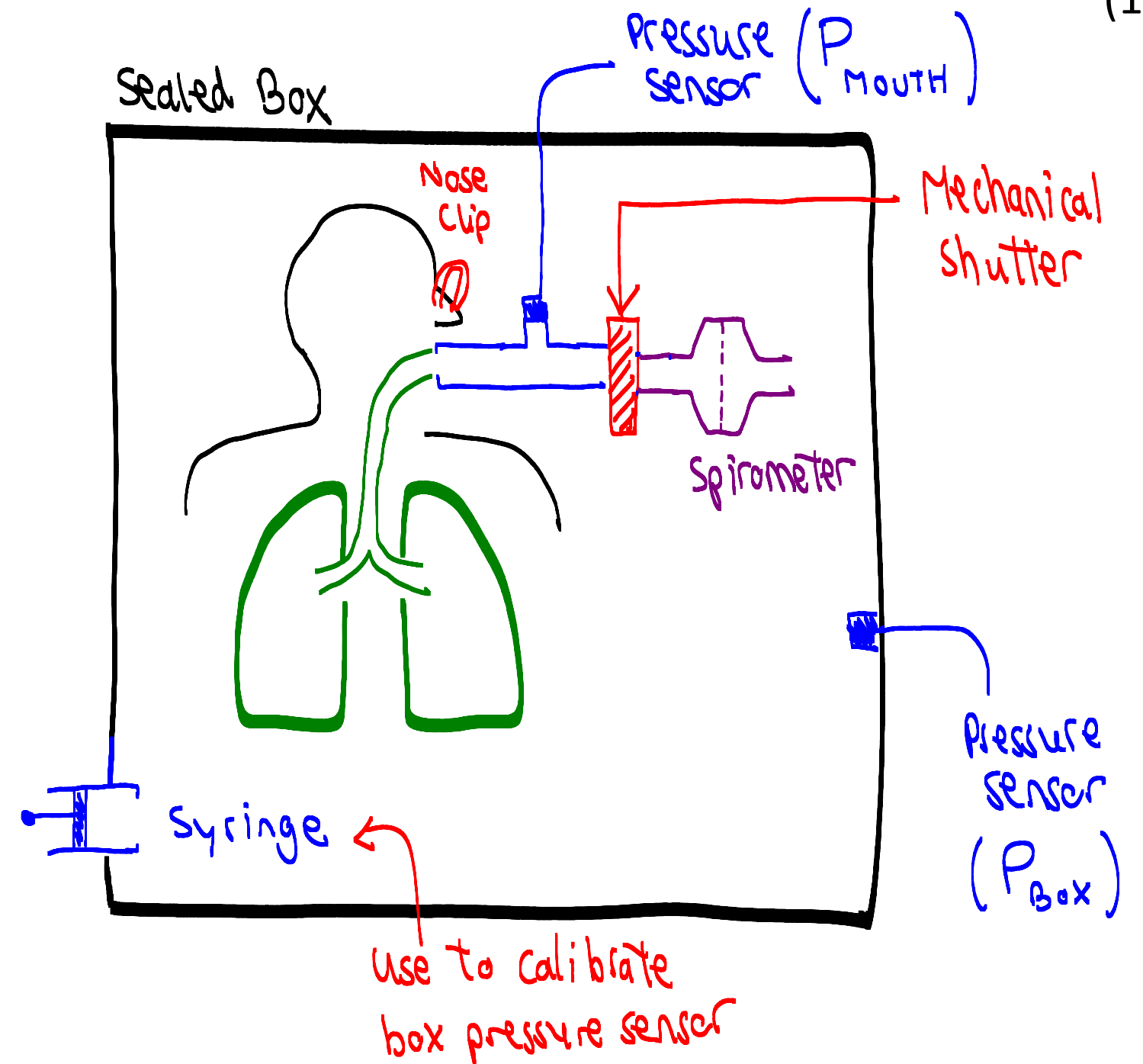
Example:

FRC is lung volume at rest



2. Whole Body Plethysmography

- BASIC IDEA: "body box"
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- ① Patient is inside a sealed chamber
- ② Breathe normally into spirometer (open shutter)
- ③ Try to breathe with closed shutter } "Panting maneuver"
 → Measure mouth and box pressure
 ⇒ compute FRC



Q: How to compute FRC?

