

# Aeromodelling and Aeronautic

- A review through history and physics of  
Aeronautic -

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# The eternal longing of mankind:



to be able to fly!

Vier Drachen spannt ich vor den  
Wagen, bestieg den Feuervogel  
dann. Und so im Staub und Sturm  
flog ich zur Höhe.

*K'üh Jüan, etwa 300 v. Chr.*

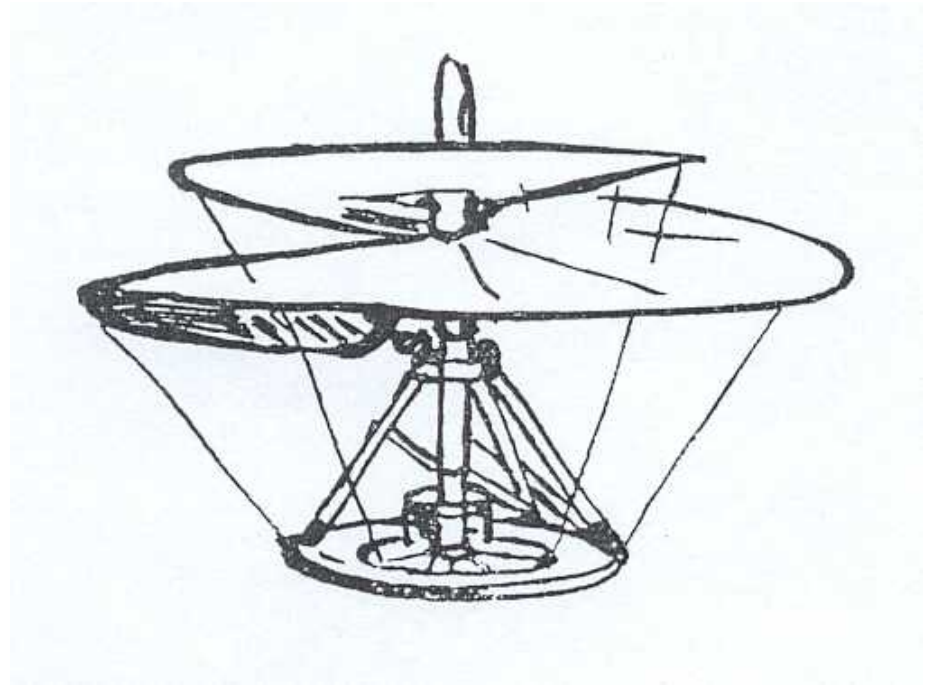
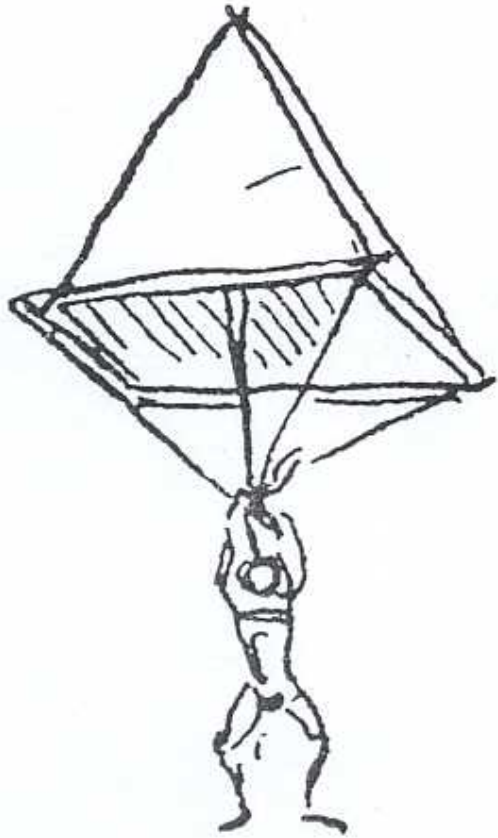


# Dädalus und Ikarus



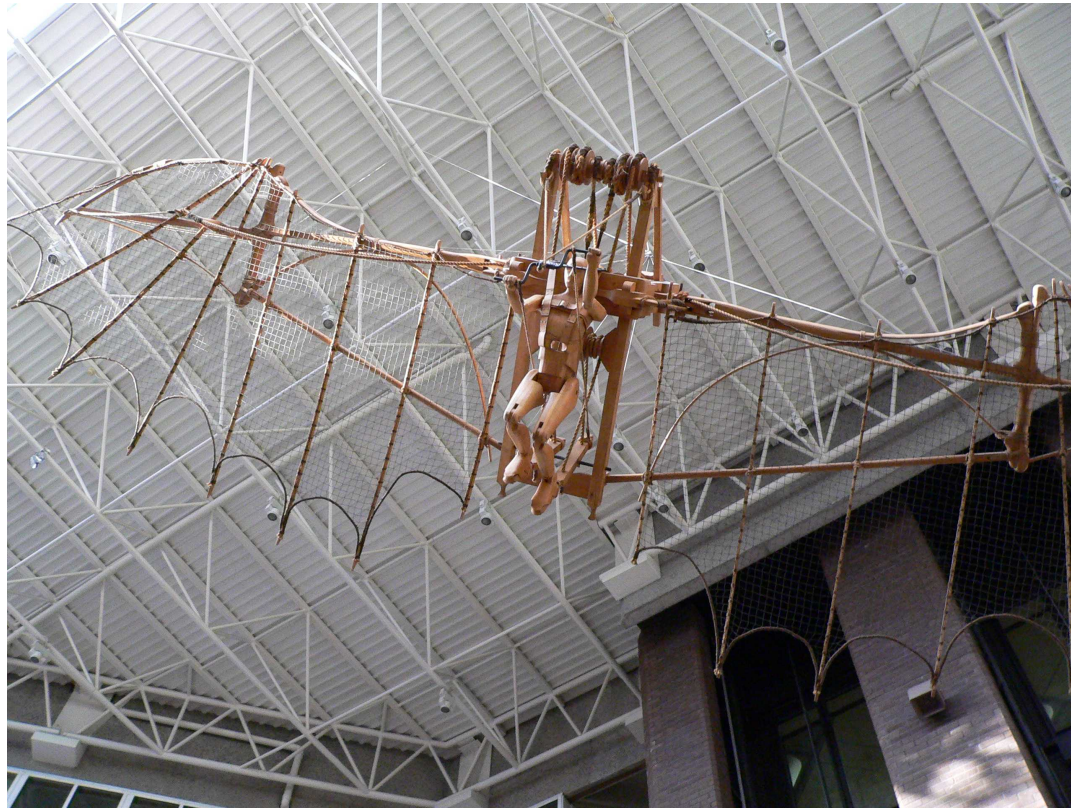
It's a myth –  
the first aviation  
accident in history  
of aeronautic

