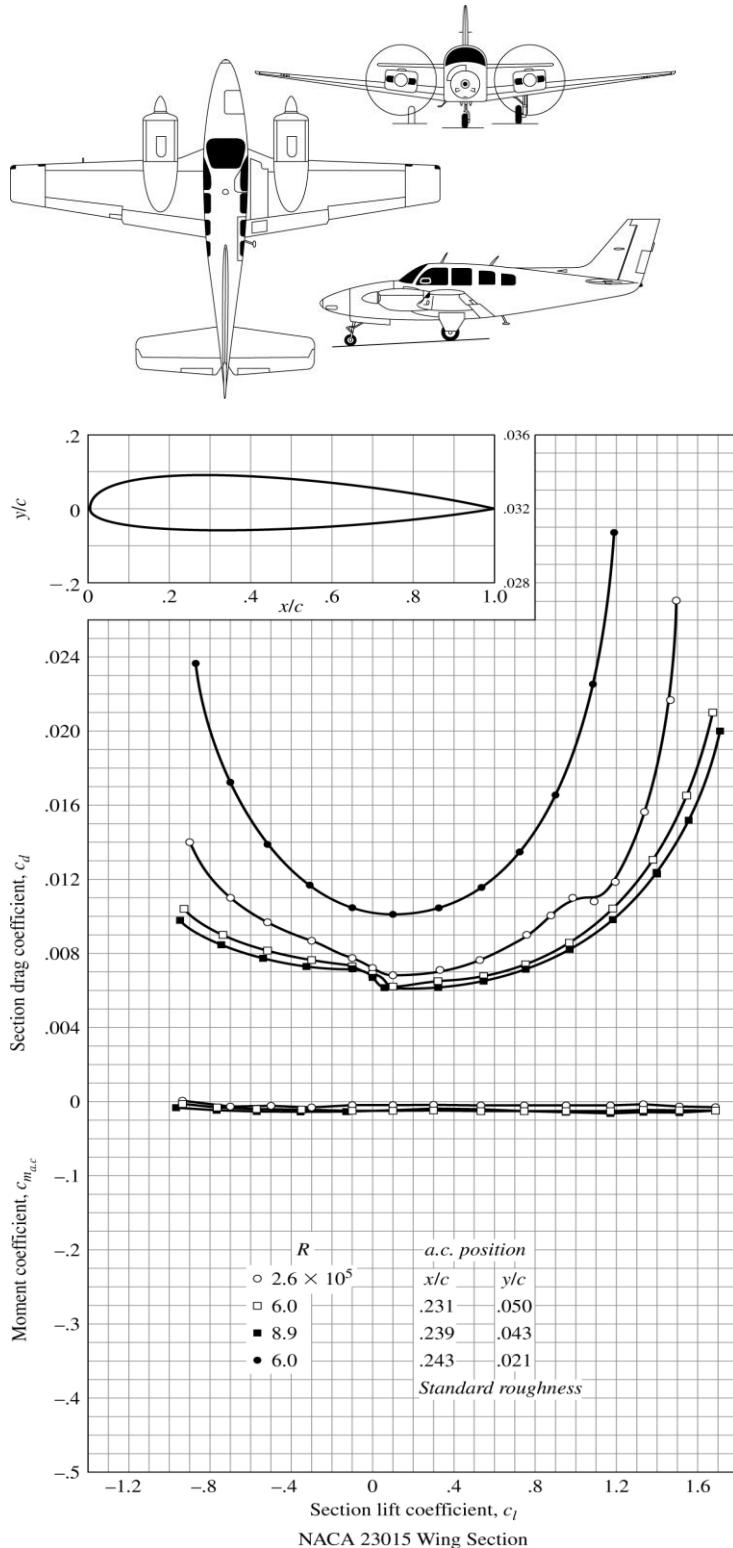


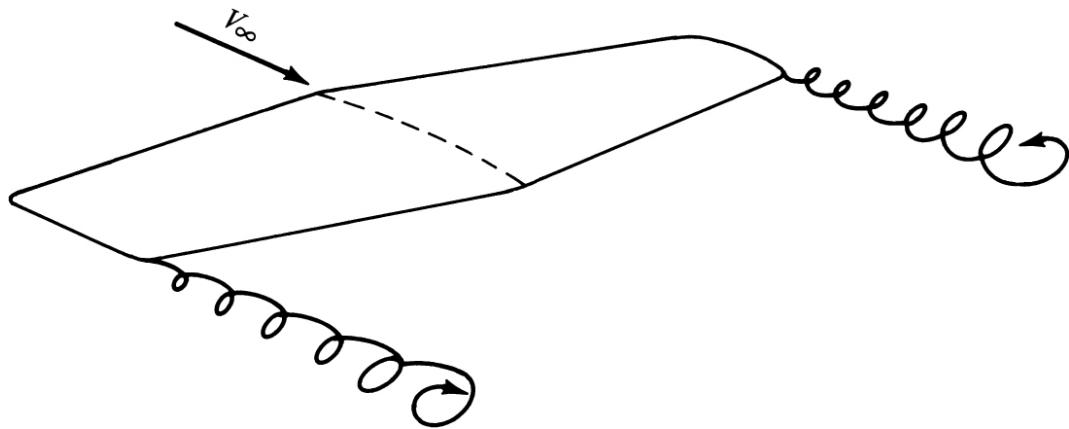
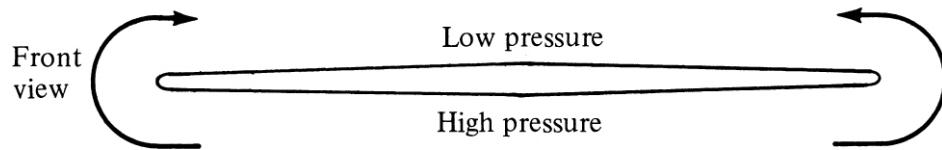
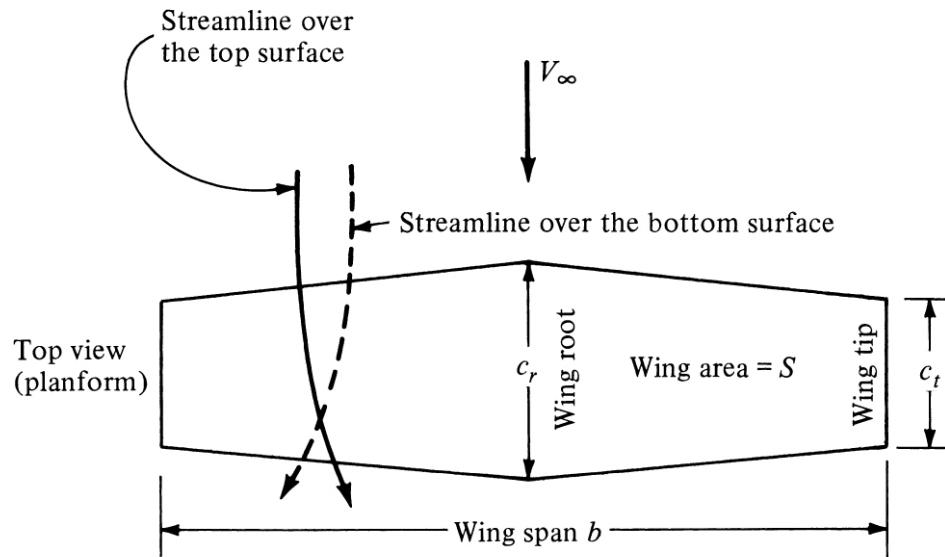


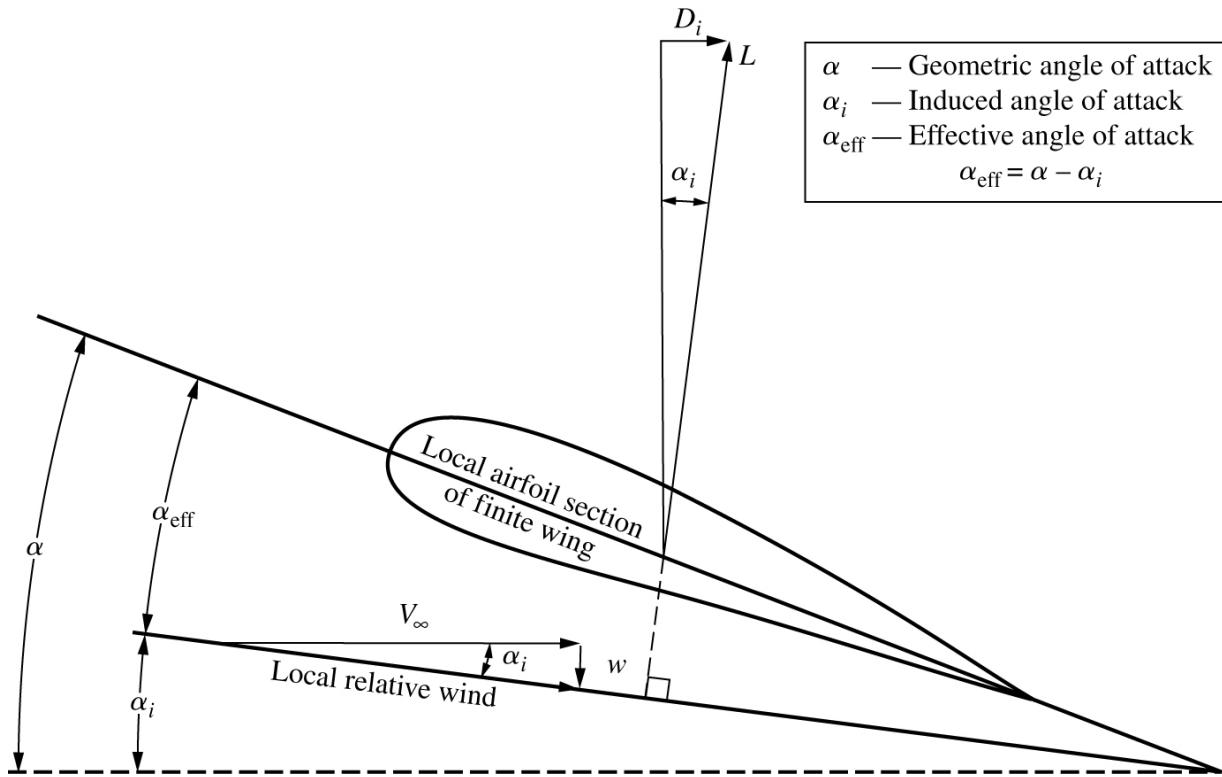
**Section 7**  
**Incompressible Flow**  
**over Finite Wings (Chap A5)**

## Motivation: 3D Effects



## Downwash and Induced Drag (A5.1)

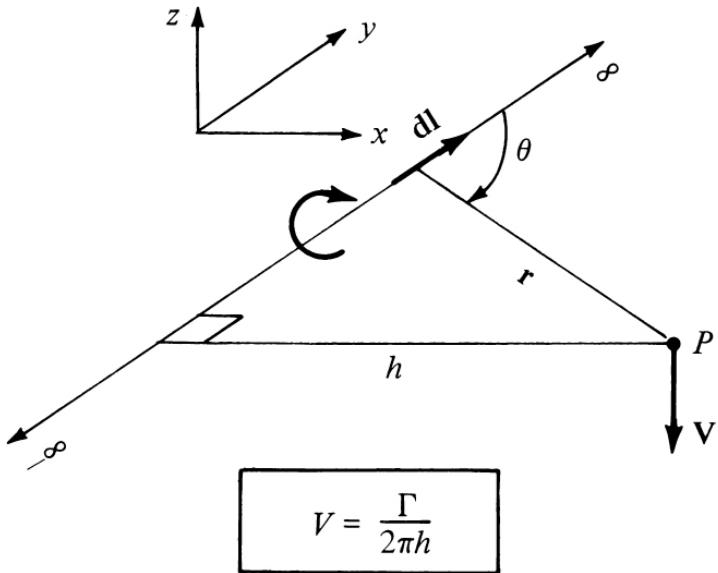




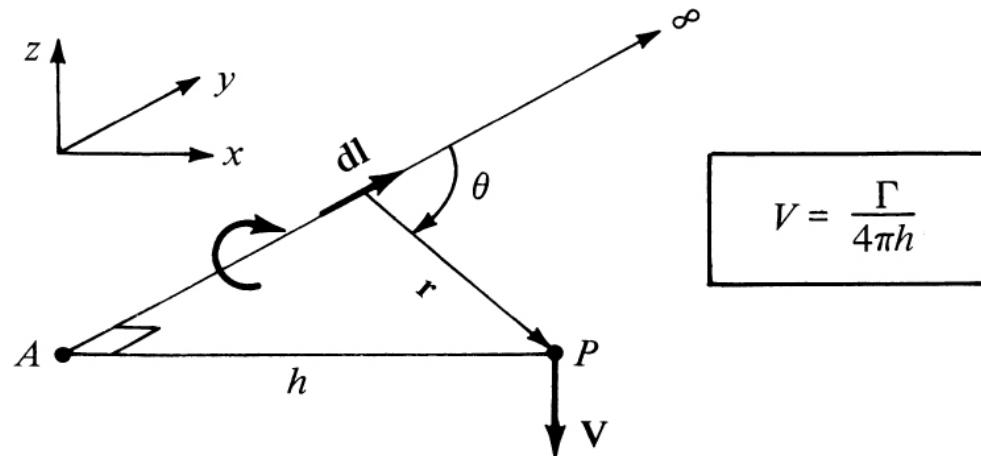
## **Vortex Filament Aerodynamic Tools (A5.2)**

