

Nomenclature

Acronyms

AC America's Cup; sailing competition and the oldest international competition still operating in any sport.. [1](#), [2](#), [23](#), [VII](#)

AoA Angle between a body's reference line and the incoming flow velocity vector. [16](#), [18](#), [37](#)

CFD Computational Fluid Dynamics. [18](#), [20](#), [33](#), [38](#), [41](#), [VII](#)

D3 D3 Applied Technologies, S.L. ([website](#)). [2](#), [3](#), [20](#), [25](#), [36](#), [39](#), [52](#), [VII](#), [XI](#)

DOF Degrees of Freedom. [5](#), [9](#)

DVPP Dynamic Velocity Prediction Program. [18](#), [22](#), [VII](#)

FSI [fluid–structure interaction](#). [32](#), [33](#)

LE Leading Edge; Forward edge of a foil or wing. Line that goes tip to tip. [32](#), [37](#)

LHS See [latin hypercube sampling \(LHS\)](#). [XVI](#)

LL [lifting-line theory](#). [32](#), [33](#)

PID proportional–integral–derivative controller. [3](#), [4](#), [16](#), [25](#), [34](#), [48](#), [49](#), [51](#), [65](#), [75](#), [77](#), [81](#), [83](#), [VII](#)

RANS Reynolds-Averaged Navier-Stokes; CFD method that time-averages the flow and solves the mean field with a turbulence model (e.g. $k - \epsilon$, $k - \omega$). [5](#)

SiM Simulator In Motion ([website](#)). [1–3](#), [25–27](#), [33](#), [35](#), [36](#), [39](#), [52](#), [VII](#), [XI](#)

TWA True Wind Angle; the angle between the boat's heading and the direction of the true wind. °DEG. [20](#), [35](#), [XVI](#), [XIX](#)

TWD True Wind Direction; the direction from which the true wind is blowing, relative to north. °DEG. [30](#), [XVI](#)

TWS True Wind Speed; the speed of the wind relative to the stationary ground, units of knots or m/s. [30](#), [42](#), [VII](#)

VMG Velocity Made Good; the component of a boat's velocity in the direction of the true wind, used as a measure of sailing efficiency. Kn. [11](#), [17](#), [18](#), [42](#), [57–66](#), [68](#), [71](#), [XIX](#)

VMG Speed of the sailing boat projected in the direction of the true wind ([TWD](#)). [20](#), [VII](#)

VPP Velocity Prediction Program. [2–5](#), [17](#), [21](#), [22](#), [66](#), [VII](#)

Glossary

aspect ratio Relationship between the [span](#) of a foil and its [chord](#). A high-aspect ratio wing has very long span and narrow chord and vice-versa. [10](#)

bias adjuster Flight system control, that allows to effectively change the length of the push rod from the wand to the foil via an endless screw. It adjusts the [ride height offset](#).. [16](#), [68](#), [XVIII](#)

blade See [vertical](#). [32](#), [XIX](#)

boom Horizontal spar, attached at its forward end to the mast, used to extend and control the foot of the [mainsail](#). [XVIII](#)

chord Straight-line distance between the leading edge and trailing edge of a foil, measured in the direction of the fluid flow. [XVI](#)

design of experiments (DoE) Statistical framework for planning runs to efficiently explore how inputs affect outputs. Common designs include [full-factorial design](#), response-surface designs, orthogonal arrays and [Latin hypercube sampling \(LHS\)](#). [20](#)

downwind Point of sail when the boat is sailing with the wind coming from behind, in moth sailing, the downwind condition encompasses broad reaching and running. 115° - 175° [TWA](#). [10](#)

elevator See [horizontal](#). [32](#), [XVII](#)

flat Flattening coefficient of the sail profiles, directly related to the power generated by them, defined in the VPP. [20](#)

foiling That uses a [hydrofoil](#). [9](#), [XVII](#)

