

An aerial photograph of a large railway yard or freight station. The image shows multiple parallel tracks filled with various types of freight trains. The trains consist of different colored railcars, including red, blue, white, and orange. Some tracks have long, single-colored trains, while others have mixed compositions. The tracks are separated by concrete or gravel bedrock. The overall scene is a dense, organized network of rail freight operations.

Digital Capacity Management (DCM)

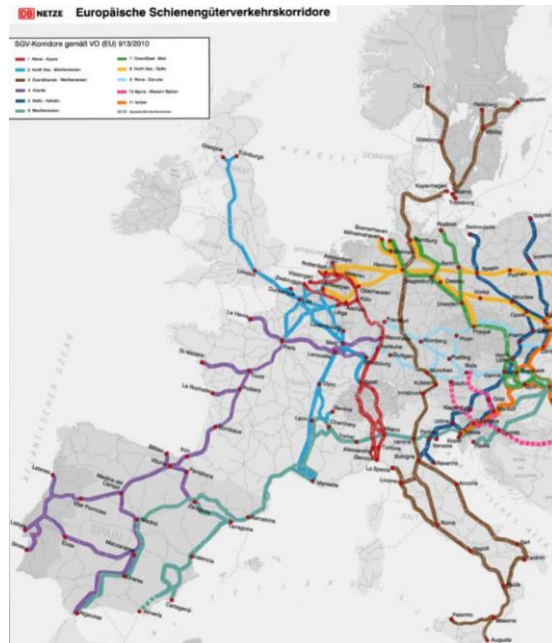
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Expected traffic volume for rail transport requires investments in digital algorithms



- Increased traffic volume expected
- Lack of increased capacity with new lines and stations