### **Biot-Savart Law**

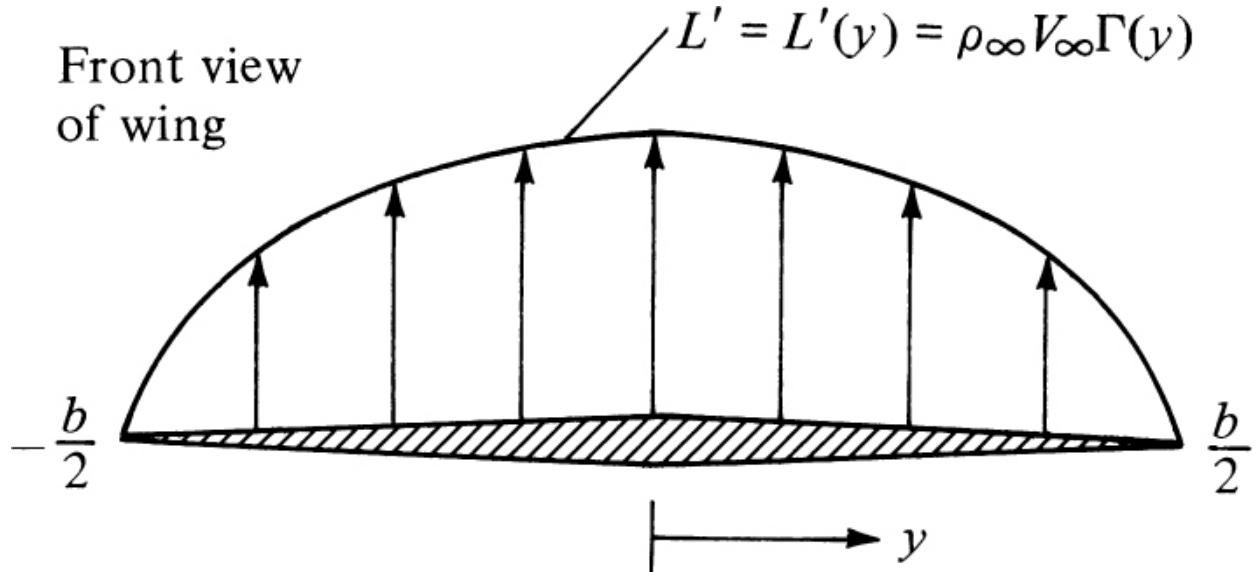
## Biot-Savart applied to infinite straight vortex filament:



## Biot-Savart applied to semi-infinite straight vortex filament:



## Lift Distribution over Wingspan



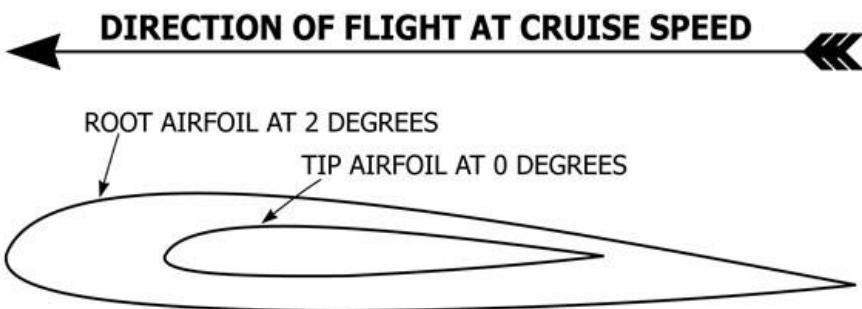
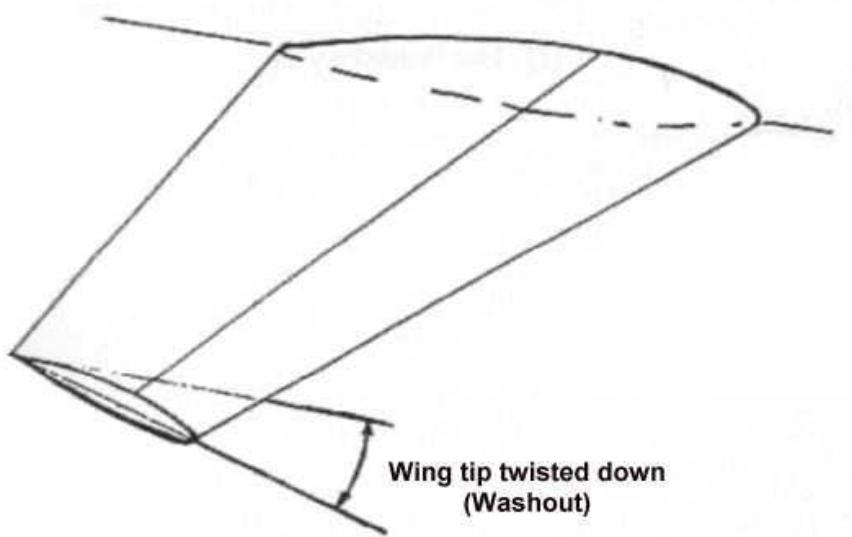
## Real Wings: wingtip vortices



## Varying chord:

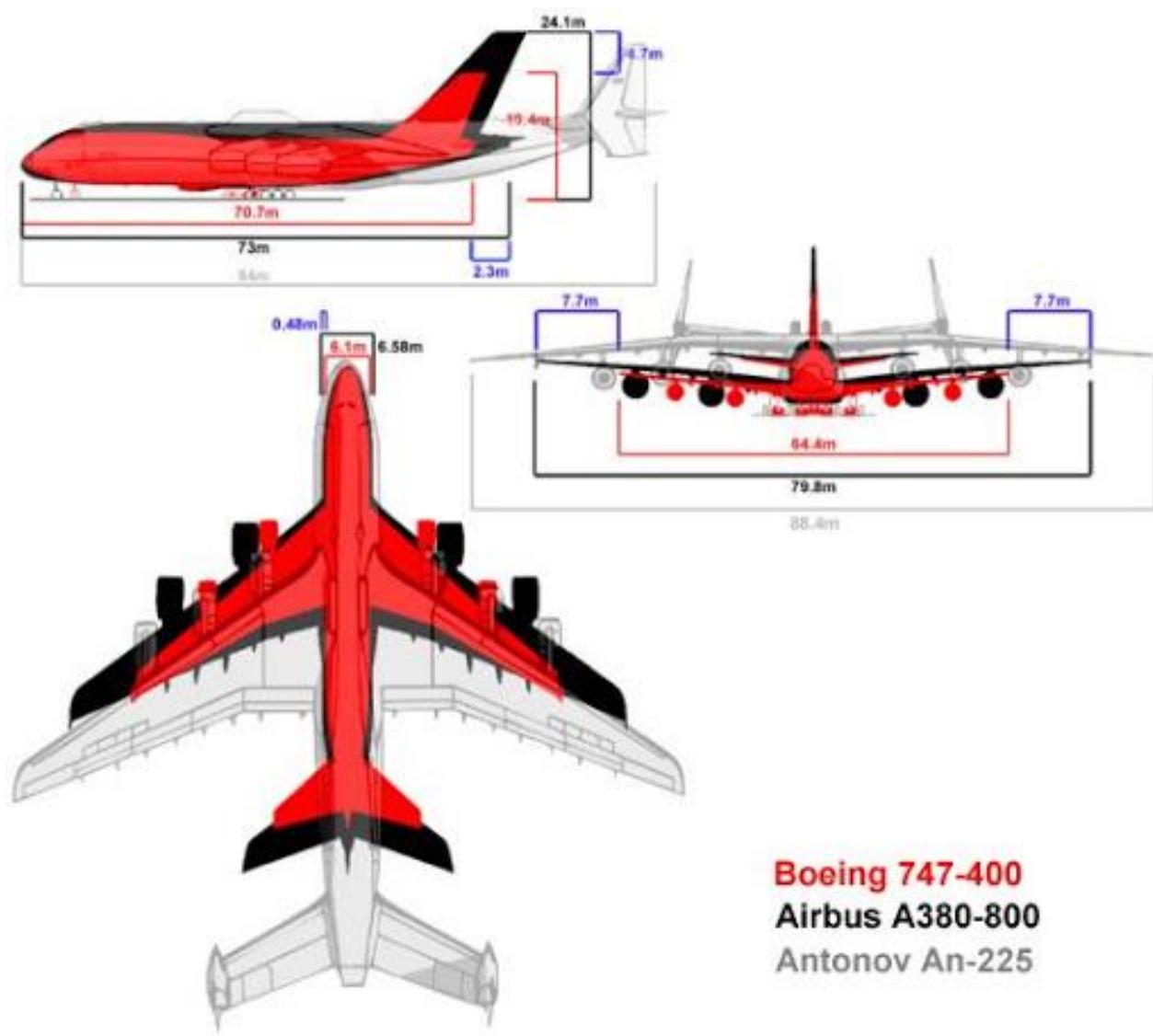


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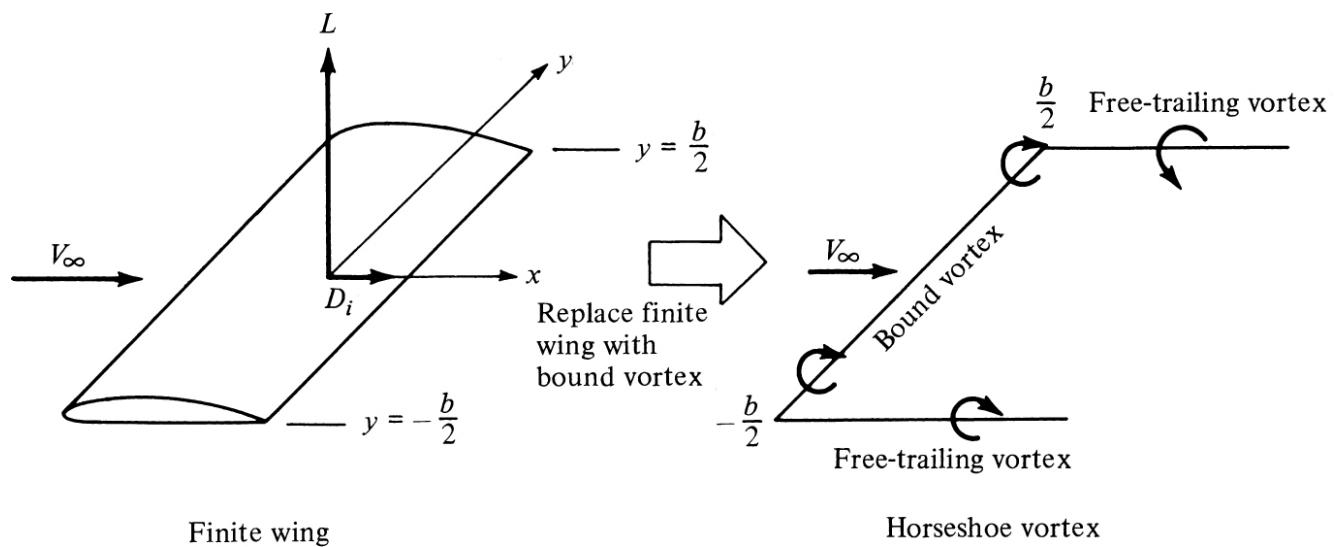
TYPICAL WASHOUT ANGLES FOR A **WW2 FIGHTER MODEL**

