

Lift and Drag



A mathematical limerick:

$$\frac{12 + 144 + 20 + 3\sqrt{4}}{7} + (5 \times 11) = 9^2 + 0$$

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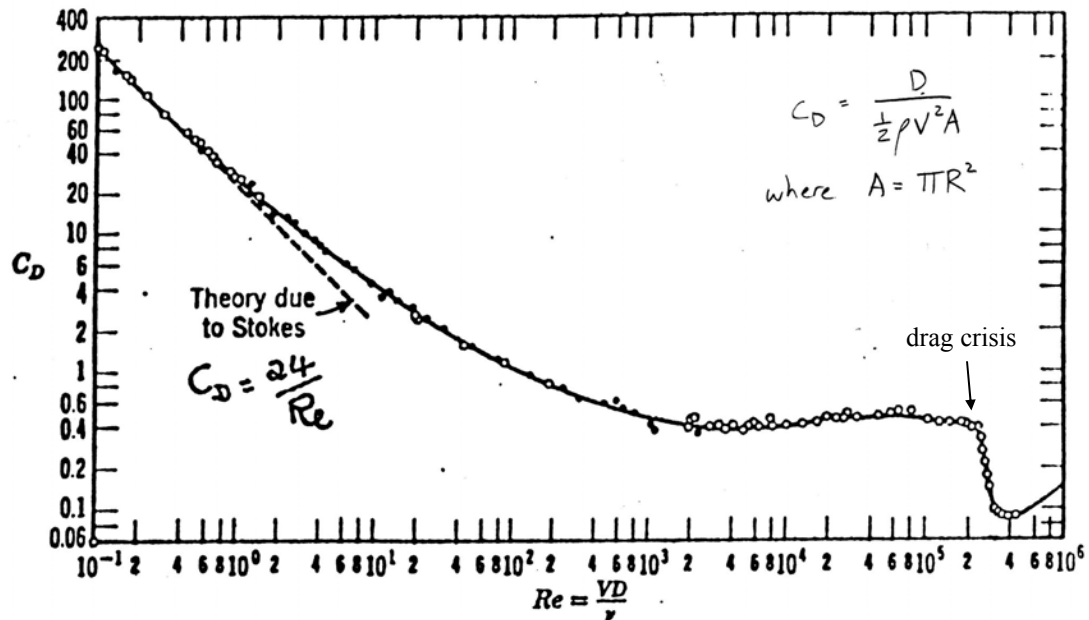
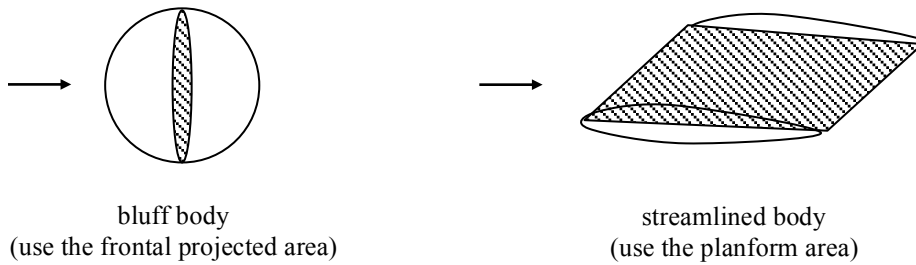


Fig. 8.32 Drag coefficient of a sphere as a function of Reynolds number (Ref. 13).

Commonly used curve fits to the curve shown above are:

- $Re_D < 1$: $C_D = 24/Re_D$ (Stokes' drag law)
- $Re_D < 5$: $C_D = 24/Re_D(1+3/16Re_D)$ (Oseen's approximation)
- $0 \leq Re_D \leq 2 \cdot 10^5$: $C_D = 24/Re_D + 6/(1+Re_D^{0.5}) + 0.4$
- $Re_D < 2 \cdot 10^5$: $C_D = 0.44$ (Newton's Law)

