

LA FISICA DELLA VELA

A GENTLE INTRODUCTION



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- I'm a modest sailor ... sorry also for that 😊
- A lot of simplifications
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EVOLUZIONE



Vela quadra



Vela Latina



1961 - WILDCAT USA X-1



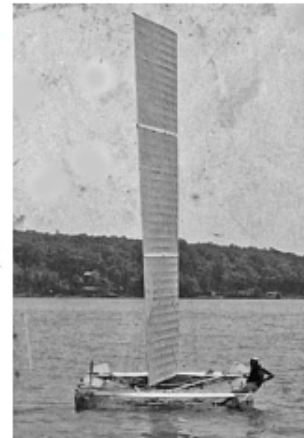
1968 - W. Van Alan Clark's Wing C-Class



2013 - GROUPAMA FRA 007

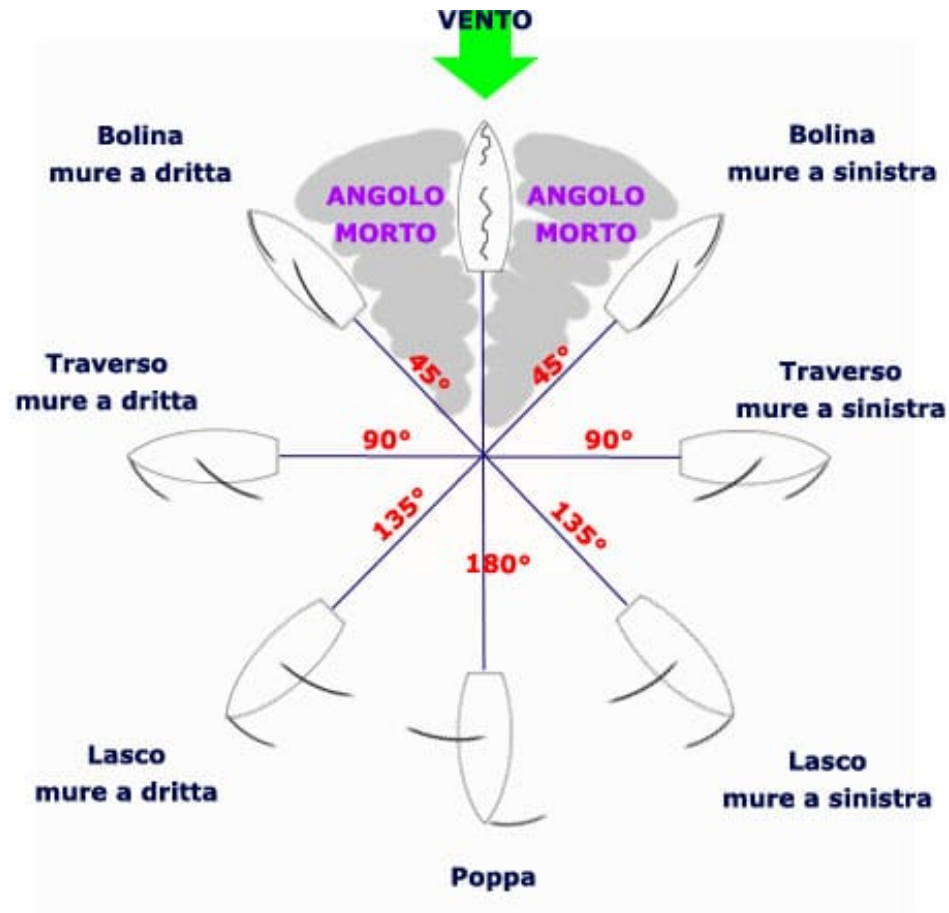


Vela Bermudiana

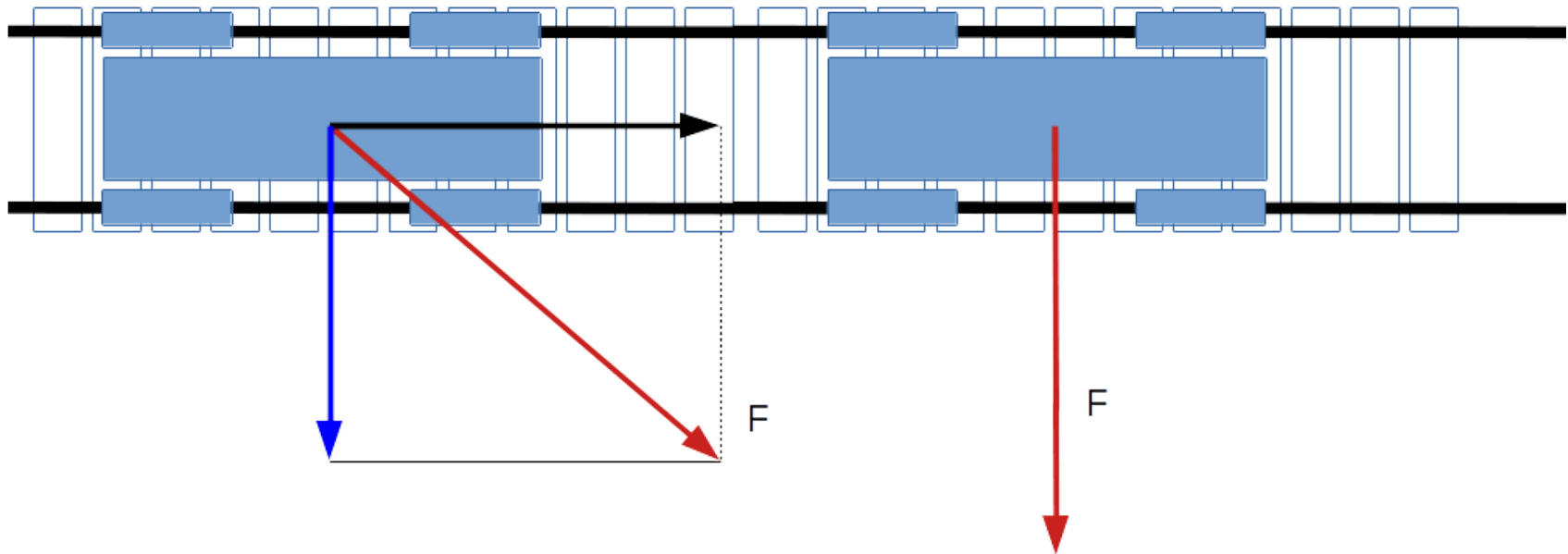
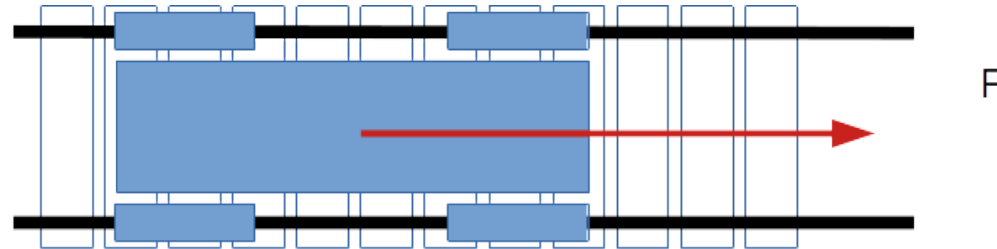


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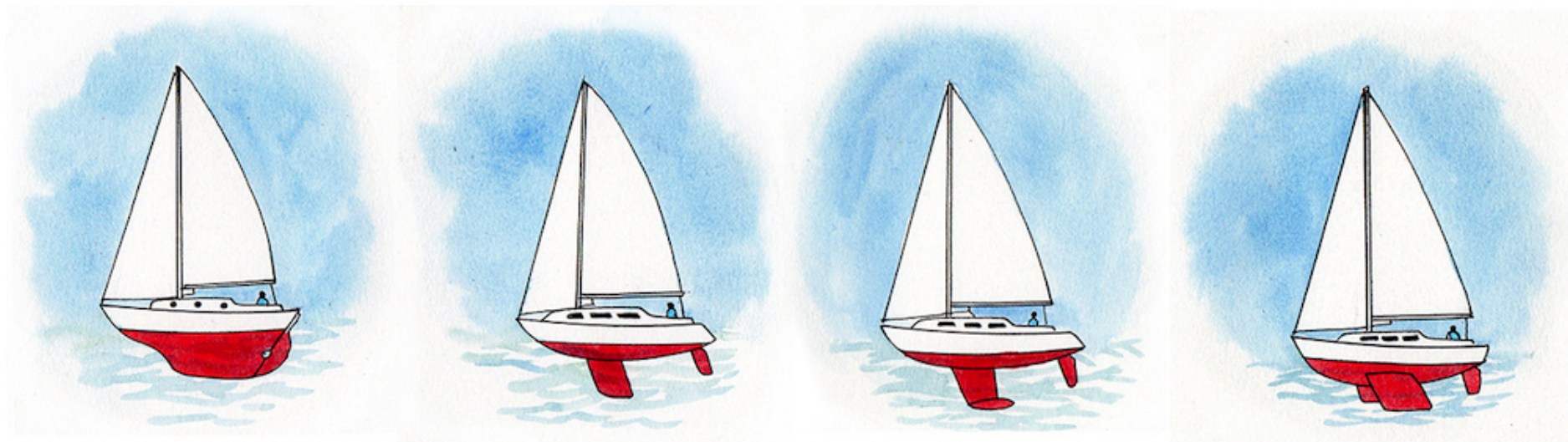


COMINCIAMO DA UN TRENO TRAINATO DA UNA FUNE!



