

NATIONAL WIND TUNNEL FACILITY

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Freight Train Aerodynamics

- Growing divergence between train capability and permitted speeds has created industry-led desire to unlock freight speeds beyond the 75 mph limit.
- Research is being conducted on how to remove traditional aerodynamic barriers to realising the potential of 'superfast' freight trains.
- This will allow freight to fit in more seamlessly between passenger services, introducing a step-change in freight operation, performance and opening new rail freight markets.



Vehicles in Close-Proximity

- Understanding aerodynamic interactions between vehicles in closeproximity is vital to the safe introduction of connected and autonomous vehicle (CAV) technologies.
- Research is being conducted to analyse complex aerodynamic interactions within a platoon, as well as vehicles being overtaken by a platoon.
- This research will enable proper aerodynamic assessment at the design
- This research support themes of decarbonisation and shift2rail.

phase, leading to the development of policies, standards and safe working practices ensuring safe CAV introduction.





HS2 Tunnel Portal Design

- High Speed Two (HS2)'s civil engineering tunnel designs will prevent the emission of audible micro-pressure waves (sometimes known as sonic booms) by the use of perforated tunnel entrance "hoods".
- Research has been conducted to support the validation of one-dimensional models of tunnel pressure wave development, which in turn are used in the design of strategic infrastructure.

This research supports themes in decarbonisation, as well as Government strategy on high-speed transport systems.

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