

Influence of Different Road Vehicle Positioning on The Aerodynamic and Aeroacoustics Characteristics Using CFD Analysis

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Abstract—The rapid growth of private vehicle usage in urban corridors intensifies traffic congestion, driving up fuel consumption and vehicle emissions. This study evaluates how relative vehicle positioning and longitudinal spacing govern aerodynamic drag and aeroacoustic performance using computational fluid dynamics (CFD). Numerical simulations assess aerodynamic forces, surface pressure distributions, wake dynamics, and acoustic power generation for heterogeneous platoons comprising passenger cars and double-decker buses. Following grid-independence validation, six multi-vehicle configurations with 4 m and 8 m inter-vehicle gaps were evaluated. The Bus–Car–Car platoon with a 4 m gap (Case E) yielded the most pronounced drag reduction. Under this configuration, the lead bus drag coefficient (C_d) dropped to 0.671, while the trailing cars experienced substantial drag reductions, reaching C_d values of 0.148 and 0.246. Compared to baseline isolated models, Case E achieved up to a 37% drag reduction for the bus and a 50–60% reduction for the trailing passenger cars. This arrangement promotes rapid flow recovery and suppresses severe turbulence, thereby stabilizing downstream pressure fields and lowering acoustic power output. These findings offer practical insights into optimizing mixed-vehicle platoons to enhance transport efficiency and lower aerodynamic losses.

Index Terms—Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD), Vehicle Positioning, Longitudinal space, Aerodynamic Drag, Aeroacoustics Characteristics, Drag Coefficient, Lift Coefficient, Wake Interference, and Noise Reduction.

I. INTRODUCTION

THE rapid growth of urban populations and economic wealth has led to an increase in private vehicle ownership. This rise in the number of vehicles has inevitably resulted in greater congestion, particularly during peak hours. This situation leads to increasing fuel consumption and pollution of the environment [1]. When vehicles travel closely together in

convoys, it greatly influences the aerodynamic interactions between the vehicles and their overall performance. Vehicles with a short distance between them can decrease the aerodynamic drag because the vehicle in front is affected by the air pressure that occurs by the pushing force behind it. The vehicle close behind another is less affected by the aerodynamic drag due to the vehicle in front of it breaking the strong wind [2]. From this, it can be shown that when a vehicle travels in a convoy or a line, it can affect the aerodynamic flow of it.

Previous research [3] demonstrates that a vehicle's relative position dictates its surrounding airflow dynamics. During platooning, the lead vehicle carves out a low-pressure wake, effectively shielding trailing vehicles and reducing their aerodynamic drag. This effect is mainly due to drafting. This research by [4] also indicates that drag reduction is highly sensitive to the distance between vehicles (inter-vehicle spacing). A smaller gap reduces drag on trailing vehicles but can increase turbulence and pressure drag on the leading vehicle if improperly spaced. Similarly, longitudinal spacings influence drags by altering wake overlap and flow interference patterns. As shown in [5] research focuses on the effects of vehicle spacing on aerodynamic drag in truck platoons it shows that arranging two trucks in a platoon with 3 meters spacing reduces aerodynamic drag by about 36%. The trailing truck experiences just 63.3% of the drag of a solo truck. Even with a safe spacing of 6 meters, significant drag reductions highlight the advantages of optimal vehicle spacing for fuel efficiency. The research conducted by [6] and [7] also states that when the lorry is in platooning configurations, it significantly reduces the aerodynamic drag due to trailing lorries immersed in the turbulent flow created by the first lorry. Consequently, many studies investigate homogeneous platoons, primarily focusing on heavy-duty transport vehicles to optimize operational

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efficiency and minimize fuel costs [8].

This research utilizes Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) simulations to investigate the aerodynamic and aeroacoustic performance of road vehicles across diverse configurations. This study evaluates how vehicle positioning and spacing alter aerodynamic loads, flow patterns, and acoustic power generation. Understanding these flow-field interactions is crucial for exposing structural limitations in modern vehicle design. By mapping these dynamics, this research provides practical insights for optimizing vehicle geometry and improving safety in dense traffic environments.

II. METHODOLOGY

A. Model Description

The vehicle models used in this study comprise a simplified SUV and a double-decker bus. As illustrated in Fig. 1, the geometric dimensions of the simplified SUV are 4.51 m in length, 1.765 m in width, and 1.675 m in height. For the double-decker bus, the representative dimensions are defined as 14 m in length, 2.6 m in width, and 4.1 m in height, as detailed in Fig. 2.