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CHI SONO I BINARI?



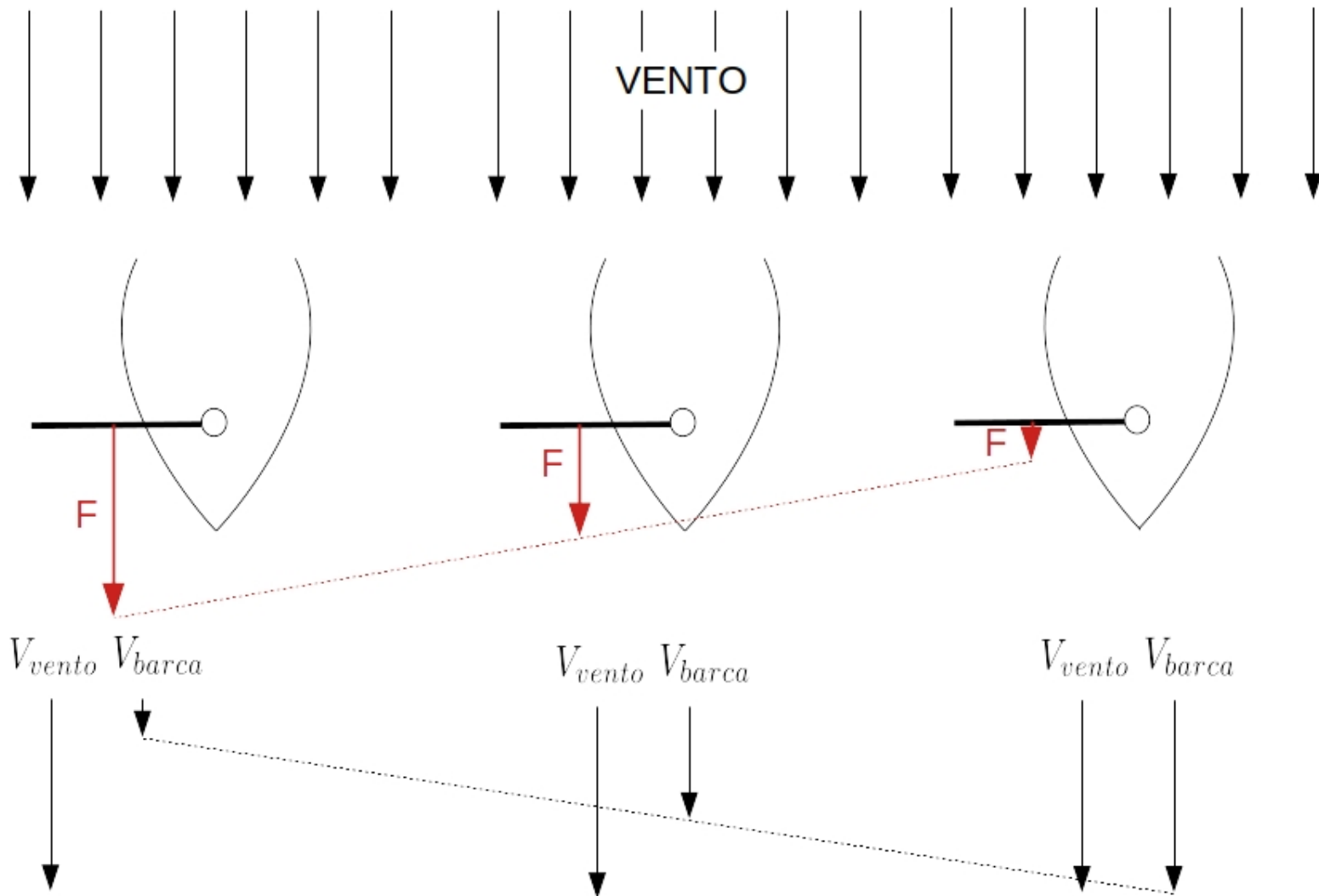
LA FUNE?



