



#### HOLISTIC CAPACITY OF RAIL NETWORKS -EXPOSING ASSET DEFICIENCIES IN A COMPLEX SYSTEM

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#### **Holistic** – can be defined as:

# 'Emphasising the importance of the whole and the interdependence of its parts'.









#### **Capacity** – can be defined as:

# 'The practical limit of a rail network to function at defined limits of operational performance'.









#### All Australasian Railways are under stakeholder pressure to improve services









#### Improved services may be provided by revised timings and/or increased frequency









#### Improved services can be provided by new lines to growth areas









#### Improved services can be provided by new trains with enhanced performance & customer features









# The question is:







### Can the existing infrastructure support an increased service frequency?







# Can the existing infrastructure support additional traffic from new lines?







### Can the existing infrastructure support the enhanced performance of new trains?







## If the answer to the question/is:







# If the answer to the question is: 'No'







# If the answer to the question is: 'We do not know'







# If the answer to the question is: 'Perhaps'



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## Or even if the answer to the question is: 'Yes, we believe the existing infrastructure is adequate '







### How can we prove it?





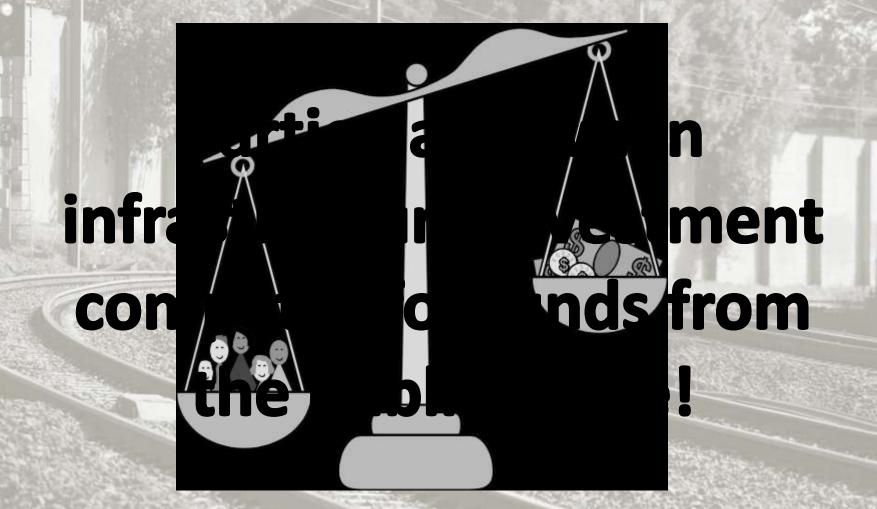


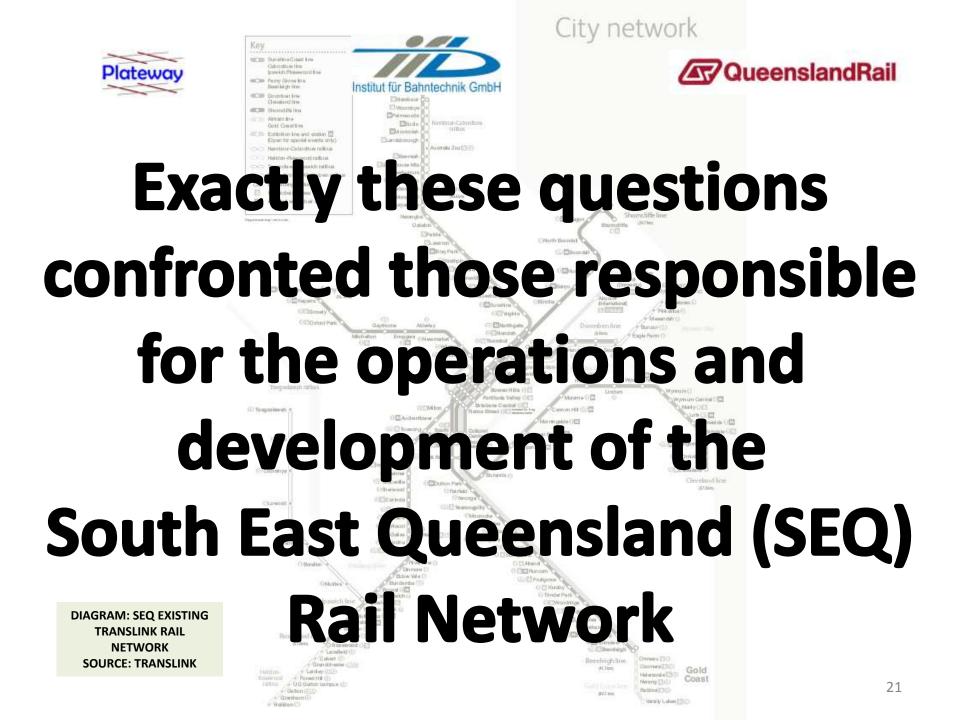
# If additional infrastructure is required : How do we justify it?