## Varying airfoil thickness:

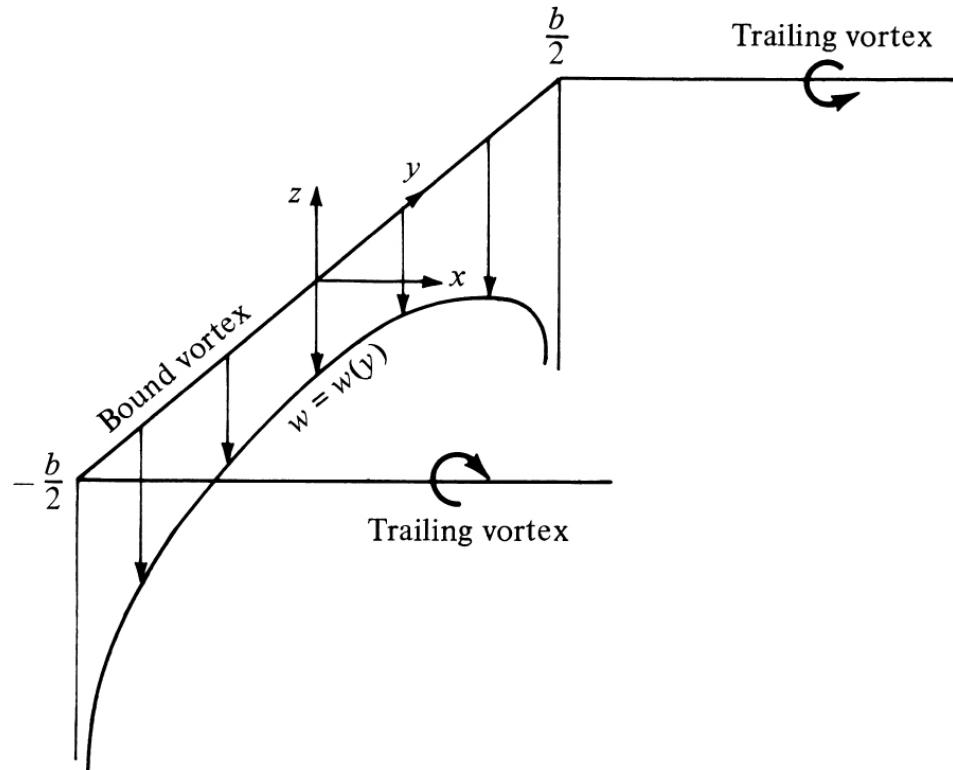




## Prandtl's Lifting-Line Theory (A5.3)

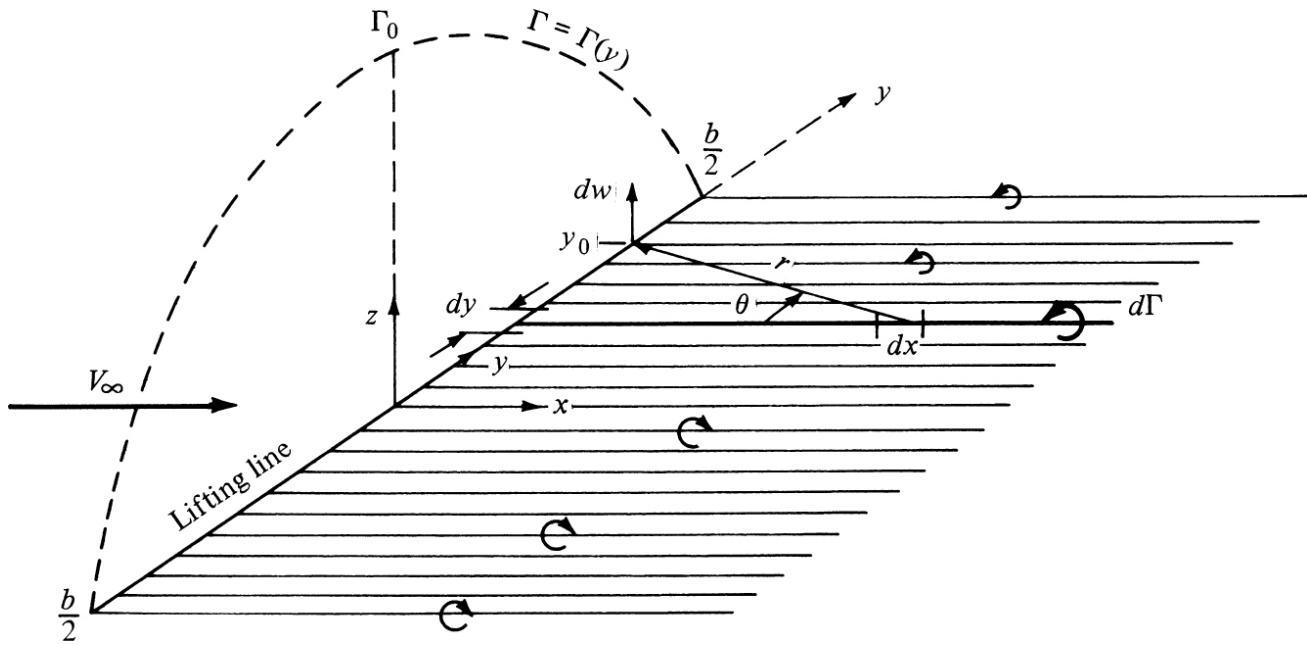


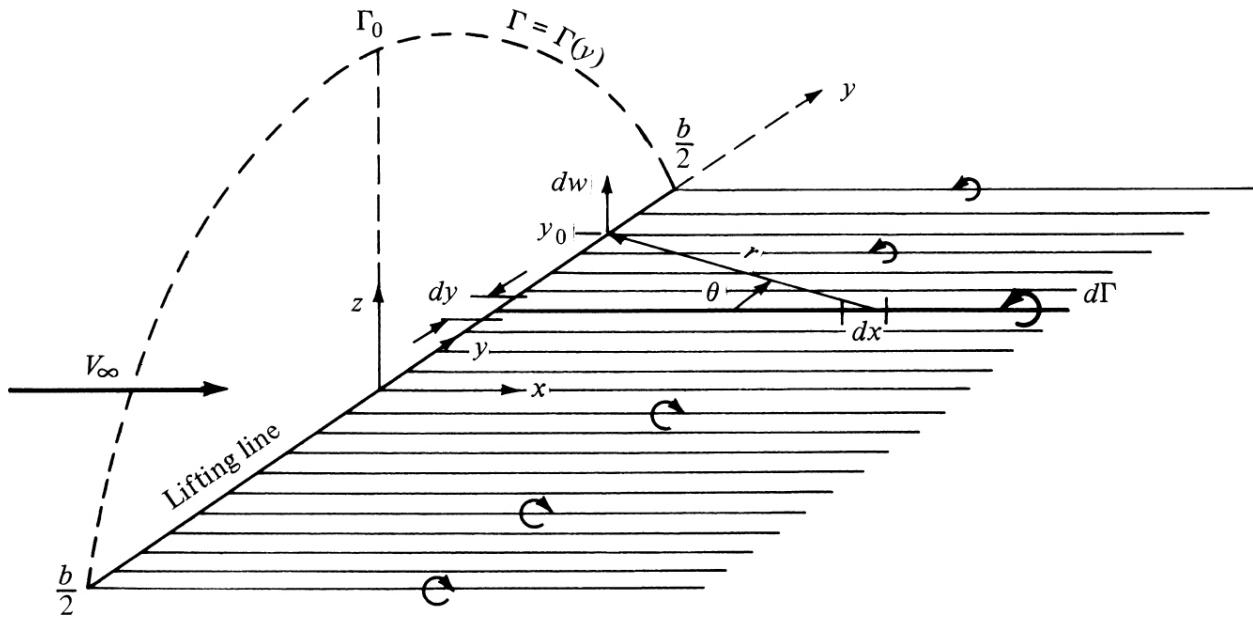
## Spanwise Downwash Distribution





## Superposition of “Horseshoe” Vortices





**Looking ahead:** Computational strategy to compute Lift and induced Drag for a wing design involves estimating spanwise distribution of  $\Gamma(y_0)$  from 2D airfoil data.(And remember: performance is reduced to due  $\alpha_i$ , so we need to know it)

**Recall:**

**Recall again:**



**Spanwise variation of: chord**

**AOA (geometric twist)**

**$\alpha_{L=0}$  (aerodynamic twist)**

**Summary:** Prandtl's Lifting Line Theory tells us that if we approximate an airplane wing with a collection of potential horseshoe vortices that superpose along a spanwise (tip-to-tip) "Lifting Line", then all performance parameters for the wing can be found from an assumed (or estimated) distribution of  $\Gamma$  along the Lifting Line.

## **Elliptical Lift Distribution**

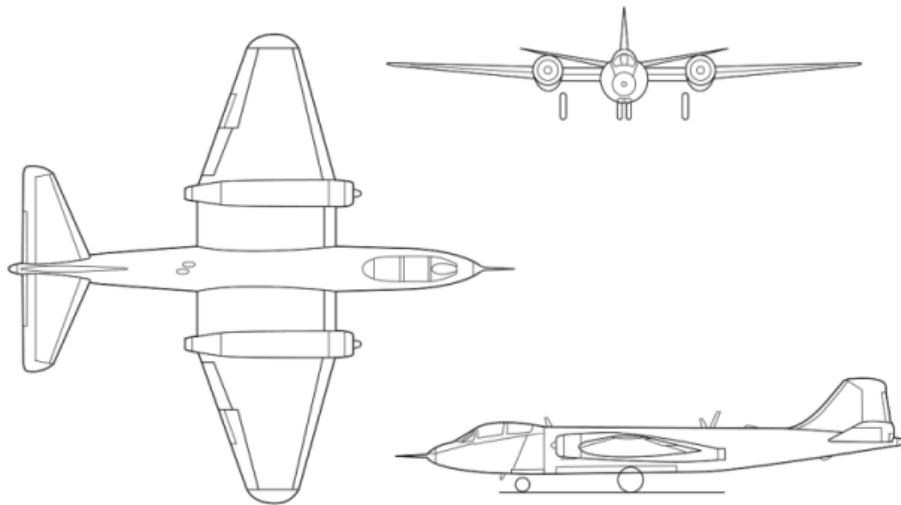
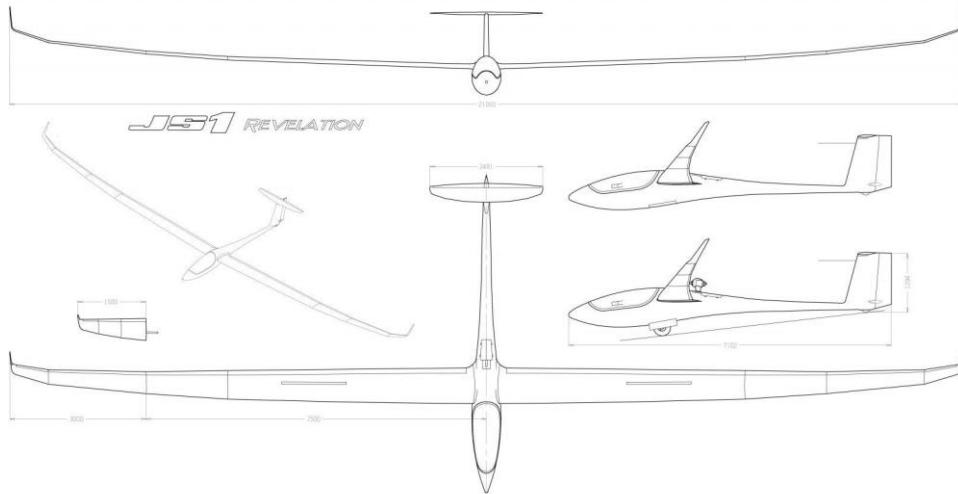


**Continue with downwash at lifting line for  
elliptical distribution of  $\Gamma(y)$ :**

**Recall: induced AOA:**

## **Induced drag for elliptical dist:**

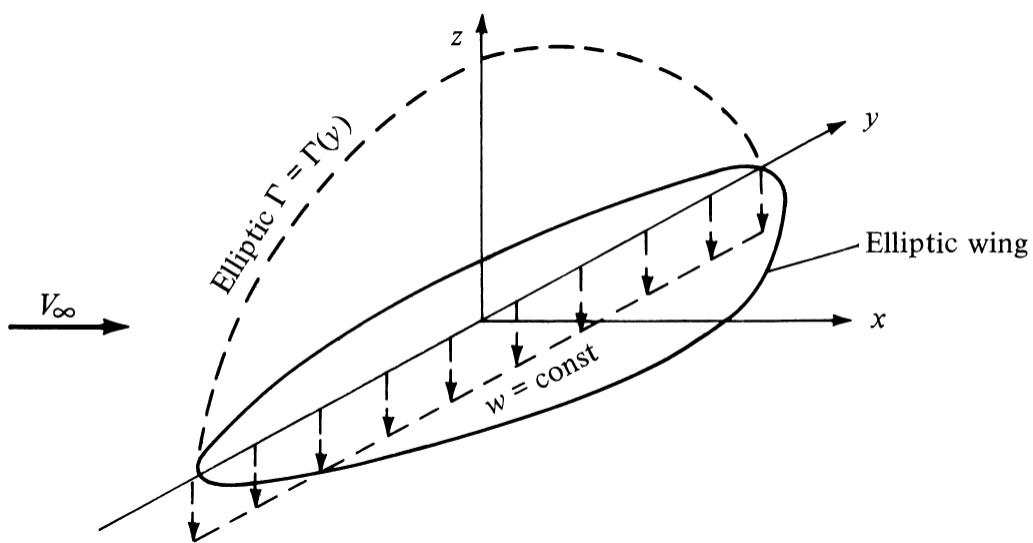
## Effect of Aspect Ratio on Induced Drag:



Dryden Flight Research Center February 1998  
B-57B 3-view



# Simple wing with elliptical $\Gamma$ distribution, no aerodynamic twist no geometric twist



## General (non-elliptical) Lift Distribution

Wait, why were we doing all this??

