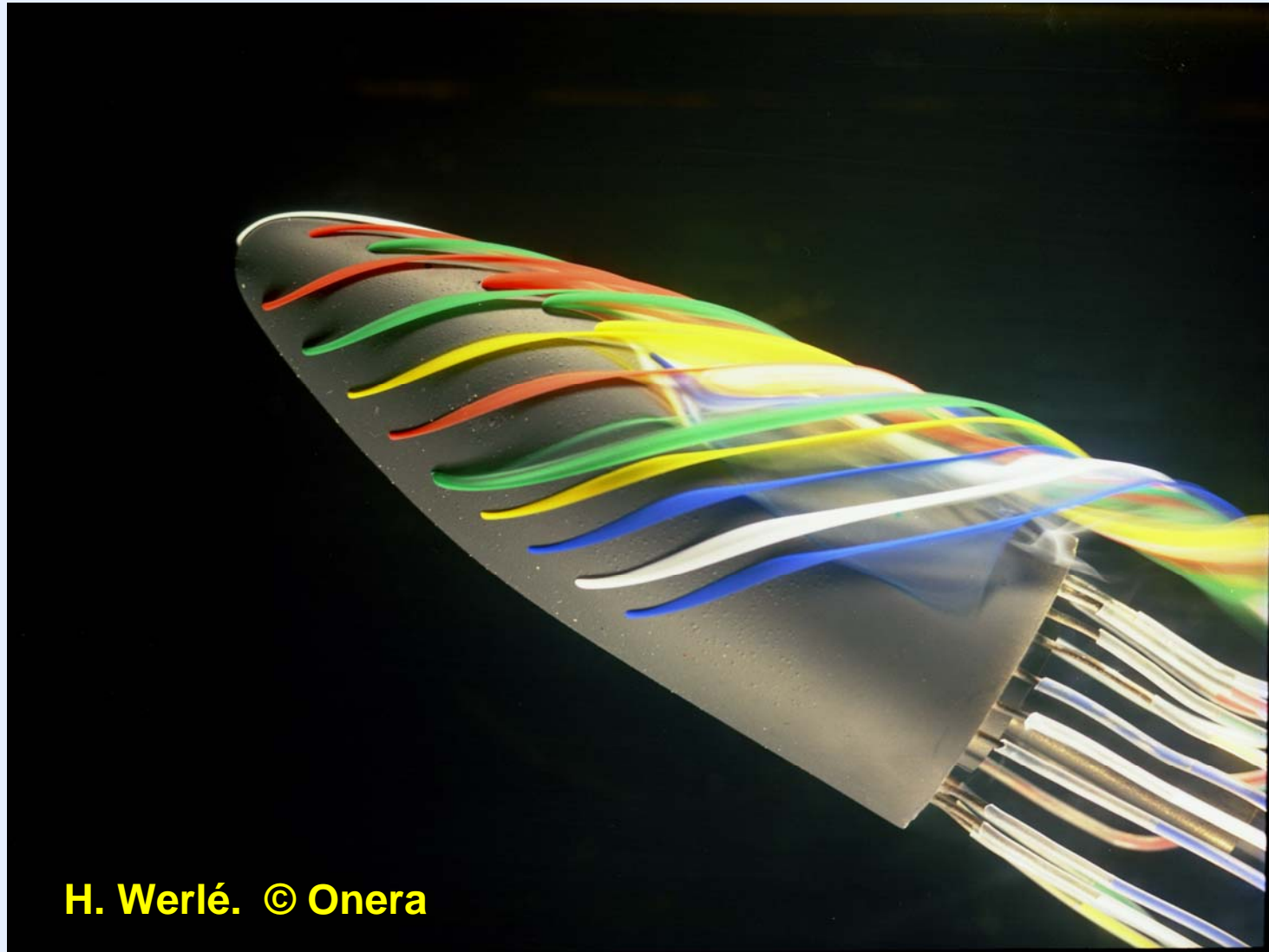


# Separation in three-dimensional steady flow

## Part 3: TOPOLOGY OF SOME REMARKABLE THREE-DIMENSIONAL FLOWS



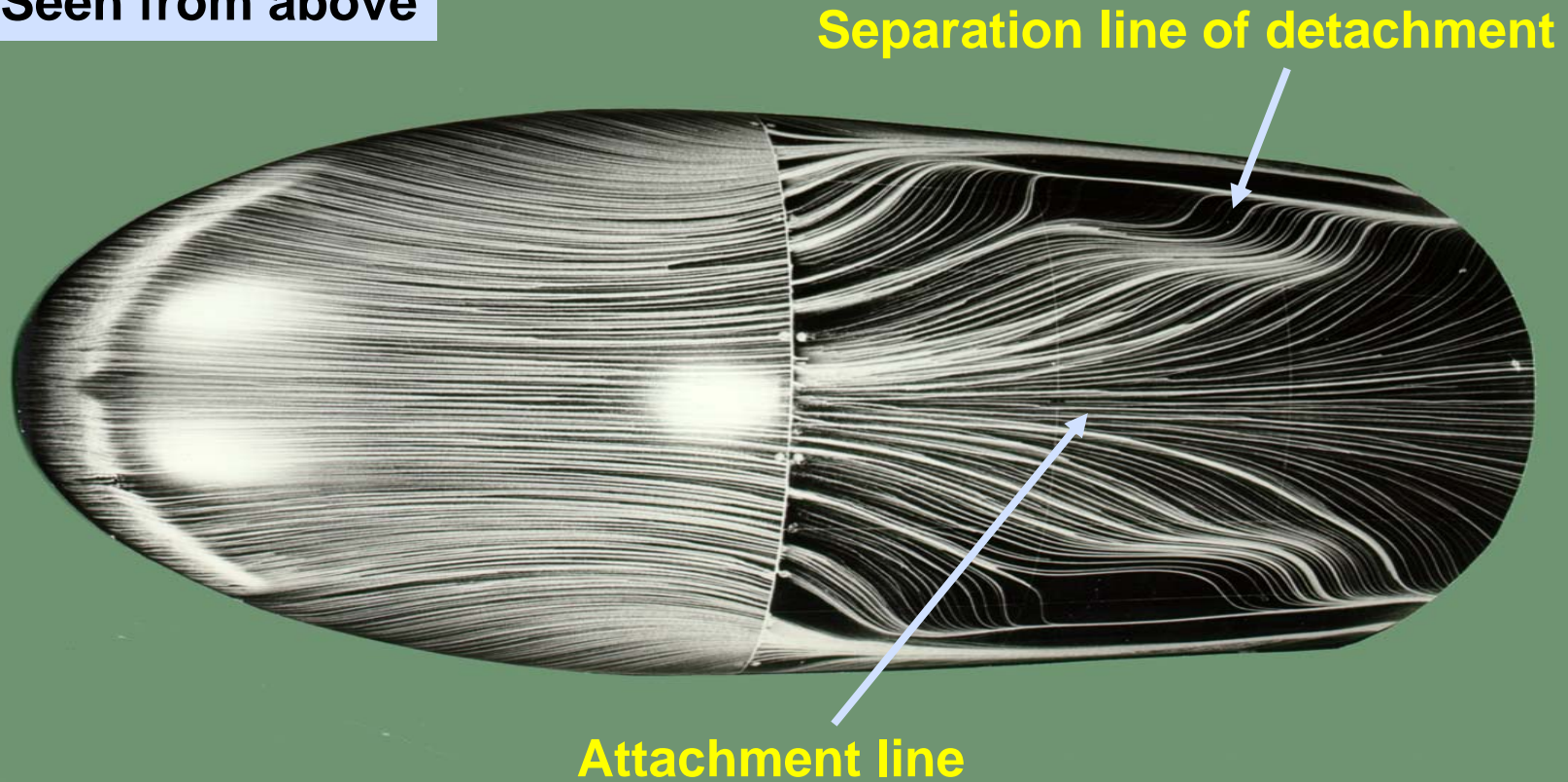
## Separation on a blunt body



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**Separation on a blunt body**  
**Two-vortex structure. Skin friction line pattern**

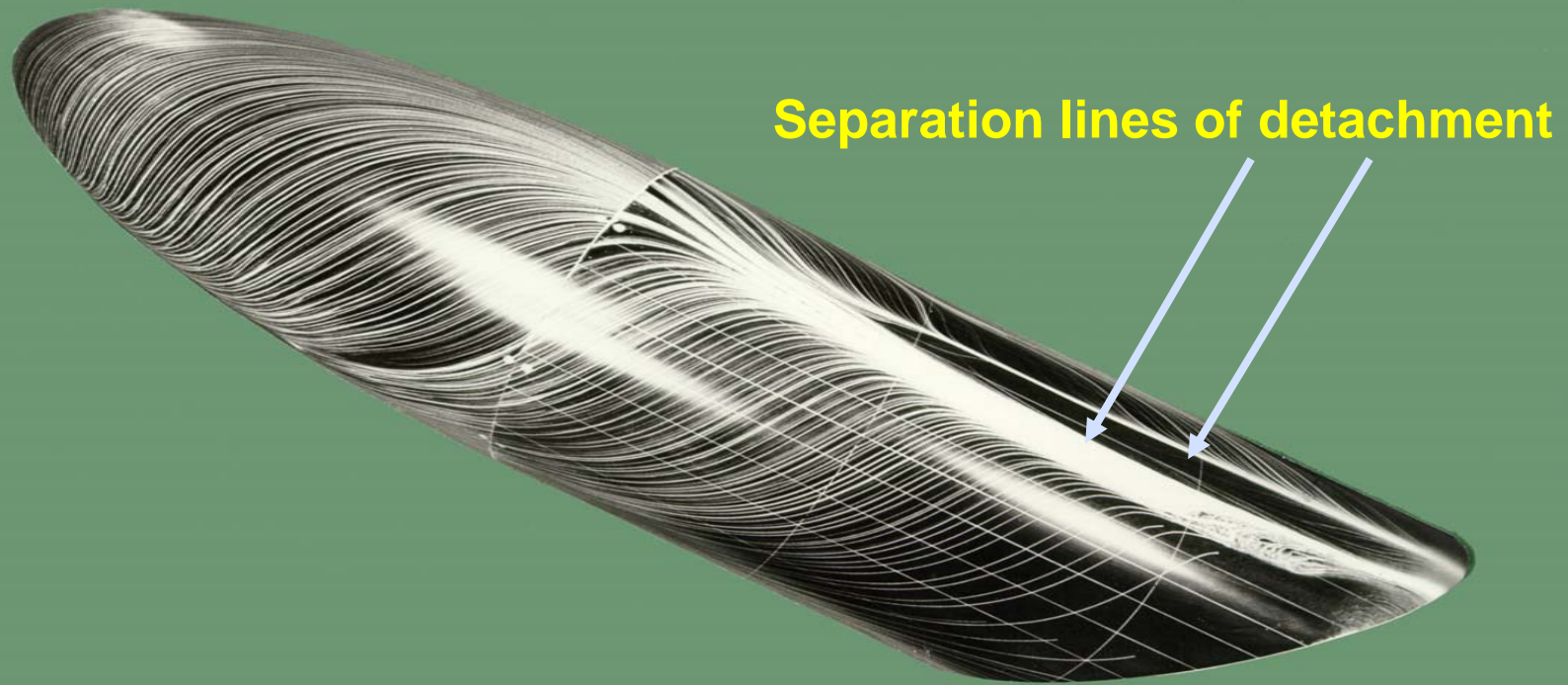
**Seen from above**



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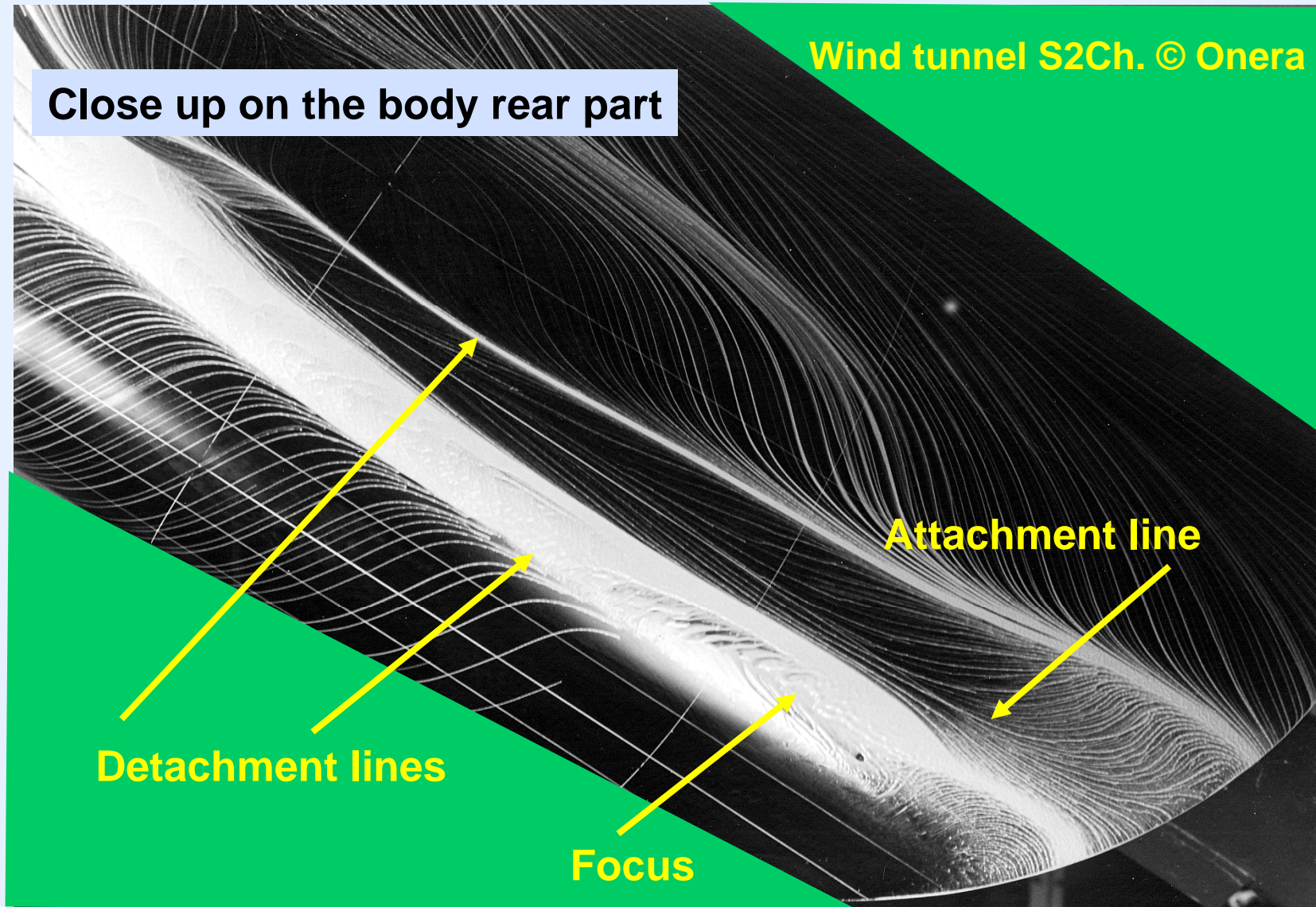
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**Two-vortex structure. Skin friction line pattern**

**Side view**

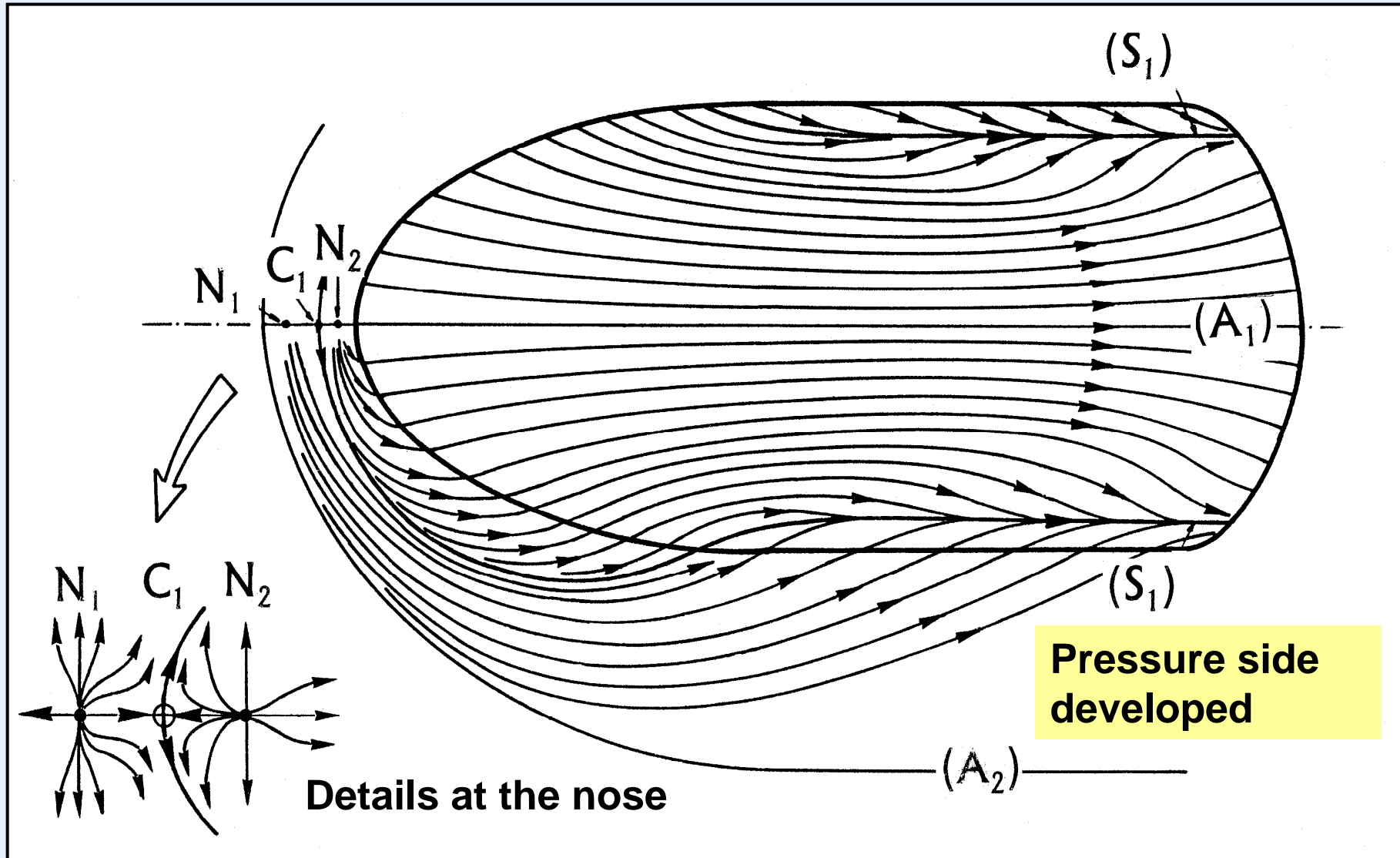


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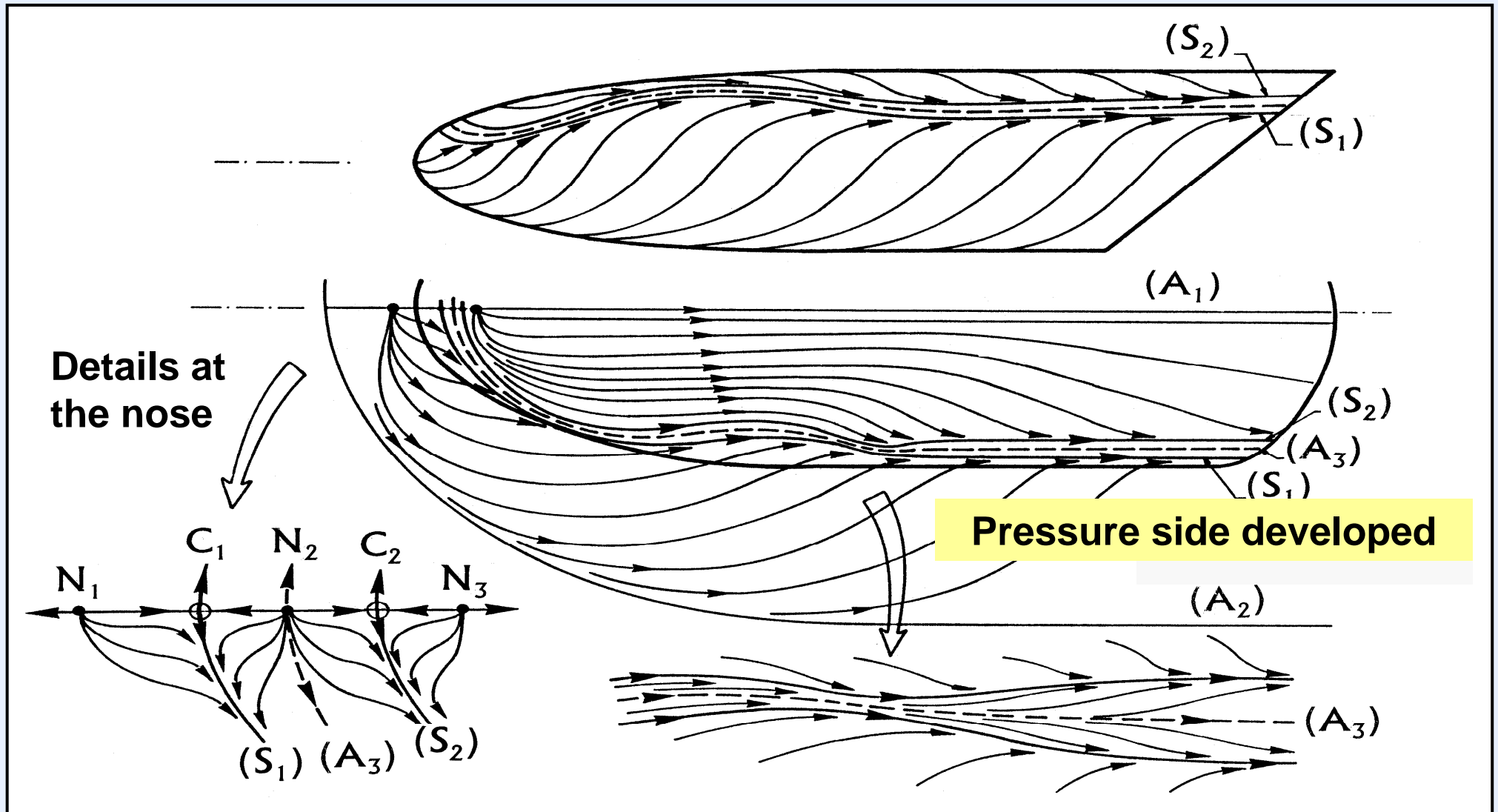
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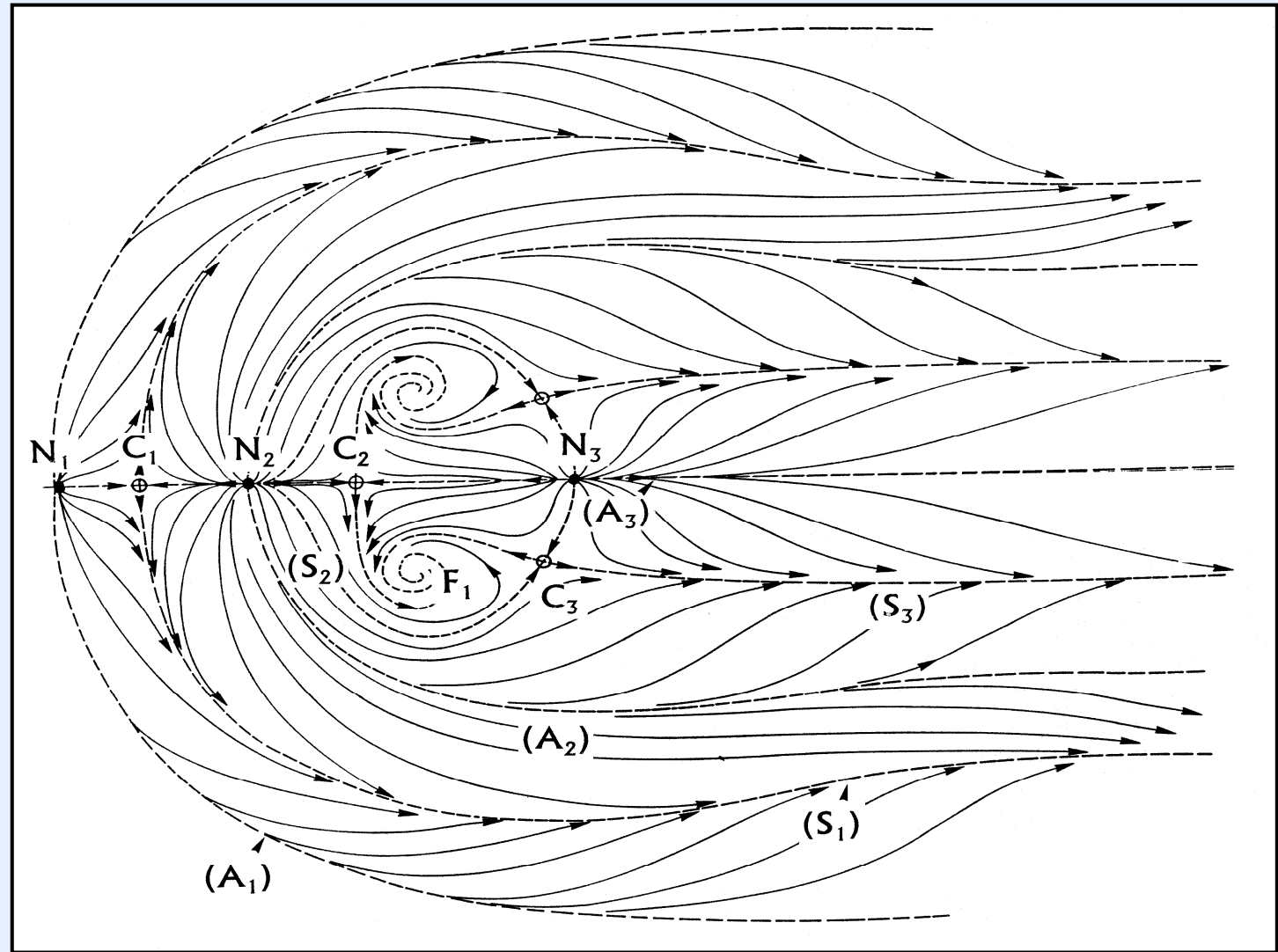


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**Two-vortex structure. Skin friction line pattern**



**Separation on a blunted body. Skin friction line pattern with two foci.  
Formation of tornado like vortices**

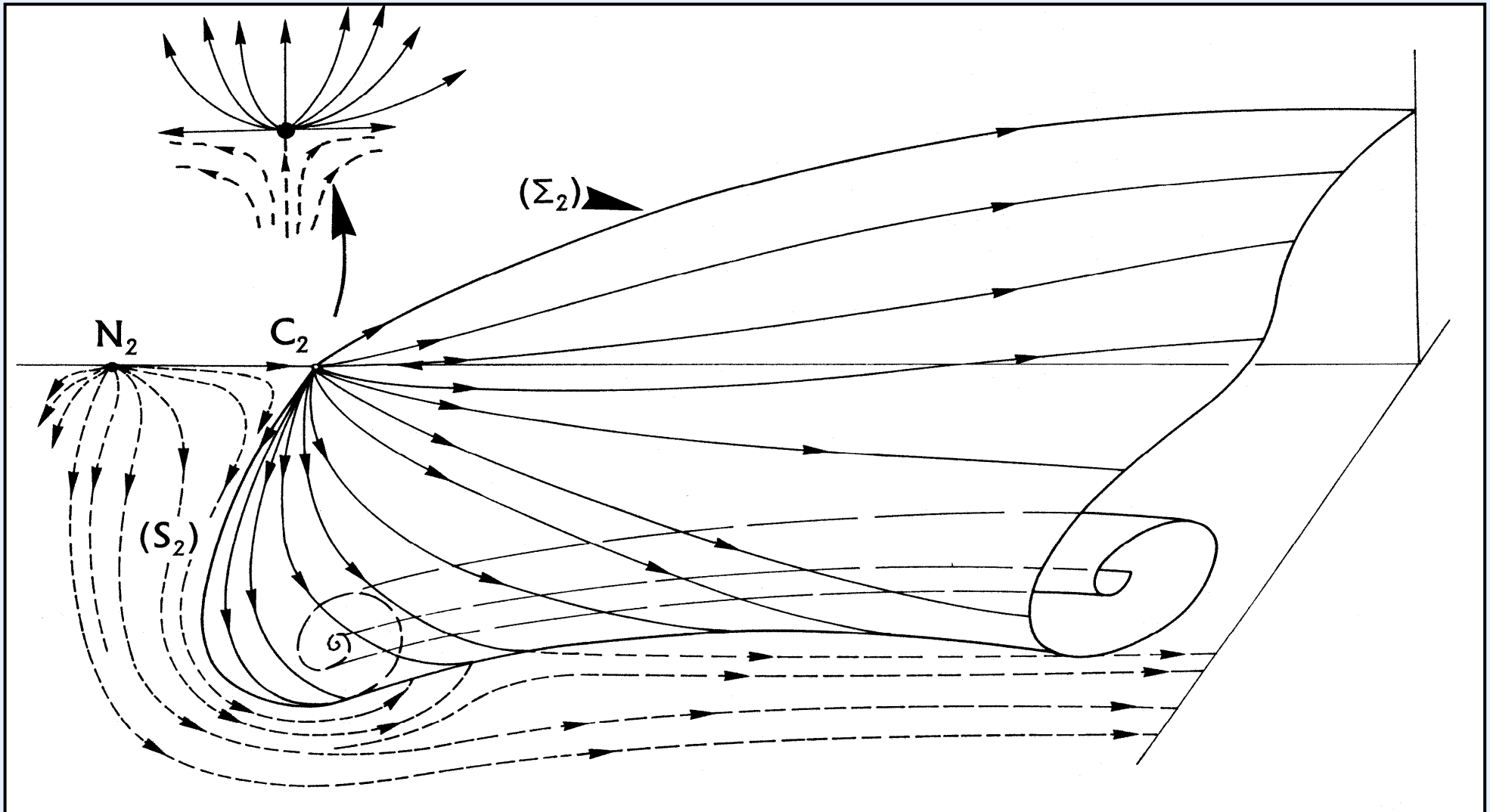
**The body surface  
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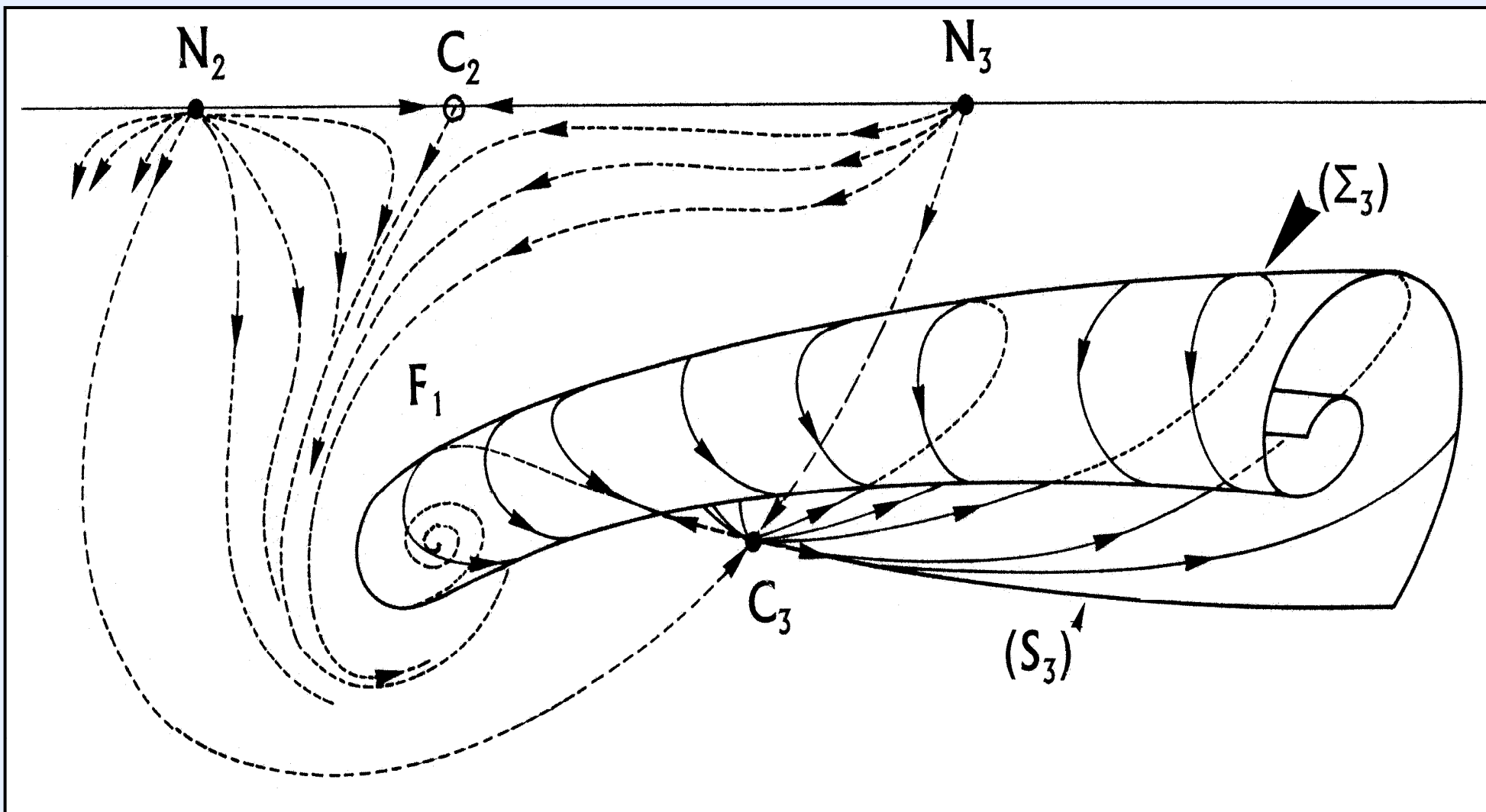




