

# Parasitic Drag

## Lecture 4

ME EN 415

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# Drag Breakdown

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Parasitic Drag + Induced Drag + Compressibility Drag

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zero-lift drag

vortex drag

wave drag

lift-dependent drag

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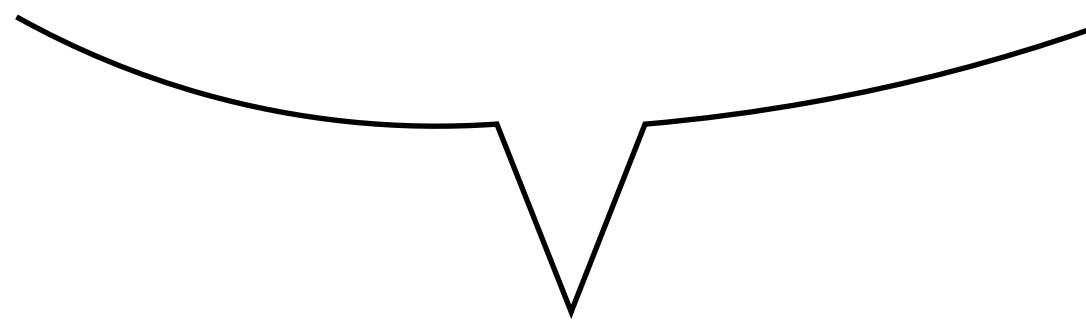
alternative:

Zero-Lift Drag + Lift-Dependent Drag

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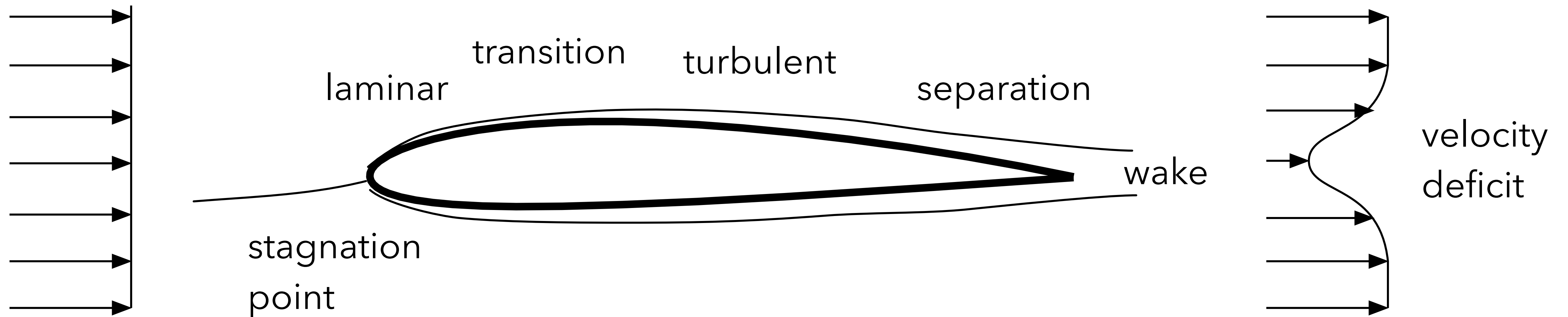
Parasitic drag = skin friction drag + viscous pressure drag  
(a.k.a. form drag)