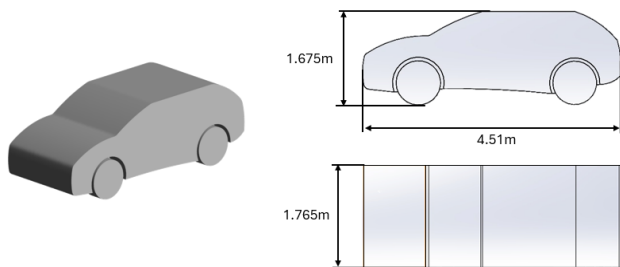


Fig. 1 Orthogonal views of the simplified car with dimensions

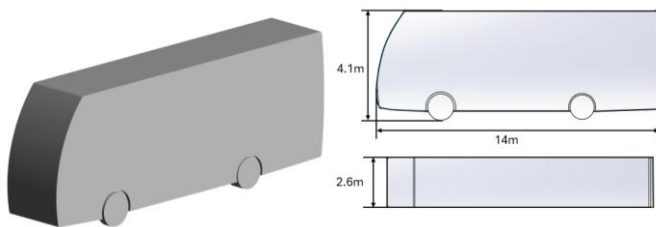


Fig. 2 Orthogonal views of the double-decker bus with dimensions

B. Enclosure and Boundary Conditions

To minimize blockage effects and prevent artificial boundary reflections, the computational fluid domain was generated using the enclosure tool within ANSYS based on vehicle characteristic dimensions, $L = 14\text{m}$, $H = 4.1\text{m}$, and $W = 2.6\text{m}$, resulting in a $(5L \times 4H \times 7W)$ domain. The computational domain was designed to minimize blockage effects while maintaining computational efficiency. An upstream distance of $2L$ and a downstream distance of $3L$ were adopted following previously published numerical studies of external vehicle aerodynamics employing similar pressure-outlet boundary conditions [9], [10], [11]. These studies demonstrated that such domain dimensions provide accurate predictions of aerodynamic forces while maintaining reasonable

computational cost. The simulation boundary conditions, illustrated in Fig. 3, feature a uniform velocity inlet of 20 m/s (corresponding to a Reynolds number $Re \approx 5.4 \times 10^6$) and a static gauge pressure outlet, with all vehicle surfaces defined as stationary no-slip walls [12].

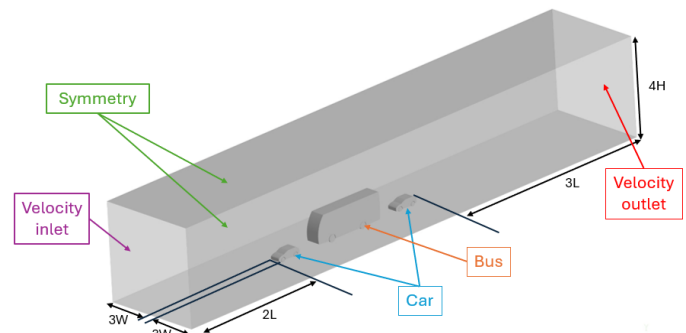


Fig. 3 Dimensions of the enclosure for the case and the name of the boundary are shown [10].

C. Meshing

A Poly-Hexacore mesh with a global baseline size of 0.032 m was used to discretize the computational domain. To properly capture the near-wall boundary layers, 10 inflation layers starting at a thickness of 1.0 mm were generated (see Figs 4 and 5)

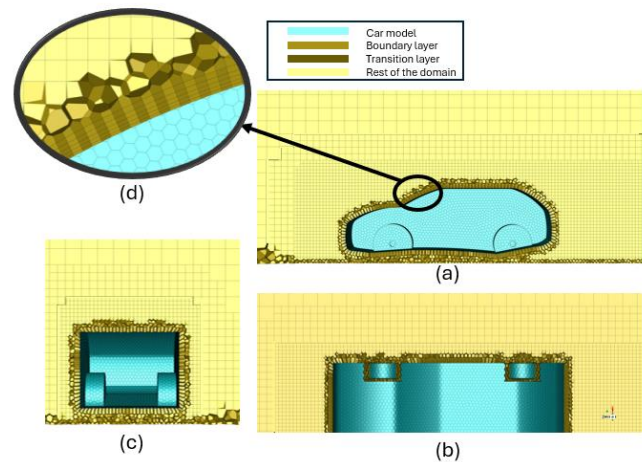


Fig. 4 Mesh generation of the car. View from: (a) side view, (b) top view, (c) front view, and (d) schematic grid layer near boundary

D. Simulation Setup

Once the computational mesh was generated, the numerical simulations were performed in ANSYS Fluent using the Standard $k-\omega$ turbulence model. The Standard $k-\omega$ model was selected for its superior near-wall flow prediction and robust handling of adverse pressure gradients compared to the Standard $k-\epsilon$ model [13]. These characteristics make it highly suitable for external bluff-body aerodynamics characterized by flow separation and complex wake interactions. Additionally, the model is widely adopted in vehicle aerodynamics studies due to its optimal balance between computational efficiency and predictive accuracy [14].

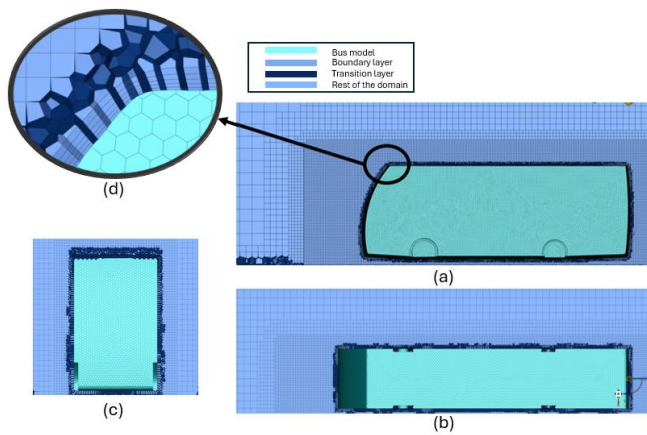


Fig. 5 Mesh generation of the bus. View from: (a) side view, (b) top view, (c) front view, and (d) schematic grid layer near boundary