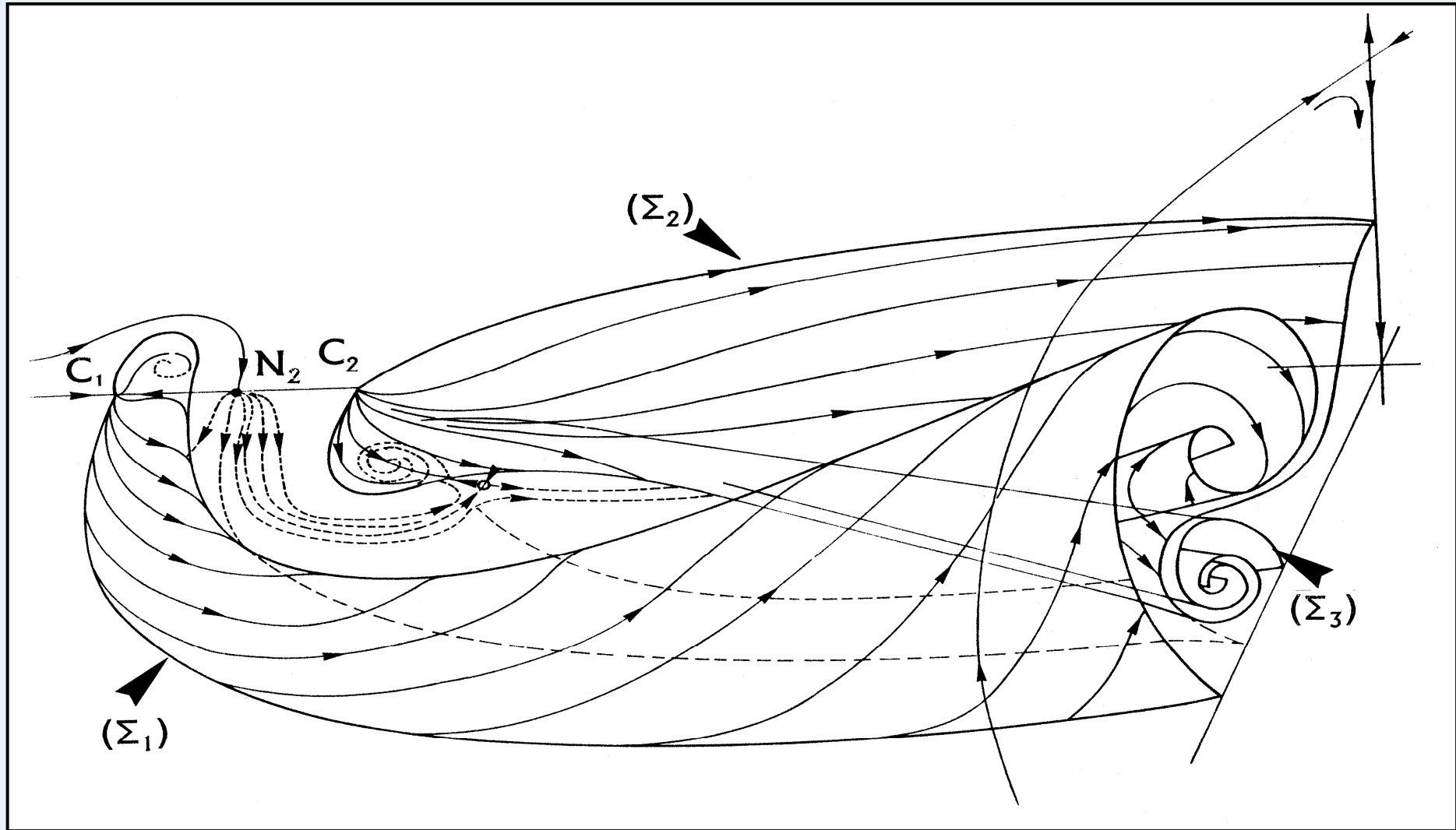
**Separation on a blunt body. Structure with two tornado like vortices.  
Second detachment surface**



Separation on a blunt body. Structure with two tornado like vortices.  
Third detachment surface



**Separation on a blunt body**  
**Assembling of the detachment surfaces**

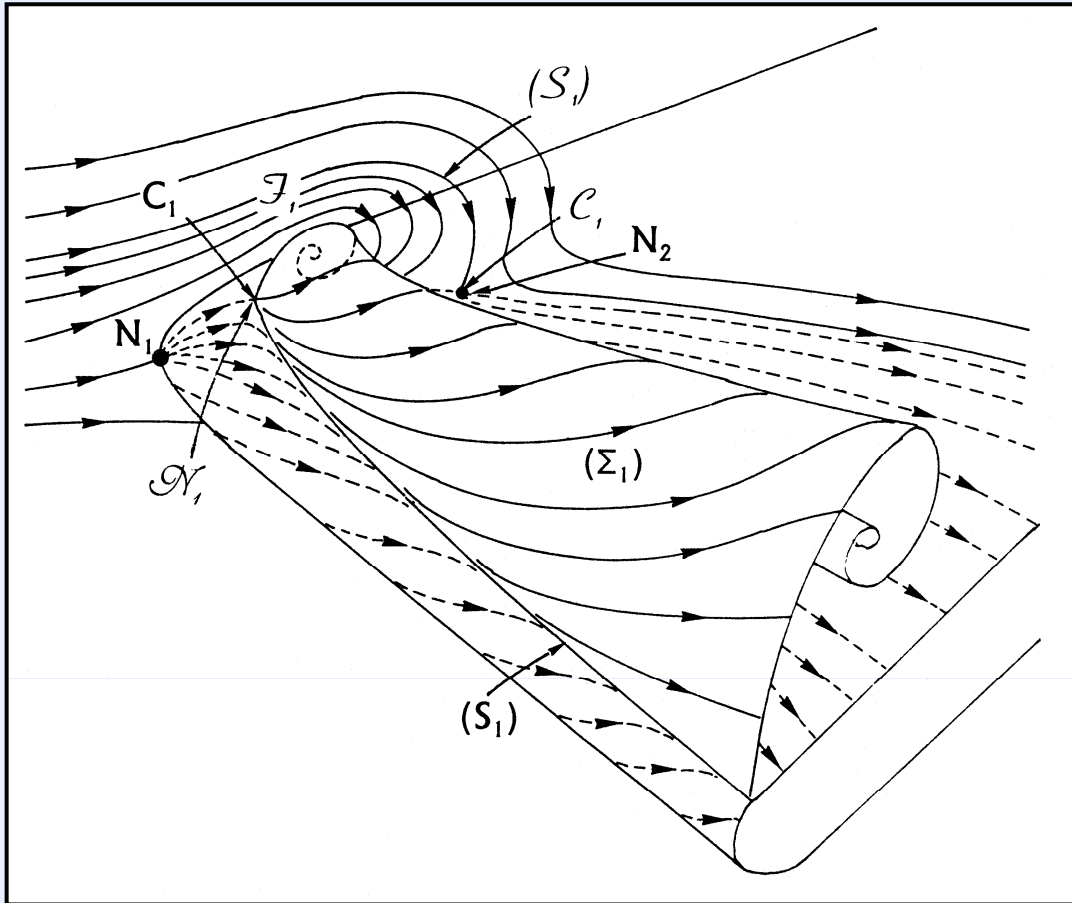


## Flow past a delta wing at incidence

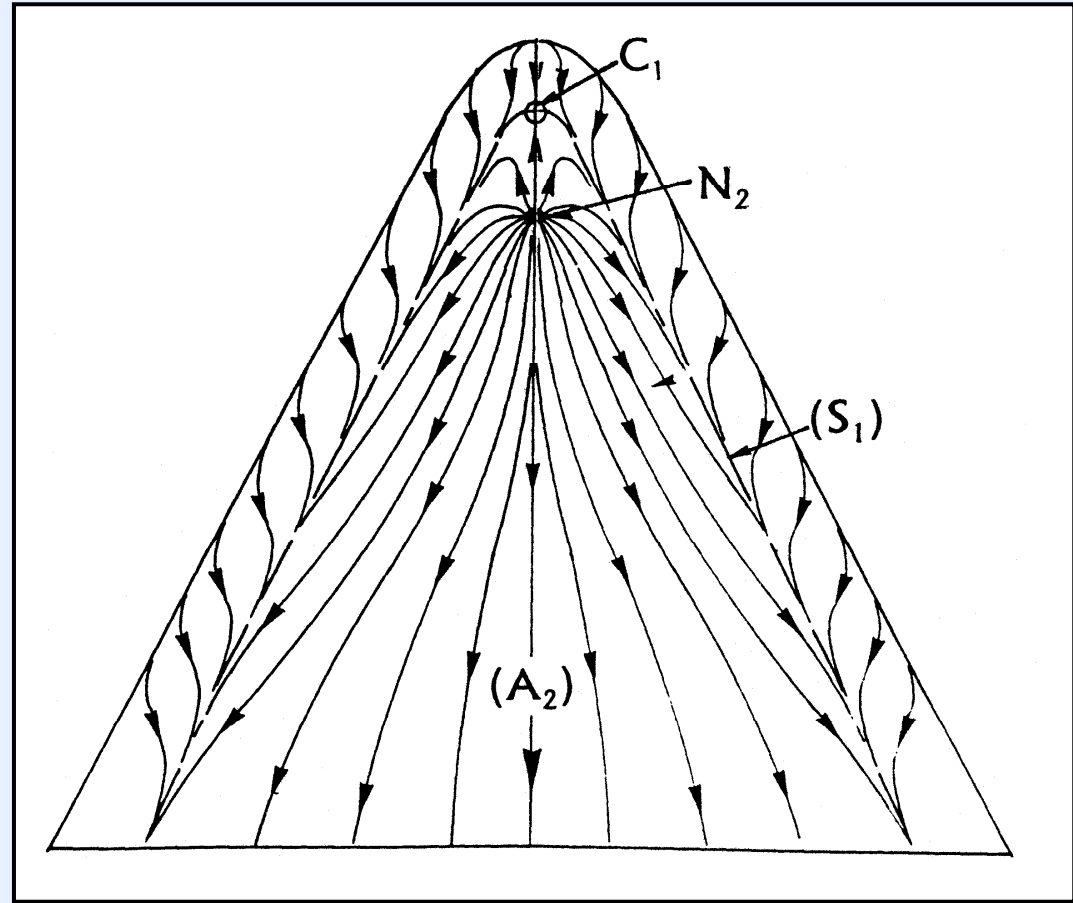


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## Separation on a delta wing at incidence One-vortex system

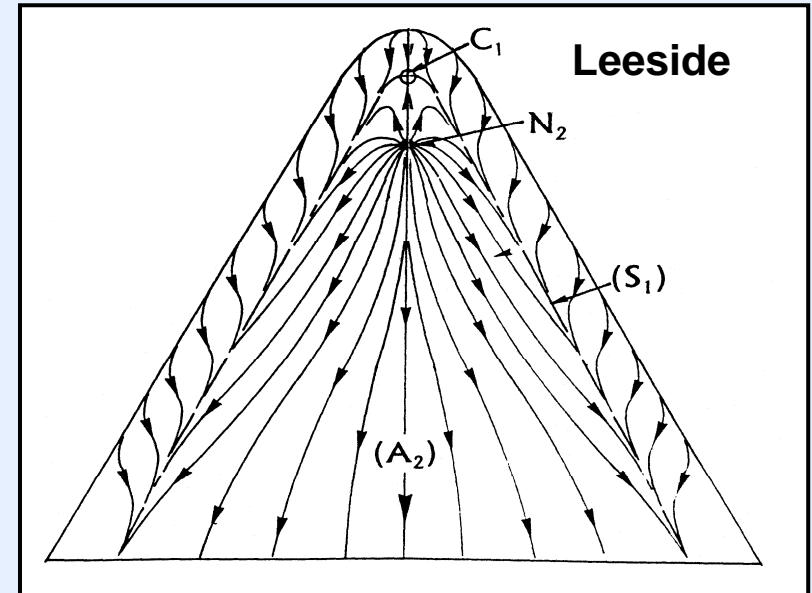
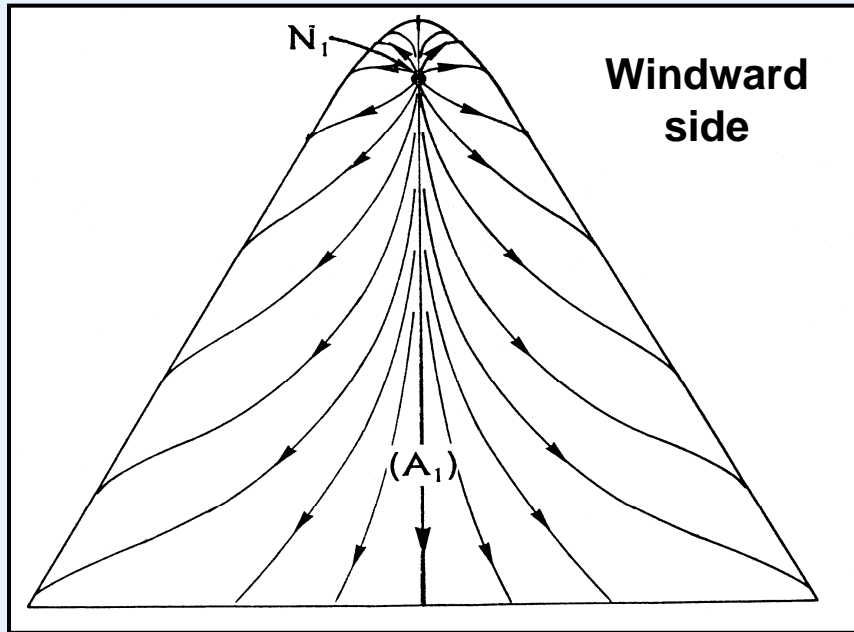


Starting of the primary detachment surface at the wing apex



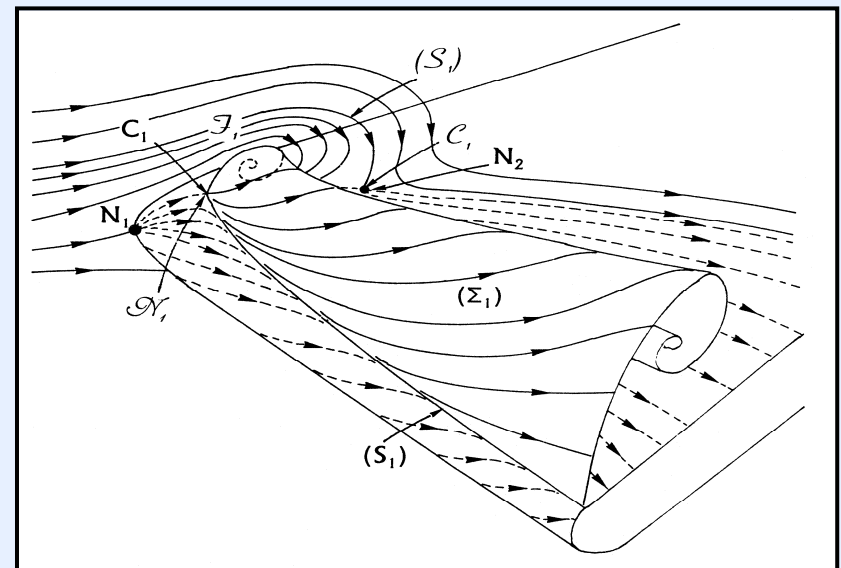
Skin friction line pattern on the suction side

# Separation on a delta wing at incidence One-vortex system

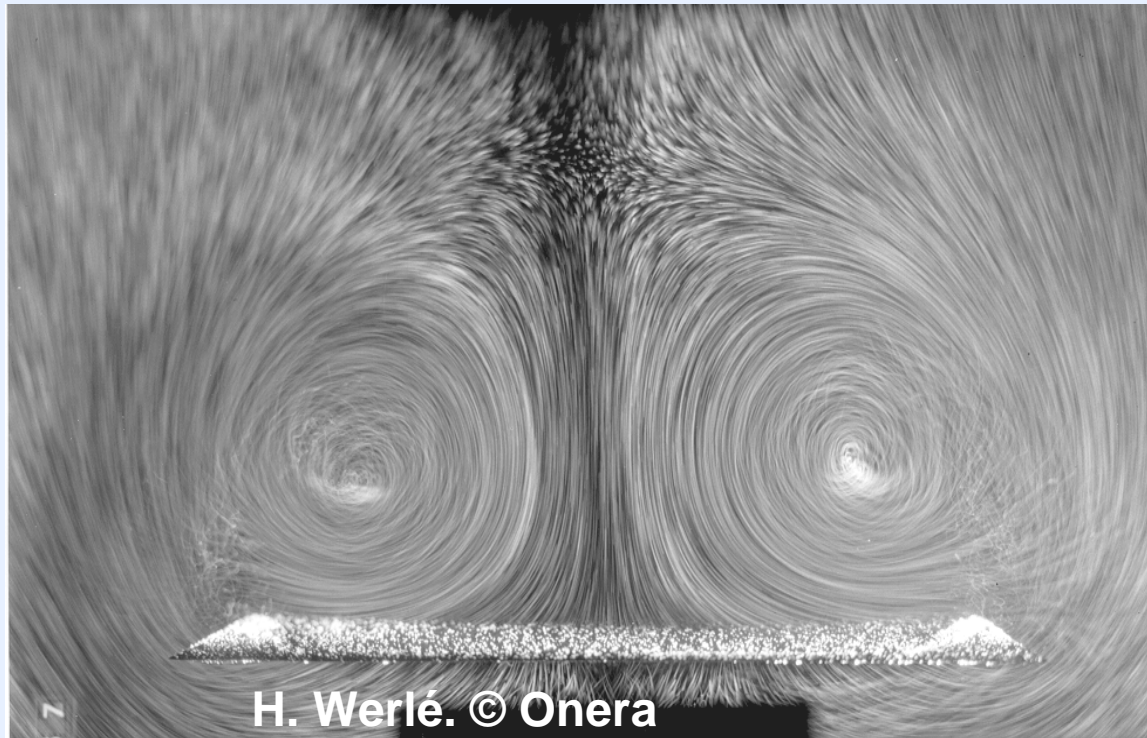


Skin friction line pattern

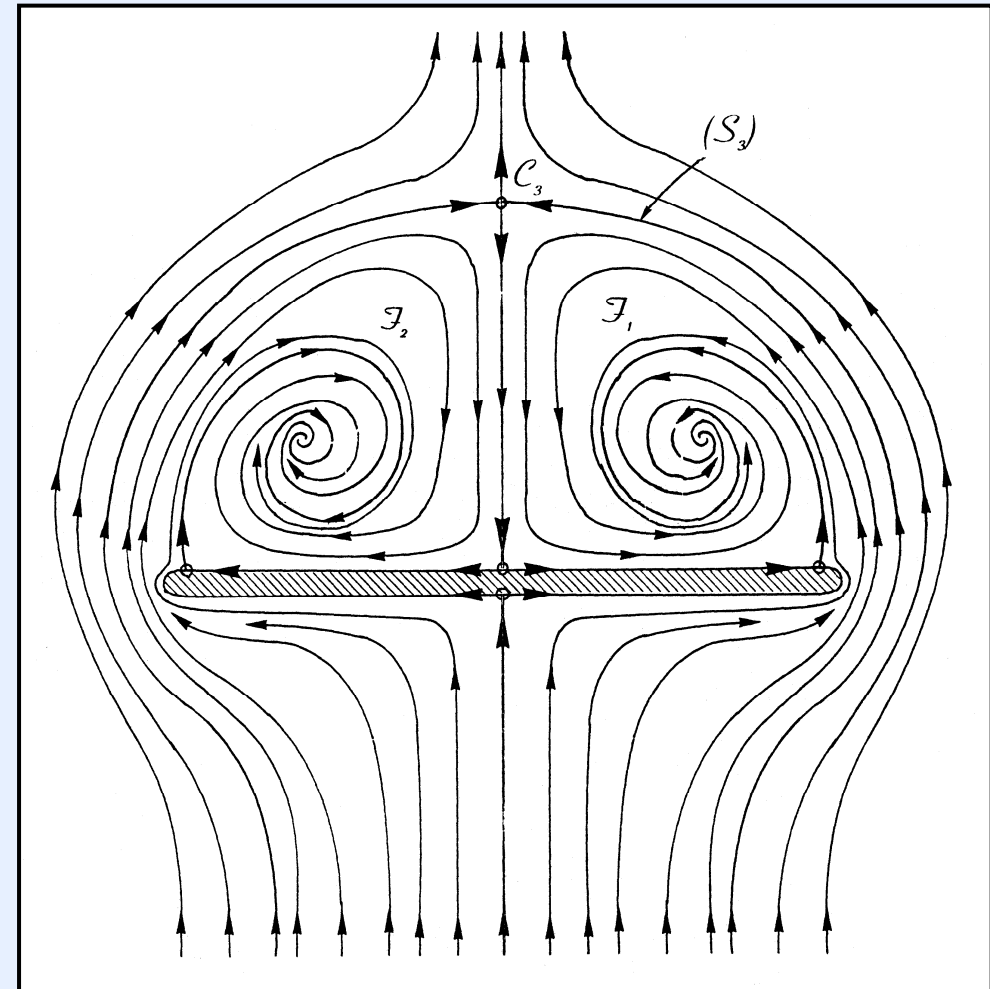
Starting of the primary detachment surface



## Separation on a delta wing at incidence One-vortex system



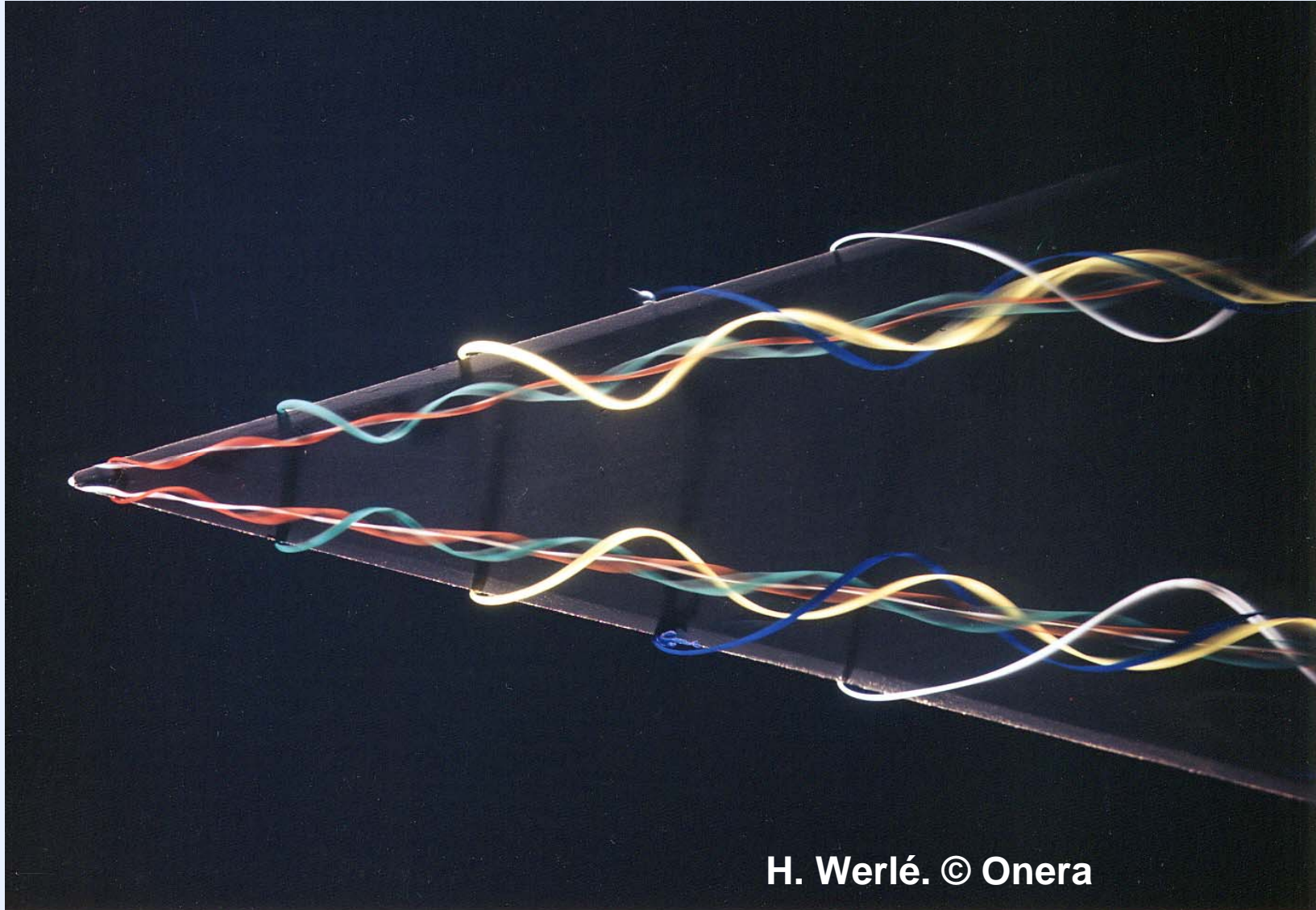
What is seen as two vortices are in fact the traces of the horseshoe vortex forming at the wing apex



Field projected in a plane normal to the wing surface

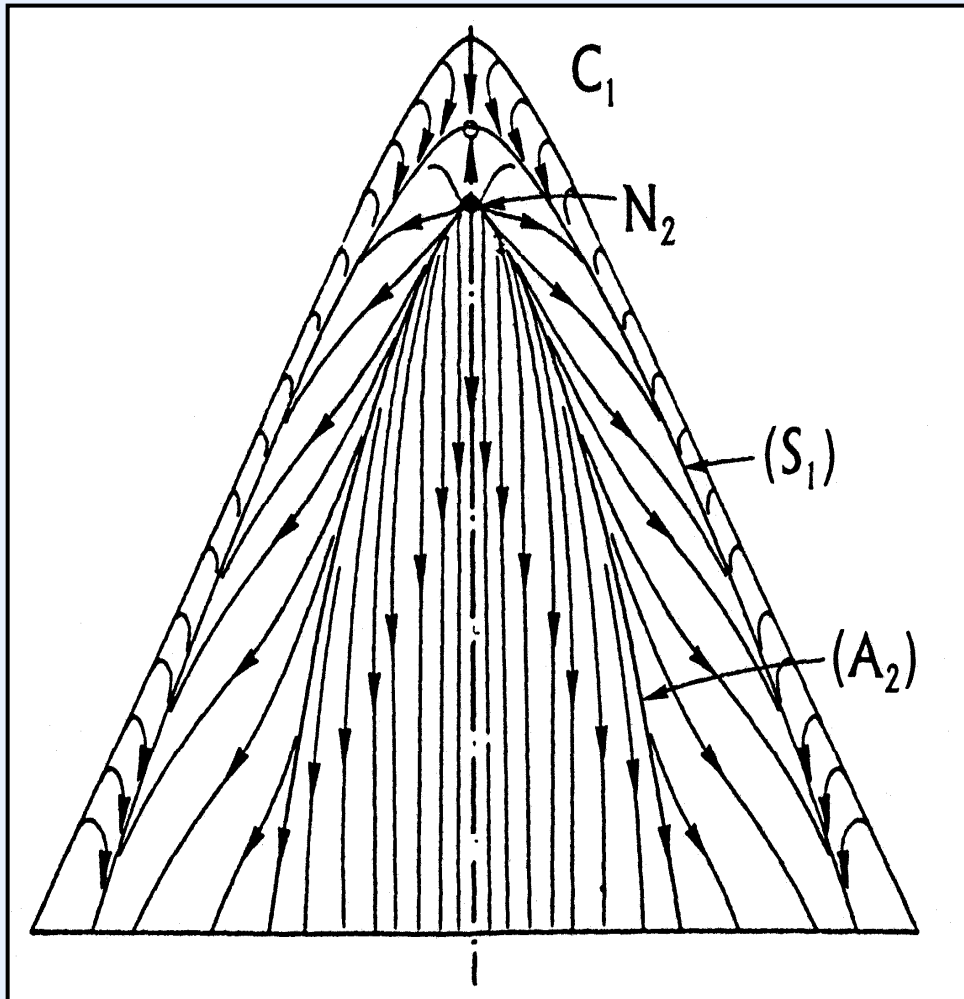


**Vortices over a delta wing with a sweep angle of  $70^\circ$**

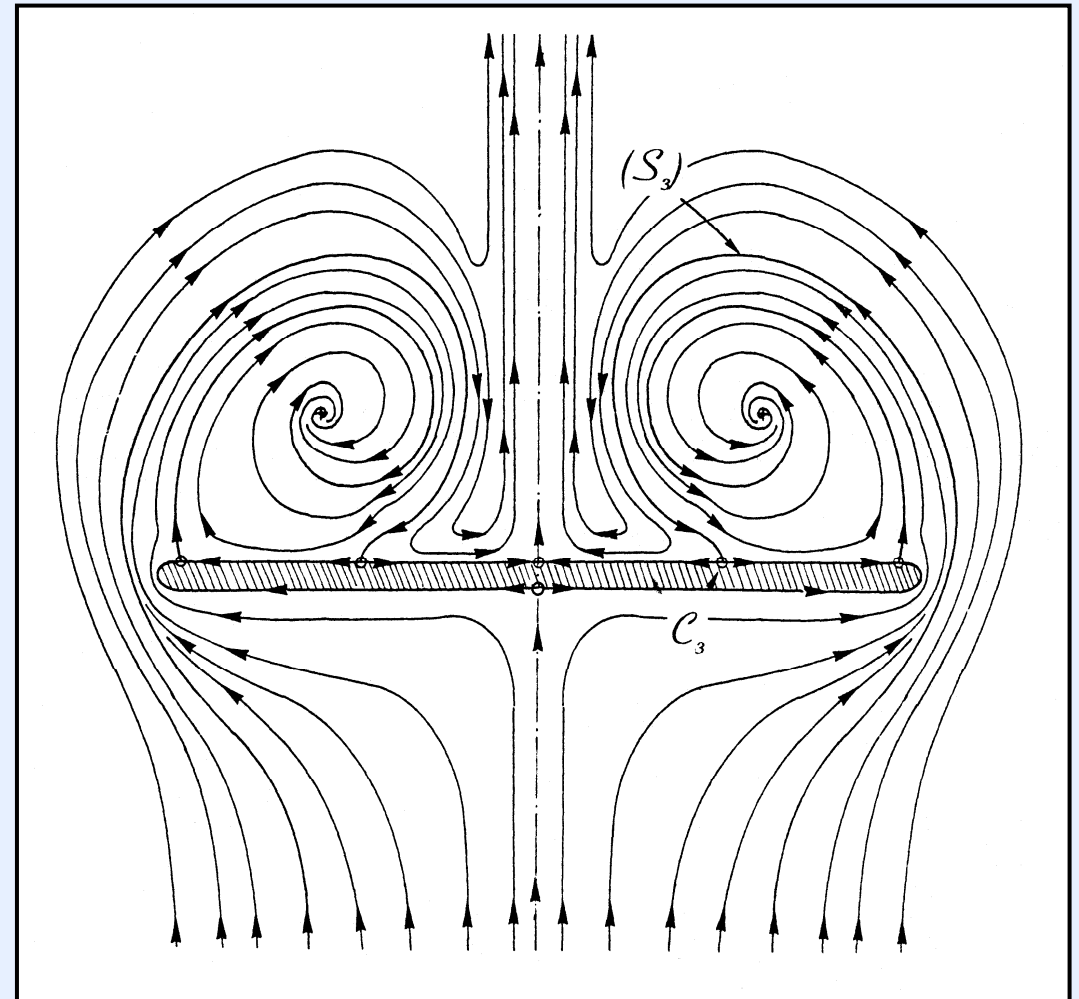


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Separation on a delta wing at incidence  
One-vortex system. Other organisation

