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Maintenance and train refurbishment at Polmadie

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Why do we have Diesel in the first place?

The original 'Business Case' for Diesel was against Steam Trains

- Less labour to manage the engine
- Lower Maintenance Costs
- Greater Range between fuelling stops
- Introduction of Multiple Units to increase capacity
- Limited impact to existing infrastructure

Due to the financial situation with BR at the time, Diesel was seen as a more cost effective for Regional Routes in the UK vs. Electrification due to the high infrastructure costs.

There were clear benefits in the 20th century to move from steam to diesel traction

Greener transportation is a prerequisite to a sustainable environment

Limitation of global warming

The 2015 Paris Agreement, set a global objective to reach net zero emissions by 2050, in line with a below +2°C target relative to pre-industrial levels.



Limitation of urban pollution

Most countries around the globe have defined limits for particulate matter in the air, multiplicating the "diesel ban" measures by 2040.



Reduction of dependency on fossil fuels

Finding alternatives to fossil fuels through the development of renewable energies will enable significant improvement of energy security.



Where are we today?

• ~60% of the Scottish network is nonelectrified.

- Indication is that some lines could remain non-electrified for the next 40 years.

Aging Diesel Rolling Stock

- (Second Generation Diesels) need urgent replacement
- Scotland aspires to remove all Diesel Only Trains by 2035, 5 years ahead of England
- Life extension through retractioning is not commercially viable





Alstom green mobility solutions for non-electrified networks

Reduced emission **Emission-free Bi-mode Battery** Hydrogen 2 (FCMU / Hydrogen power car) (BEMU / Battery power car) (Diesel + Catenary) Current range of 600-1.000 km Make use of catenary when operating on • Current range of 80-120 km on batteries electrified sections • Suited for catenary-free operations with Suited for catenary-free operations with Switch to diesel on non-electrified sections recharging in electrified sections and stations requirement of hydrogen refueling station Bio/Synthetic Fuels envisaged to lower overall Kinectic energy recovery during braking Battery autonomy extension with kinetic • CO₂ emissions energy recovery during braking Illustration with X'trapolis Irish Rail BEMU Illustration with X'trapolis Tren Maya Ilustration with Coradia iLint FCMU

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What are the criteria for deciding the appropriate technology for each use case?

Line length and electrification level



- Autonomy: battery (80-120 km) versus hydrogen (600-1,000 km)
- Range depends on mission profile
- "Electrified islands" can increase the range of BEMU solutions

Hydrogen / battery infrastructure



- Country hydrogen strategy
- Available and affordable infrastructure
- Hydrogen trains can support the development of the ecosystem

Operation, topography and climatography



In particular:

- Acceleration / deceleration & speed
- Ramps length / inclination
- Stops frequency
- Catenary / charging stations
- Tropicalisation / winterisation
- Wind & humidity magnitude

Current fleet age and railway standards



- Electrification
- Retractioning
- Replacement with hybrid traction
- Replacement with green traction







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Battery train: how does it work?

- Battery Electric Multiple Unit (BEMU) is an electric train with additional traction batteries on board to operate on partially nonelectrified lines
- Batteries are **charging** when operating under **catenary** or in **stations**
- Kinetic energy recovery during braking
- Current range: **80-120 km** for short trains
- "Electrified islands" can increase the range due to intermediate charging
- Illustration of a possible architecture:



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Alstom Battery train references for Commuter & Regional services





Alstom Hydrogen Trains



Fuel Cell power pack: how does it work? (example Coradia iLint)

- Fuel Cell Multiple Unit (FCMU) is an electric train with hydrogen powered fuel cell for onboard electric power generation
- Fuel cells are composed of two electrodes separated by an electrolyte membrane
- **Oxygen** is taken from the air and combined with **hydrogen** inside the fuel cell to generate electricity through an **electrochemical reaction**
- Traction Li-lon batteries are used for intermediate energy storage
 - to boost during acceleration
 - to recover kinetic energy during braking
 - to provide auxiliary supply





Hydrogen refuelling requires a complete infrastructure

Production

There are different sources to produce H₂: steam/gas reforming, as by-product from chemical industry or electrolysis processes.

Compression

H₂ is compressed to optimize storage space utilization.

Refueling

Trains are refilled at hydrogen refueling stations with 350 bar pressure (at 15°C).

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Energy

Electric energy can be obtained from any source (e.g. natural gas, hydrocarbons, renewable).

Transportation and distribution

H₂ is transported and distributed through pipeline, boat or truck





Storage

H₂ is stored in tanks at low or high pressure



734 miles without refuelling WORLD RECORD RUN



14 Units already in passenger service and more to come!



Carbon emissions produced





Alstom Fuel Cell train references for Commuter & Regional services





Summary

- Rail can lead the way in decarbonisation
- Our decisions today will impact the outcome in 2035
- The technology to meet these challenges is available today
- Modern products can help incentivise passengers back to the railway
- Alstom can help find the best technology to fit your operation