# Skin Friction Drag

# Boundary Layers

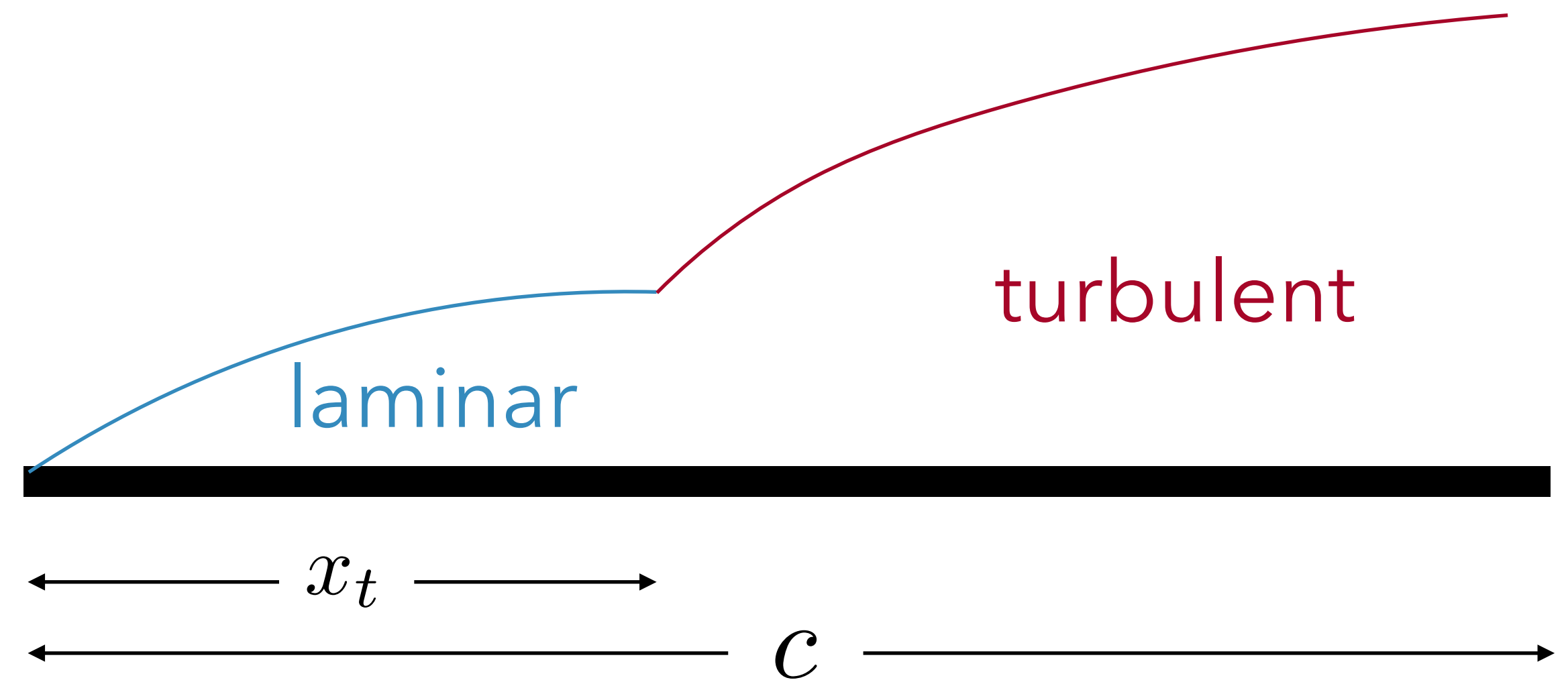
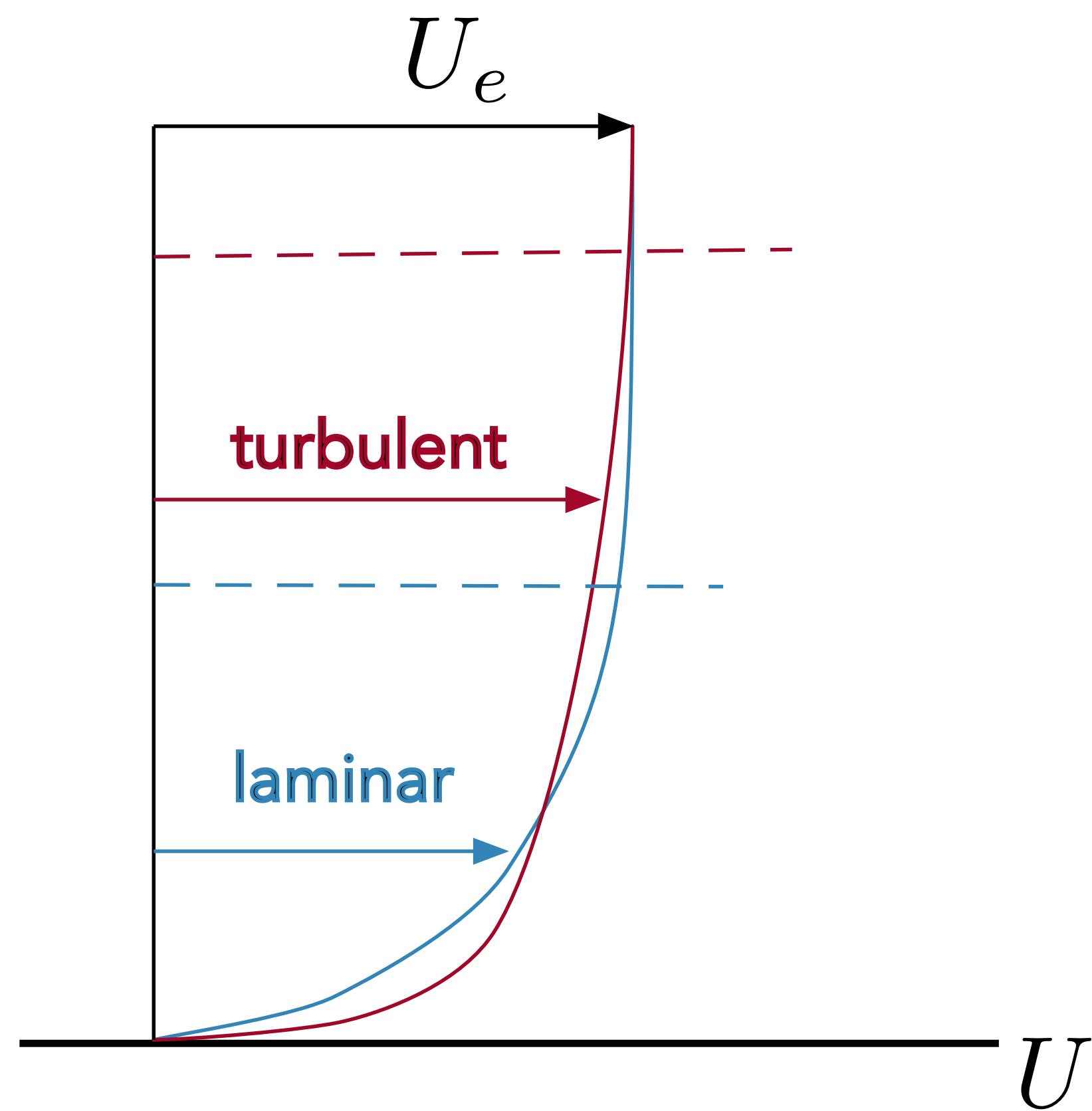
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$$Re_x = \frac{\rho V x}{\mu}$$