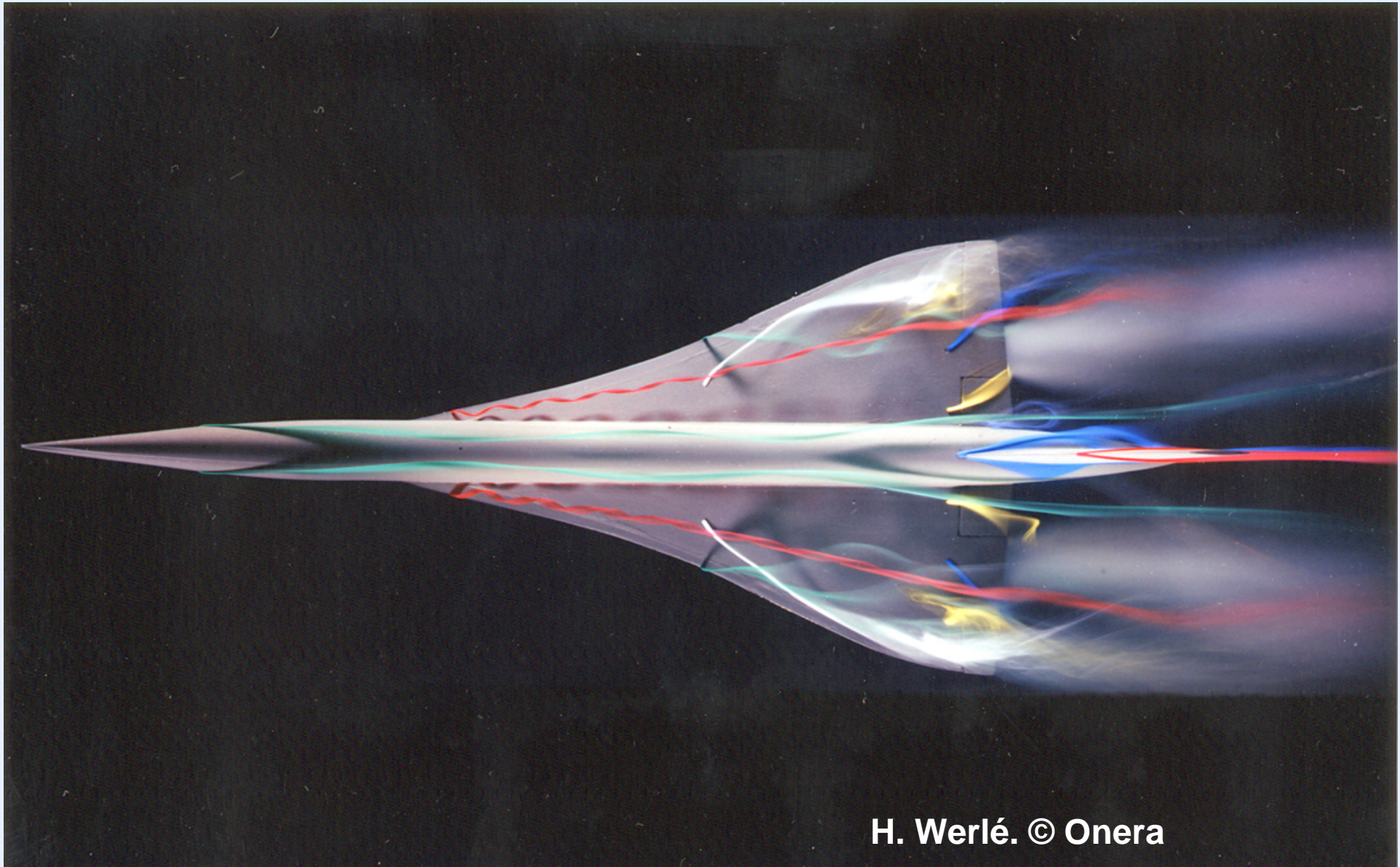


Skin friction line pattern



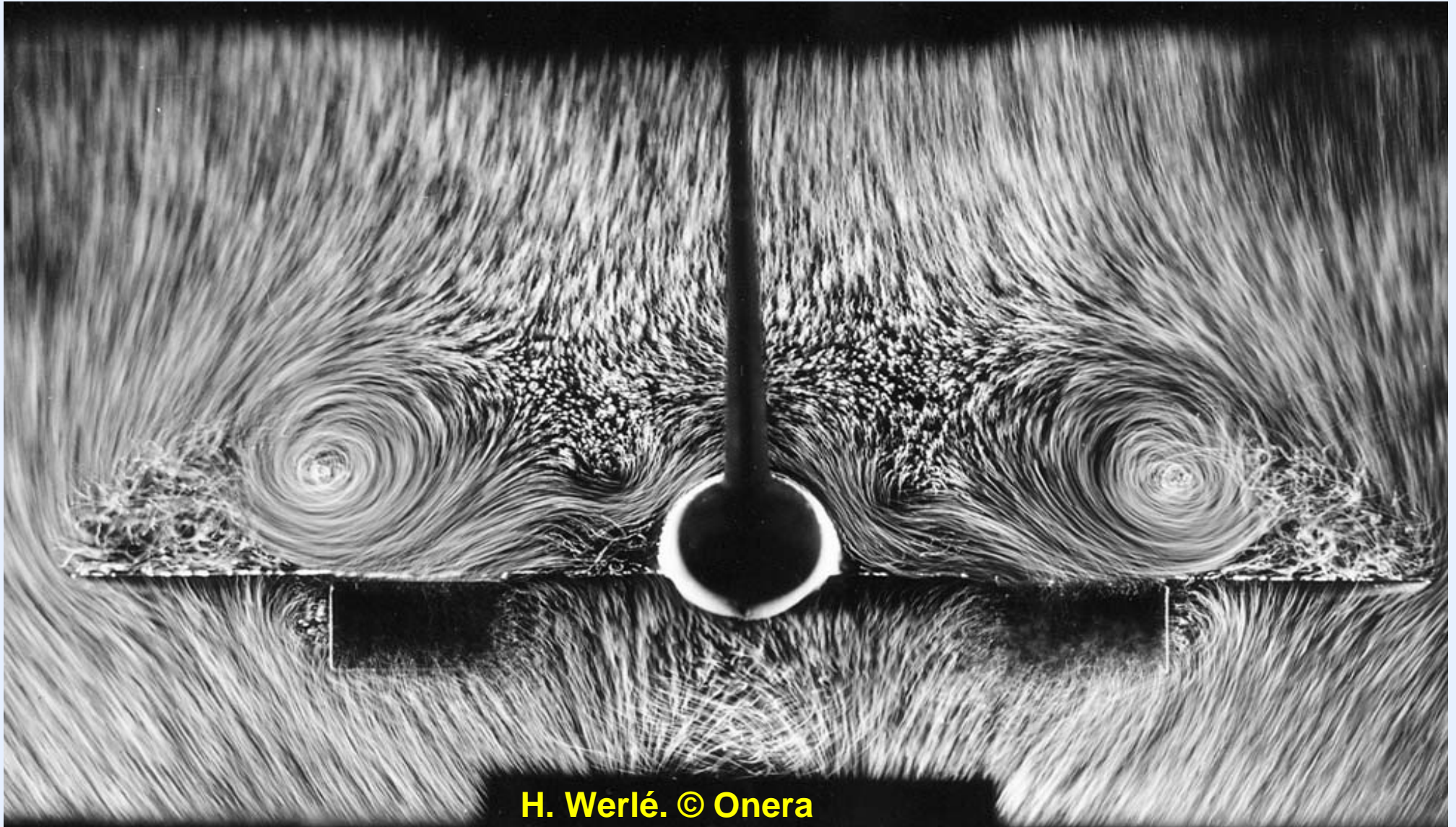
Field projected in a plane normal to  
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## Vortices over the Concorde wing



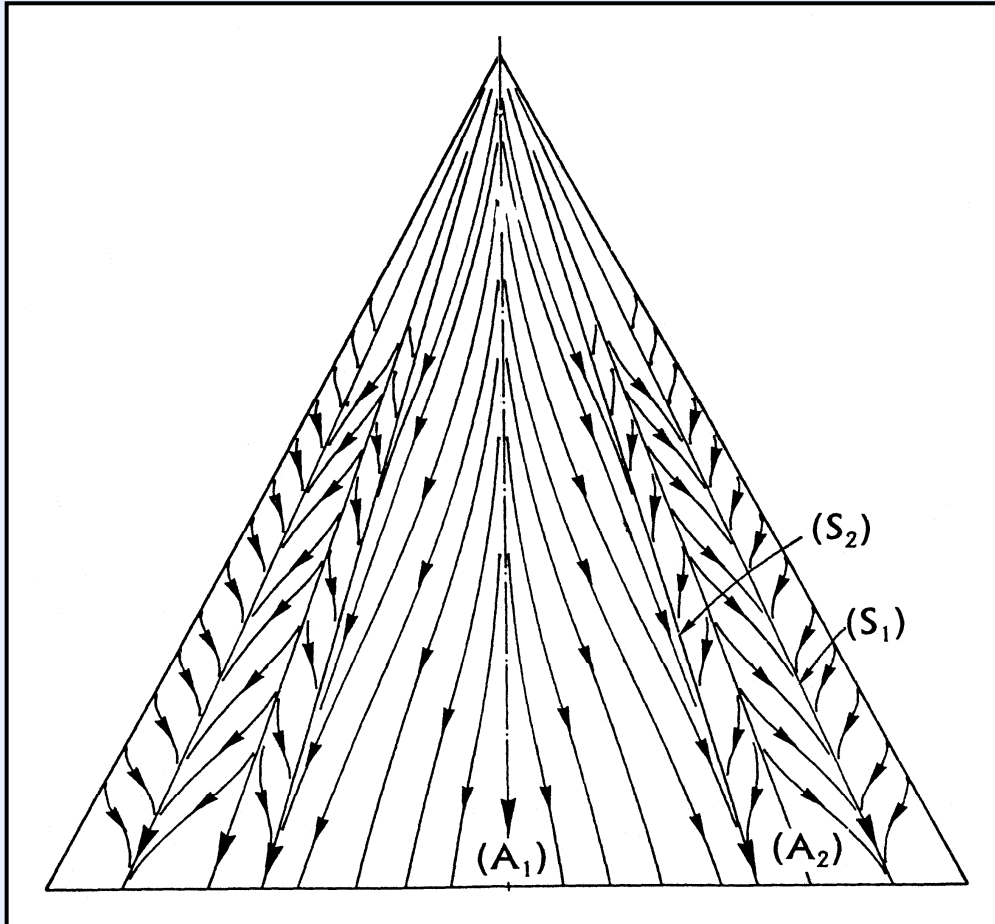
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**Vortices over a Concorde type wing. Cut by a downstream vertical plane**

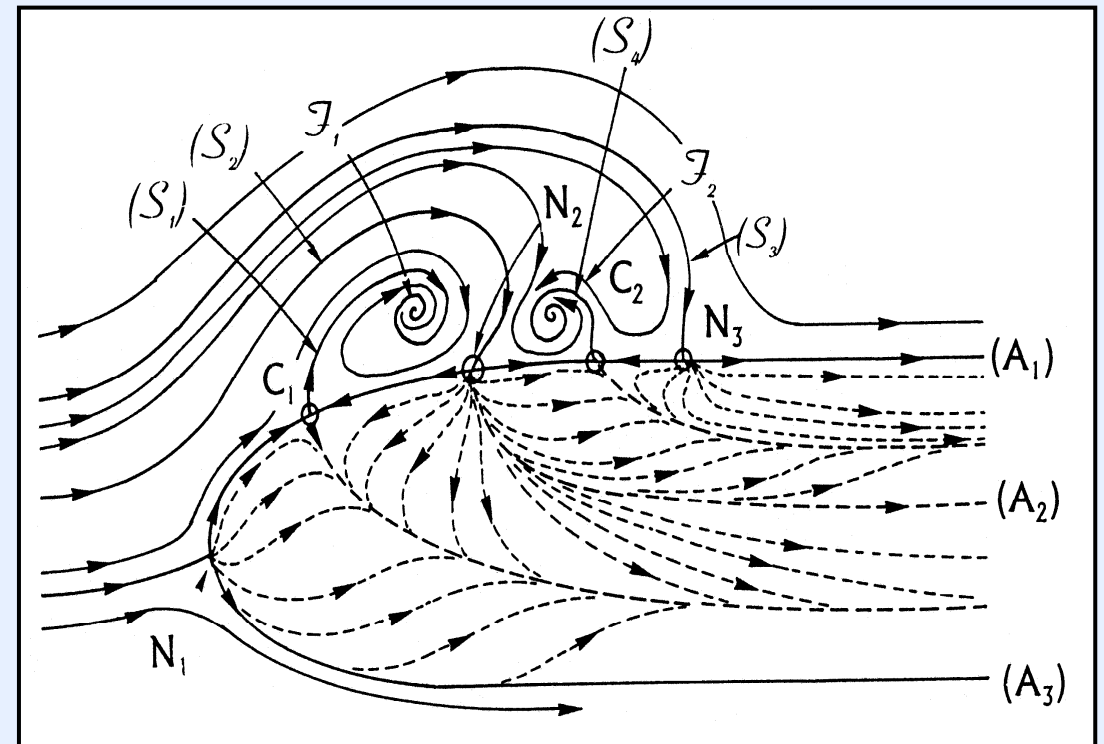


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## Separation on a delta wing at incidence Two-vortex system

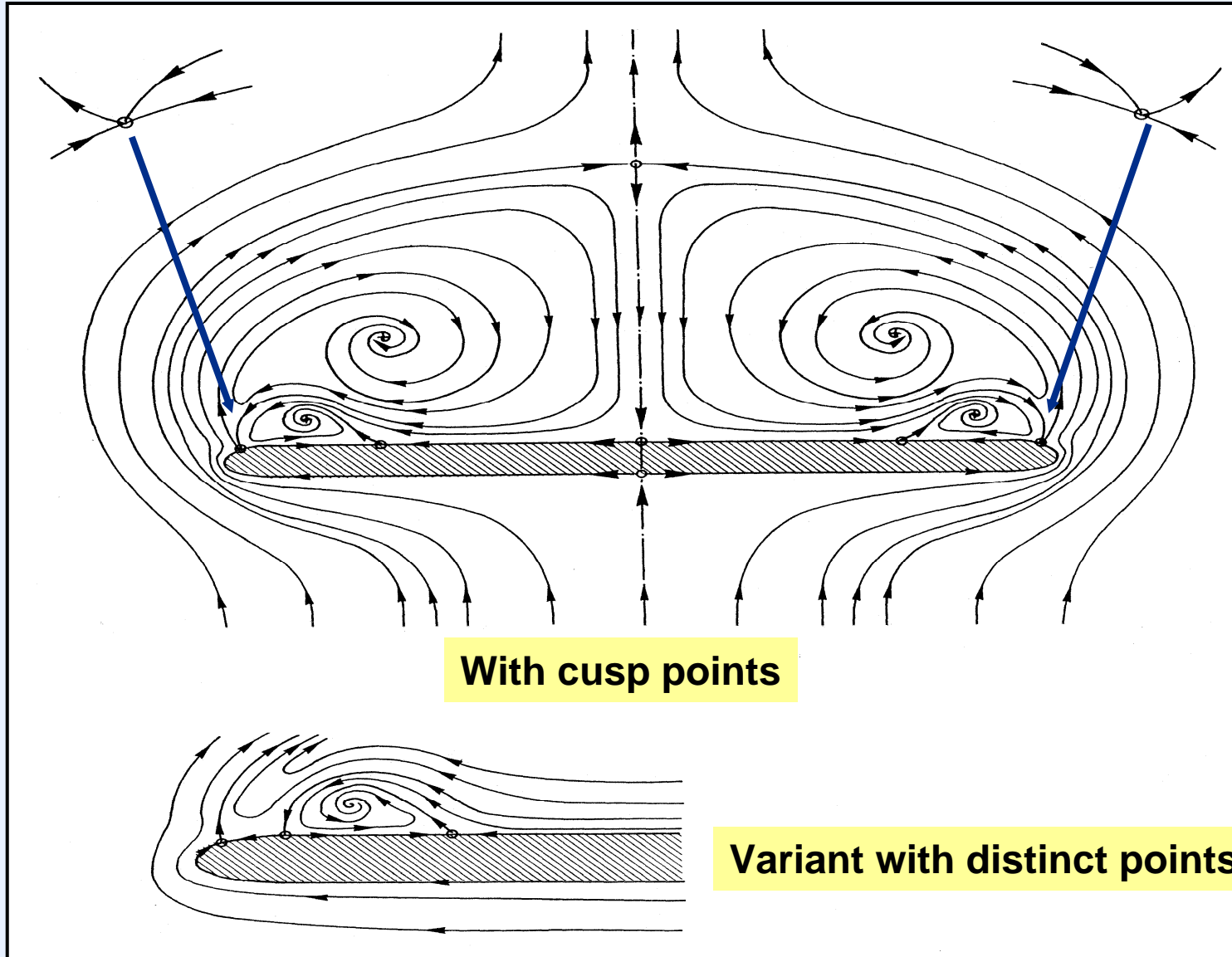


**Skin friction line pattern on the  
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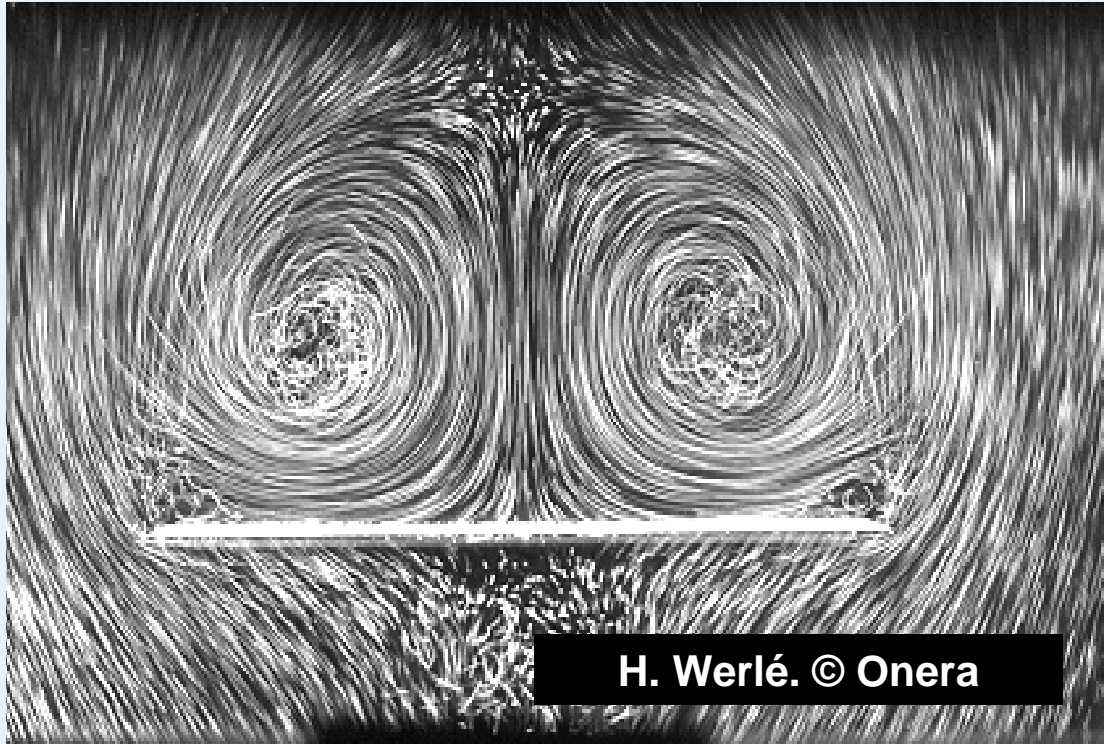


**Flow in the vicinity of the wing apex**

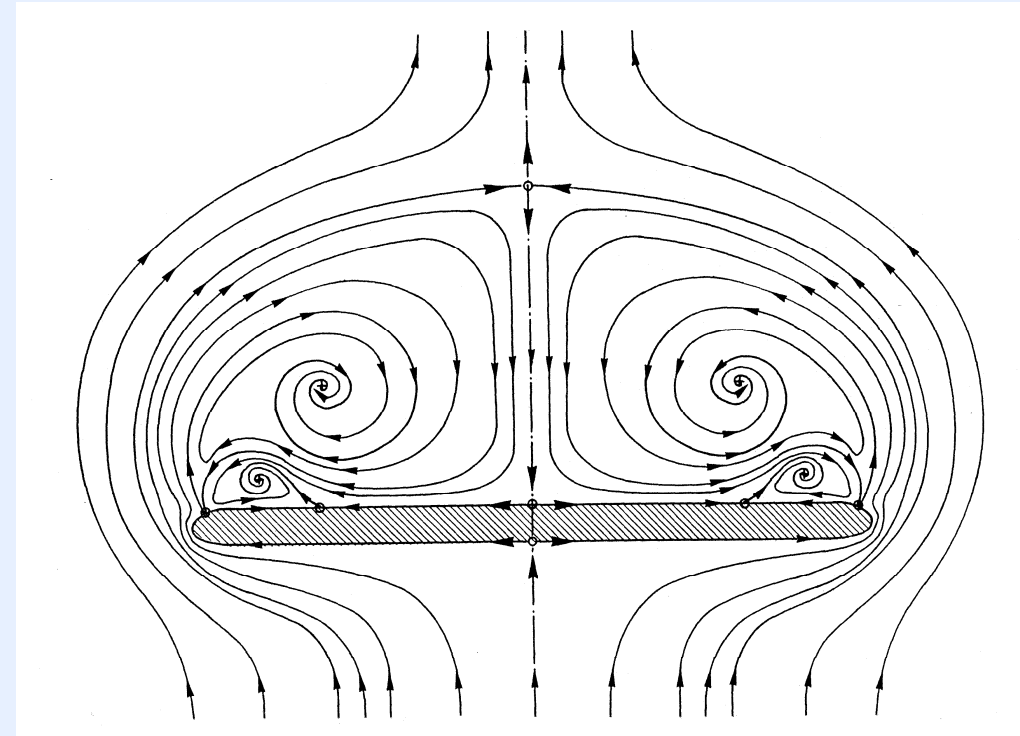
**Separation on a delta wing at incidence  
Two-vortex system**



**Separation on a delta wing at incidence  
Two-vortex system**

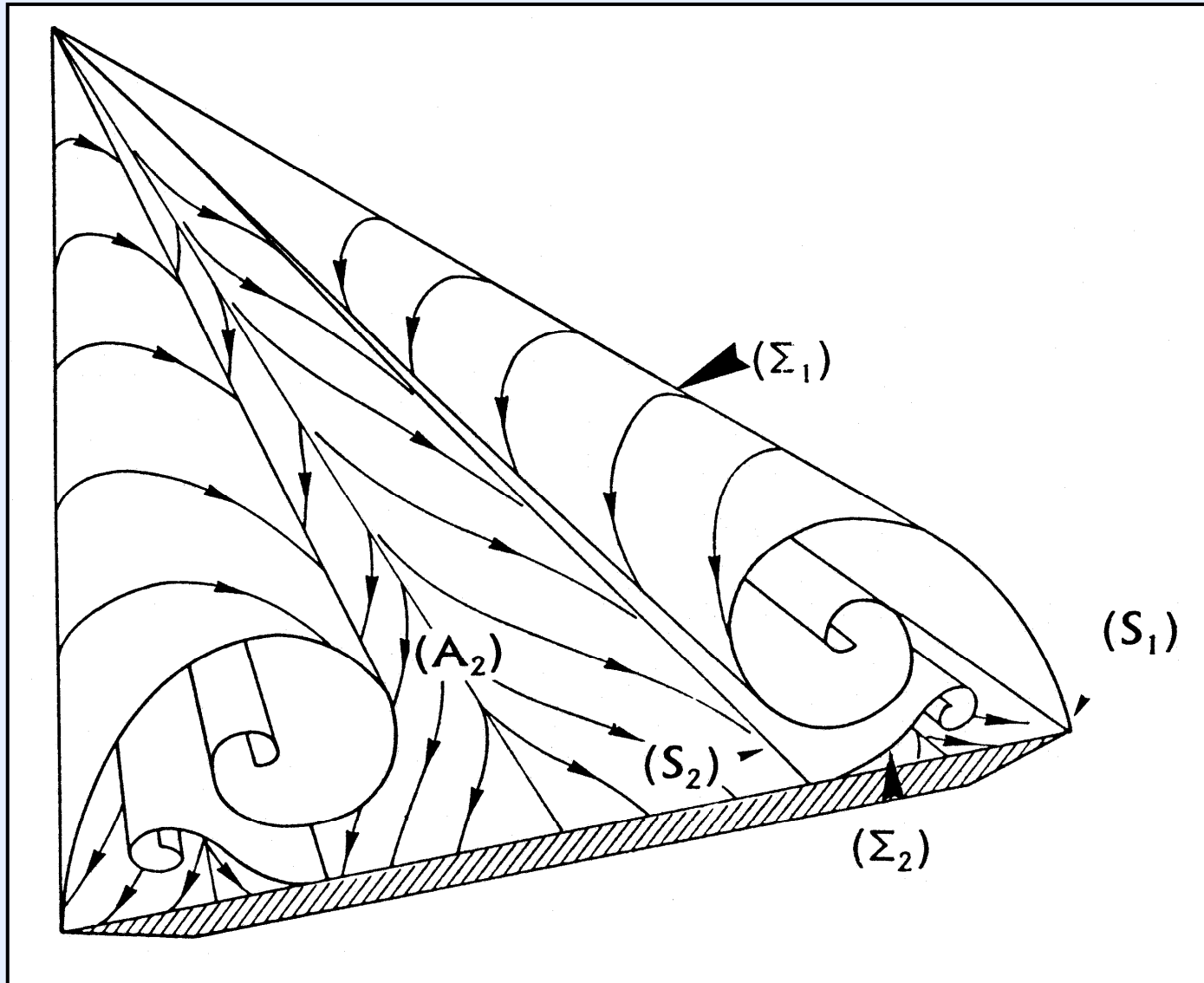


**Water tunnel visualization**



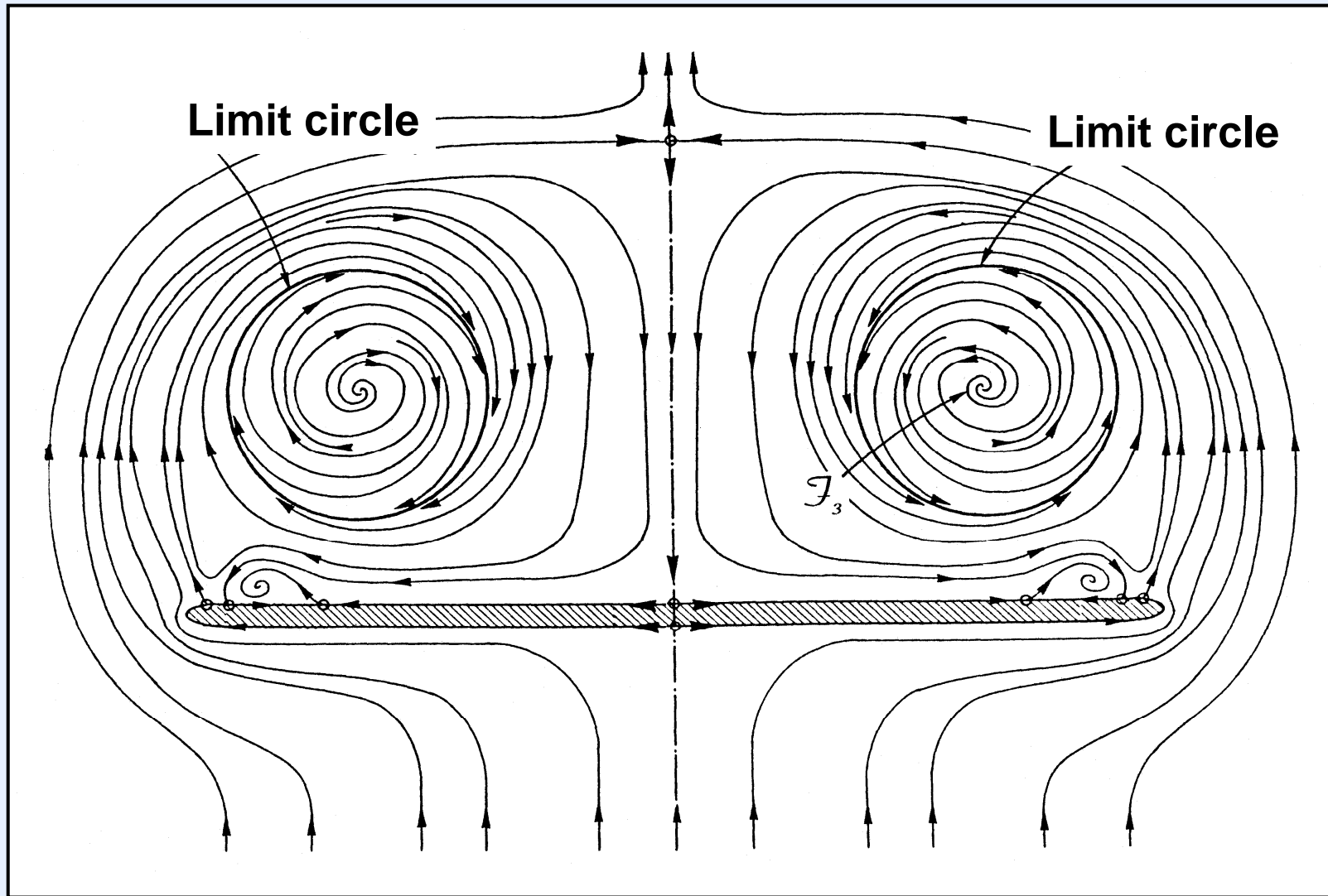
**Field projected in a plane normal to  
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Separation on a delta wing at incidence  
Two-vortex system