Potential Impact of digitalized capacity management



Optimization algorithms for train path planning



+ 3% capacity gain



Optimization algorithms for train path assignment for freight trains



- 5% travel time on average



Online booking of train paths for short term freight

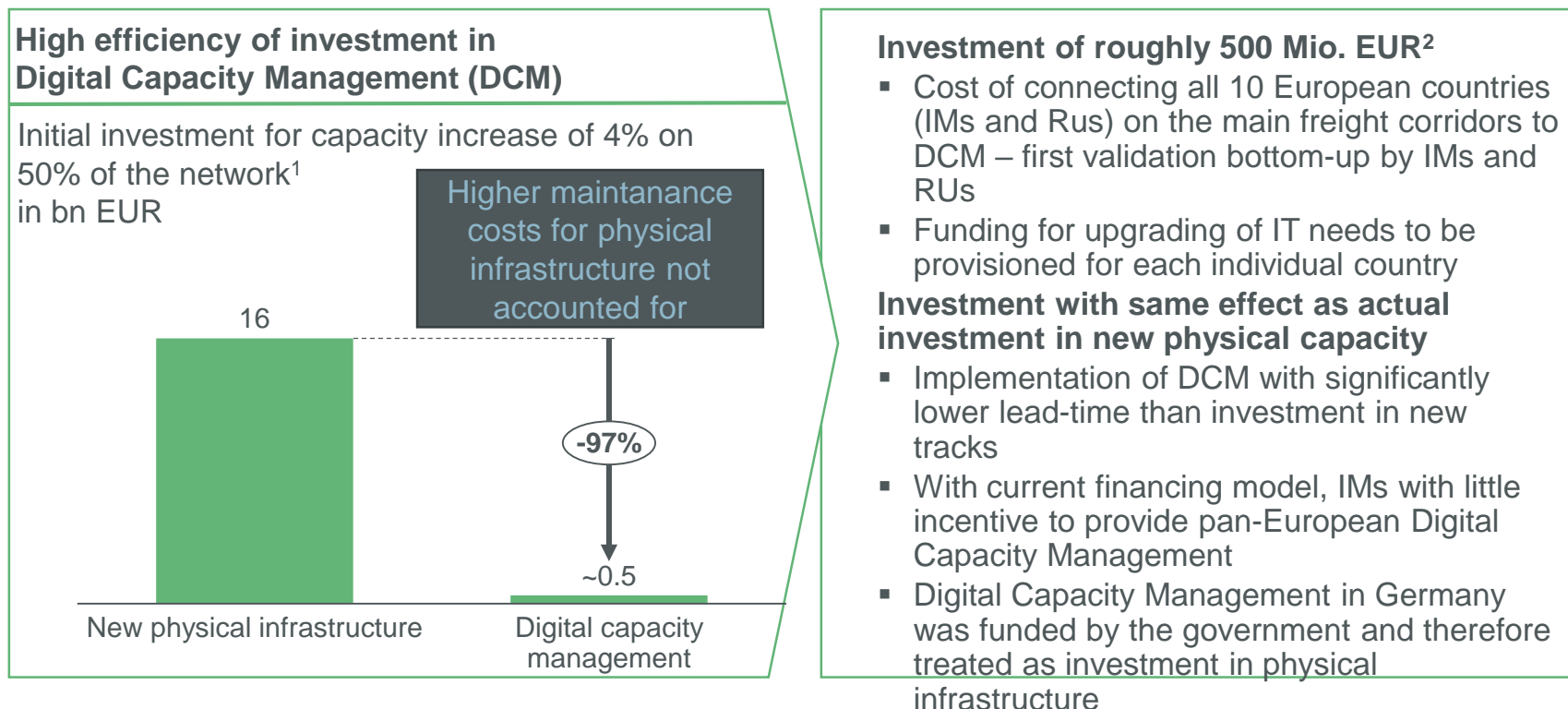


Timetable within 3 minutes

Digital Capacity Management should be treated as investment to be paid by the EC/National Governments

Efficiency of Digital Capacity Management (DCM) – Order of magnitude

ROUGH ESTIMATE



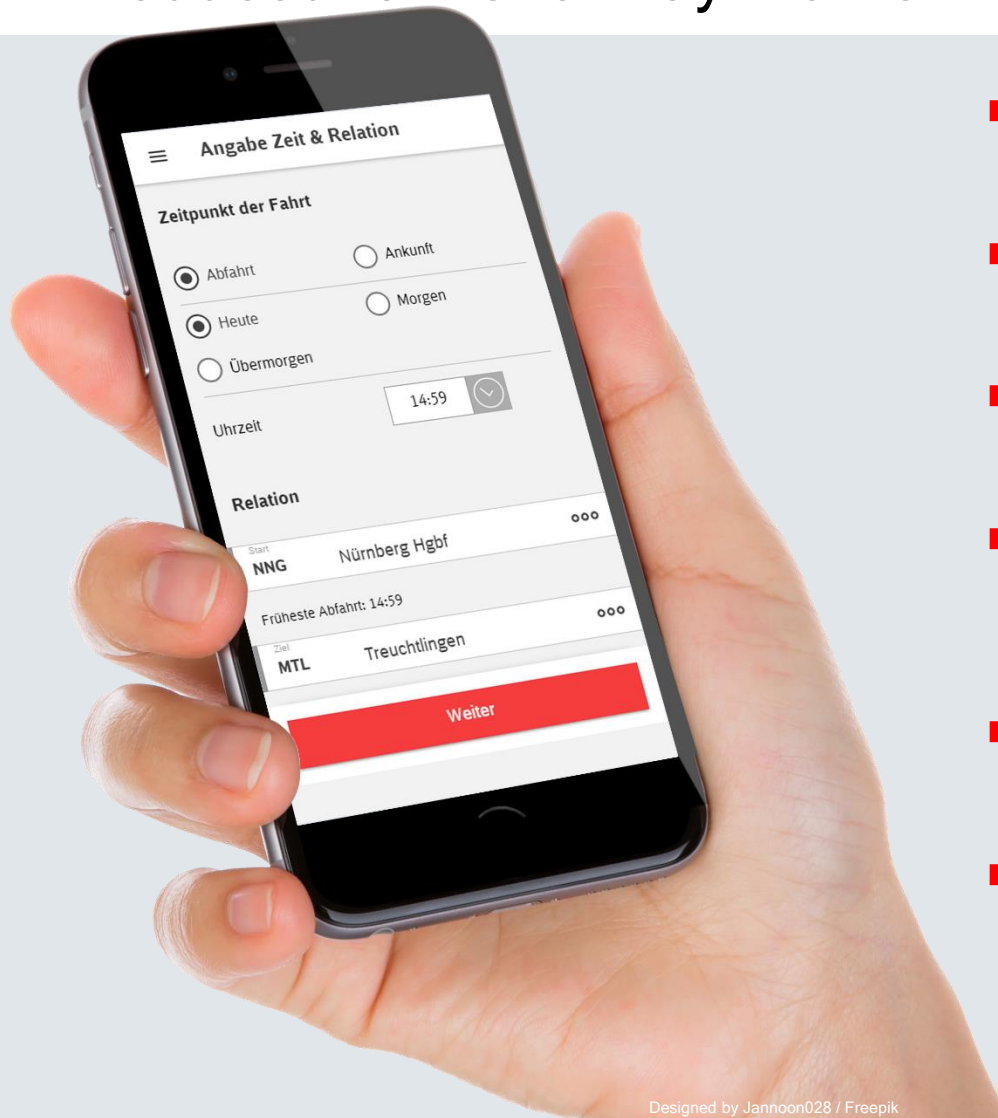
¹ Current European Railway net: 270,000 km, cost for additional capacity: 3 Mio. EUR/km

