

DAC & Digital Freight Train

Challenges of interoperable automation to increase efficiency in the freight rail sector.

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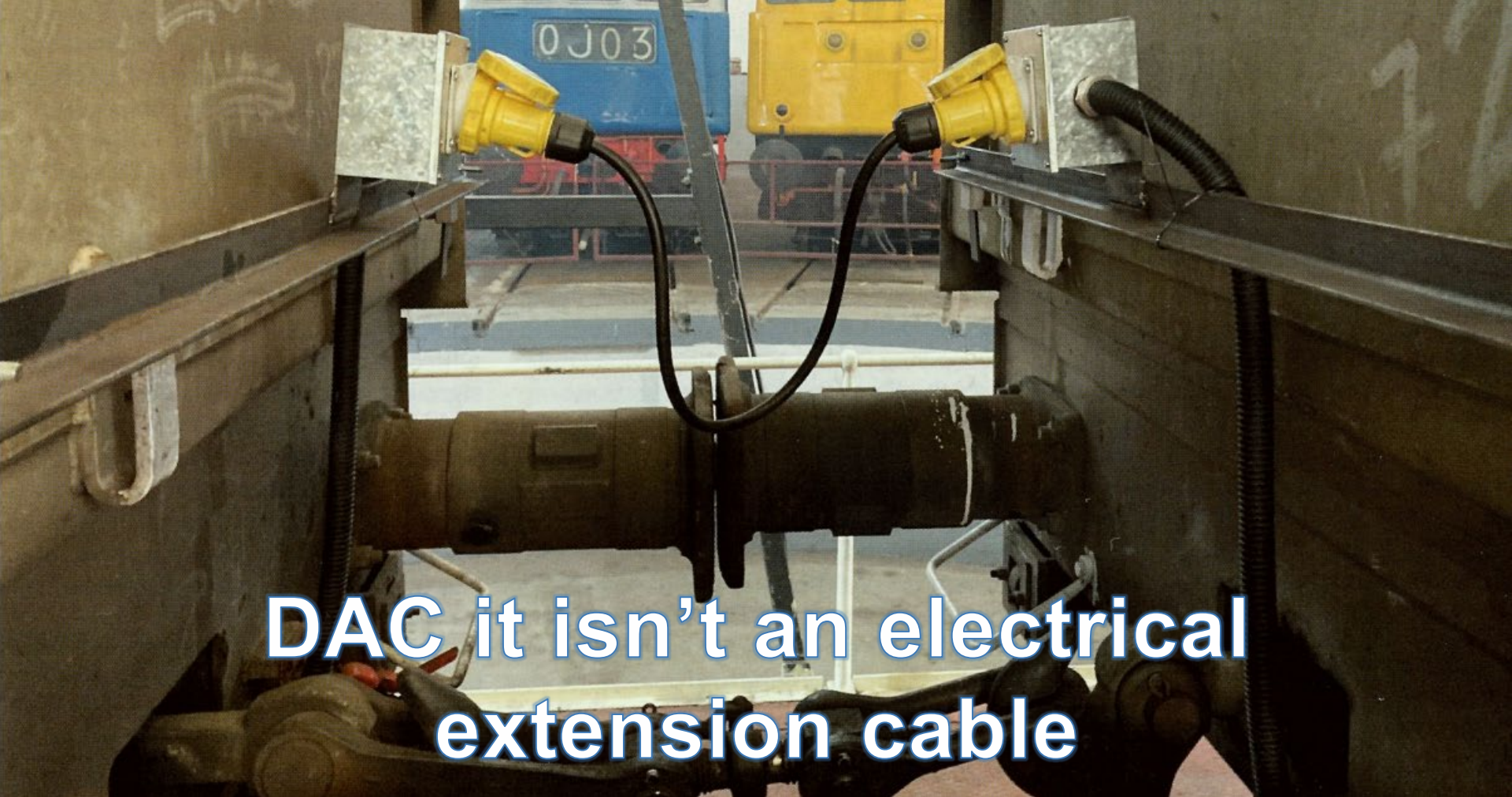
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A close-up photograph of a worker wearing a white hard hat and a high-visibility yellow vest over a dark hoodie. The worker is focused on a large, dark, curved metal component of a freight car, possibly a coupler or part of the braking system. The background shows more of the freight car's structure, including pipes and metal beams.

**DAC it isn't a hook to pull
freight cars**





or a pneumatic pipe ...