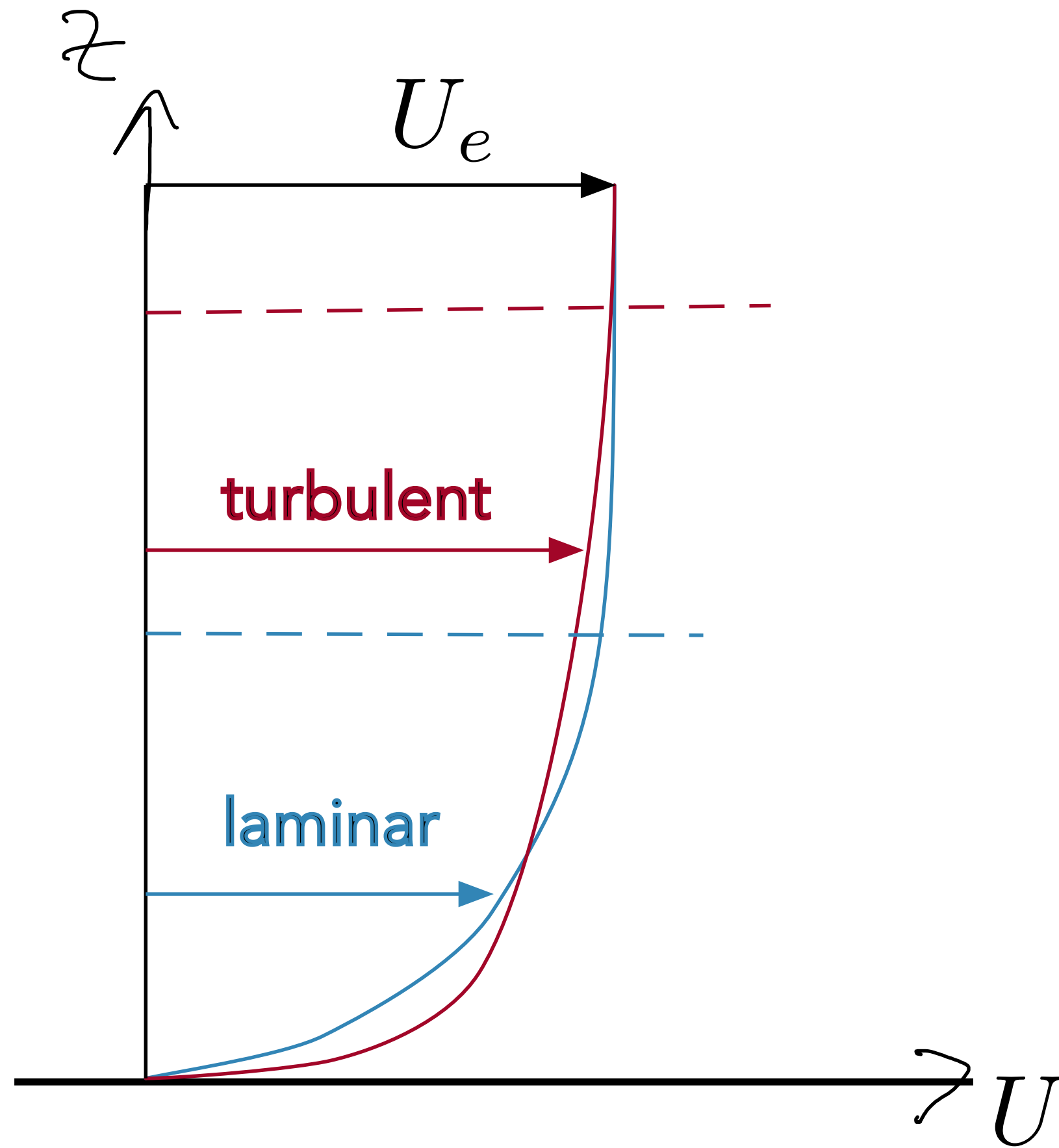
$$\text{transition} \sim Re = 10^5 - 10^6$$