² The study “TTR migration concept and IT landscape” refers to 675 Mio. EUR, including costs for countries, which are not part of the first wave

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Click&Ride - the first innovative product has been introduced to the railway market



- Planning horizon: min 45 min and max 48 hours before the desired departure of the train
- Train path request with desired departure and / or arrival time is possible
- Train path and timetable within max 3 minutes instead of max. 48 hours
- Click&Ride is in full operation since December 17th 2019, more than 800 bookings via the app in the first two months Jan and Feb 2020
- Plan to automatise more than 200.000 path offers in 2020
- Implementation for yearly timetable in pipeline

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Cutting-edge mathematical optimization models are the core for the new digital timetabling process

Change in timetable procedure

Standards



Standardized trains with pre-planned slots

Harmonized Planning



Optimized capacity by harmonization and bundling

Optimized train path assignment



Optimizing a train path based on standardized slots

Optimization models

$$\sum_{i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\}} \sum_{j=(n_1, n_2) \in A} (t_{i,j} \cdot x_{i,j} + \sum_{k \in O(n_2)} x_{i,j} \cdot x_{i,k} \cdot (T_{i,k} - T_{i,j} - t_{i,j})) \rightarrow \min \quad (3)$$

s.t.

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\}: \sum_{j \in Q} x_{i,j} = \sum_{j \in S} x_{i,j} = 1, \quad (4)$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\} \forall n \in N \setminus (Q \cup S): \sum_{j \in I(n)} x_{i,j} - \sum_{j \in O(n)} x_{i,j} = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\} \forall n \in Q \forall j \in O(n): T_{i,j} : \min \leq T_{i,j} \leq T_{i,j} : \max, \quad (6)$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\} \forall n \in Q \forall j, k \in O(n): T_{i+1,j} - T_{i,k} \geq 0, \quad (7)$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\} \forall j = (n_1, n_2) \in A \forall k \in O(n_2): T_{i,k} - T_{i,j} + C \cdot \bar{x}_{i,j} + C \cdot \bar{x}_{i,k} \geq t_{i,j} + t_{H,\min}, \quad (8)$$

$$T_{i,k} - T_{i,j} - C \cdot \bar{x}_{i,j} - C \cdot \bar{x}_{i,k} \leq t_{i,j} + t_{H,\max}, \quad (9)$$

$$\forall j, k \in A \forall m \in \{1, \dots, \varphi\} \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \tau - m\}; j, k \text{ share blocks: } T_{i+m,k} - T_{i,j} + C \cdot \bar{z}_{i,j+i+m,k} + C \cdot \bar{x}_{i,j} + C \cdot \bar{x}_{i+m,k} \geq t_{\text{head},i+i+m,1}, \quad (10)$$

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$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \tau - (\varphi + 1)\} \forall j, k \in A; j, k \text{ share blocks: } T_{i+\varphi+1,k} - T_{i,j} + C \cdot \bar{x}_{i,j} + C \cdot \bar{x}_{i+\varphi+1,k} \geq t_{\text{head},i+i+\varphi+1,\min} \quad (12)$$

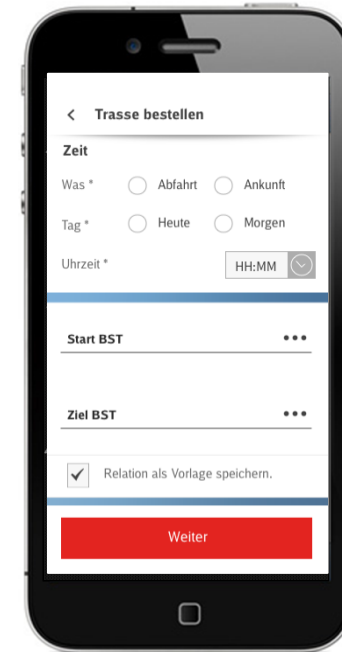
$$\forall p \in \mathcal{P} \forall i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\} \forall j \in A; j, p \text{ share blocks: } T_{i,j} + C \cdot \bar{z}_{i,j,p} + C \cdot \bar{x}_{i,j} \geq t_{\text{head},i,p,1} + T_p, \quad (13)$$

$$T_{i,j} - C \cdot \bar{z}_{i,j,p} - C \cdot \bar{x}_{i,j} \leq -t_{\text{head},i,p,2} + T_p. \quad (14)$$

$$\forall i \in \{1, \dots, \tau\} \forall i \in \{i, \dots, i + \varphi\} \forall j, k \in A: T_{i,j} \in \mathbb{Z}, x_{i,j}, z_{i,j,i,k} \in \{0, 1\}$$





