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Maths puzzle finally solved

A PROBLEM which has defeated mathematicians for almost 140 years has been solved. Prof Darren Crowdy has fixed a vital flaw in a formula for measuring airflow which could prove invaluable to the aviation industry and even the medical profession. Prof Crowdy, 37, of Imperial College, London, said: 'The new Schwarz-Christoffel formula has so many uses. It can help map the grey matter in the brain and could impact on the design and safety of aircraft.'