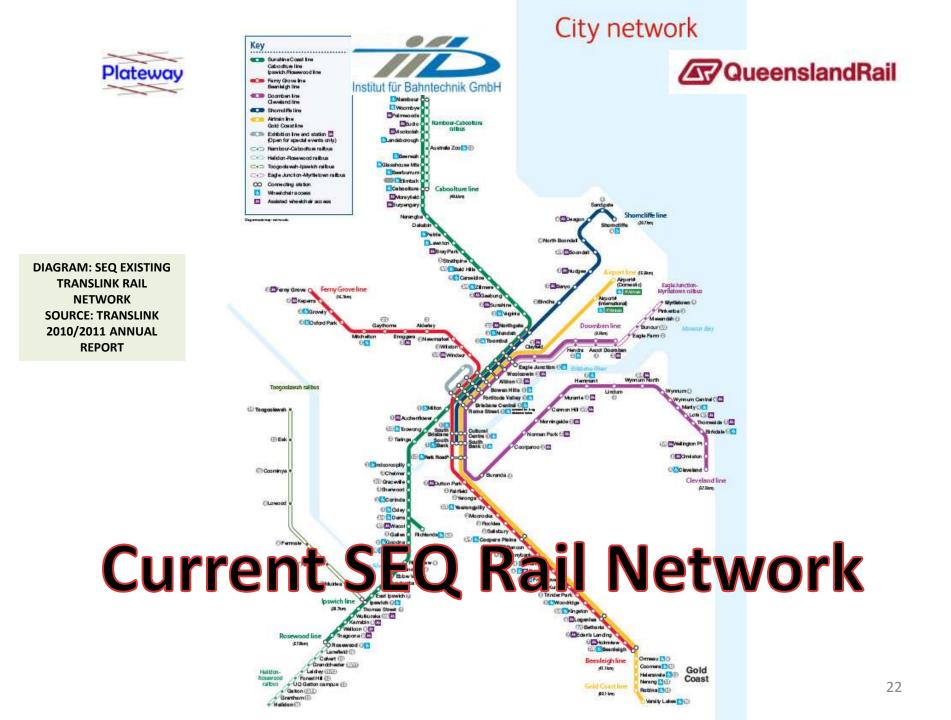


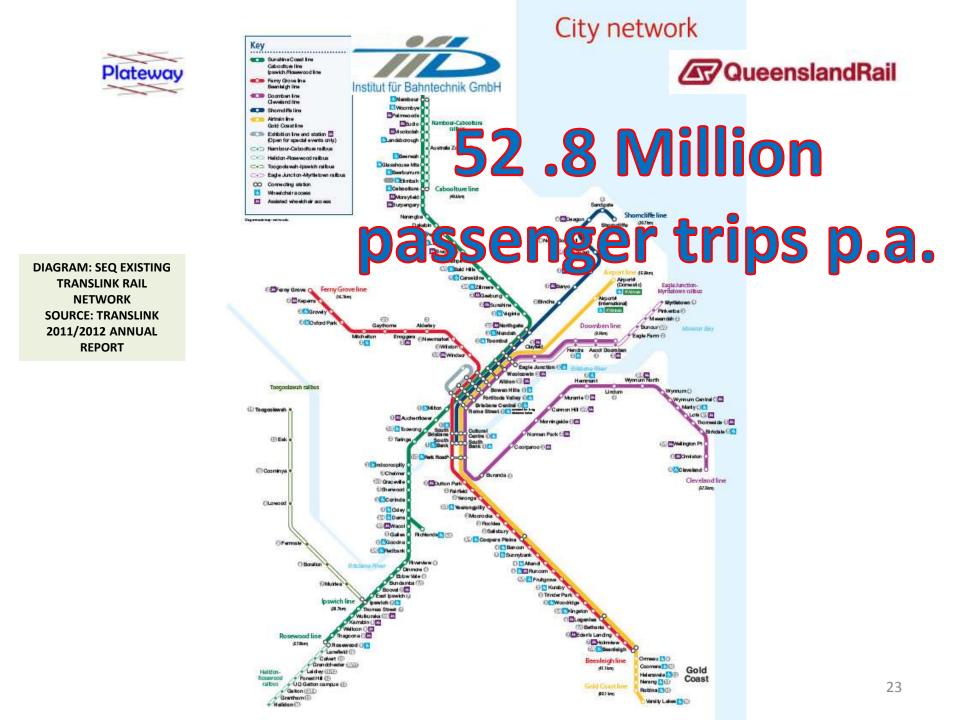




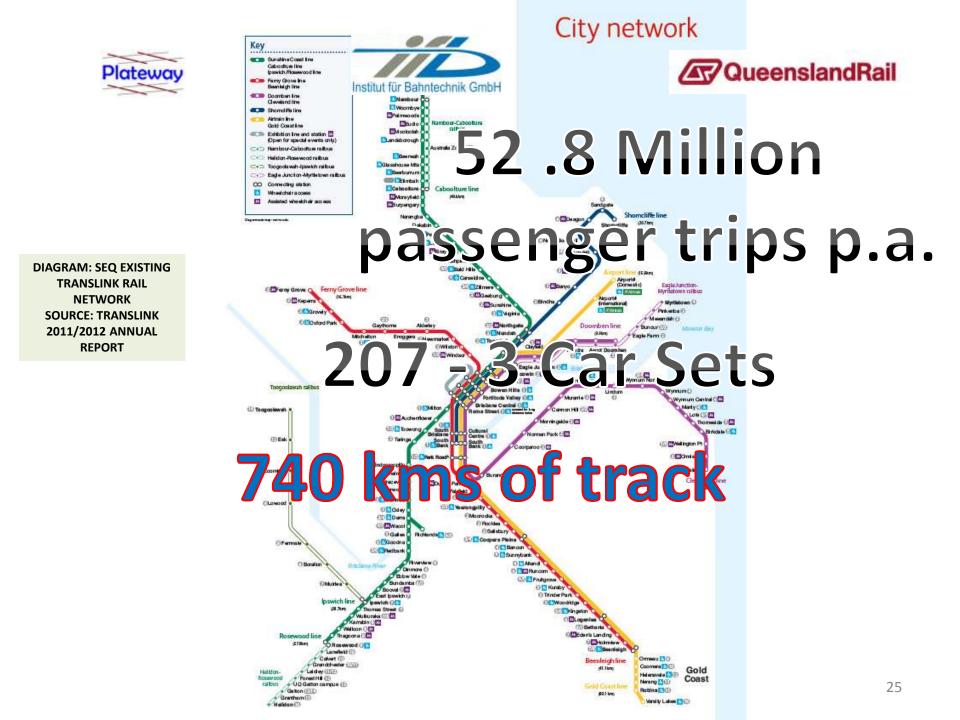


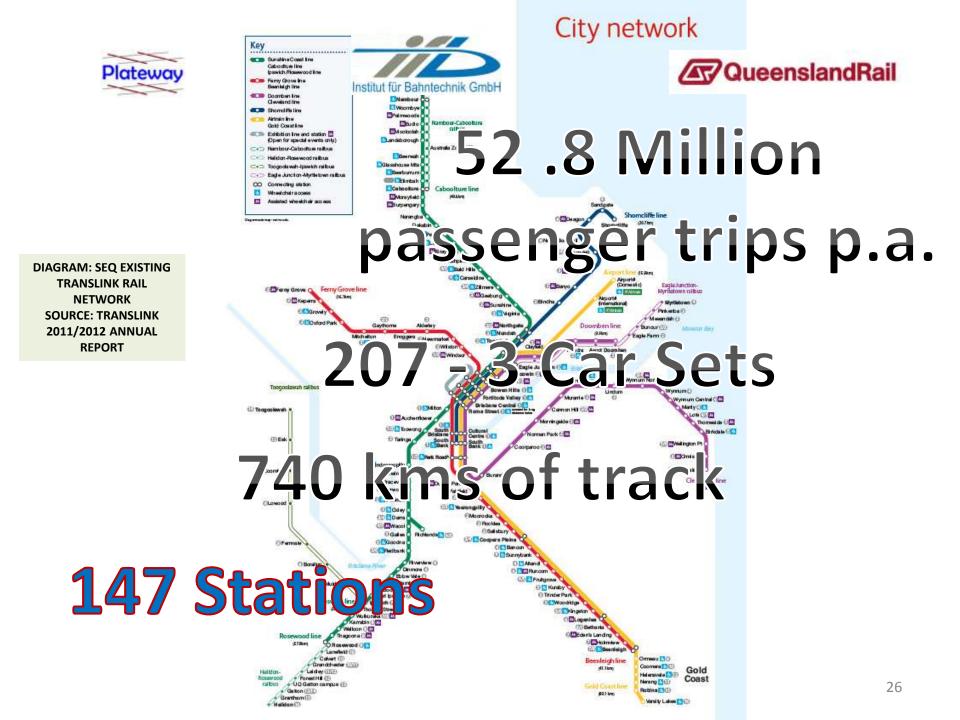




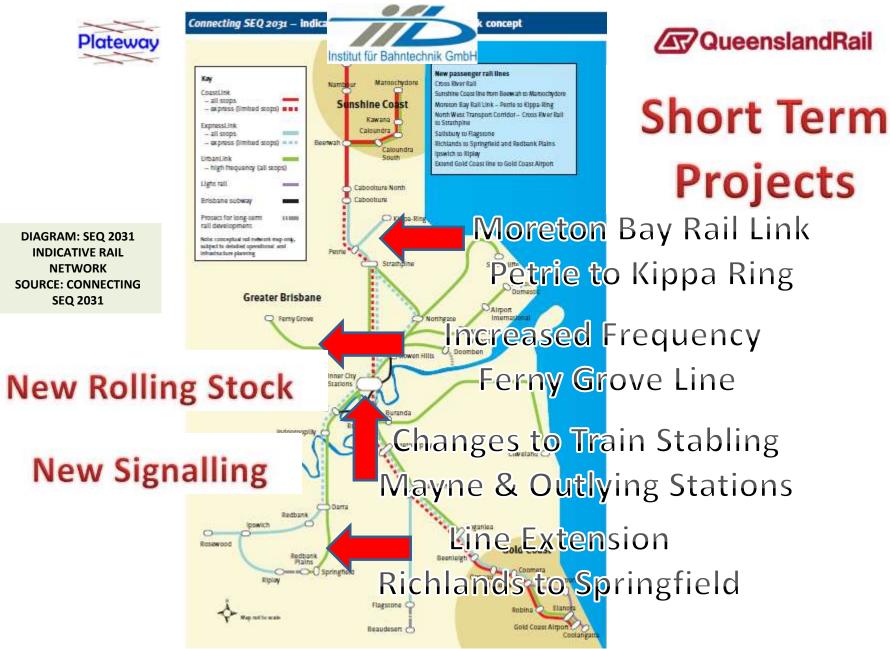


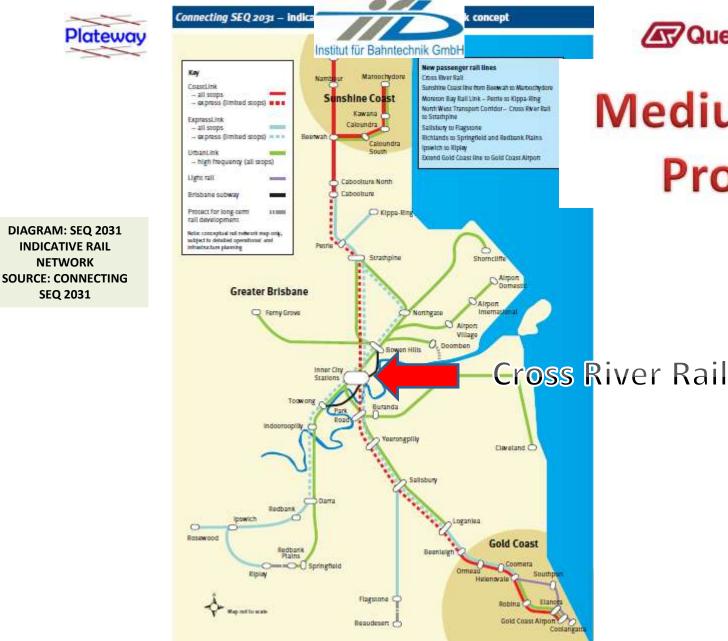












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### **Medium Term** Projects



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### All of these projects revisit the question Can the existing infrastructure cope?







### Queensland Rail decided to remove speculation from the decision making







### The approach was to create a scientific basis for examination of all the scenarios from 'do nothing' to 'major project expenditure'







### Any examination had to be 'holistic' - a decision in choice of rolling stock could influence subsequent investments in signalling, traction power supply, track etc.







### Queensland Rail opted for a solution based on computer modelling







### Computer based modelling had the potential to provide process discipline with repeatable outputs and input transparency







### Queensland Rail decided to seek bids for suppliers of software that could be used to create a 'holistic' model of the SEQ rail network

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### An Australian company, **Plateway Pty. Limited** was selected to provide the software based on established software solutions used in international applications







### In a somewhat unique approach, Queensland Rail proposed that a 'Proof of Concept' (POC) test be conducted







### If the software could be demonstrated to meet test criteria set by Queensland Rail, then Queensland Rail would proceed with an order for the software







### If the software did not meet the test criteria then Queensland Rail would not proceed with an order for the software

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#### The challenge was accepted

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# Proof of Concept Test

PHOTO: Roma Street, Western approach adjacent to Feeder Station- SOURCE: Plateway Archives







### Queensland Rail devised benchmarks for the Proof of Concept test (POC) based on operations on the Cleveland Line

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#### Lytton Junction Feeder Station

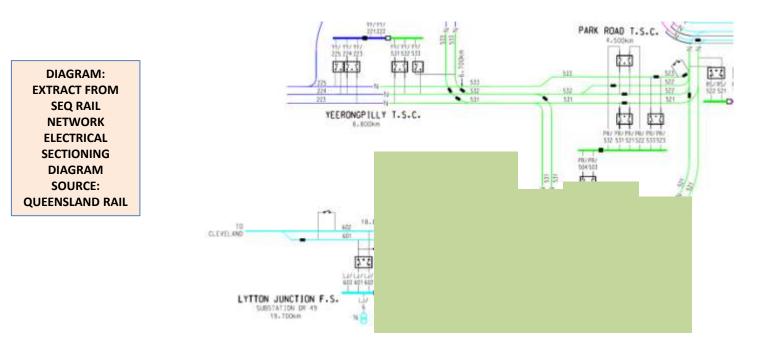
Lytton Junction Feeder Station (LJFS) comprises 2 x 15MVA Transformers (T5 & T6)