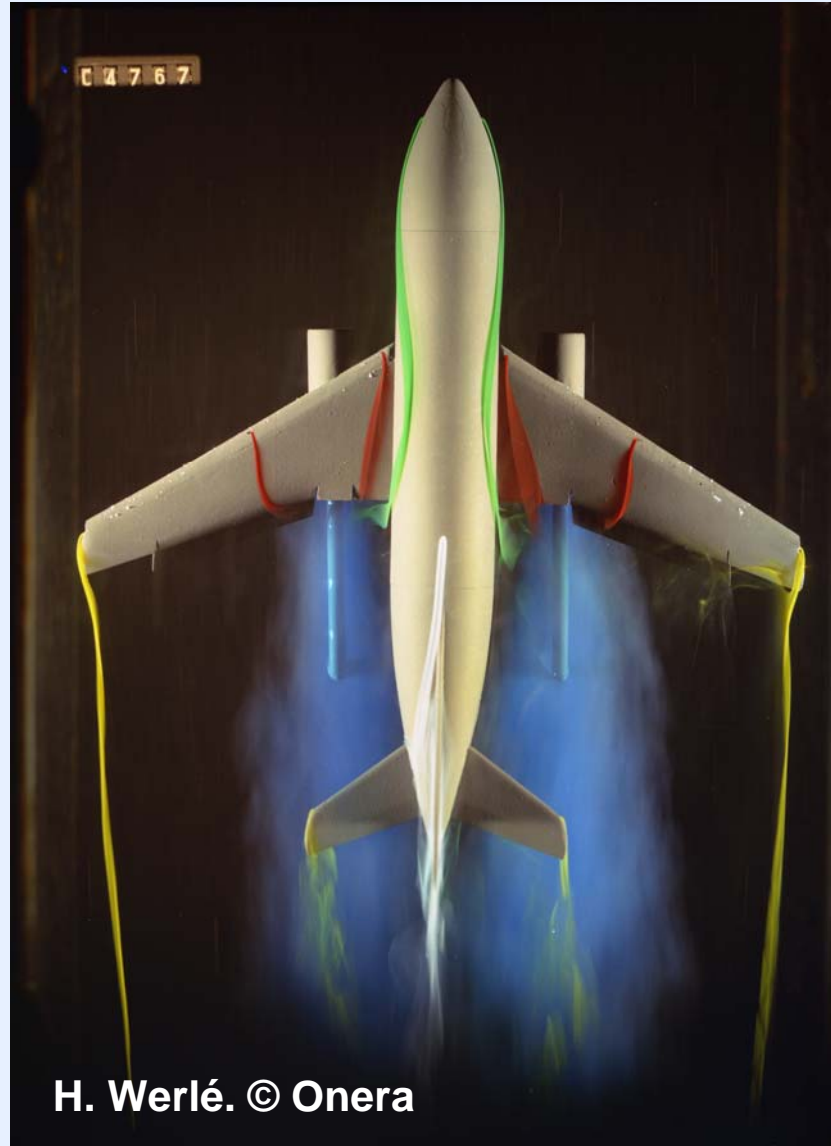


**Separation on a delta wing at incidence  
Two-vortex system with limit circle**



**Field projected in a plane normal to the wing surface**

## Wake vortex of a classical wing



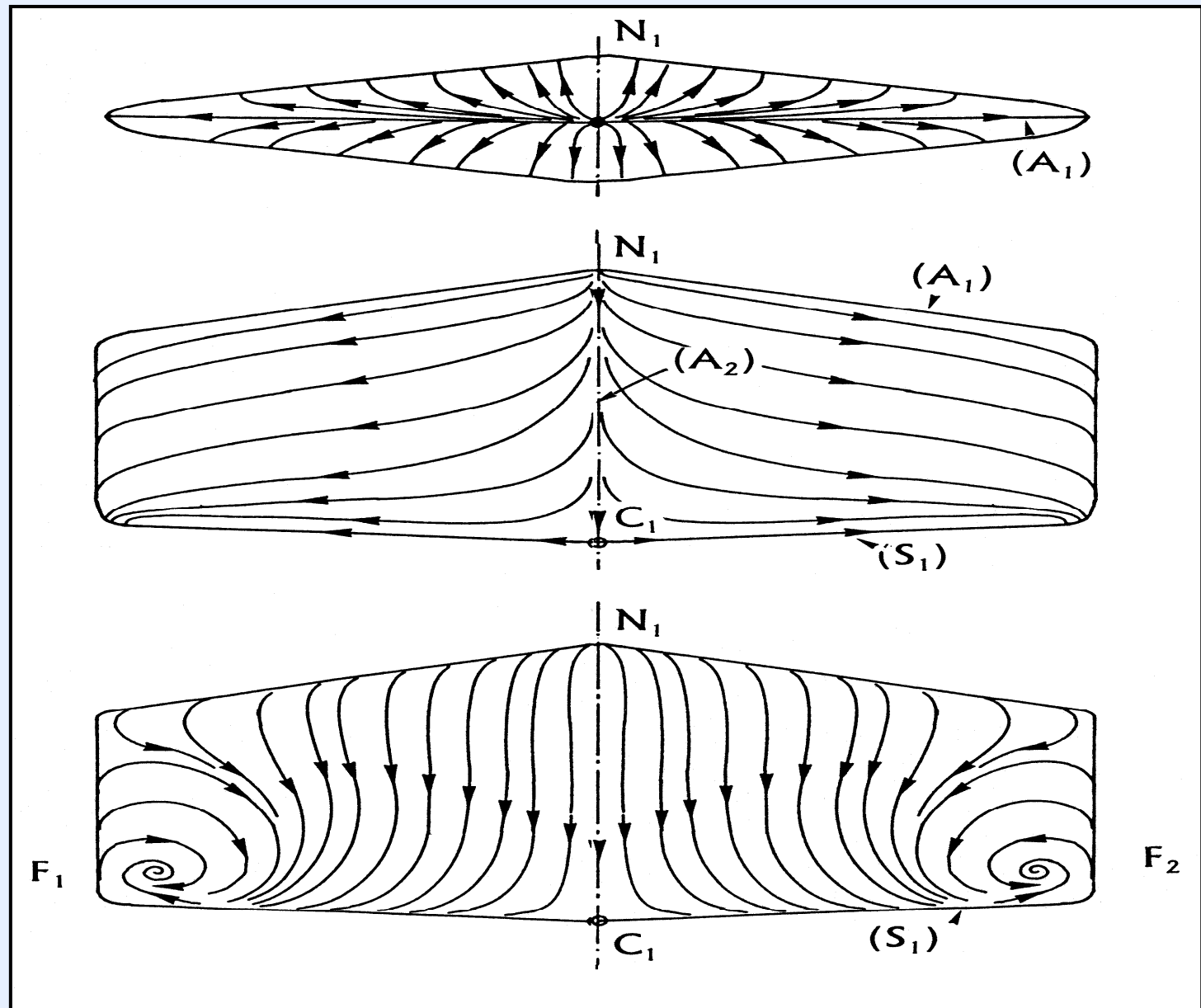
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# Wake vortex of an isolated classical wing. Skin friction line pattern

Leading edge region

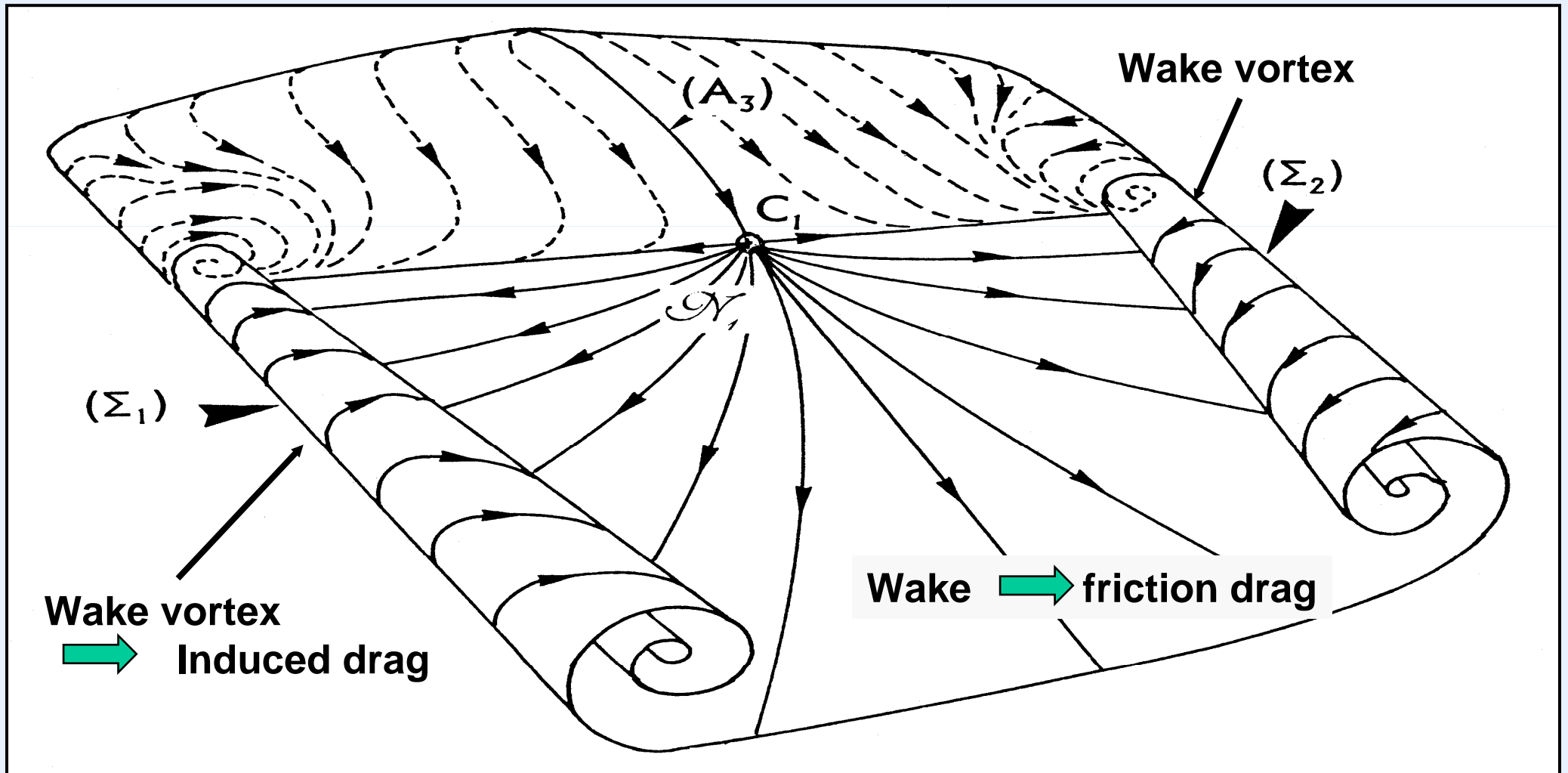
Pressure side

Suction side



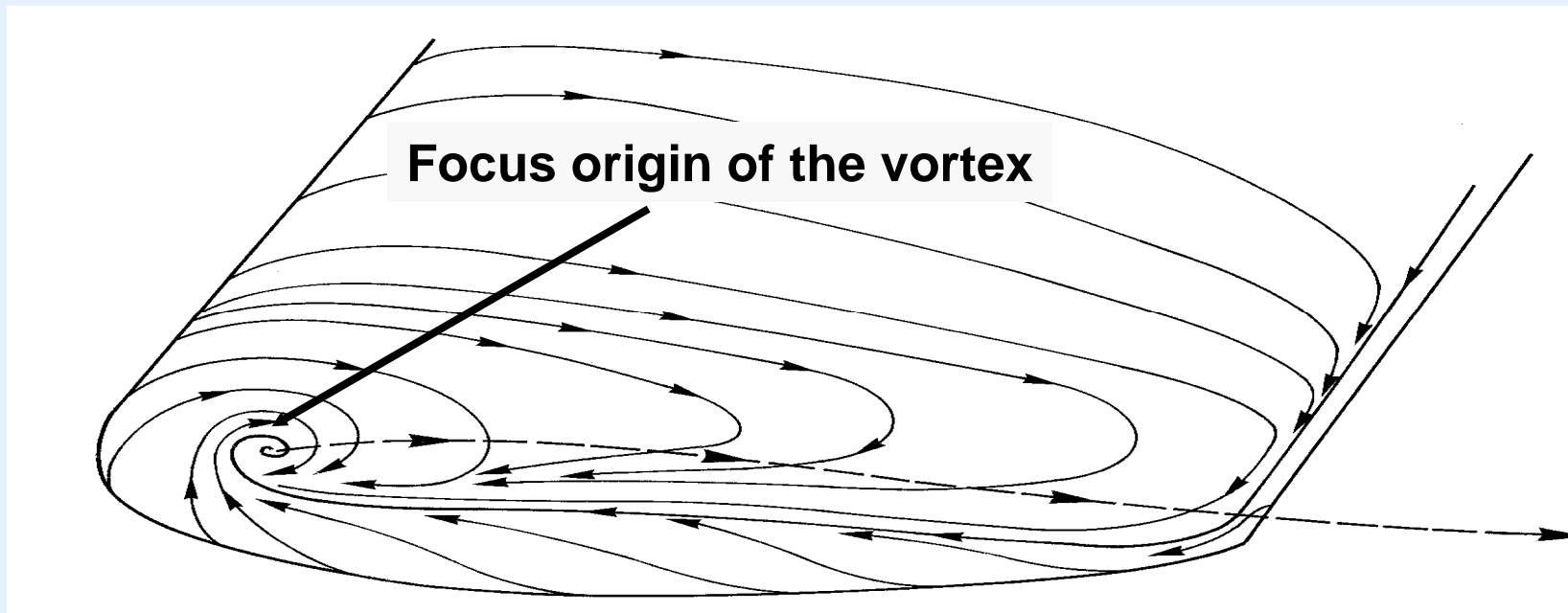
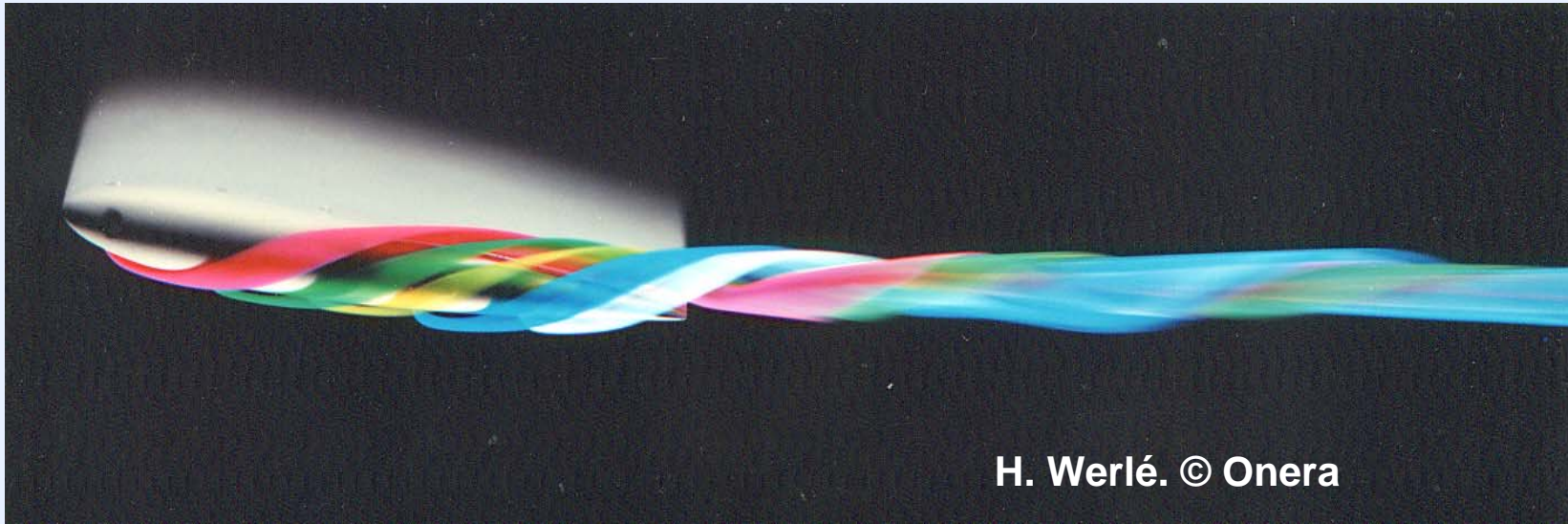


**Wake vortex of a classical wing  
Detachment surface and vortices**

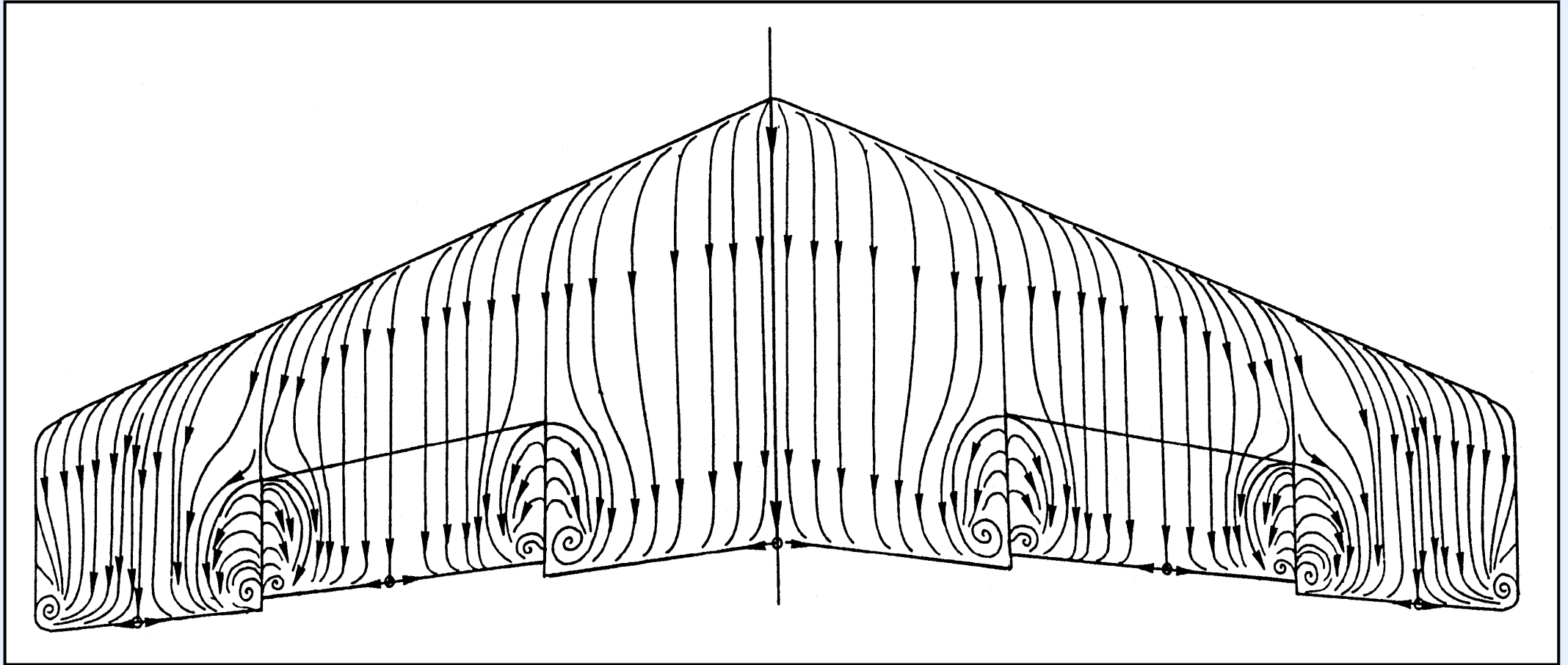


**Vorticity (entropy) produced in the boundary layers  
is concentrated in the two tip vortices**

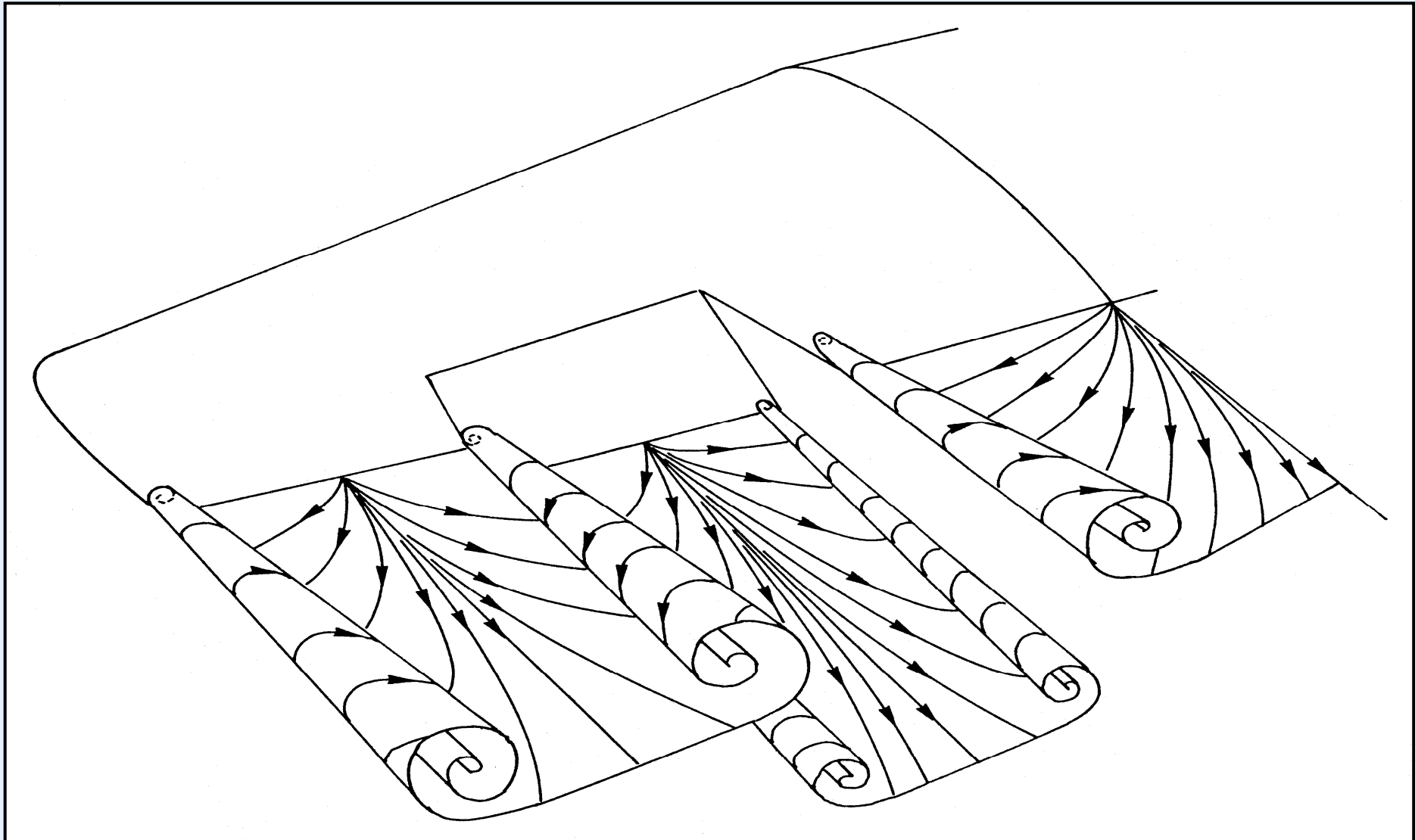
## Formation of a wing tip vortex



**Wake vortex of a wing with control surfaces**  
**Skin friction line pattern on the suction side**

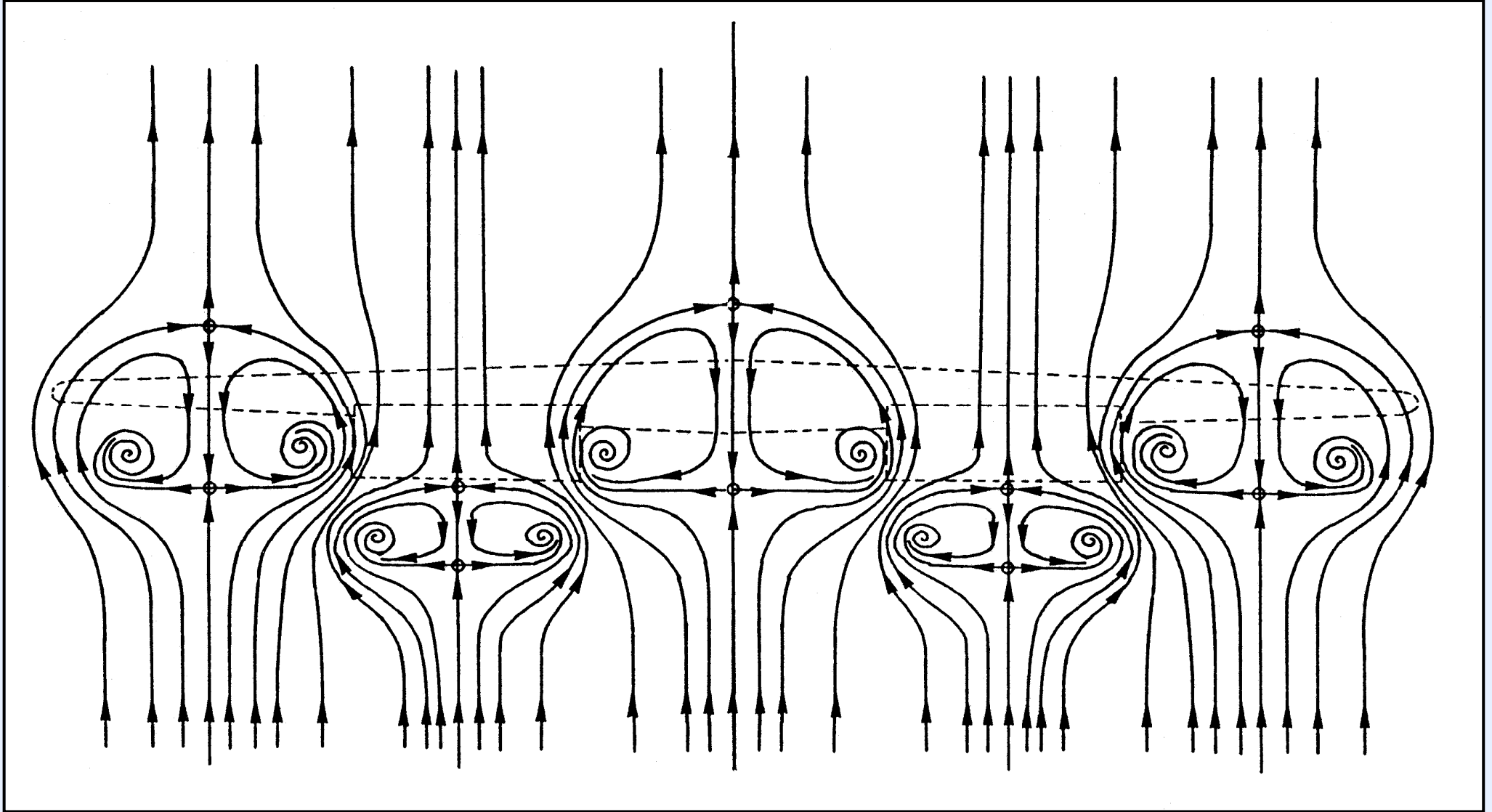


**Wake vortex of a wing with control surfaces**  
**Vortices emitted by tips of wing and control surfaces**

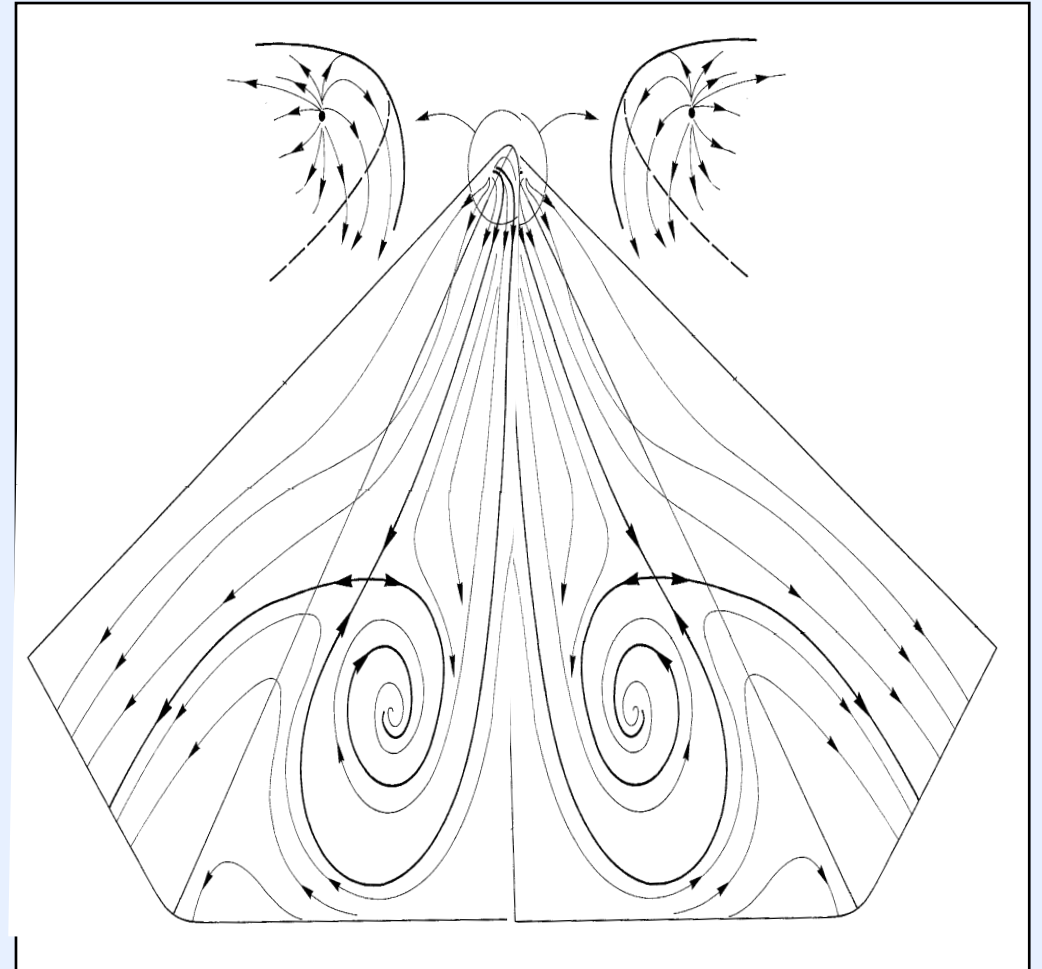
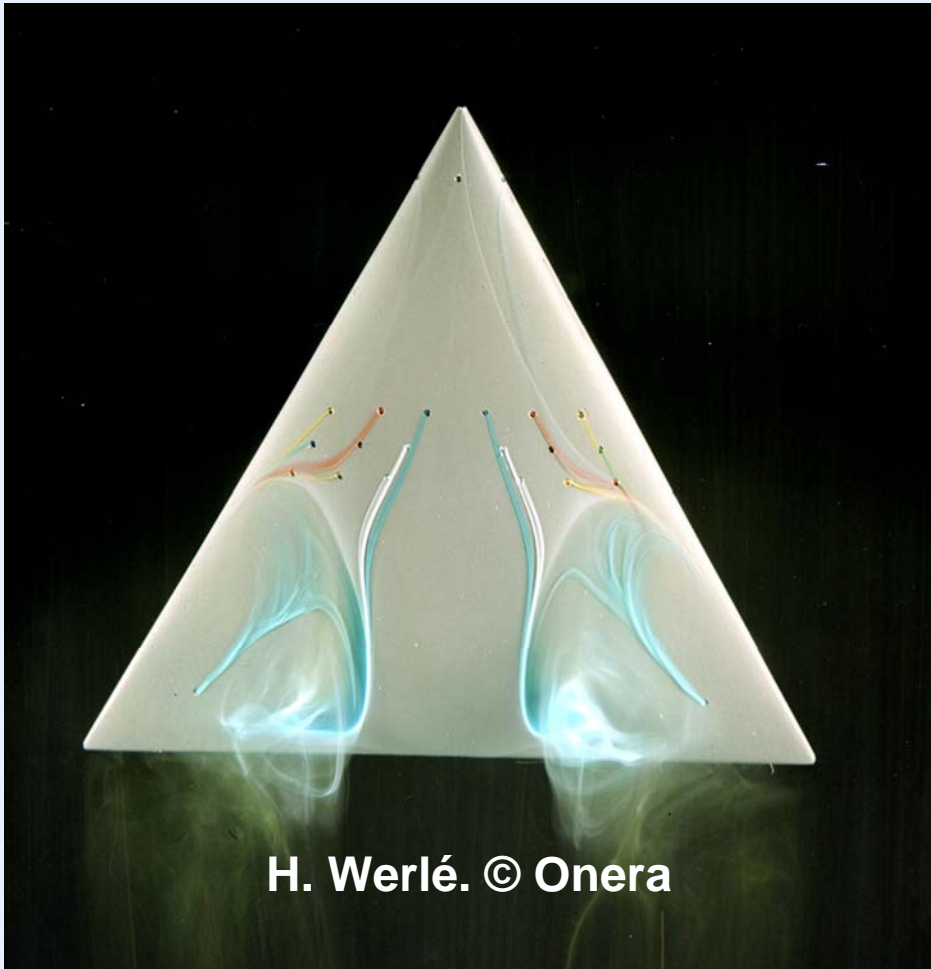