Ans: Prandtl's Lifting Line Theory for potential flow says that if you can determine spanwise circulation distribution  $\Gamma(y)$  for your wing design, then you can calculate the 3D coefficients of Lift ( $C_D$ ) and Induced Drag ( $C_{Di}$ ). So let's do that!

Math Wizardy: coordinate transformation

**General Case:** Circulation distribution over an arbitrary (non-elliptical) finite wing, expressed as Fourier Series in transformed variable  $\theta$ :

## How to determine $\Gamma(\theta)$ distribution for arbitrary wing:

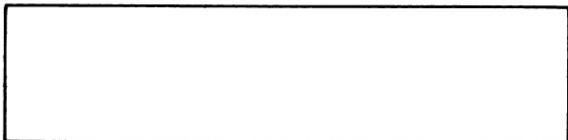
**Now we know  $\Gamma(y)$ : Calculate  $C_L$  and  $C_{Di}$**

**Lift:**

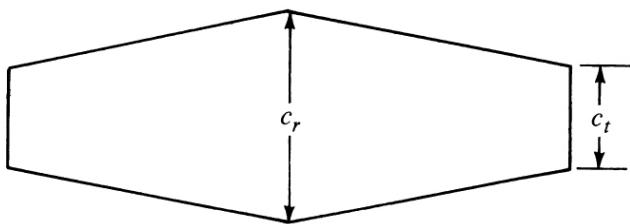
**Drag:**



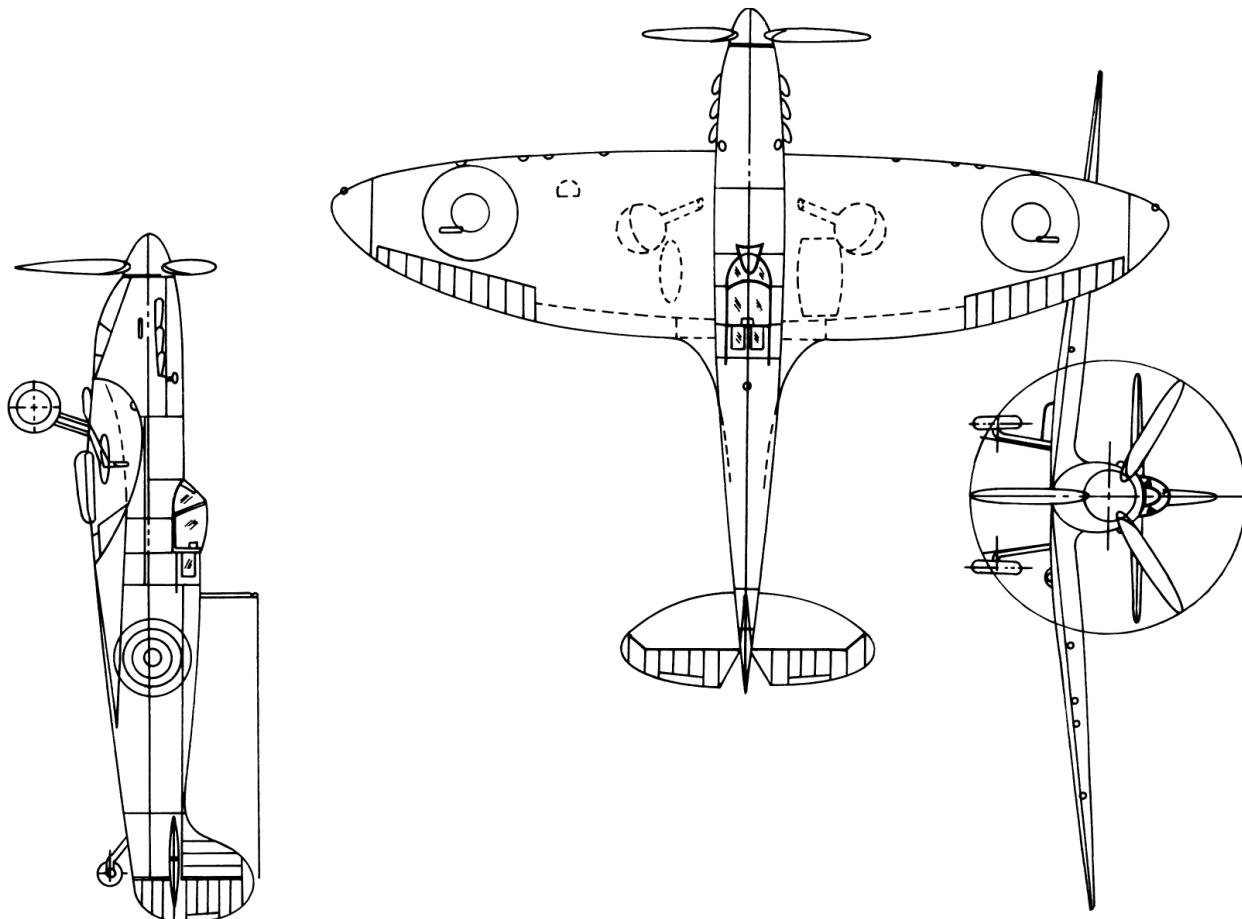
Elliptic wing



Rectangular wing

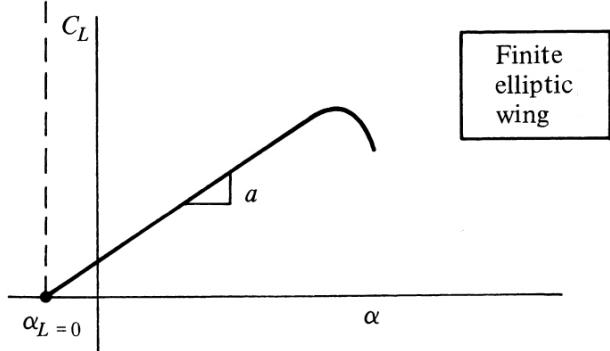
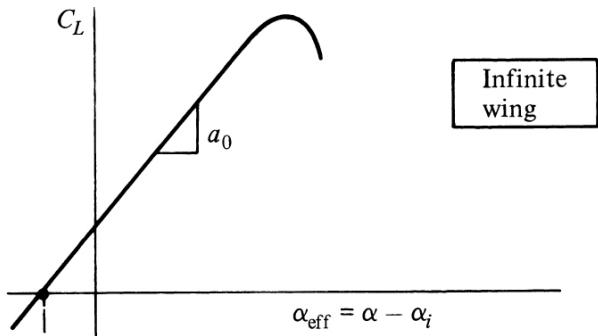


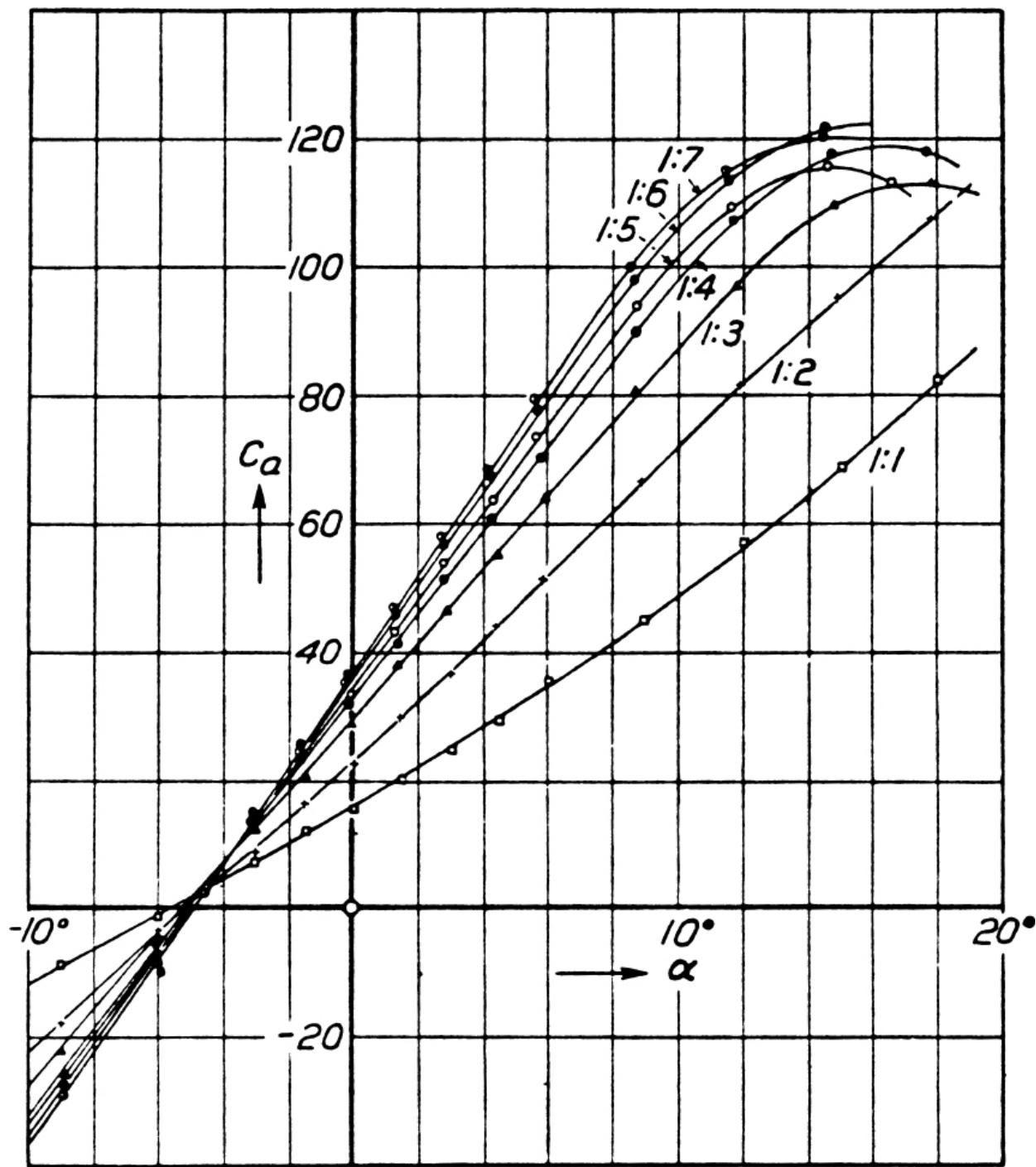
Tapered wing



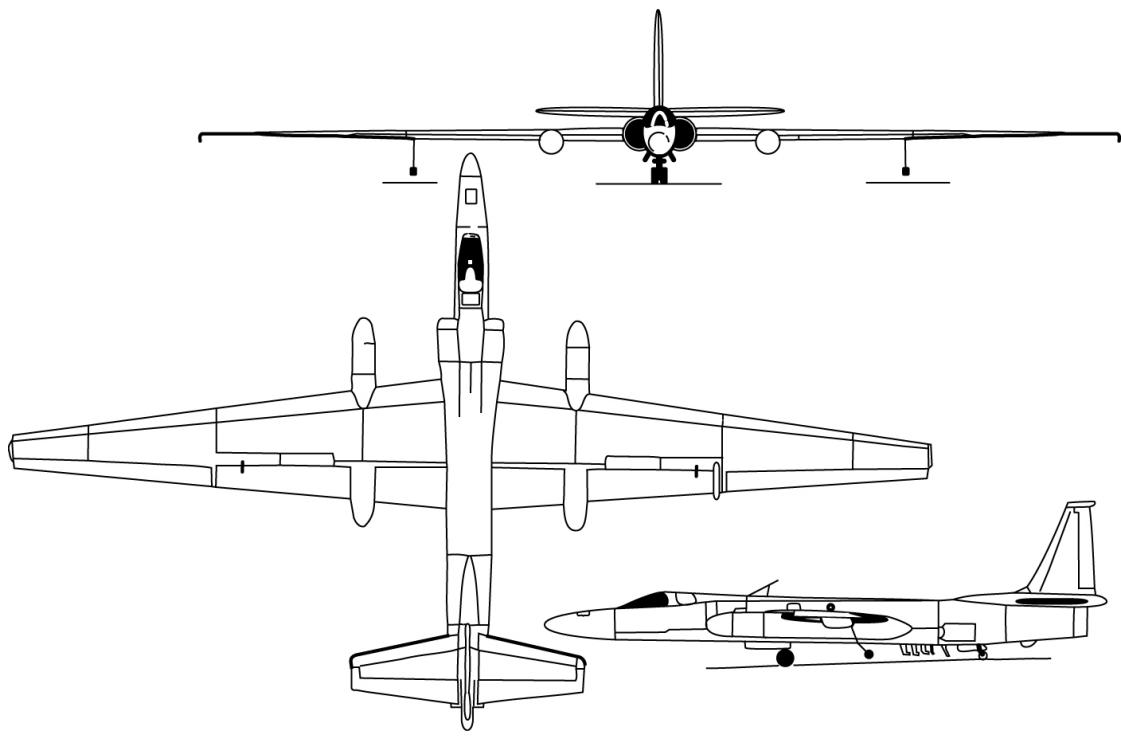
# **Effect of Aspect Ratio on Total Drag**