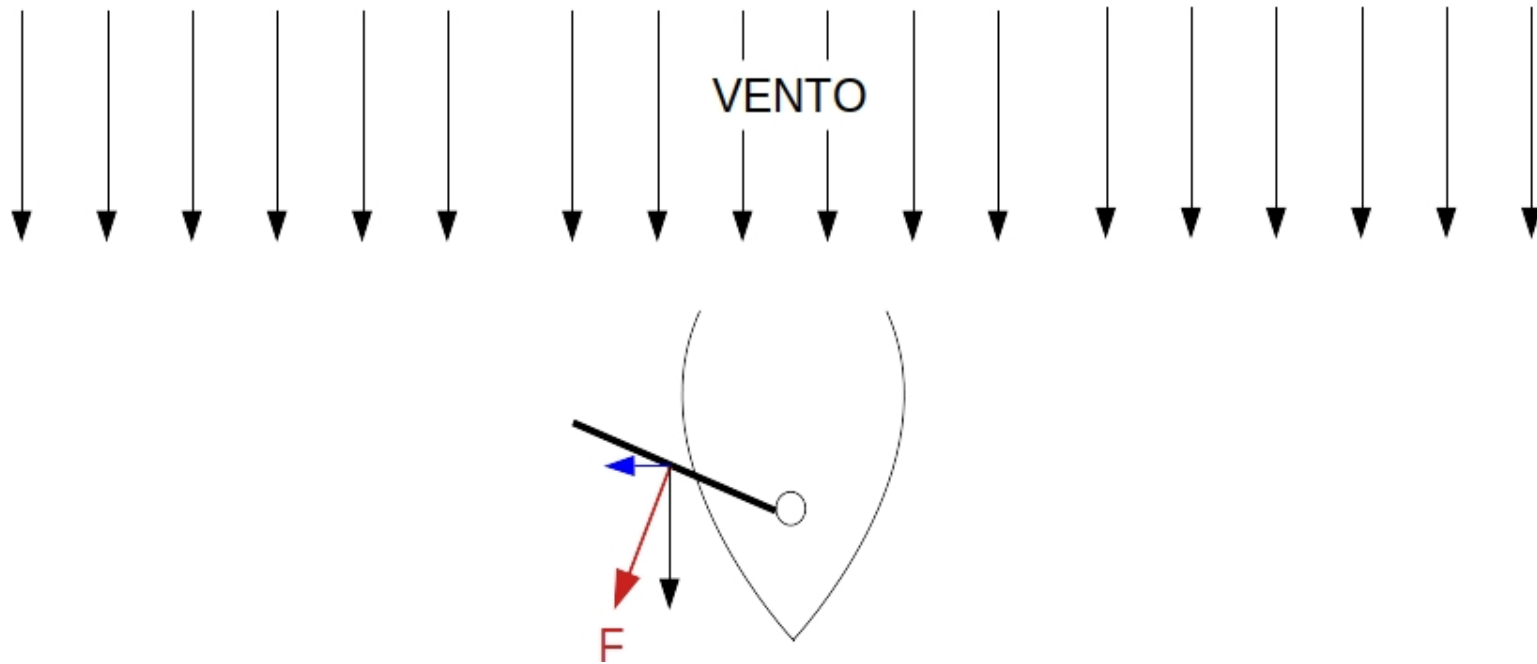
VENTO IN POPPA



AL PIÙ LA VELOCITÀ DEL VENTO



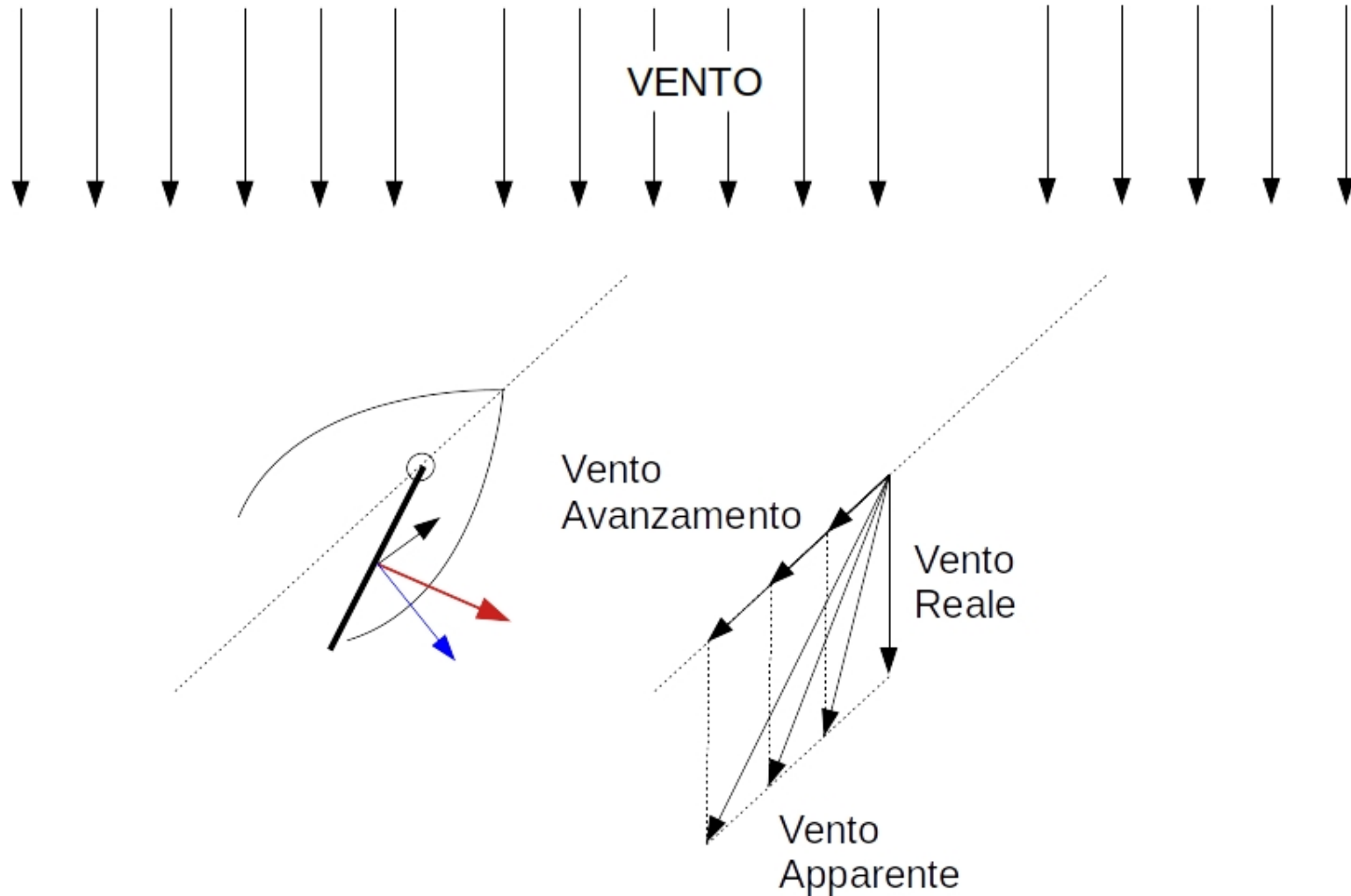
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Forza minore:

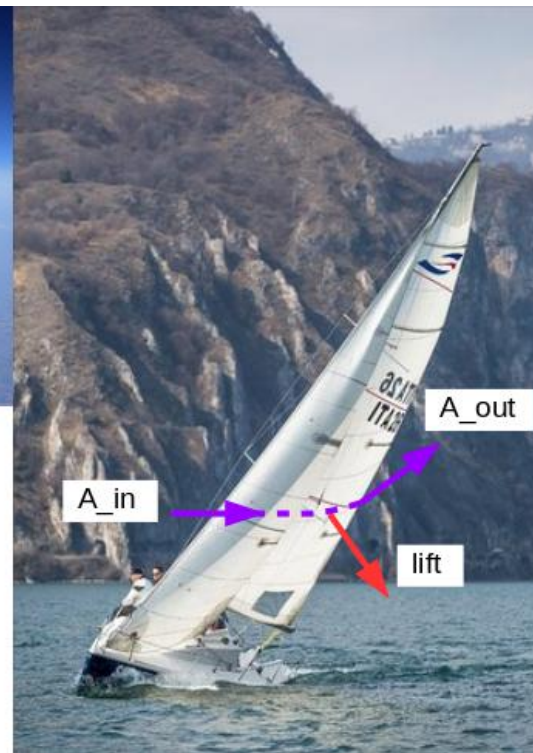
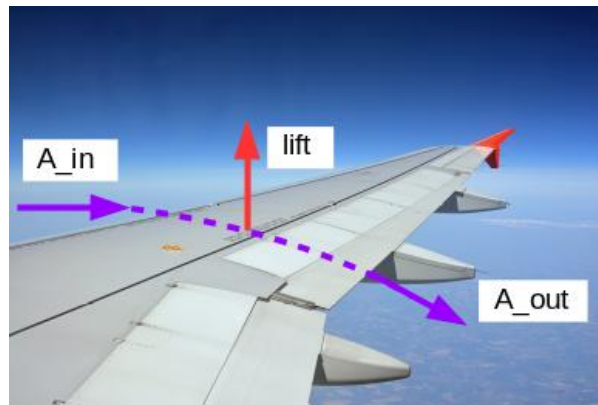
- La vela intercetta meno vento
- Forza perpendicolare alla vela non parallela al moto

PIÙ DELLA VELOCITÀ DEL VENTO



Il vento apparente genera forza propulsiva

LA VELA È UN'ALA

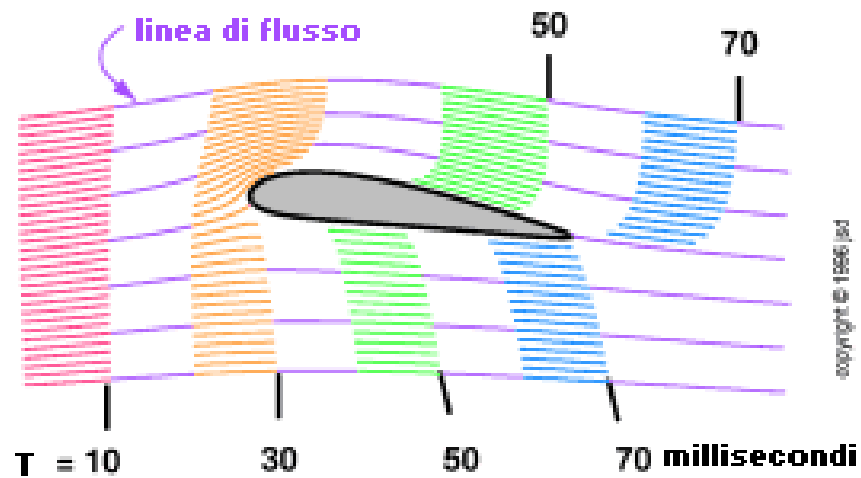


ALA ESPOSTA AD UN FLUSSO D'ARIA

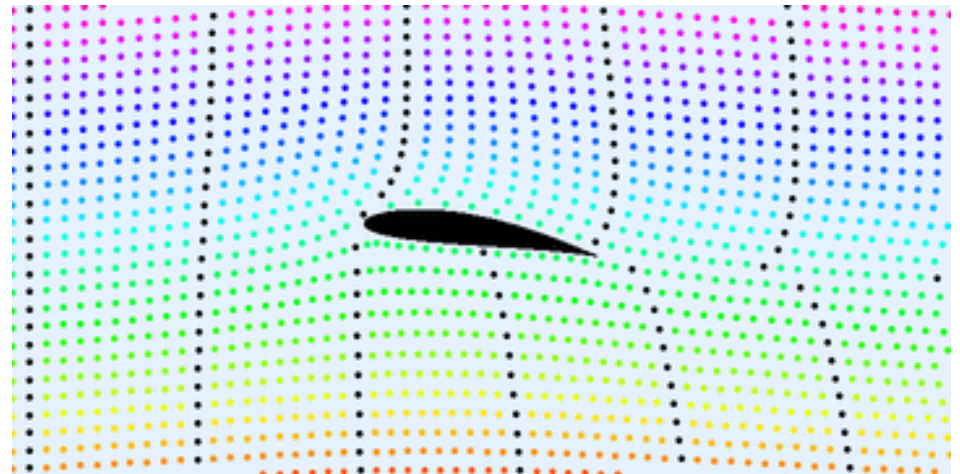
Airflow across a wing



L'ALA DEVIA IL FLUSSO



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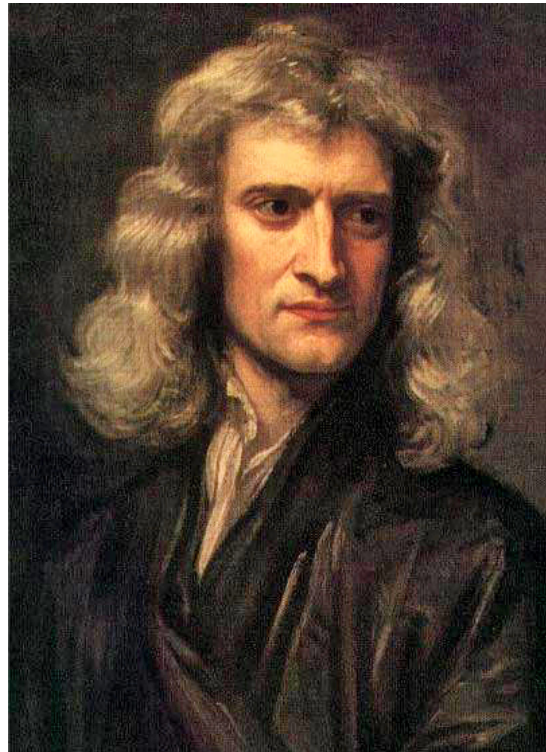


LA PORTANZA (LIFT) PER LA NASA

Lift occurs when a moving flow of gas is turned by a solid object. The flow is turned in one direction, and the lift is generated in the opposite direction, according to Newton's Third Law of action and reaction. Because air is a gas and the molecules are free to move about, any solid surface can deflect a flow. For an aircraft wing, both the upper and lower surfaces contribute to the flow turning. Neglecting the upper surface's part in turning the flow leads to an incorrect theory of lift.