**Wake vortex of a wing with control surfaces  
Field projected in a downstream plane**

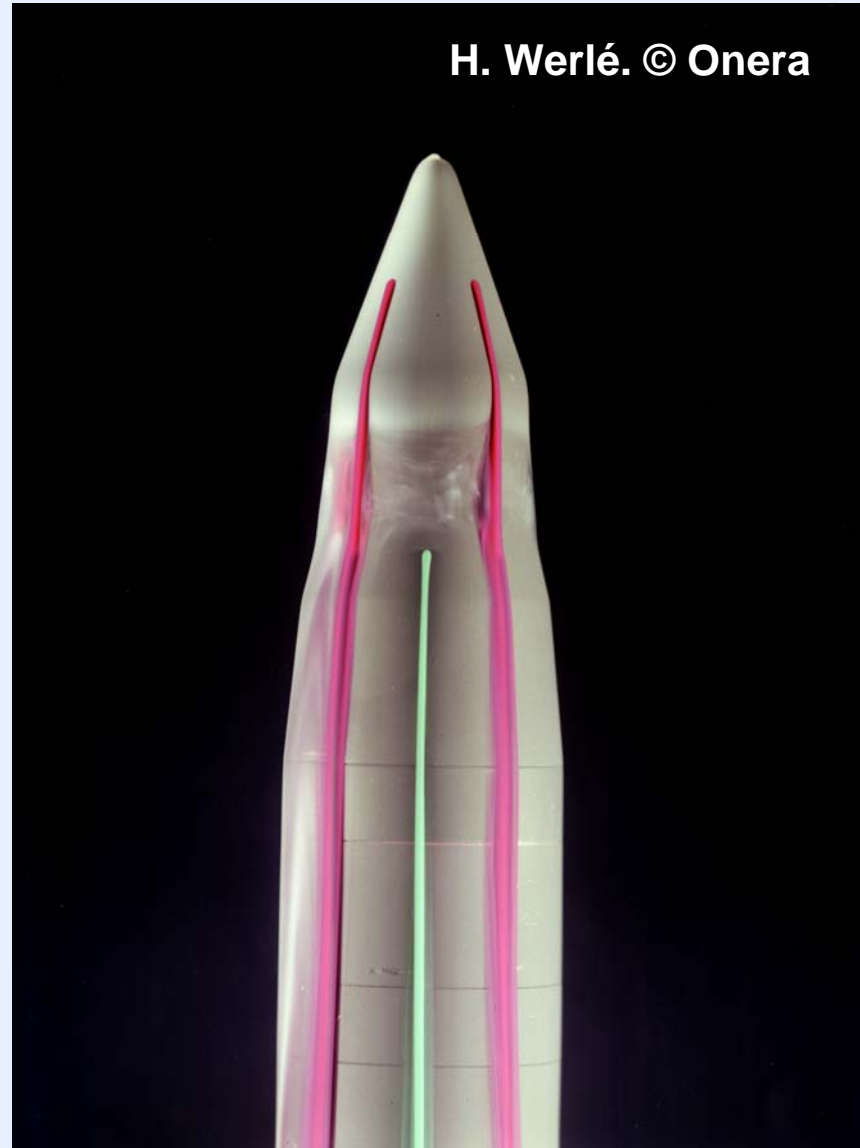


## Separation on a delta wing at very low Reynolds number

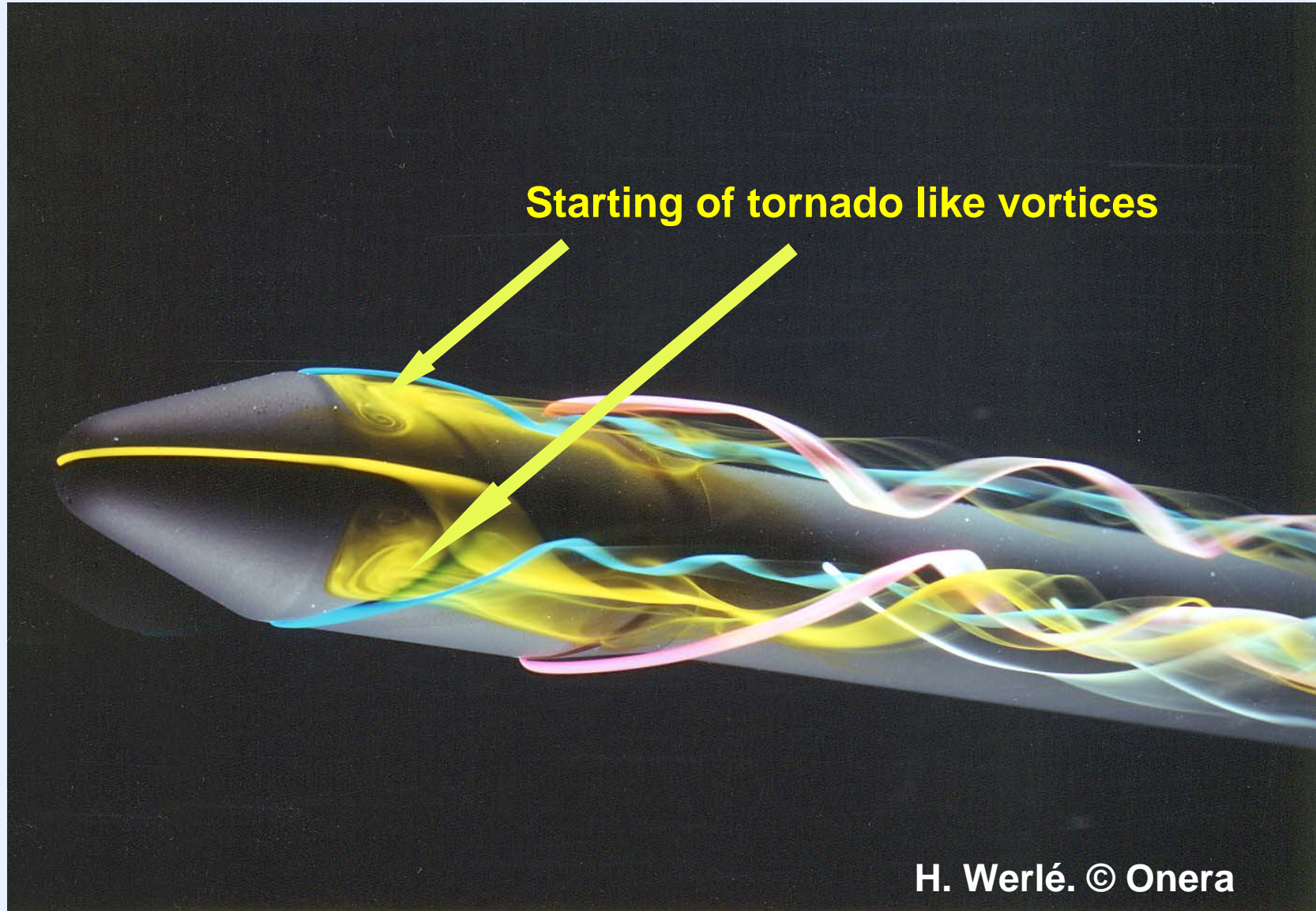


**Vortices emanate from foci distinct from the wing apex**

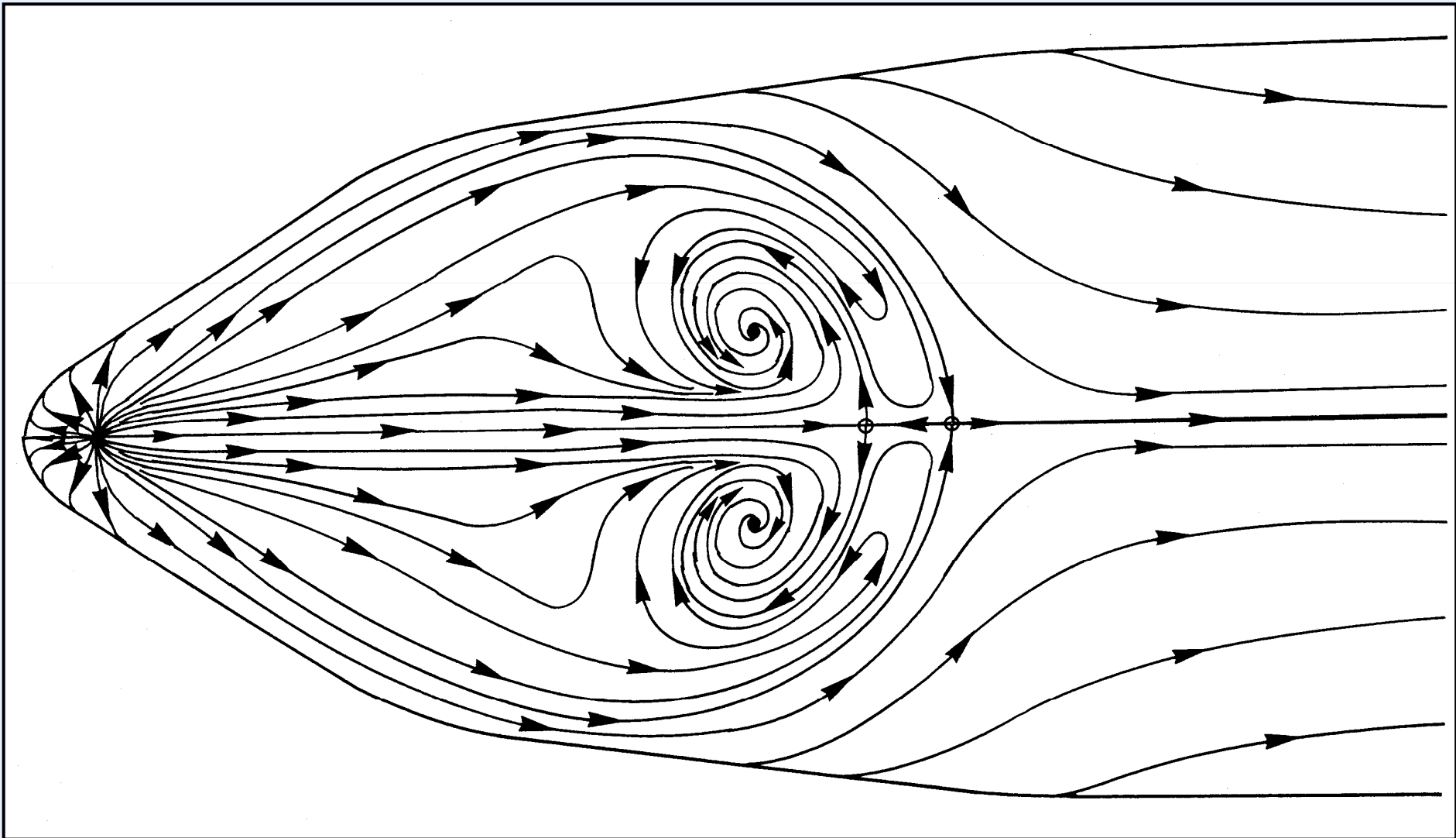
## Separation on a slender body



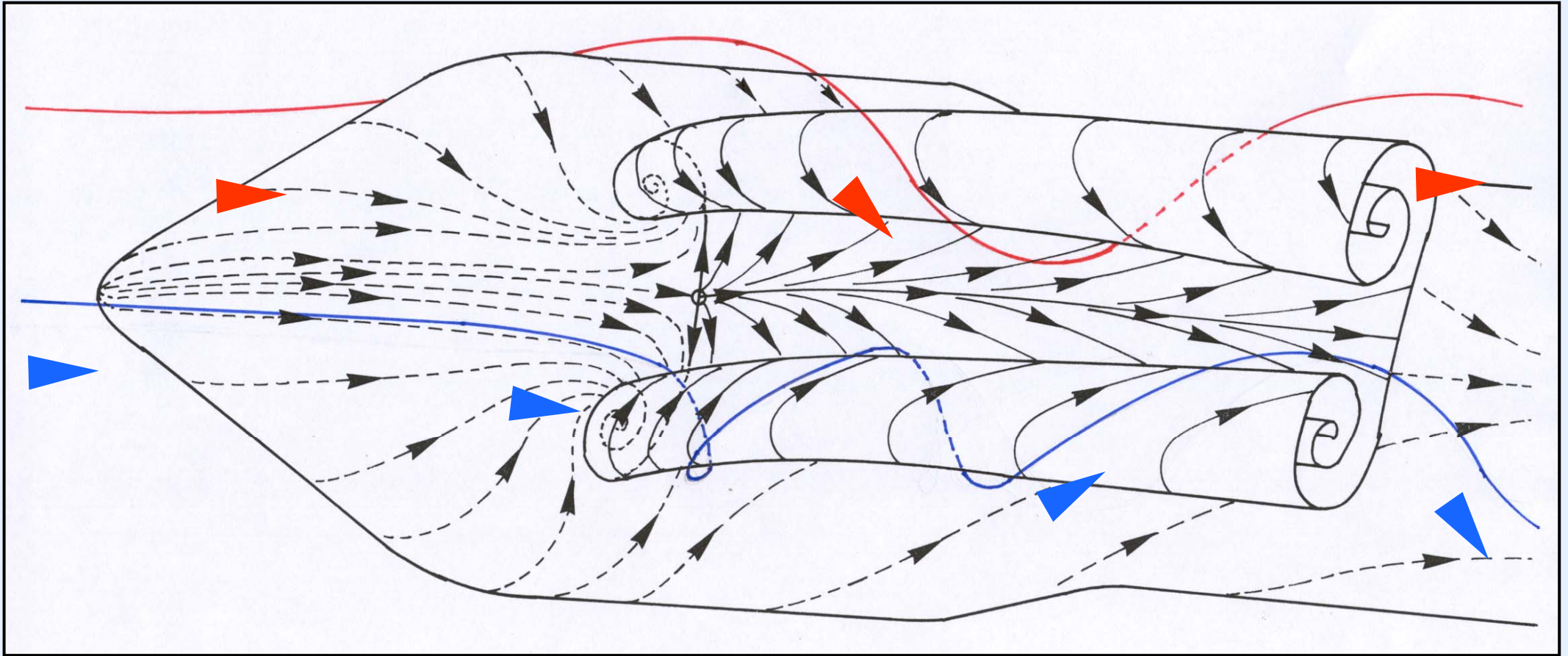
## Separation on a space launcher ogive



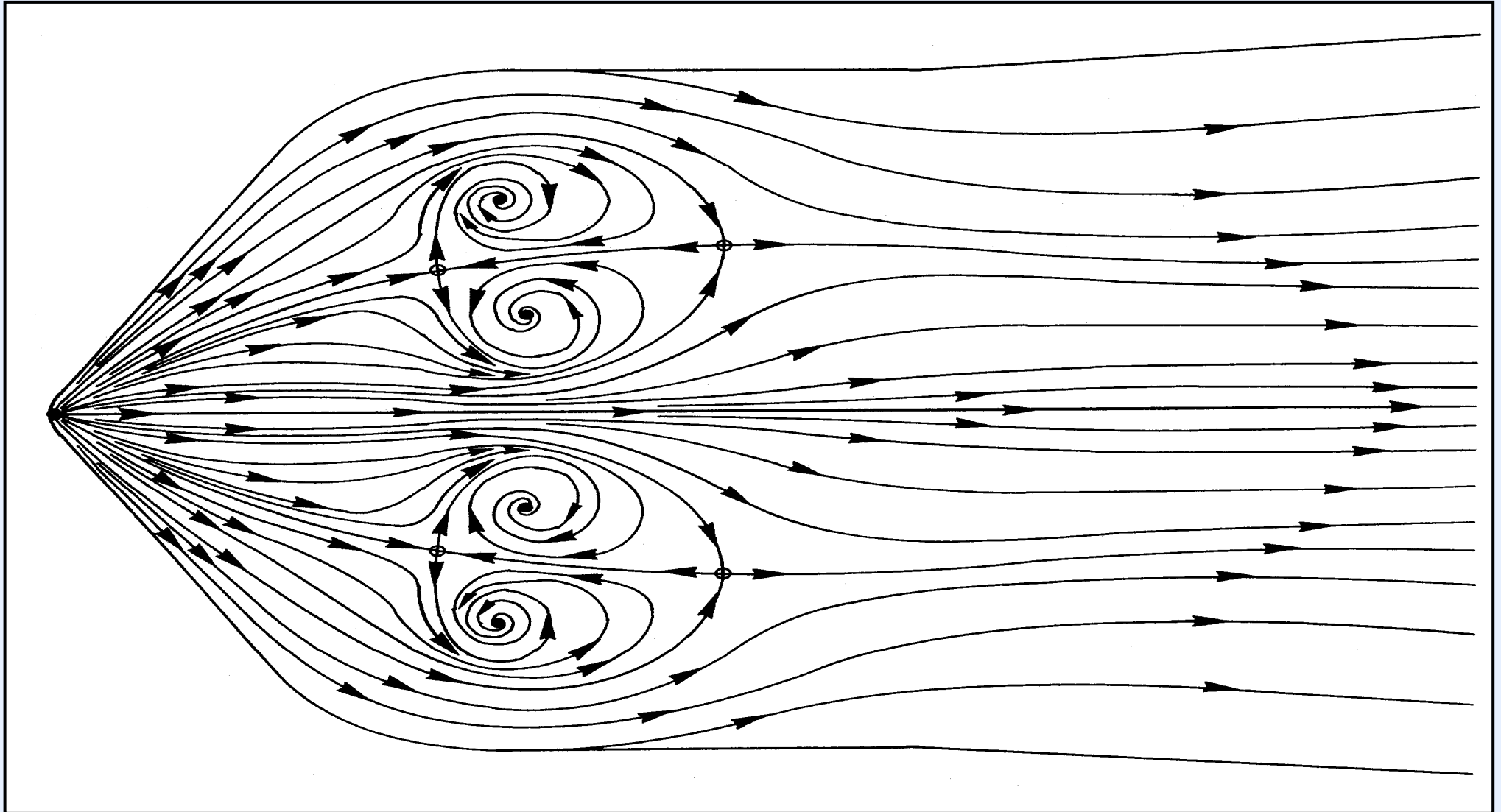
**Separation on a blunted slender body  
Separation with two tornado like vortices. Skin friction line pattern.**



**Separation on a blunted slender body**  
**Separation with two tornado like vortices. Detachment surfaces**



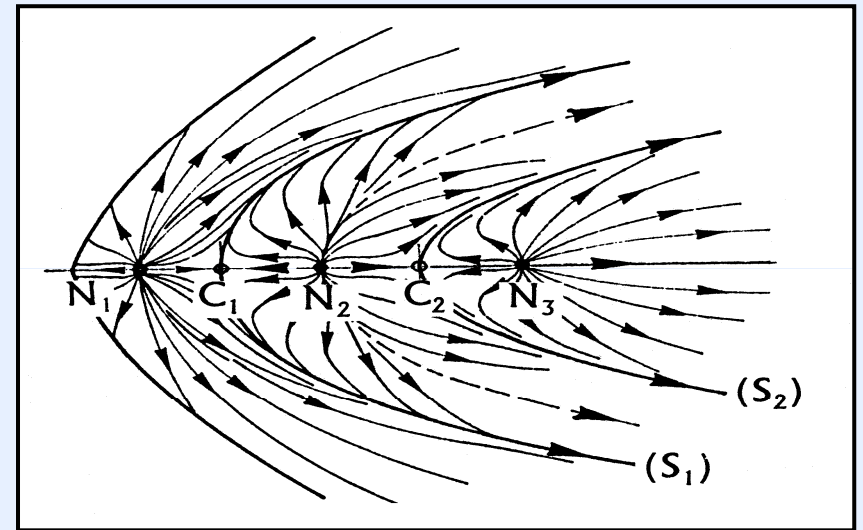
**Detachment on a missile ogive with flat faces**  
**Separation with four tornado like vortices**



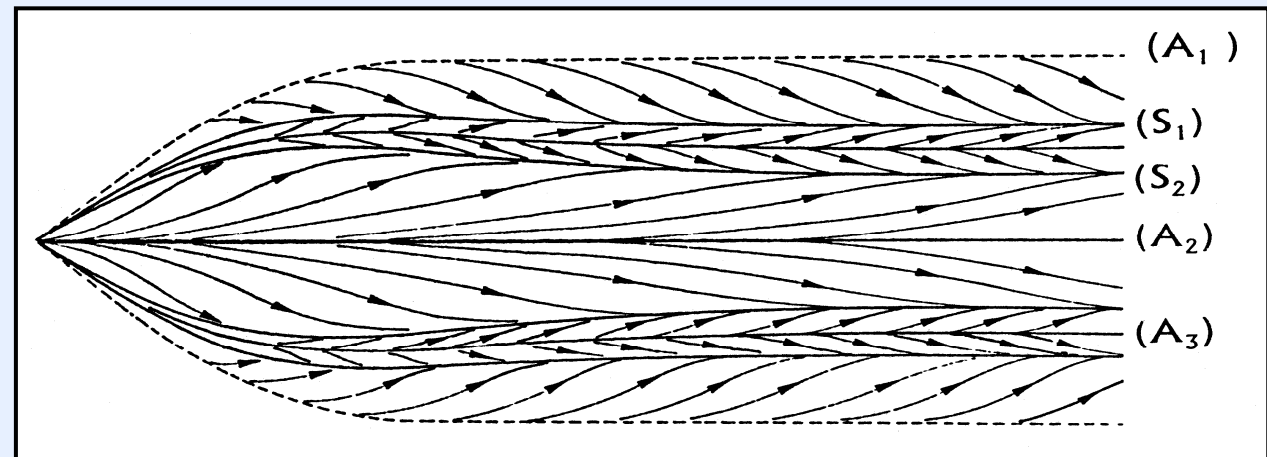
# Separation on a sharp slender body

Skin friction line pattern

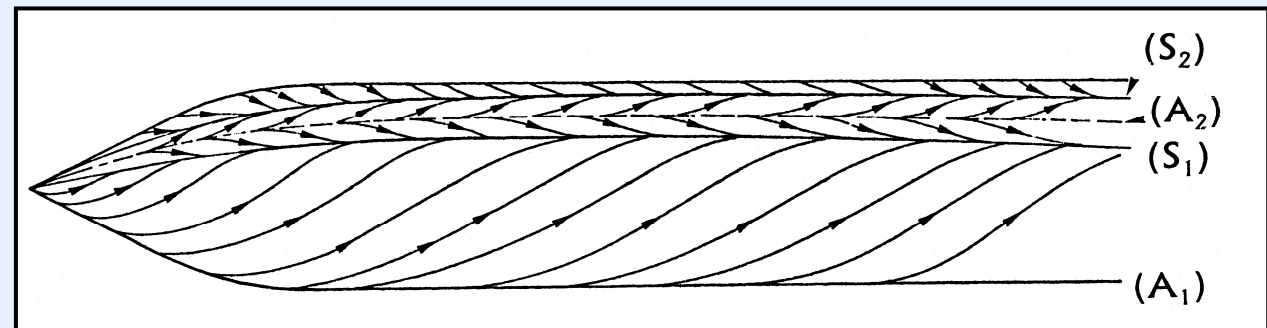
Details near the apex



View from above  
(body surface developed)



Side view

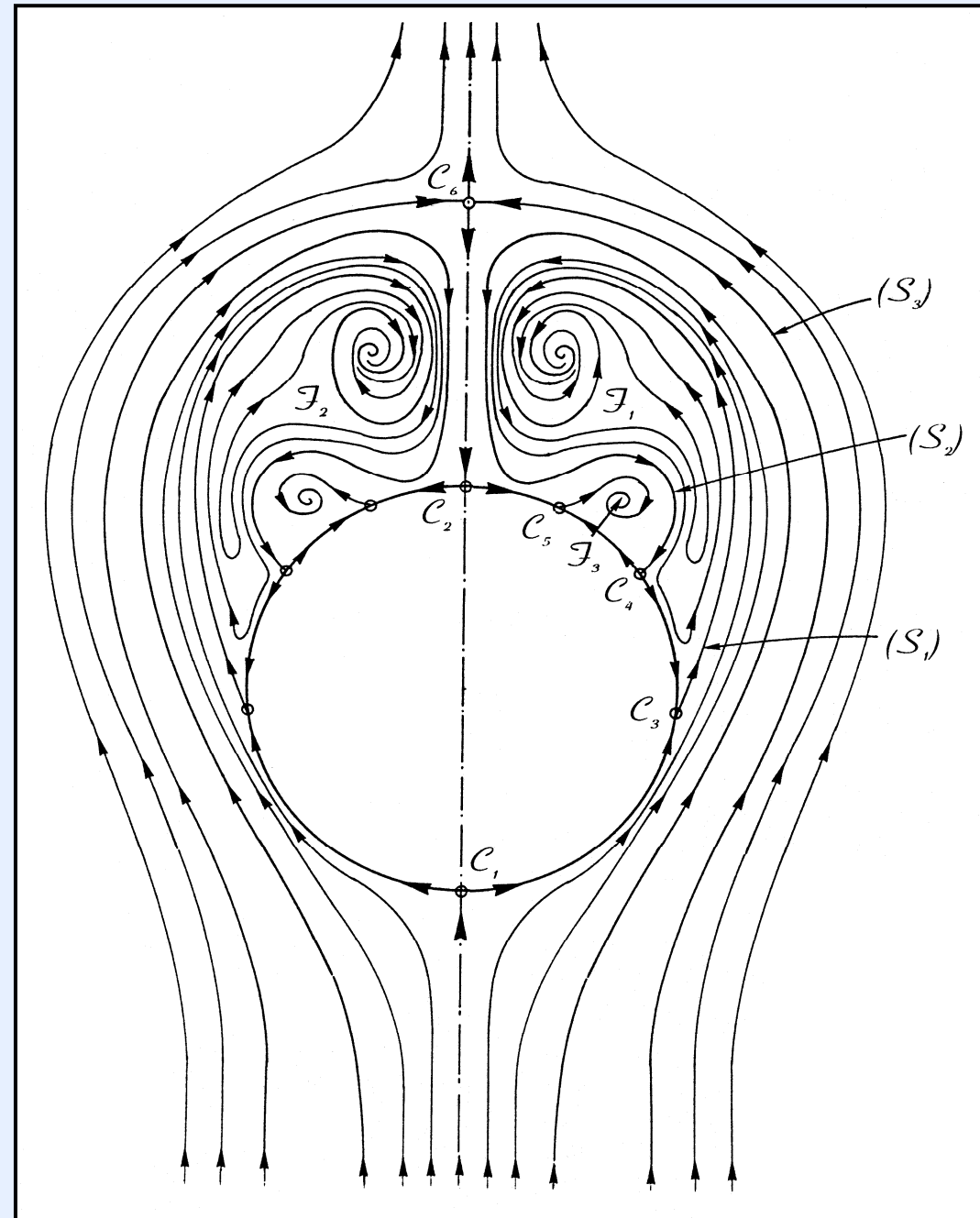




## Separation on a sharp slender body

### Two-vortex system

Field projected in a plane normal to the body axis



**Separation on a sharp slender body**

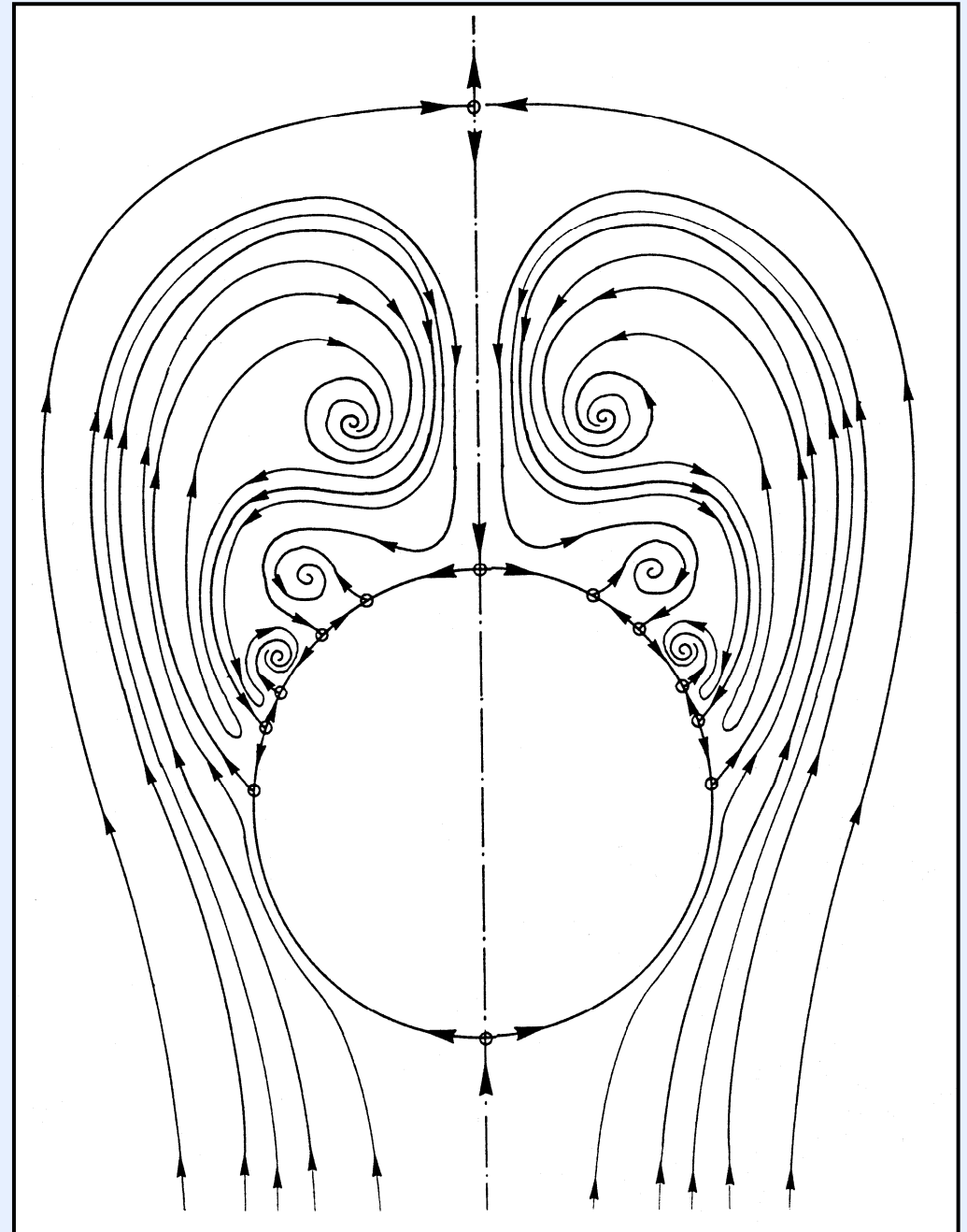


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## Separation on a sharp slender body