## Effect of Aspect Ratio on Lift-Curve Slope





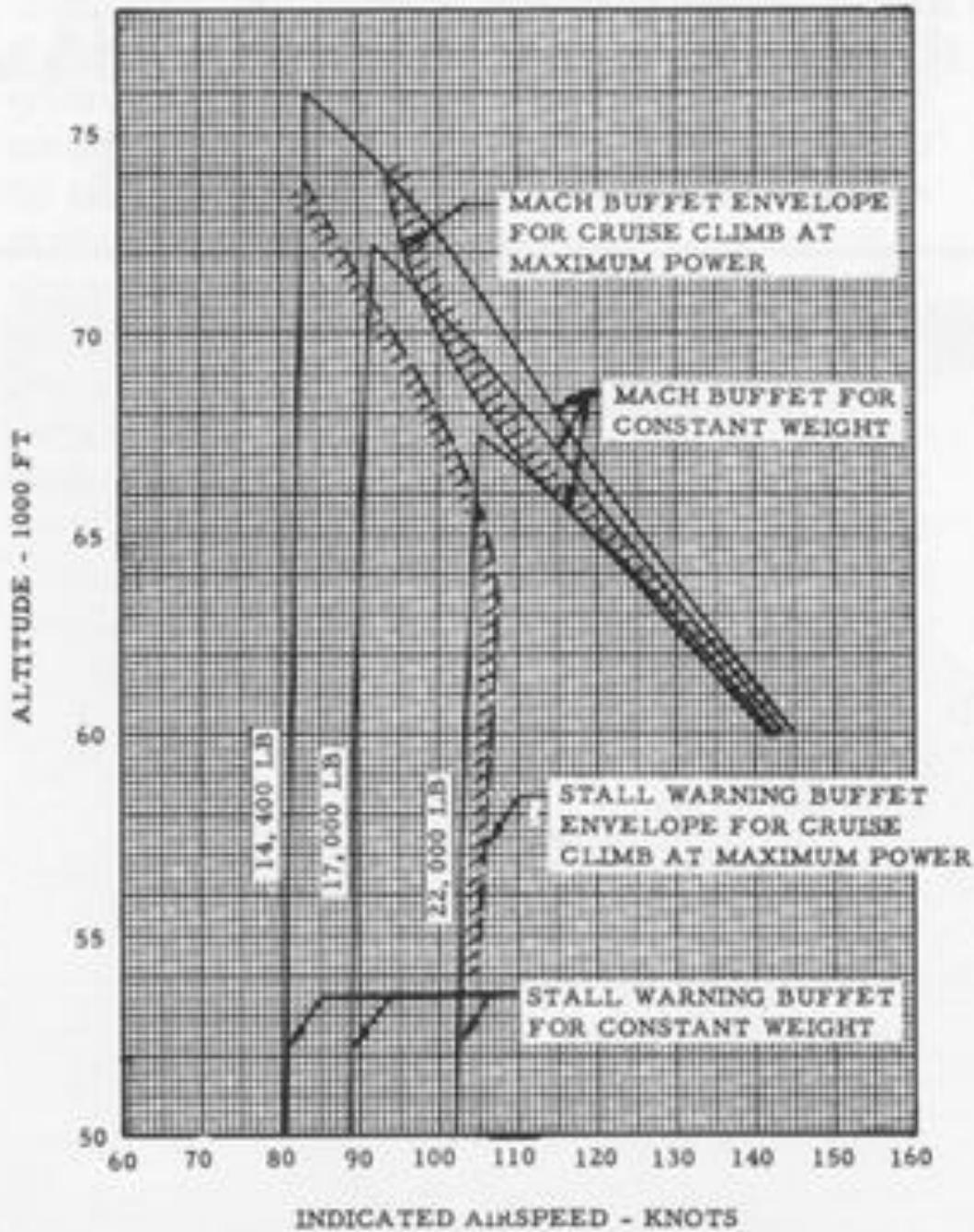
## Design Example: Lockheed U-2





## U2 “Coffin Corner”

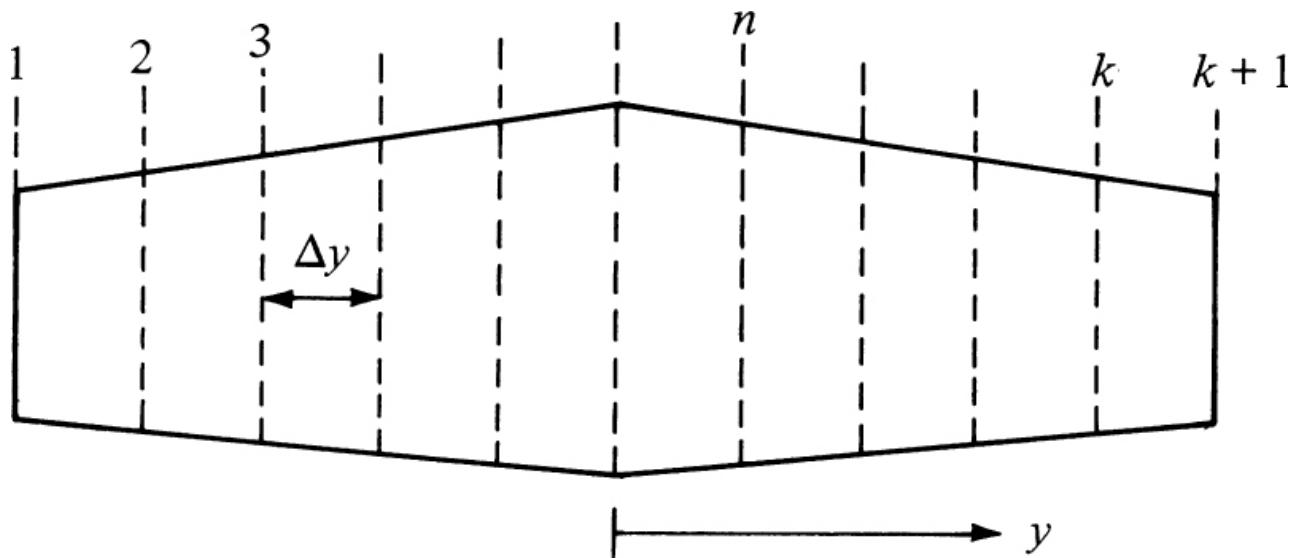
STALL AND MACH BUFFET BOUNDARIES



# A Numerical Nonlinear Lifting-Line Method

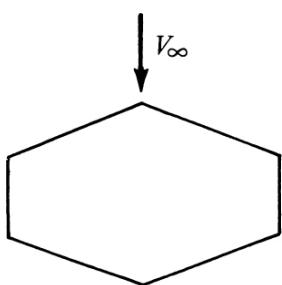
## (A5.4)

**(Project 8)**

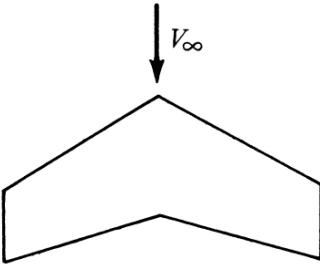


## Vortex Lattice Numerical Method (A5.5)

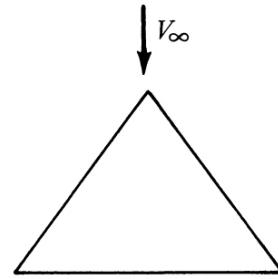
Lifting-Line theory good only for straight wings, not these:



Low aspect ratio  
straight wing



Swept wing

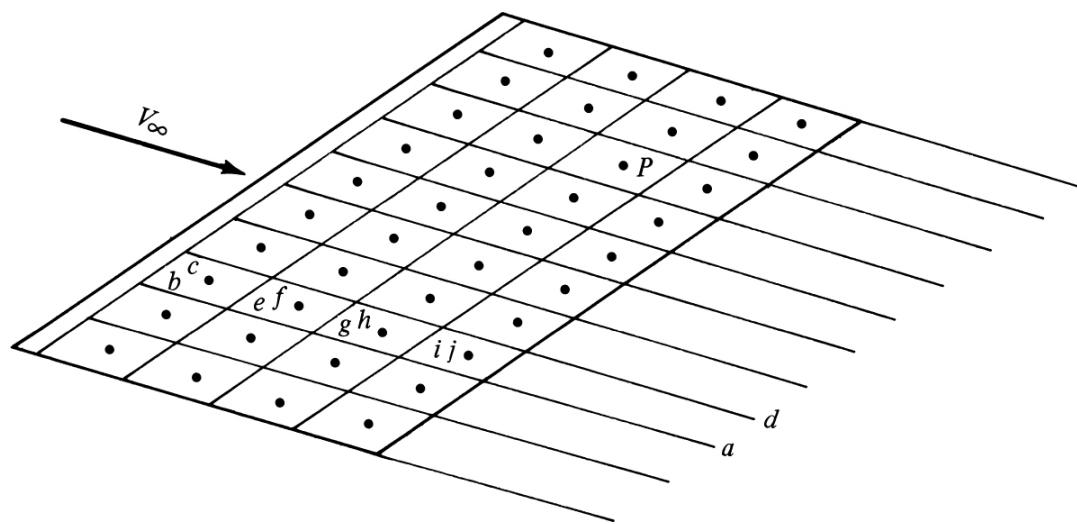
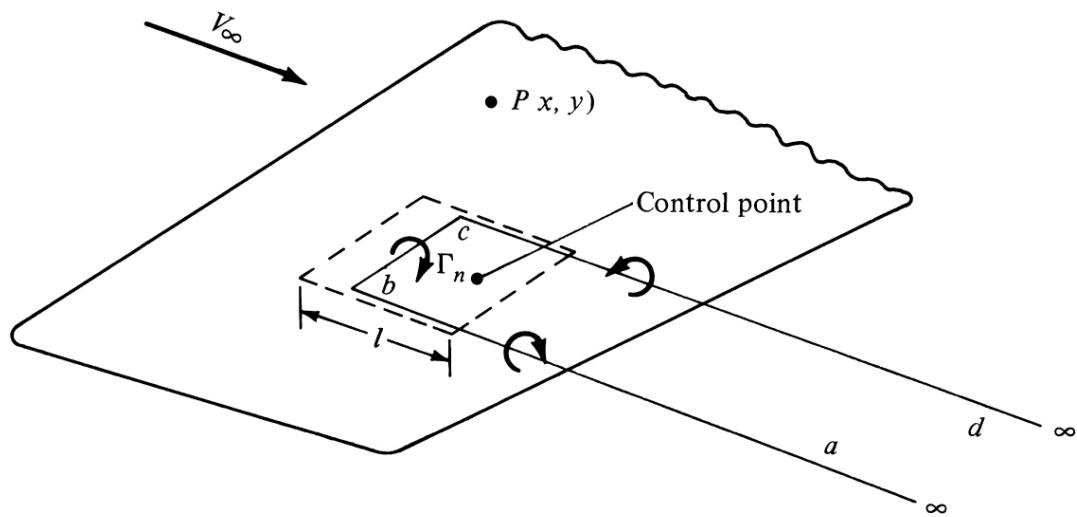