SOURCE: QUEENSLAND RAIL, Trevor Bagnall







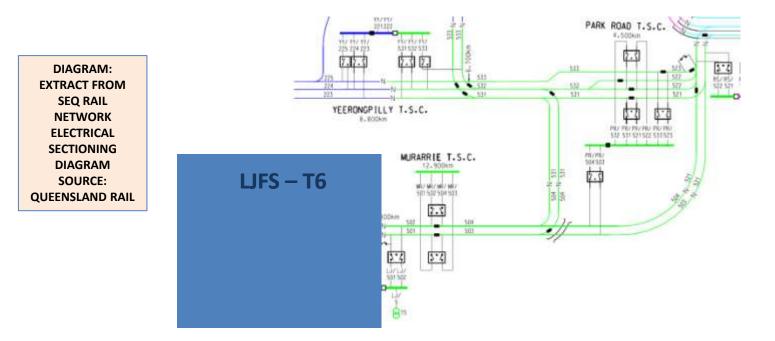


#### For the POC test Transformer LJFS – T5 supplied the double track section from Lytton Junction to Park Road







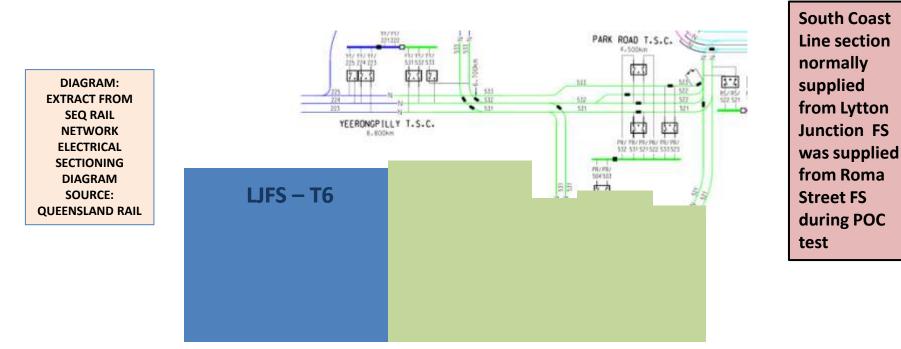


#### Transformer LJFS – T6 supplied the double track section from Lytton Junction to Manly and the single track section from Manly to Cleveland





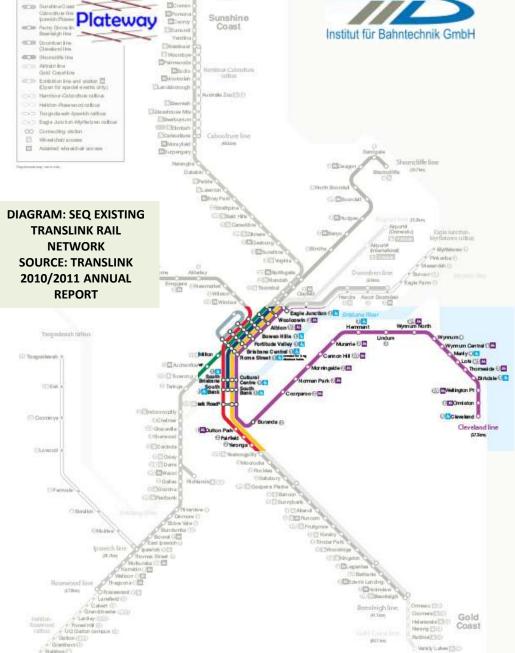




#### For the POC test, instrumentation was fitted at LJFS and at the electrical section extremities at Park Road and Cleveland







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**Train operations on** the Cleveland Line were monitored using data generated by the signalling system



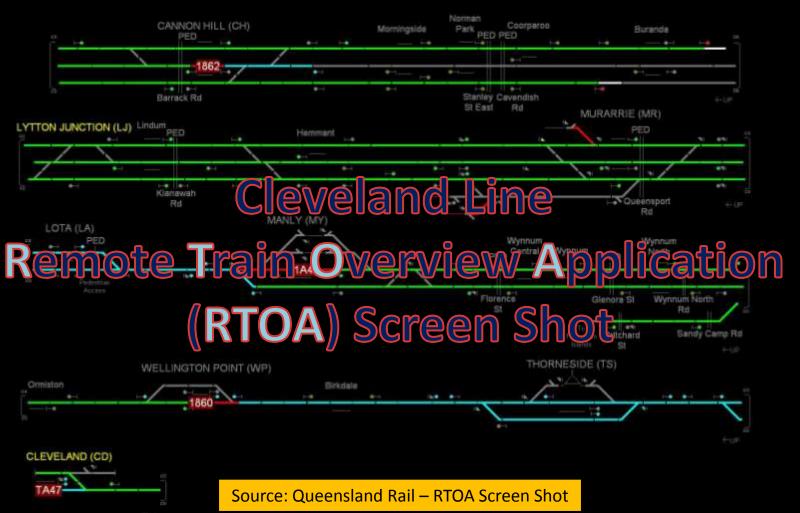


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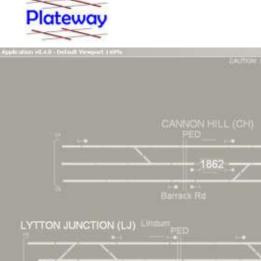
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### Train positions were identified to track circuit level from the

#### input to the RTOA system











### **POC Benchmarks**

# Data Transfer Single Train Runs Peak Hour operations



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## POC Benchmarks 1. Data Transfer

Demonstrate that the proposed software could exchange data electronically with the existing Queensland Rail Simulation systems



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The data transfer capability from the existing Queensland Rail simulation tools for Timetables and Infrastructure was demonstrated in the first days of the project







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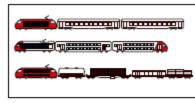
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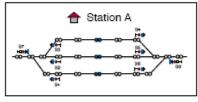




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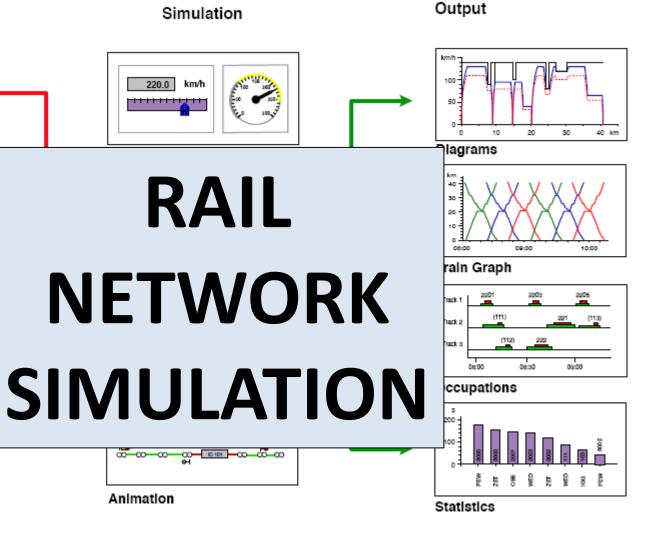
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IC 5000	08E	HH3MLSS	06:31:00	30
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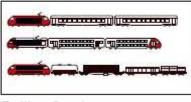




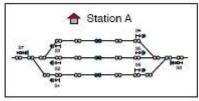




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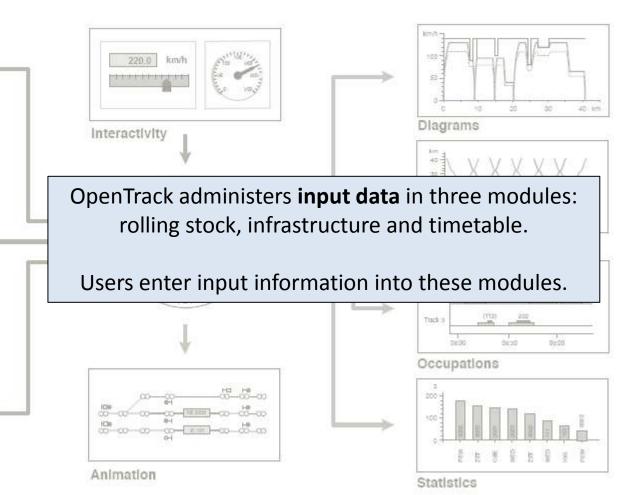
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Simulation

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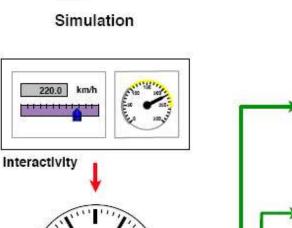


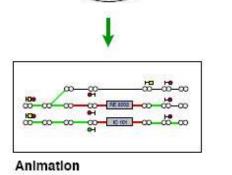
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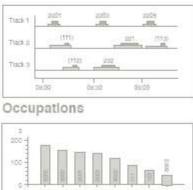
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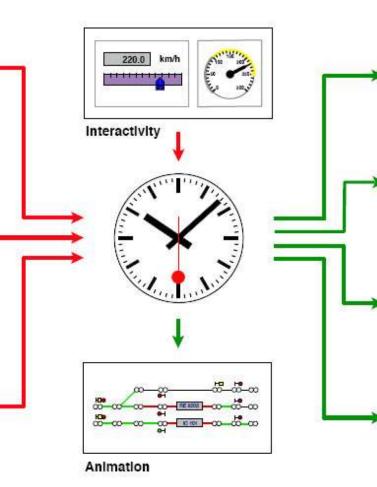
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OpenTrack uses a mixed discrete/ continuous simulation process. The simulation process calculates both the continuous numerical solution of the differential motion equations for the vehicles (trains) and the discrete processes of signal status and delay distributions.