- forestay** Part of the standing rigging consisting of a wire or rope running from the upper front section of the mast to the bow of the boat, providing forward support for the mast. [XVIII](#)
- fluid–structure interaction** Coupled problem in which fluid loads deform or move a structure and the resulting motion alters the flow. [XV](#)
- full-factorial design** Design of experiments where all combinations of factor levels are tested. [20](#), [XVI](#)
- gantry** Aft structure projecting from the Moth transom that connects and transmits the forces of the rudder, situated aft of the hull, it increases pitch lever arm.. [32](#), [37](#)
- gearing** key parameter that controls the ratio between wand angle and flap angle in the moth flight system. The sailor can touch the gearing while sailing, from position 1 to 6, to control how the boat behaves in waves. See § [2.3.5](#) and Fig. [5.2](#) for system description and § [5.3](#) for influence. [3](#), [14](#), [16](#), [34](#), [51](#), [55](#), [VII](#)
- gradient descent** Iterative optimisation method that updates parameters in the direction of negative gradient of the objective. [20](#)
- horizontal** Horizontal lifting surface; on the mainfoil called the [wing](#), on the rudder the [elevator](#); generates lift or downforce for heave/pitch control. [20](#), [32](#), [33](#), [37](#), [XVI](#), [XIX](#)
- hydrofoil** A lifting surface, i.e. "foil", e.g. a horizontal wing, that operates in water to raise the vessel's hull above the free surface. [VII](#), [XVI](#)
- International Moth** 3.35-metre-long sailing [foiling monohull](#), built in carbon fibre under the International Moth class rule, recognised by [World Sailing](#). See [2.3](#). [1](#), [25](#), [VII](#), [XVIII](#)
- Kd** Derivative gain. Scales the error's time derivative to add damping and anticipate changes; sensitive to measurement noise. [35](#), [51](#), [75](#), [79](#), [80](#), [VII](#)
- Ki** Integral gain. Scales the time–integral of the error to remove steady–state offset; too large may cause windup and oscillations. [35](#), [51](#), [75](#), [78](#), [80](#), [VII](#)
- Kp** Proportional gain. Scales the instantaneous error $e(t)$ to increase responsiveness; excessive values can amplify noise or overshoot. [35](#), [51](#), [75](#), [77](#), [80](#), [VII](#)
- latin hypercube sampling (LHS)** Sampling scheme that divides each input dimension into equal-probability bins and samples each bin exactly once per dimension. [20](#), [XV](#)

- lifting-line theory** Mathematical model that predicts lift distribution over a three-dimensional finite wing/foil in inviscid, incompressible flow to compute circulation, lift distribution and induced drag (best for thin, moderately loaded, high-aspect-ratio foils). [32](#), [33](#), [36](#), [48](#), [XV](#)
- line search** basic iterative approach to find a local minimum of an objective function along a given descent direction (e.g., gradient). [52](#)
- mainfoil** Front T-hydrofoil assembly in the Moth (aka *main*); provides most of the vertical lift.. [56](#)
- mainsail** The principal and typically largest sail on a sailing vessel, set aft of the main mast and attached along its luff to the mast and along its foot to the [boom](#). In the case of the [moth](#) it is the only sail used (in opposition to other types of vessels with, e.g., mainsail and headsail). [XVI](#)
- monohull** A type of vessel characterized by a single main hull, as opposed to multihull designs such as catamarans or trimarans. [XVII](#)
- moth** See [International Moth](#). [3](#), [9](#), [10](#), [XVIII](#)
- perturbations method** Sensitivity method that varies a single input slightly around a baseline to estimate its effect. [20](#)
- rake** angle of rotation on the local Y-axis (horizontal and transversal to the sailboat) of the different movable elements on-board. [12](#)
- ride height offset** neutral flap angle bias. Sailors adjust this control to achieve the desired ride height, after selecting the desired wand length and gearing. See [bias adjuster](#). [16](#), [XVI](#)
- rig** The set of mast plus sail(s) plus associated elements, e.g., in the moth: [shrouds](#), [forestay](#) and [boom](#). [10](#)
- rudder** Aft steering appendage; on the moth it carries a horizontal *elevator* that adds pitch stability and trim authority. [10](#), [12](#)
- sailplan** Arrangement of the sails and spars of a sailing vessel, defining its rig type and sail area distribution. [11](#)
- shroud** Part of the standing rigging consisting of wires or ropes running from the mast to the sides of the vessel to provide lateral support and keep the mast upright. [XVIII](#)

- span** Tip-to-tip distance across a foil, measured perpendicular to the direction of the flow. [XVI](#)
- strut** See [vertical](#). [32](#), [XIX](#)
- upwind** Point of sail when the boat is heading as close to the wind direction as possible (close-hauled), for the International Moth, the best-[VMG](#) lies between $35^{\circ} - 50^{\circ}$ [TWA](#), almost a close reaching. [10](#)
- vertical** Vertical member of a hydrofoil (also [strut](#) in case of the mainfoil; or [blade](#) on the rudder); connects hull to the horizontal surface and transmits loads. [20](#), [32](#), [37](#), [XVI](#), [XIX](#)
- vortex lattice method** Potential-flow panel method that discretises the lifting surface into an infinitely thin sheet of discrete vortices; the influence of the thickness and viscosity is neglected. [36](#)
- wand** Carbon fibre rod that touches the water and through a linkage system (gearing and offset), it transmits a control input to the foil flap.. [3](#), [5](#), [14](#), [34](#), [49](#), [51](#), [66](#), [VII](#)
- wing** See [horizontal](#). [32](#), [XVII](#)
- World Sailing** The governing body of sailing worldwide, formally known as the International Sailing Federation (ISAF). [XVII](#)