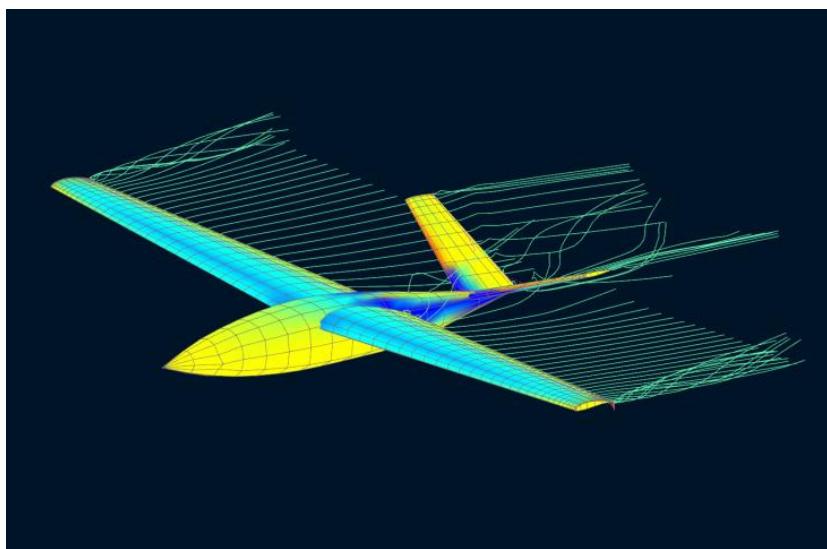
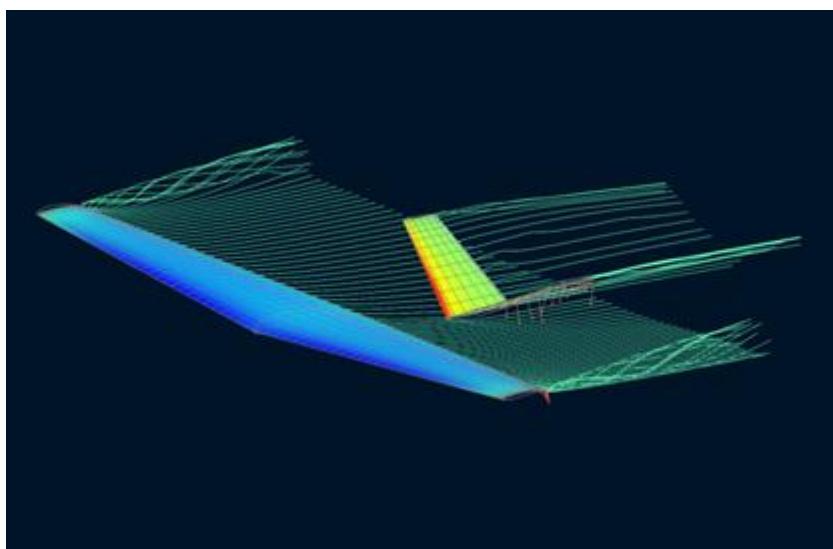
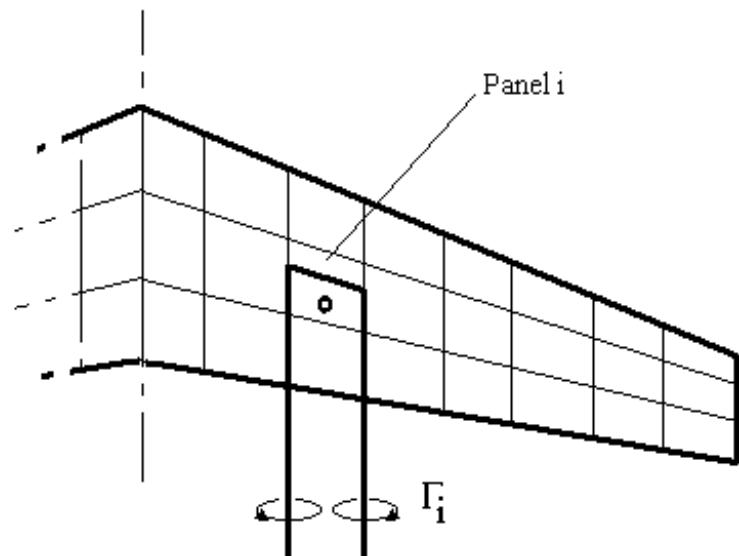
Delta wing

Example V-L code by Drela (MIT): AVL

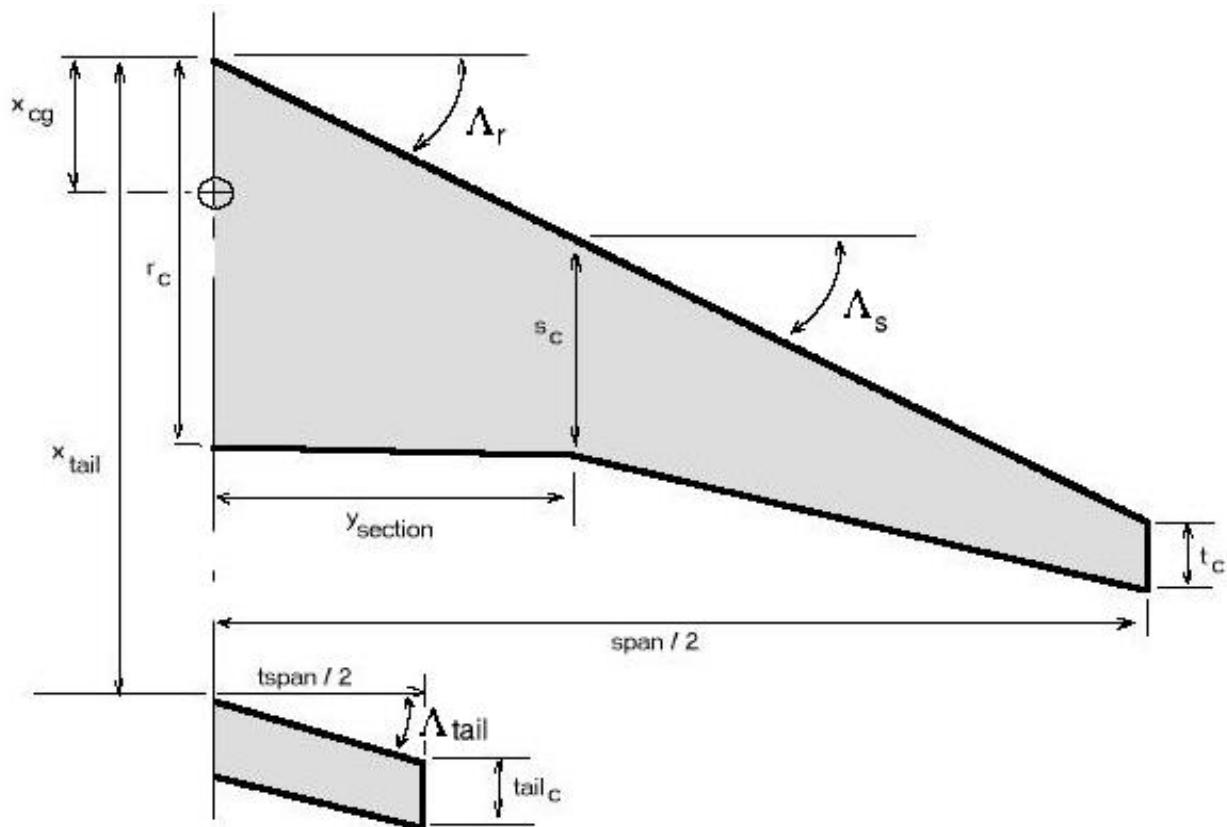
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# Vortex Lattice System





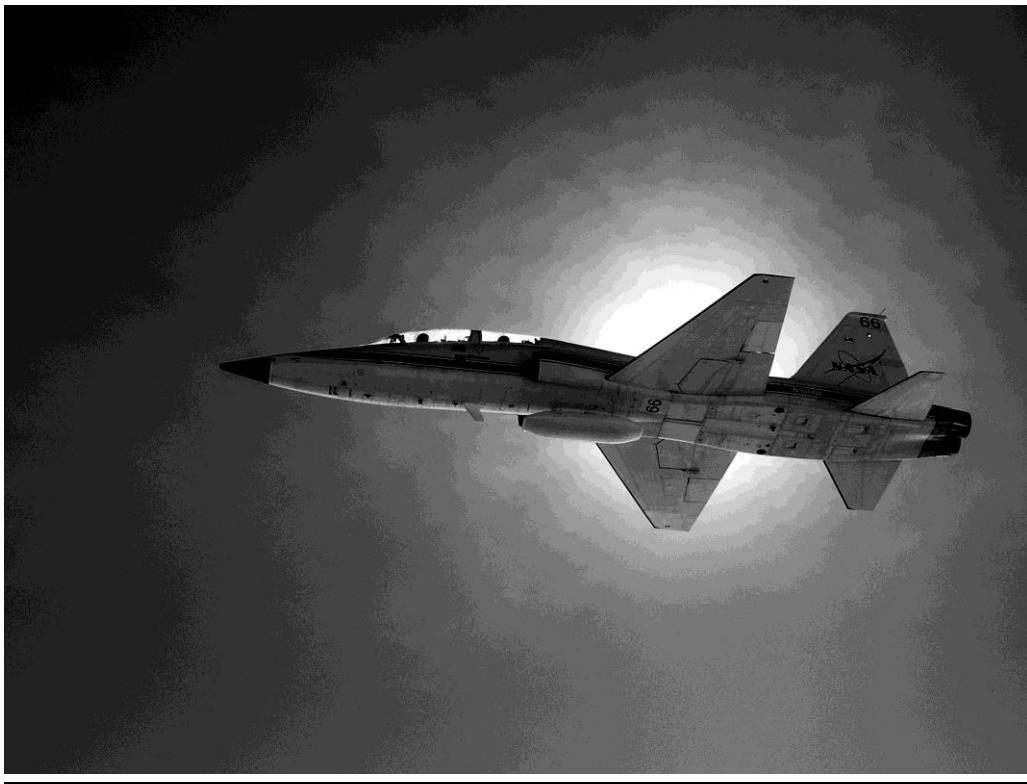
# Vortex-Lattice Code: Example Wing Geometry Definition



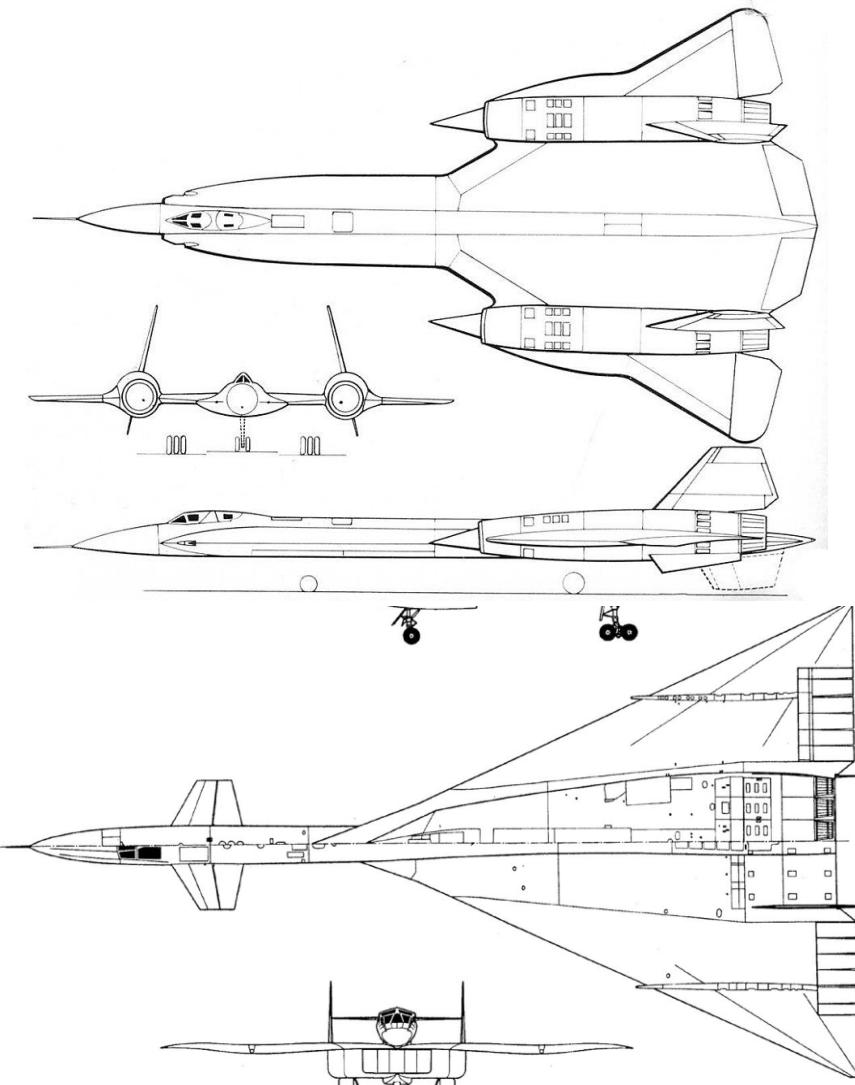
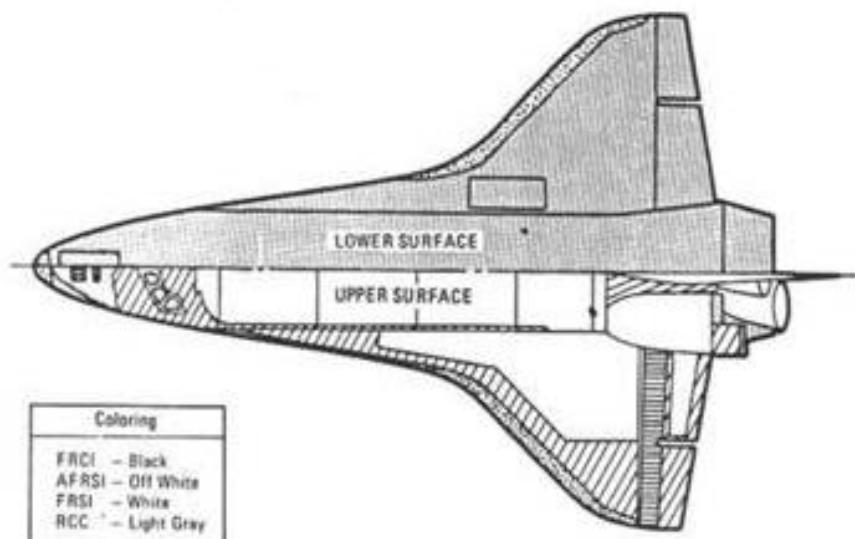
## **Panel methods gone wild:**