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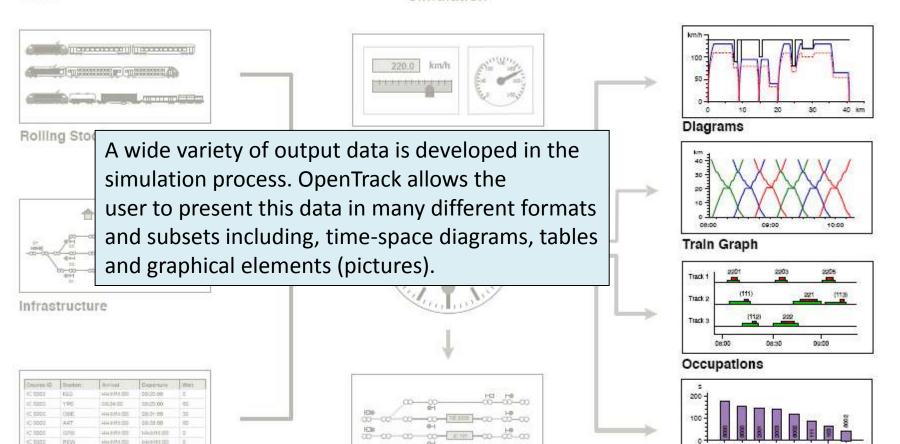






Input

Output



Timetable











#### Simulation Sequence per Time Step









**Separation of Simulation Tasks** 

Plug-in

#### **Railway Operation**

- Line routing and alignment
- Track layout
- Signalling system
- Train data
- Timetable
- Connecting conditions
- Operating rules

#### **OPEN TRACK**

#### Load Flow and Energy

- Train propulsion data
- Power grid parameter
- Substation arrangement
- Feeder lines and cables
- Catenary system
- Earthing system
- Switch status

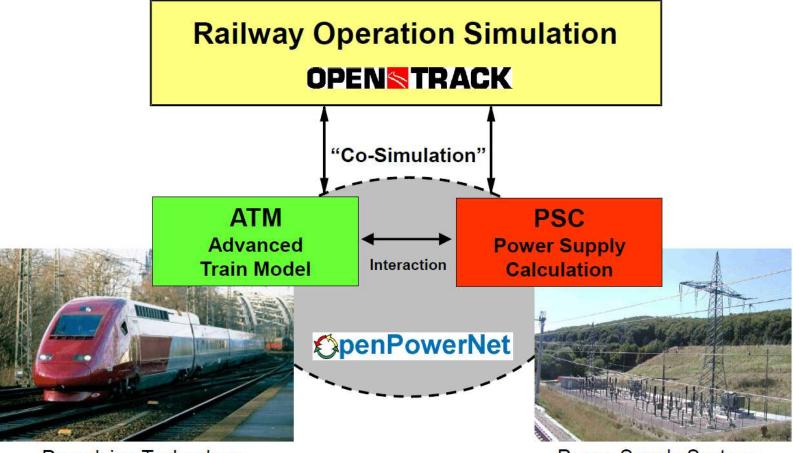
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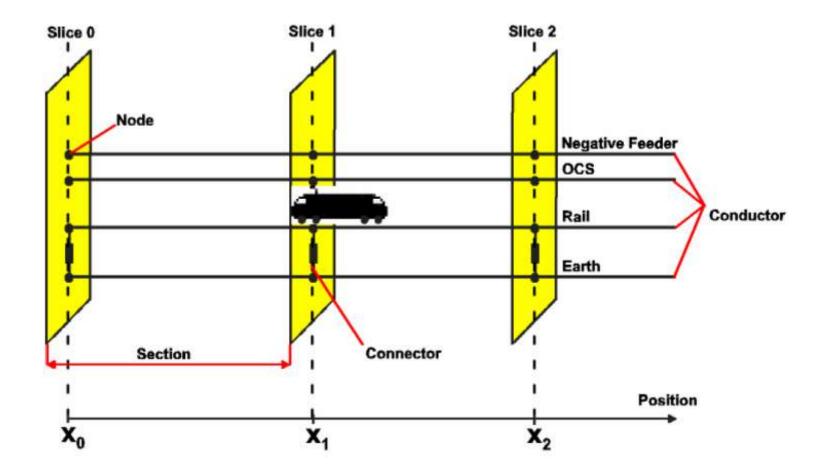
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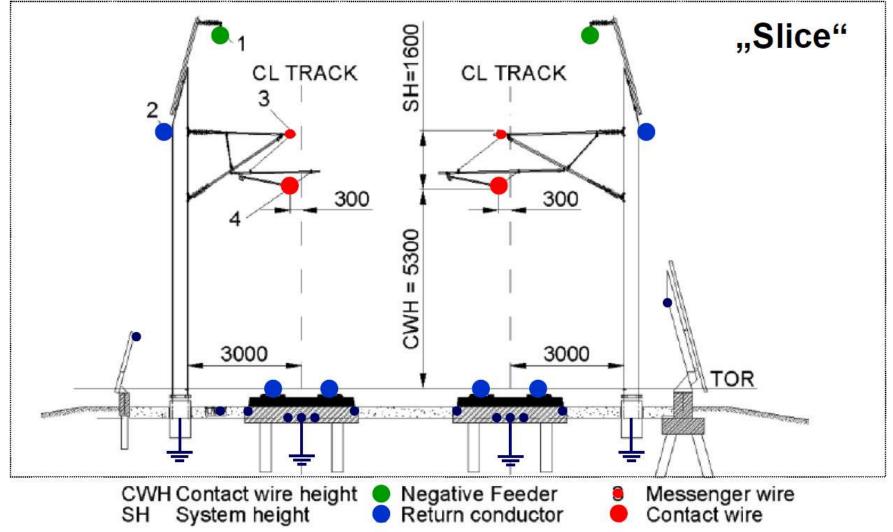








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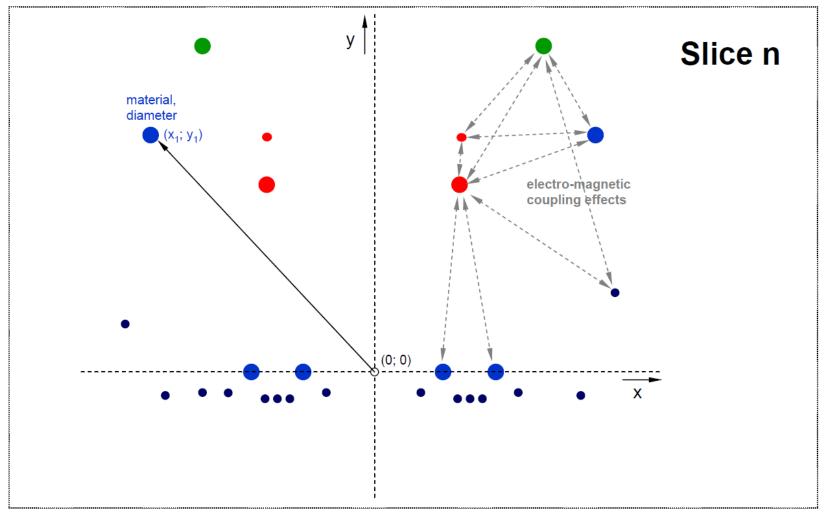








#### **Catenary Arrangement and Conductor Model**











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# POC Single Train Runs January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 201

Photo Source: Plateway Archives









# The single train test runs were after the last and before the first, passenger train service

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All single train runs were carried out with SMU 260 Class rolling stock in 2 x 3 Car configurations

The SMU 260 class was chosen because of the onboard instrumentation and data logging capability.







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# The schedule for the test trains were based on normal service times.

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#### The Monday night tests were conducted with heavy showers throughout the night

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The Tuesday night tests were conducted with mainly dry track with a light shower prior to our trip on the section from Manly to Cleveland

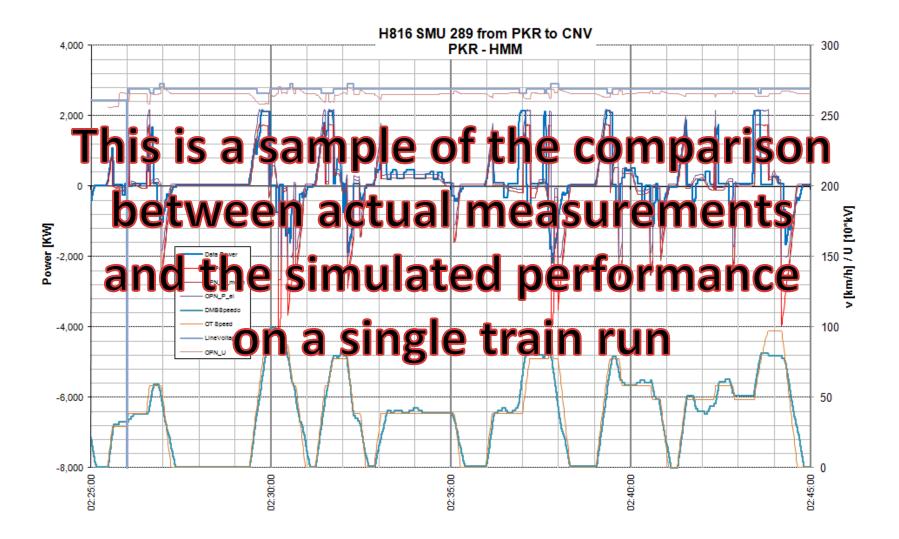
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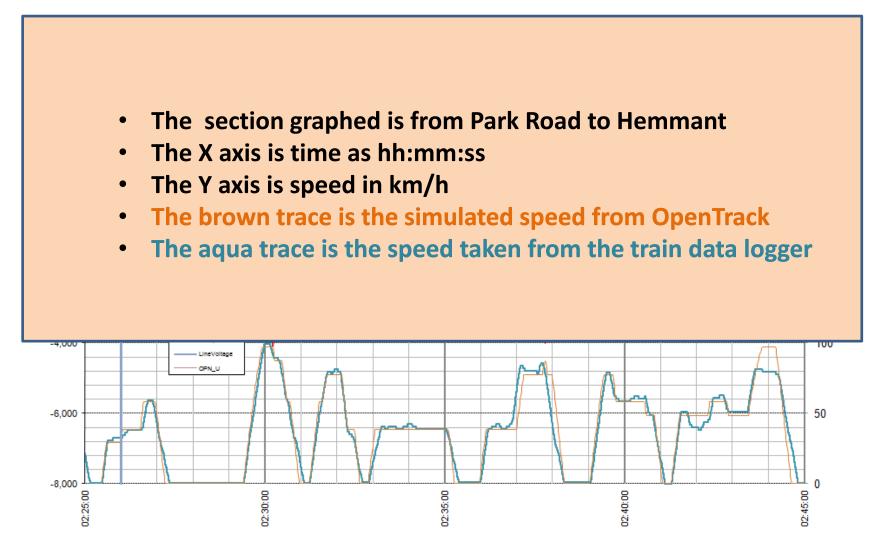