DAC it is an ENABLER





An aerial photograph of a train crossing a long bridge over a wide river. The scene is captured at sunrise, with a bright, golden light source on the right side of the frame. The sun's rays create a strong lens flare and illuminate the misty air around the bridge. The train, consisting of several white passenger cars and a locomotive, is moving from left to right across the bridge. The river below is dark and calm, reflecting the light. The bridge is lined with green trees and vegetation. In the distance, a small town or industrial area is visible on the left bank.

**... a transition in a
New Era ...**

Safety Increase

Higher speeds

Environmental Awareness

Higher Capacity

Efficiency

DAC makes rail freight fit for the future – it is safe for the staff, automates coupling and enables the digitalization of the freight train

Digital Automatic Coupler




data
pneumatic
power



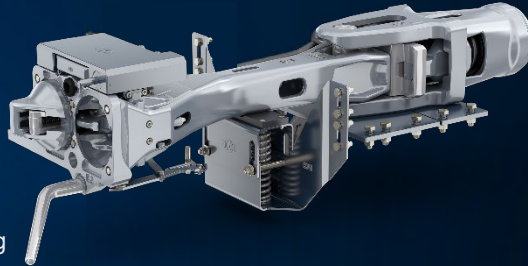
Digital
Automatic Coupler
(DAC)







Automatic coupling

-  mechanical
-  pneumatic
-  Electrical / digital

Type 4 – automatic coupling
Type 5 – automatic coupling & decoupling



Benefits

-  fast, efficient coupling
-  Automatic coupling
-  Safe operation
-  Enabler for automation

Finally, the digital freight train enabled by the DAC will be a game changer

Intelligent Automation - Control and Monitoring



Train Preparation



faster processing



Train Operation



more transportation capacity
dynamic infrastructure utilization



Shunting & Parking



faster processing



Maintenance Services



Sustain, Enhance, Accelerate

Automated

- Brake test
- Train composition detection
- Brake weight calculation

Remote controlled

- Parking brake control
- Brake settings

Automated Coupling

Electro-pneumatic brake

Monitoring

- Operational brake monitoring
- Train integrity detection and monitoring

Warnings and alerts

- driver alerts or warnings for critical operation conditions

Remote

- Decoupling (DAC5)
- Parking brake control

Shunting Assistant etc.