A: Recall Boyle's Law for an ideal gas (constant temp)

$$P_{\text{Before}} V_{\text{Before}} = P_{\text{After}} V_{\text{After}}$$

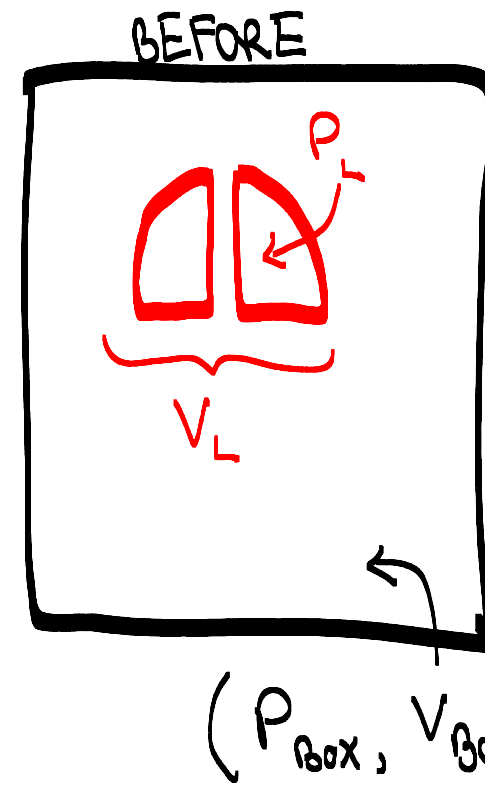
$$\cancel{P_L} V_L = (P_L - \Delta P_L) (V_L + \Delta V_L)$$

$$= \cancel{P_L V_L} - V_L \Delta P_L + (P_L - \Delta P_L) \Delta V_L$$

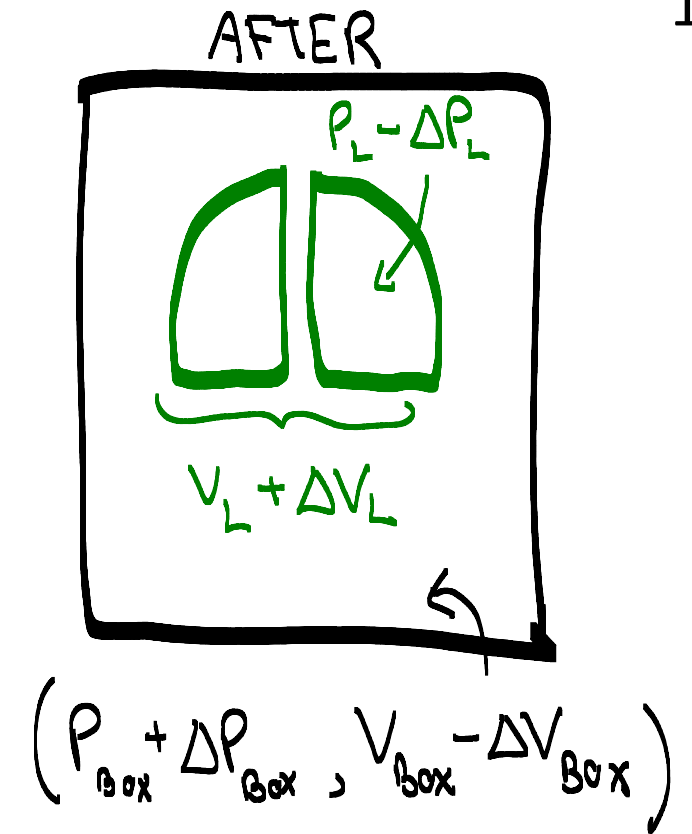
$$V_L = \frac{P_L - \Delta P_L}{\Delta P_L} \Delta V_L$$