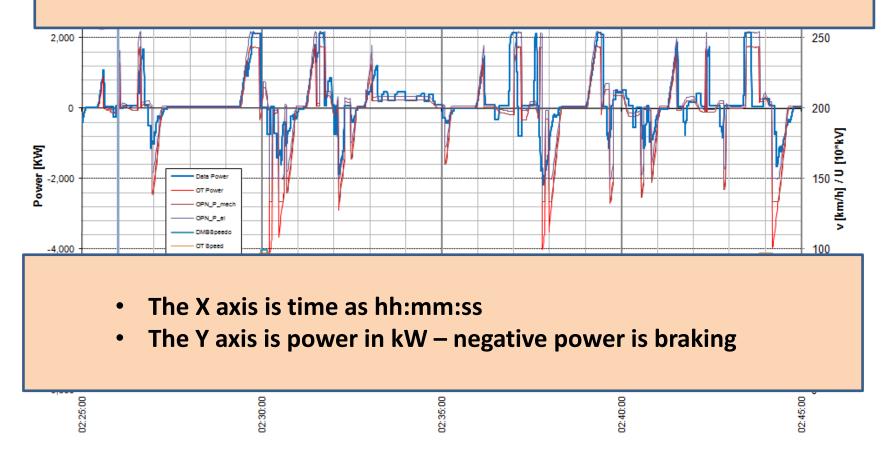








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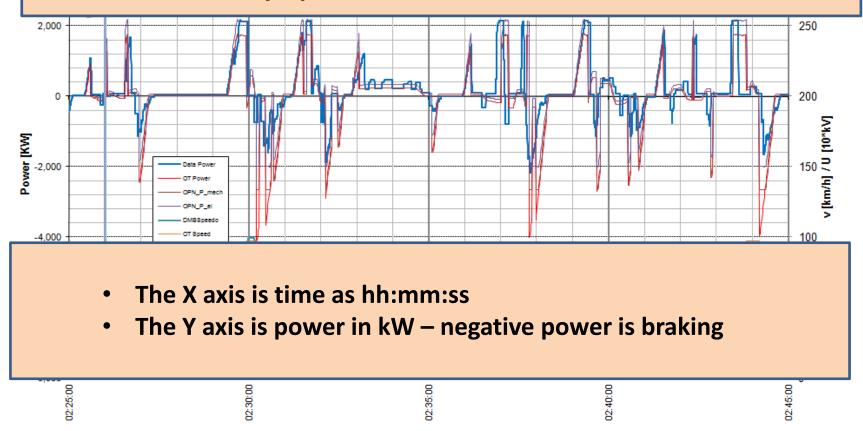








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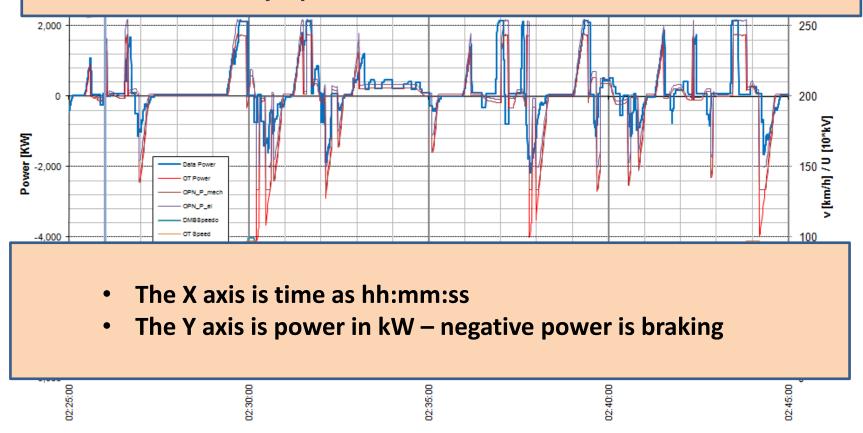








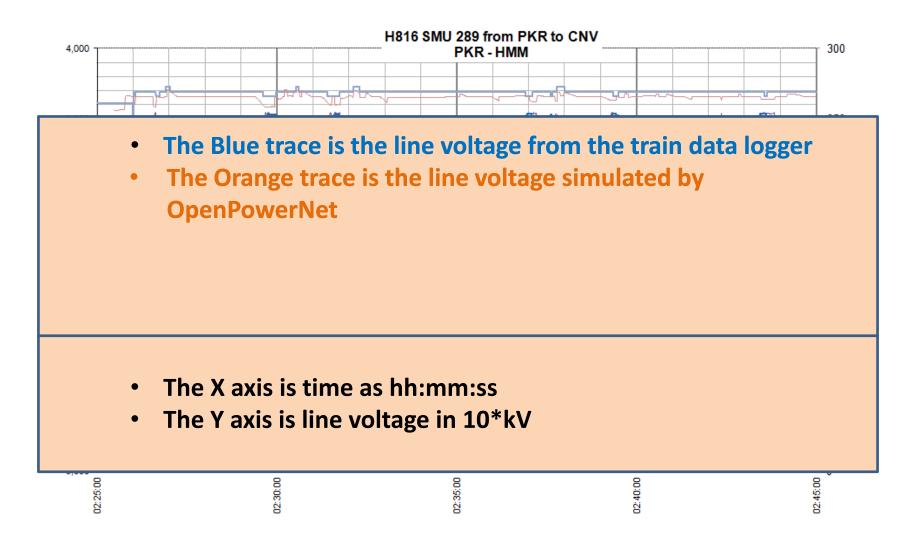
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**Benchmark Summary** 

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Result

All measured energy readings for the single train runs were taken from the train instrumentation as the instrumentation at Lytton Junction Feeder Station could not discriminate between consumed and regenerated (during braking) energy.

The Data Logger readings for Run H017 were not available due to problems associated with transferring the energy readings from the train computer

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# Simulating I Peak Hour Operations







#### With the single train test runs, all trains were formed with the same generation of rolling stock i.e. SMU260 class







#### With peak hour operations, the train consists forming scheduled services varied on a daily basis

Photo Source: Queensland Rail – Network Picture Archive

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#### From an electric traction perspective, trains on the Cleveland Line could be classified in 4 discrete groups







## The first group are trains with **Regenerative braking formed by SMU or IMU units** These trains are shown in Blue on the **Train Diagram**







#### The energy used to brake a train can be recovered as Electrical energy if the train is fitted with Regenerative braking

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## The second group are trains with Dynamic braking formed by EMU 8 motor units similar to the EMU51 shown in the slide background

#### These trains are shown in Orange on the Train Diagram







#### The energy used to brake a train is dissipated as heat if the train is fitted with Dynamic braking







# The third group are trains with Dynamic braking formed by EMU 6 motor units

#### These trains are shown in Green on the Train Diagram







#### The fourth group are trains with Dynamic braking formed by An EMU 6 motor 3 car unit + An EMU 8 motor 3 car unit

#### These trains are shown in Purple on the Train Diagram







	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
EMU 6M	1	4	2	4	2
EMU 8M	15	17	11	18	15
EMU 6M + 8M	6	1	8	7	0
EMU Subtotal	22	22	21	29	17
Dynamic Brake %	<b>52%</b>	52%	50%	69%	40%
SMU/IMU	20	20	21	13	25
Regenerative Brake %	48%	48%	50%	31%	60%
Total	42	42	42	42	42

#### POC 5 Day Test Cleveland Line Morning Peak train composition





# Another variable that can influence train performance is driving style





#### The timetable is the same for each day but the train consist and the allocated train crew may vary





Variations in passenger behaviour between a wet and dry day and allowance for 'incidents' mean that the timetable has some capacity to absorb disturbances





#### This also means that the train crew have some capacity to vary the train performance to match operating reality





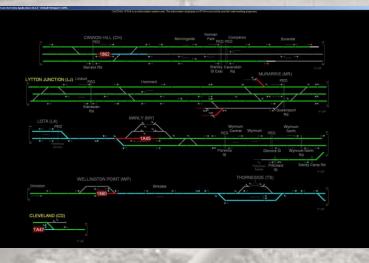
The network simulator can calculate the behaviour of each train based on the laws of physics Actual operational reality and thus the simulator, must also replicate the variability of human behaviour







#### The simulator settings that reflect reality can only be made after a close study of actual operations







#### Some of the settings can be made based on measured data such as passenger loading per station and per service





## **Passenger loadings will influence the** mass of the train and hence the traction power demand depending on the time of day, the catchment of each station and the journey profile



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## These are some of the factors that were used in a calibration process to set the model variables