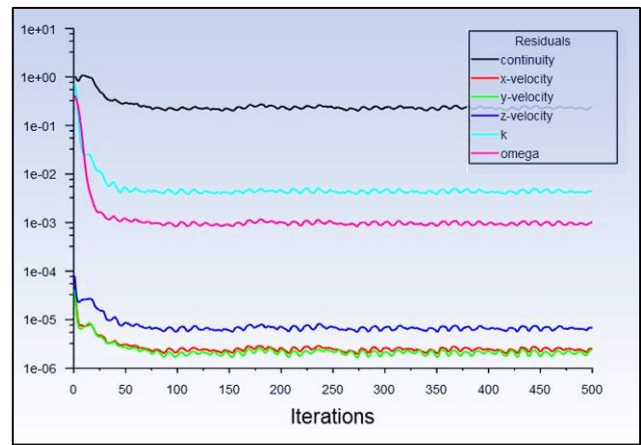
Convergence was evaluated by monitoring residual trends alongside the drag coefficient, as depicted in Fig. 6. By 150 to 200 iterations, the momentum residuals had fallen to about 10^{-6} and turbulence metrics had stabilized. While severe flow separation kept the continuity residual somewhat higher, it showed no further decrease with additional iterations. With the drag coefficient flattening out near 160 iterations, steady-state convergence was established, making 500 iterations adequate for the aerodynamic calculations. However, broadband noise predictions required 2,000 iterations to fully stabilize the turbulence fields for accurate acoustic modeling.

E. Mesh Refinement

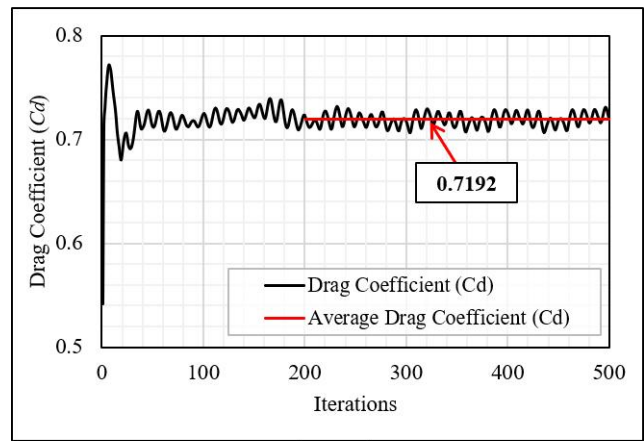
A grid independence test was carried out to verify the effect of spatial resolution on the simulation outcomes. By adjusting the global element size and refinement controls, three mesh densities were generated: coarse (Mesh 1), medium (Mesh 2), and fine (Mesh 3). The element counts and calculated aerodynamic forces for each setup are detailed in Table 1. Figure 8 compares the midplane velocity contours across these grids, revealing that while the coarse mesh blurs fine flow structures, the finer meshes accurately capture critical boundary layer details and local velocity gradients.

To assess the accuracy of the simulations, the drag coefficients (C_d) from each grid were compared. The medium grid (Mesh 2) resulted in a C_d of 0.72, showing a 7.69% deviation compared to Mesh 1.

The drag coefficient exhibits a monotonic convergence trend with mesh refinement, whereas the lift coefficient shows a larger variation, particularly for the finest mesh. Such behaviour is commonly observed in bluff-body aerodynamics because lift is more sensitive to local wake structures and pressure fluctuations than drag [15], [16], [17]. Considering that the difference in drag coefficient between Mesh 2 and Mesh 3 is only 2.78%, while the computational cost increases substantially for Mesh 3, Mesh 2 was selected as the optimal mesh for the subsequent simulations.



(a)



(b)

Fig. 6 Solution convergence for selected mesh; (a) residual plot, and (b) drag coefficient plot.

TABLE 1 PARAMETERS THAT ARE USED IN THE MESH REFINEMENT STUDY			
Parameter	Mesh type		
	Mesh 1	Mesh 2	Mesh 3
Size of mesh (mm)	0.040	0.032	0.008
Number of Element (cell)	935,518	1,201,660	2,812,111
Number of Nodes	2,563,895	2,918,819	4,380,565
Drag Force Coefficient, C_d	0.78	0.72	0.70
Lift Force Coefficient, C_l	-0.134	-0.115	-0.222
Number of Iterations	500	500	500
Percentage difference (%)	-	7.69	2.78

Fig. 7 compares the midplane velocity contours for the coarse, medium, and fine grids. As expected, the fine grid (Mesh 3) clearly captures sharp velocity gradients and intricate boundary-layer details around the vehicle. In contrast, the coarse spatial resolution of Mesh 1 causes artificial numerical smoothing, blurring smaller flow features and underpredicting wake gradients. Moving from the coarsest to the finest mesh visibly reduces this artificial dissipation in the downstream flow.

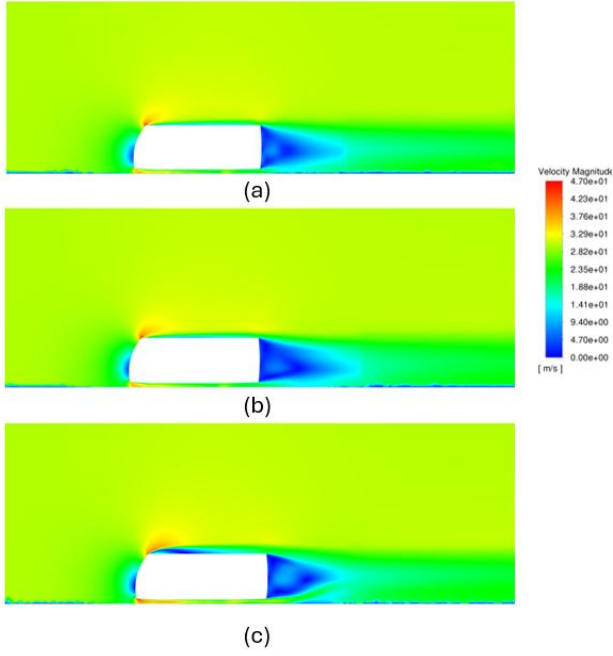


Fig. 7 Velocity contour (a) Mesh 1, (b) Mesh 2, (c) Mesh 3

F. Acoustic Modelling

Aeroacoustic characteristics were evaluated using the Broadband Noise Source Model available in ANSYS Fluent. The model estimates noise generation based on local turbulence quantities obtained from the RANS solution. The acoustic power generated by turbulent flow structures can be expressed as:

$$P_A \propto \rho \epsilon \left(\frac{u'}{c_0} \right)^5 \quad (1)$$

where P_A is the acoustic power, ρ is the fluid density, ϵ is the turbulence dissipation rate, u' is the turbulent velocity fluctuation, and c_0 is the speed of sound. Surface acoustic power distributions were used to identify regions of dominant noise generation associated with flow separation, vortex shedding, and wake interactions around the vehicles.

G. Case Details

To fully capture the aerodynamic and aeroacoustic dynamics, this study examines eight distinct vehicle configurations (summarized in Table 2). The core of the analysis focuses on three specific platooning sequences depicted in Fig. 8. We applied two inter-vehicle spacings, 4 m and 8 m to each sequence to assess the direct impact of physical proximity on wake interference. The remaining two cases evaluate a solitary car and a solitary bus, serving as control baselines for the multi-vehicle scenarios.

TABLE 2
SUMMARY OF ALL CASES

Case	Positions of road vehicles	longitudinal spacings
A	Car	-
B	Bus	-
C	Car-Bus-Car	4m
D	Car-Car-Bus	4m
E	Bus-Car-Car	4m

F	Car-Bus-Car	8m
G	Car-Car-Bus	8m
H	Bus-Car-Car	8m

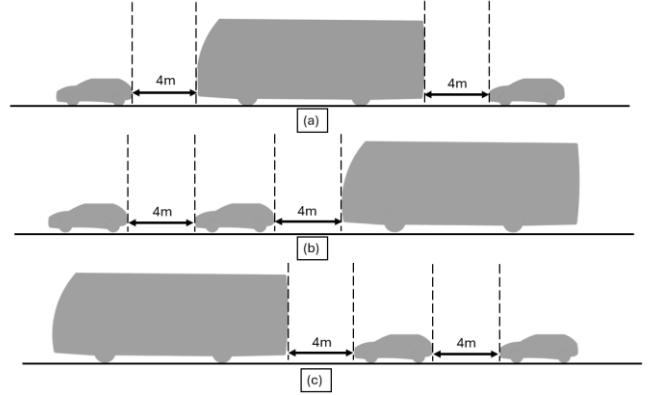


Fig. 8 Three different positions of road vehicles: (a) Car-Bus-Car, (b) Car-Car-Bus, (c) Bus-Car-Car.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

A. Aerodynamic analysis

Looking at the baseline simulations in Figure 9(a), the isolated car (Case A) maintains relatively smooth velocity streamlines. Flow separation is minimal, leaving only a tight, localized wake directly behind the vehicle. The bus (Case B), however, behaves entirely differently. Because of its bluff-body profile, it forces a high-pressure stagnation zone at the front and triggers severe flow separation. This creates a highly turbulent, expansive wake that thoroughly disrupts the downstream airflow.

For multi-vehicle configurations, as illustrated in Fig. 9(c)–9(h), the aerodynamic interactions vary significantly based on the vehicle arrangement and longitudinal space. In Case C, the Car-Bus-Car configuration with a 4 m longitudinal space shows strong interactions between the vehicles, dominated by the bus's wake, which increases turbulence and drag for the trailing car. In Case D, the Car-Car-Bus arrangement creates complex flow patterns as the wakes of the two leading cars combine and interact with the bus's larger wake, leading to extensive downstream turbulence. Case E, featuring the Bus-Car-Car setup, shows the bus's large wake significantly affecting both trailing cars, creating asymmetric flow fields and persistent vortex structures. The flow improves with an 8-meter longitudinal space due to reduced wake interference. In Case F, the Car-Bus-Car setup allows for better velocity recovery and reduced turbulence for the trailing car, though the bus's wake remains dominant. In Case G, the Car-Car-Bus configuration benefits from improved wake dissipation for the leading cars, but the bus still generates a significant turbulent wake downstream. Finally, in Case H, the Bus-Car-Car arrangement achieves the most stable flow characteristics, with increased spacing reducing turbulence for the trailing cars and improving overall aerodynamic performance. These results underscore the influence of vehicle positioning and longitudinal spacing on wake interaction, turbulence intensity, and aerodynamic efficiency.

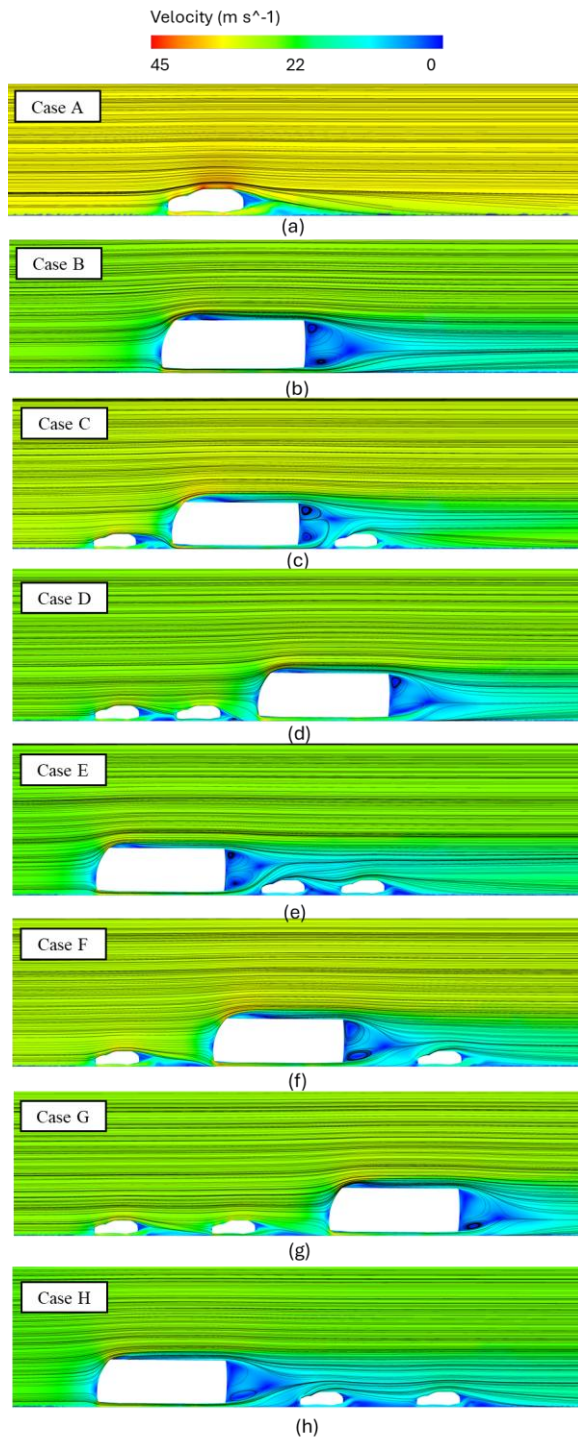


Fig. 9 Velocity streamline profiles for Case A, Case B, Case C, Case D, Case E, Case F, Case G and Case H

Fig. 10 illustrates the pressure distributions for Cases A–H, highlighting how vehicle arrangement and spacing influence aerodynamic performance. In Case C, the central positioning of the bus leads to a significant high-pressure zone at its front, which results in a large low-pressure wake that greatly increases drag and instability for the trailing car, even with a 4-meter longitudinal space. Case D shows that the combined wakes from the two leading vehicles create a low-pressure area that interacts with the bus's wake, resulting in uneven pressure

distribution and increased turbulence downstream.

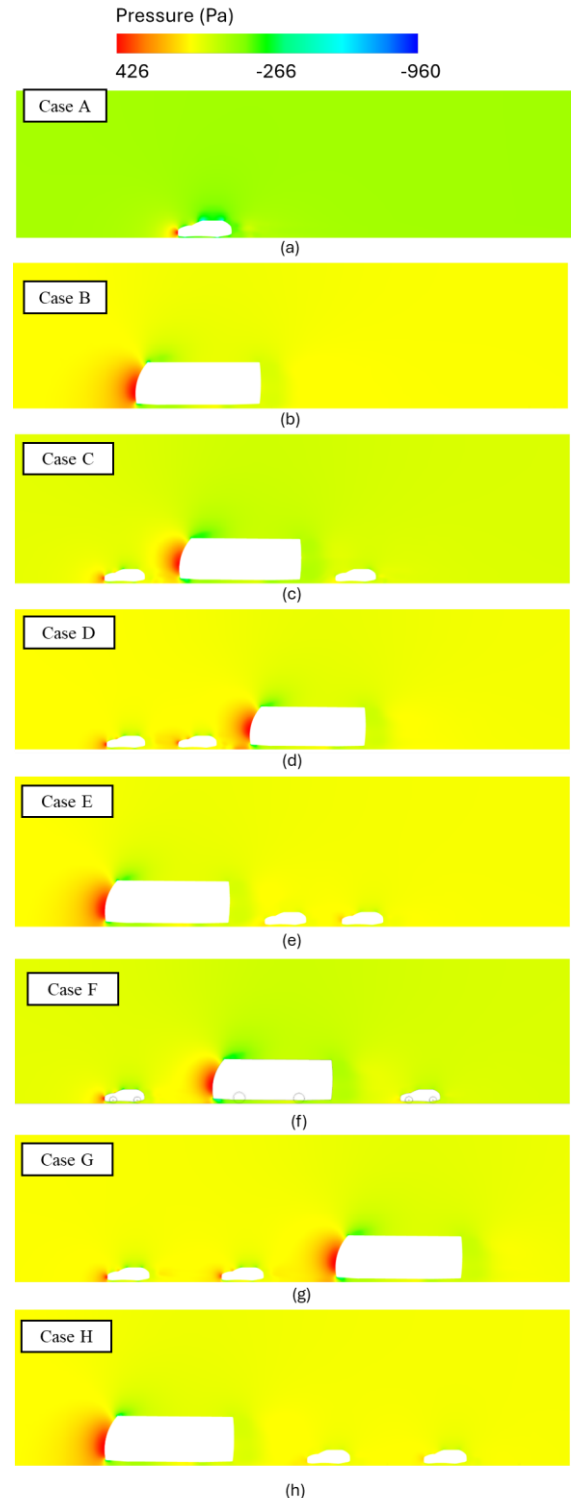


Fig. 10 Pressure contour for Case A, Case B, Case C, Case D, Case E, Case F, Case G and Case H

In Case E, the bus at the front generates a substantial high-pressure region and a large wake that affects both trailing cars. Although the 4-meter spacing allows for some airflow recovery, the trailing cars are still impacted by the bus's wake, reducing their aerodynamic efficiency. The 8-meter spacing in Case F

improves airflow between the vehicles, decreasing wake interference and stabilizing the pressure gradients around the trailing car. Case G demonstrates a more effective dissipation of the wakes produced by the two leading vehicles, allowing the bus to maintain a stable high-pressure zone at its front with reduced turbulence in the downstream flow. In Case H, the bus at the front creates a significant wake that affects the first trailing car. However, the 8-meter spacing enables the second trailing car to experience smoother pressure gradients, enhancing its aerodynamic performance. The increased longitudinal spacings seen in Cases F–H showcase notable benefits in minimizing wake effects and improving overall stability.

The 3D vortex formations in Fig. 11 highlight how vehicle configuration and spacing affect wake dynamics. In Case C, the bus's central position creates a large turbulent vortex around the trailing car, with minimal airflow recovery due to a 4-meter spacing, resulting in chaotic flow and increased instability. Case D merges wake vortices from both leading vehicles, leading to a complex and turbulent vortex system. In Case E, the bus generates a dominant 3D vortex affecting both trailing cars, with limited airflow recovery causing unstable vortices and increased drag. Case F benefits from an 8-meter longitudinal space, improving spacing and airflow recovery, resulting in smoother vortex transitions for the trailing car. Case G sees greater vehicle separation, allowing distinct wake structures to dissipate before interacting with the bus, leading to more organized vortex patterns despite the bus's dominating wake. In Case H, the leading bus strongly affects the first trailing car while minimizing interference for the second, enhancing flow stability.

Overall, the results illustrate that 4-meter gaps lead to turbulent and chaotic vortex formations (Cases C, D, and E), while 8-meter spacings enhance stability and reduce drag (Cases F, G, and H). Central positions exacerbate wake disturbances, whereas rear positions stabilize upstream vehicles..

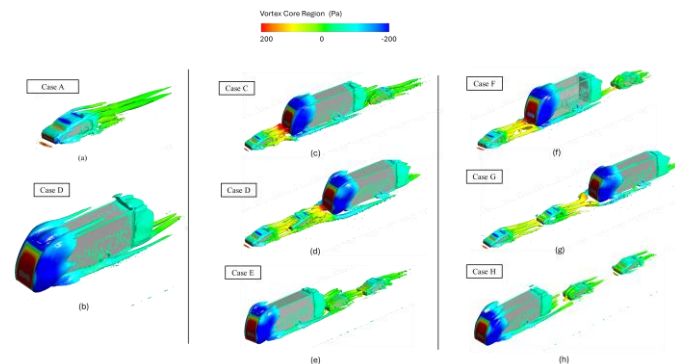


Fig. 11 3D vortex for Case A, Case B, Case C, Case D, Case E, Case F, Case G and Case H

B. Aerodynamic forces

This section analyzes aerodynamic forces on a double-decker bus compared to a car, focusing on vehicle positions and longitudinal spacings. Fig. 12 shows drag coefficients (C_d) for various configurations: (a) Cases C and F, (b) Cases D and G, and (c) Cases E and H. In the Car-Bus-Car arrangement (Fig.

12 (a)), Case C with a 4-meter longitudinal space shows the leading car's C_d at 0.381, the bus at 0.681, and the trailing car at 0.267. With an 8-meter spacing in Case F, the leading car's C_d drops to 0.239 and the trailing car's to 0.249, while the bus's C_d stays stable at 0.688. In the Car-Car-Bus configuration (Fig. 12 (b)), Case D with a 4-meter spacing has the leading car at 0.3692, the middle car benefiting from the wake at 0.2608, and the bus at 0.66. At an 8-meter spacing in Case G, the leading car's C_d increases to 0.437, and the middle car's to 0.34, with the bus's drag slightly rising to 0.687. In the Bus-Car-Car arrangement (Fig. 12 (c)), Case E at 4 meters places the bus at the front with a C_d of 0.671, allowing the first trailing car to have a C_d of 0.148. At 8 meters in Case H, the bus's drag decreases to 0.669, while the first trailing car's C_d rises to 0.226, and the second drops to 0.212 due to improved airflow.

At 4-meter spacings, closer spacing reduces drag for trailing cars via wake shielding, while 8-meter spacings enhance airflow recovery, redistributing aerodynamic forces to lower drag on the second trailing car and slightly increasing it for the first. The bus's position is crucial, as leading buses generate significant drag and influence downstream flow dynamics.

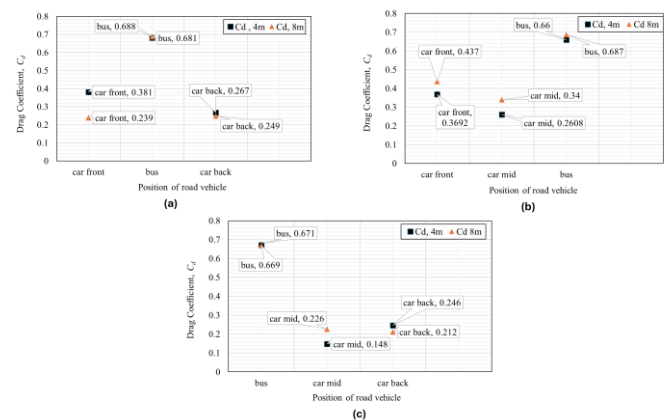


Fig. 12 Drag Coefficient, C_d , for different road positions. (a) Case C and F, (b) Case D and G, (c) Case E and H

Fig. 13 presents the lift coefficients (C_l) for different vehicle configurations at various longitudinal spacings. In Case C, with a 4-meter spacing, the leading car (Car Front) has a lift coefficient of 0.29. Meanwhile, the bus exhibits a slightly negative coefficient of -0.0962 due to significant downwash, and the trailing car (Car Back) registers a value of 0.266, influenced by the turbulent wake from the bus. In Case F, with an 8-meter spacing, the lift of the leading car decreases to 0.179, while the bus's coefficient slightly drops to -0.0809. In this case, the lift of the trailing car rises to 0.375, benefiting from reduced wake interference. In Case D, with a 4-meter spacing, the leading car (Car Front) maintains a lift coefficient (C_l) of 0.314, while the middle car (Car Mid) has a lower value of 0.242, and the bus at the rear shows a lift coefficient (C_l) close to zero of 0.00391. For Case G, at an 8-meter spacing, the leading vehicle's lift increases to 0.34, the lift of the middle car decreases to 0.192, and the bus experiences a negative lift coefficient (C_l) of -0.0923 due to less turbulence and improved downwash. With a 4-meter spacing, the bus generates considerable downward forces in Case E, reflected in a lift

coefficient (C_l) of -0.167. The first trailing car (Car Mid) experiences a lift of 0.255, while the second trailing car (Car Back) registers a lift of 0.0776. In Case H, with an 8-meter spacing, the bus's lift remains relatively unchanged at -0.173, the lift of the first trailing car decreases to 0.205, and the second trailing car's lift increases to 0.102, thanks to smoother airflow. Overall, lift coefficients (C_l) were influenced by longitudinal spacings and the positions of the vehicles. At a 4-meter spacing, closer spacing enhances lift for trailing cars while reducing it for the bus. In contrast, at an 8-meter spacing, the lift distribution becomes more balanced, with reduced wake interference leading to improved lift for trailing vehicles and lower lift for the bus and leading cars.

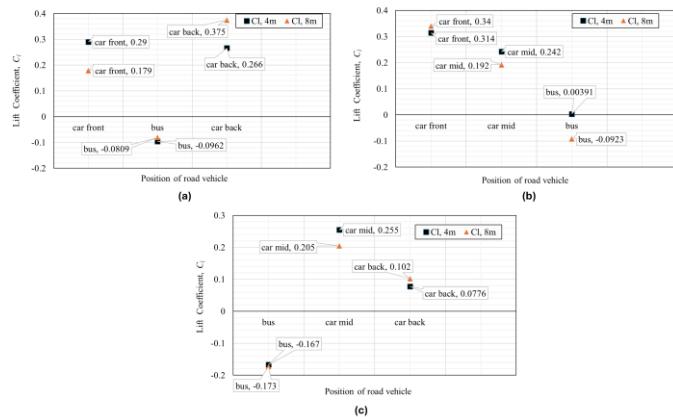


Fig 13 Lift coefficient, C_l , for different road positions. (a) Case C and F, (b) Case D and G, (c) Case E and H

C. Aeroacoustics analysis

Fig. 14 presents the acoustic power levels for Cases C, D, E, F, G, and H. In Case C Fig. 13(a), moderate acoustic power (16-33 dB) is found at the rear of the bus due to wake turbulence and trailing car interactions, while the cars also show moderate power from turbulent airflows. The blue area on the bus's roof indicates higher levels (49-65 dB) linked to complex turbulence patterns from its large, boxy shape. In Case D, yellow-green regions at the bus's rear signify significant noise from wake turbulence, with the cars showing light green to yellow areas reflecting moderate power due to flow separation. The blue zones over the bus roof again indicate the highest acoustic power from vortex interactions.

In Case F as shown in Fig. 14(d), with an 8-meter spacing, acoustic power levels decrease compared to Case C, with light green regions around the bus's rear indicating moderate noise and blue regions over the roof indicating high levels (49-65 dB) from residual disturbances. The cars show yellow-green regions, reflecting reduced turbulence due to larger spacing. In Case G, yellow-green regions signify moderate power (16-33 dB) at the bus's rear, while the cars exhibit green regions from wake interactions, and blue areas over the roof represent the highest power levels. Fig. 14(f) for case H, the bus generates the highest acoustic power, with yellow-green regions at its rear and blue zones over the roof due to turbulent interactions. The cars, positioned further away, display light green to blue regions

indicating lower power from dissipated turbulence. Overall, acoustic power levels are affected by vehicle spacing, with larger spacings resulting in reduced turbulence and noise, particularly near the bus's roof and rear, while trailing cars experience less noise due to increased spacing.

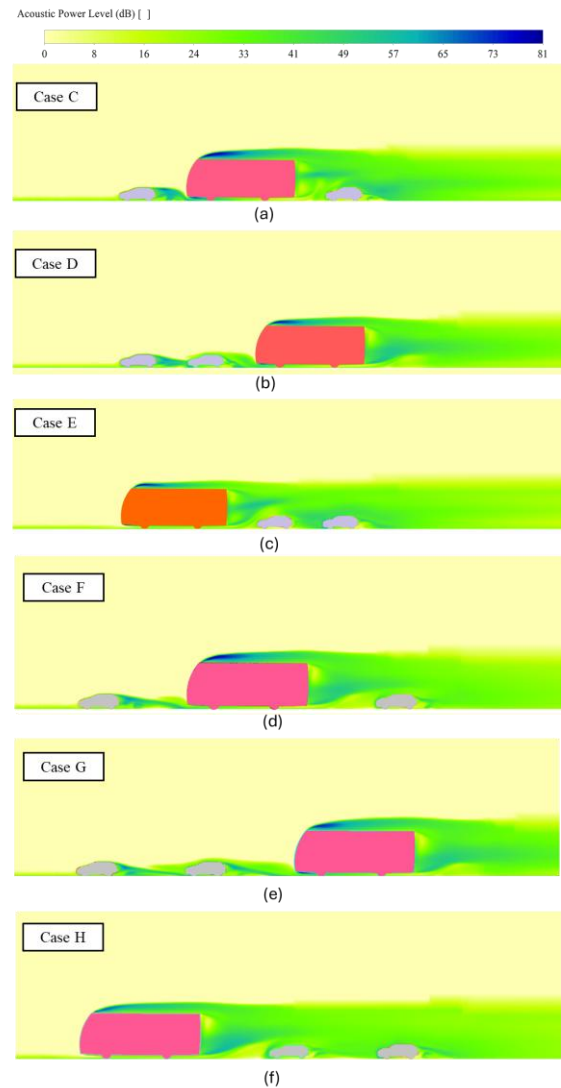


Fig. 14 Acoustic Power for Case C, Case D, Case E, Case F, Case G and Case H

Figure 15 showcases the surface acoustic power for Cases C, D, and E, all featuring a 4-meter longitudinal space. In Case C, illustrated in Fig. 15(a), the bus demonstrates moderate acoustic power levels ranging from 35 to 53 dB along its sides and rear, indicating the presence of wake turbulence, while the cars positioned in front and behind exhibit blue-green areas that reflect their interaction with the bus's wake, leading to increased turbulence and noise due to their close proximity. In Case D, shown in Fig. 15(b), the acoustic power distribution shifts slightly, with the bus still displaying dominant green regions and the cars revealing yellow zones at their rear, pointing to the combined effects of the trailing bus and adjacent vehicles, resulting in a more uniform turbulence without extreme high-power zones. Case E maintains the bus's green

zones but shows more pronounced yellow regions at the rear of the cars, indicating higher turbulence due to the bus's leading position, which underscores the significant impact of the bus's placement on the aeroacoustics behaviour of surrounding vehicles.

In Cases F, G, and H, which use an 8-meter longitudinal space, acoustic power is notably reduced; in Case F, shown in Fig. 15(d), the bus features green regions with minimal yellow zones, suggesting less wake turbulence and smoother airflow, while the cars display faint yellow-green areas due to increased spacing. Case G continues this trend with further reductions in turbulence-induced noise, and in Case H, illustrated in Fig. 15(f), the bus exhibits light green zones indicating minimal wake turbulence, while the cars present faint yellow-green regions due to residual turbulence, highlighting the effectiveness of larger longitudinal spacings in reducing aeroacoustic noise levels. Overall, these findings illustrate that increasing the longitudinal space effectively reduces wake interactions, resulting in lower acoustic power levels and quieter vehicle configurations.

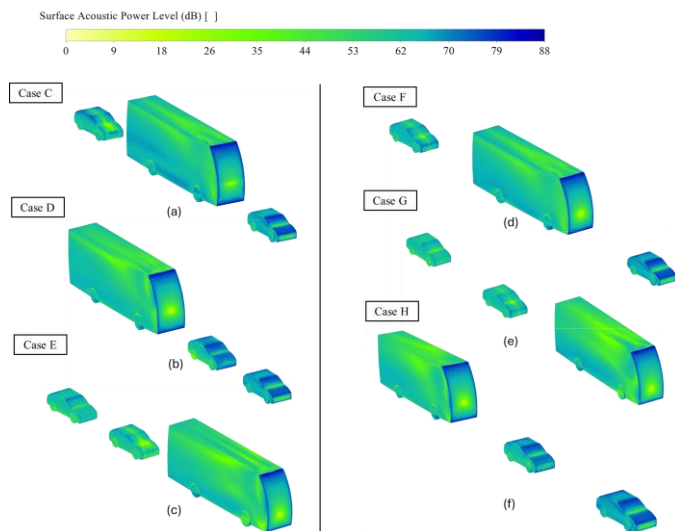


Fig. 15 Surface Acoustic Power for Case C, Case D, Case E, Case F, Case G and Case H

IV. CONCLUSION

This study utilized computational fluid dynamics (CFD) to map the aerodynamic and aeroacoustic interactions across various mixed-vehicle platoons. The simulations confirm that both the sequence of vehicles and the distance between them fundamentally dictate wake vortex structures, surface pressure, and acoustic power generation. We found that the Bus-Car-Car sequence with a 4 m gap offers the greatest aerodynamic benefits. In this setup, the lead bus experienced a 37% drop in its drag coefficient, while the trailing cars saw massive drag reductions of 50–60%. These drops translate directly to improved energy efficiency and vehicle stability. Furthermore, expanding the longitudinal spacing further reduced surface noise and smoothed aerodynamic drag across all trailing vehicles. Ultimately, strategically organizing multi-vehicle systems can drastically cut fuel consumption and emissions.

Future work should transition these numerical models into experimental and dynamic road testing to fully bridge the gap between CFD simulations and real-world sustainable transportation.

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