## **The Delta Wing (A5.6)**

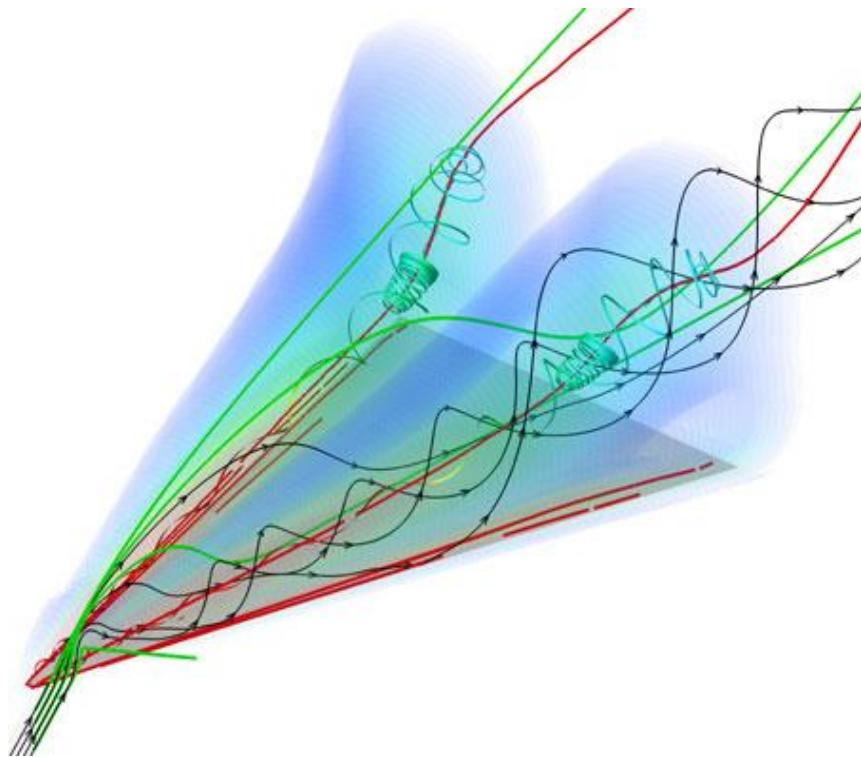
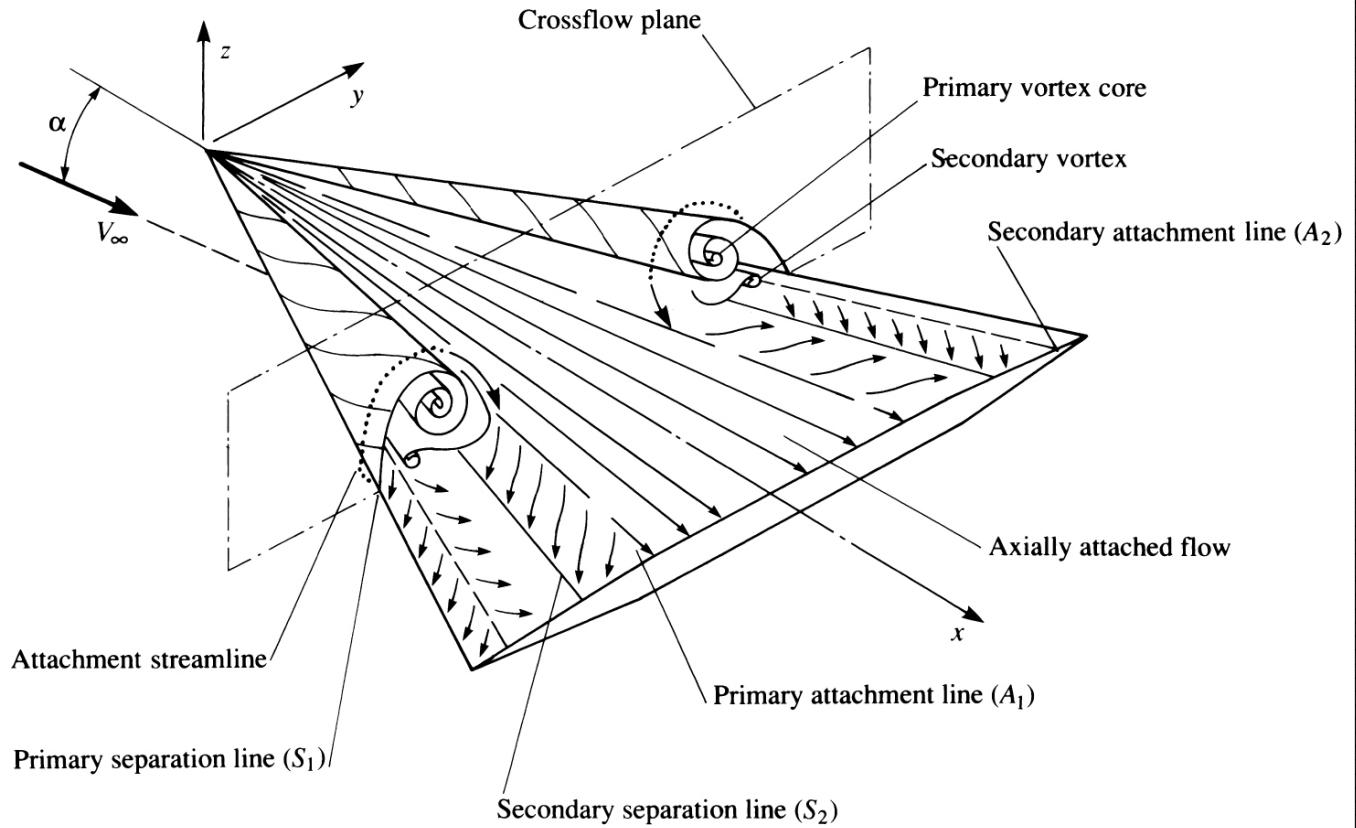


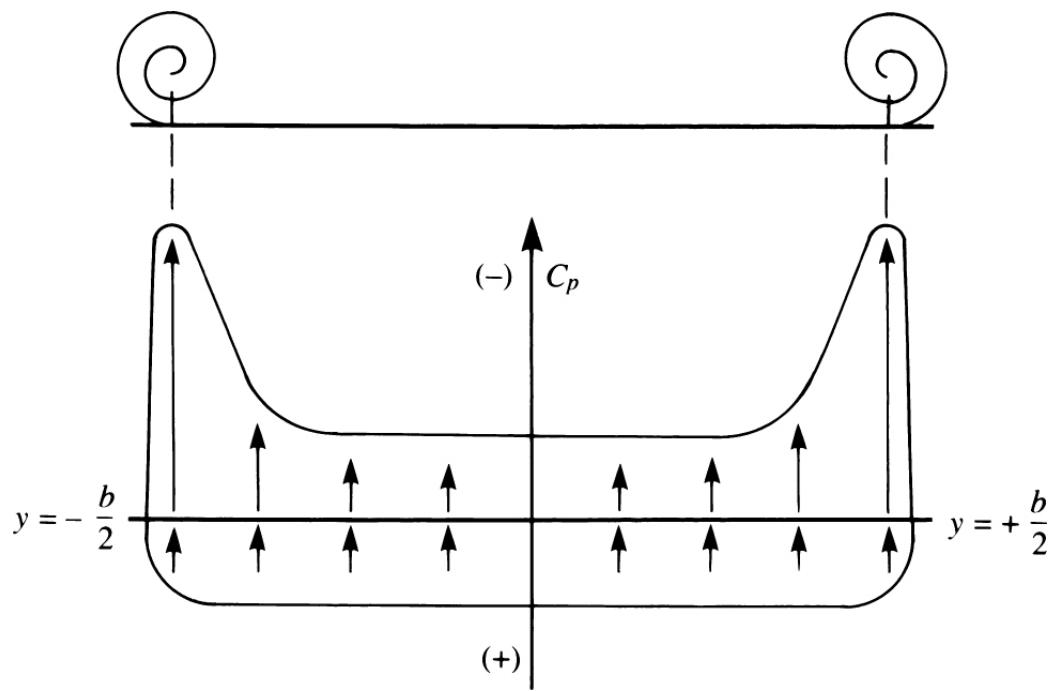
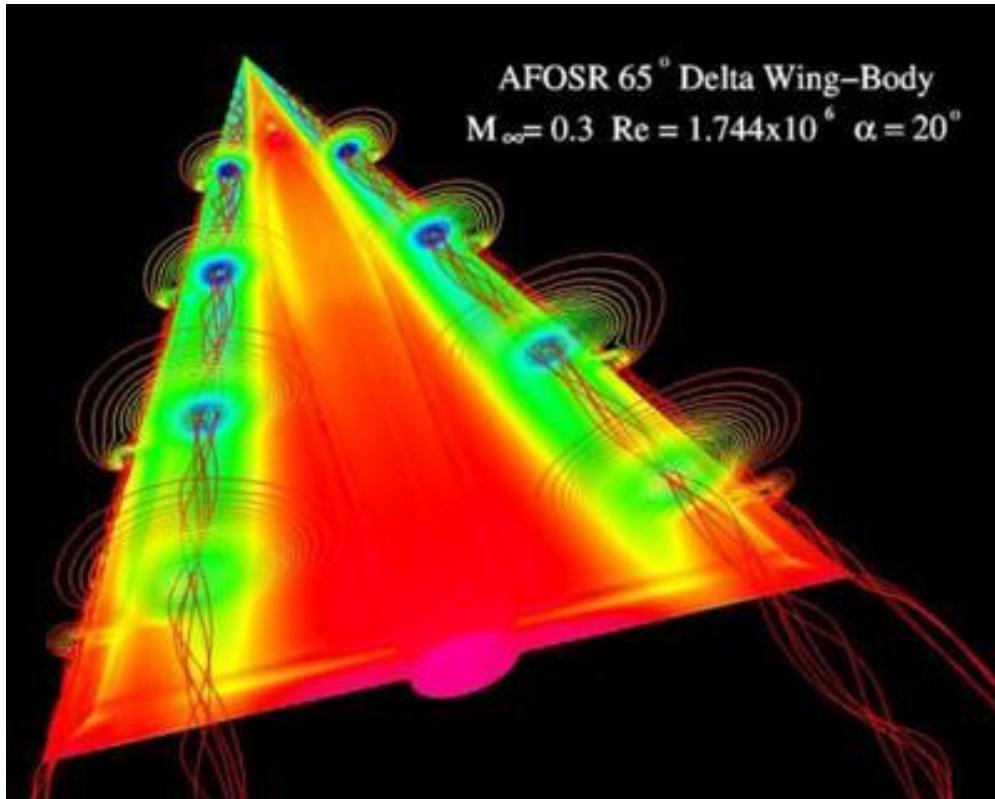
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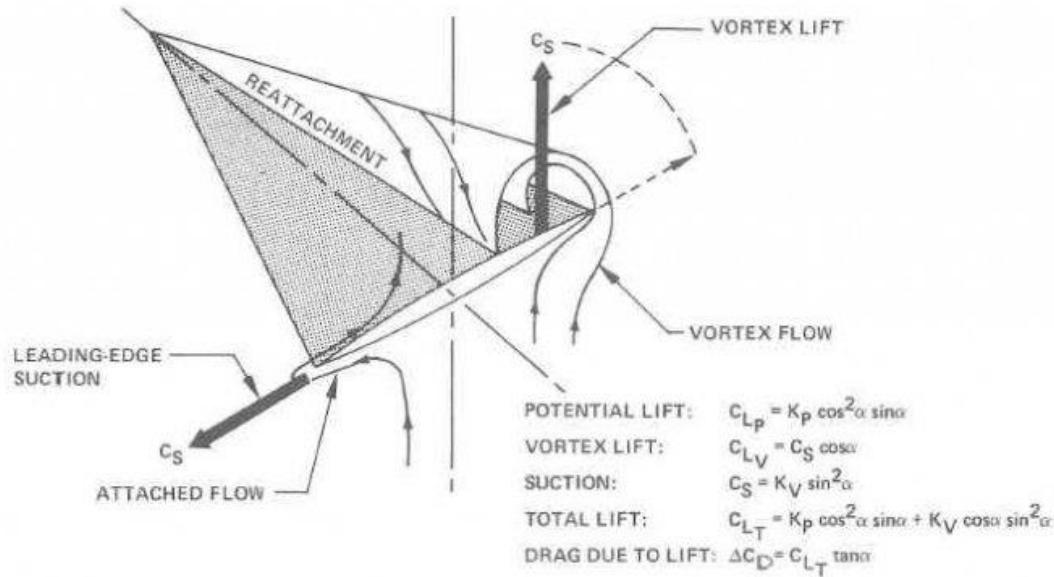
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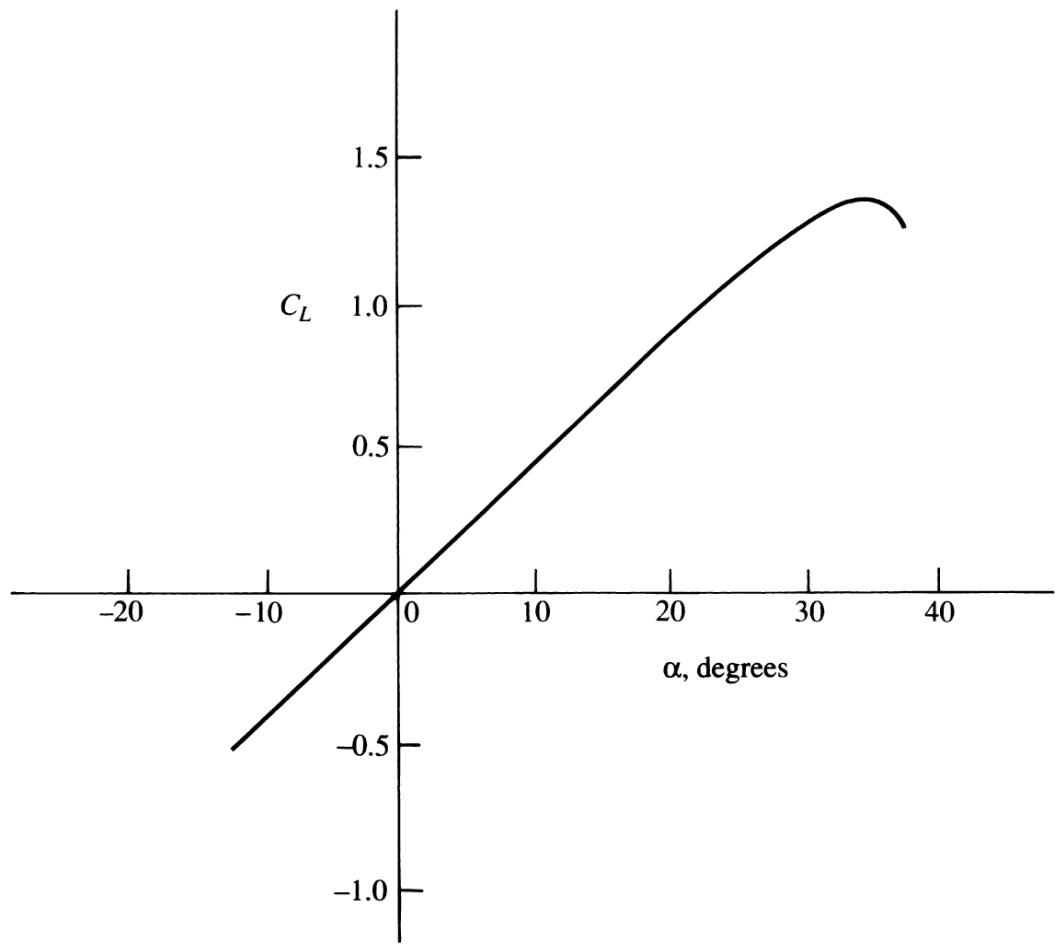