# Skin Friction Drag

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$$\tau_w = \mu \left. \frac{du}{dz} \right|_{z=0}$$

(wall shear stress)

$$C_f = \frac{\tau_w}{q_\infty} = \frac{\tau_w}{\frac{1}{2} \rho_\infty V_\infty^2}$$

(skin friction coefficient)

# Skin Friction - Flat Plate

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(Blasius)

$$C_f = \frac{1.328}{\sqrt{Re}}$$

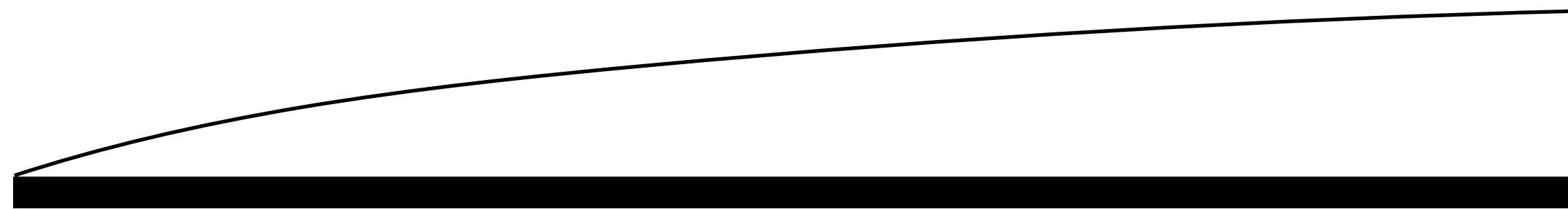
laminar

(Prandtl)

$$C_f = \frac{0.074}{Re^{0.2}} \text{ or } = \frac{0.455}{(\log_{10} Re)^{2.58}}$$