Condition (data) based maintenance

Device management

- Over-the-air software update

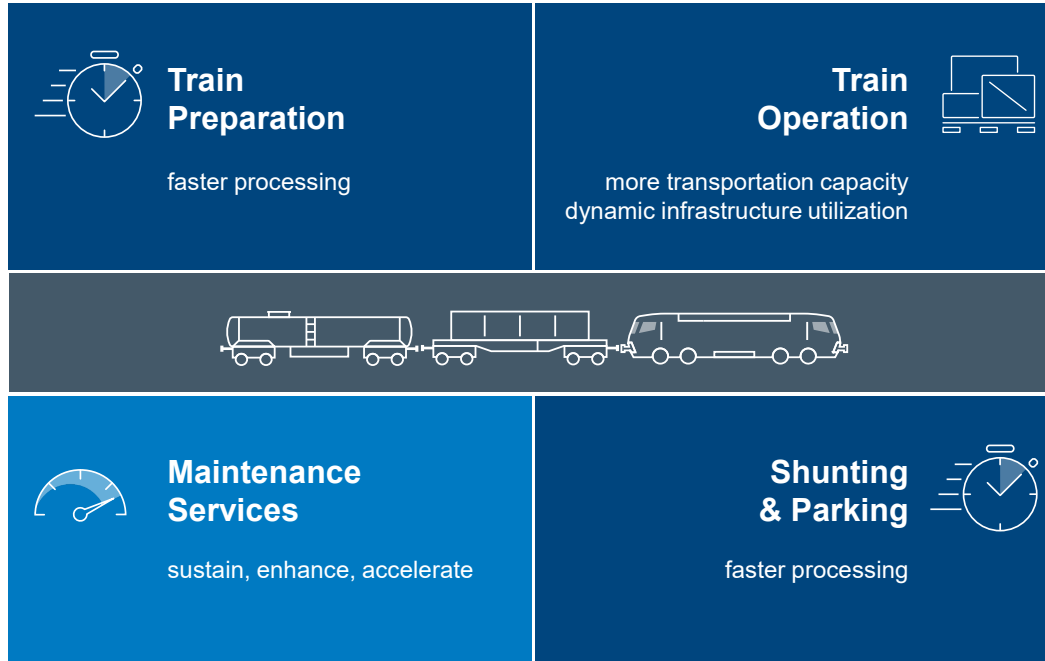
Asset management

- Identification and usage tracking



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Train Run Mode

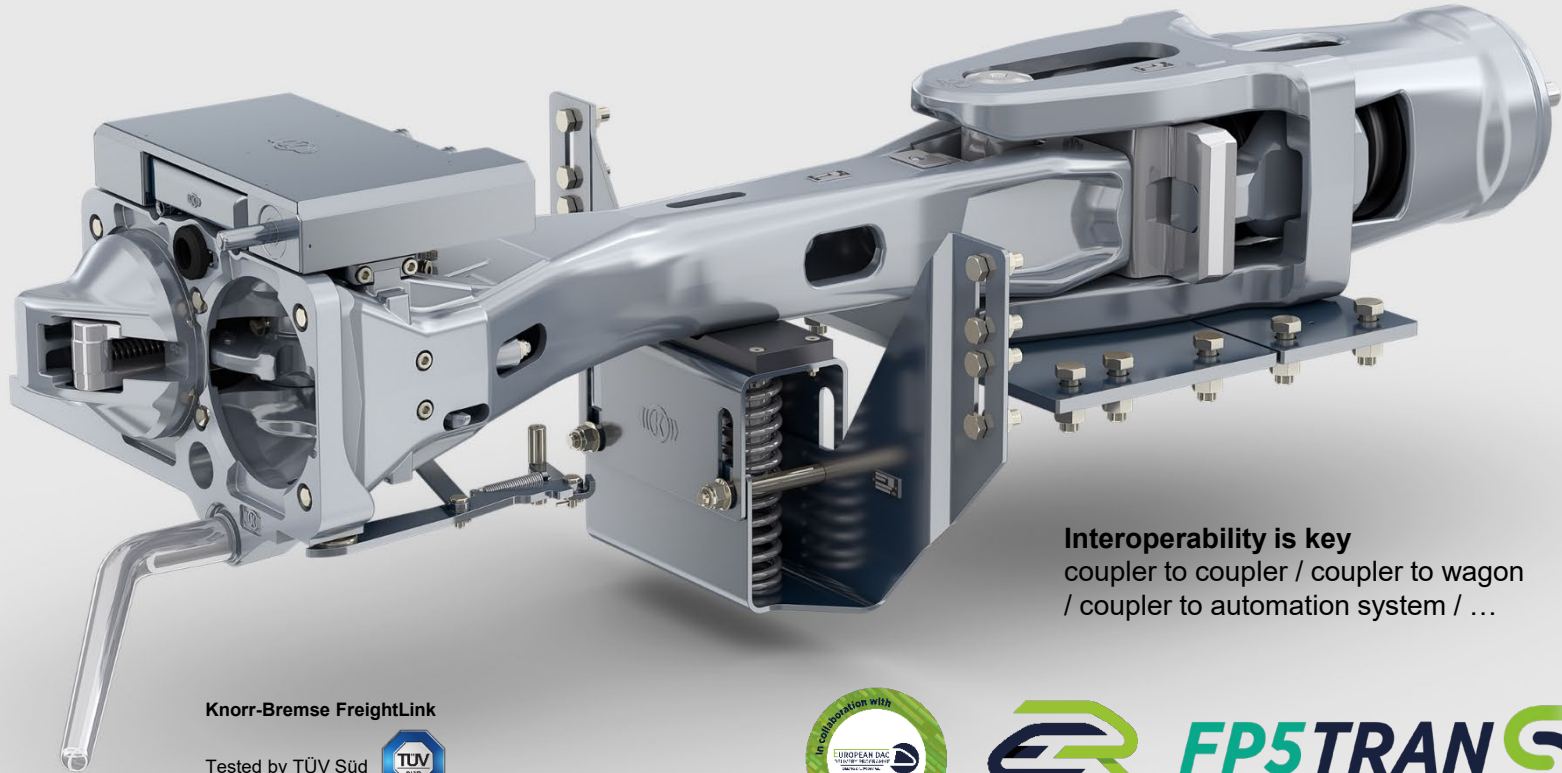
- Train integrity monitoring
- Network based electro-pneumatic brake

Shunting Mode

- Apply / release parking brake
- De-coupling
- Train composition detection
incl. train length determination
- Automated brake test

- Change of operation mode
- (Automatic coupling)

Knorr-Bremse DAC “Freight Link”



Interoperability is key
coupler to coupler / coupler to wagon
/ coupler to automation system / ...