# Scientific developments by Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)



1485: parachute and .. screw propeller - anticipation of airscrew

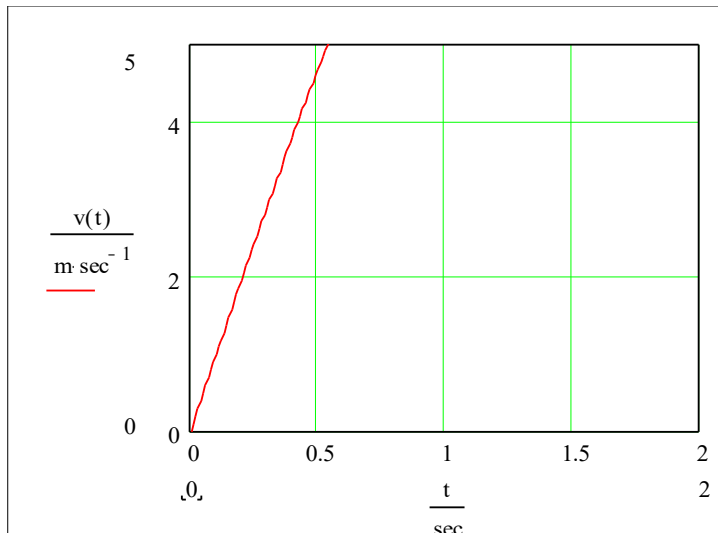
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later: proposal of an aeroplane [University of Limerick]

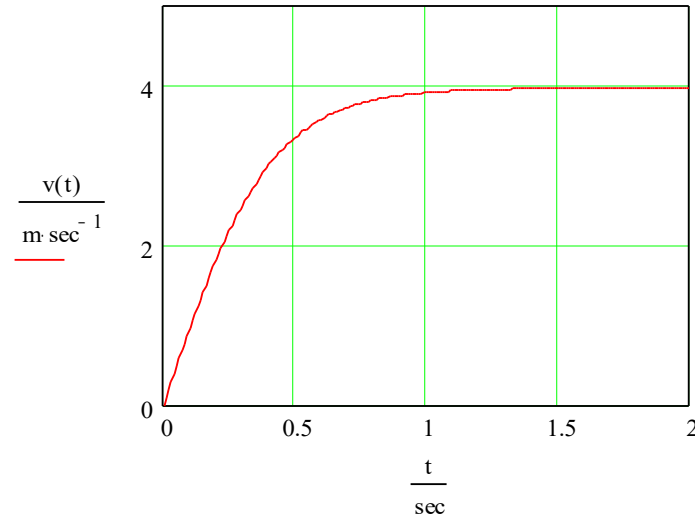
# how does a parachute work?

- mass falls free without „drag“



-> velocity increases linear

- mass falls with drag  
numerical example: mass = 1kg, A = 1m<sup>2</sup>  
results in limited speed of  $v_{\text{max}} = 4\text{m/s}$



-> velocity goes into saturation

# First airborne 1783 – Montgolfier-Brothers



- an unmanned hot air balloon with  $V = 20\text{m}^3$  cutted the retaining cables and gets airborne for 10Min
- a short time later a balloon ascends with animals and more later with people, crosses over Paris for 25 Minute and landed safely at the edge of town. The audience on earth accompanies the experiment with jubilation
- Why ascends the balloon?

# Explanation: corpus in water

- it displaces the same volume of water as its own volume is

- but:

in which case does the corpus swim?

in which case does it sink?

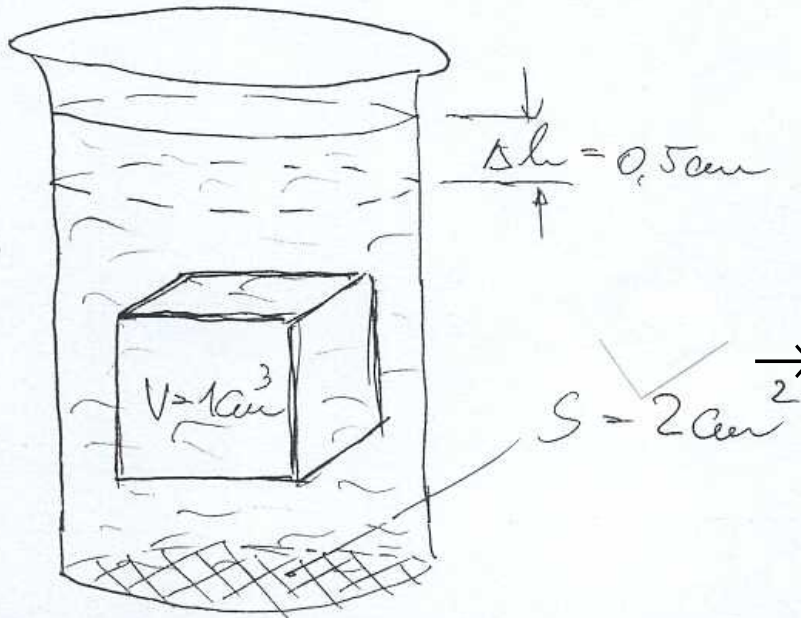
→ it depends on the masses of both!

$m_{\text{water}} > m_{\text{corpus}}$  : it swims

$m_{\text{water}} < m_{\text{corpus}}$  : it sinks

and because  $m/V = \rho$  (density) →  $\rho_{\text{water}} > \rho_{\text{corpus}}$  : it swims

$\rho_{\text{water}} < \rho_{\text{corpus}}$  : it sinks





# .. more bodies in water!



In Dead Sea the salt content is very large, so the people do never sink but swim!

# The Earth and its parameters



radius: 6400km

mass:  $6 \cdot 10^{24}$  kg

density:  $5.47 \text{ kg/dm}^3$

Fe und Si dominate

Magnetic field:  $50 \mu\text{Tesla}$

atmosphere: 100km

air density:  $1,25 \text{ kg/m}^3$

Because of the air's mass  
the earth's gravity „holds“  
the atmosphere  
(gravitational attraction)

# correlation: water $\leftrightarrow$ air

If a corpus lighter than air is brought into Air – i.e. has a lower density than the air – then it is pressed upwards  
→ aerostatic lift