turbulent

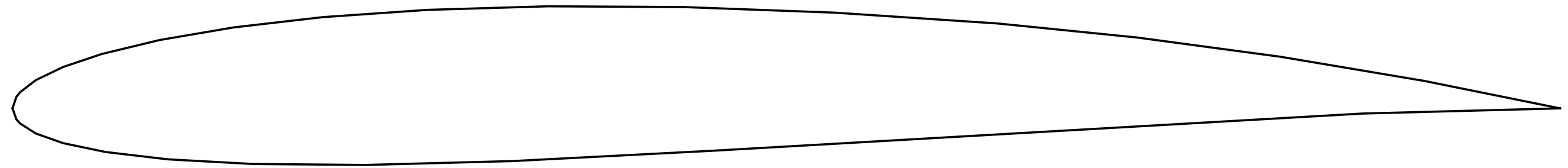
(Schlichting)



# Viscous Pressure Drag

# Drag Comparison

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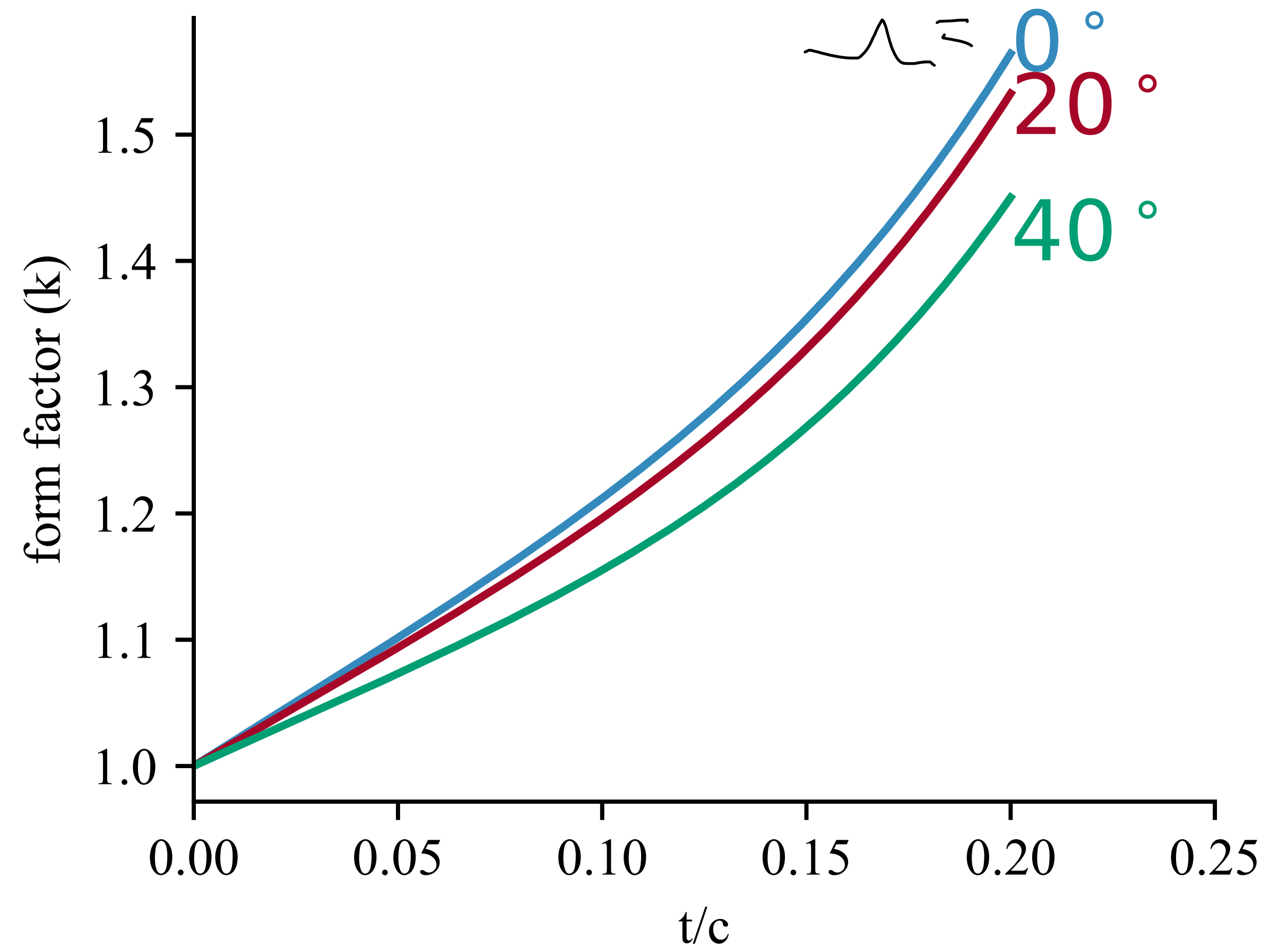