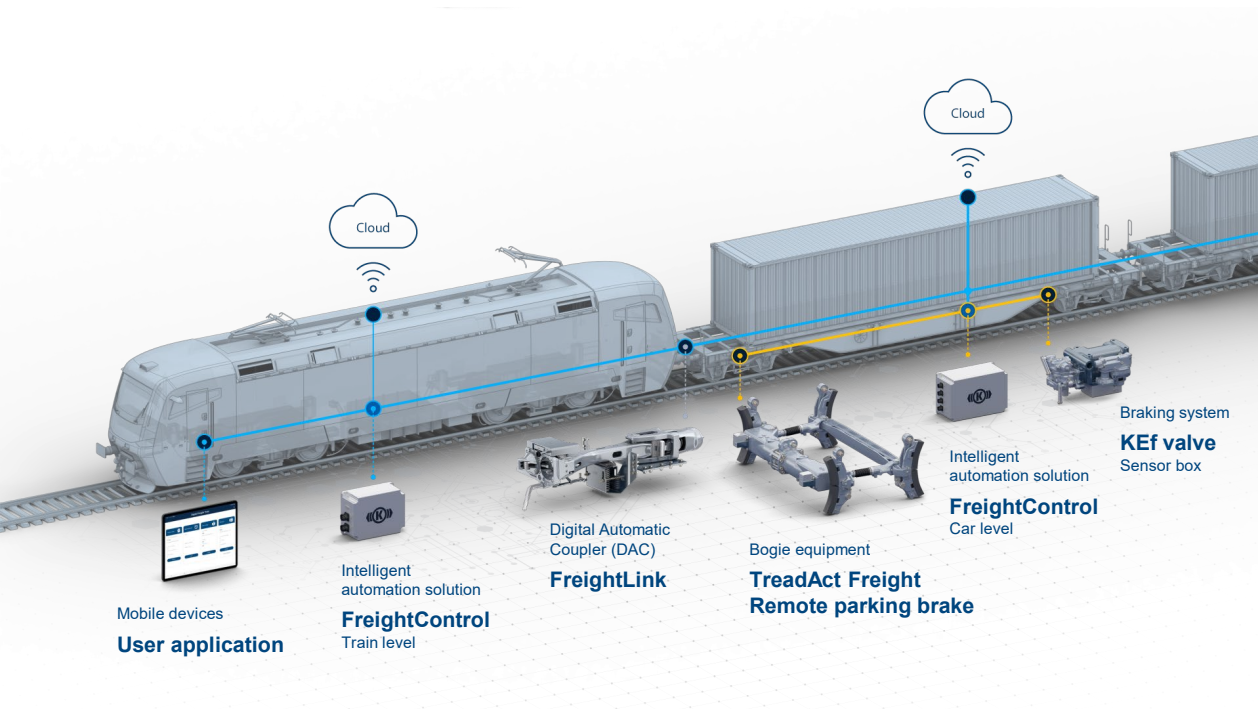


Knorr-Bremse FreightLink

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Digital Automatic Coupler (DAC) – Technology enabler of the Digital Interoperable Freight Train

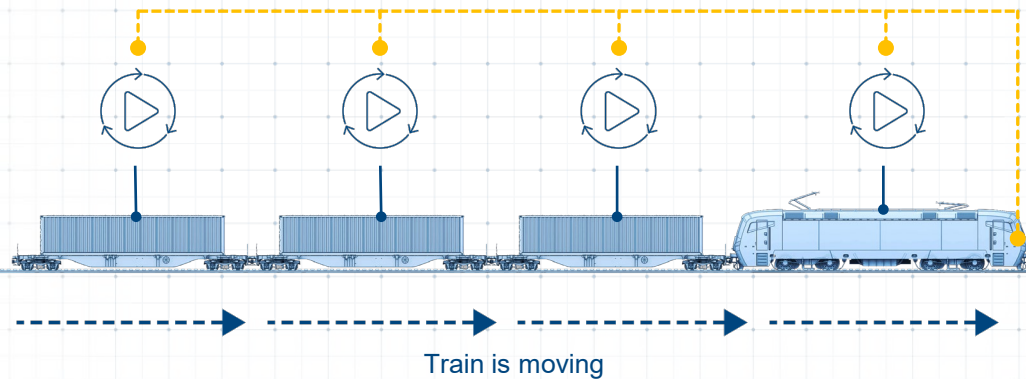


Knorr-Bremse Scope

- Pneumatic braking systems
- Digital Automatic Coupler
- FreightControl
 - Automated brake test
 - Train composition detection incl. train length determination & train integrity monitoring
 - De-coupling
 - Parking brake control
 - Network based EP-brake
 - User interface application
- Automated parking brake systems
- Wagon power supply / battery