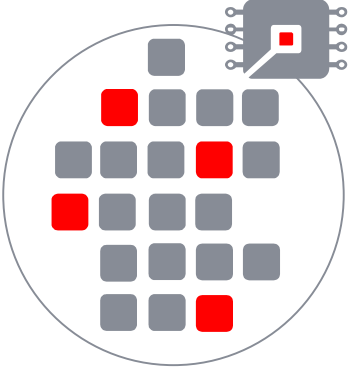



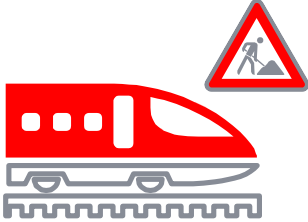



Automatic Timetabling Model

Simple Access



Click&Ride App

Click&Ride is the first step in digital capacity management, ongoing innovations and developments

	IT Implementation	Final Testing	Production
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adhoc Requests Click&Ride <i>Freight Trains</i> 	 16-19	 2019	 2020
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Annual Timetable <i>Freight Trains</i> 	 16-20	 2020+	 2021+
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Re-Scheduling <i>Passenger and Freight Trains</i> 	 19-21	 2021+	 2022+

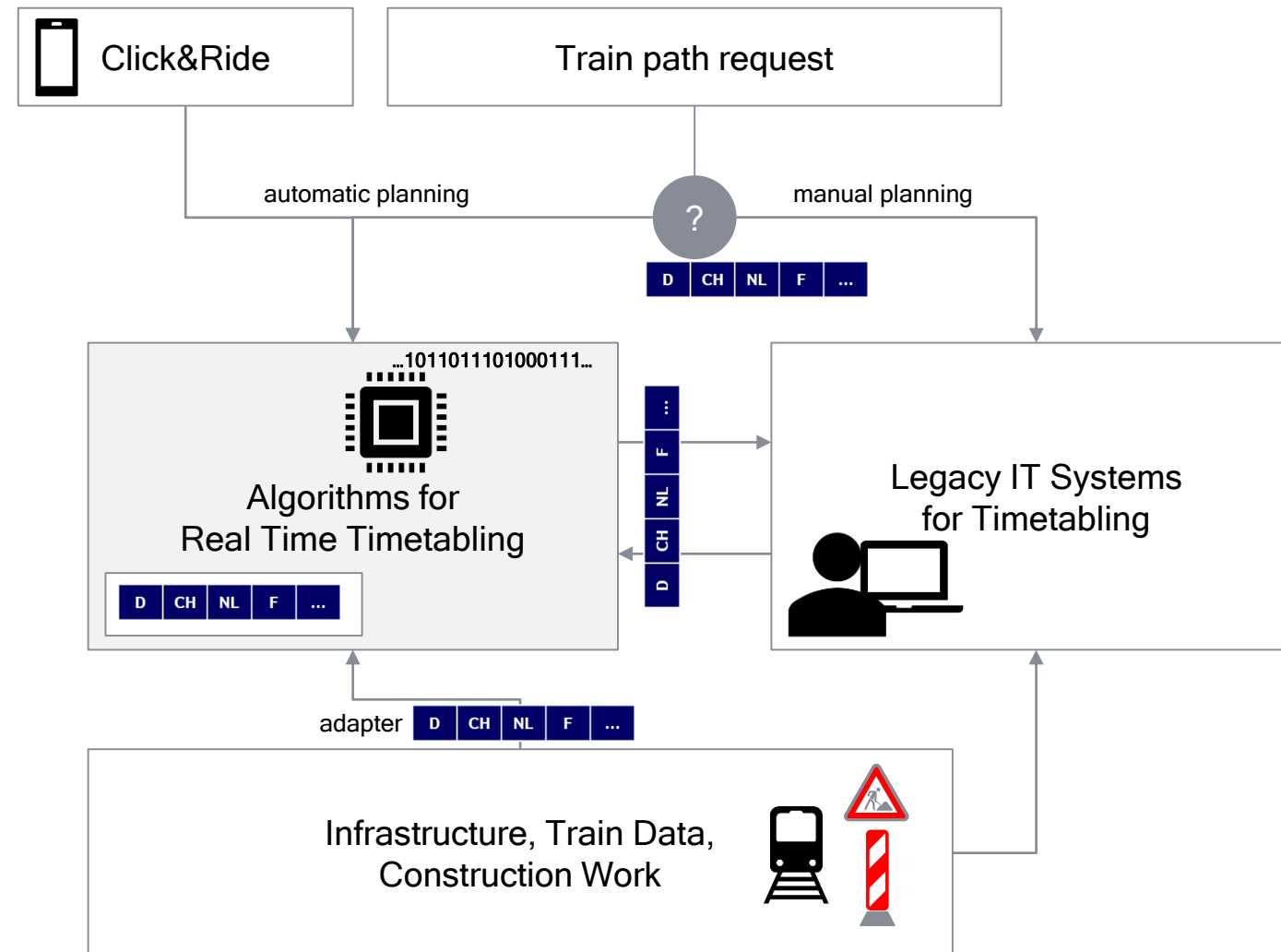
Cornerstones of the project neXt in Germany