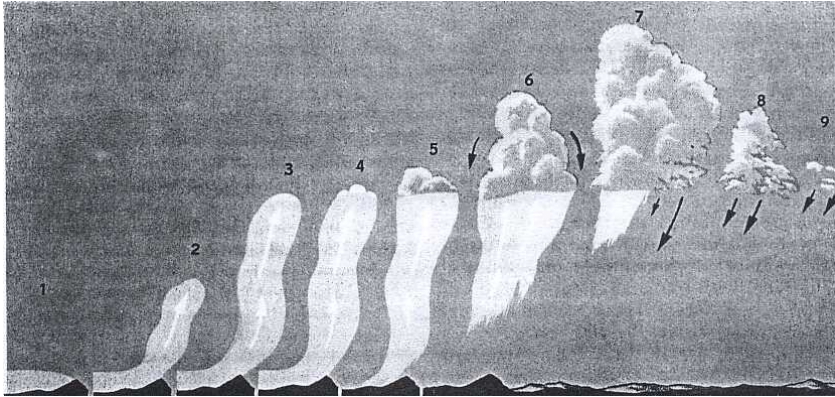
Beispiel für Gase, die leichter als Luft sind:

	Wasserstoff	Helium	Luft/100°C	Luft/0°C
$\rho$ in $\text{kg/m}^3$	0.15	0.178	1.05	1.31

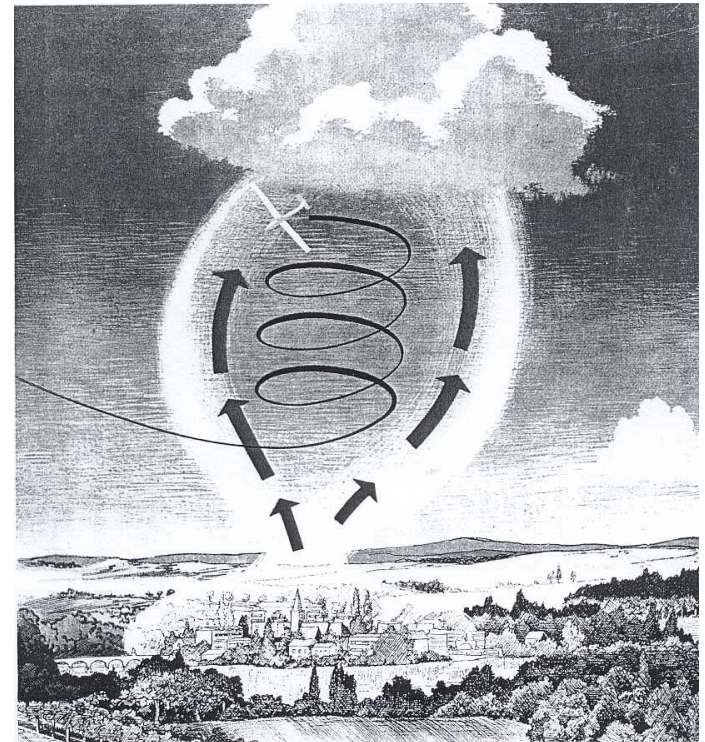
Wasserstoff ist sehr gefährlich (brennbar), Helium ist teuer in der Herstellung.

Ein Heißluftballon ( $\theta \approx 100^\circ\text{C}$ ) mit einem Volumen von etwa  
 $V \approx 1\text{m}^3$  trägt eine Nutzmasse von  $m_{\text{nutz}} \approx 300\text{g}$ ;  
 $V \approx 3000\text{m}^3$  trägt eine Nutzmasse von  $m_{\text{nutz}} \approx 900\text{kg}$ .

# aerostatic lift – also in nature



Usually the sun shines on different areas of earth: meadows, grain fields, streets...the heat reflection into the air is different too.



Some air regions will be warmer than in surrounding areas  
→ bubbles of warm air soar... birds of prey, gliders and sailplane models exploit it !

# But now: flying !

does a board fly?

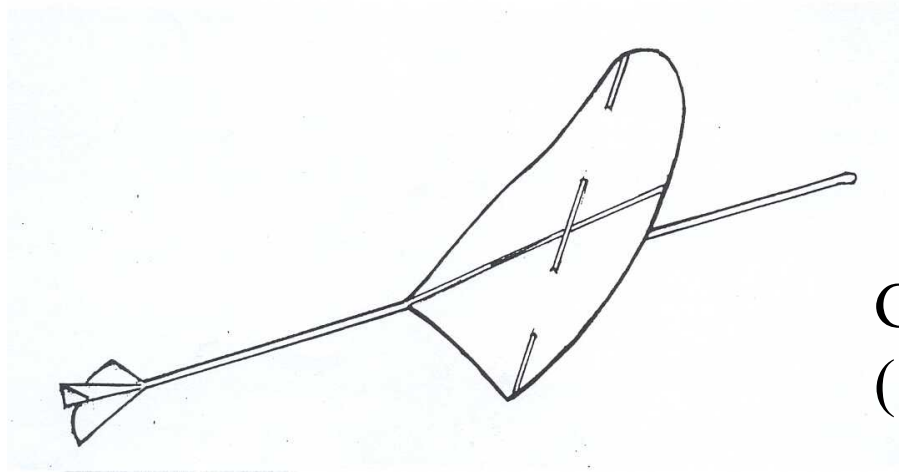
→ it rotates

with a good position of c.g.:

→ it could fly

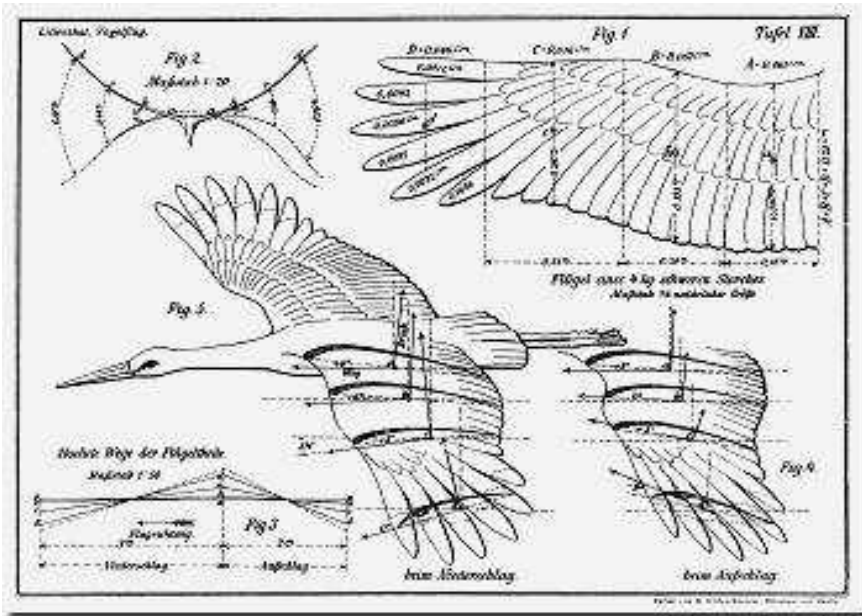
stabilisation by a horizontal stabilizer

→ it flies !