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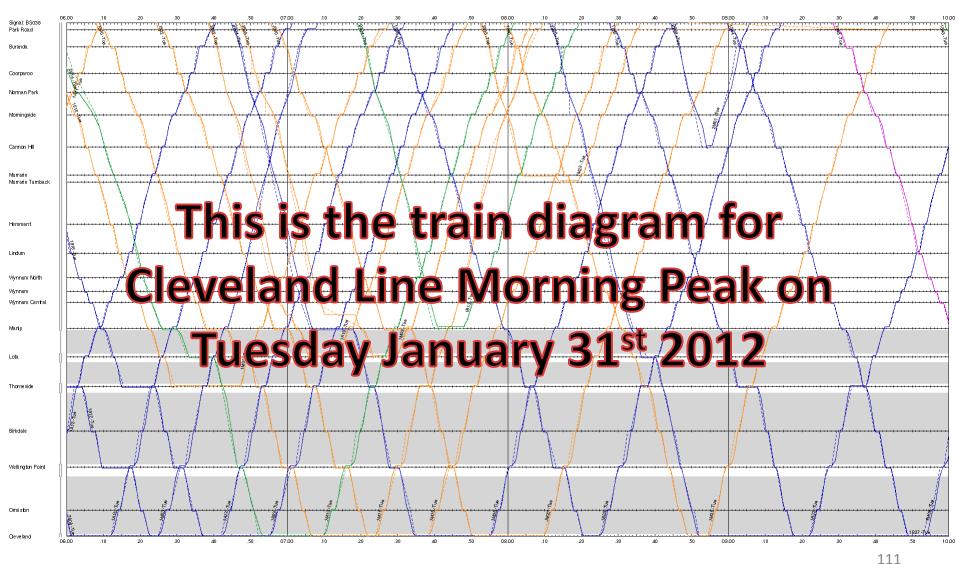
## For each of the 5 days a train diagram was produced based on the actual operations, for the morning peak







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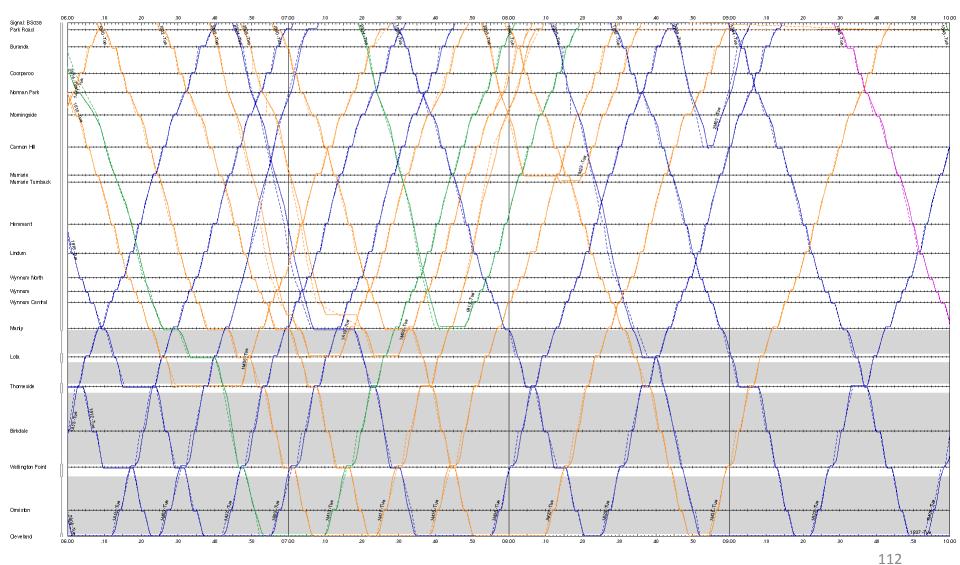




Solid Lines simulated operations, Dashed lines actual operations from RTOA system



Signal: BS038 - Cleveland









### In addition to the train operation data, the co-simulation generates data relevant to the traction power supply

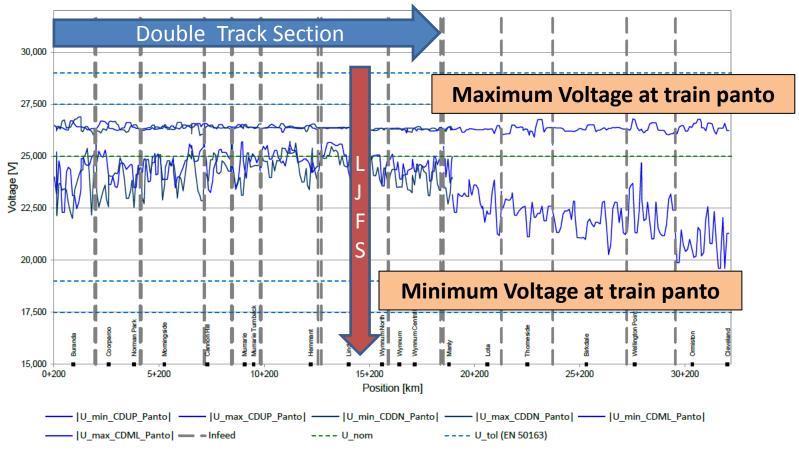
PHOTO: Lytton Junction Feeder Station SOURCE: QUEENSLAND RAIL, Trevor Bagnall







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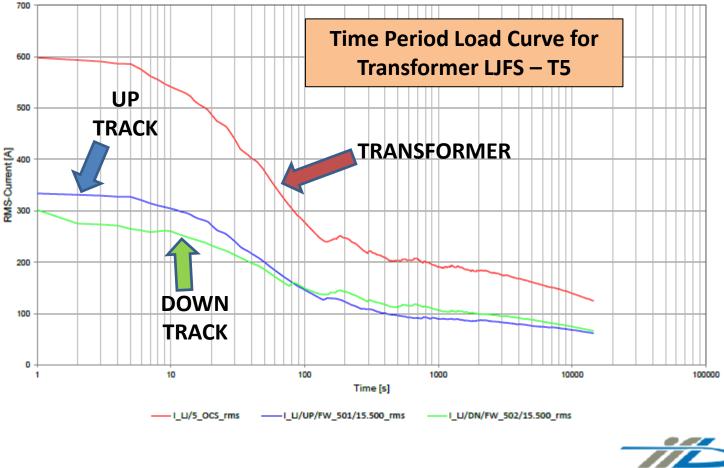










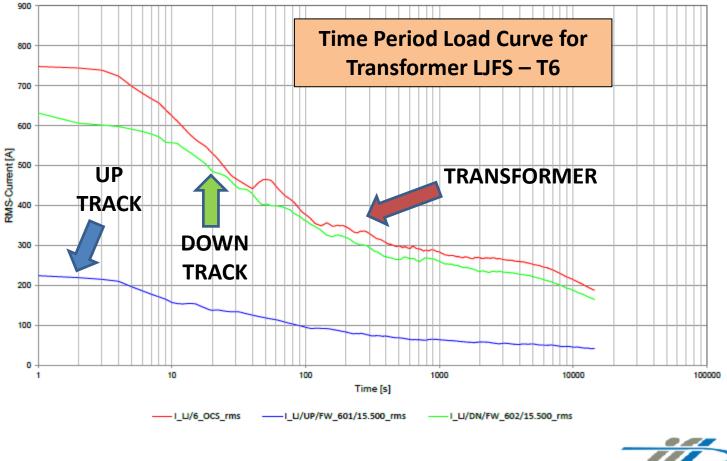


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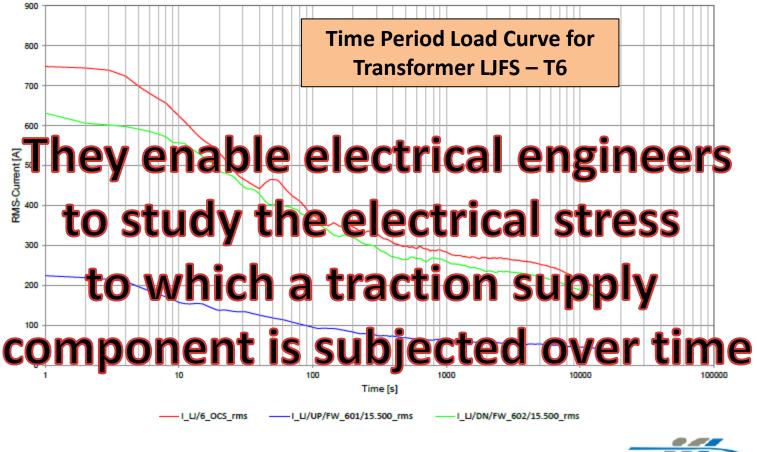