In terms of measurements
Assume $P_{\text{LUNG}} = P_{\text{MOUTH}}$

FRC



vs



open shutter ↘

$$\frac{P_M - \Delta P_M}{\Delta P_M} \times (\Delta V_{\text{Box}}) = \frac{P_M - \Delta P_M}{\Delta P_M} \times (K \times \Delta P_{\text{Box}})$$

closed shutter ↗

const is determined by calibration

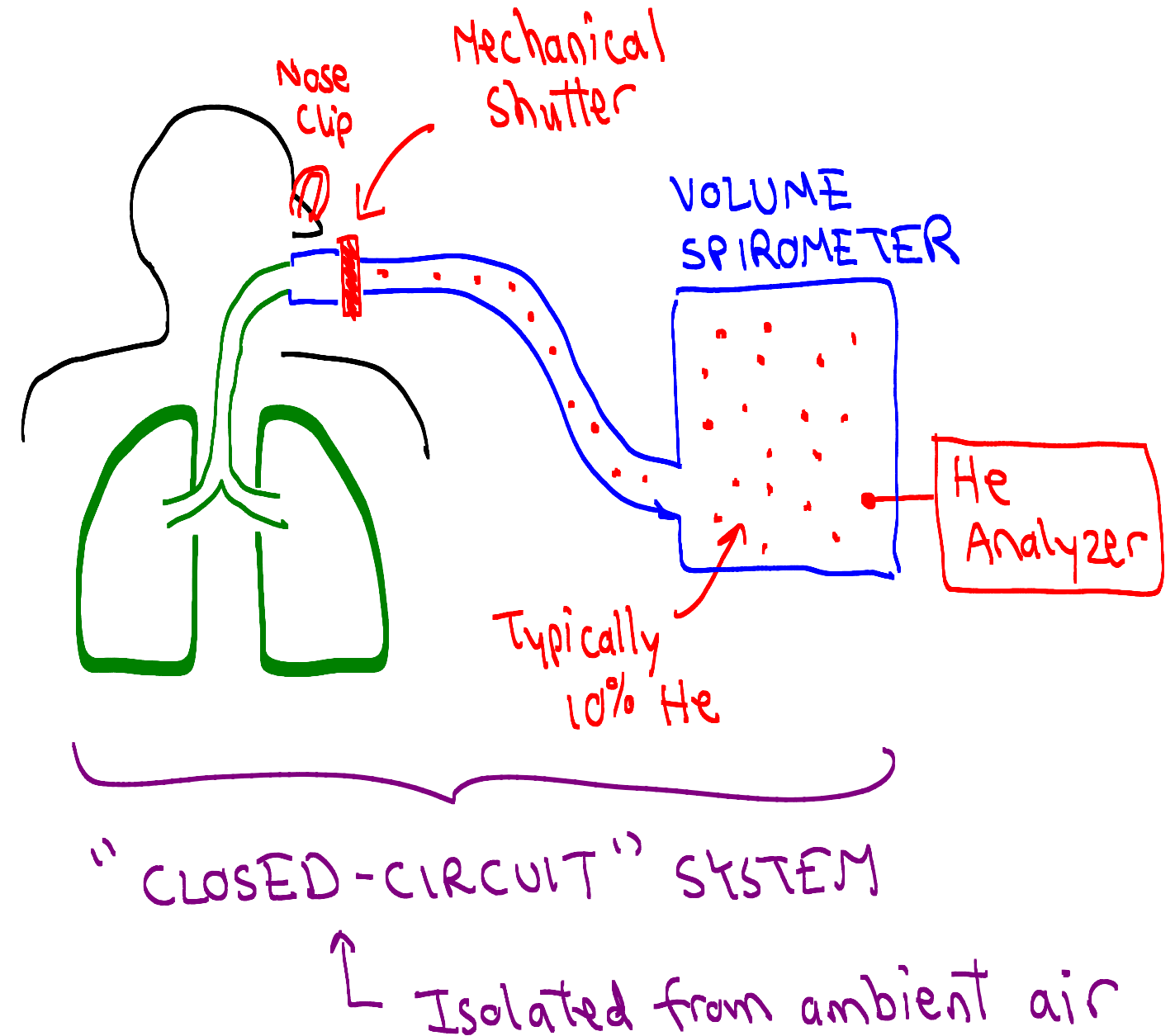