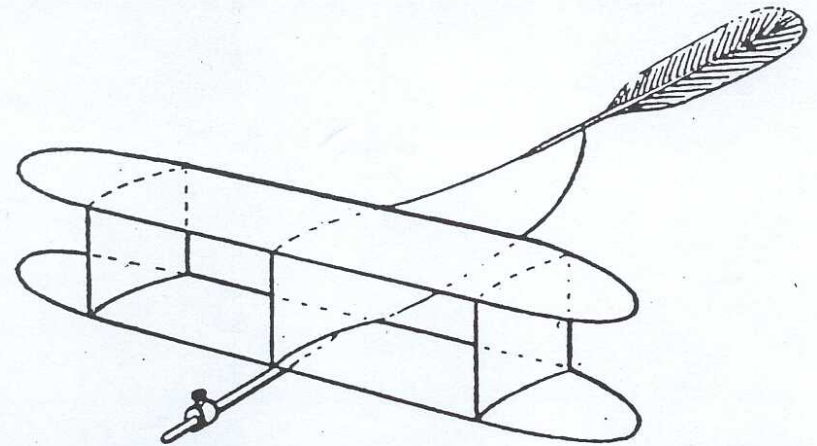


Glider by Sir George Cayley  
(1773-1857), 1807 designed

# additional experiments with models ...



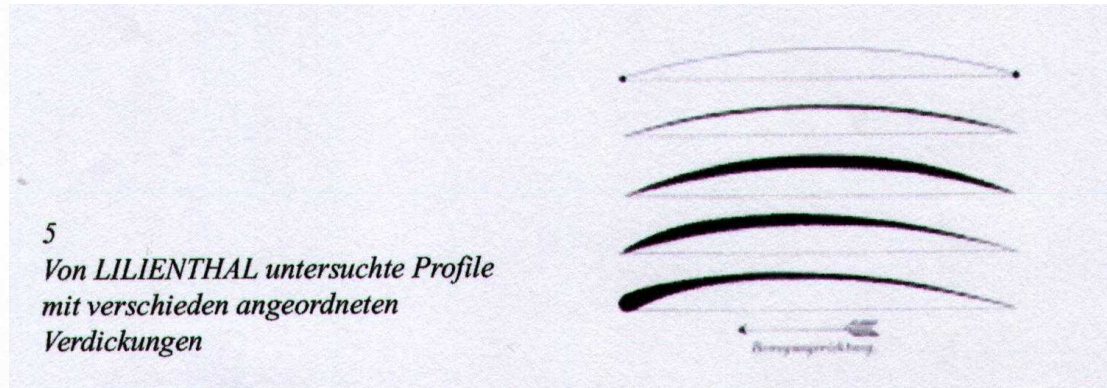
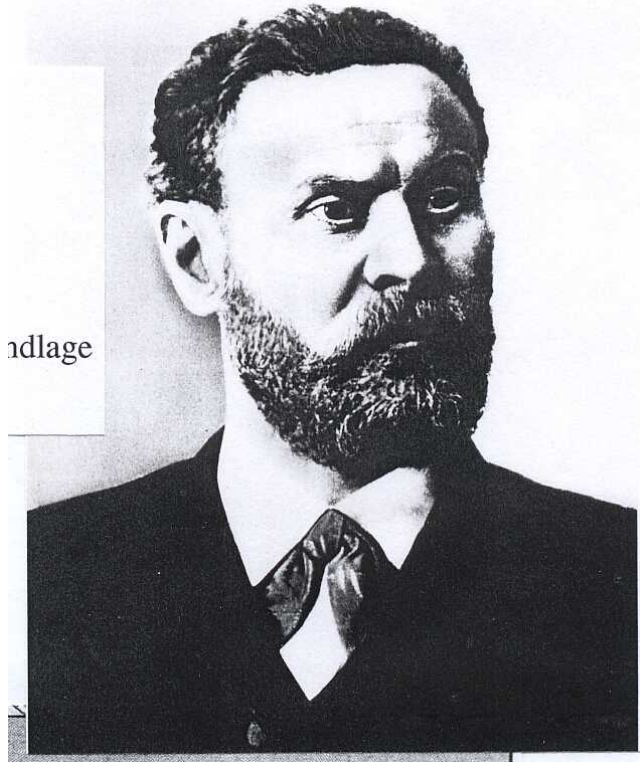
Otto Lilienthal observed storks and so he investigated the flight of birds. He wrote a book:  
Bird flight – basic of flying



He built a biplane, and with the help of a trimming weight he found the best center of gravity.

# ...and then things really took off !

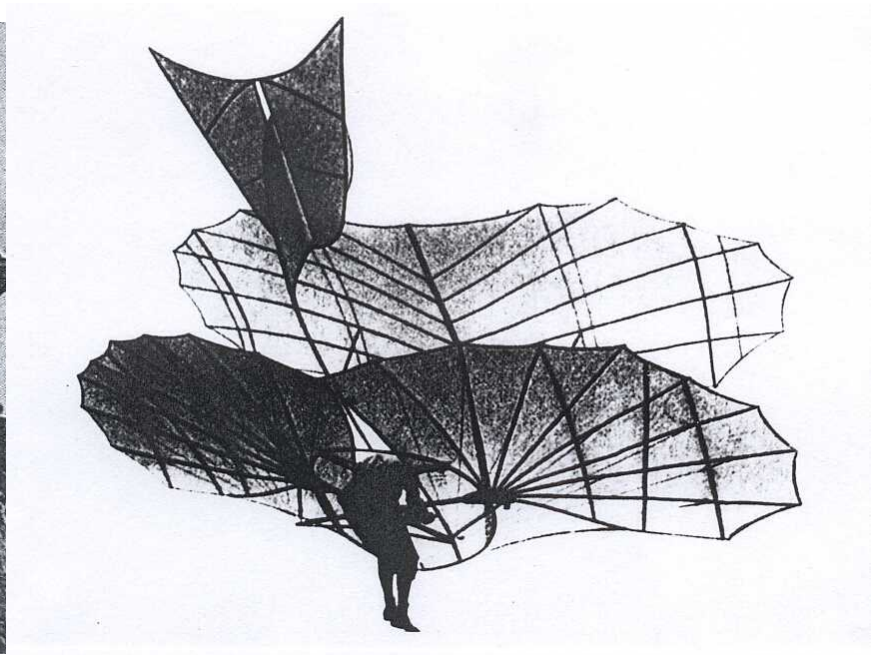
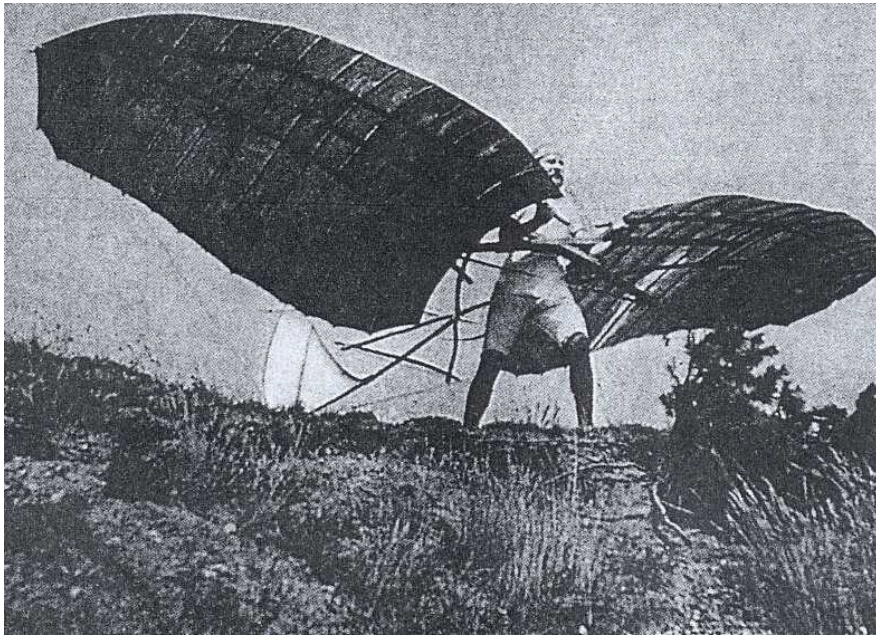
Lilienthal (1848 – 1896): inventor of aeroplane and aviation pioneer