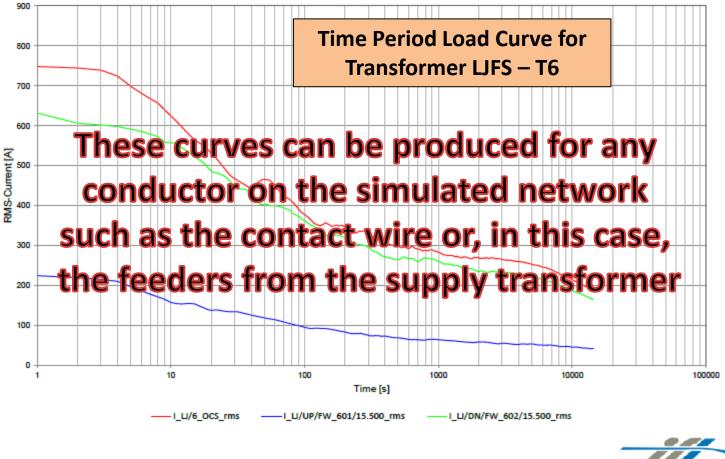










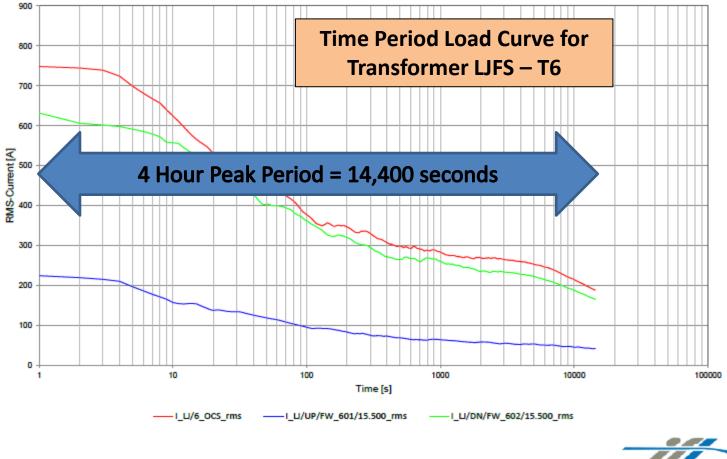










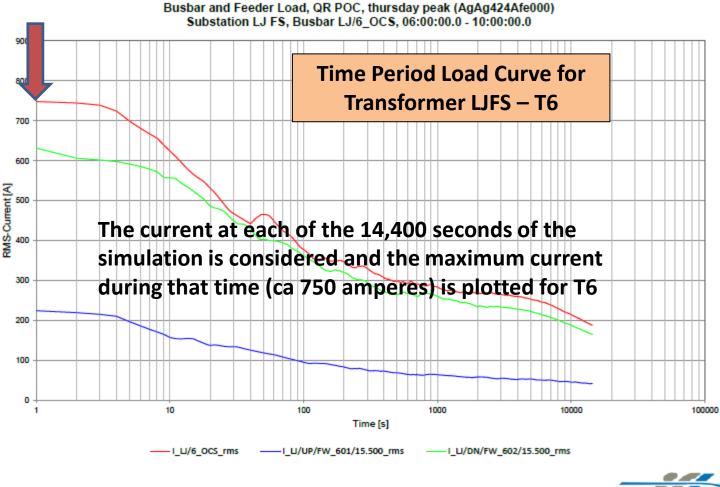










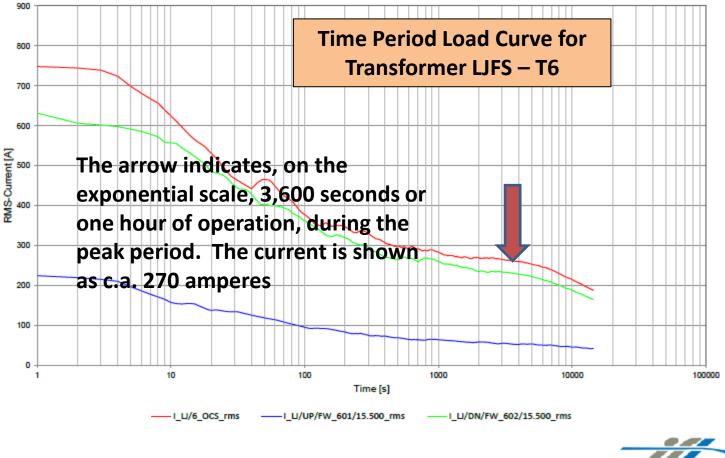










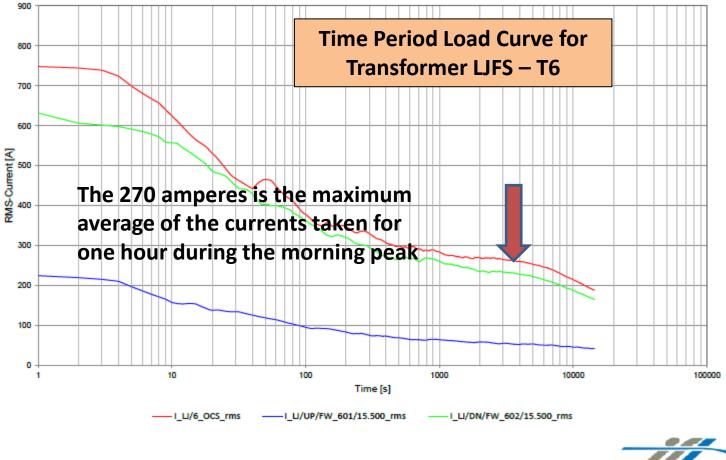










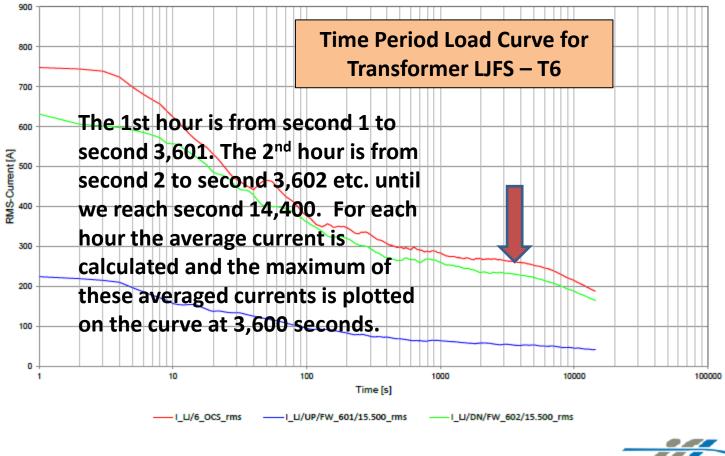


















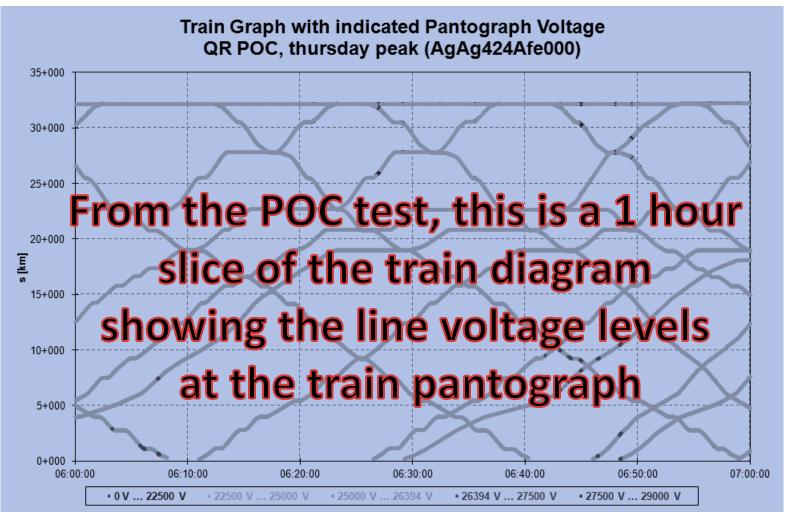


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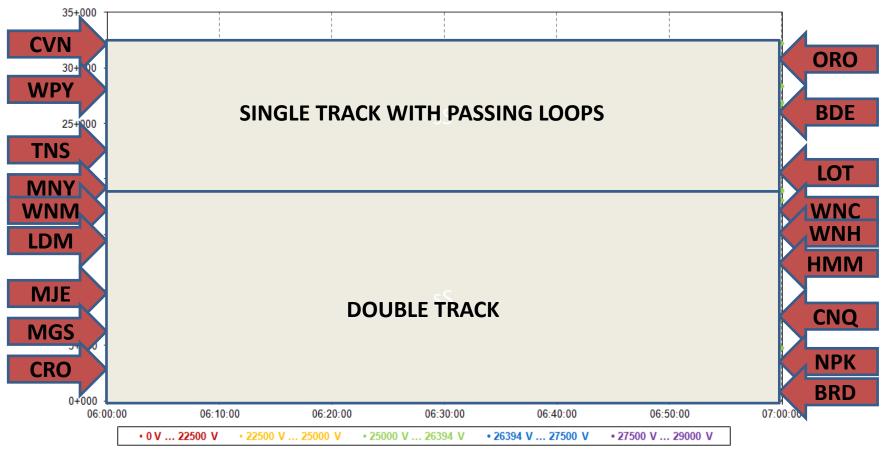








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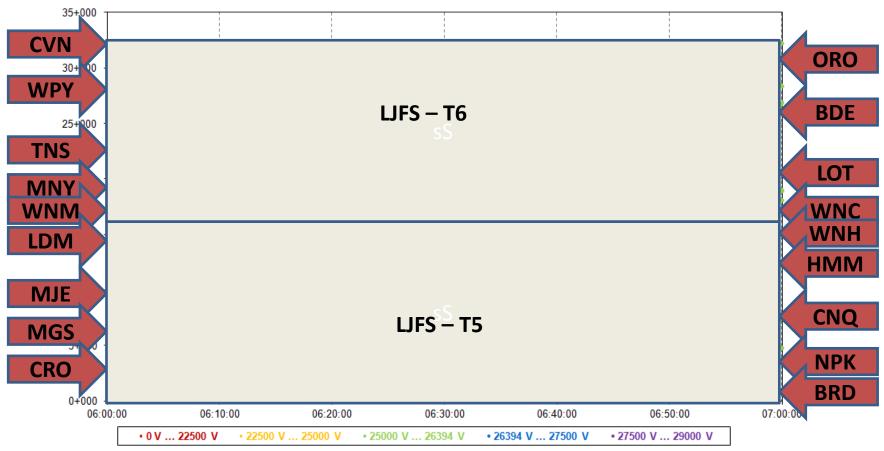