3. Helium Dilution

• BASIC IDEA

- ① Patient breathes normally
- ② Valve opens to let helium mixture into patient's lungs
- ③ Patient re-breathes helium for a few minutes

→ measure He concentration

⇒ Compute FRC



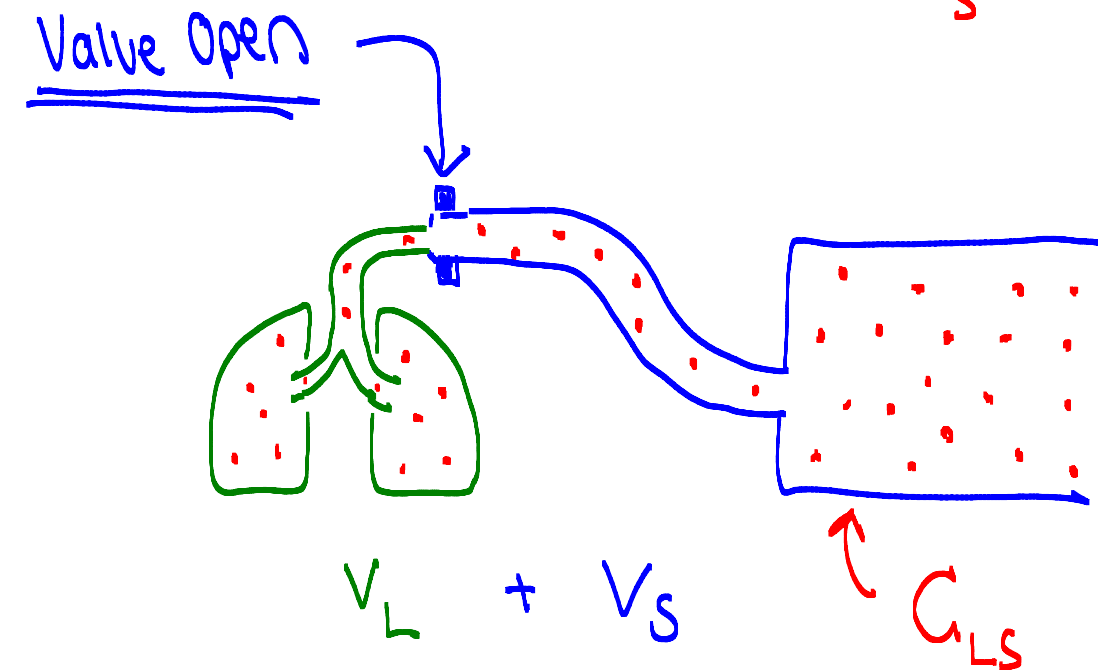
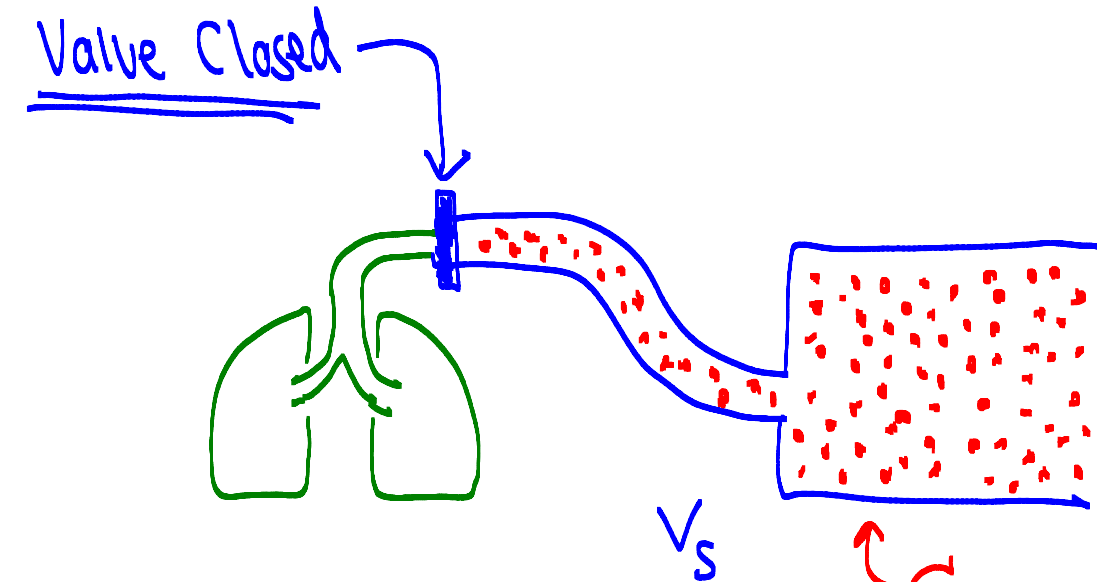
Q: How to compute FRC?

A: Total amount of He stays the same, but concentration changes!

Amount of He = Concentration $\times$ Volume

$$= C_s V_s = C_{Ls} (V_L + V_s)$$

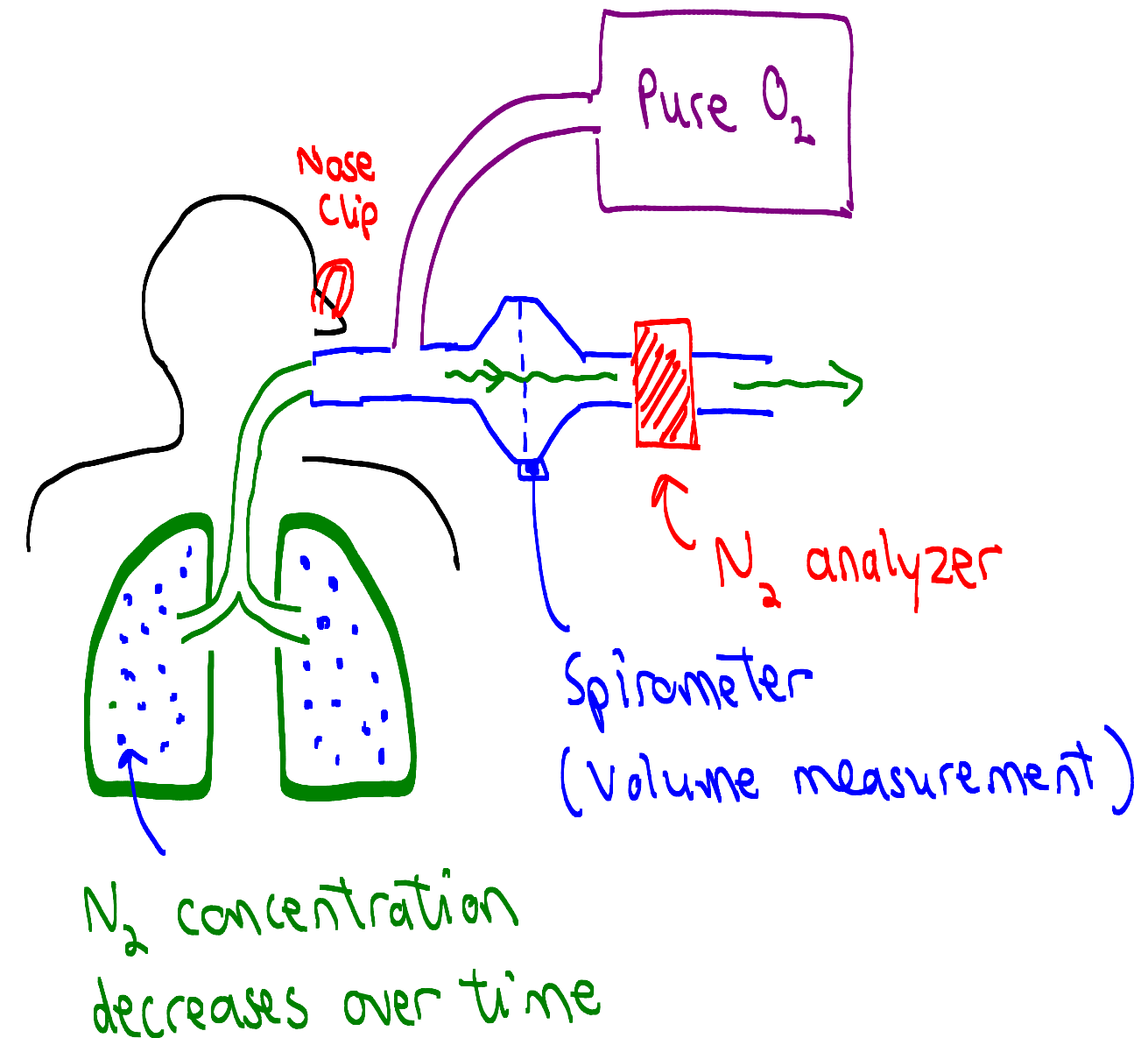
$$\Rightarrow \boxed{FRC = V_L = \frac{(C_s - C_{Ls})}{C_{Ls}} \times V_s}$$



4. Nitrogen Washout

• BASIC IDEA

- ① Patient breathes normally
 - ② Valves let patient breathe in pure O_2
 - ③ Patient breathes normally for several minutes
- measure N_2 concentration and volume per breath
 ⇒ Compute FRC



Q: How to compute FRC?

A: Total amount of N_2 in lungs is related to FRC?

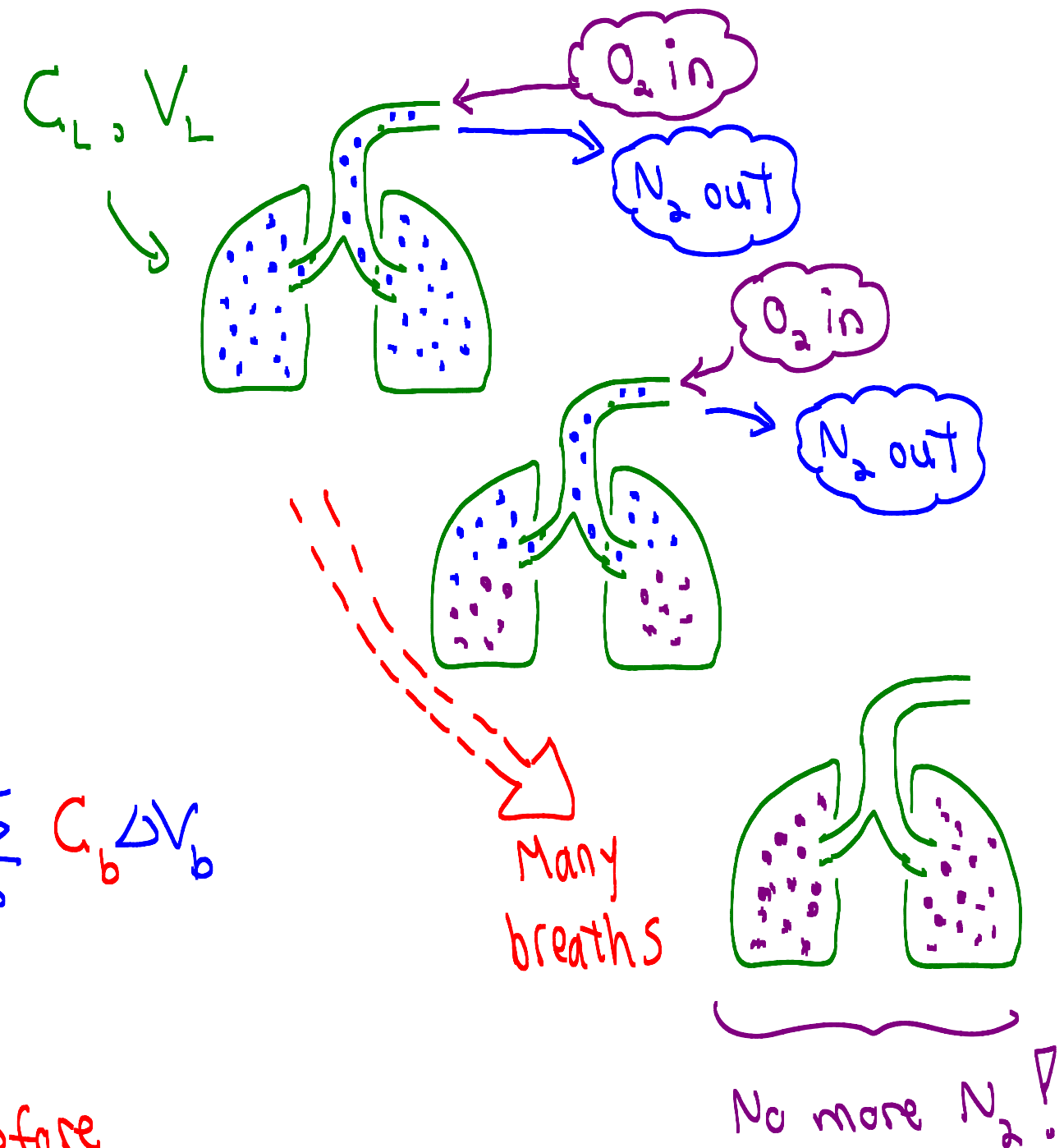
Amount of N_2 = Concentration $\times$ Volume