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Train Run Mode

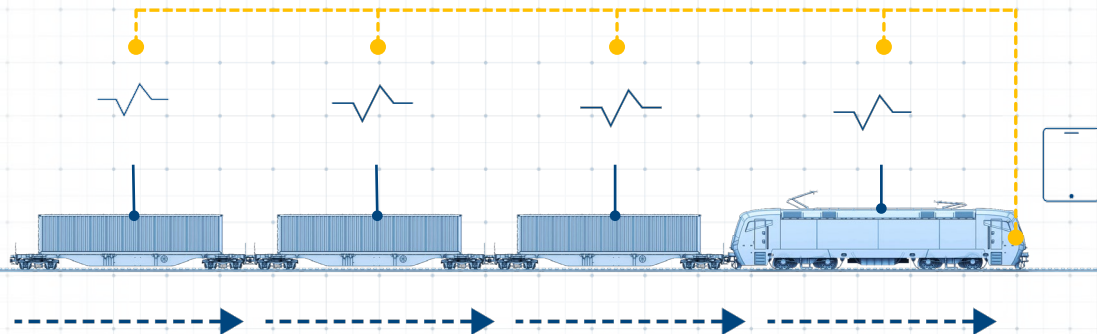


Train Run Mode

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Train Run Mode

Train integrity monitoring



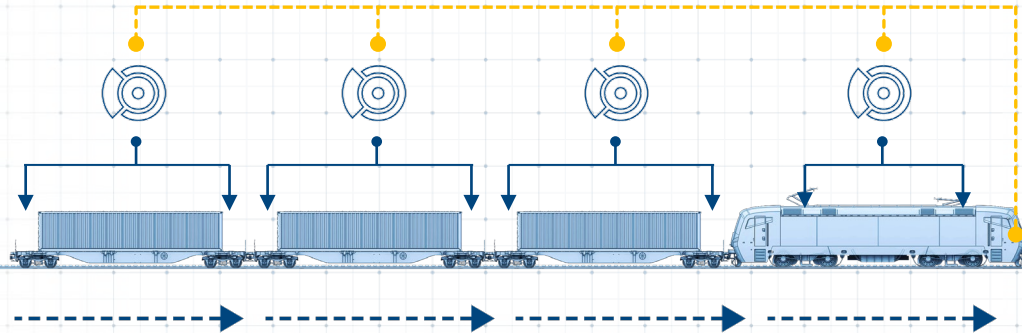
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Train Run Mode

Network based electro-pneumatic braking process



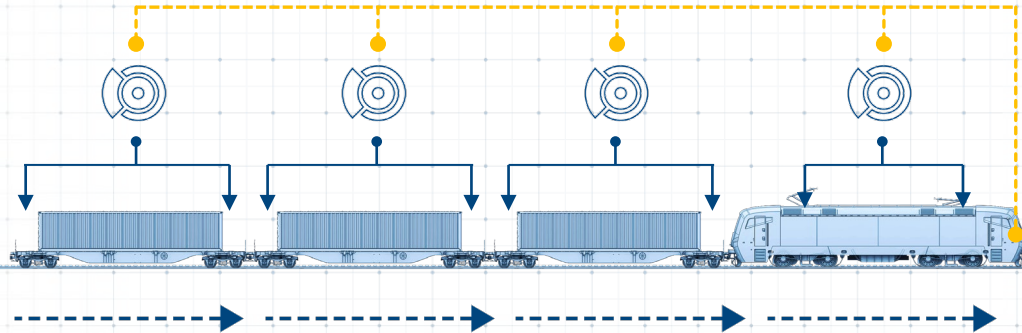
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Train Run Mode