Three-vortex system

Field projected in a plane  
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**Separation on a sharp slender body in a Mach 2 flow  
Laser sheet visualization**



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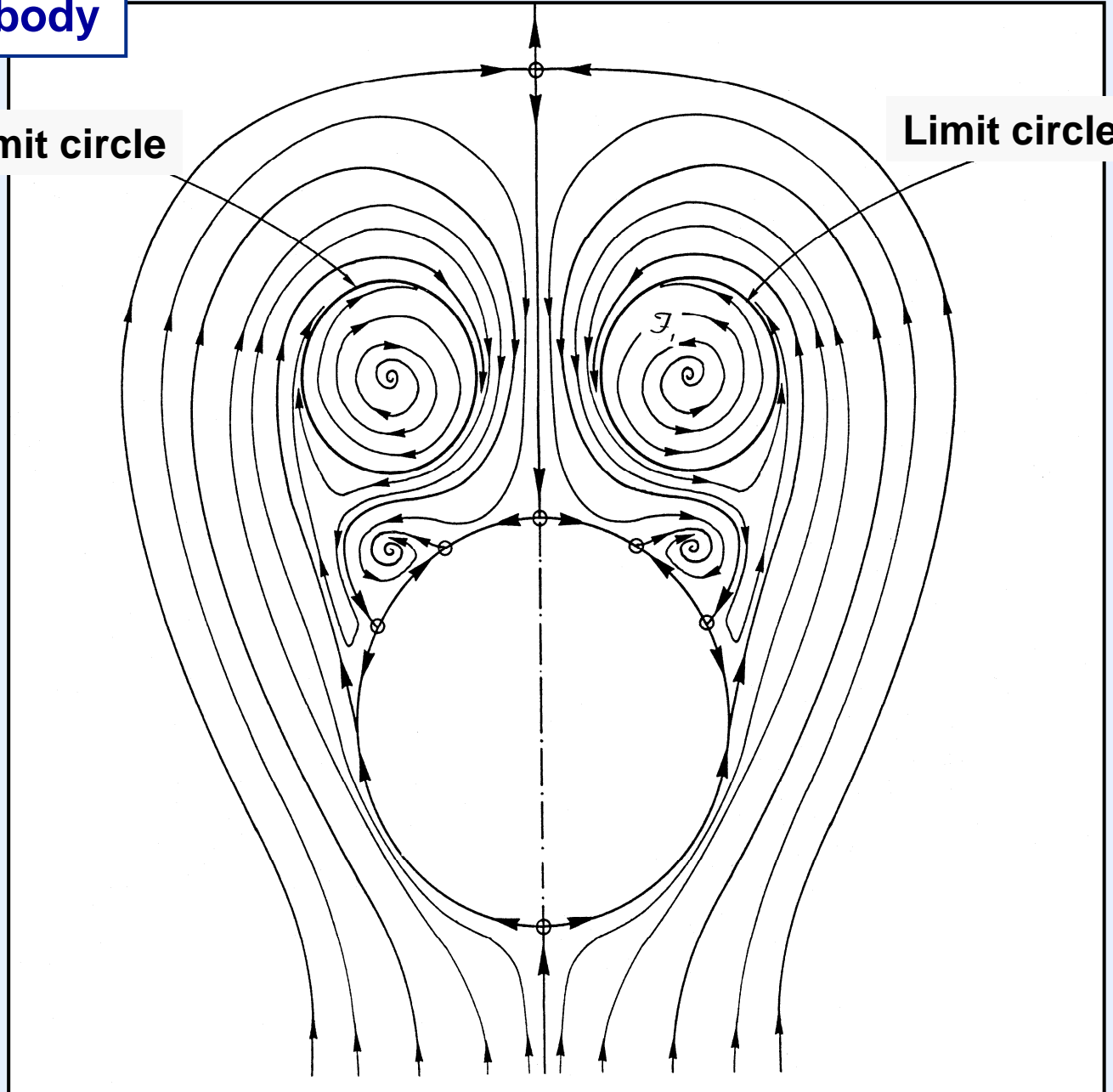
## Separation on a sharp slender body

Existence of a limit circle

Field projected in a plane normal to the body axis

Limit circle

Limit circle



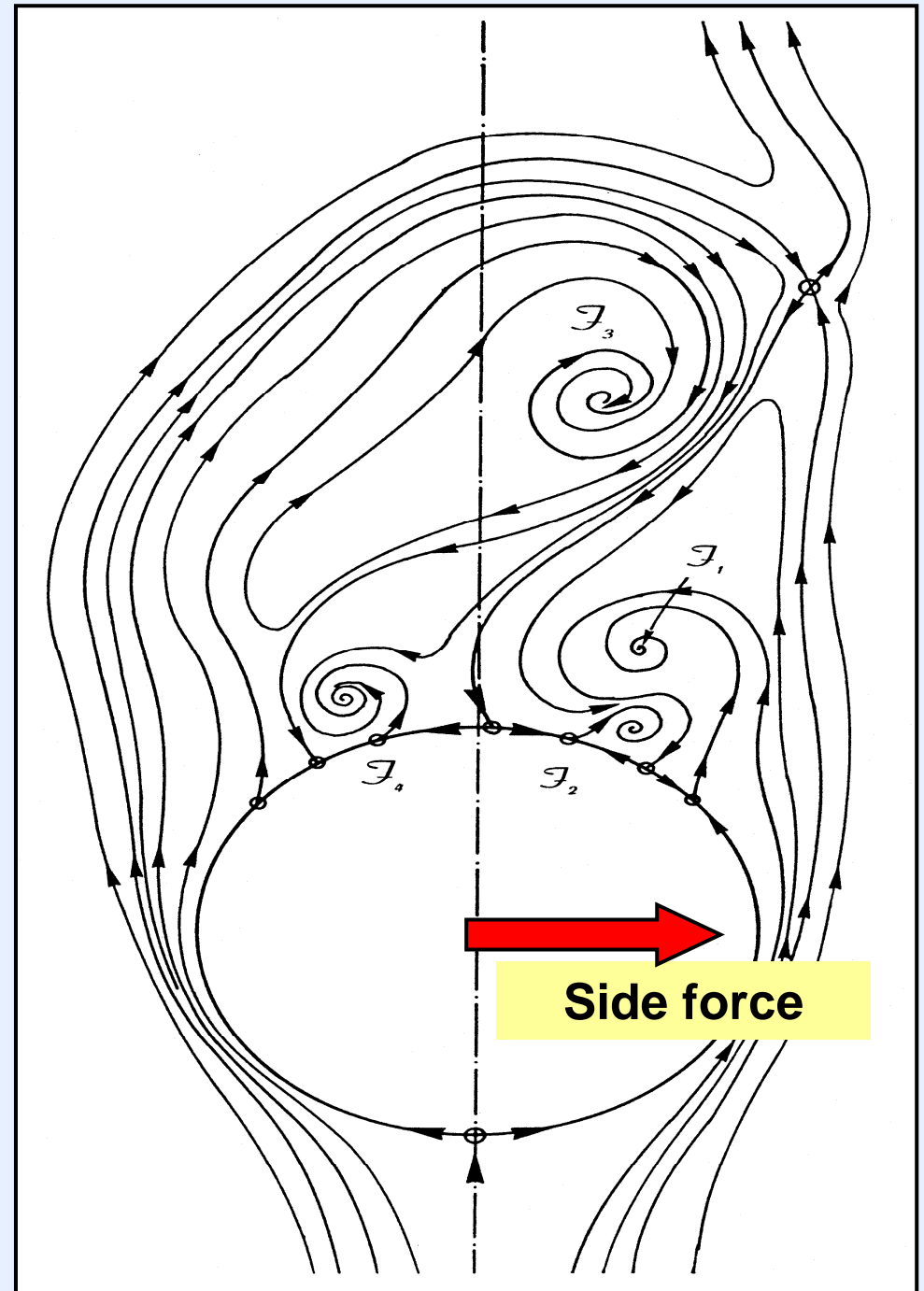
## Separation on a sharp slender body

### Asymmetric configuration and side force

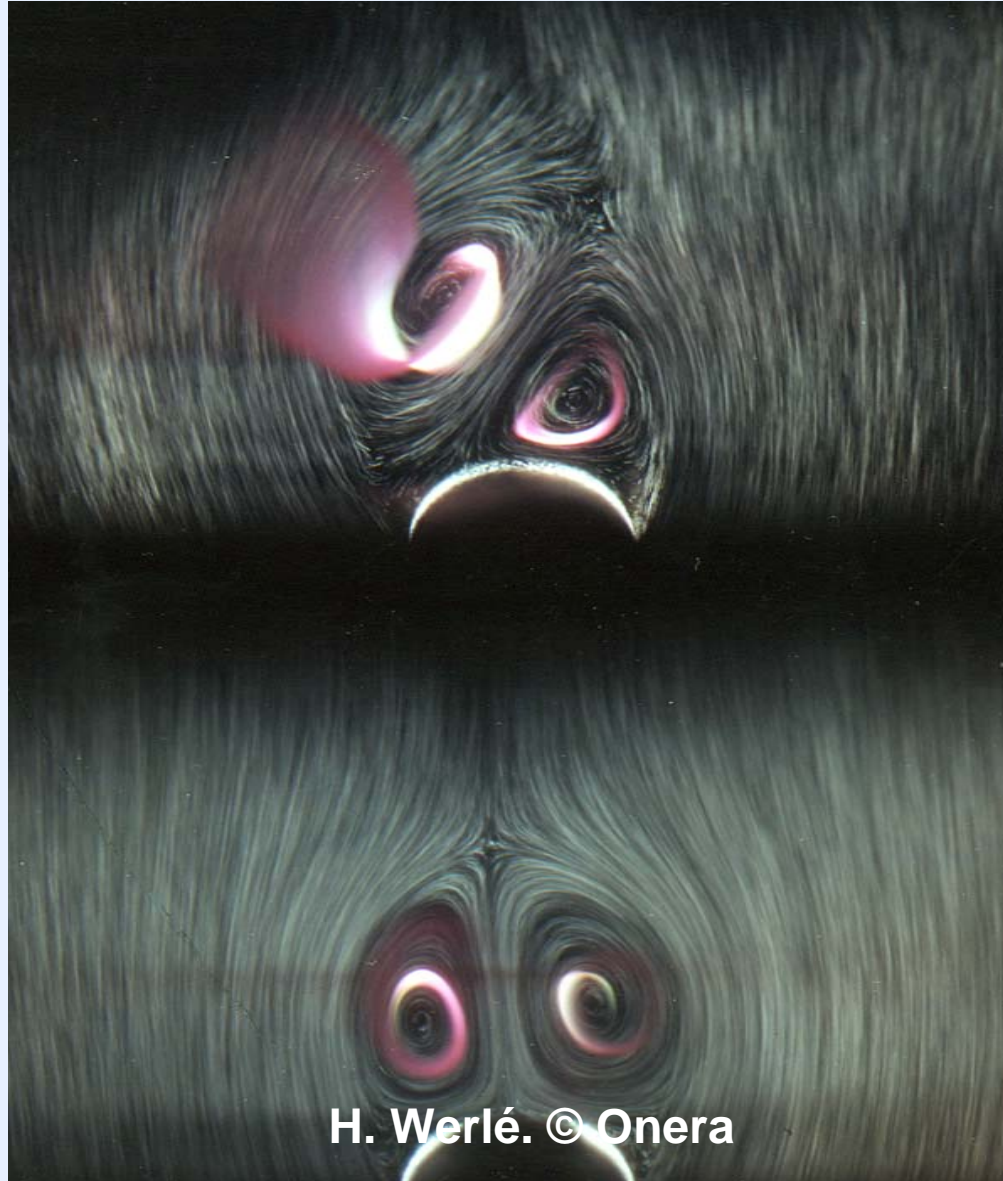
Interaction between the two vortices may lead to a loss of symmetry for the system

This occurs in a well defined range of angle of incidence. Asymmetry entails existence of a side force

Field projected in a plane  
normal to the body axis

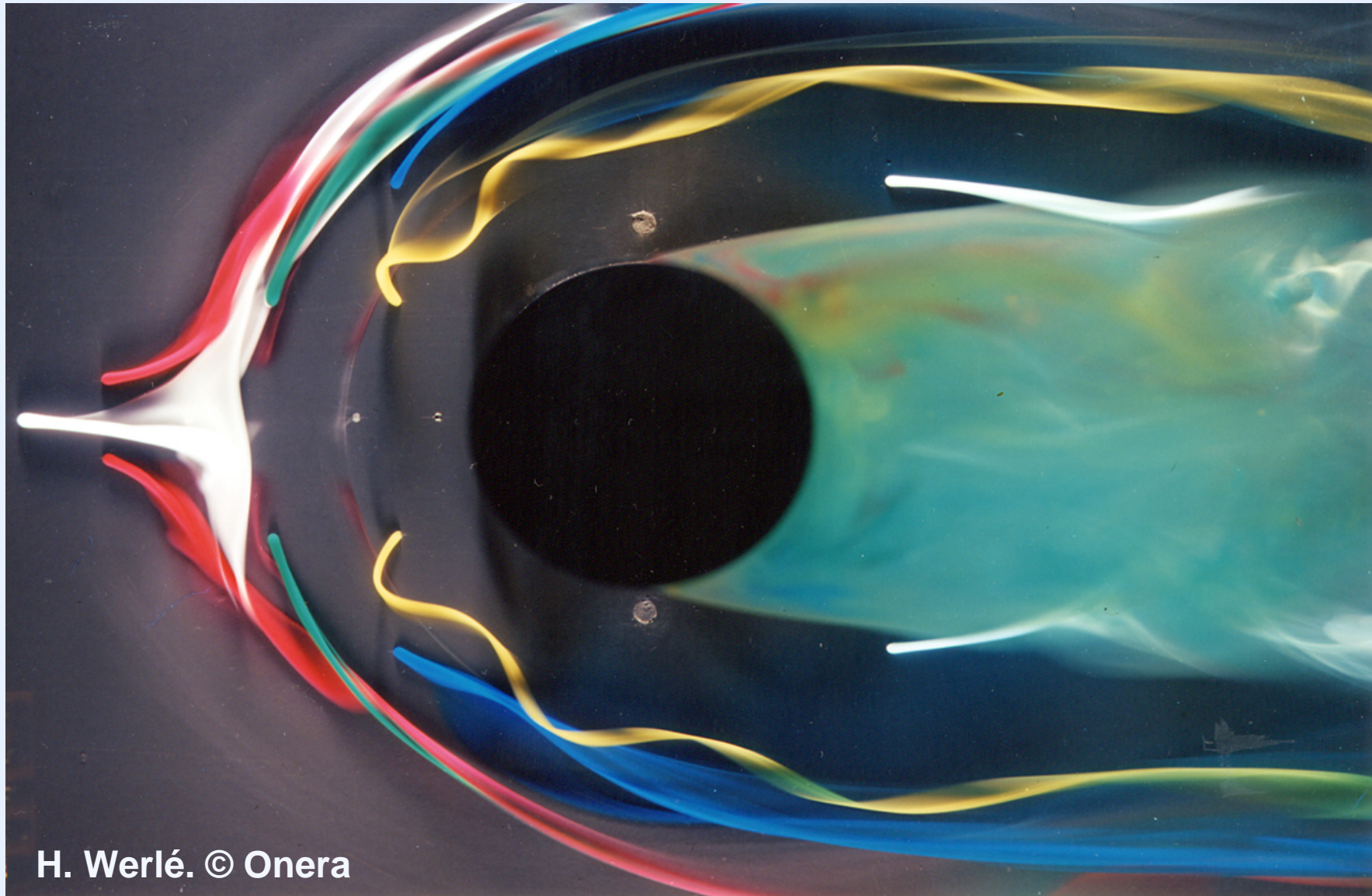


**Separation on a sharp slender body  
Symmetrical and asymmetrical configurations**



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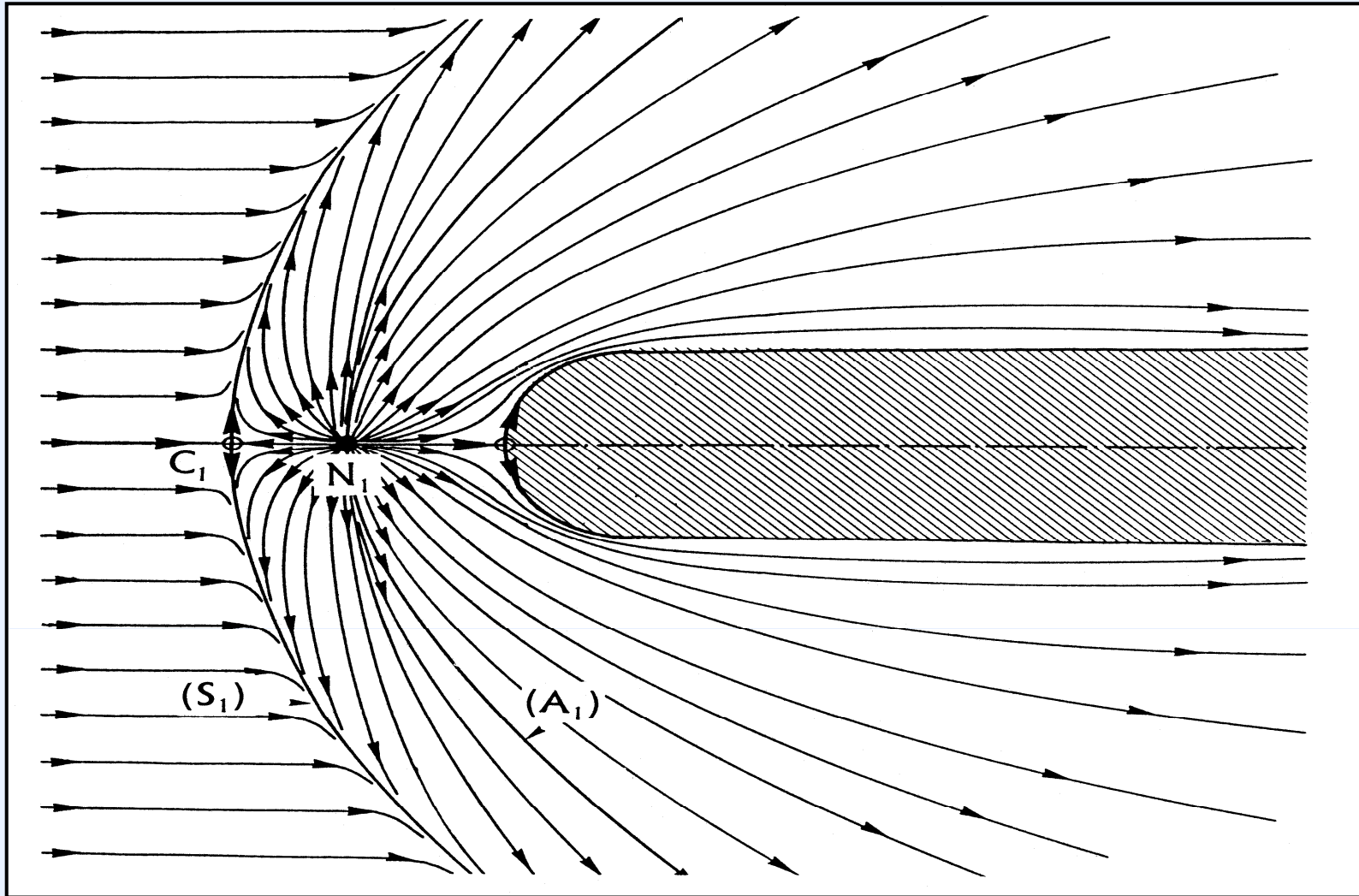
## Separation induced by a blunt obstacle



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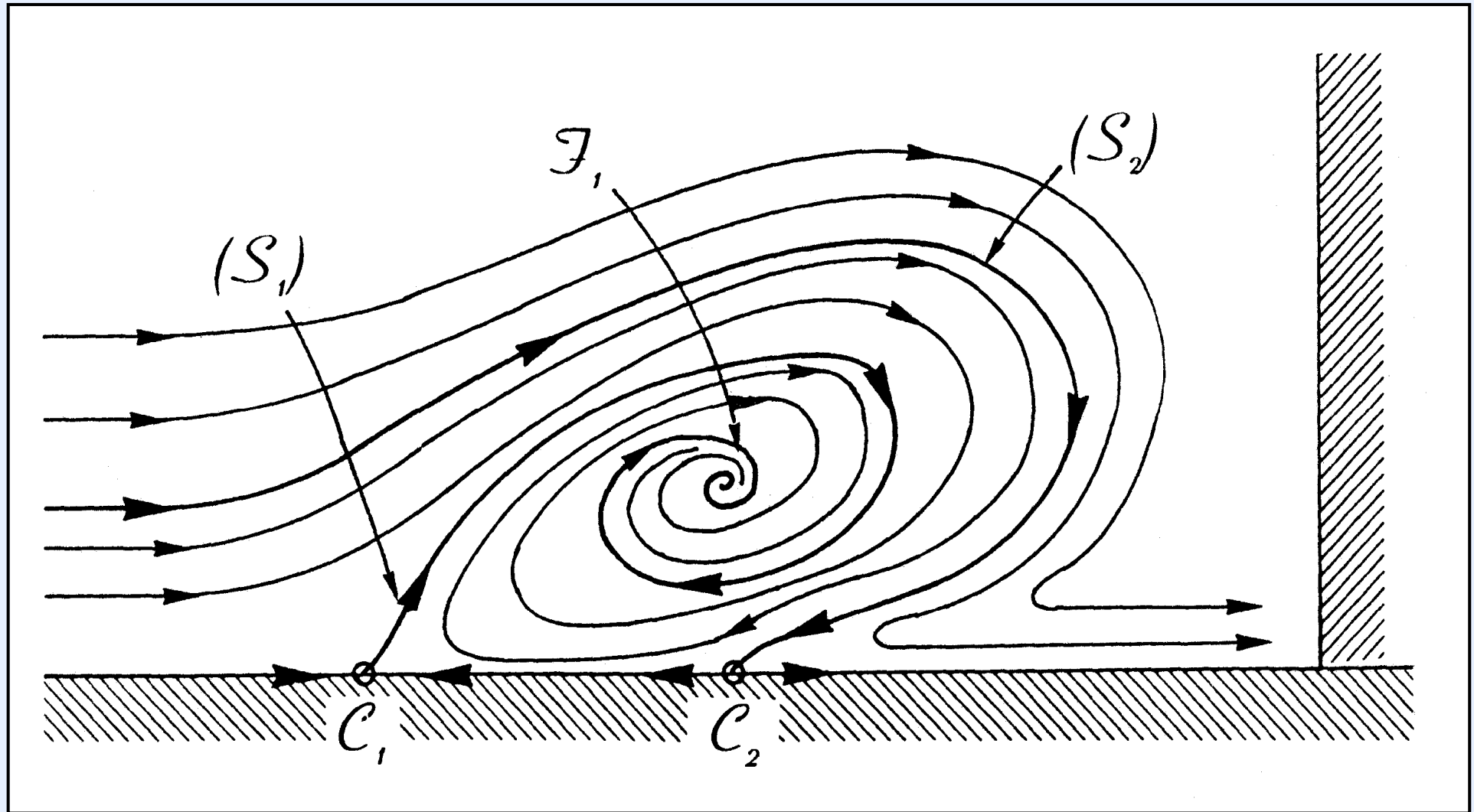


