# Aerodynamik

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# Future demands – Higher speeds and high capacity

- Wide body trains with max speed > 250 km/h
- Aerodynamic challenges specific for wide body trains:

head pressure pulse & slipstream







# Slipstream

- Safety issue for passengers on platform and trackside workers
- Measures on operation & train design







# More value for environment and performance: Aerodynamic optimisation

- Reduction of drag saves energy and traction power
- Drag and Cross-Wind Optimisation









# More value for environment and performance: Aerodynamic optimisation

- Parameterized model defines the variables and boundary conditions
- Computer optimisation by using the parameterized model
- Goal function is reduce drag while keeping the cross wind safety





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# More value for environment and performance: Aerodynamic optimization

- Thousands of "virtual wind tunnel tests" in the computer used to find the very best shape
- Main result shows 20 30 % lower drag and 10 – 15 % lower energy consumption
- Installed power can be reduced with lower cost
- Lower energy cost for operators





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# **Slipstream Test Setup**





- Measurements with fast 3D-ultrasonic anemometers (USA)
- Train speed and positions measured with light switch
- Light switch mounted to detect single rail passages





# **Measurement results**





# Numerical simulations of slipstream performed at KTH









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# Slipstream

- Slipstream= Induced velocity by the train
- Regions
- 1) Head pressure pulse
- 2) Boundary Layer (Freight Trains)
- 3) Near wake(High-speed Train)
- 4) Far Wake









### Train models



### Aerodynamic Train Model (ATM) Regina (CRH1)







Mode 1



**Mode 2,3** 

Gröna Tåget Trains for tomorrow's travellers

Mode 6+

Mode 4,5



# **Connection between modes**

- Phase portrait
  - Spiraling circles when the modes are connected
  - Random patterns when not







## Example of flow structure

Isosurface of V-velocity Mode 1+4+5







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# **Decomposition models**

- Challenges
  - Long computation times
  - Accurate results
- Understanding of dominant energetic structures
- Two methods
  - Proper Orthogonal Decomposition (POD)
  - Dynamic Mode Decomposition (DMD)





# **Comparing with Experiments**







y/d<sub>h</sub>=0

Grid study



Small cellsMedium cellsLarge cells



y/d<sub>h</sub>=0.233

y/d<sub>h</sub>=0













Velocity for an observer standing on platform
0.07s (1s) time averaged velocity





# Achievements

- Showed that POD and DMD can be used with Detached Eddy Simulation flow fields.
- Identified dominant flow structures for two different trains.
- Used advanced models on applied geometries.
- Cooperation and exchange of knowledge with Bombardier.
- Fundament for efficient prediction to connect train geometry and slipstream.





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