Network based electro-pneumatic braking process

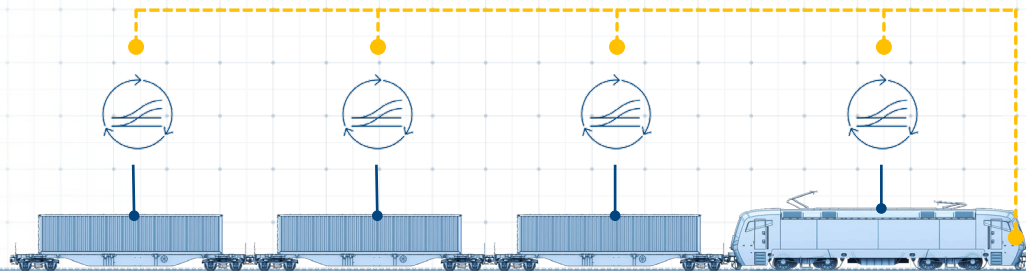


Train Run Mode

- Train integrity monitoring
- Network based electro-pneumatic brake
- Train has stopped

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Shunting Mode



Train Run Mode

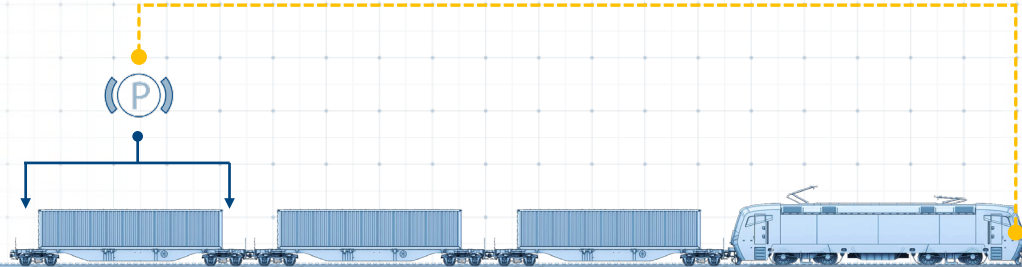
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Change to Shunting Mode

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Shunting Mode

Apply parking brake



Train Run Mode

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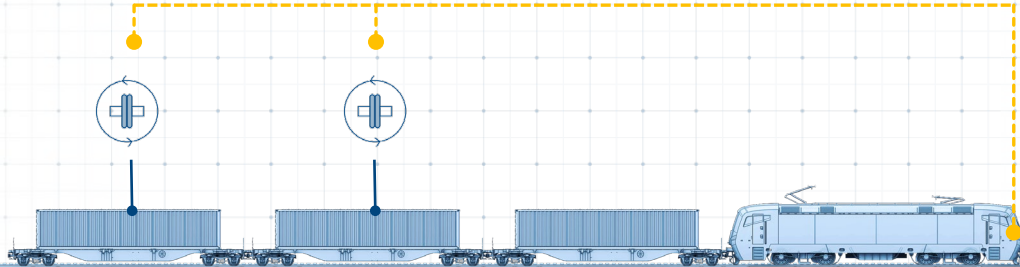
Change to Shunting Mode

- Apply parking brake

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Shunting Mode

De-couple



Train Run Mode

- Train integrity monitoring
- Network based electro-pneumatic brake
- Train has stopped

Change to Shunting Mode

- Apply parking brake
- De-couple

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Shunting Mode

Move forward



Train Run Mode

- Train integrity monitoring
- Network based electro-pneumatic brake
- Train has stopped

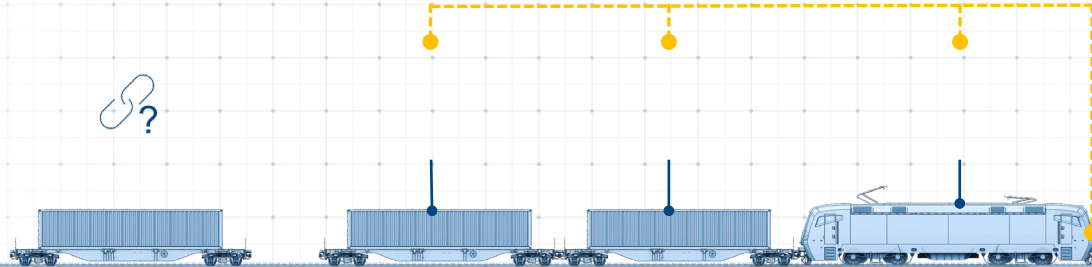
Change to Shunting Mode

- Apply parking brake
- De-couple
- Move forward

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Shunting Mode

Train composition detection



Train Run Mode

- Train integrity monitoring
- Network based electro-pneumatic brake
- Train has stopped