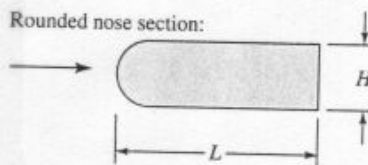
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Table 7.2 Drag of Two-Dimensional Bodies at $Re \geq 10^4$

$$C_D = \frac{D}{\frac{1}{2} \rho U_\infty^2 A}$$

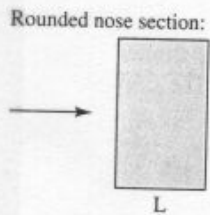
Shape	C_D based on frontal area	Shape	C_D based on frontal area
Square cylinder:	2.1	Half-cylinder:	1.2
	1.6		1.7
Half tube:	1.2	Equilateral triangle:	1.6
	2.3		2.0
		Hexagon:	1.0 \uparrow 0.7
		Plate:	2.0
		Thin plate normal to a wall:	1.4

Rounded nose section:



L/H :	0.5	1.0	2.0	4.0	6.0
C_D :	1.16	0.90	0.70	0.68	0.64

Rounded nose section:




L/H :	0.1	0.4	0.7	1.2	2.0	2.5	3.0	6.0
C_D :	1.9	2.3	2.7	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.3	0.9


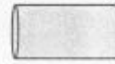
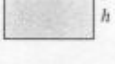
Elliptical cylinder:

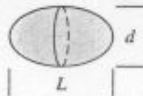
		Laminar	Turbulent
1:1		1.2	0.3
2:1		0.6	0.2
4:1		0.35	0.15
8:1		0.25	0.1

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Table 7.3 Drag of Three-Dimensional Bodies at $Re \geq 10^4$

Body	C_D based on frontal area	Body	C_D based on frontal area
Cube:	1.07	Cone:	θ : 10° 20° 30° 40° 60° 75° 90° C_D : 0.30 0.40 0.55 0.65 0.80 1.05 1.15
	0.81	Short cylinder, laminar flow:	L/D : 1 2 3 5 10 20 40 ∞ C_D : 0.64 0.68 0.72 0.74 0.82 0.91 0.98 1.20
Cup:	1.4	Porous parabolic dish [23]:	Porosity: 0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 $\leftarrow C_D$: 1.42 1.33 1.20 1.05 0.95 0.82 $\rightarrow C_D$: 0.95 0.92 0.90 0.86 0.83 0.80
Disk:	1.17	Average person:	$C_{DA} = 9 \text{ ft}^2$ \uparrow $C_{DA} = 1.2 \text{ ft}^2$
Parachute (Low porosity):	1.2	Pine and spruce trees [24]:	$U, \text{ m/s}$: 10 20 30 40 C_D : 1.2 ± 0.2 1.0 ± 0.2 0.7 ± 0.2 0.5 ± 0.2

Body	Ratio	C_D based on frontal area	Body	Ratio	C_D based on frontal area
Rectangular plate:	b/h		Flat-faced cylinder:	L/d	
	1	1.18		0.5	1.15
	5	1.2		1	0.90
	10	1.3		2	0.85
	20	1.5		4	0.87
	∞	2.0		8	0.99

Ellipsoid:	L/d	Laminar	Turbulent
	0.75	0.5	0.2
	1	0.47	0.2
	2	0.27	0.13
	4	0.25	0.1
	8	0.2	0.08