He investigated airfoils in a radial runout – the wind tunnel had not yet been invented

# Gliding by Lilienthal

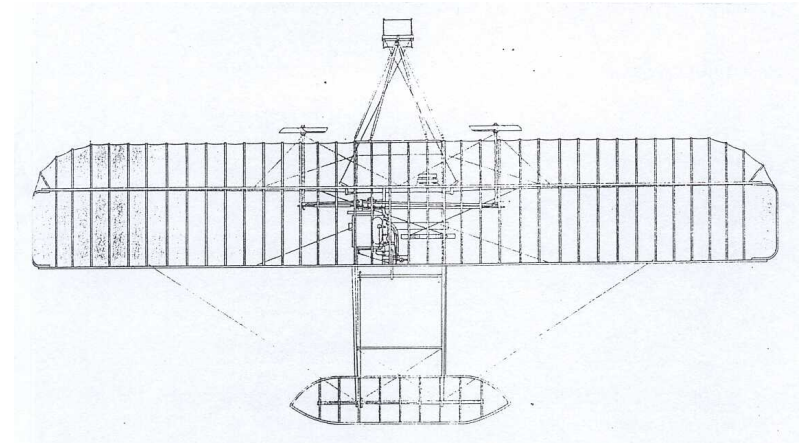
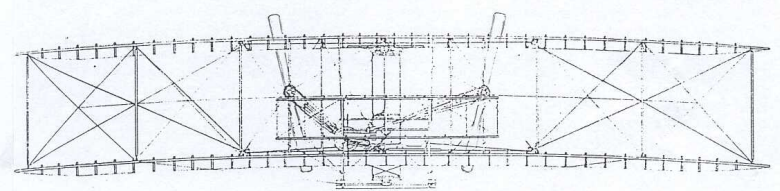
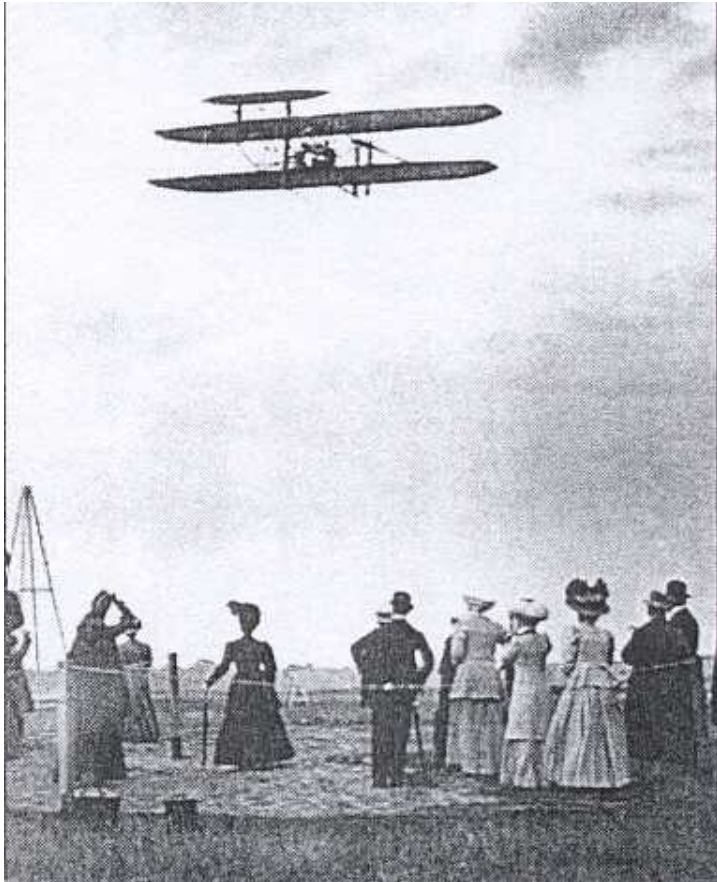
He built his own gliders and tested them



1891 he achieved near Derwitz/ Potsdam flight distances of 25m



# Engine powered flight by Wright Brothers

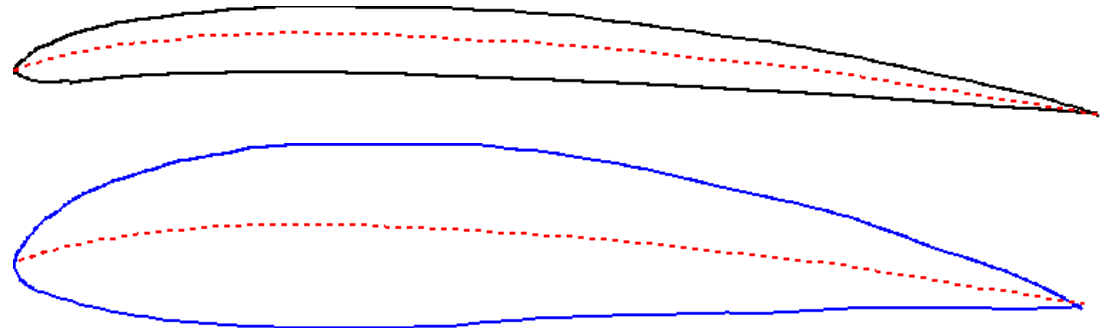


Wright Brothers, USA, achieved next milestone in 1903:  
The first engine powered flight.