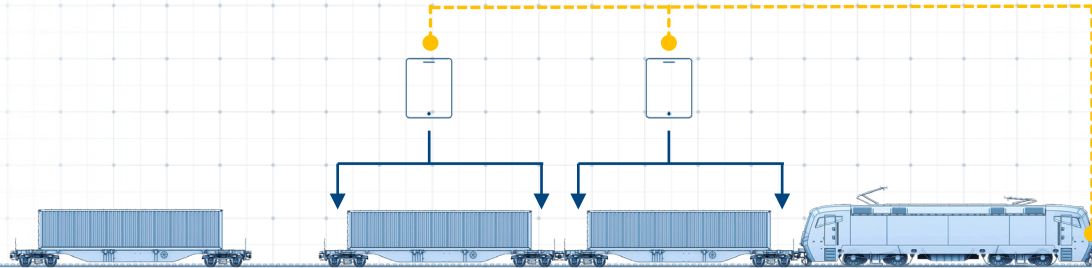
Change to Shunting Mode

- Apply parking brake
- De-couple
- Move forward
- Train composition detection

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Shunting Mode

Automated brake test



Train Run Mode

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Change to Shunting Mode

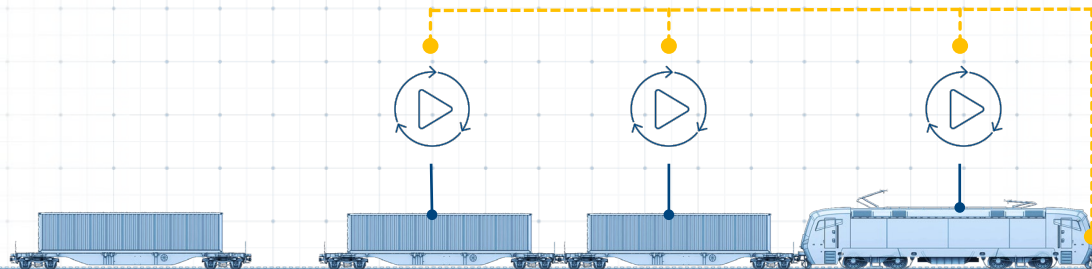
- Apply parking brake
- De-couple
- Move forward
- Train composition detection
- Automated brake test
 - Release brakes
 - Apply brakes
 - Release brakes

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Change Train Mode

Single Mode

Train Run Mode



Train Run Mode

- Train integrity monitoring
- Network based electro-pneumatic brake
- Train has stopped

Change to Shunting Mode

- Apply parking brake
- De-couple
- Move forward
- Train composition detection
- Automated brake test
 - Release brakes
 - Apply brakes
 - Release brakes

Change to Train Run Mode

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Train Run Mode

Move away



Train Run Mode

- Train integrity monitoring
- Network based electro-pneumatic brake
- Train has stopped

Change to Shunting Mode

- Apply parking brake
- De-couple
- Move forward
- Train composition detection
- Automated brake test
 - Release brakes
 - Apply brakes
 - Release brakes