3 Years Project (2016 - 2018)

18 Scrum Teams

~250 People in Project Team

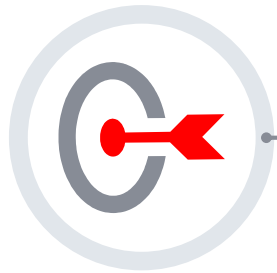
Essential parts of the neXt solution can be adopted for other IMs to reduce complexity and speed up implementation



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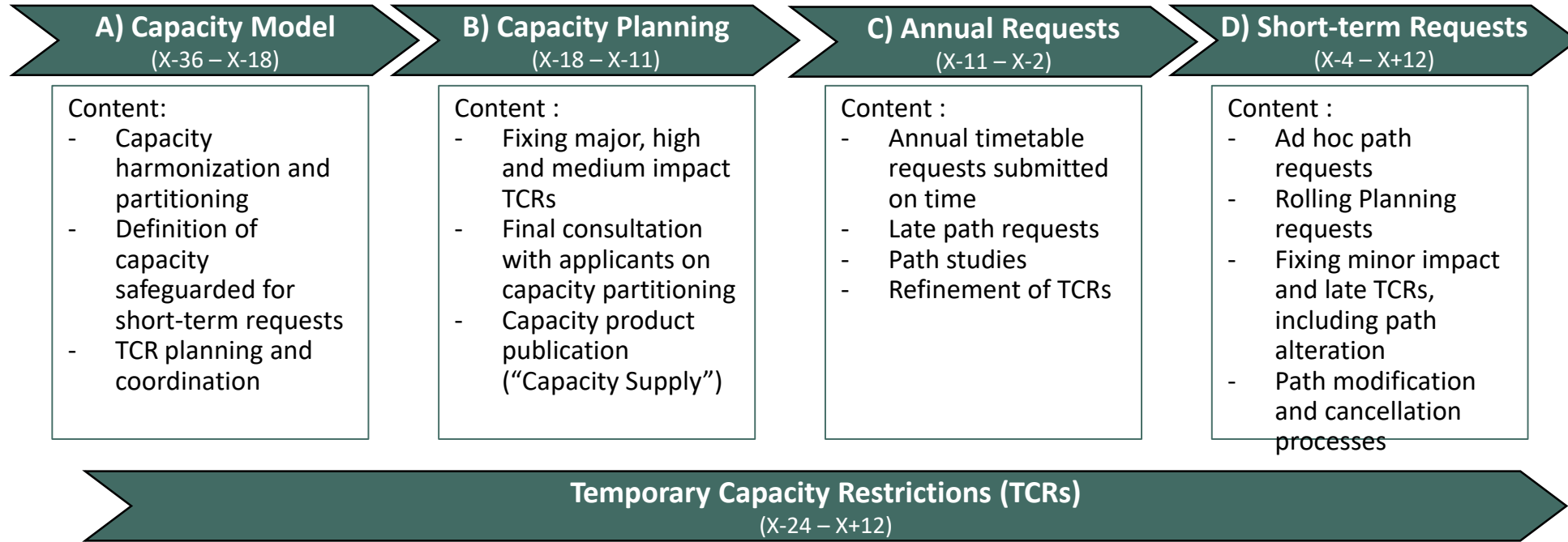
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Using digital scheduling for TTR



- Historically, processes and structures in Timetabling and Capacity Management focus on addressing the needs of **Passenger** Traffic in **yearly planning cycles**
- The Redesign of the timetabling (and capacity) process (TTR) will address the needs of both passenger and **freight**. To achieve this, TTR will include (among other things) a **multi-annual Capacity Model** and **Rolling Planning**
- Digital Scheduling will allow **real-time transparency about and access to** capacity. These capabilities are excellent tools for multi-annual Capacity Modelling and Rolling Planning
- DB Netz has developed **algorithms** for real time timetabling which are already applied for ad-hoc traffic (“Click&Ride”). Using these algorithms for **simultaneous planning problems** is in preparation
- We are suggesting to benefit of automatised timetabling for TTR and to seek **EU funding for a European-wide roll-out** under coordination of RNE. DB Netz is happy to share digitalization know-how gained in the last couple of years.