**Separation induced by a blunt obstacle**  
**Skin friction line pattern**



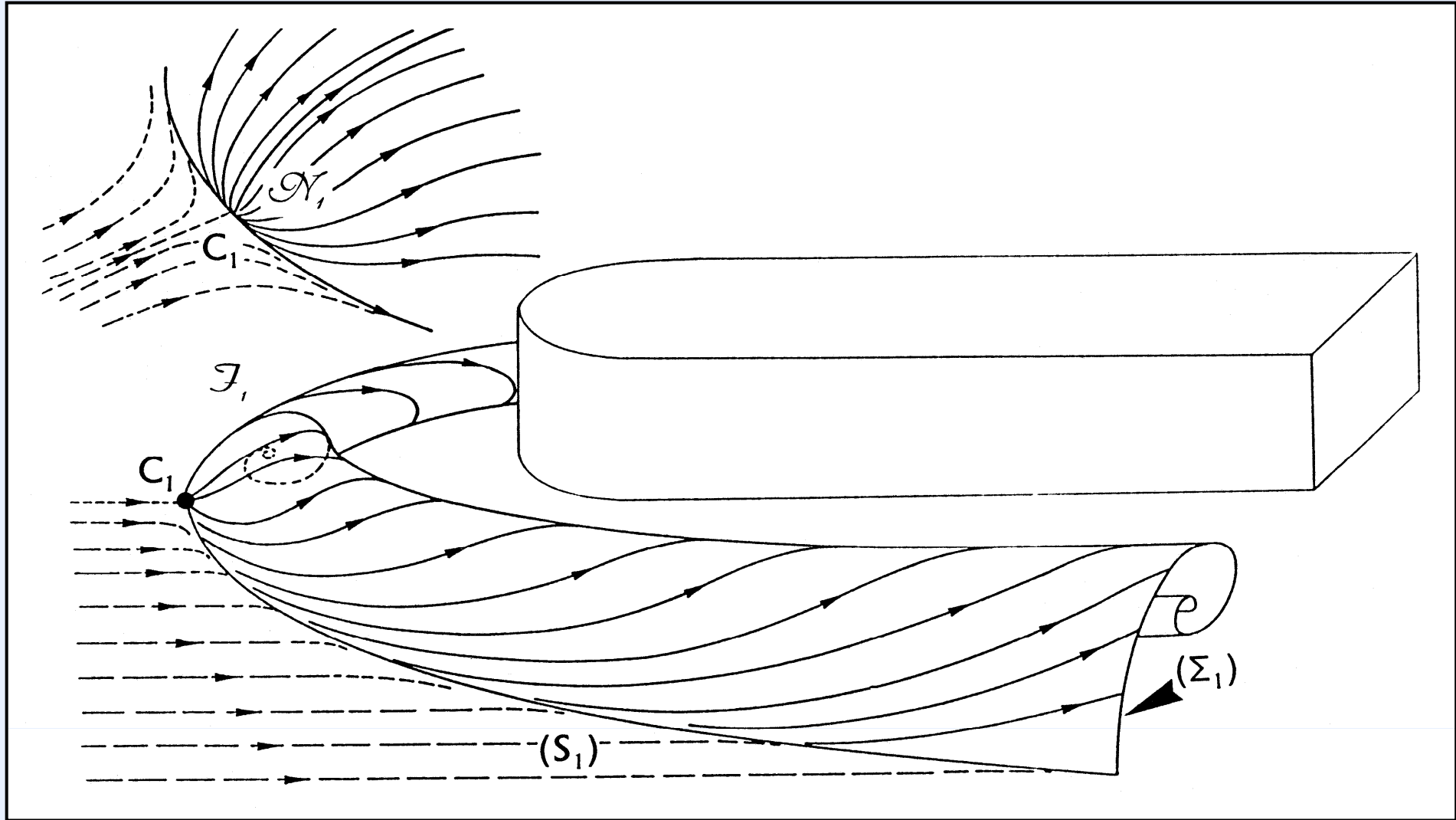
**One-vortex system**

Separation induced by a blunt obstacle  
Flow in the symmetry plane



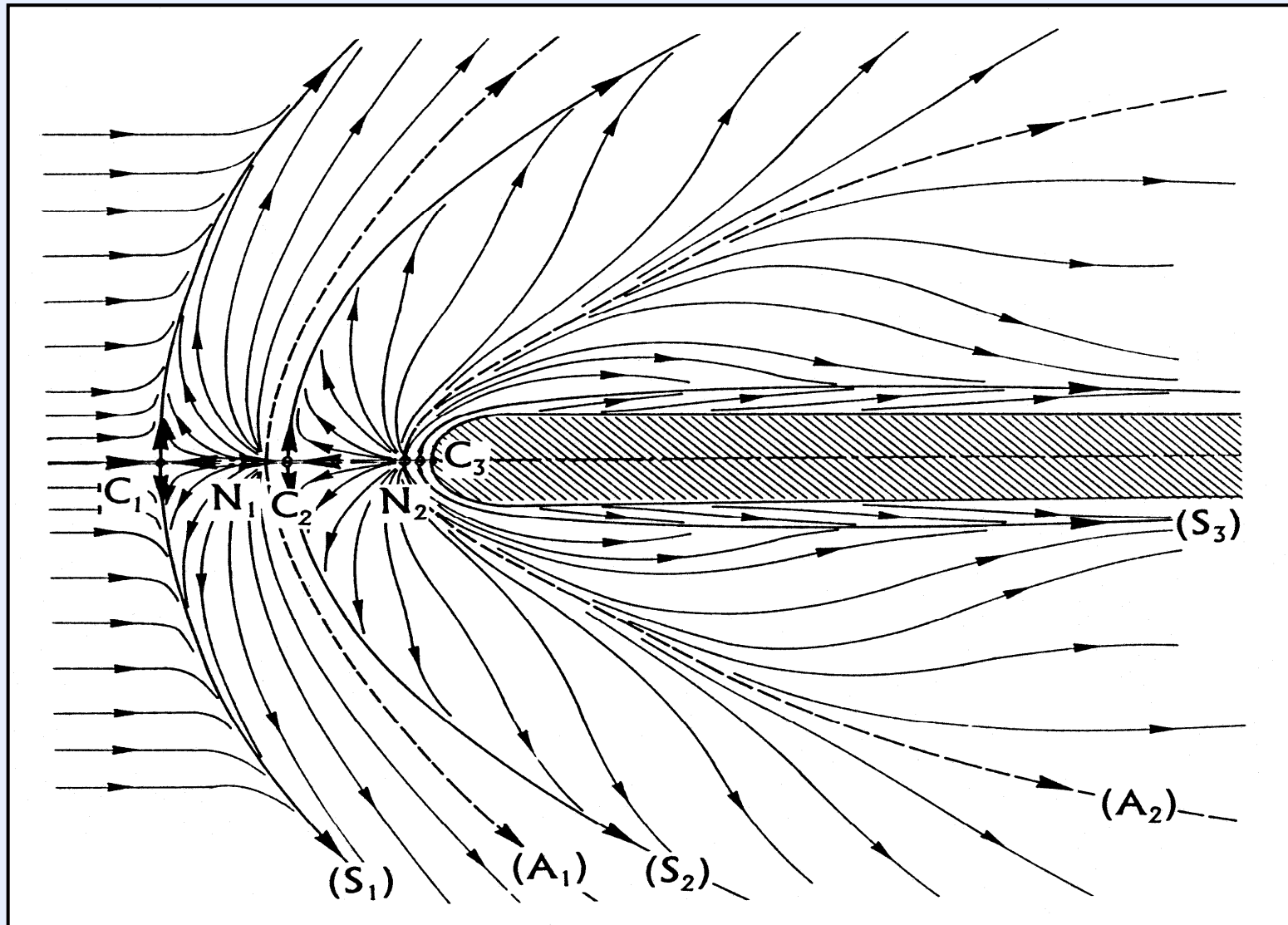
One-vortex system

Separation induced by a blunt obstacle  
Detachment surface



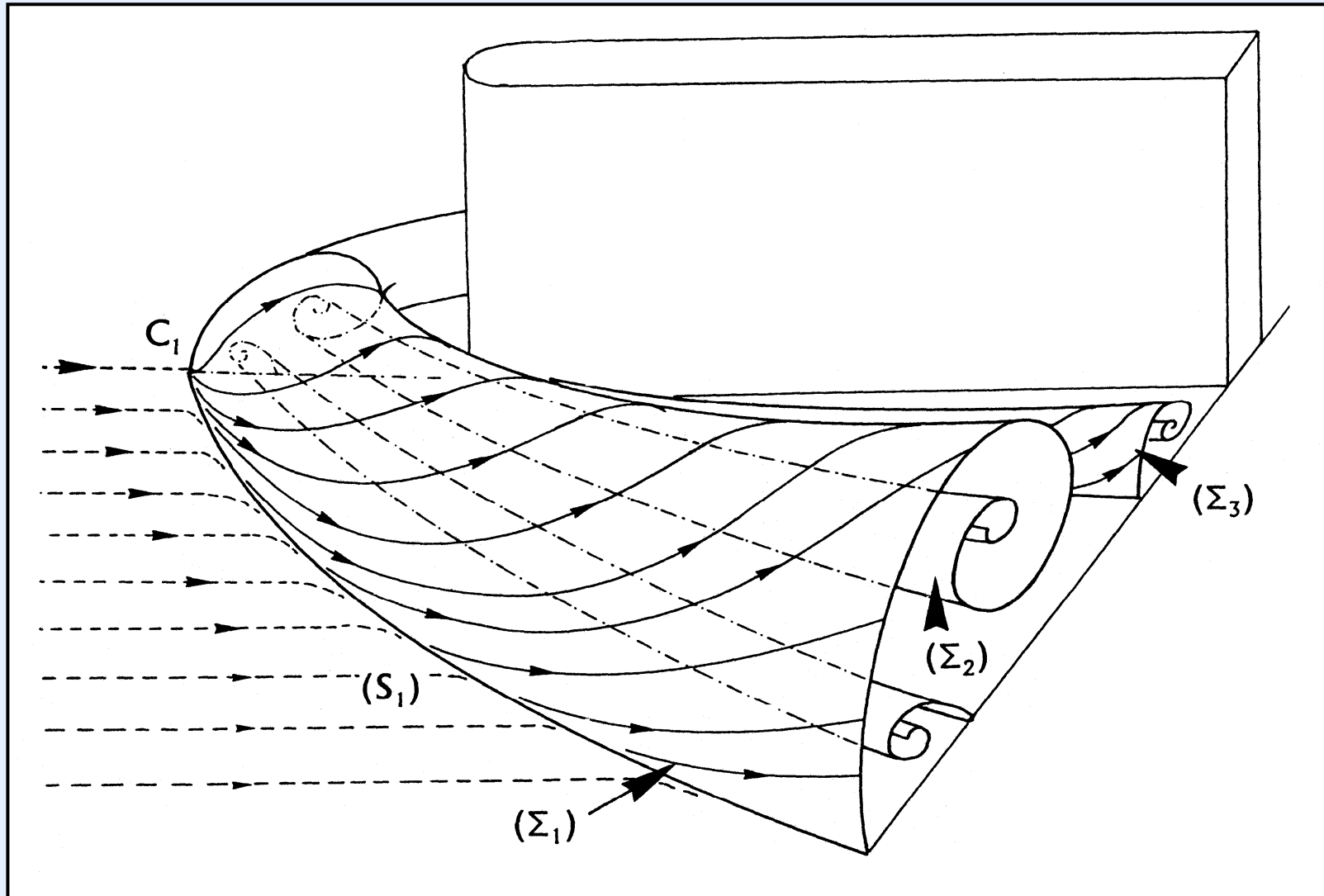
One-vortex system

Separation induced by a blunt obstacle  
Skin friction line pattern



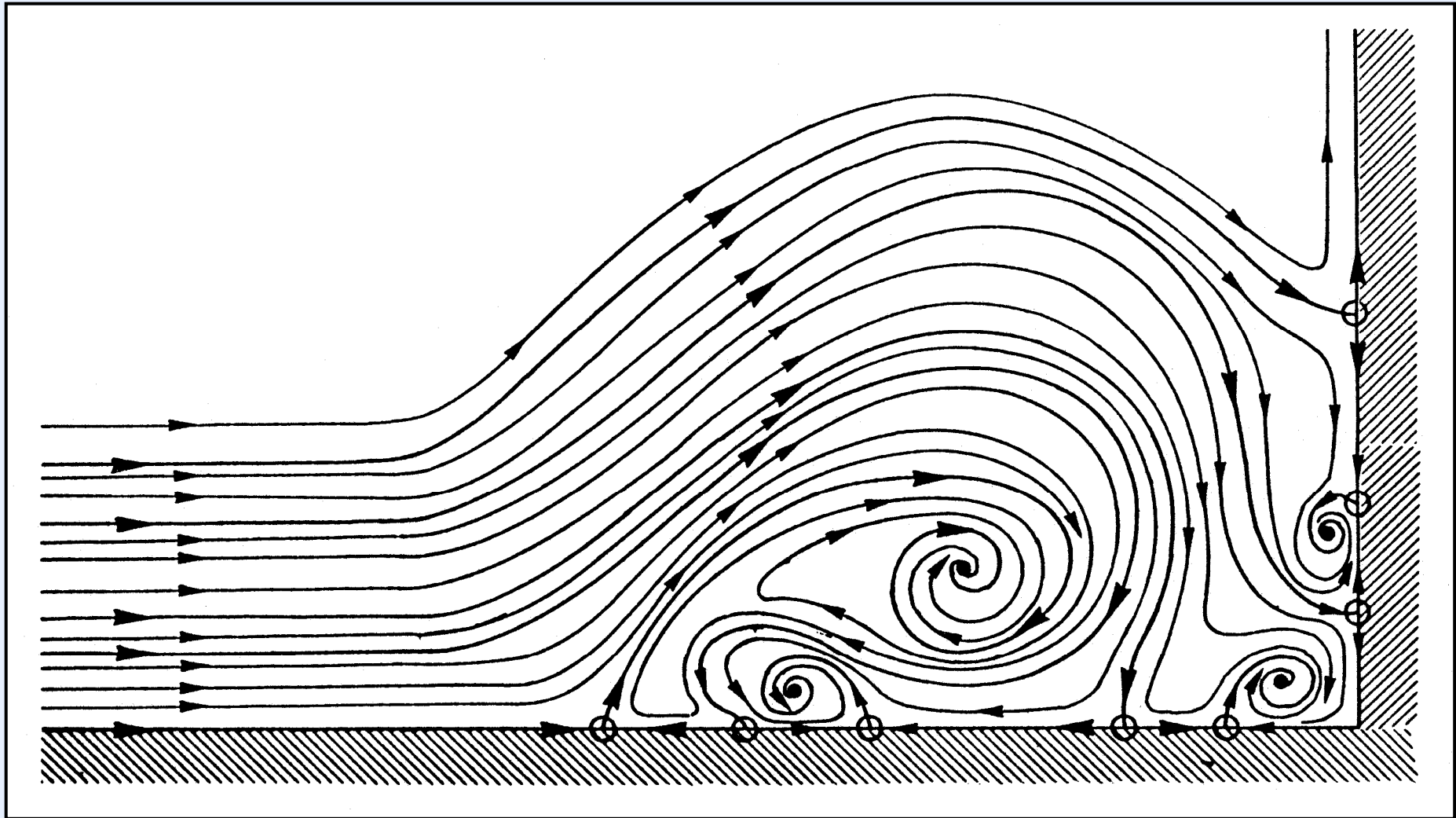
Three-vortex system

Separation induced by a blunt obstacle  
Detachment surface



Three-vortex system

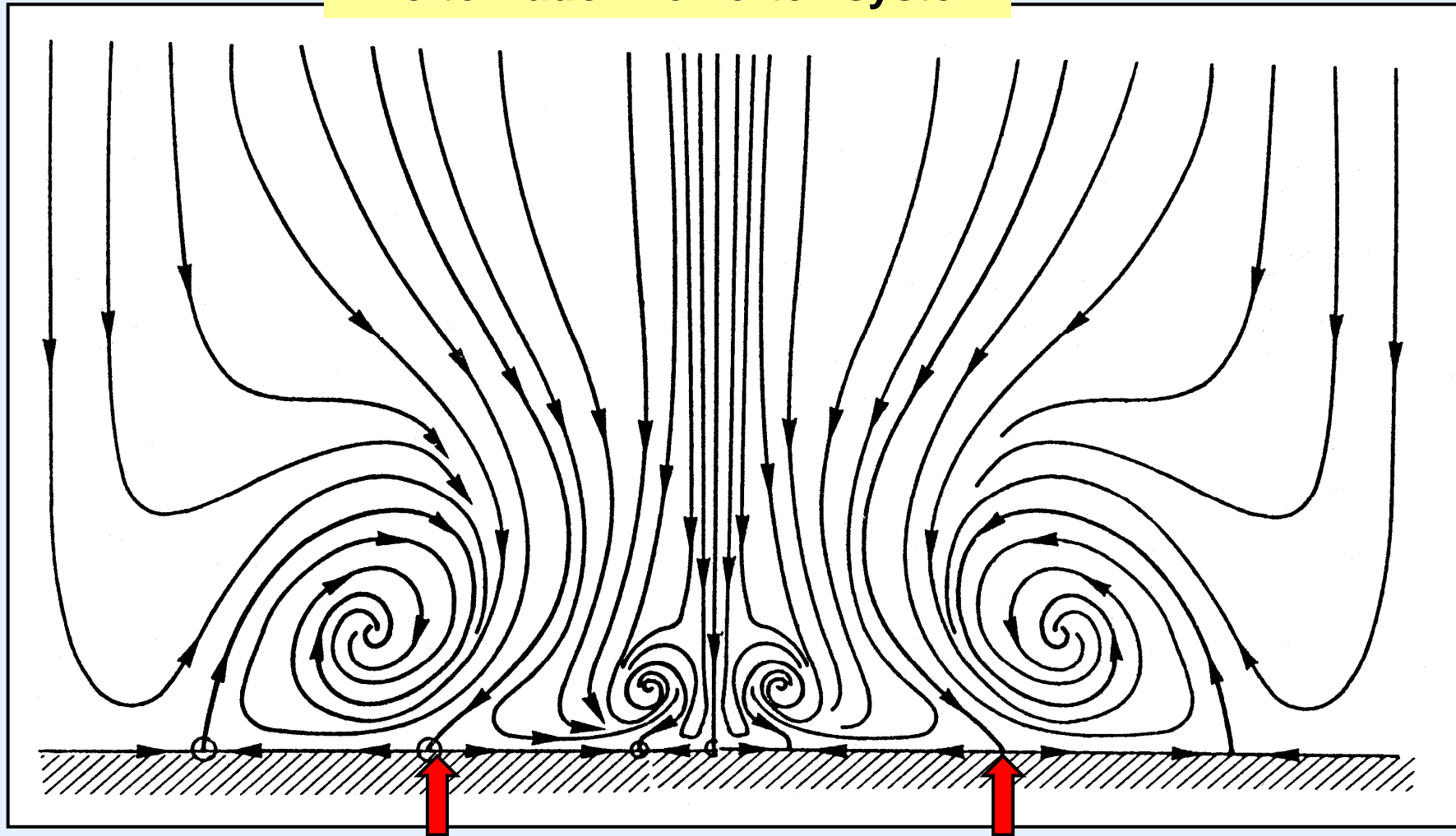
**Separation induced by a blunt obstacle**  
**Flow in the symmetry plane**



**Four-vortex system**

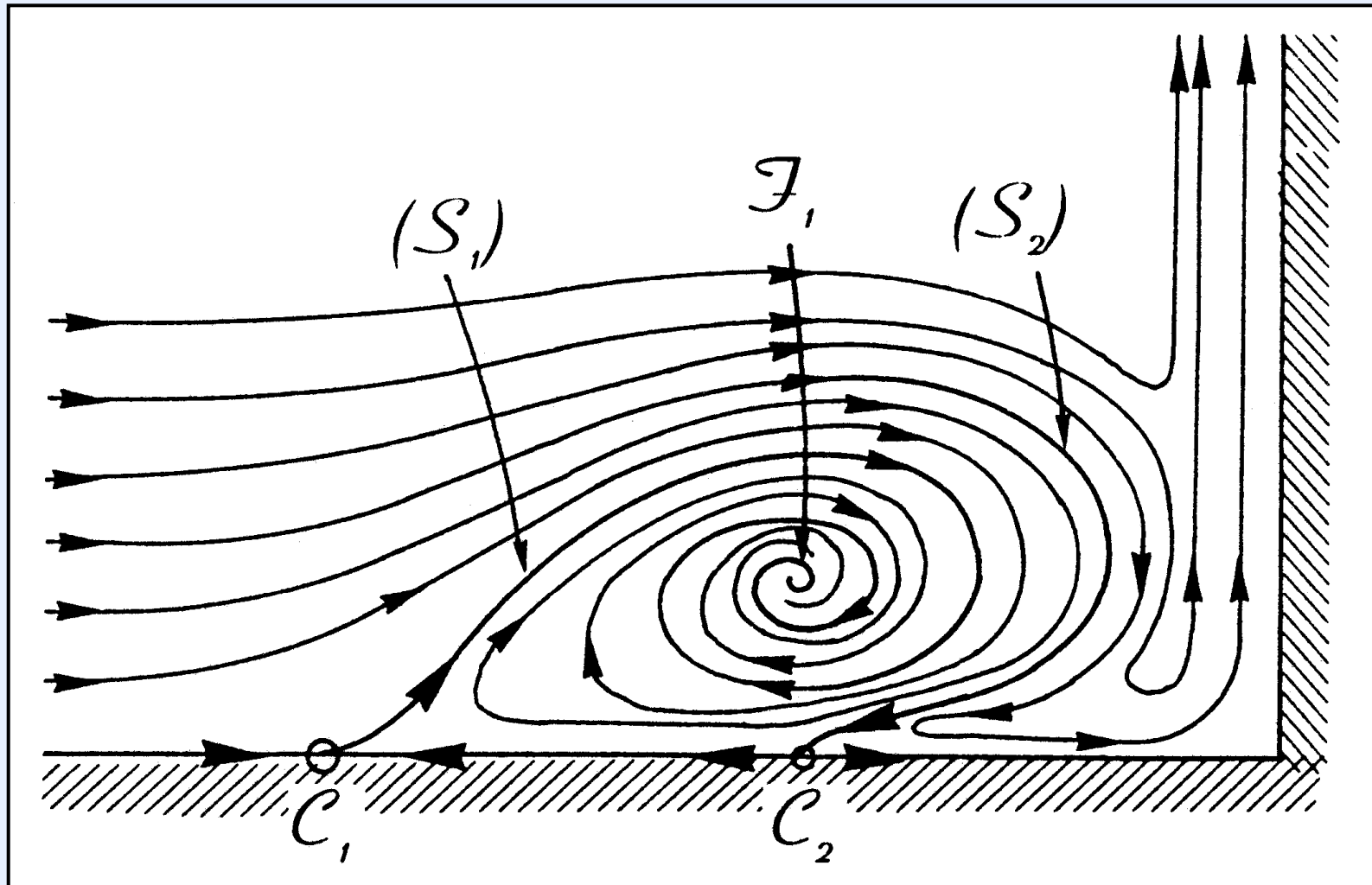
**Separation induced by a blunt obstacle  
Field in a downstream vertical plane**