# Form Factor - Lifting Surface

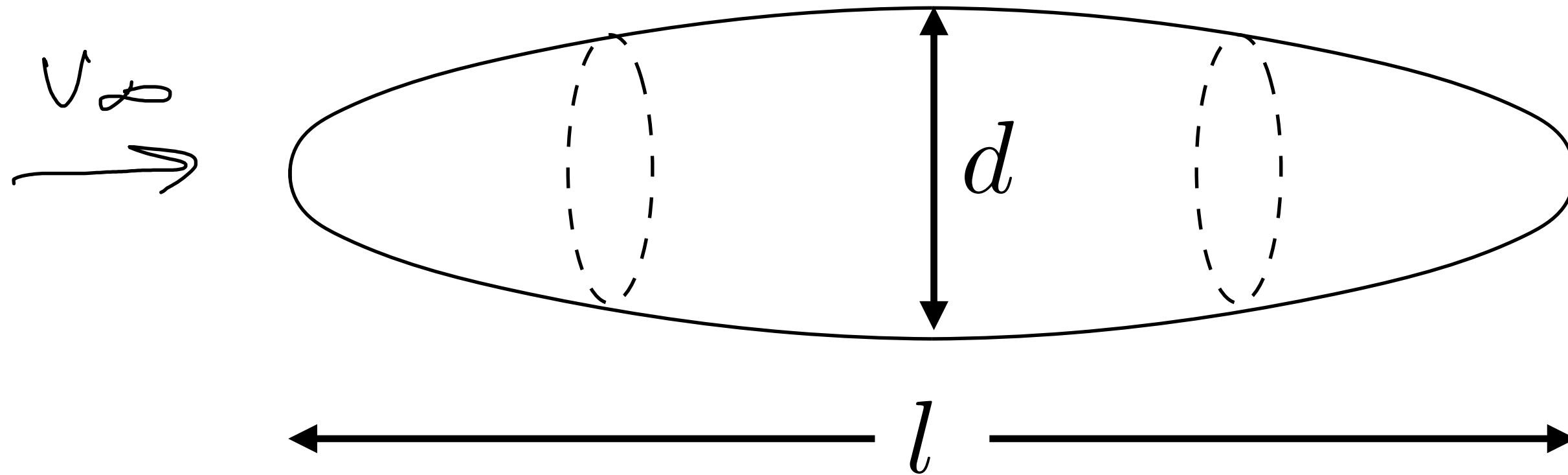
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$$k = 1 + 2 \cos \Lambda \frac{t}{c} + 100 \left( \frac{t}{c} \right)^4$$