From Capacity Model to capacity requests

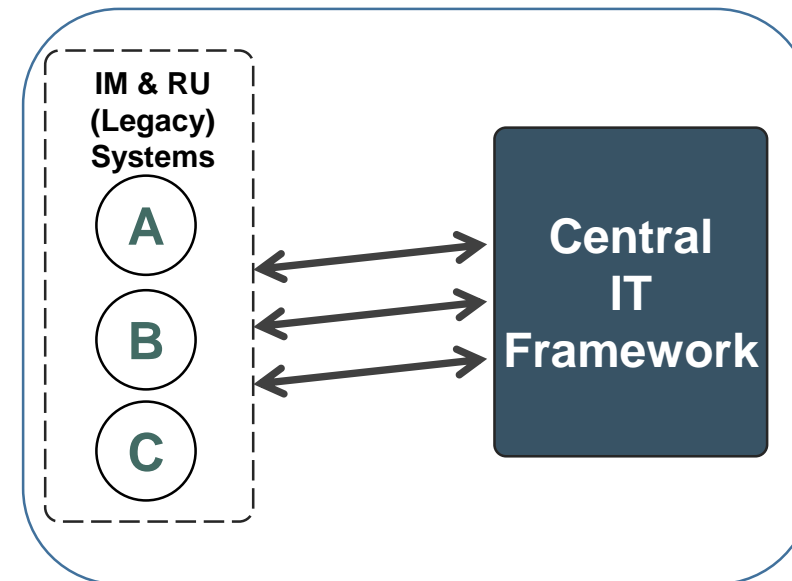


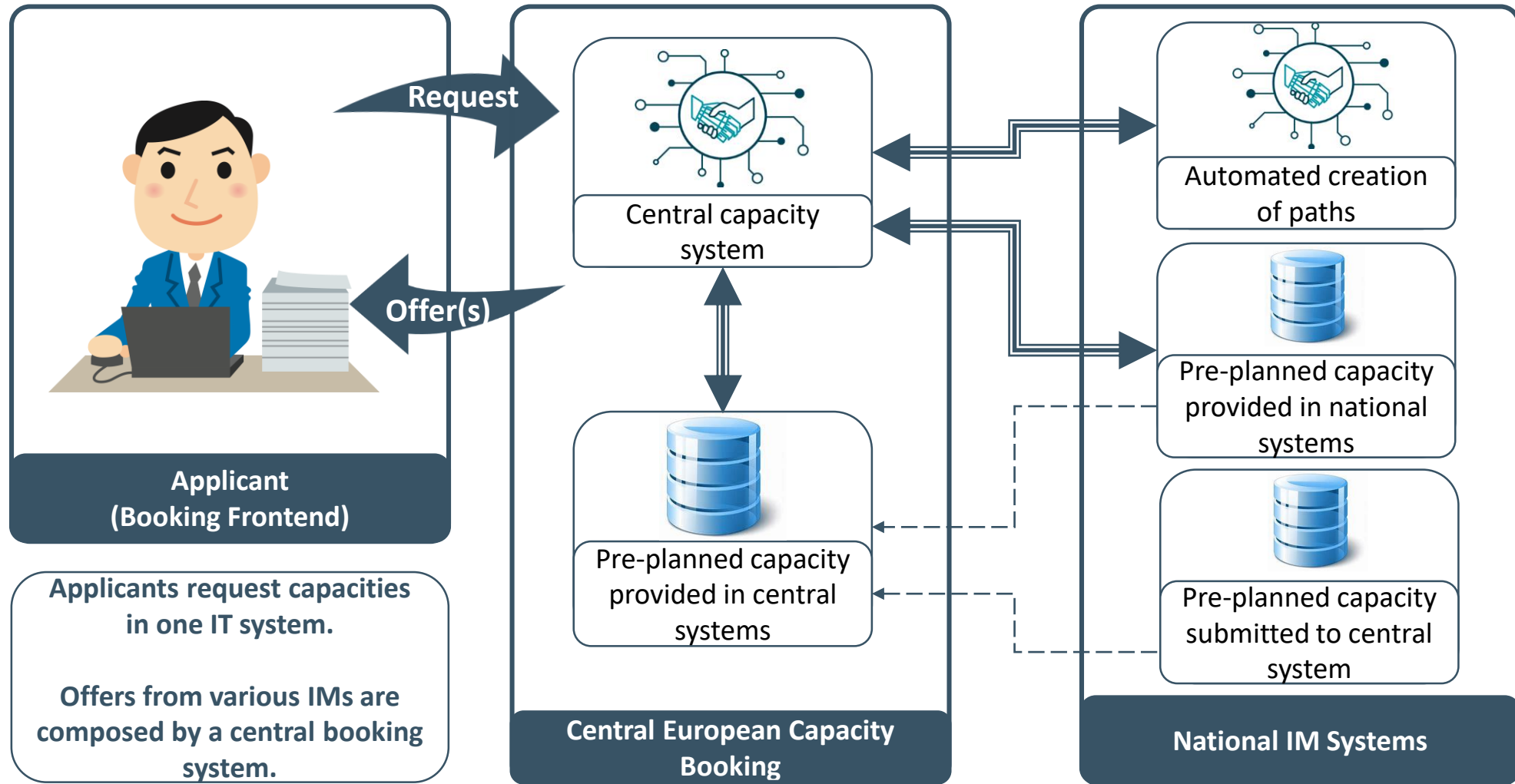
Basic IT Architecture

The future TTR IT landscape is split into **three main blocks**:

- The **central IT framework**, developed by RNE
- **National systems**, which need to communicate with the central IT framework
- **Communication between central and national systems** based on TAF/TAP TSI standards

TTR IT Landscape





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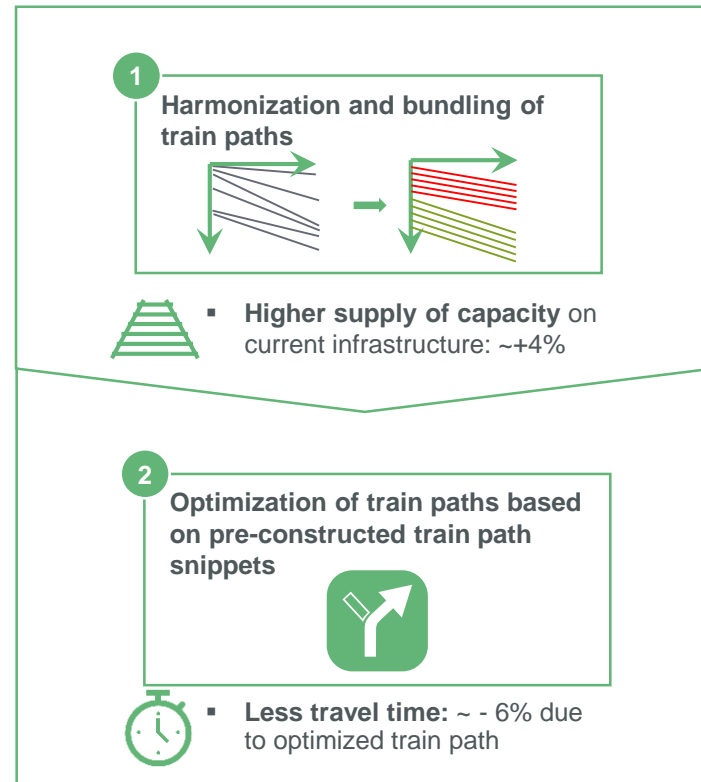


Backup

European Digital Capacity Management has a strong impact on the goals of the Green Deal

Levers and Benefits of Digital Capacity Management

Levers



Benefits

Infrastructure Managers (IM)

Railway Undertakings (RU)

More transparency on available capacity

Enables implementation of **long-term timetables**, e.g., “Deutschland-Takt” and **TTR (Time Table Redesign)**



Higher efficiency due to **automatic time tabling** and **train path assignment**



15% better utilization of drivers and locomotives due to optimized round trips and reduced synchronization times at borders