# Improvement by Junkers (1859 – 1935)

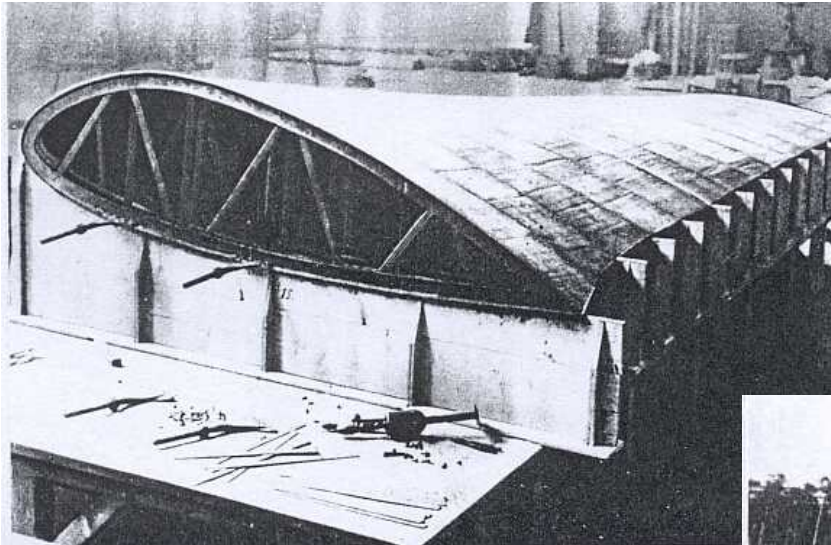


Idia: keep camber (red line),  
but enlarge thickness



His investigations on airfoils with larger thickness resulted  
in an unsupported wing

# Wing without tensioning ropes



A thicker wing allows internal cross-bracing

→stable, unsupported wing,  
→Application „plate donkey“



# Junkers – commercial aircrafts

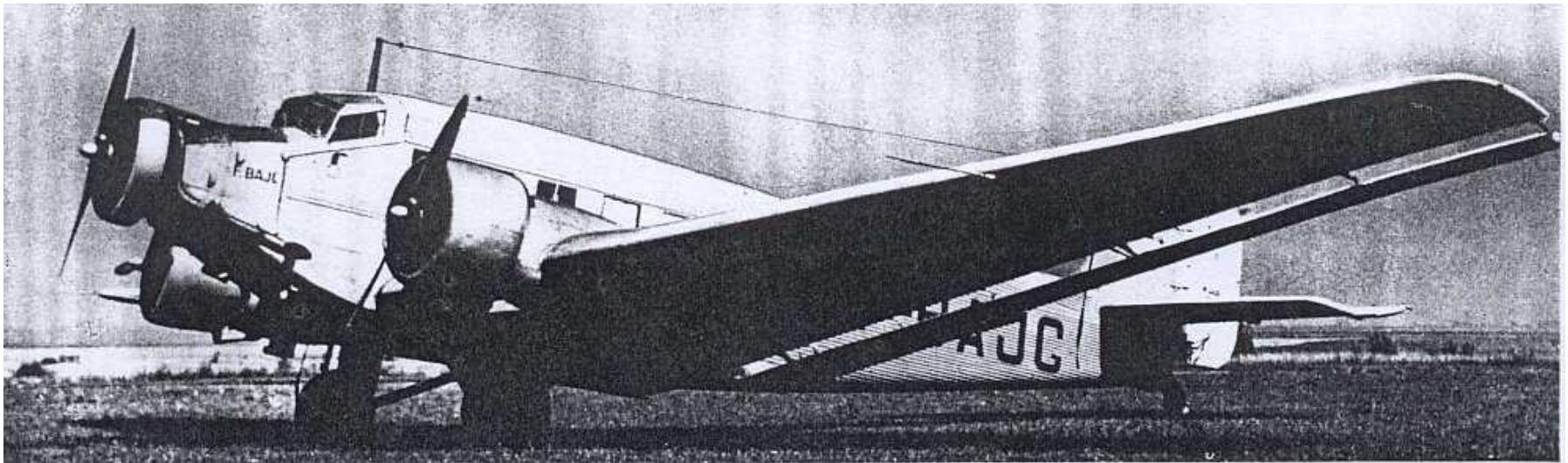
G38: the early Jumbo



- maiden flight Nov. 1929
- engines were accessible in flight
- only 3 copies built
- „flying hotel“ with kitchen and a lounge

# Junkers - commercial aircrafts

## JU52: prototype of commercial aircraft



- maiden flight march 1932
- 17 passengers
- 5000 copies built
- standard aircraft in 30 airlines

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JU52: it still flies today



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# April 2005: maiden flight A380

Luftfahrt



- Der Super-Airbus mit dem Projektnamen A3XX soll dreistöckig mit zwei Passagier- und einer Frachtedecke sein.
- 656 Passagiere kann er befördern. Die Reichweite wird etwa 14 200 Kilometer betragen.
- 73 Meter lang wird der A3XX; damit ist er äußerlich kaum größer als das Konkurrenzmodell 747-400 von Boeing.
- Die Spannweite wird bei 79,80 Metern liegen.  
Foto: dpa

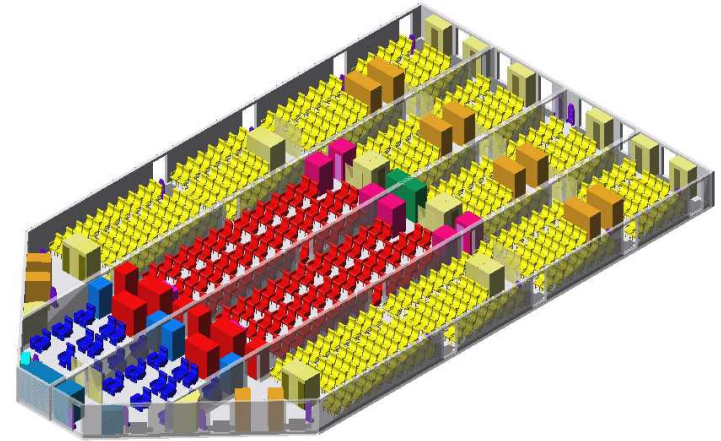
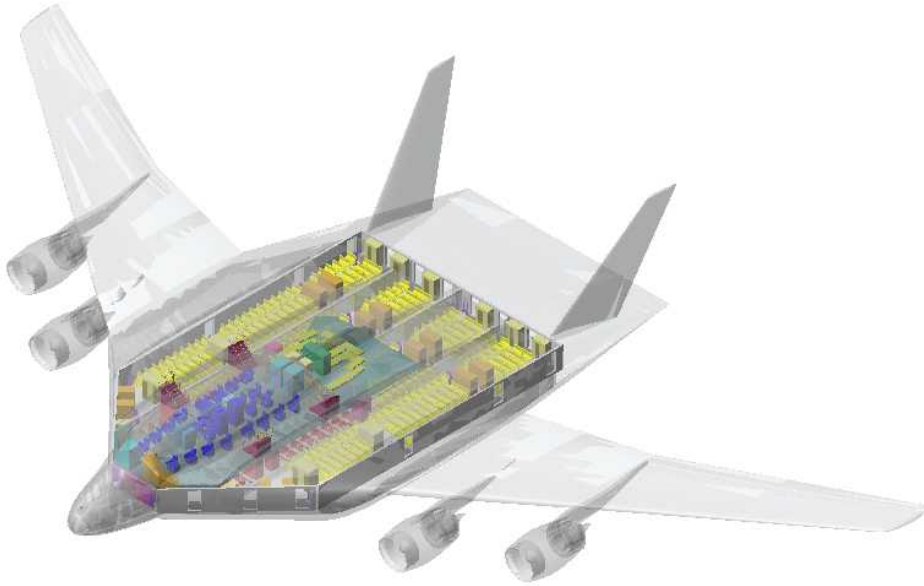
## Europas Supervogel schlüpft

Airbus A3XX: Hamburg und Toulouse teilen sich die Montage / Etwa 50 Bestellungen / Bis zu 50 000 neue Jobs

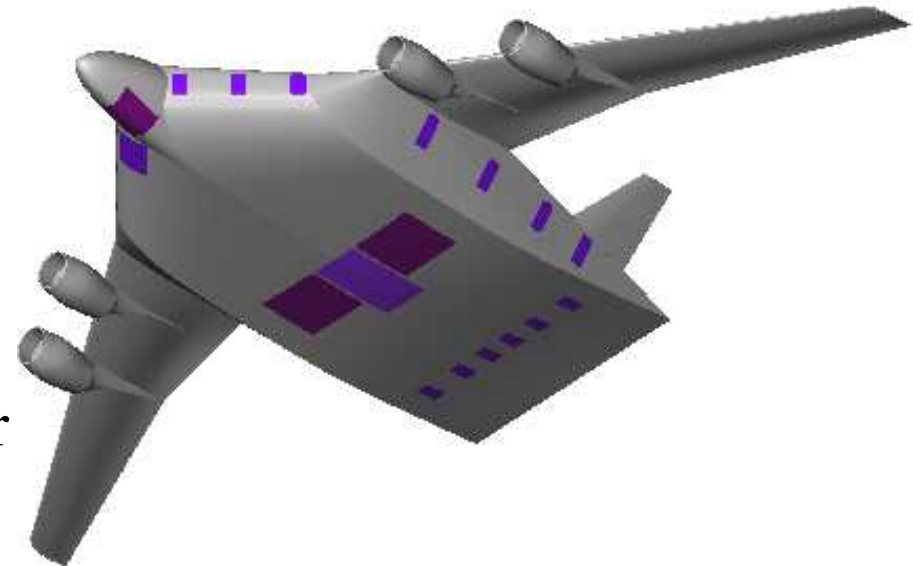
By the aviation authority registered for 500 bis 550 passengers



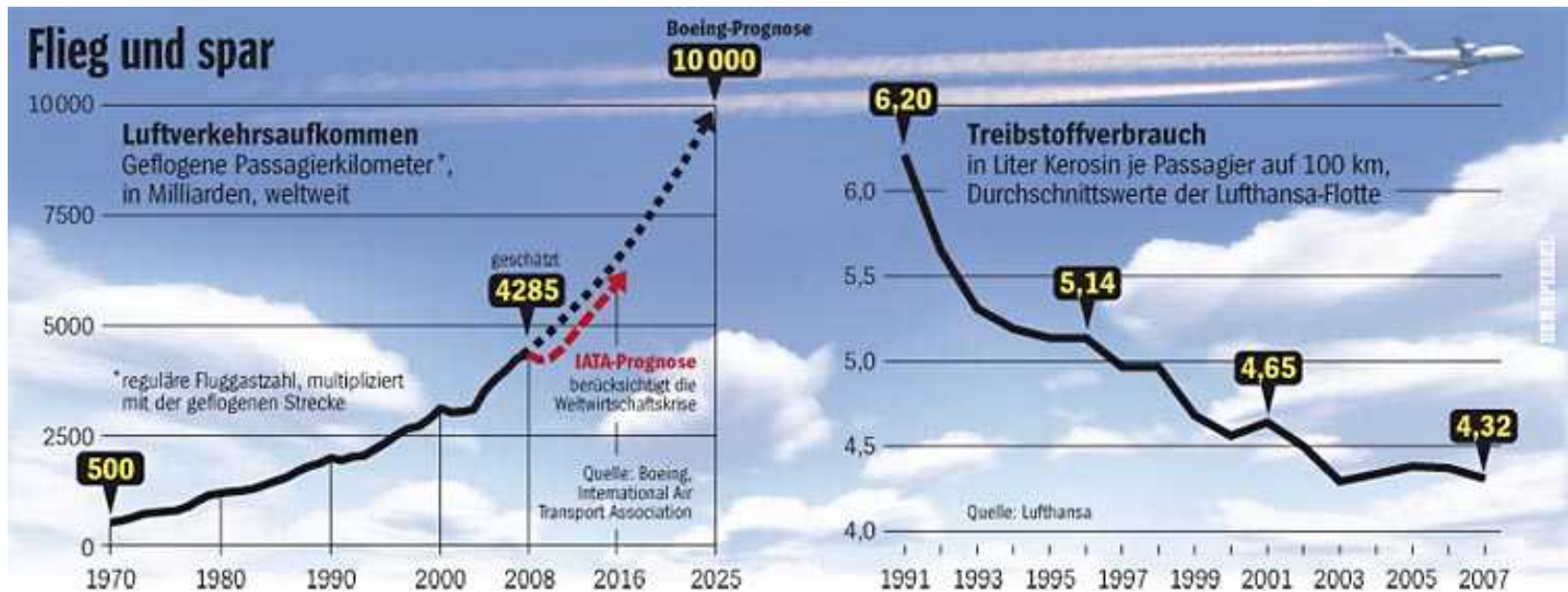
... and perhaps in 25 years:



- blended wing body configuration
- number of passengers  $\geq 1000$
- AC2030 - predevelopment has started at FH Hamburg/demonstrator



# Are such large plans necessary?



The statistics showed:  
passenger volume doubles every 12 to 15 years!

# But unfortunately ...

- have the passengers changed their flight behaviour: They wouldn't fly via the large hubs such as Frankfurt, London, New York, Dubai and Tokyo anymore, which the A380 was made for
- does the A380 fly profitable only if all seats are occupied
- was the aircraft less and less demanded, therefore the company announced in 2019 to restrain the production and to terminate it in 2021. Then AIRBUS will have built only 280 pieces instead of the once planned 1500 pieces of A380...?!

# But why can such a large plan fly ?

remember the atmosphere:

its range 100km,

→ results in an air pressure of

$$1000\text{mbar} = 1,3\text{kPa} = 10\text{N/cm}^2$$



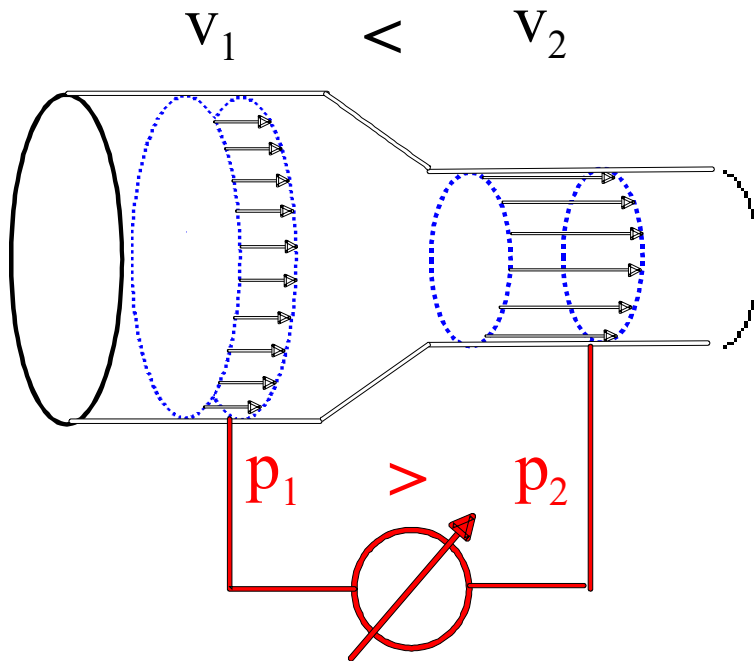
→ corresponding to 10m water column; i.e., the postcard does not fall down as long as the length of the tumbler is smaller than 10m

But the air pressure can be changed:

blowing up a balloon - inner pressure increases

drinking with a plastic straw - pressure in mouth decreases

# low pressure in streams



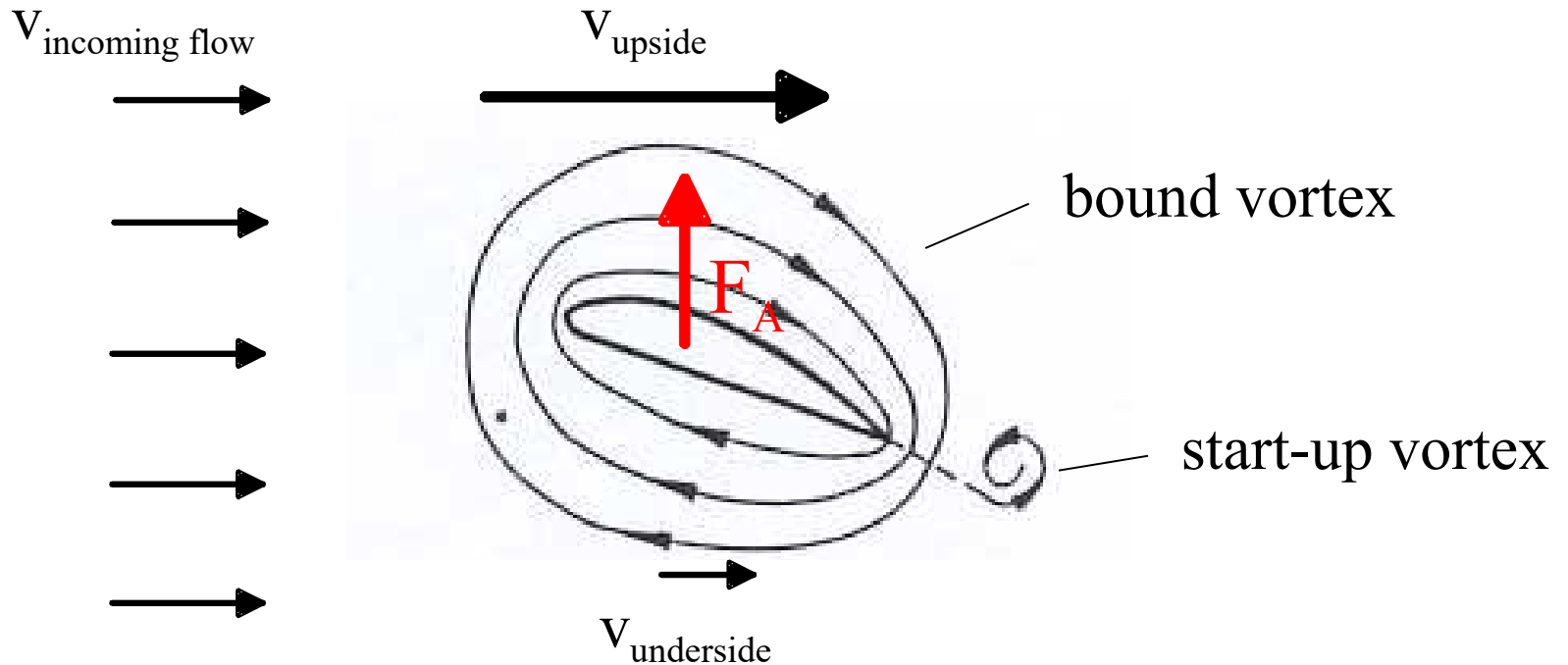
Bernoulli discovered it:

large velocity in streams  
= lower pressure in medium

examples:

- \*blow with air
  - between 2 postcards,
  - a bag out of a sinkhole
- \*spoon on water jet

# this happens on a flying wing:



→ a plane is held in sky by low pressure/overpressure

# summary

- yearning for the ability to fly is as old as mankind itself
- the aeronautic started with exploitation of *aerostatic lift* (Balloon)
- A plane wing produces lift by differences of air pressure; this results from an air flow with different speed on upper and lower side of the wing (*dynamic lift*)