- NIENTE FLUIDO (ARIA), NIENTE PORTANZA
- NIENTE MOVIMENTO, NIENTE PORTANZA

ISAAC NEWTON (1642-1726)



SPOSTARE IL FLUSSO

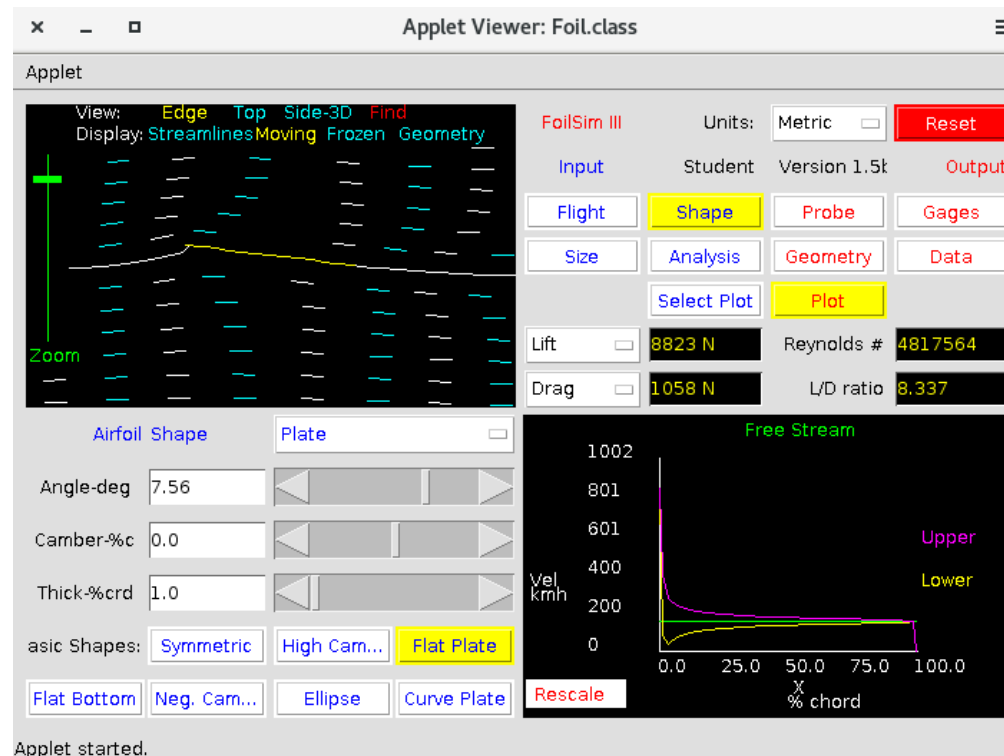
La portanza è la **forza** generata dallo spostamento del flusso d'aria

$$F = ma = m \frac{(V_1 - V_0)}{t_1 - t_0}$$

LO ABBIAMO SPERIMENTATO DA PICCOLI

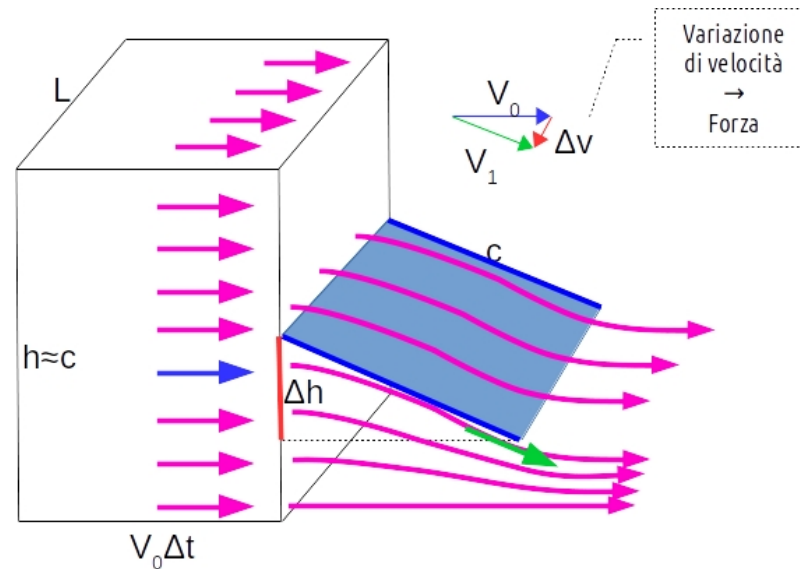


SPERIMENTIAMO DA GRANDI ☺



FoilSim by NASA

QUALCHE APPROSSIMAZIONE



Nota che: $\frac{\Delta V}{V} \simeq \frac{\Delta h}{c}$

$$m = \rho \text{Vol} = \rho c L v \Delta t = \rho A v \Delta t$$

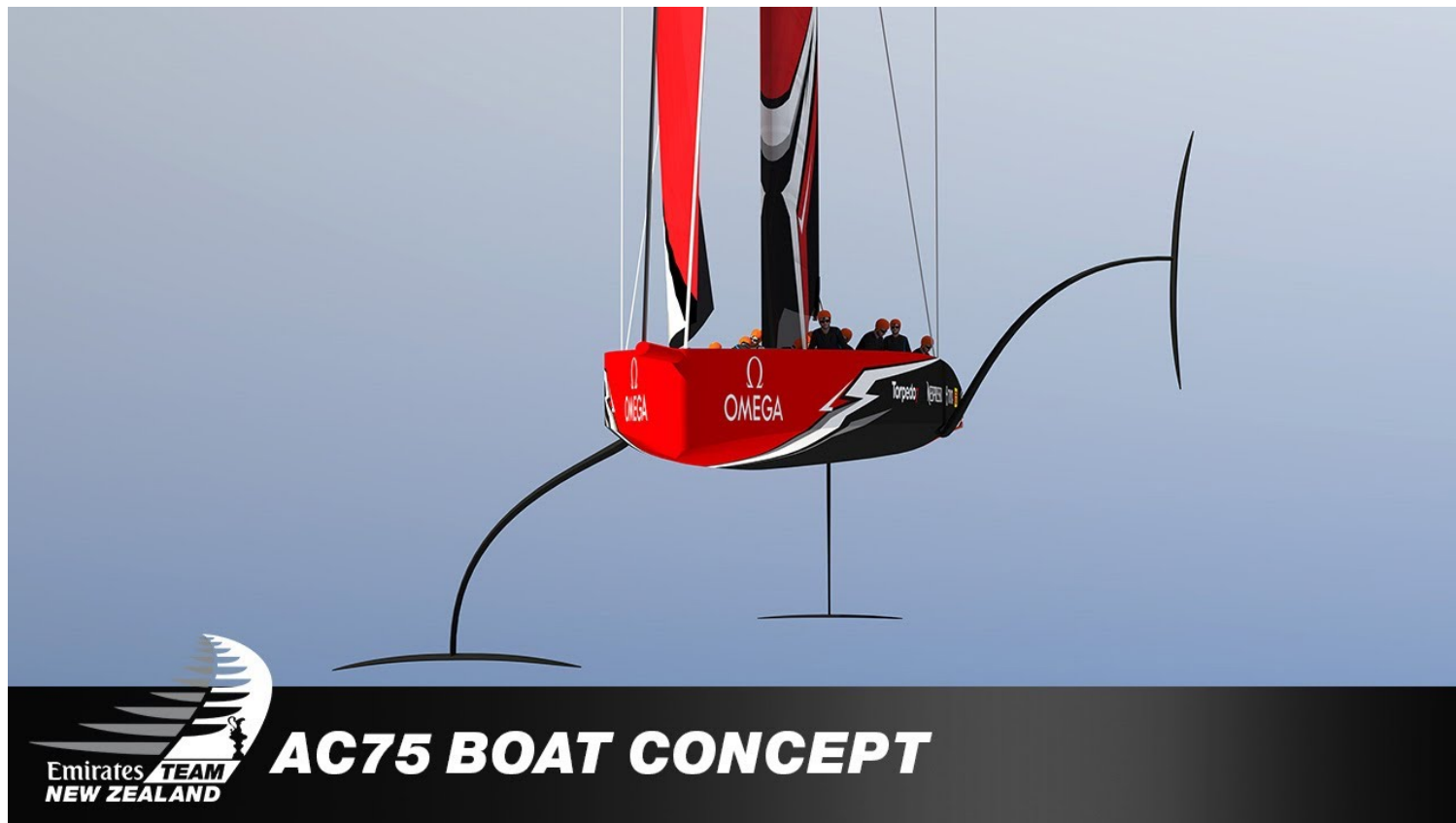
Quindi: $F = ma = m \frac{\Delta V}{\Delta t} \simeq \rho A v \Delta t \frac{v \frac{\Delta h}{c}}{\Delta t} = \rho v^2 A \frac{\Delta h}{c}$

NIENTE MALE

$$F = \rho v^2 A \frac{\Delta h}{c}$$

- ρ è la densità dell'aria
- v^2 è il quadrato della velocità
- A è la superficie dell'ala
- $\frac{\Delta h}{c}$ è l'angolo d'attacco

HYDROFOIL: LA VELA SOTTO!!!



LA DENSITÀ!