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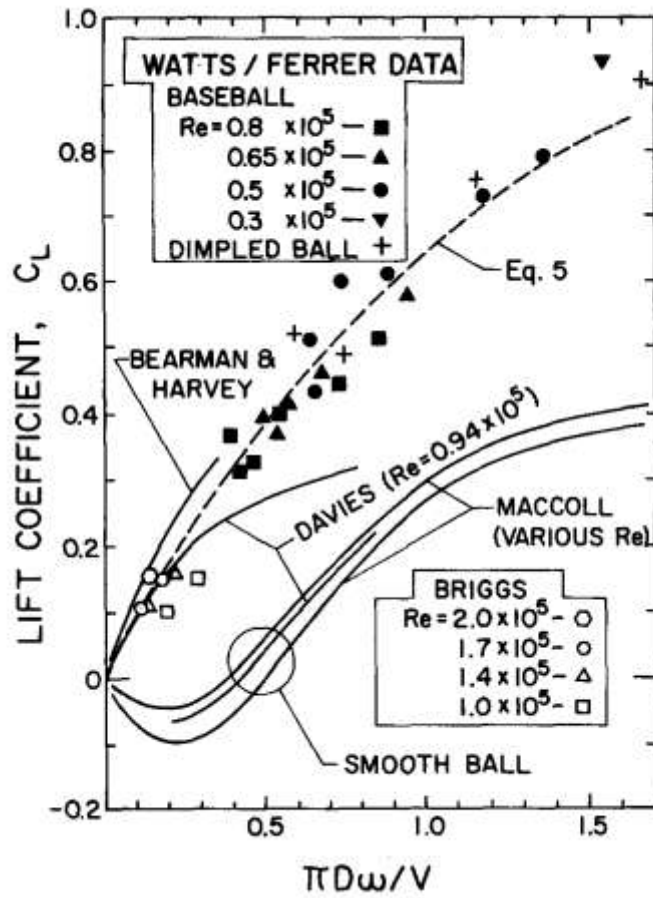
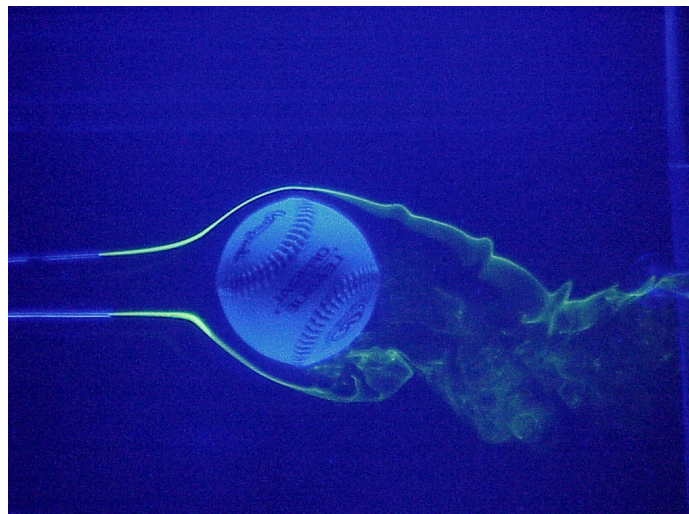


Figure 2.15 - Lift coefficient data comparing several data sets.

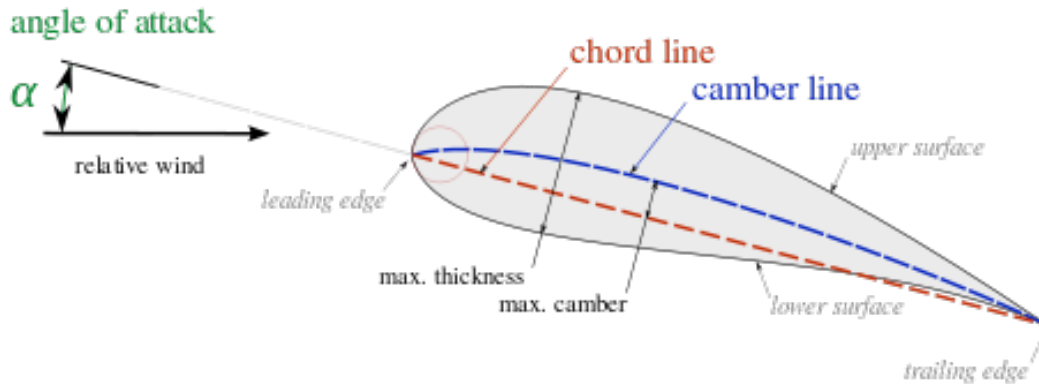
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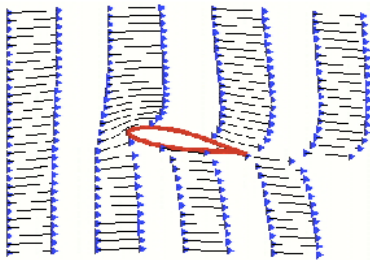
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Airfoils