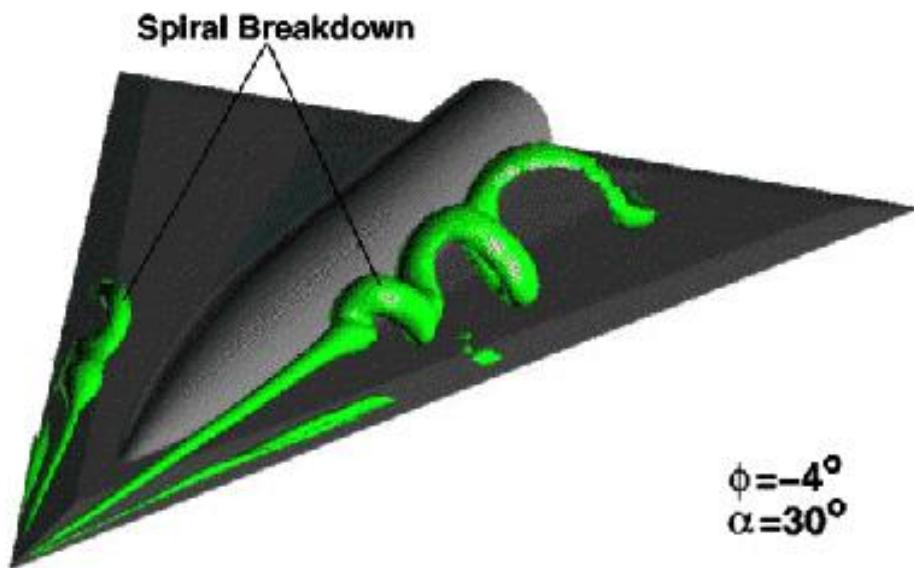
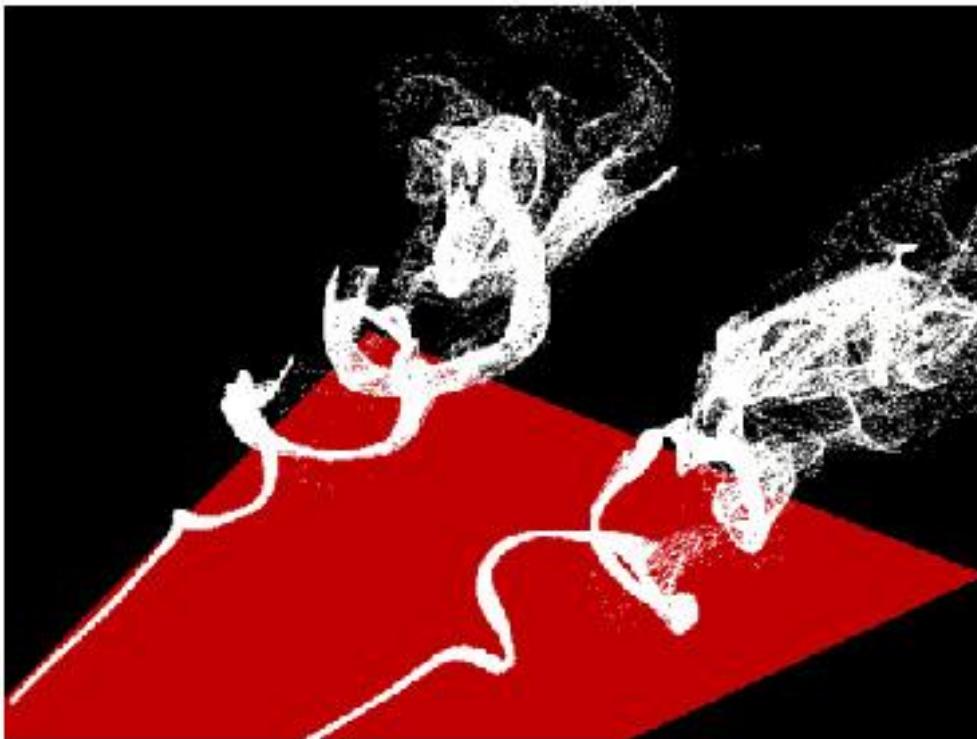
## Delta Wing Lift:



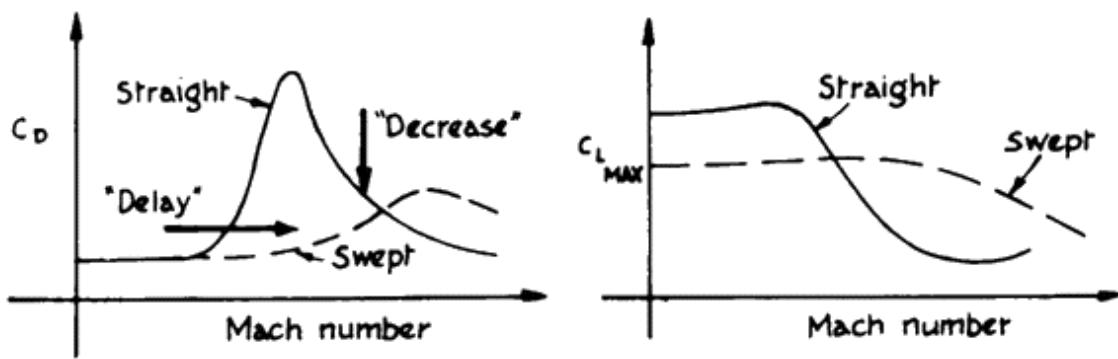
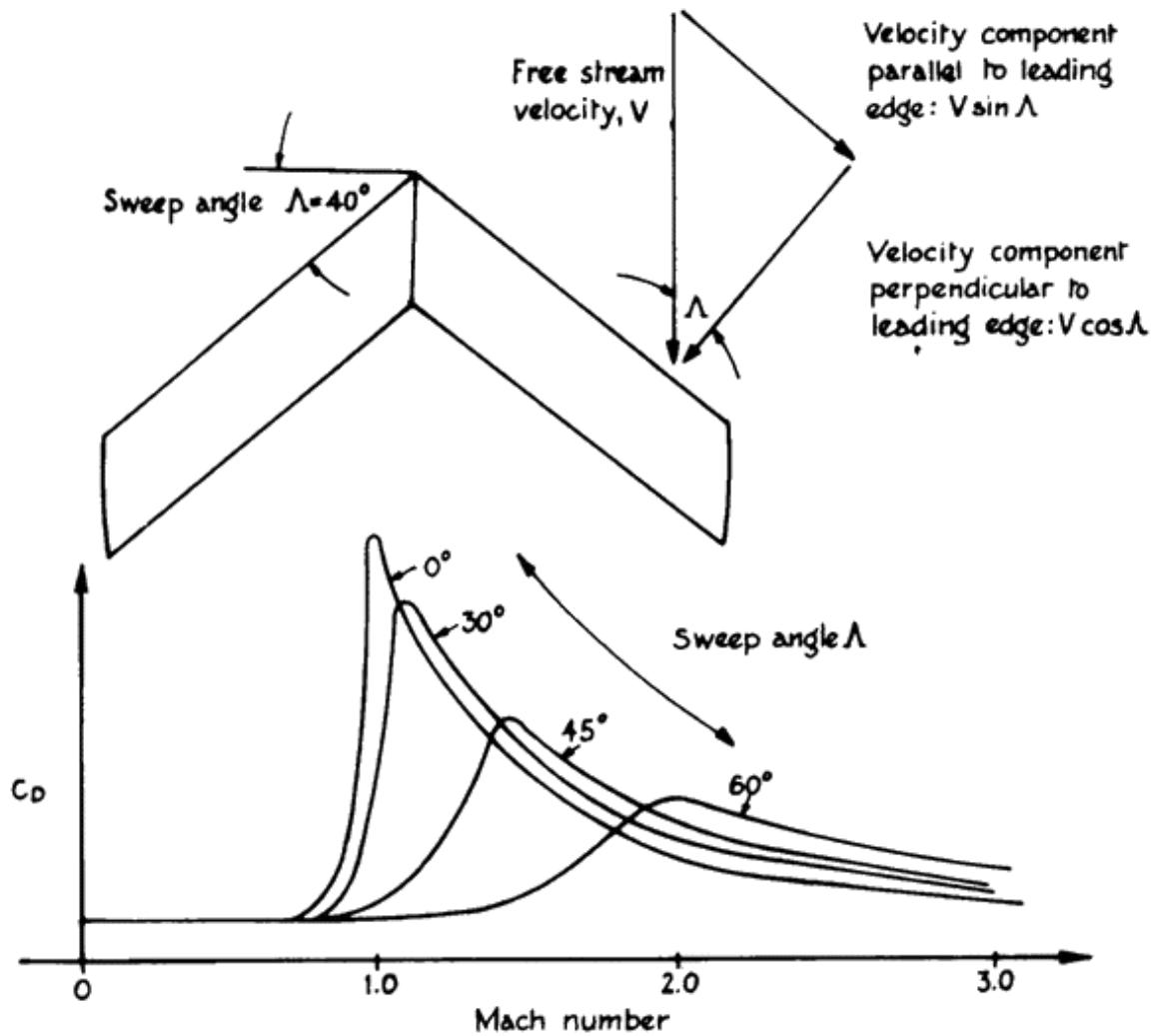
R.M. Kulfan, Wing Geometry Effects on Leading Edge Vortices, AIAA 79-1872



## Delta Wing Vortex Breakdown:



## Drag Rise near Mach 1: Swept Wings



## Variable-Sweep Wings:



