

Impact of Advanced Aerodynamic Technology on Transportation Energy Consumption

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ABSTRACT

An assessment of the role of fluid dynamic resistance and/or aerodynamic drag and the relationship to energy use in the United States is presented. Existing data indicates that 16% of the total energy consumed in the United States is used to overcome aerodynamic drag in transportation systems. Application of existing pressure drag reduction technologies to all ground vehicles within the United States will reduce yearly energy costs by 20 billion dollars.

INTRODUCTION

Three dominant forces in nature that influence our way of life are; gravity, fluid-dynamics (i.e., wind and water forces), and solid mechanics (i.e., earthquakes). It is argued that after gravity, fluid-dynamics is nature's most prevalent force on earth. We spend our life interacting with a variety of fluids from the air we breath and water we drink to the storms we shelter from. Fluid-dynamic forces have a significant influence on transportation, recreation, and sport; and greatly influence the energy consumption of our transportation systems, manufacturing processes, and heating and cooling needs [1-3], with transportation consuming the largest portion of energy within the United States. A review of available data shows that the majority of the transportation energy is used to overcome fluid dynamic resistance and/or aerodynamic drag.

A review of the literature show that previous discussions of aerodynamic drag have been either discipline focused [4, 5]. such as aircraft or ground vehicles; or in order to accentuate the unique character and features of a research area. The present discussion will review the general topic of fluid-dynamic resistance and/or aerodynamic drag for transportation systems and relate these observations to energy consumption. The

discussion of energy consumption provides a direct connection to the economic impact of the technologies that are capable of reducing aerodynamic drag and it provides a technical connection to other disciplines and industries that benefit from aerodynamic drag reduction technologies.

The relationship between aerodynamic drag and energy use in the United States (US) can be obtained by reviewing data from the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Department of Energy (DOE) [1-3, 6-11]. An analysis of the DOE and DOT energy data coupled with a fundamental understanding of the role of fluid-dynamic resistance on transportation allows for estimates of energy use in the United States (U.S.).

All transportation systems involve either the movement of solid structures through fluids or the movement of fluids past solid structures (i.e., aerodynamics, hydrodynamics, and fluid-dynamics). Overcoming the aerodynamic/hydrodynamic drag and fluid-dynamic resistance associated with transportation constitutes a significant portion of the energy consumed within the United States, as noted above. However, there has never been a national effort focused on the reduction of aerodynamic drag and fluid-dynamic resistance.

The importance of this matter continues to grow as is evident by the growing energy imbalance within the U.S. [1, 2]. At present, the U.S. consumes 35% more energy than it produces; and by 2020, the imbalance will increase to 65%. A more dramatic trend is noted for the transportation sector where U. S. oil consumption exceeded the U. S. oil production by 85% in 2004 and it is projected that by 2020 oil consumption will exceed U. S. production by 140%. To address these issues, the Department of Transportation (DOT) [11] and the Department of Energy (DOE) [1] have a number of programs investigating a variety of technologies including American fuels and advanced manufacturing

processes. However, it is clear that solving the U.S. energy problem requires technical contributions from all elements of the scientific and engineering sectors.

An objective of this paper is to raise the awareness of these issues within the scientific community. To this end, a discussion of aerodynamic drag reduction research is presented and example aerodynamic drag and fluid-dynamic resistance reduction technologies that have crossed over from one discipline to another are discussed. A second objective of this paper is to develop an energy-based argument for the discussion of drag and drag management issues in order to bring together a portion of the diverse array of scientific and engineering resources within the United States.

DISCUSSION

AERODYNAMIC DRAG

To provide structure to the discussion of aerodynamic drag and energy, the interrelationships between fundamental forces, areas of application, types of flow, control effectors, and flow phenomena affected are presented in figure 1. The table of figure 1 is based upon a review of the literature in the areas of aerodynamics [4, 12-15], transportation [5, 18-20], boundary layer flows [16, 17-27], chemical engineering [28, 29], and industrial engineering [30-37]. This review identified transportation, industrial, and residential/commercial as the primary areas of application for fluid resistance (aerodynamic/hydrodynamic drag) reduction technologies. The sub-areas listed under each primary area of application are organized in descending order of energy use. The types of flow that occur in the application areas are extremely diverse and are characterized by changes in boundary layer state with either organized or random separation for a gas, liquid, or a multi-phase flow medium. Drag reduction technologies (e.g. effectors) that are used in the areas of application to manage these diverse flows are focused on changes to the surface of the solid body or modify the local flow field by adding or removing mass, temperature, or energy. Although there is a significant amount of work in the areas of boundary layer control for drag reduction the primary effector types remain focused on changes to the body surface. The impact of each technology concept is the modification of both surface and flow field properties in order to alter the body forces or to manage the flow mixing, motion, and noise.

A list of representative aerodynamic drag reduction and/or flow-control effectors for the three areas of application, are provided in figure 2. The information contained in figure 2 was extracted from the available literature and show that only the transportation area

utilizes all ten (10) types of effectors identified in figure 1. In contrast, the Industrial area utilizes eight (8) of the ten (10) and the Residential/Commercial area is the most limited with three (3) types of flow control effectors. The number and diversity of drag reduction effectors in each of the three application areas correlates directly with the energy consumed in each area to overcome aerodynamic drag. The control effectors employed in the Transportation area are evenly distributed between skin-friction and pressure drag reduction, whereas, the effectors in the Industrial area are dominated by skin-friction types.

To provide additional insight into the aerodynamic drag reduction issues facing the community, a brief review of the transportation area is presented. The transportation area is selected for this expanded discussion because it is the largest energy user within the U. S., and it is also the area that is most dependent upon drag reduction for economic success. As shown in figure 1, the transportation area is comprised of ground vehicles, aircraft, watercraft, rail, and pipe systems, with ground, air, and water vehicles comprising 94% of all energy used by transportation in the U. S [11]. Note, ground vehicles use more than six times the energy than the combination of aircraft and watercraft in the U. S.

A top-level drag breakdown for the various transportation vehicles is presented in figure 3. The chart shows the relative magnitude of pressure drag and skin-friction drag for each vehicle type. This information shows that ground vehicle drag is dominated by pressure drag and aircraft drag and water vehicle drag is comprised of an equal amount of pressure and skin-friction drag. To complete the analysis of the transportation area requires an assessment of the energy used to overcome drag, relative to the total energy used by the vehicle, see figure 4. A review of the available data [10, 11] shows that ground vehicles use approximately 50% of their energy overcoming aerodynamic drag whereas both aircraft and watercraft use 90% of their energy consumption to overcome drag, see figure 4. By combining the data from figure 3 and 4 it can be shown that transportation drag is comprised of 40% skin friction drag and 60% pressure drag, see figure 5.

ENERGY USAGE

Presented in figure 6 is a summary of the energy consumption in the U. S. for 2000 [1-3]. The figure shows the various sources of energy and the relative magnitude of the imported and exported energy products. The data are presented as quadrillion (QUAD) British thermal units (BTU). A review of the data of figure 5 [1-3] shows that the largest consumer of energy is transportation, with 99% of the transportation energy derived from petroleum.

Transportation

The transportation area uses 27% of all energy consumed in the U.S., and the dominant transportation sector is ground vehicles as shown in figure 7 [10, 11]. It is interesting to note that the energy use data, see figure 7, for ground vehicles shows that cars and light duty vehicles used 350% more energy than heavy vehicles, however, a review of the DOT statistics [10] show there are 3,330% more cars and light duty vehicles than heavy vehicles. These data highlight the dramatic difference in vehicle drag and the miles driven per vehicle between light and heavy vehicles. A similar analysis can be made between all ground vehicles and aircraft. The data of figure 7 show that ground vehicles used 1,000% more energy than aircraft and yet surprisingly there are 74,300% more ground vehicles than aircraft. These data can be used to highlight the relative payoff for drag reduction efforts based upon vehicle types. It is clear that the large energy use by an individual aircraft provides an incentive to the community to focus their drag reduction efforts in this area. In a similar fashion, the analysis indicates that the drag reduction focus for ground vehicles should be directed towards large trucks and other heavy vehicles that travel a large number of miles each year.

Combining the data from figures 3, 4, and 7 allows the results presented in figure 5 to be weighted by fuel usage, see figure 8. The data of figure 8 show that transportation drag is comprised of 30% skin friction drag and 70% pressure drag. An extension of this analysis is shown in figure 9 in which the drag breakdown analysis is limited to only the ground transportation sector. The data of figure 9 shown that ground transportation drag is 20% skin friction drag and 80% pressure drag. This simple analysis strongly suggests that future drag reduction efforts should focus primarily on pressure drag reduction technologies.

Additional motivation for drag reduction efforts can be drawn from a review of the historical trend in energy usage for the transportation area [10, 11]. The data show that transportation energy demands, which are 99% dependent on oil, exceeded U.S. production levels in the 1980s and at present the transportation area consumes 85% more energy (oil) than is produced in the U.S. The chart also shows that the energy (oil) shortfall will continue to increase and by 2020, consumption will be 140% greater than production.

A review of the ground transportation sector data of figure 10 shows that the energy demands of automobiles will remain constant. However, there are dramatic increases in both light and heavy truck energy demands. These projected detrimental energy trends should be viewed as an opportunity for aerodynamic drag reduction efforts. A focused effort on heavy ground vehicles, which have the largest aerodynamic

drag levels and have the greatest miles driven per vehicle, will provide a significant payoff in energy savings even with small drag reductions.

DESIGNING THE FUTURE

It is envisioned that by focusing on aerodynamic and fluid-dynamic issues in the transportation area creates the opportunity for significant synergistic interactions among other subject areas. These interactions have the potential to support the development of energy efficient technologies that will dramatically improve our environment, lead to the development of new energy sources, and culminate in radically improved transportation, industrial and manufacturing processes, and systems

Many of the “best practices” and “advanced technologies” in use within the aerodynamics and fluid-dynamics disciplines are also hindered by their reliance on past understanding and biases. A survey of the literature indicates that even though there are significant resources expended in the subject topic area, they are spread among a diverse array of technology development activities and among a myriad of government agencies, academia, industries, and professional organizations. These research efforts operate in a competing mode resulting in a fragmented technology development effort. To achieve success the vast array of organizations and discipline research efforts in aerodynamics, transportation, hydrodynamics, wind engineering, environmental sciences, chemistry, medical engineering, combustion, manufacturing, etc. must be brought together under a framework that is focused on a single theme.

Specific goals may be established such as; pressure drag and viscous drag reduction goals of 50%. Another objective is to define consistent drag reduction research “best practices” and goals across all research disciplines and implementation of the processes must be performed in a manner that ensures a significant portion of the success is portable.

It is estimated that 25% of the total energy consumed in the U.S. is used to overcome drag. Of this, 16% is attributed to Transportation and 9% is related to Industrial and Residential/Commercial energy consumption. If the drag reduction goals discussed above are realized, a 7.85% total energy savings would be achieved. This energy savings is comprised of 5.6% from transportation (note: it is approximated that a 50% drag reduction results in a 35% energy savings) and 2.25% from the combination of Industrial and Residential/ Commercial (note: it is approximated that a 50% drag reduction results in a 25% energy savings). This energy savings correlates to a yearly cost savings in the \$30 Billion dollar range.

Drag Reduction Technologies

To achieve success both skin-friction drag [24, 38-68] and pressure drag [5, 18-21, 69-101] reduction technologies must be developed, applied, and transferred across discipline lines. However it has been shown that the dominant consumer of energy is the transportation sector and more specifically the ground transportation sector. It has been further shown that the majority of the energy consumed by ground transportation drag is used to overcome pressure drag. For these reasons the following section will focus on pressure drag reduction technologies for ground vehicles.

The discussion of pressure drag reduction technologies will follow the outline presented in figure 2. Specifically, pressure drag reduction technologies will be shown for surface shaping for attached flow in figure 11, surface shaping for separated flow in figures 12 and 13, surface motion in figure 14, surface permeability in figure 15, mass addition in figure 16, and energizing the external flow in figures 17-19. All of the ground vehicle drag reduction technologies presented in figures 11-19 have their lineage to the aircraft community.

Surface shaping technologies fall into two categories, those directed at attached flow and those directed at separated flow. The attached flow technologies are the most mature and are shown in figure 11 [107]. Several flying wing aircraft are depicted on the left of figure 11 to represent the attached flow design concept for aircraft. For ground vehicles figure 11 shows the evolution of aerodynamic shaping from a box shape with sharp corners to a highly contoured vehicle with rounded corners. This attached flow shaping is the most fundamental design technology and has been shown to provide very large drag reduction benefits that exceed 30%. This technology is the accepted standard in both the aircraft and ground vehicle industries.

The first separated flow surface shaping technology is base plates which are used to control base drag, see figure 12. The base plate technology was initially developed in 1966 by Bearman to reduce the base drag of blunt trailing edge airfoils 10% [94, 95]. This technology then found its way to ground vehicles in 1987 as documented in reference 19 providing a 15% drag reduction.

The second separated flow surface shaping technology is shown in figure 13 and employs a trapped vortex to provide drag reduction. The aircraft based trapped vortex concept was initially demonstrated by Kasper in 1974 [108] and has been subsequently applied to a wide variety of airfoils and three-dimensional wings. The technology was extended to ground vehicles in 2003 by Wood and Bauer [109]. The ground vehicle application was designed to treat the gap flow between the tractor

and trailer. The concept traps a series of vortices on the front face of the trailer in order to generate a thrust force. The ground vehicle trapped vortex technology has demonstrated a drag reduction of 30%.

In the area of pressure drag reduction for ground vehicles the work of Modi [69] and Englar [20] are noteworthy for transferring the technology from aircraft to ground vehicles, see figures 14, and 15, respectively. Modi also has transferred the technology out of the transportation area as documented in reference 69. There are similarities in the work of Modi and Englar in that they both add momentum to the flow in order to eliminate/control flow separation. Modi employs a moving surface (see figure 14) to achieve this end whereas Englar uses air injection (figure 15). Both have achieved significant drag reductions on the order of 30% with their associated technologies.

As shown in figure 16, the passive porosity work of Bauer and Wood [101] employs a passive feedback mechanism to control flow separation on a blunt base and produces a drag reduction of 15%. It is interesting to note that passive porosity technology has its roots in the Industrial area where it was used for vortex shedding control on smoke stacks. This technology was transferred to the aerodynamic community to be used as a liner for wind tunnel walls. Another evolution of the technology occurred in the 1980s and produced a drag reduction concept as documented by the work of Bauer [101].

The final technology area is the use of passive devices to energize the external flow field in order to reduce or eliminate flow separation. Three technologies are presented in this area. Figures 17 and 18 show concepts that employ vortex flows and figure 19 shows the use of a nozzle to increase the velocity and momentum of an unsteady flow field.

Vortex generators technology is a much more mature, diverse, and far reaching in acceptance [61], see figure 17. Vortex generators were initially developed and applied to aircraft but have been accepted throughout the transportation and Industrial areas. Vortex generators can be found on aircraft, ground vehicles, and watercraft and in diffusers and heat exchangers. Vortex generators are designed as both active and passive devices, mechanical and pneumatic devices, and operate on the boundary layer flow. Representative drag reduction benefits for aircraft have exceeded 20% but only marginal results have been realized on ground vehicles.

The second vortex based technology is the vortex strake as shown in figure 18. The vortex strake is used as a flow control and lift enhancement device for aircraft as noted by the F-18 on the left side of figure 18 [110]. The vortex strake technology was extended to ground vehicles by Wood and Bauer [109]. For the ground

vehicle application strakes were installed on the aft portion of a trailer in order to energize and direct the flow exiting the trailer and flowing into the bluff base wake region. This concept has shown drag reductions greater than 10%.

The final technology is related to the use of a contraction cone to add momentum to the unsteady undercarriage flow and to direct the high momentum flow into the trailing wake, see right side of figure 19. The design of the high momentum mud flap concept [109] is taken from low speed wind tunnel design [111] technology, specifically the design of the contraction cone as noted on the left side of the figure. In wind tunnel design, care is taken to minimize the pressure gradients at the start and the end of contraction and to minimize separation in the corners. For the ground vehicle drag reduction concept the contraction cone is a two dimensional design, where the trailer under surface and the ground form parallel sides. The two vertical sides are carefully designed to minimize flow separation while increasing the undercarriage flow velocity. This technology has shown drag reduction of greater than 10%.

Additional extensions/crossovers of each of these technologies is possible with clear applications to diffusers, ducting, pipes, valves, and heat exchangers to name a few. There are also other aerodynamic technologies such as thrust vectoring [85] self activating flaps [72], oscillating flow spoilers [74], and pneumatic spoilers [82] that would improve the performance of ground vehicles as well as various industrial and manufacturing systems.

To complete the discussion of drag reduction technologies a few comments are offered on skin friction drag reduction. A literature survey of the skin-friction drag area highlights the diversity and magnitude of the research being performed by a broad cross section of Industries and agencies [24, 38-69]. The area of skin-friction drag reduction is typically divided into two efforts, those focused on maintaining a laminar boundary layer and efforts reducing the turbulent boundary-layer skin-friction drag. It is beyond the scope of this paper and the author to address the diversity and complexity of this topic area other than to recognize that it is a highly competitive area and it appears to be driven by economic factors that dominate the Industrial area within the U.S.

However, there are several examples worth noting. One of the skin friction drag cross over technologies is riblets [65]. Riblets were conceived from observations of nature [102-105], specifically the skin of a shark, and they were originally developed for aircraft applications. They have found their way onto watercraft and into pipes and ducts. It is interesting to note that they have not

achieved universal success in the aerospace community but a version of the technology is used in the Industrial area for pipe flows [24].

Other skin friction drag reduction technologies are laminar flow control with boundary layer removal or wall cooling [66], turbulent boundary layer polymer addition and bubble injection [59], and wall oscillation and compliant walls [41].

Drag Reduction Assessment

The previous discussion has argued that significant reductions in energy usage can be achieved by focusing drag reduction efforts on ground transportation pressure drag. To provide additional focus to this argument three summary charts are presented in figures 20 through 22. Figure 20 presents a matrix that show the recommended vehicle classes that would benefit from an application of the various drag reduction technologies. The chart indicates that only surface shaping and energy addition technologies are applicable to all ground vehicle classes. Surface motion, surface permeability, and mass addition technology are more restrictive due to increased complexity, cost and maintenance.

A simplistic cost benefit analysis of the technologies for each vehicle class is presented in figure 21. These results are presented as the time in years for a return on investment (ROI) required to install each technology type on the subject vehicle class. The information contained in figure 21 show that the two surface shaping technologies and the energy addition technologies provide an ROI of less than one year. The next most promising technology type is the mass-addition concept that has an ROI of less than two years.

Presented in figure 22 are the final technology assessment chart that shows the drag reduction potential and thus the fuel savings available for two of the three most promising technology types. Because the attached flow surface shaping technology is viewed as an industry standard it is not included in the summation of additional fuel saving benefit. Due to the limited application and long term payback the benefits associated with surface motion, surface permeability, and mass addition are not included. The information of figure 22 shows that significant fuel savings can be achieved for each vehicle class. The chart show fuel savings of 15-25% for heavy trucks, 10-14% for light trucks , and 4-10% for automobiles can be realized if separated flow surface shaping and energy addition technologies are applied. These technologies have the potential to reduce ground vehicle fuel consumption within the United States by more than 10% and provide a cost savings of 20 billion dollars a year.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

An assessment of the role of fluid dynamic resistance and/or aerodynamic drag on transportation energy use in the United States is presented. Existing data indicates that up to 25% of the total energy consumed in the United States is used to overcome aerodynamic drag, 27% of the total energy used in the United States is consumed by transportation systems, and 60% of the transportation energy or 16% of the total energy consumed in the United States is used to overcome aerodynamic drag in transportation systems. Application of existing pressure drag reduction technologies to ground vehicles will provide yearly energy savings of 20 billion dollars.

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<i>Force in Nature</i>	<i>Area of Application</i>	<i>Flow Type</i>	<i>Drag Reduction Technology</i>	<i>Phenomena</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
Drag / Resistance	Transportation - Ground - Air - Water - Rail - Pipe	Attached - Laminar - Turbulent - Transitional	Surface - Shape: Att. - Shape: Sep. - Motion - Permeability - Temperature - Coating	Surface - Friction - Pressure - Heat Transfer	Body - Force - Motion
	Industrial - Petroleum - Chemical - Wood - Metals	Separated - Organized - Random	Flow - Addition - Removal	Flow - Mass - Pressure - Structure	Flow - Noise - Mixing - Motion
	Res. /Comm. - HVAC	Fluid - Gas - Liquid - Multi-Phase	Additives - Mass - Temperature - Energy		

Figure 1. Interrelationship between drag force, application area, flow type, technology effectors and flow phenomena

<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Industrial</i>	<i>Res. / Comm.</i>
Surface - Shape - Truck Cab Fairing - Motion - Rotating Cylinder - Permeability - Passive Porosity - Temperature - Laminar Flow Control - Coating - Polymers, Watercraft Flow - Addition - Base Area Bleed - Removal - Airfoil Shock Control Additives - Mass - Circulation Control - Temperature - Base Burning - Energy - Vortex Generators	Surface - Shape - Piping and Diffusers - Permeability - Passive Porosity - Coating - Polymers, Piping Flow - Addition - Slot Injection - Removal - Separation Control Additives - Mass - Polymers in Piping - Temperature - Base Burning - Energy - Vortex Generators	Surface - Shape - Fan Diffusers - Permeability - Screens Flow - NA Additives - Energy - Vortex Generators

Figure 2. Representative drag reduction flow control effectors.

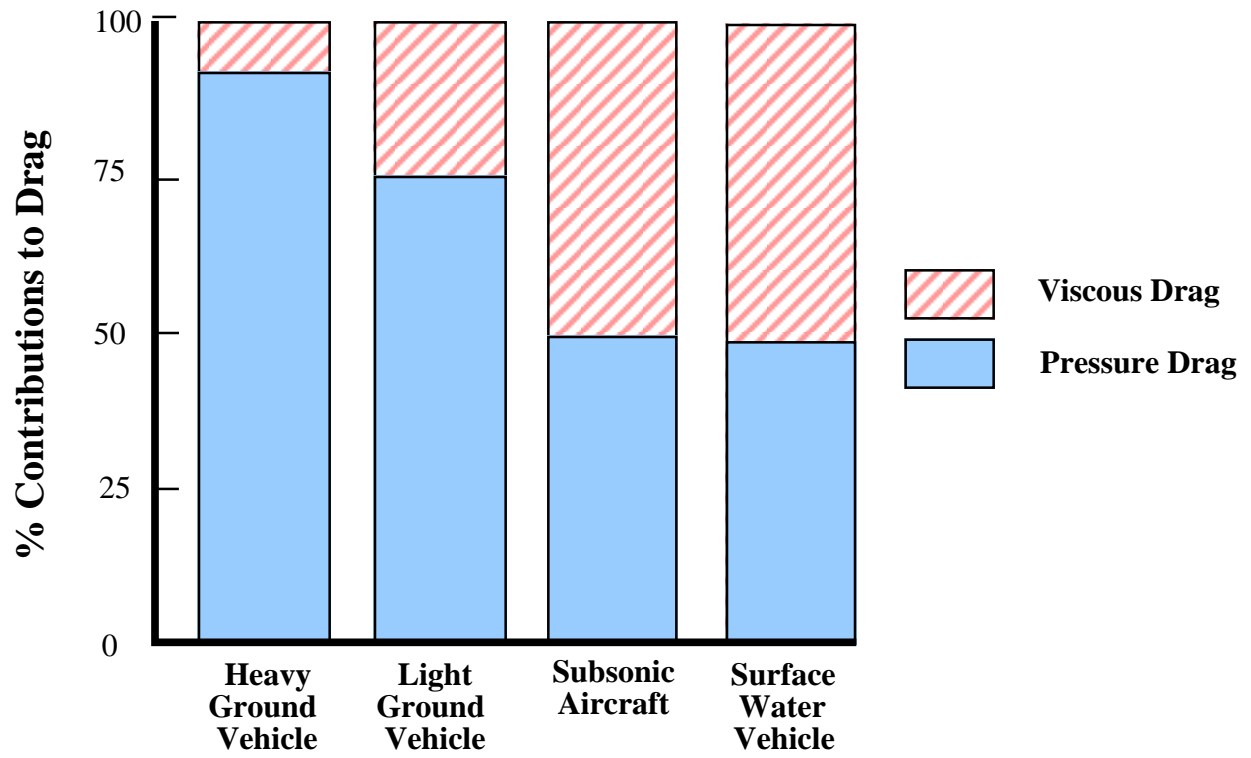


Figure 3. Distribution of drag forces for ground, air and water vehicles.

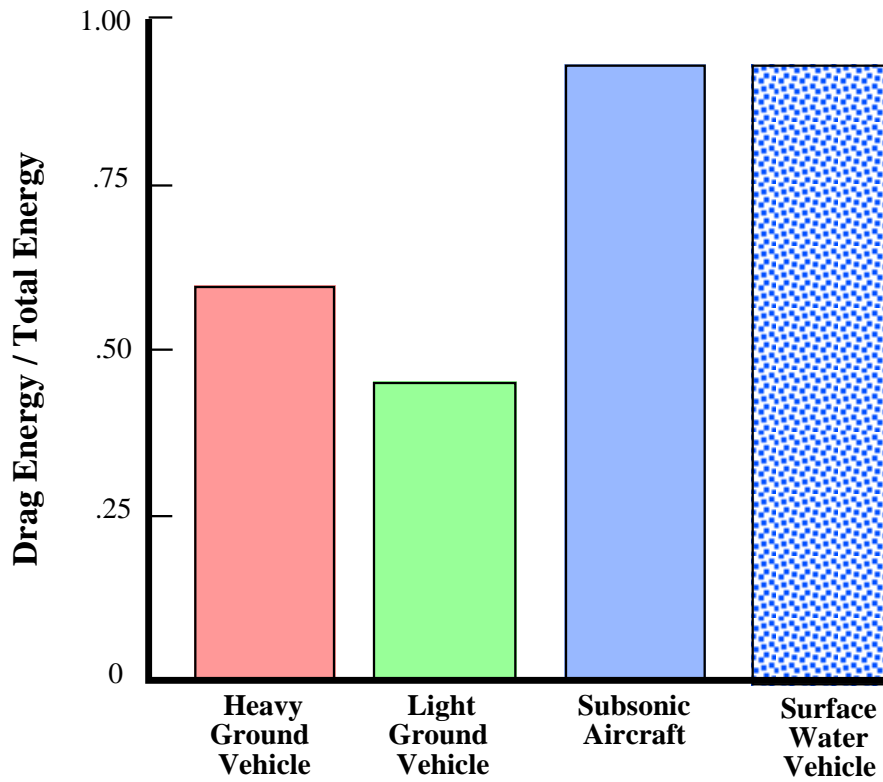


Figure 4. Energy consumed to overcome drag for ground, air, and water vehicles.

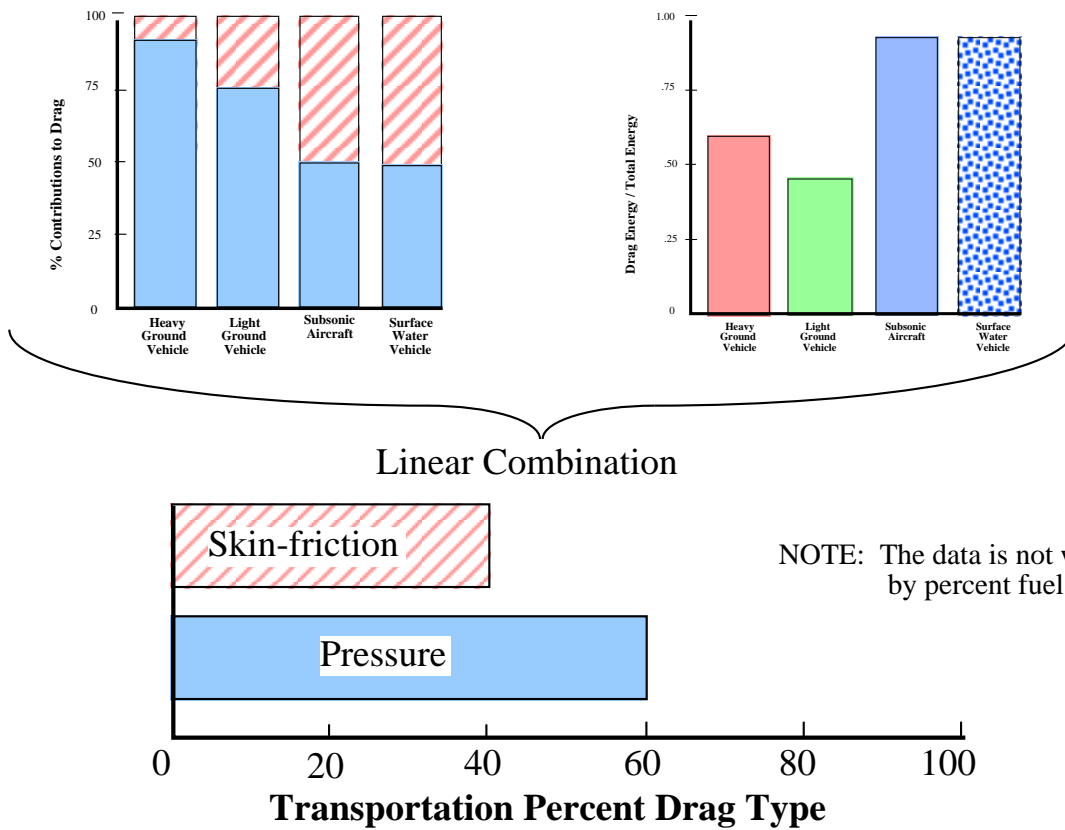
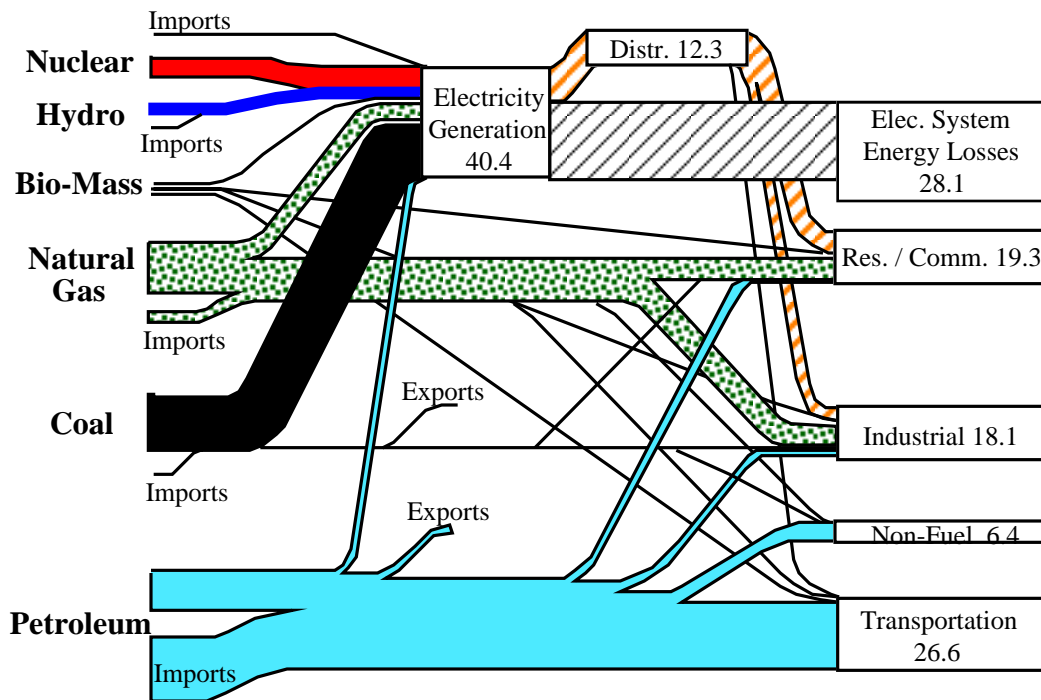


Figure 5 Distribution of drag forces for the transportation sector.



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Figure 6. Energy flow trends for the United States in 2000.

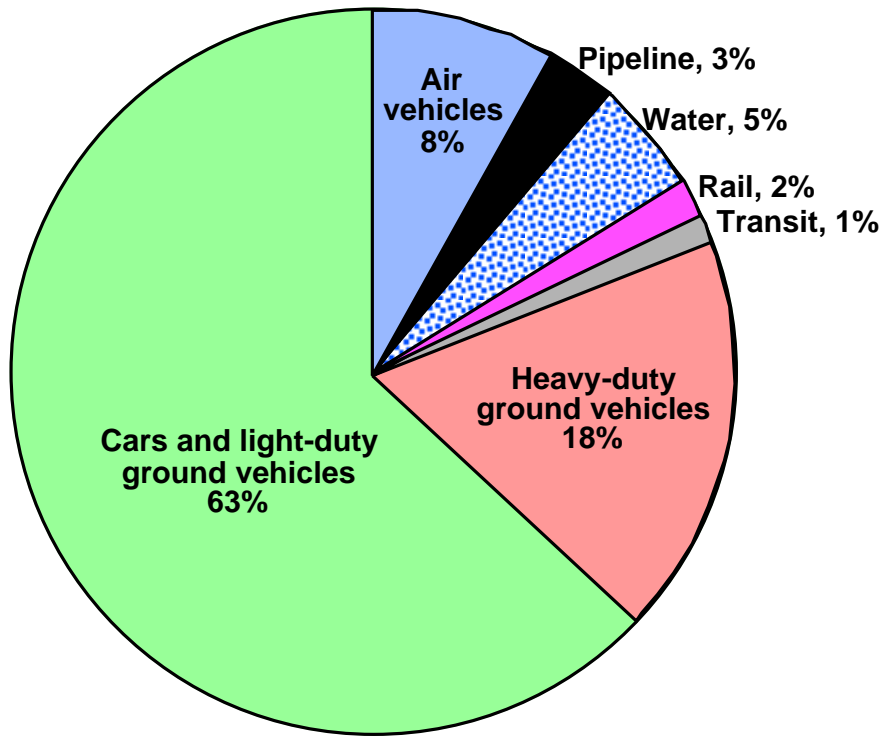


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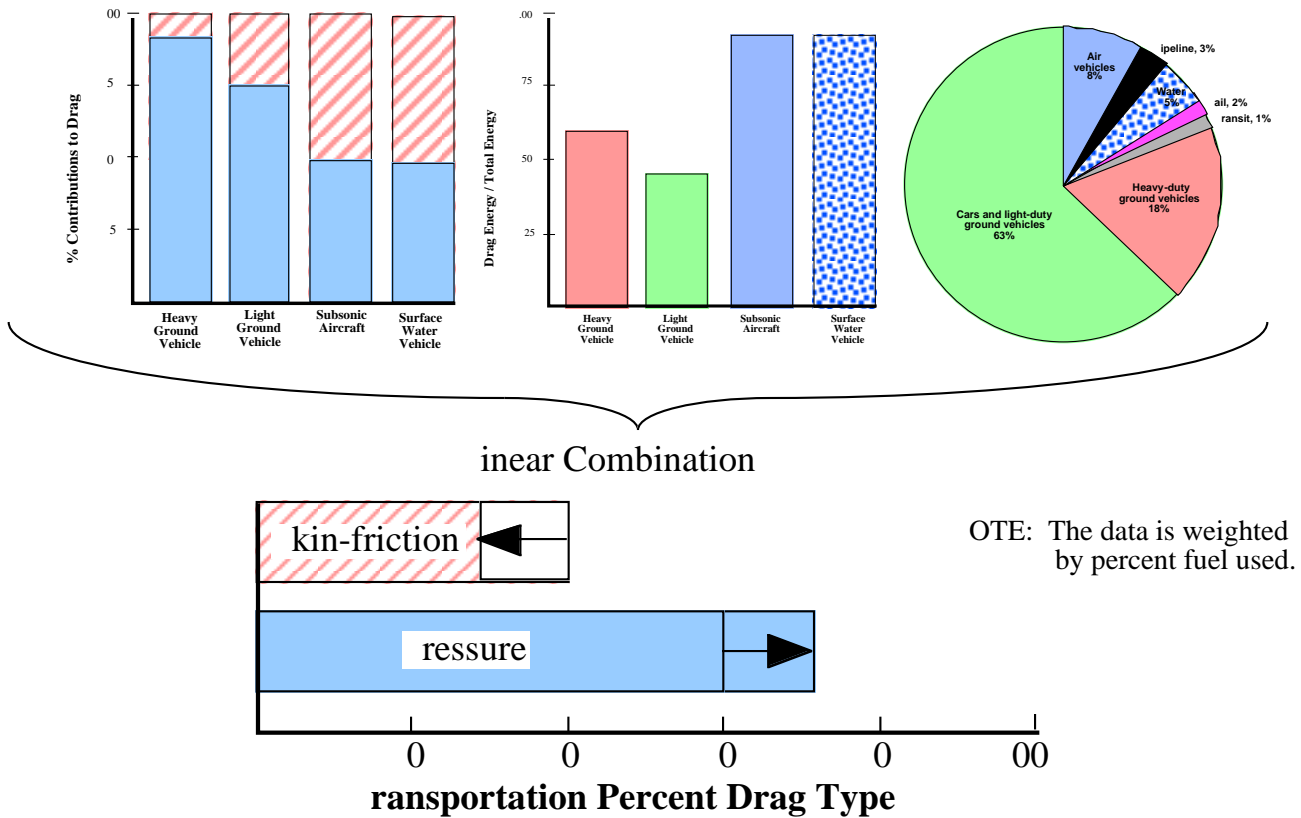


Figure 8. Fuel usage weighted distribution of drag forces for the transportation sector.

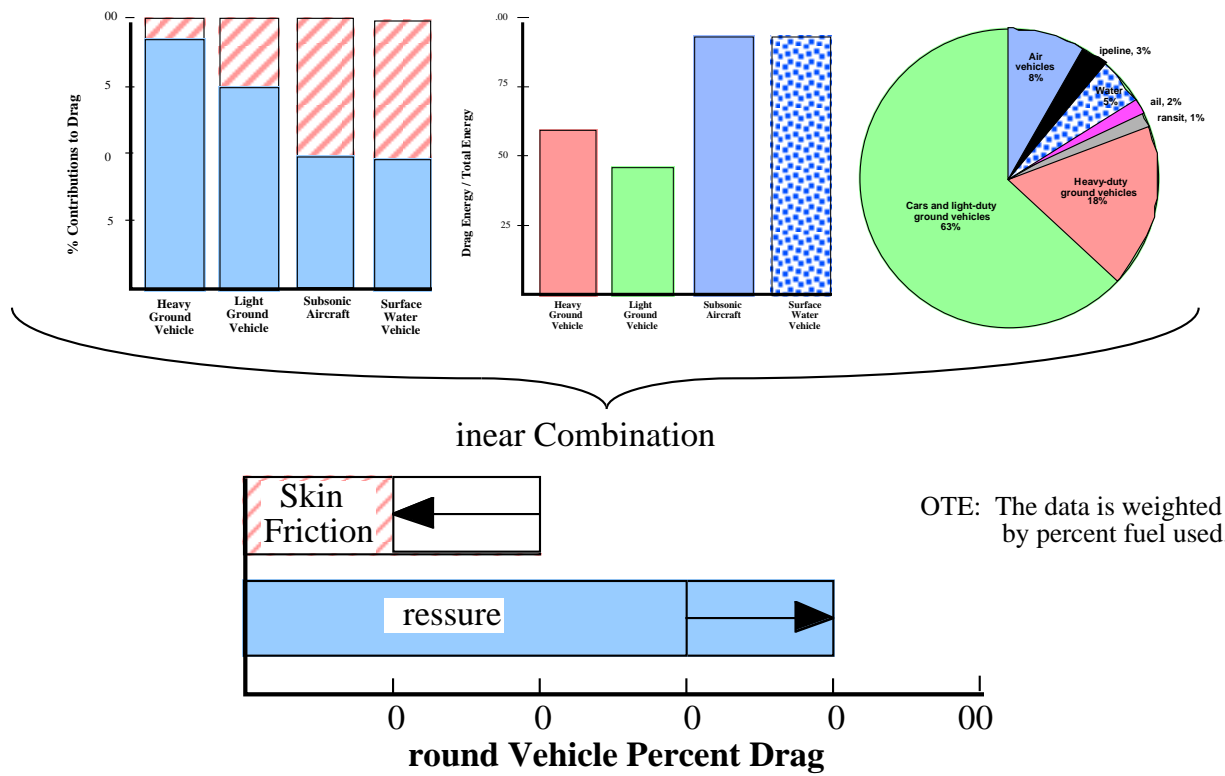


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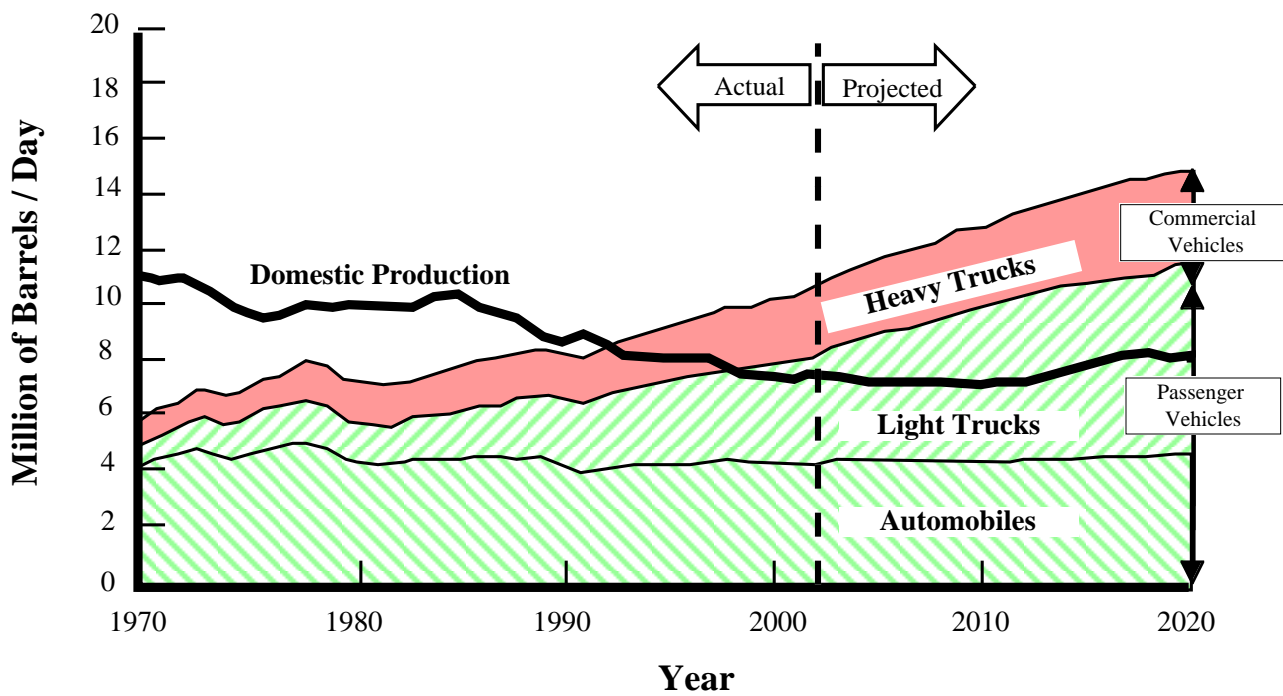
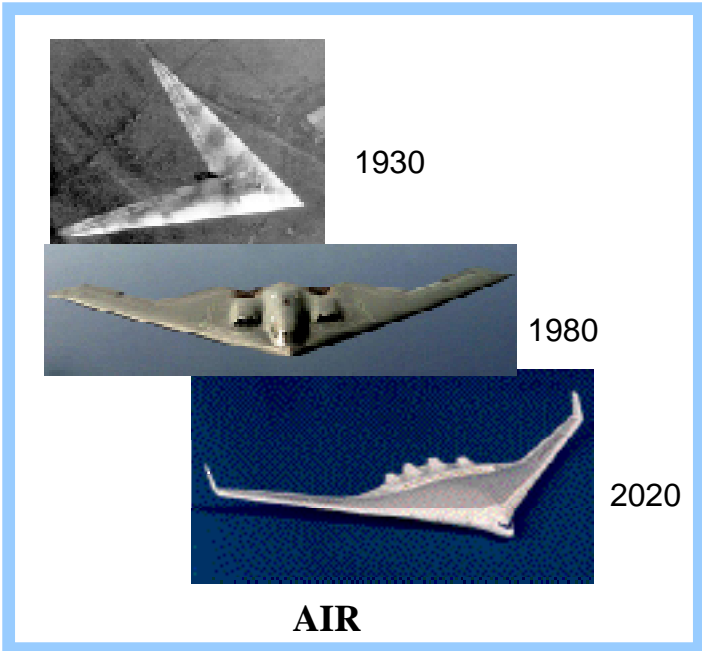
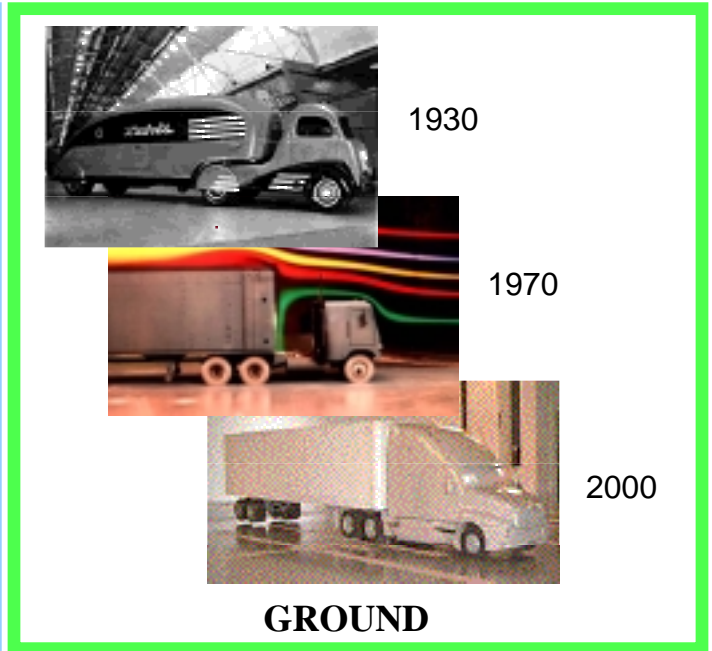


Figure 10. Historical trend in transportation energy consumption.

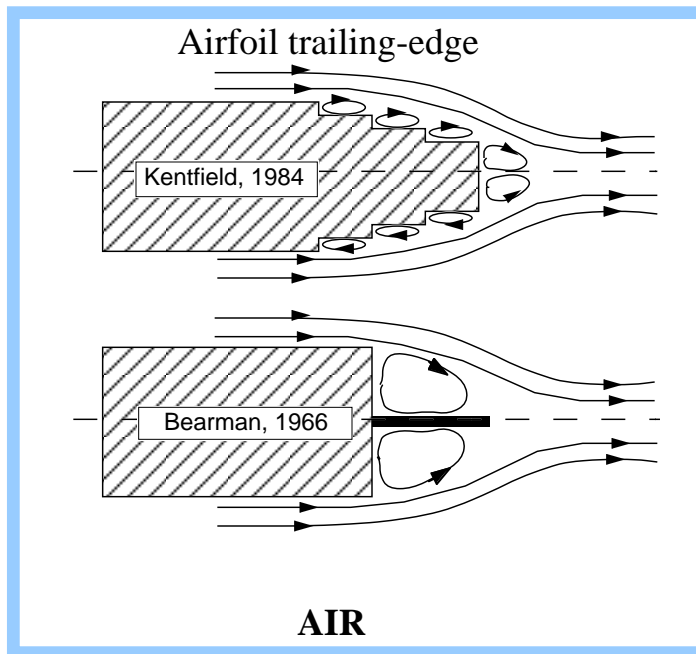


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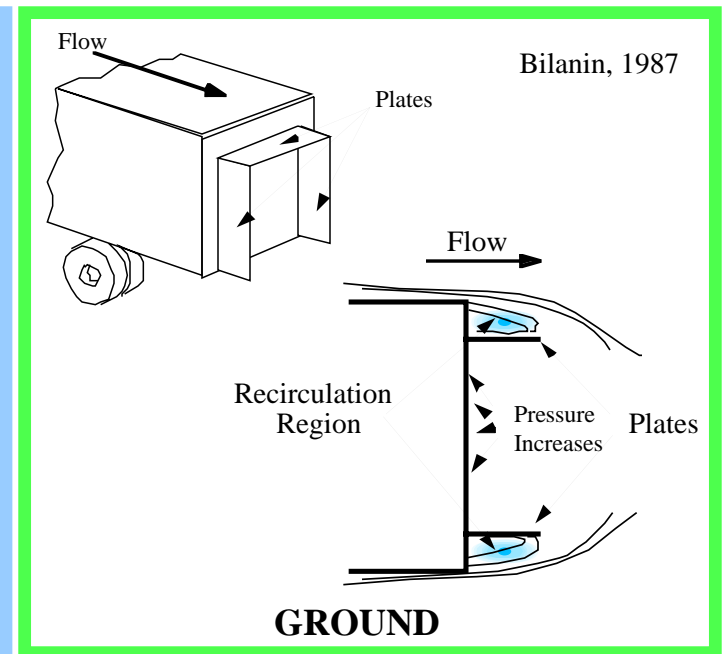


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Figure 11. Attached flow surface shaping drag reduction technology.

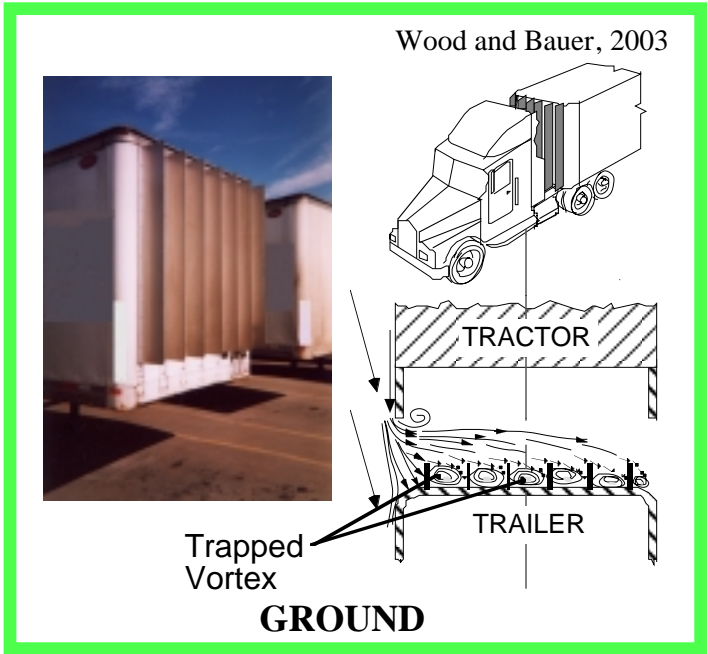
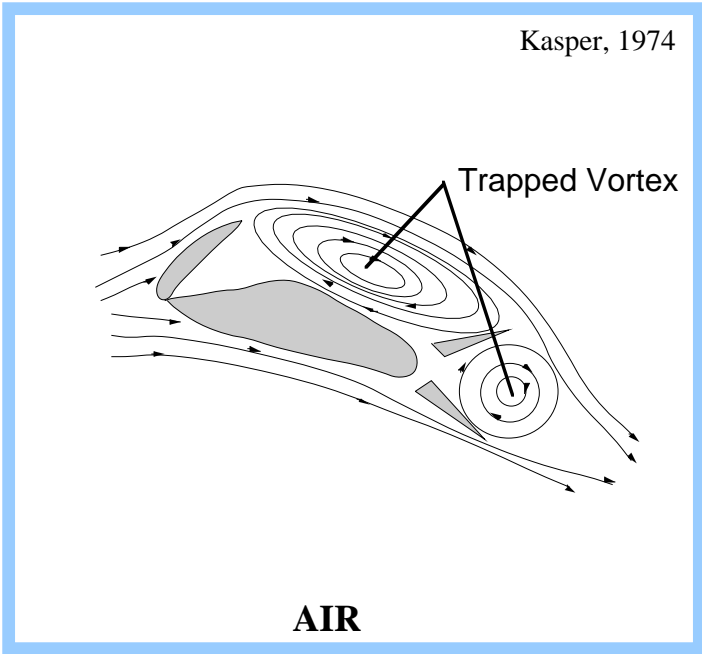


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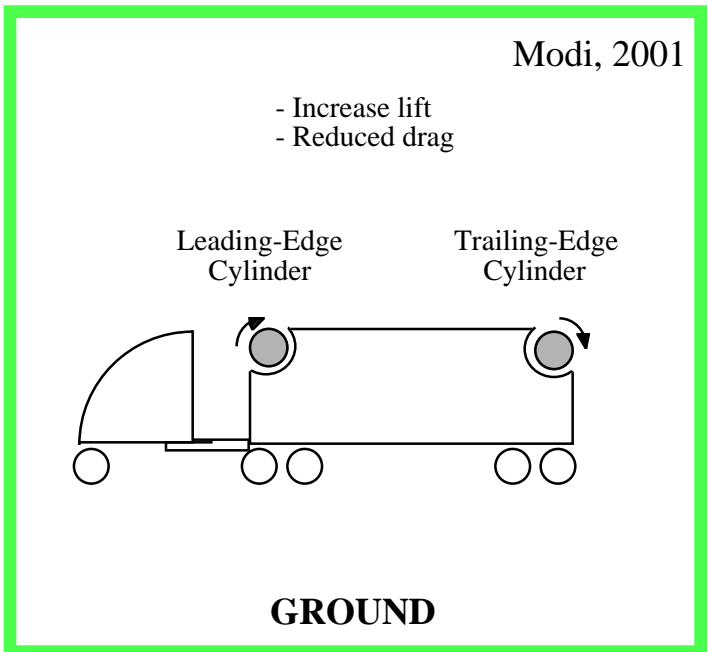
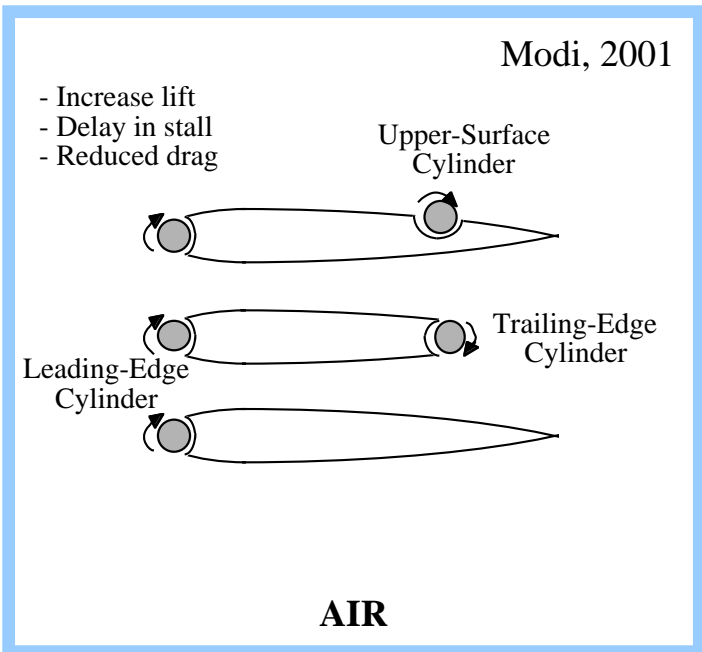
Figure 12. Bluff base separated flow surface shaping drag reduction technology.



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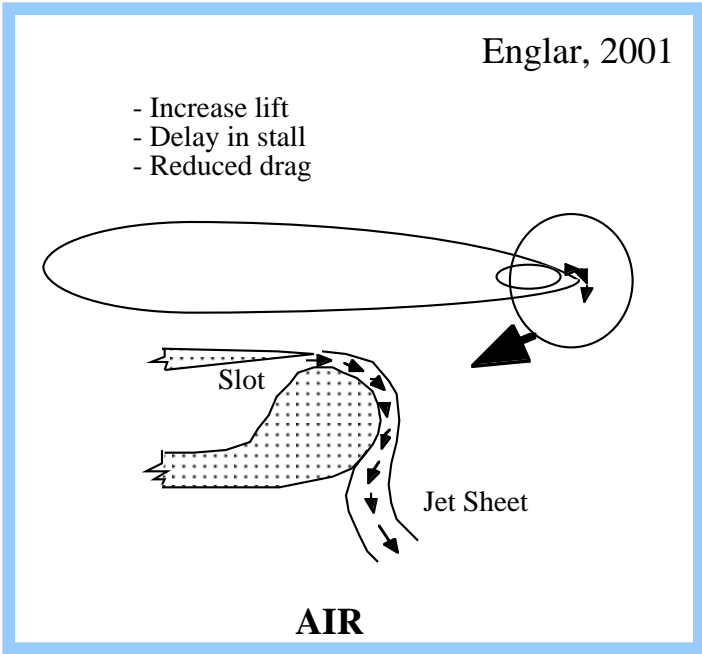
Figure 13. Trapped vortex separated flow surface shaping drag reduction technology.



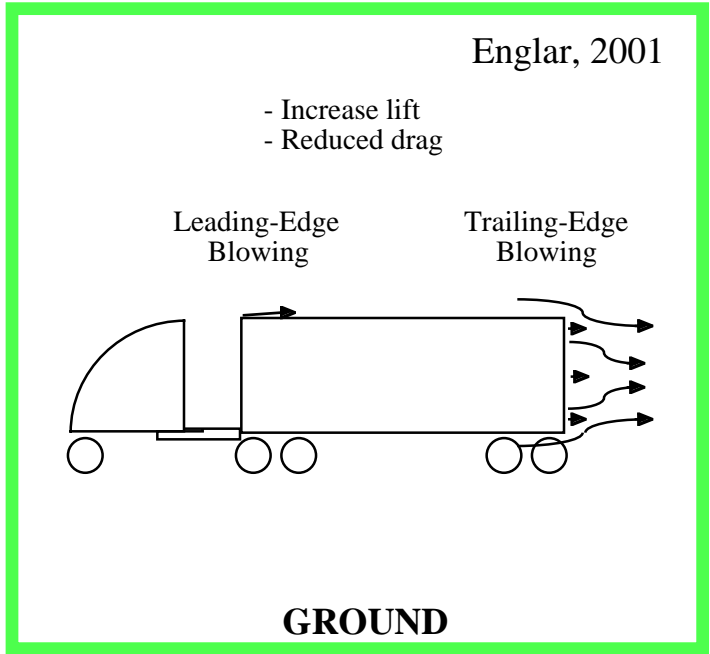
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Figure 14. Rotating cylinder surface motion drag reduction technology.

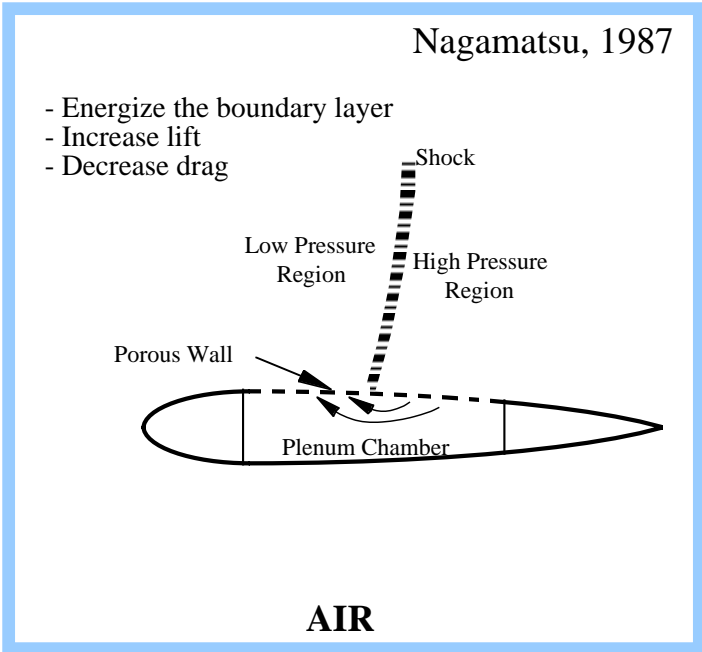


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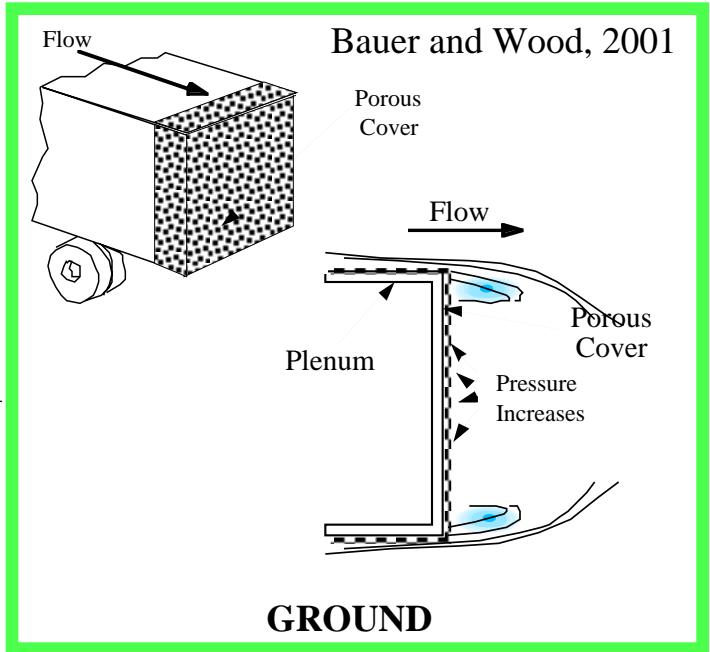


>20 % Drag Reduction

Figure 15 Pneumatic blowing mass addition drag reduction technology.



>5 % Drag Reduction



>10 % Drag Reduction

Figure 16. Passive porosity surface permeability drag reduction technology.

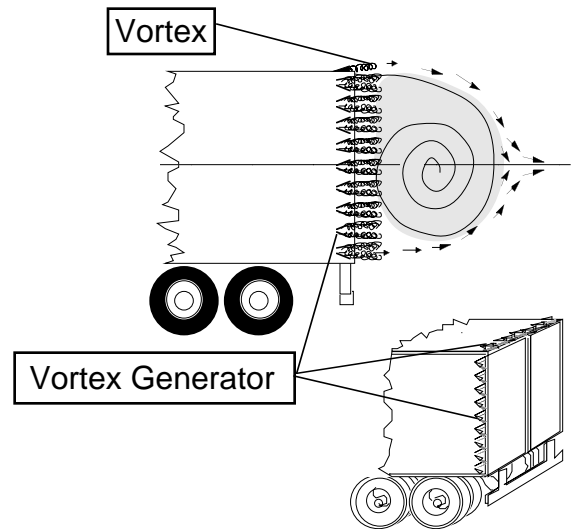


Micro-vortex Generators

Vortex Generators

- No energy/mass addition
- Limited performance envelope
- Simple

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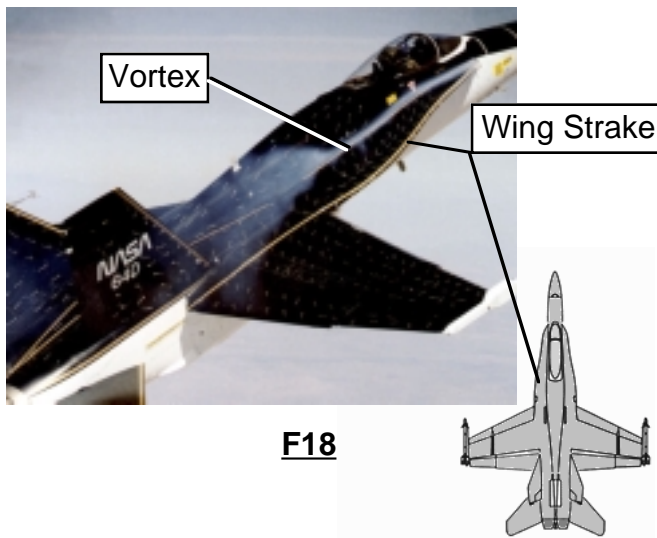


GROUND

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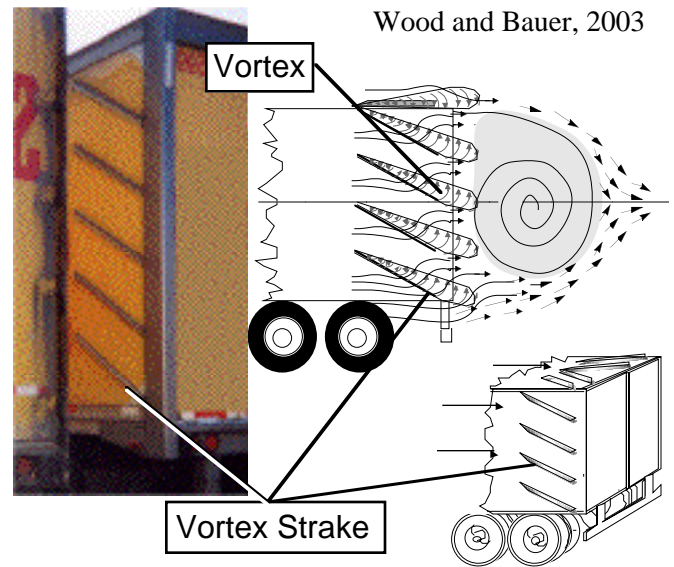
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Figure 17. Vortex generator flow field energizing drag reduction technology.



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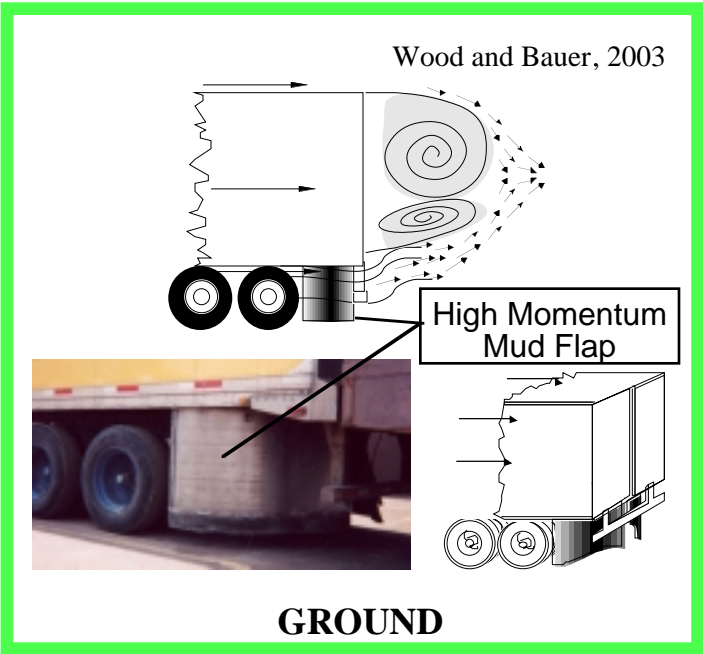
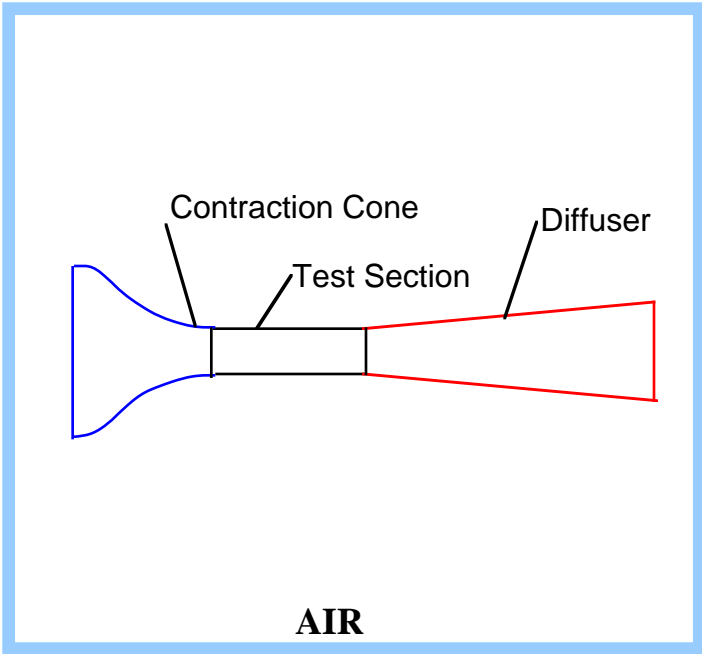


GROUND

NA Drag Reduction

>10 % Drag Reduction

Figure 18. Vortex strake flow field energizing drag reduction technology.



NA Drag Reduction

>10 % Drag Reduction

Figure 19. Contraction cone based flow field energizing drag reduction technology.

APPLICABILITY OF VARIOUS DRAG REDUCTION TECHNOLOGIES

Technology	Heavy Trucks	Light Trucks	Automobiles
Surface Shape: Attached Flow	✓	✓	✓
Surface Shape: Separated Flow	✓	✓	✓
Surface Motion	✓		
Surface Permeability	✓	✓	
Mass Addition	✓	✓	
Energy Addition	✓	✓	✓

Figure 20. Drag reduction technology vehicle class application matrix.

TIME FOR RETURN ON INVESTMENT, Years

<i>Technology</i>	<i>Heavy Trucks</i>	<i>Light Trucks</i>	<i>Automobiles</i>
Surface Shape: Attached Flow	< 1	< 1	< 1
Surface Shape: Separated Flow	< 1	< 1	< 1
Surface Motion	> 2		
Surface Permeability	> 2	> 2	
Mass Addition	< 2	< 2	
Energy Addition	< 1	< 1	< 1

Figure 21. number of years for return on investment for each drag reduction technology and vehicle class.

INCREASE IN FUEL ECONOMY, %

<i>Technology</i>	<i>Heavy Trucks</i>	<i>Light Trucks</i>	<i>Automobiles</i>
Surface Shape: Attached Flow	Industry Standard	Industry Standard	Industry Standard
Surface Shape: Separated Flow	10 - 15%	5 - 7%	2 - 5%
Surface Motion			
Surface Permeability			
Mass Addition			
Energy Addition	5 - 10%	5 - 7%	2 - 5%
TOTAL	15 - 25%	10 - 14%	4 - 10%

Figure 22. percent increase in fuel economy for each drag reduction technology and vehicle class.