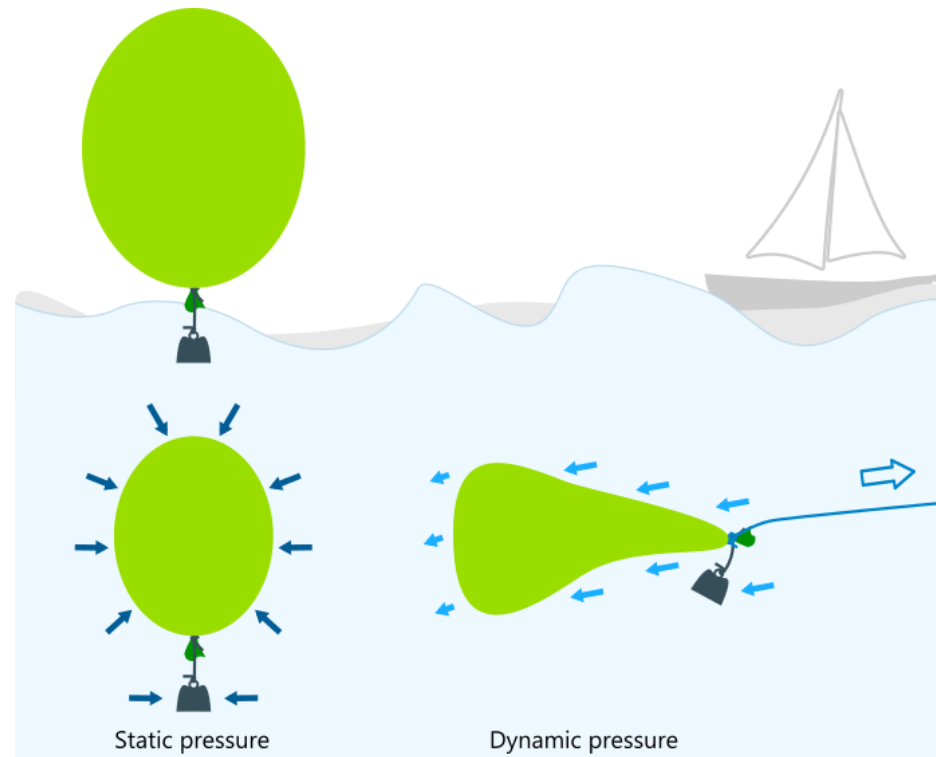
$$F = \rho v^2 A \frac{\Delta h}{c}$$

Materiale	Densità (kg/m³)
Abete	700
Acciaio	7860
Acqua a 0 °C	999,8
Acqua a 4 °C	1000
Acqua a 20 °C	998,2
Acqua di mare	1025
Alcool etilico	794
Alluminio	2600-2750
Anidride carbonica	1,98
Argento	10500
Aria	1,293
Basalto	2800-2950
Benzina	700-720
Calcestruzzo	2200-2600
Carta	970
Cenere	900
Cera (paraffina)	950
Cemento Portland	3150
Diamante	3550
Elio	0,179
Ferro	7880
Gesso	2300
Ghiaccio a 0 °C	917
Iridio	22610
Latte a 15 °C	1029-1034
Marmo	2500-2800
Mercurio	13590

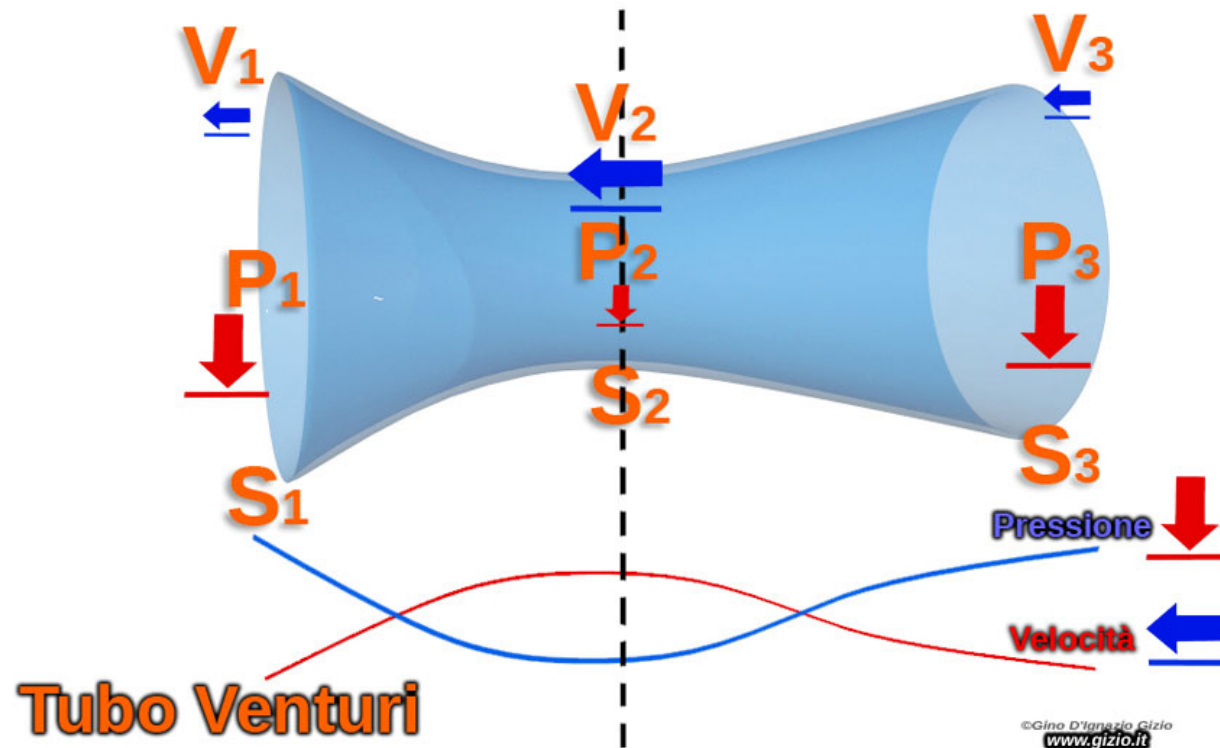
DANIEL BERNOULLI (1700-1782)



PRESSIONE STATICA E DINAMICA



ECCO PERCHÈ!