**Two tornado like vortex system**



**Impact regions : pressure and heat transfer peaks**

Separation induced by a blunt obstacle  
Flow in the symmetry plane. Variant



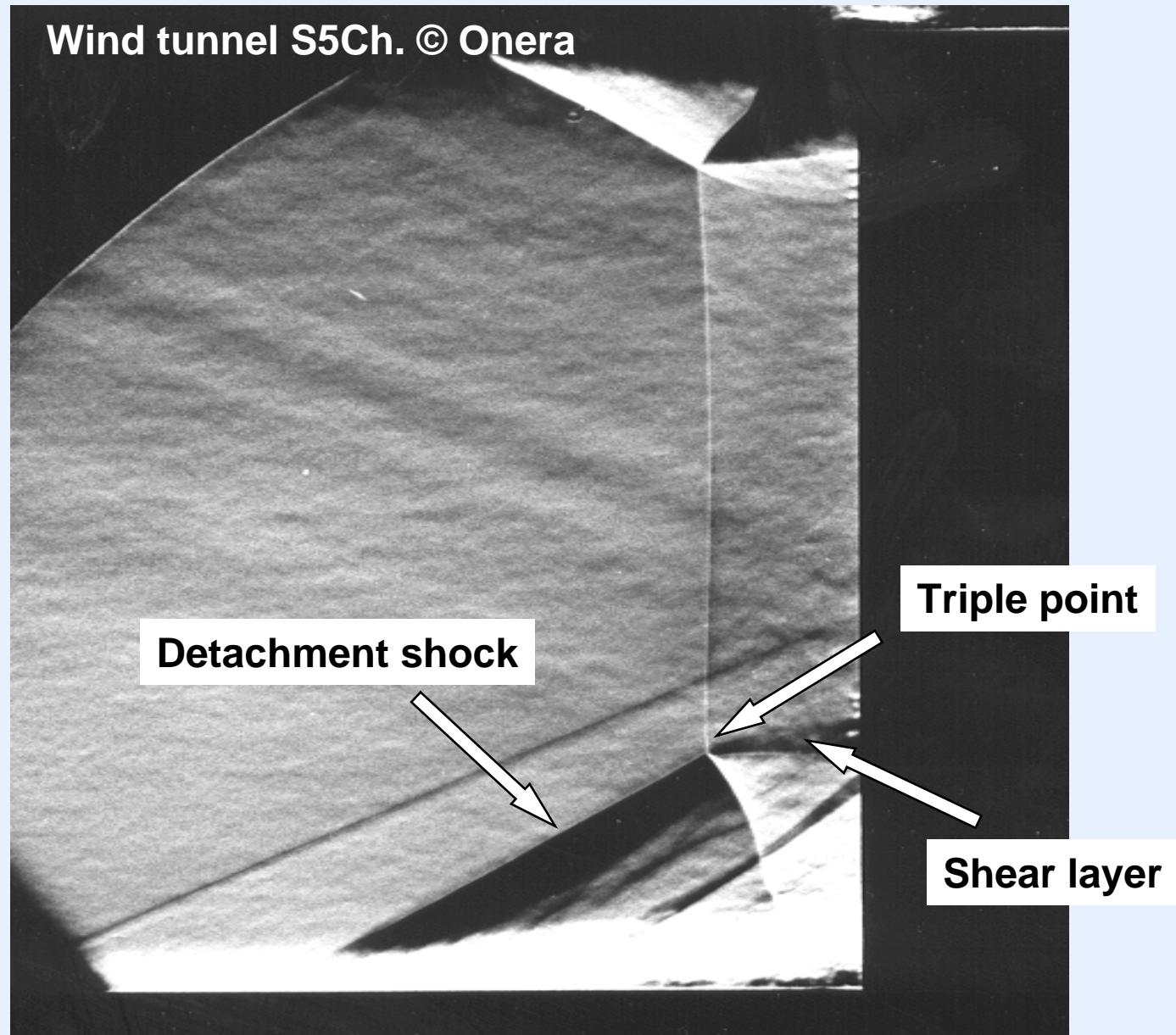
Structure with one detachment



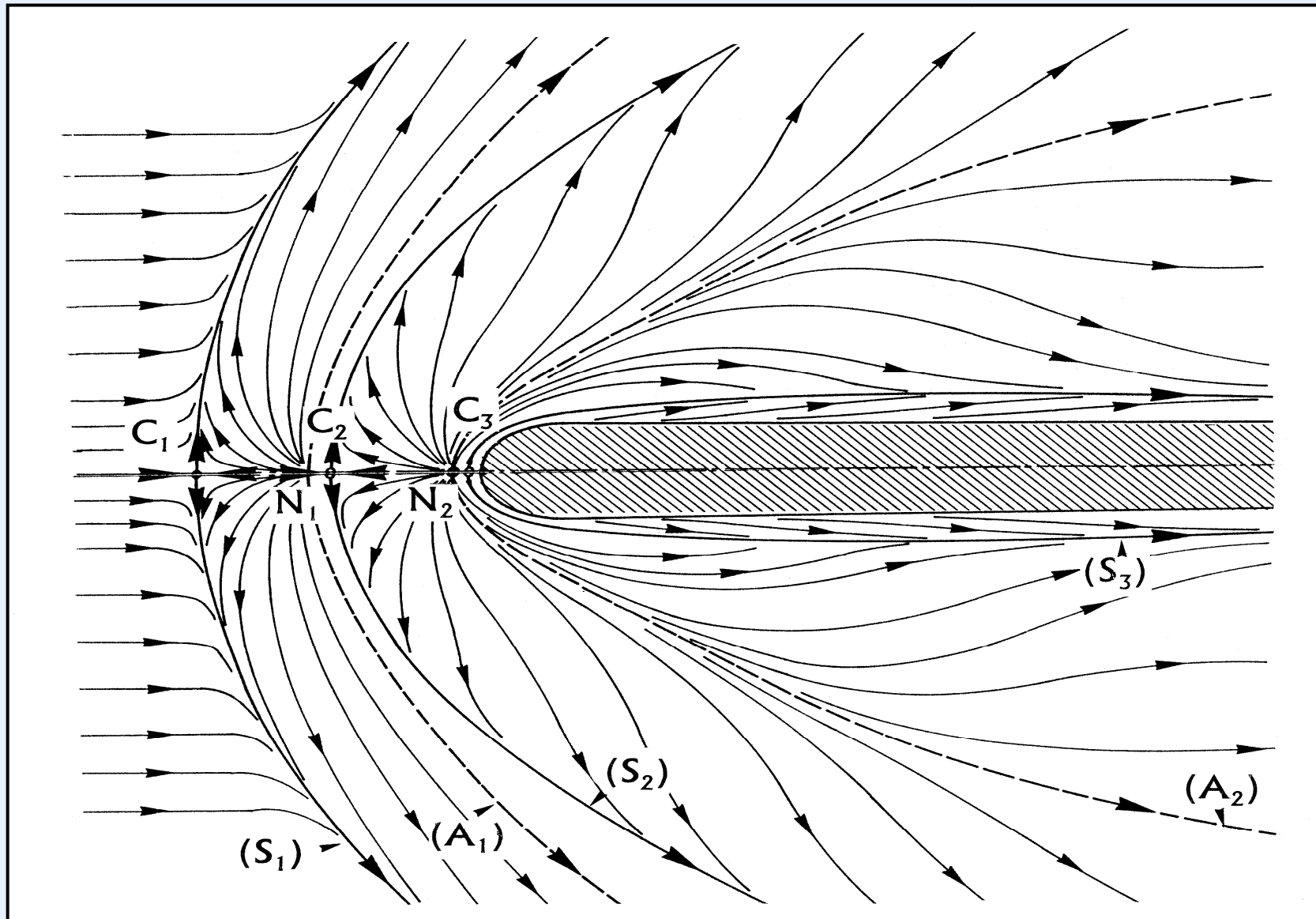




## Detachment induced by an obstacle in supersonic flow

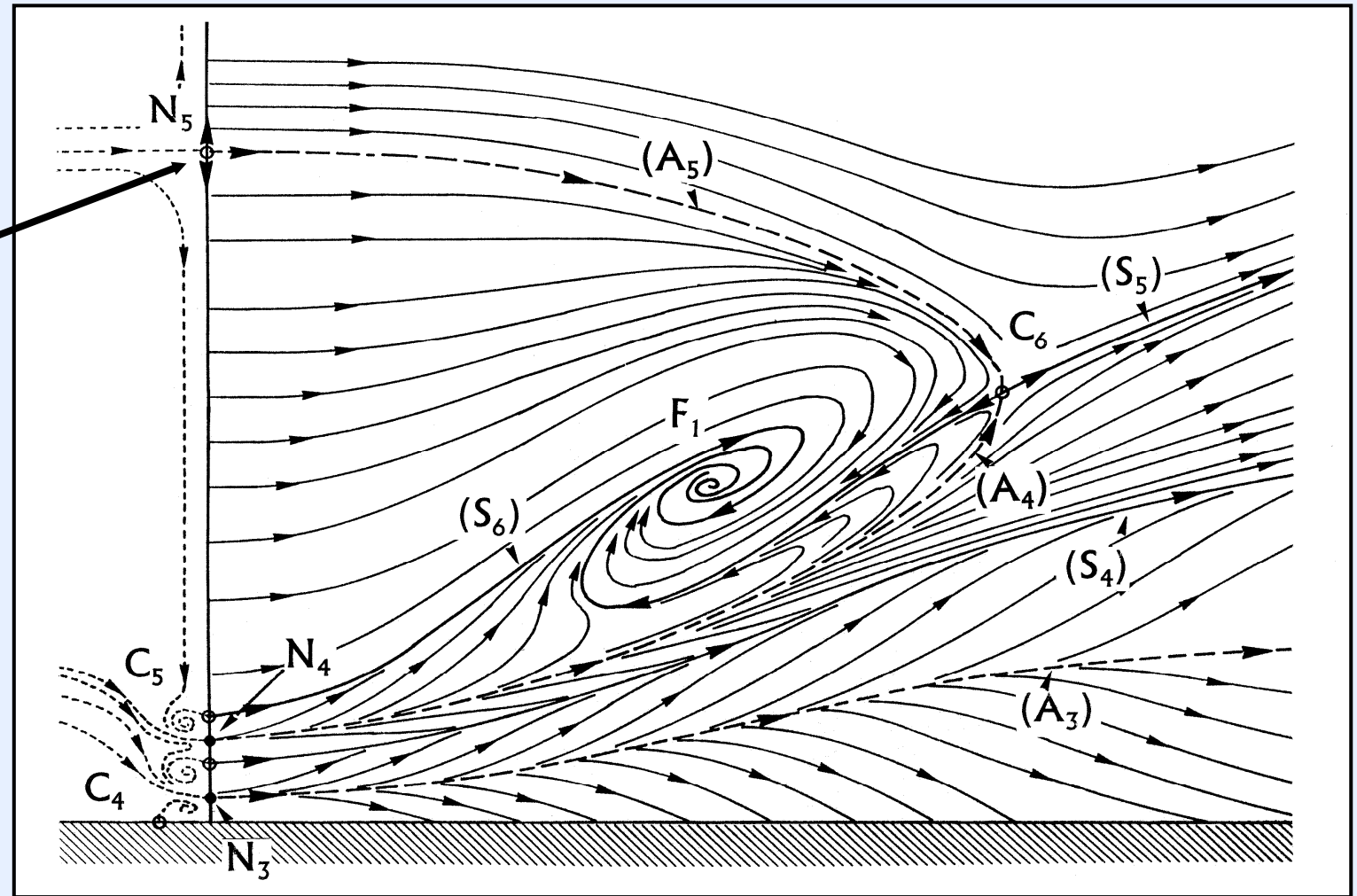


**Detachment induced by an obstacle in supersonic flow**  
**Skin friction line pattern on the horizontal floor**

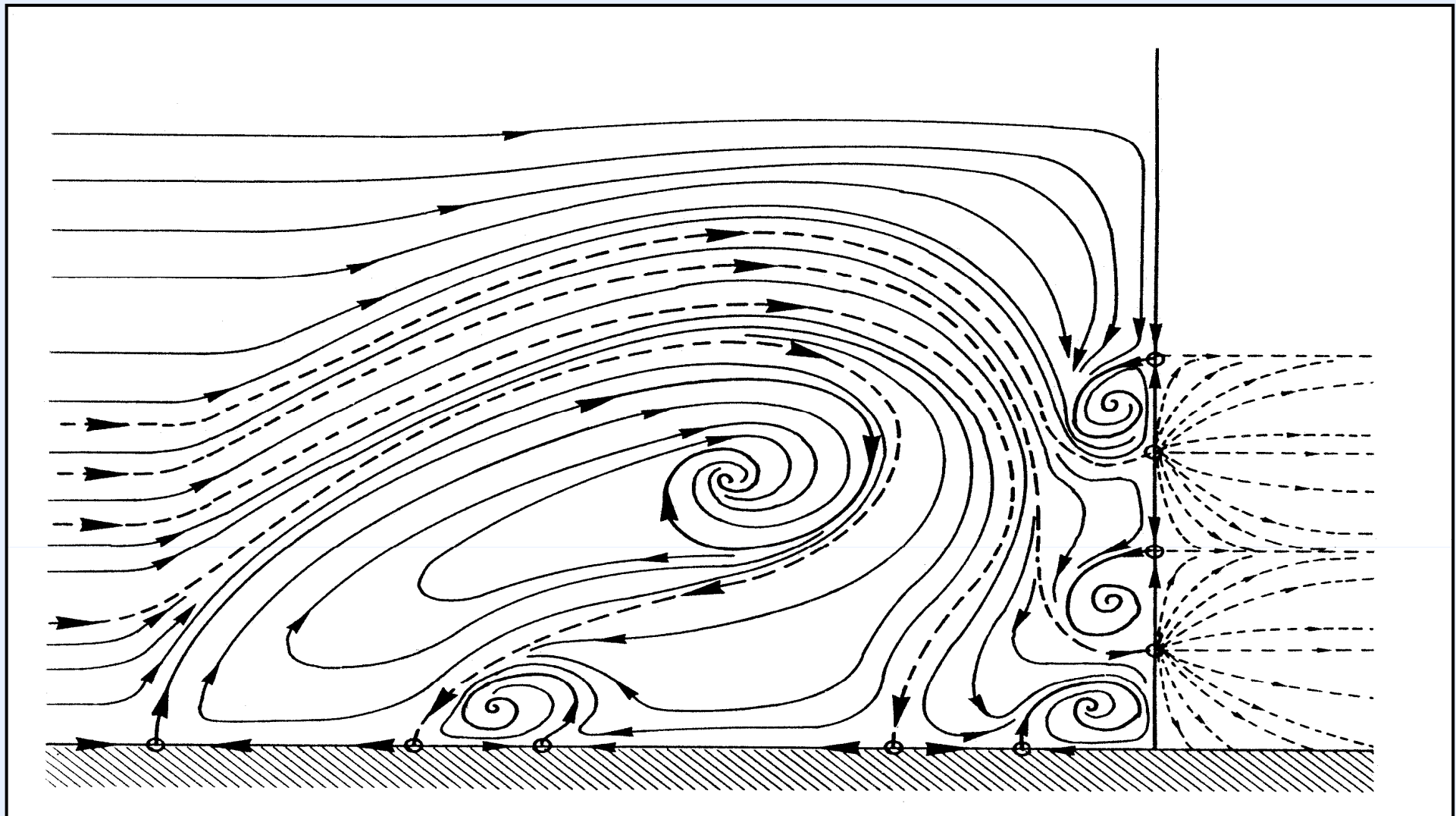


**Detachment induced by an obstacle in supersonic flow  
Skin friction line pattern on the obstacle**

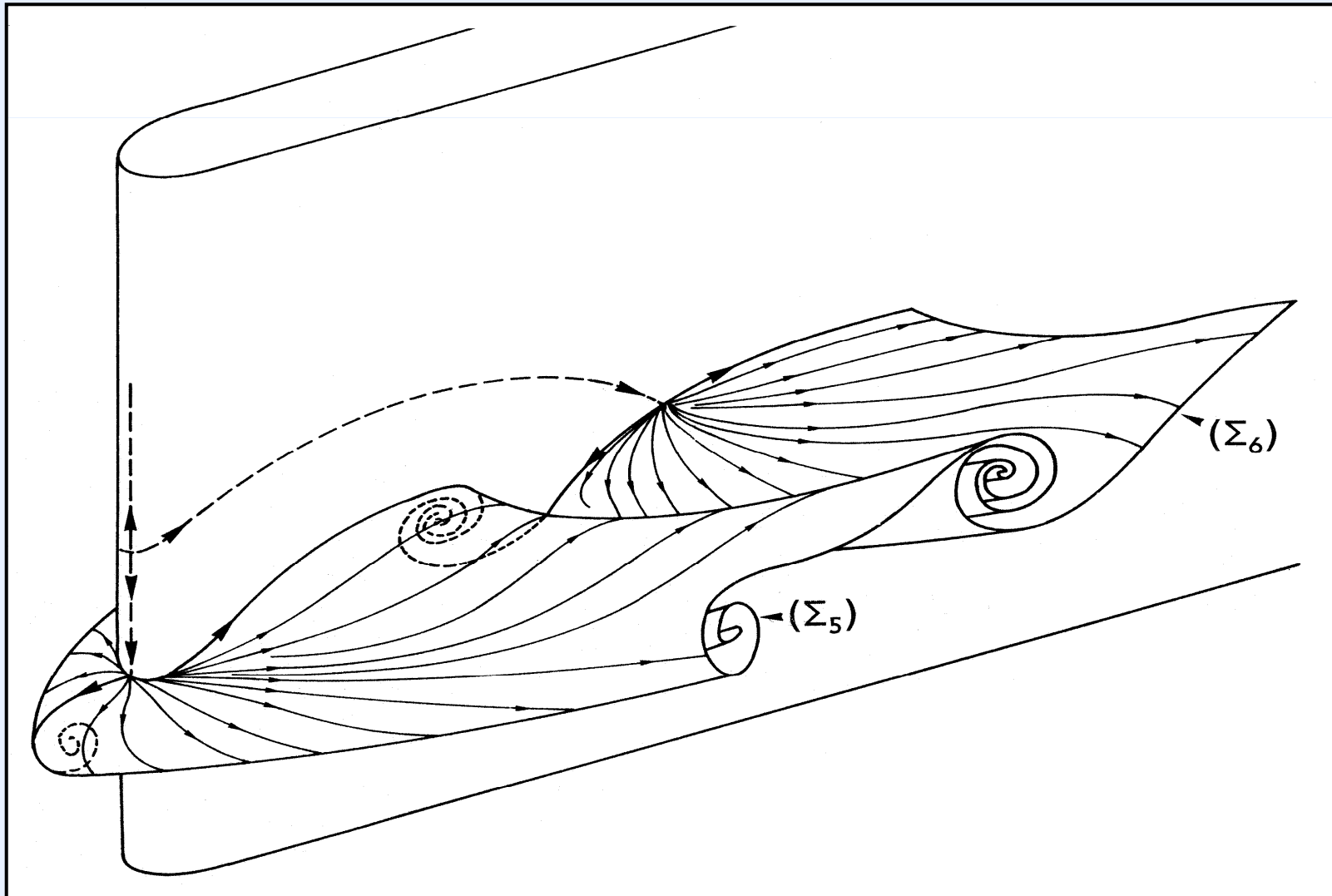
**Impact of the  
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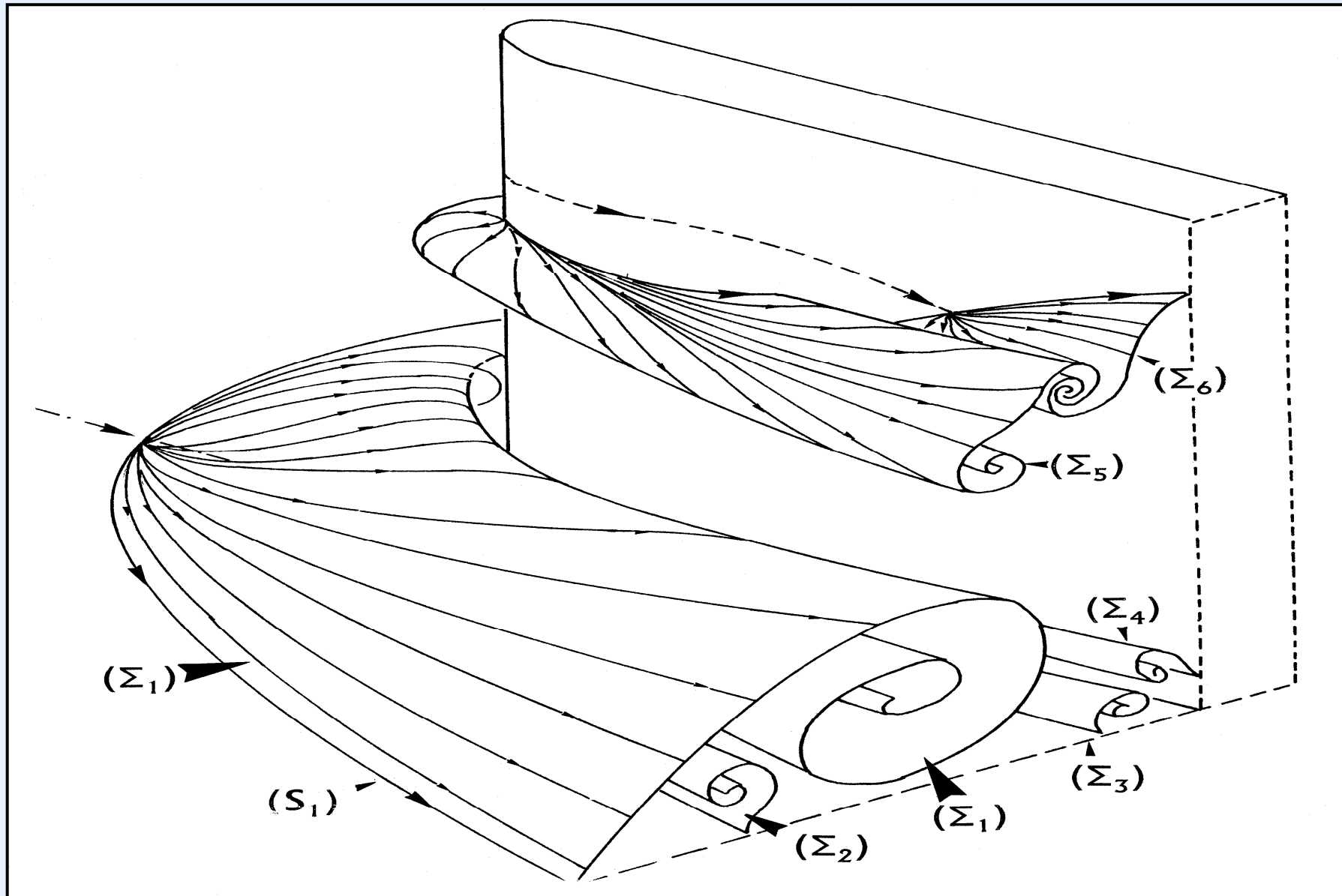
**Separation induced by a blunt obstacle**  
**Flow in the vertical symmetry flow**



**Separation induced by a blunt obstacle**  
**Detachment surfaces forming on the obstacle**



**Separation on a blunt obstacle**  
**The various detachment surfaces**



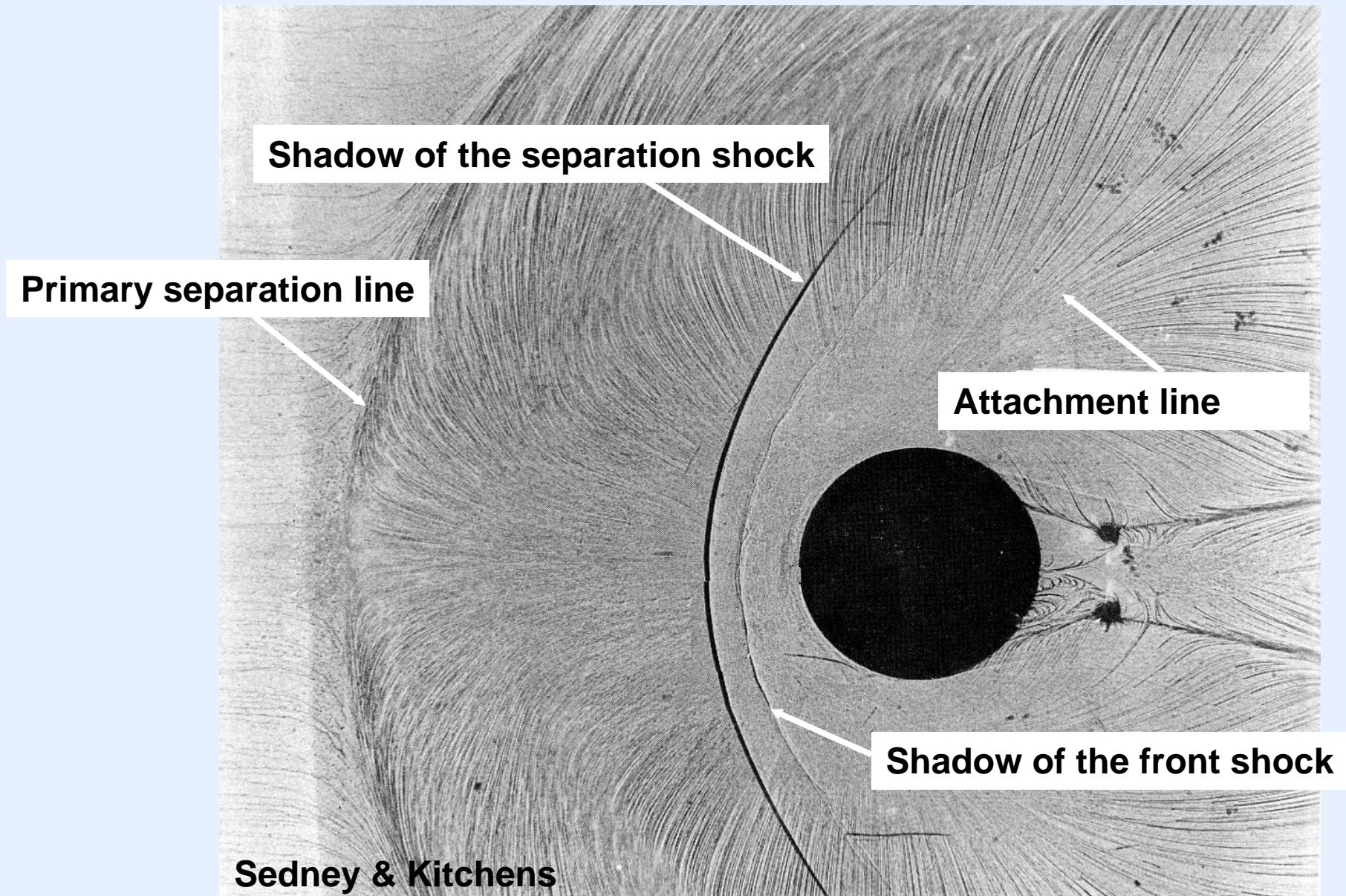


## Separation induced by a protuberance

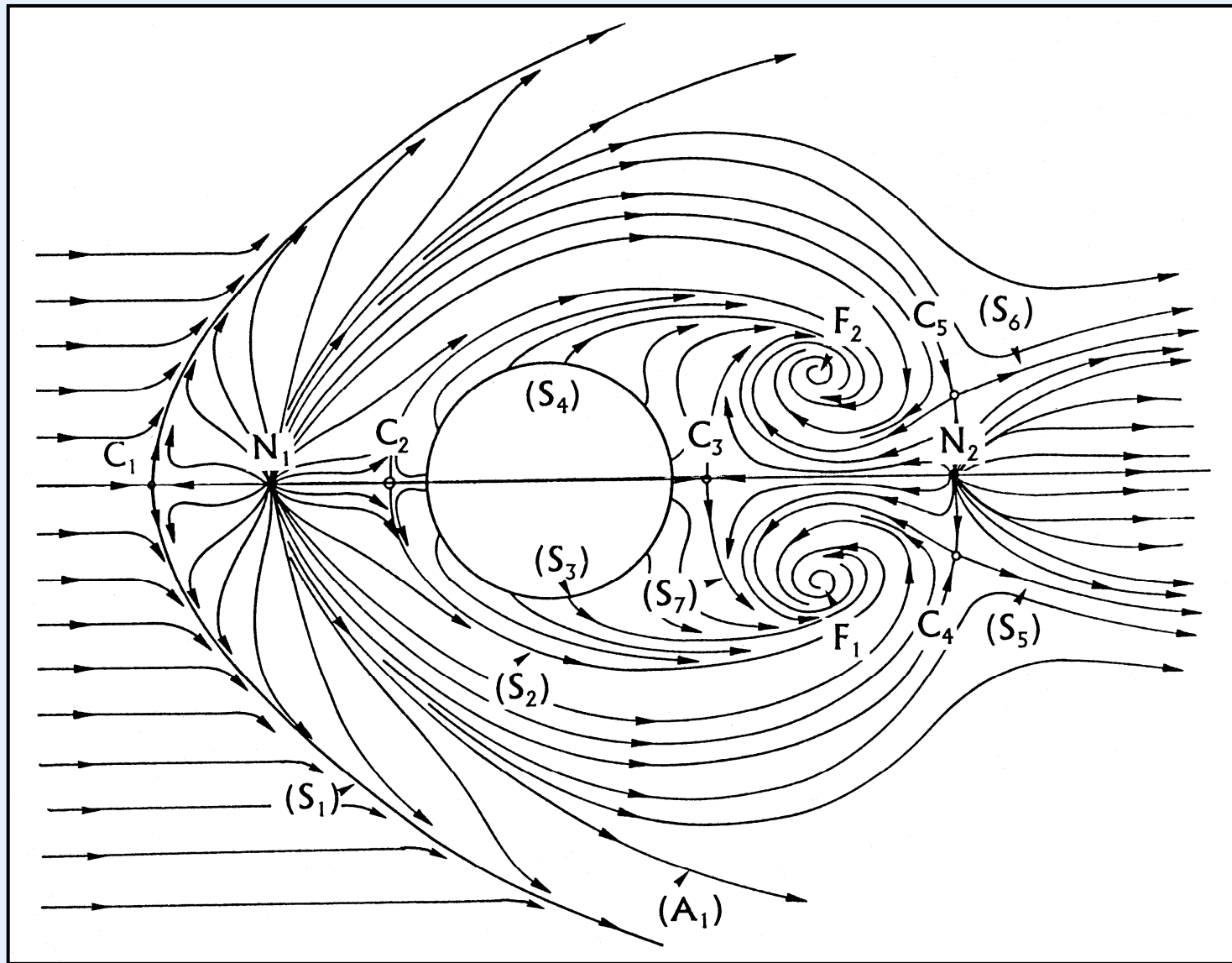
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**Separation induced by a protuberance in supersonic flow**  
**Surface flow visualisation**

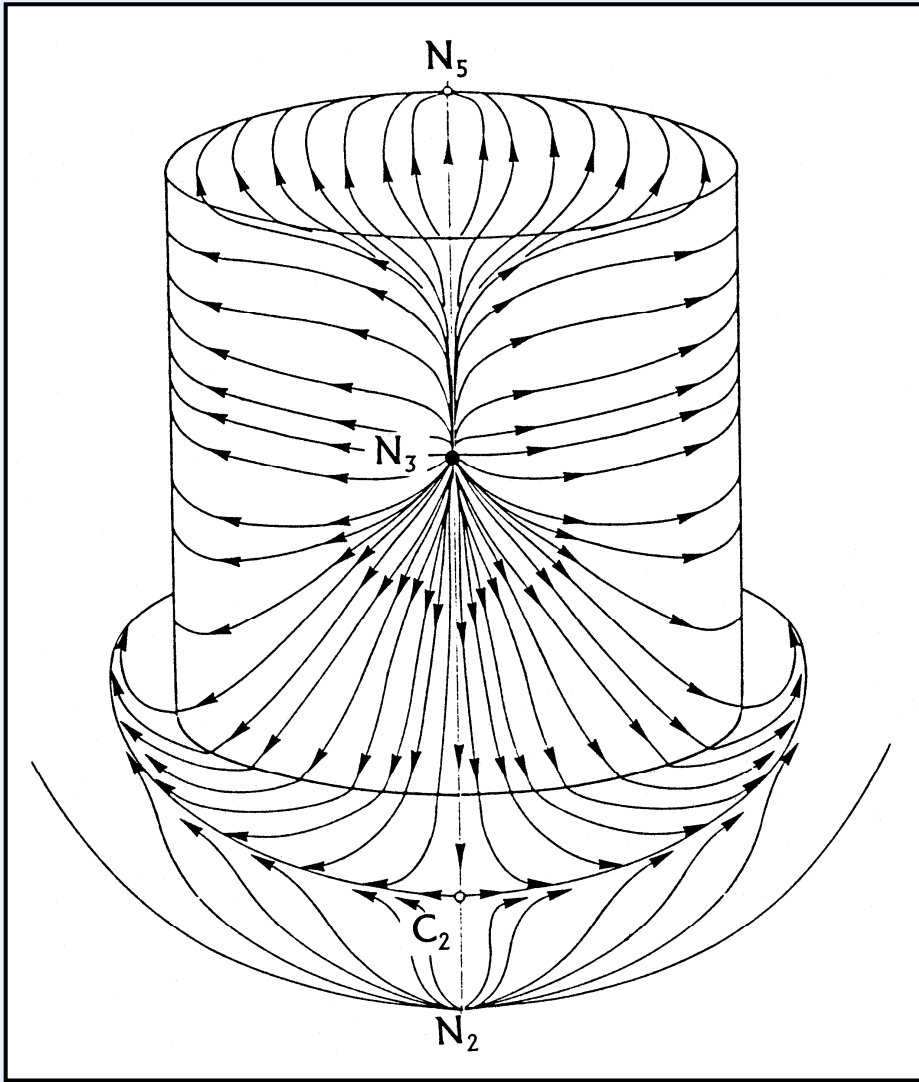


## Separation induced by a protuberance

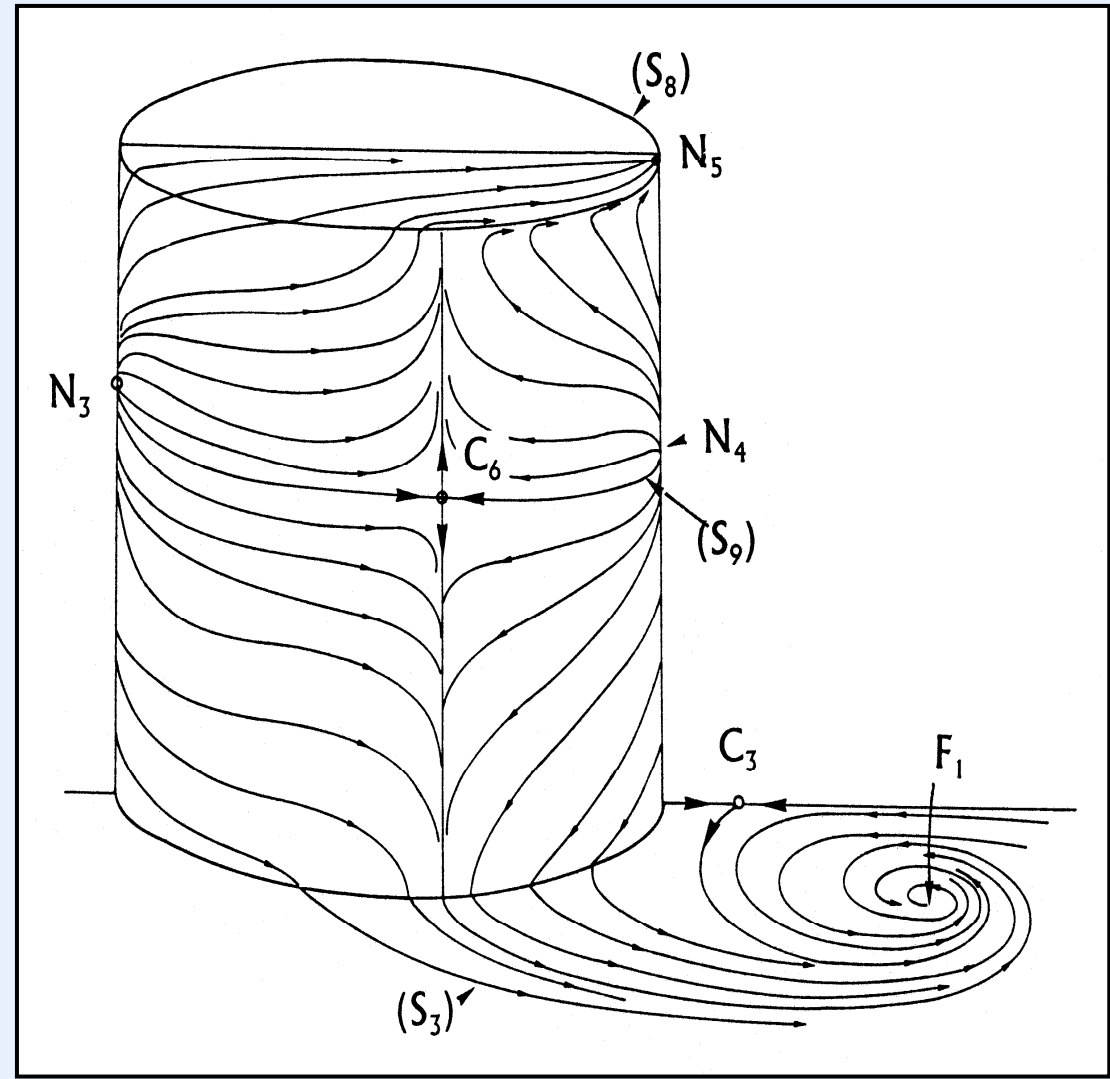


**Skin friction line pattern on the flat plane**

**Separation induced by a protuberance**  
**Skin friction line pattern on the protuberance**

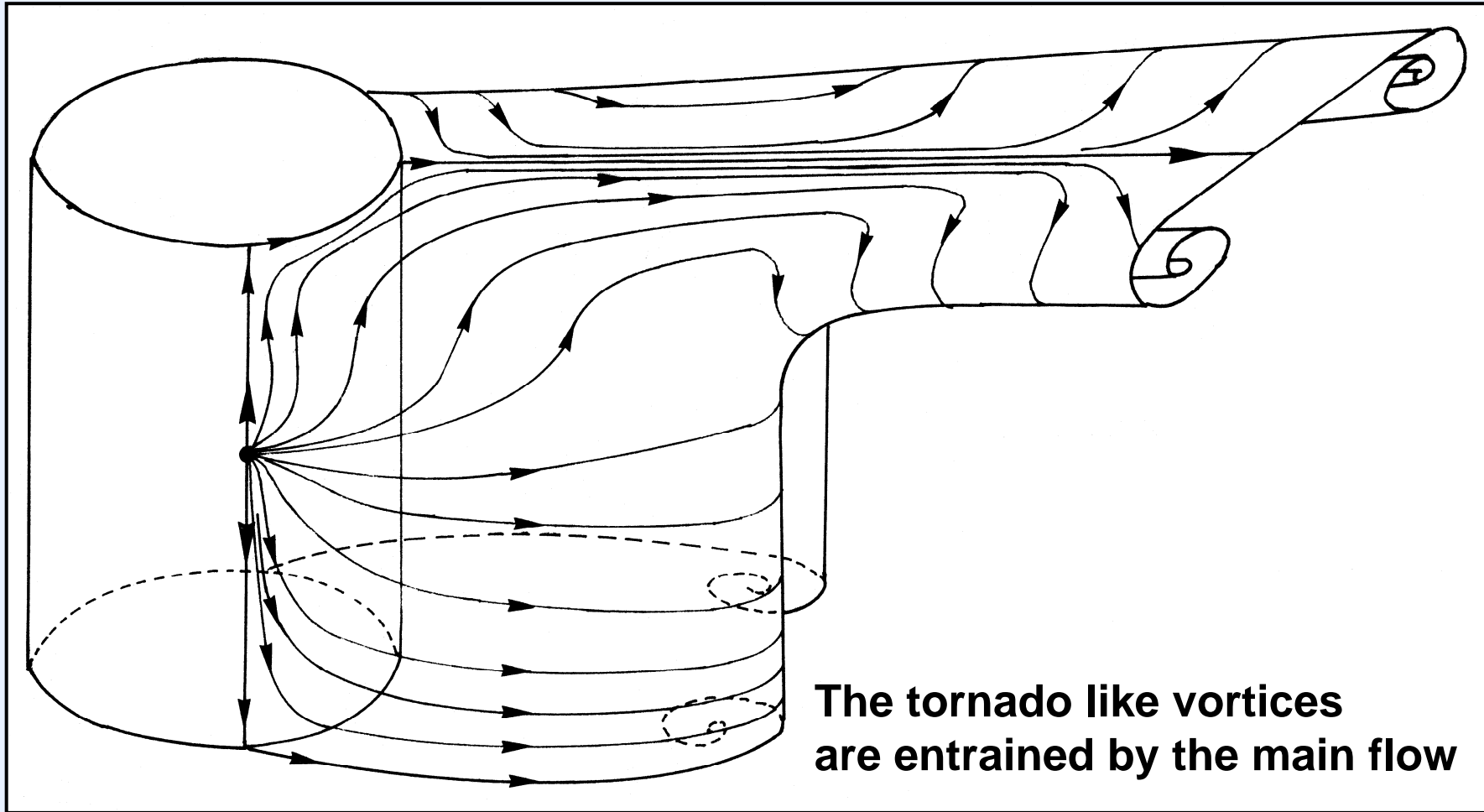


**Front view**



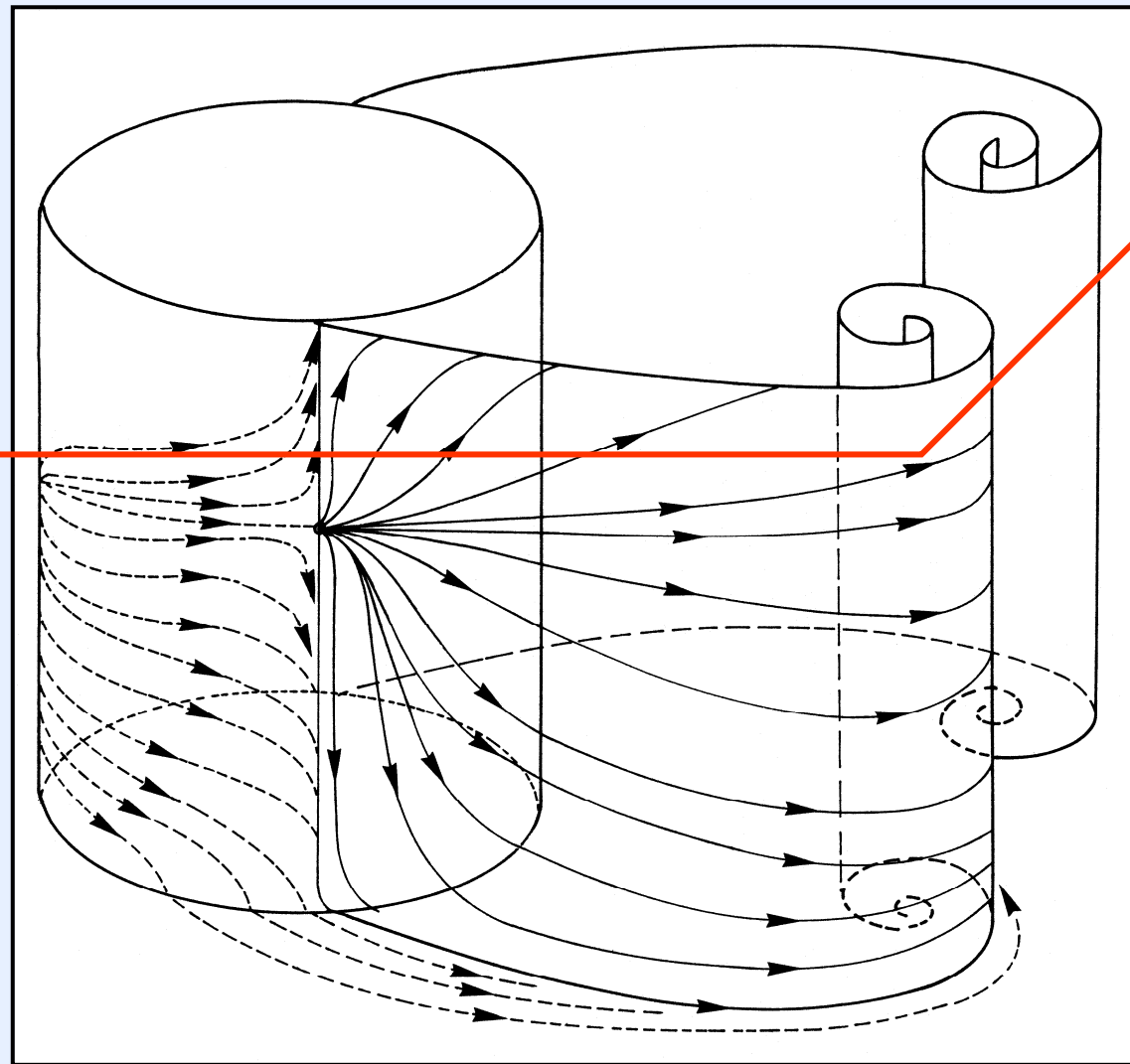
**Side view**

**Separation induced by a protuberance  
Rear tornado like vortices**



**Completely immersed protuberance**

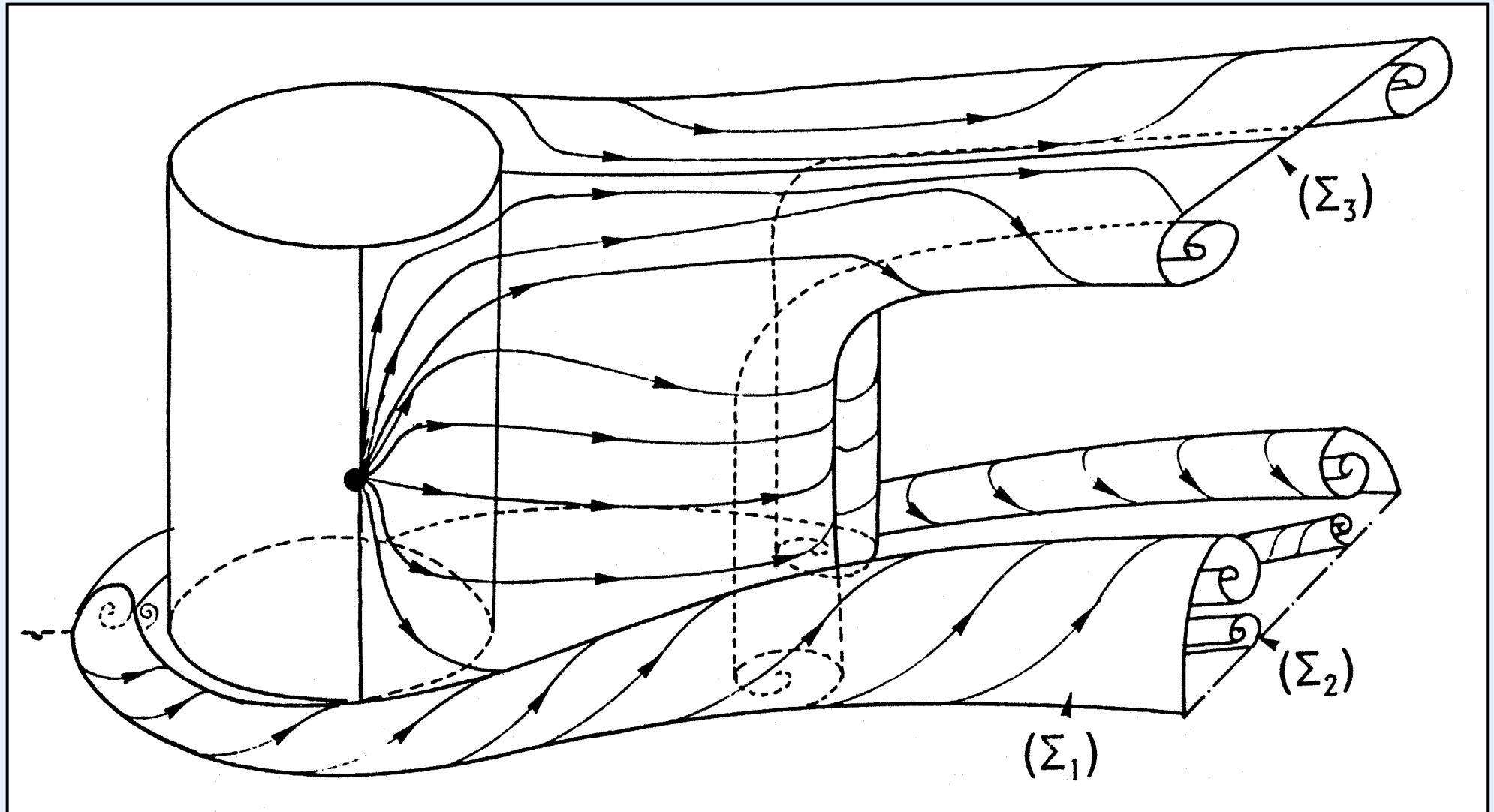
**Separation induced by a protuberance  
Rear tornado like vortices**



**Free surface**

**Configuration with a free surface**

**Separation induced by a protuberance**  
**The detachment surfaces**



**Separation induced by a protuberance  
Field projected in a downstream vertical plane**