$$= C_L V_L = \left[N_2 \text{ from Breath \#1} \right] + \left[N_2 \text{ from Breath \#2} \right] + \dots$$

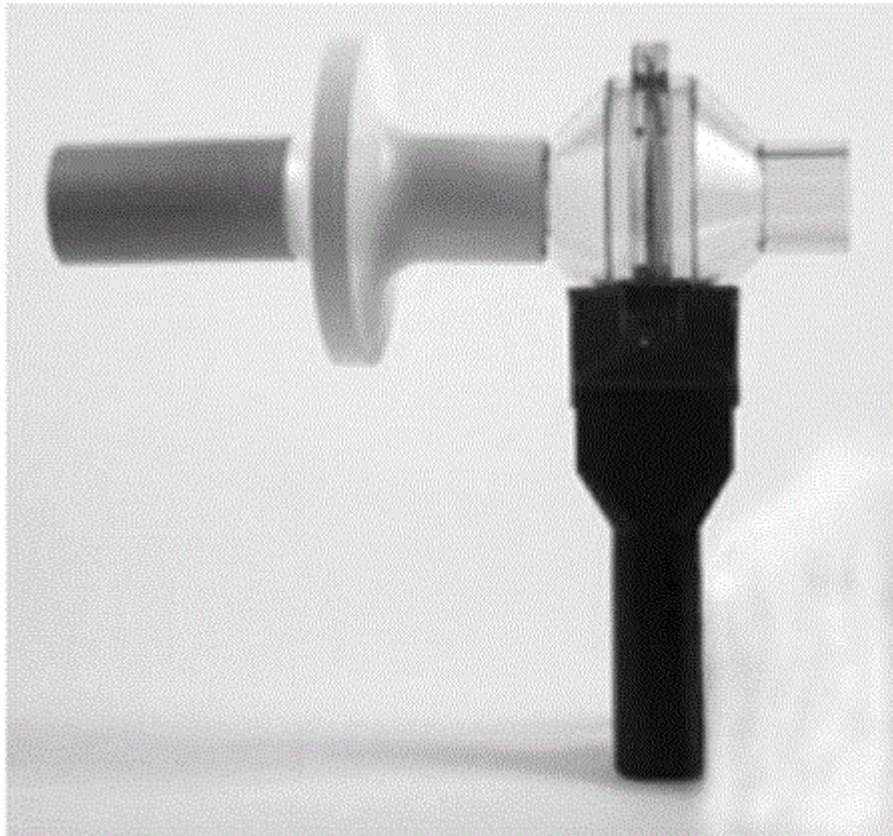
$$= C_1 \Delta V_1 + C_2 \Delta V_2 + \dots = \sum_b C_b \Delta V_b$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{FRC = V_L = \frac{\sum_b C_b \Delta V_b}{C_L}}$$