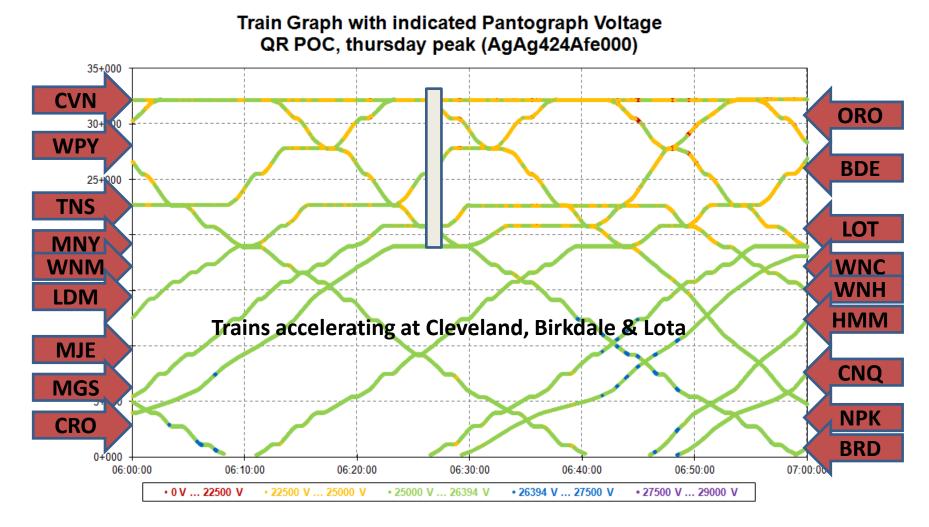
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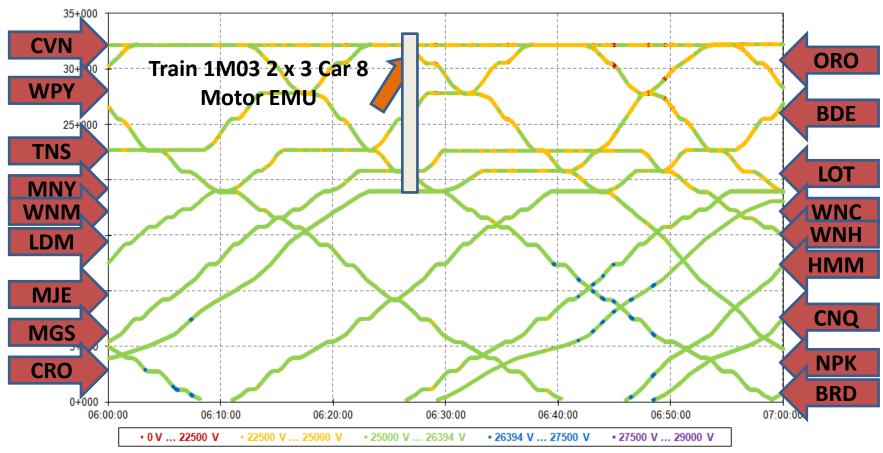








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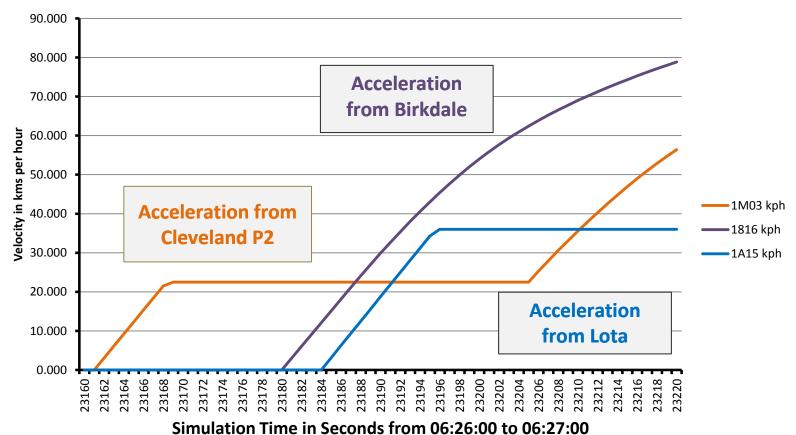
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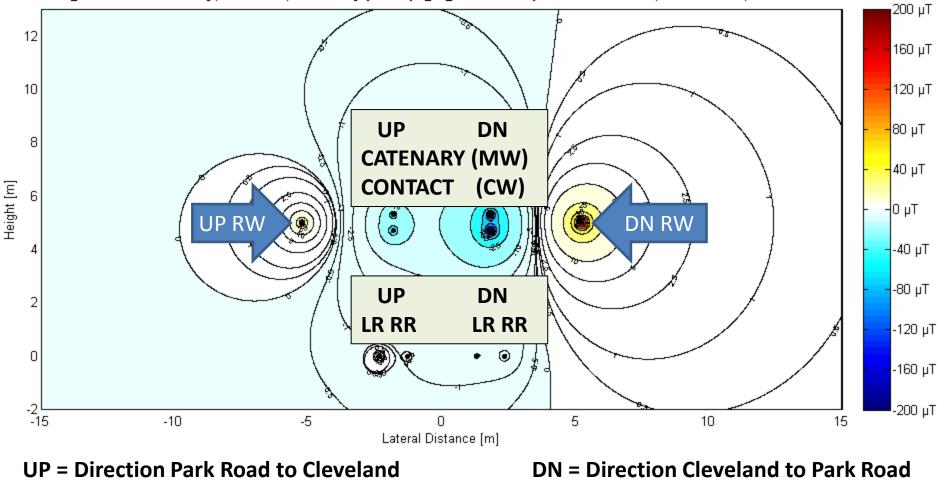








Magnetic Flux Density, QR POC, thursday peak (AgAg424Afe000) Line Cleveland, km 15+550, 06:26:00.0



**RW = Return Wire** 

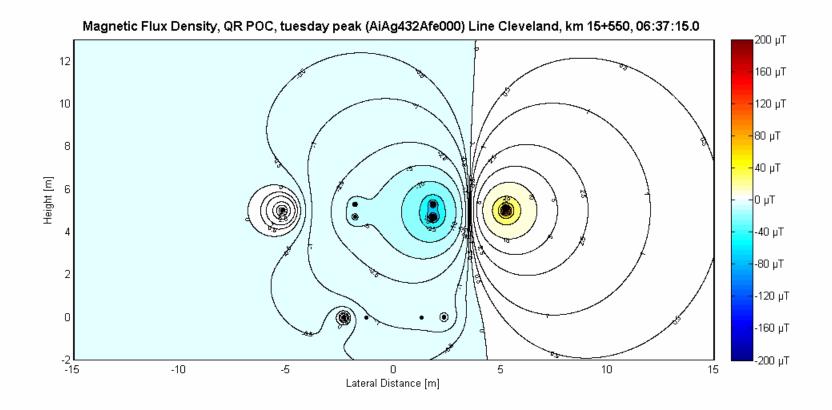
LR = Left Rail

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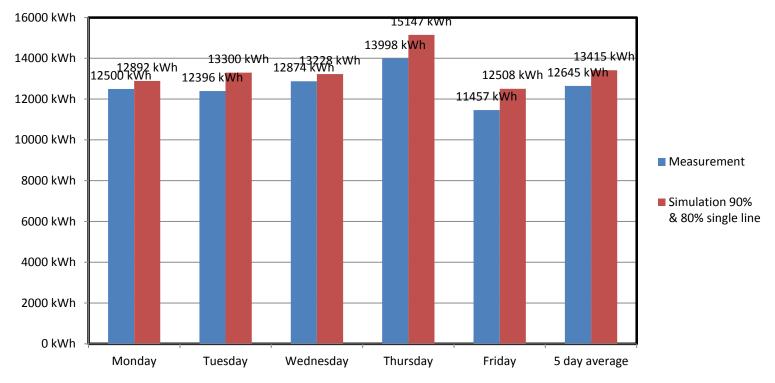
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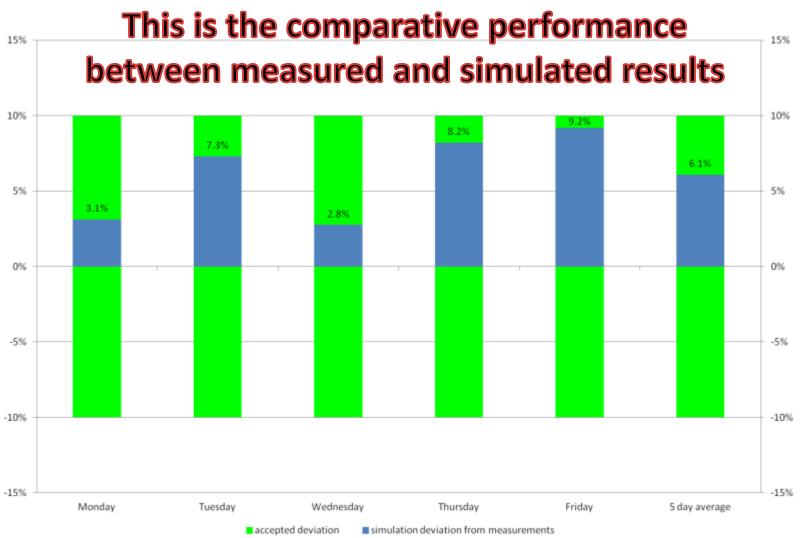


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## When Queensland Rail tabled their measured results it was clear that the simulated 'hotel' power i.e. airconditioning, lighting etc. of the trains standing at Cleveland terminus had been overestimated







## More realistic values for the 'hotel' power for the standing trains were entered into the model variables and the simulation for each day rerun







# This is the revised comparative performance between measured and simulated results

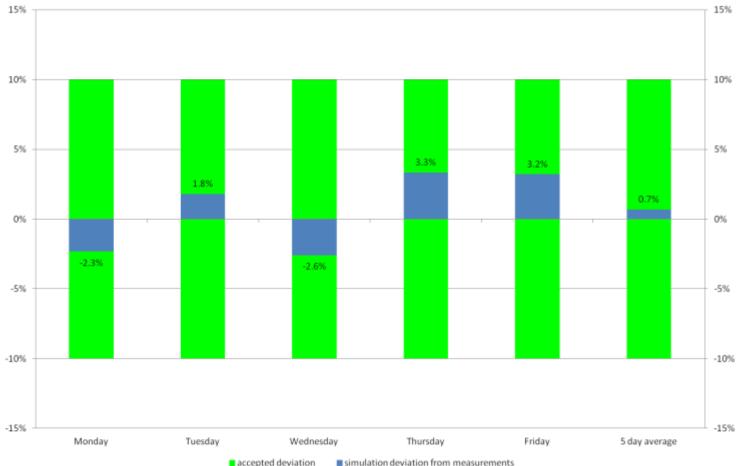
















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