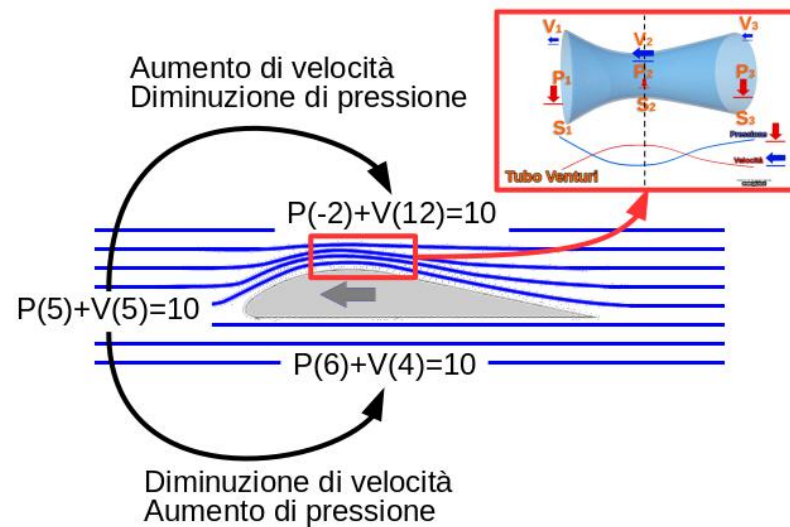


$$p_t = p_s + p_d = \text{costante}$$

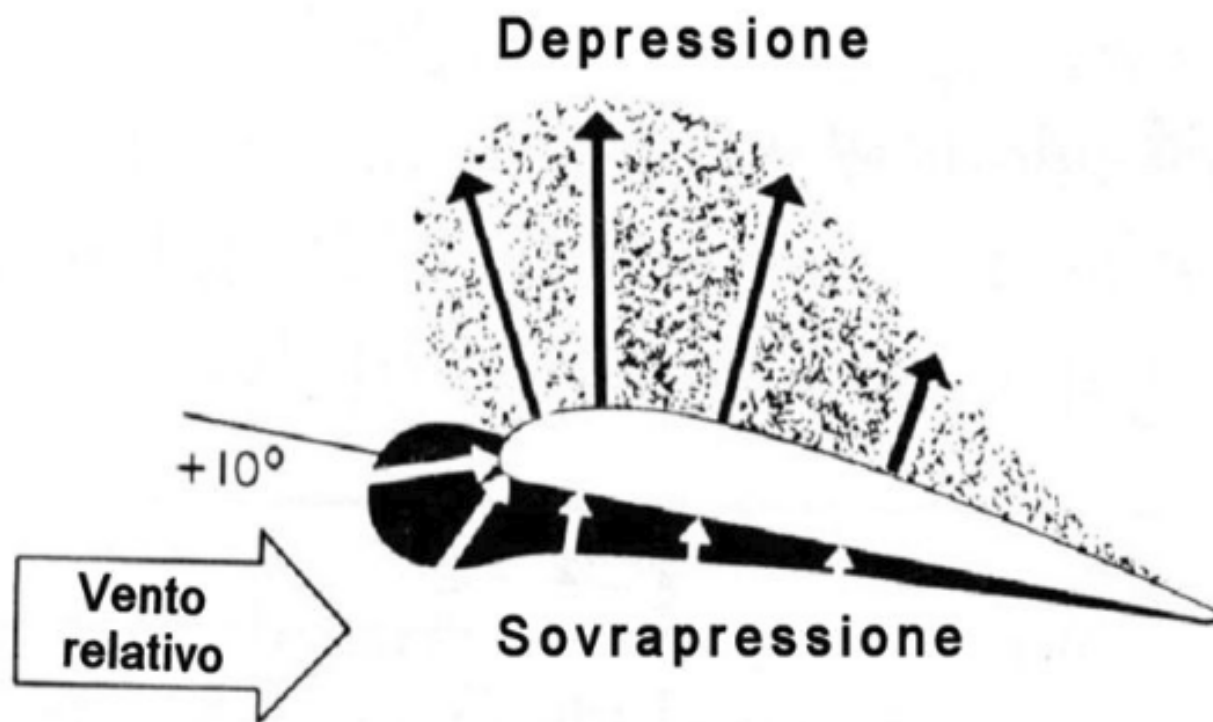
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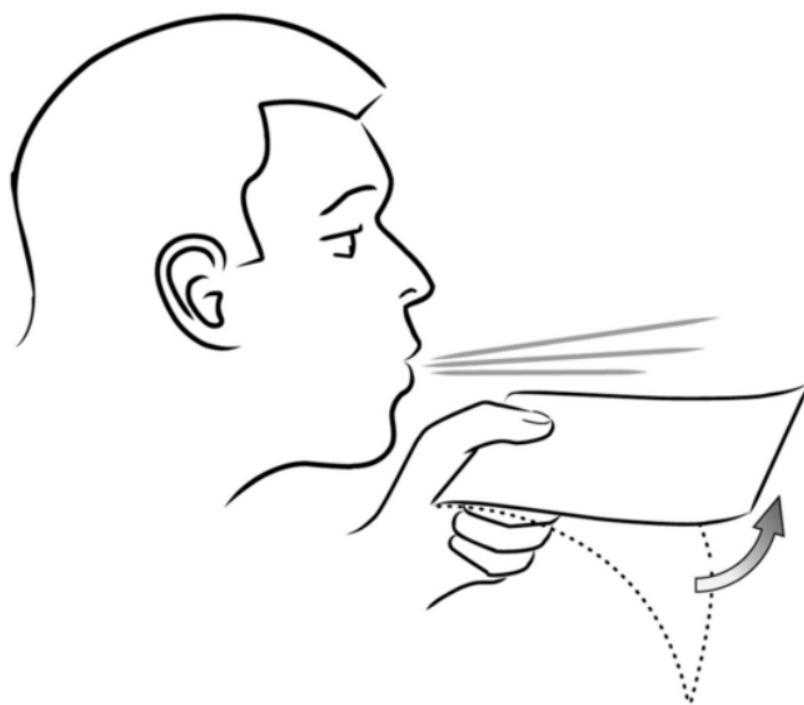
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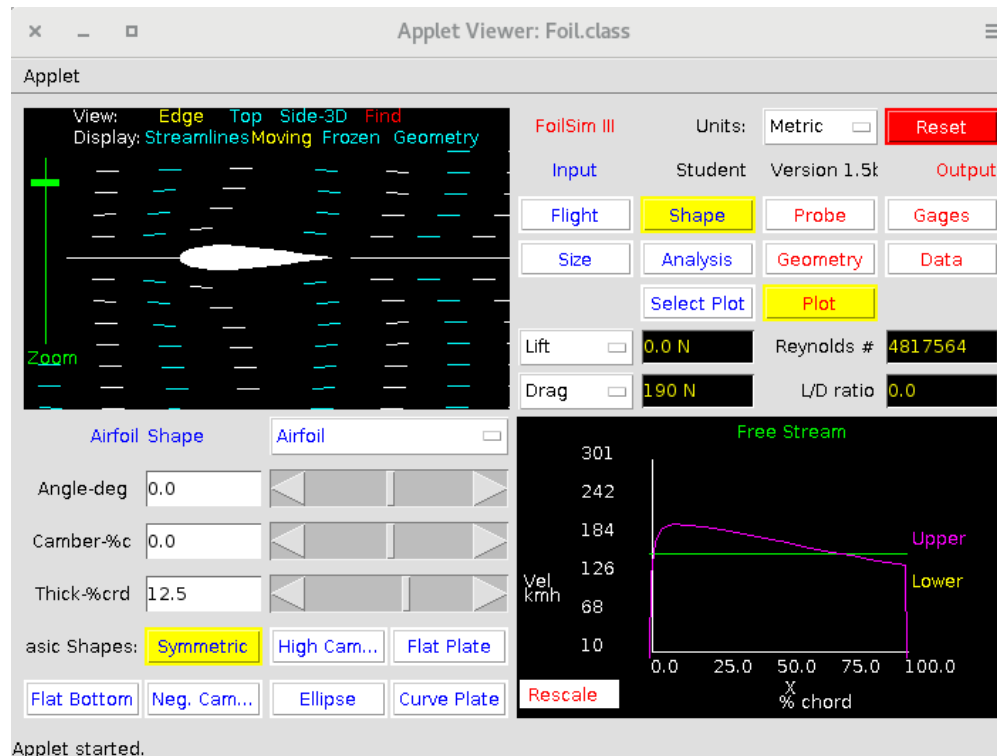
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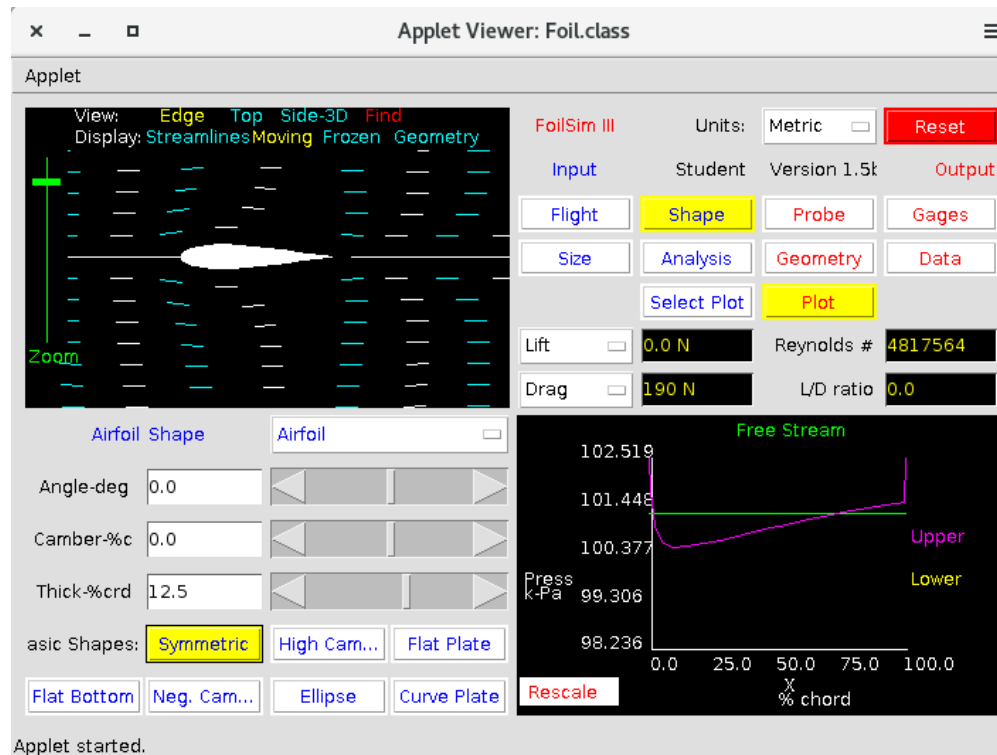


