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From: Bob Whiteley - Penwortham

Tilting Trains

George Hoekstra's informative piece on the improvements to the Zürich-Lausanne routes seems to suggest there is something unnatural about a tilting train. When we run or skate or cycle or travel by air we always bank at the proper angle at which the balance canals in our ears tell us we are straight up. All trains tilt round bends but the angle is fixed by PW folk and is only correct for one particular speed so tilting trains offer a wider range of speed. However a 40% increase of speed implies doubling the tilt and that in only 70% of the time so there is a greater likelihood of motion sickness. As long as you are looking out of the window in daylight there is no discomfort but when there is no view those of us prone to the problem have to shut our eyes and let our balance organ paint the picture for us. Is it enough to close the eyes just during changing curvature (ie during transitions)? His mention of a calculated zero line above which the balance canals must not rise, could indicate a new understanding in the field but I wonder if it is a marketing myth raised by a tilt-train manufacturer's sales department? Probably it's a matter of getting used to it so the sooner we have lots of speedier trains in service on curvy routes the better.

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