Change to Train Run Mode

- Move away

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Single Mode

Shunting locomotive arrives



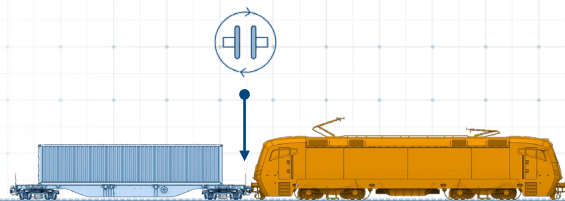
Single Mode

- Shunting locomotive arrives

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Shunting Mode

Automatic coupling



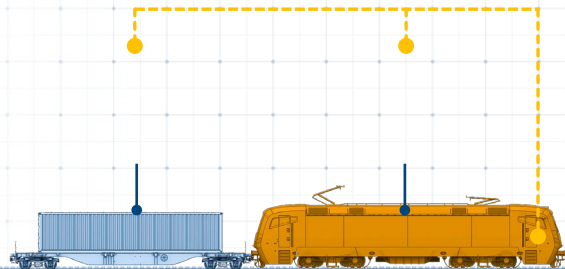
Single Mode

- Shunting locomotive arrives
- Automatic coupling

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Shunting Mode

Train composition detection



Single Mode

- Shunting locomotive arrives
- Automatic coupling

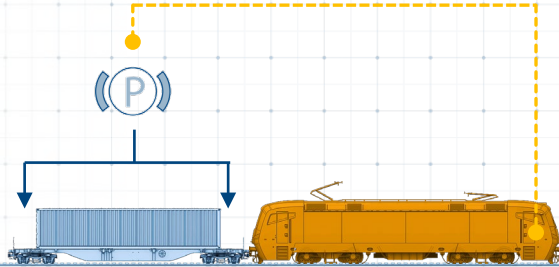
Shunting Mode

- Train composition detection

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Shunting Mode

Release parking brake



Single Mode

- Shunting locomotive arrives
- Automatic coupling

Shunting Mode

- Train composition detection
- Release parking brake

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Shunting Mode

Movement in shunting yard



Single Mode

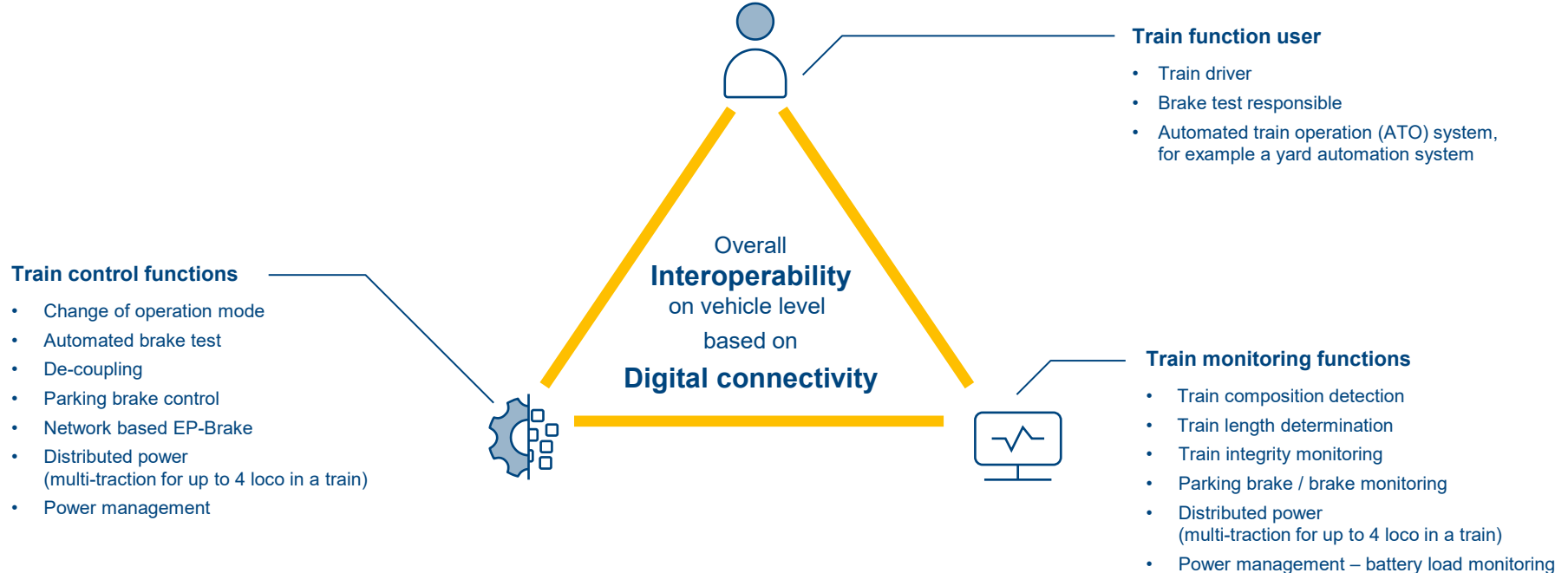
- Shunting locomotive arrives
- Automatic coupling

Shunting Mode

- Train composition detection
- Release parking brake
- Movement in shunting yard

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Train functions – generate added value to the user



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Train functions – pre-requisites



Step 1 **Upgrade Digital Automatic Coupler**

DAC 4 and DAC 5 development as interoperability component



Step 2 **Establish energy supply system**

From locomotives to wagons

- 400V AC system 2* 1 phase (redundant)
- 3 kW loco power supply
- 2 * 2 train lines
- Wagon power supply incl. board battery system 48V DC



Step 3 **Implement train communication system**

- Ethernet train backbone acc. IEC61375 with a new physical interface: SPE (single pair ethernet)
- 2 * 2 cables (redundant)
- 10 Mbit / s

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