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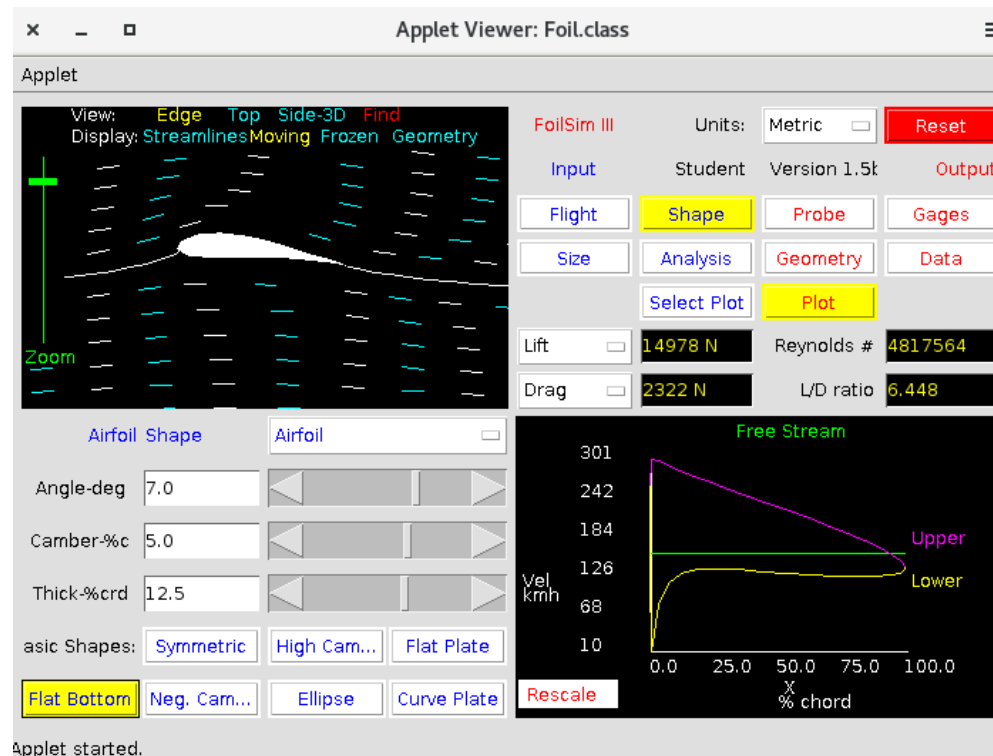
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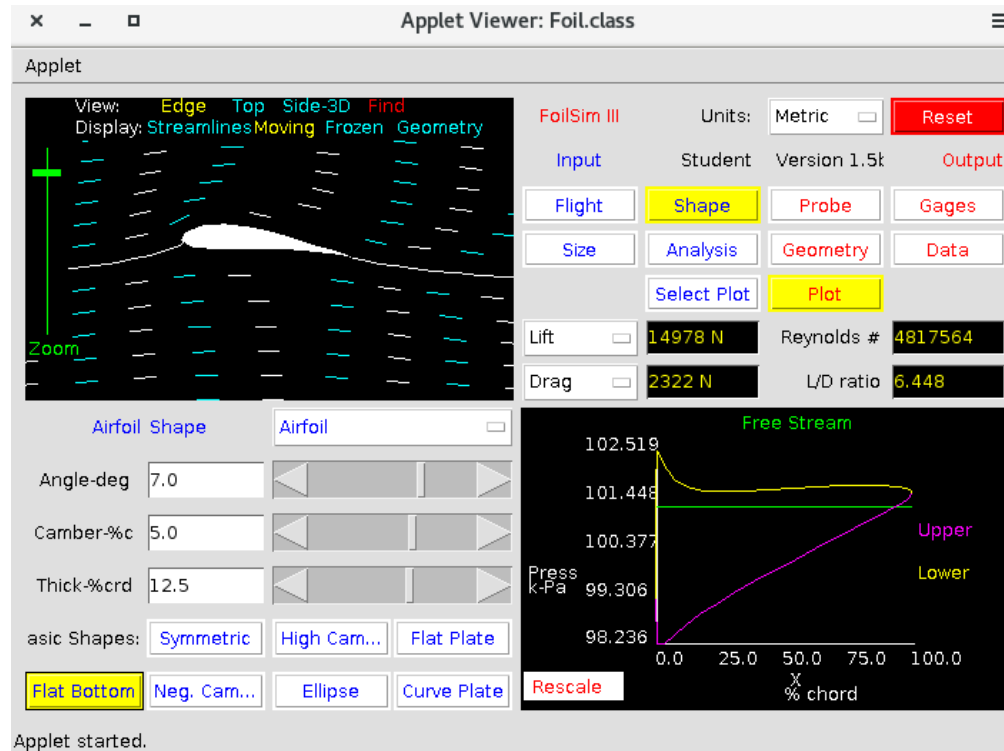
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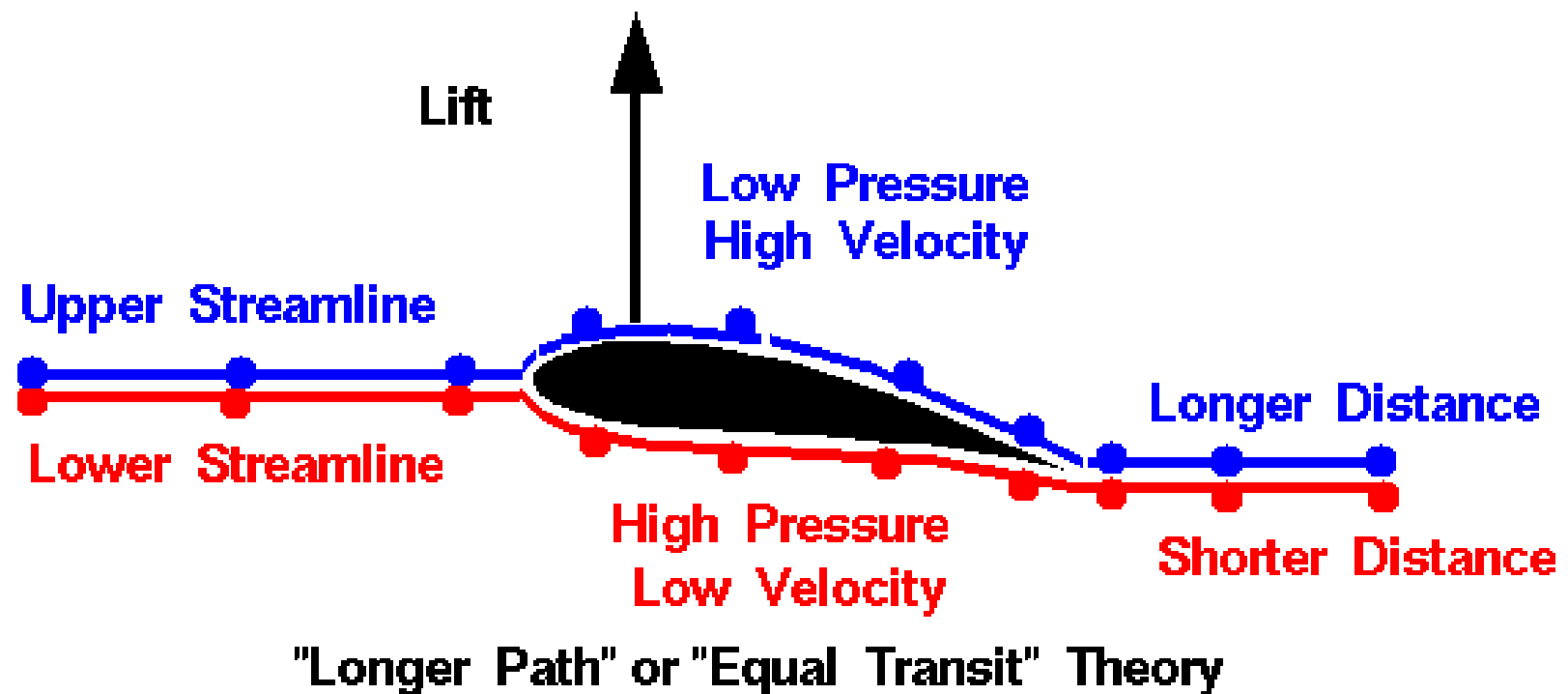
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UN ERRORE CONSOLIDATO

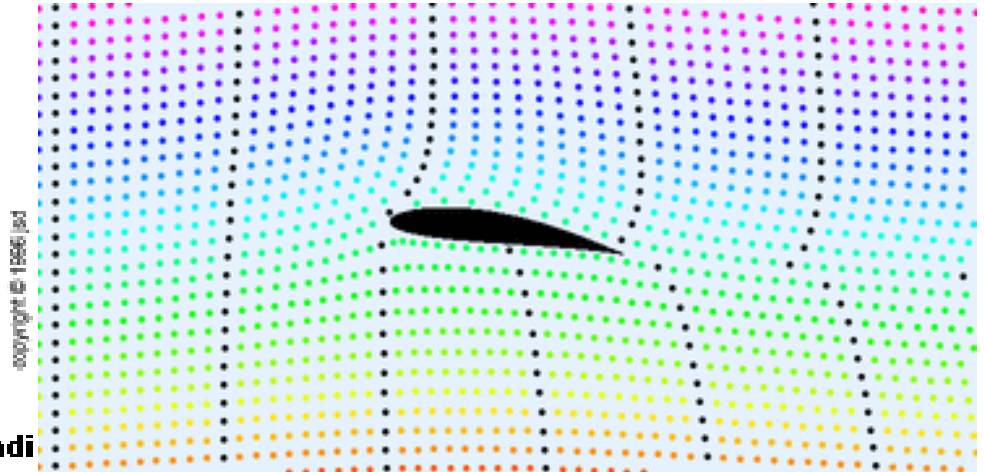
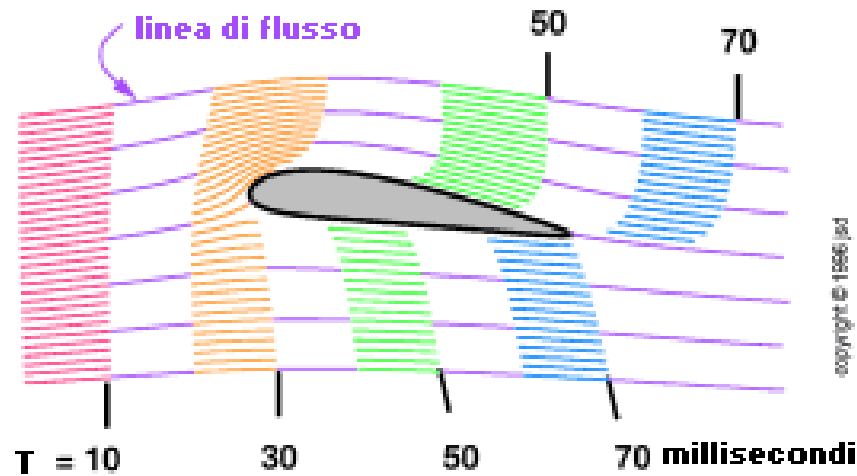


SVELIAMO IL MISTERO

Airflow across a wing



I DUE FLUSSI NON ARRIVANO INSIEME!