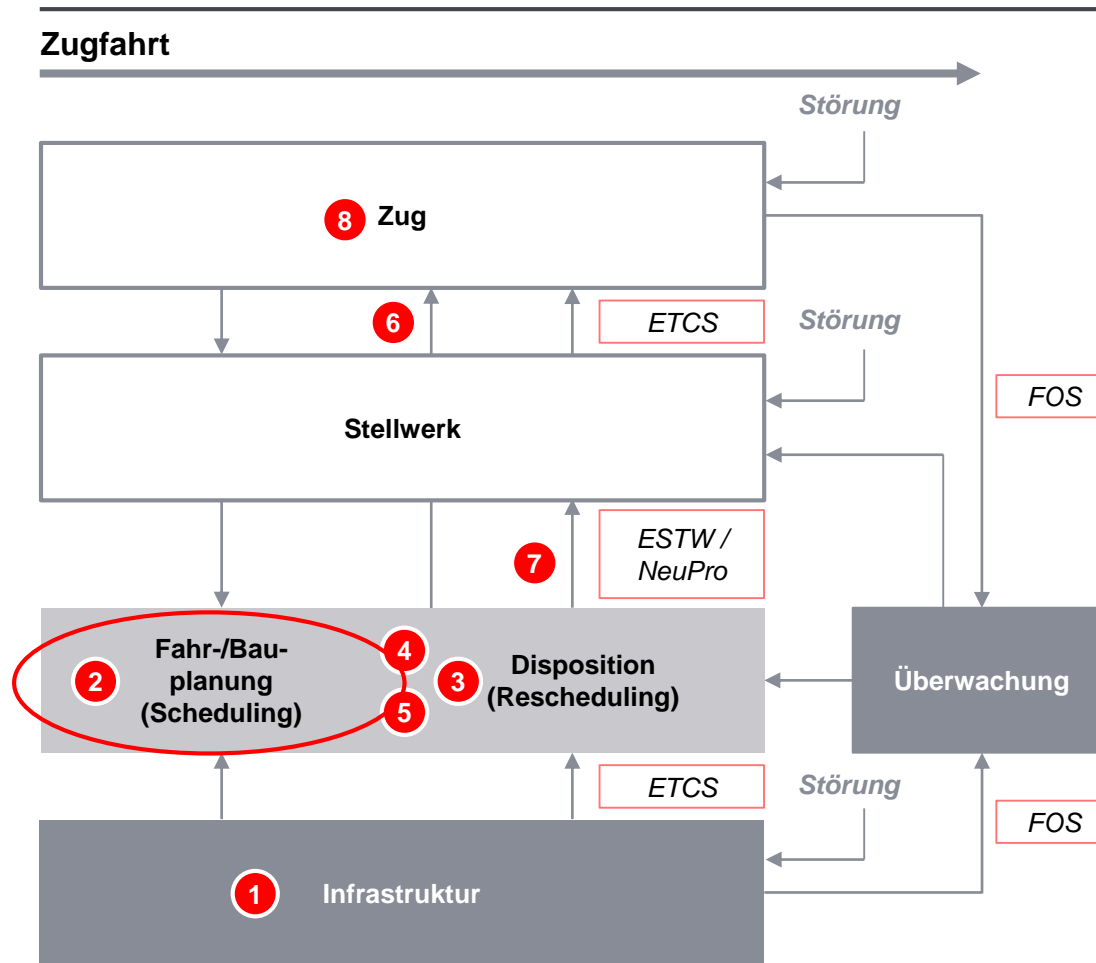
10% energy savings due to less energy – consuming stops for rail freight



Easy and simple access to optimized train paths across Europe

Automated, standardized interfaces

Digital Timetabling is core for the digitalisation of rail



Elemente	Beschreibung
1 Digitale Infrastruktur	Digitale und tagesaktuelle Darstellung der zur Verfügung stehenden Infrastruktur
2 Digitaler Fahrplan	Automatisierte und industrialisierte Fahrplanerstellung (Projekt DigiKap, M31)
3 Digitaler Betrieb I	Decision Support System für Betriebsdisposition
4 Digitaler Betrieb II	Überführung der Optimierungsverfahren des digitalen Fahrplans in die Betriebsdisposition
5 Realtime Rescheduling	Echtzeit-Simulation und -Planung des Betriebsgeschehens durch Beschleunigung der Optimierungsverfahren
6 Fahrempfehlung Tfz	Übermittlung des gemäß Dispositionsentscheidungen zu fahrenden Geschwindigkeitsprofils auf die Lok
7 Fahrempfehlung Stellwerk	Direkte Umsetzung der Dispositionsentscheidungen auf dem Stellwerk ohne Zwischenschnittstelle Fahrdienstleiter
8 Aut. Train Operations	Direkte Umsetzung der Dispositionsentscheidungen auf der Lok ohne Zwischenschnittstelle Triebfahrzeugführer

Herstellung Datenverfügbarkeit
 Optimierung Entscheidungsfindung
 Optimierung Entscheidungsumsetzung

Click&Ride – six steps from train path request to the train path and timetable