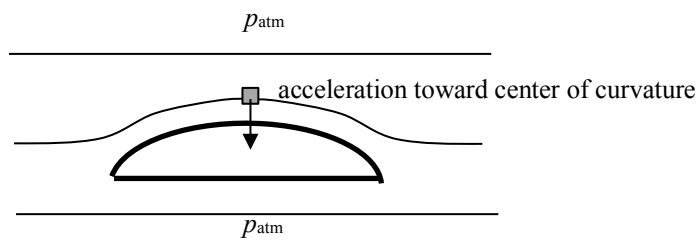


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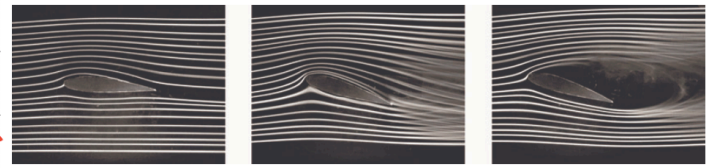
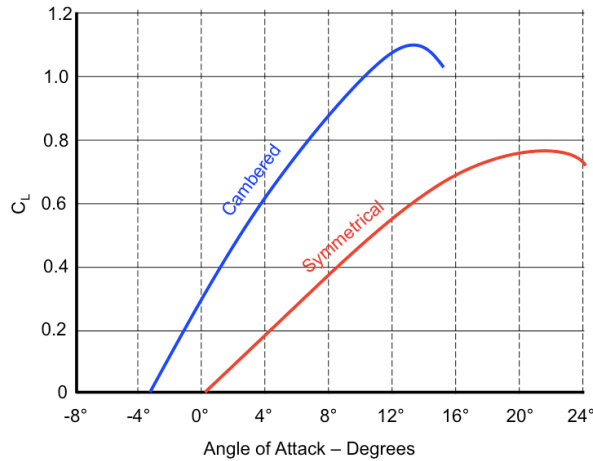
What generates lift?



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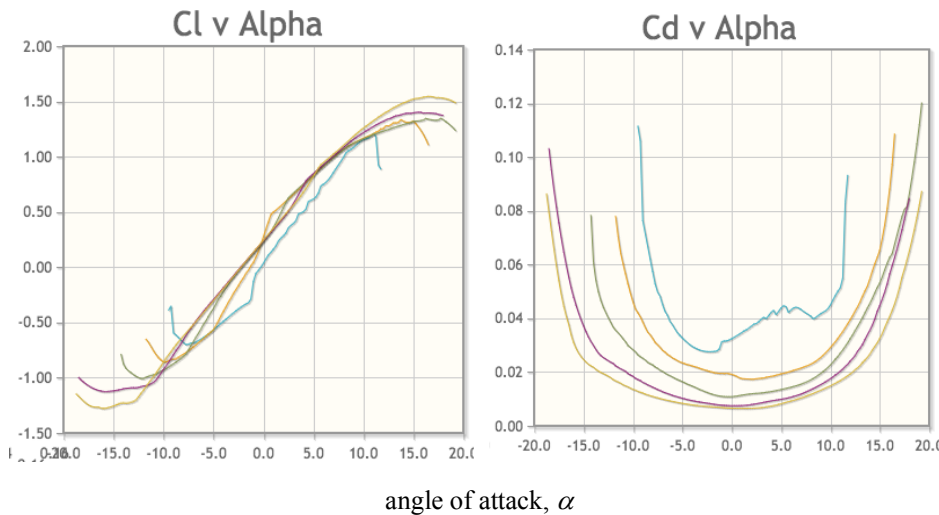
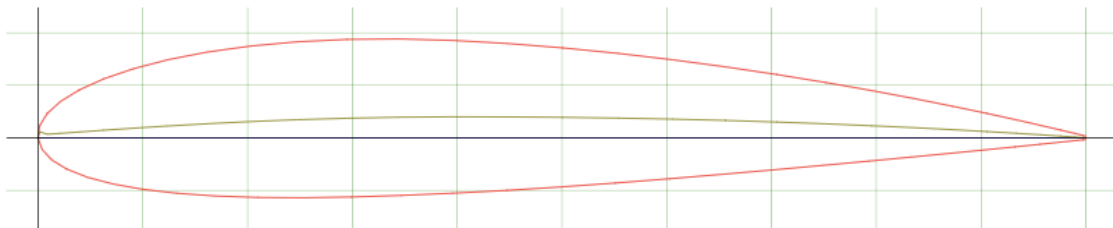


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Lift and Drag Coefficients

NACA 2415 - NACA 2415 airfoil



Different line colors correspond to different Reynolds numbers based on chord length.

NACA (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics) Airfoil Database:

<http://airfoiltools.com/search/index?m%5Bgrp%5D=naca4d&m%5Bsort%5D=1>

UIUC Airfoil Database:

https://m-selig.ae.illinois.edu/ads/coord_database.html

XFOIL Subsonic Airfoil Development System:

<http://web.mit.edu/drela/Public/web/xfoil/>