LA REALTÀ È MOLTO COMPLESSA

XFlow Simulations of Sailing Manoeuvres



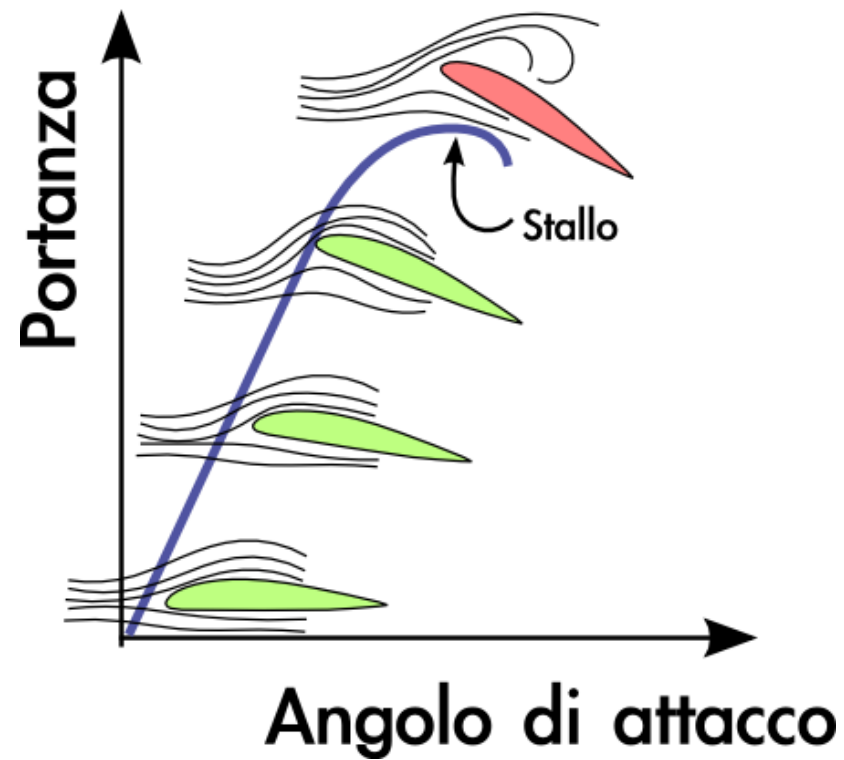
BASTA BERNOULLI?



DEFINIZIONE DI PORTANZA DELLA NASA

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PORTANZA E ANGOLO DI ATTACCO



EFFETTO COANDA

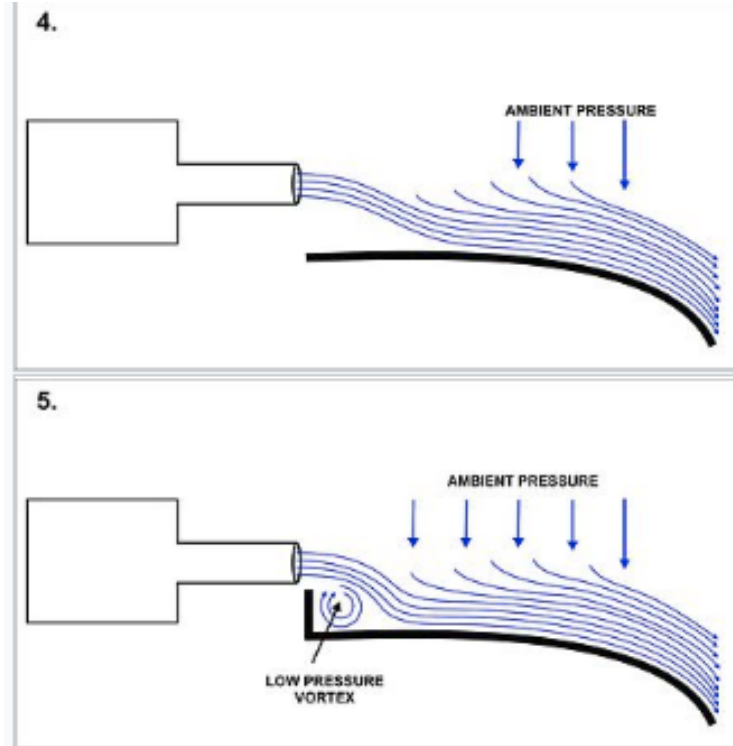
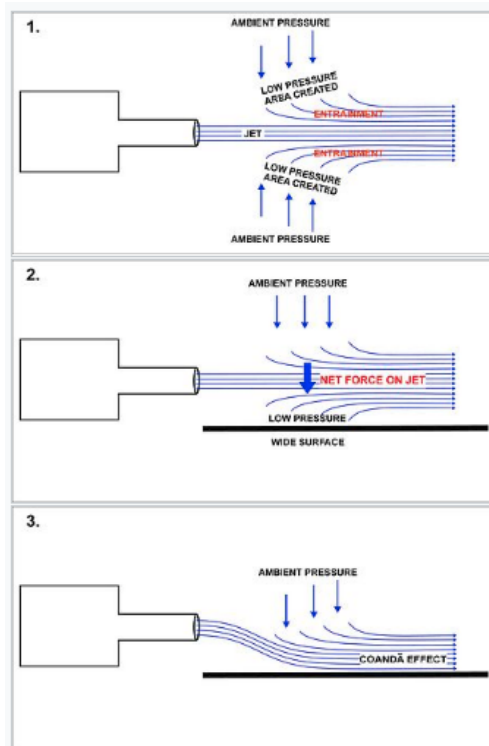
The Coanda Effect Used to Blow Out Candle



HENRY COANDA (1886-1972)

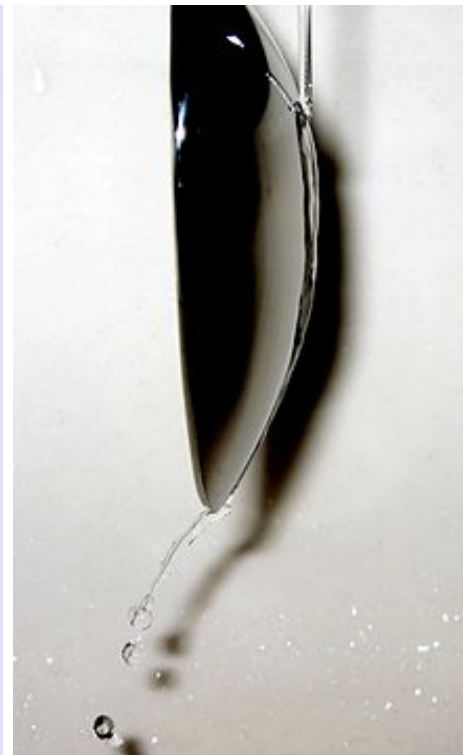
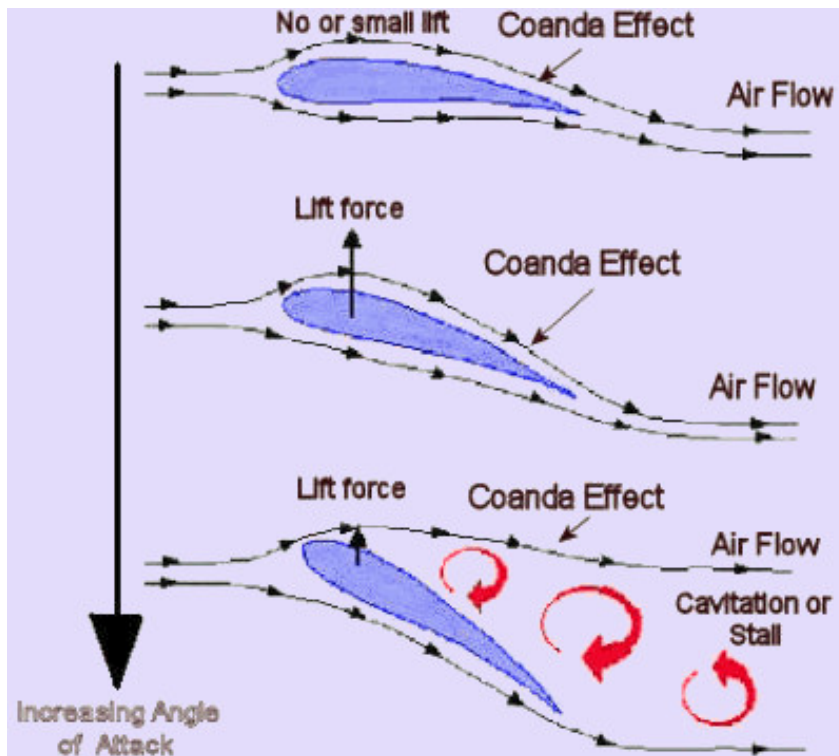


EFFETTO COANDA



EFFETTO COANDA SULL'ALA

... ecco perchè ha un profilo arrotondato!



A QUESTO PUNTO NON RESTA CHE COSTRUIRE UN ALA

How Does A Plane Wing Work?