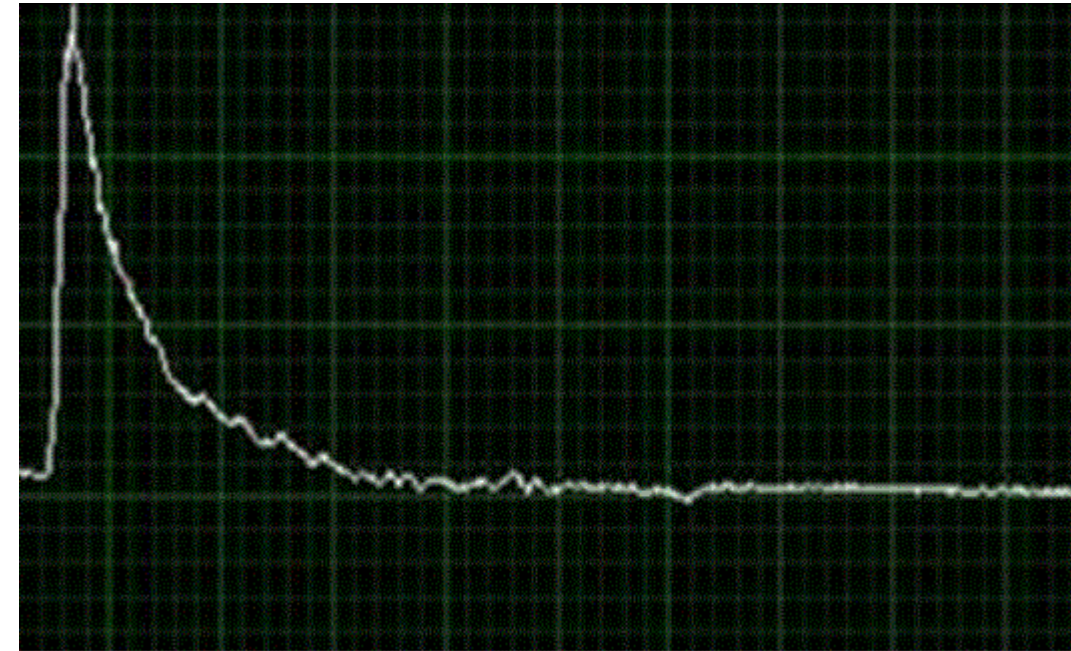
Measure before procedure



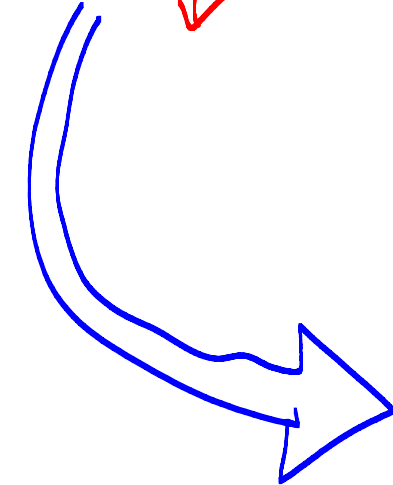
Spirometer



Scope



V_{max}



Peak Expiratory Flow (Liters/sec)
(PEF)