Conceptual  
design

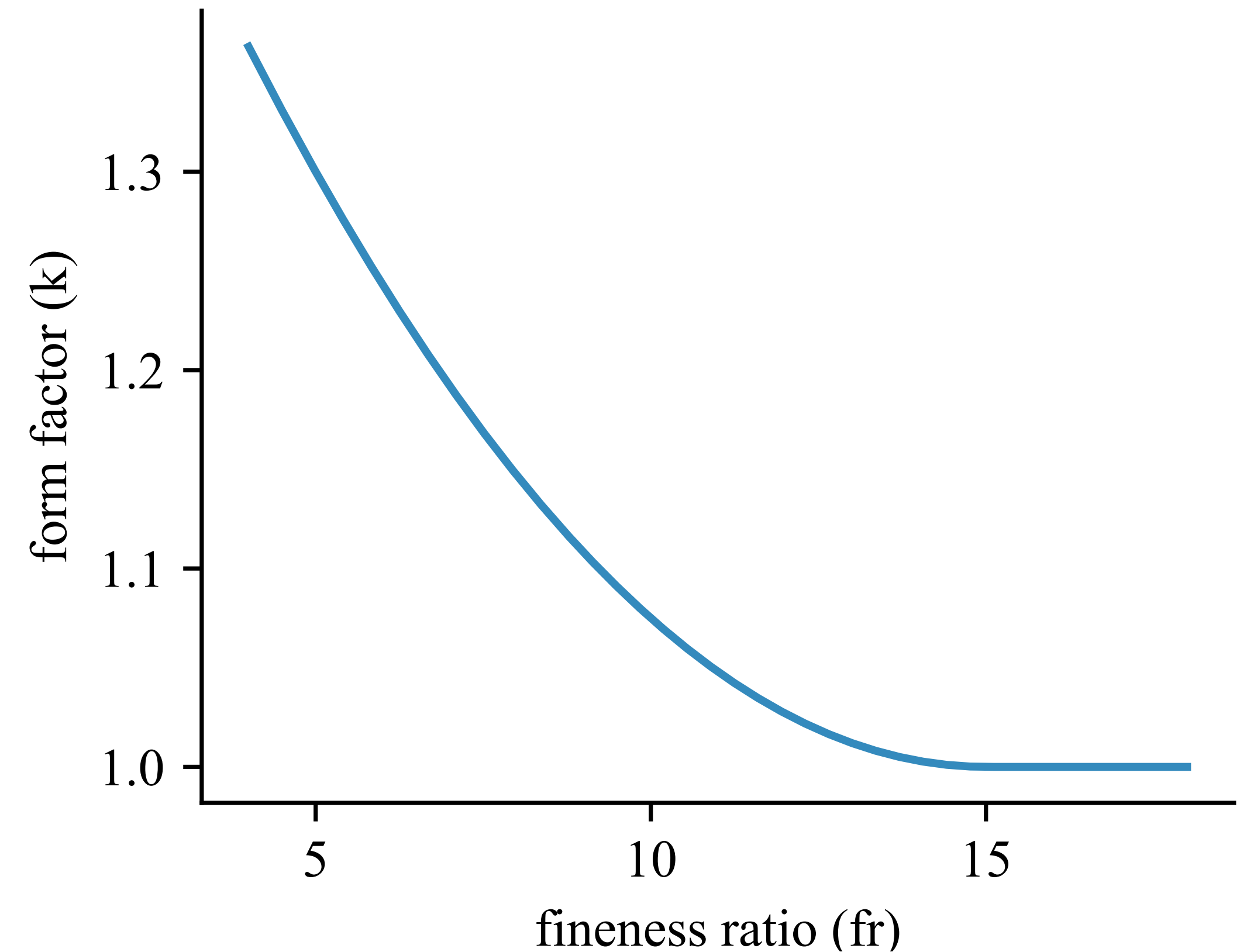


# Form Factor - Body of Revolution



$$fr = \frac{l}{d} \quad (\text{fineness ratio})$$

$$k = \begin{cases} 1.675 - 0.09fr + 0.003fr^2 & fr < 15 \\ 1 & fr \geq 15 \end{cases}$$



non-circular cross-section:

$$d_{eff} = \sqrt{\frac{4S}{\pi}}$$

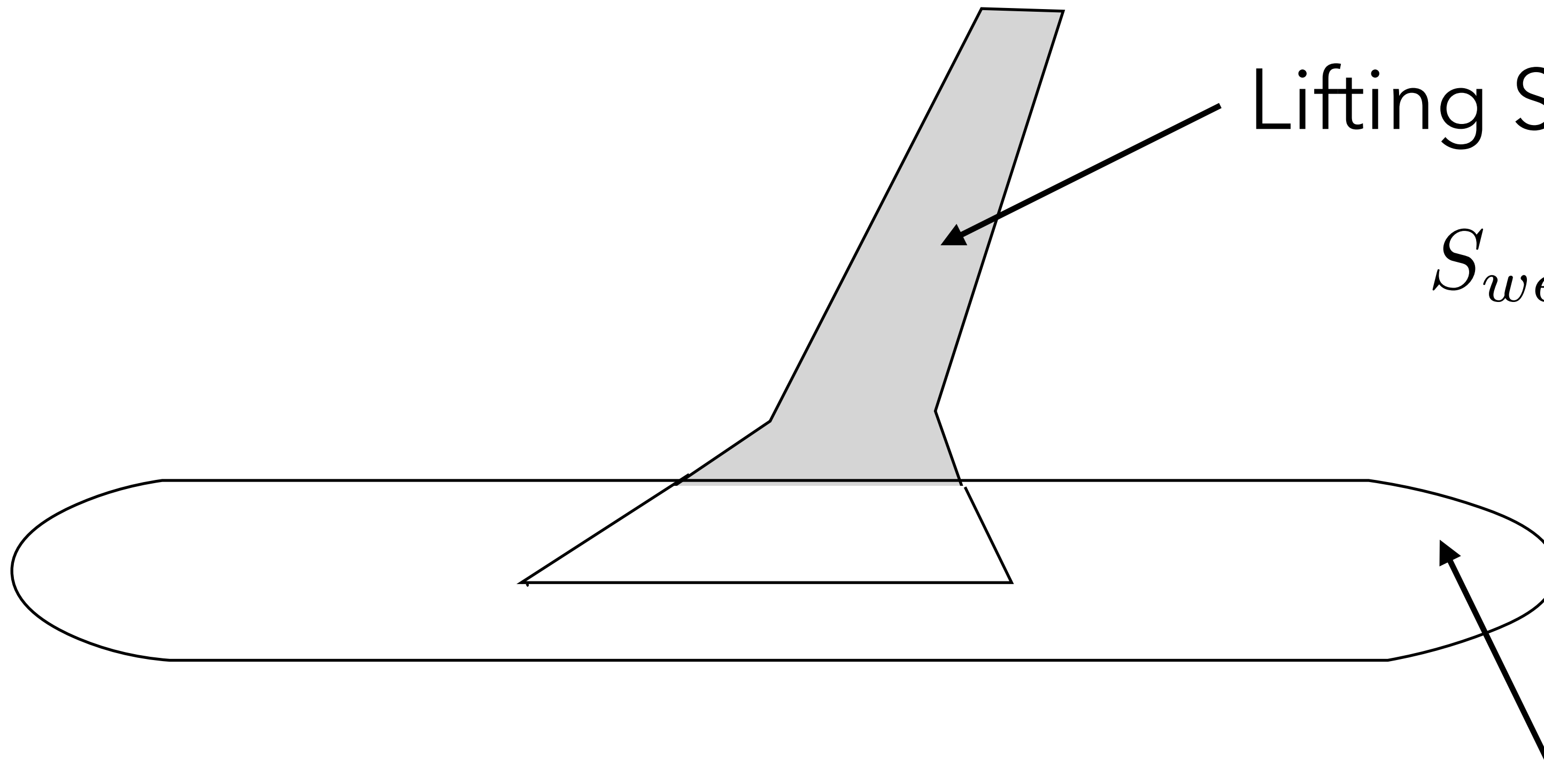
$S$ : max cross-sectional  
area.



# Parasitic Drag

# Wetted Area

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Lifting Surfaces:

$$S_{wet} \approx 2 \left( 1 + 0.2 \frac{t}{c} \right) S_{exposed}$$

Nose/Tail Cone:

$$S_{wet} \approx 0.75\pi dl$$

# Parasitic Drag

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$$C_D = \frac{D}{q_\infty S}$$

$$C_{Dp} = k C_f \frac{S_{wet}}{S_{ref}}$$

$$D = k C_f q_\infty S_{wet}$$

$$C_D = \frac{D}{q_\infty S_{ref}} = \frac{k C_f q_\infty S_{wet}}{q_\infty S_{ref}} = k C_f \frac{S_{wet}}{S_{ref}}$$

# Other Sources of Parasitic Drag

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- Interference Drag
- Control Surface Gap Drag
- Nacelle Base Drag
- Fuselage Upsweep Drag
- Hinges/Protuberances

