

United Kingdom Rail Electrification Strategies, Magnitude & Challenges

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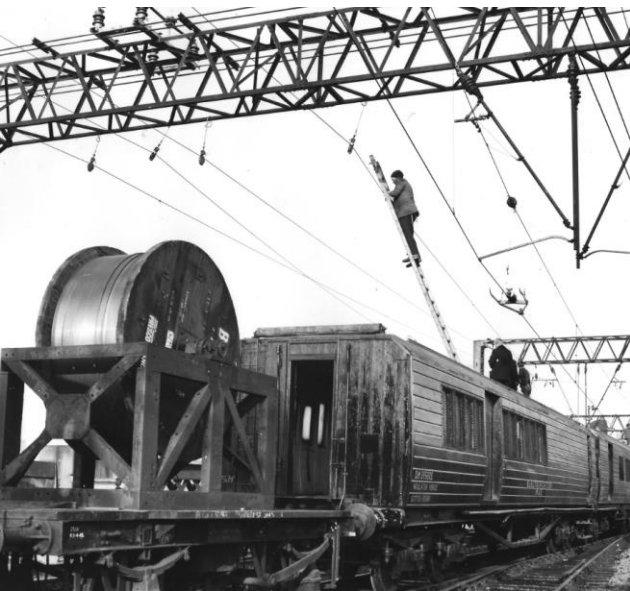
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History



- Initial Overhead Electrification 1930/40's
- BR Modernization in 1960's
- Electrification expansion 1980/90's
- WCML Upgrade 2000's
- CTRL/HS1 2000's



New Investment

- Part of Government rail modernization and Carbon Reduction strategies
- Reduces environmental impact at point of use
- Provides an improvement on existing services
- Generates economic growth
- Reduces overall rail industry costs
- Once in a generation opportunity due to life expiry of current rolling stock

Challenges

- Skills base shortage
 - Both in technical competency and quantity
 - Competing projects
- Available and suitable on track machinery
 - Adaptation of European plant for UK infrastructure constraints
 - Improvements in safety



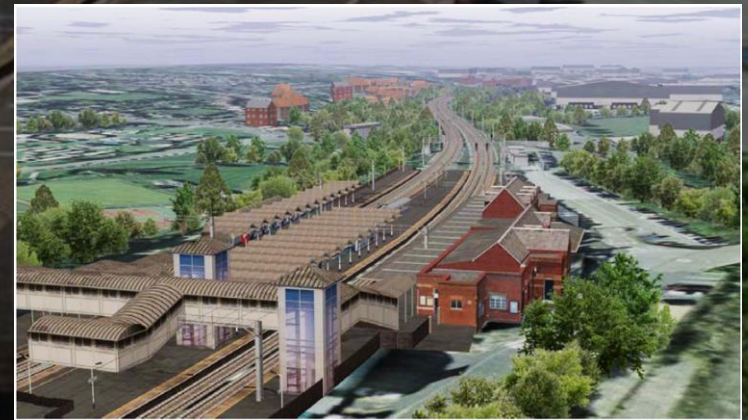
Challenges

- Antiquated standards
 - Culture change in industry around safety by design
 - Alignment with European Standards (where relevant)
 - Poor understanding of risk based design (CSM)
- Integration with existing infrastructure
 - Signaling, Telecoms, Civils infrastructure (viaducts/bridges etc.)
 - Electrification should be seen as a Route Upgrade



What We Did - Midland Main Line

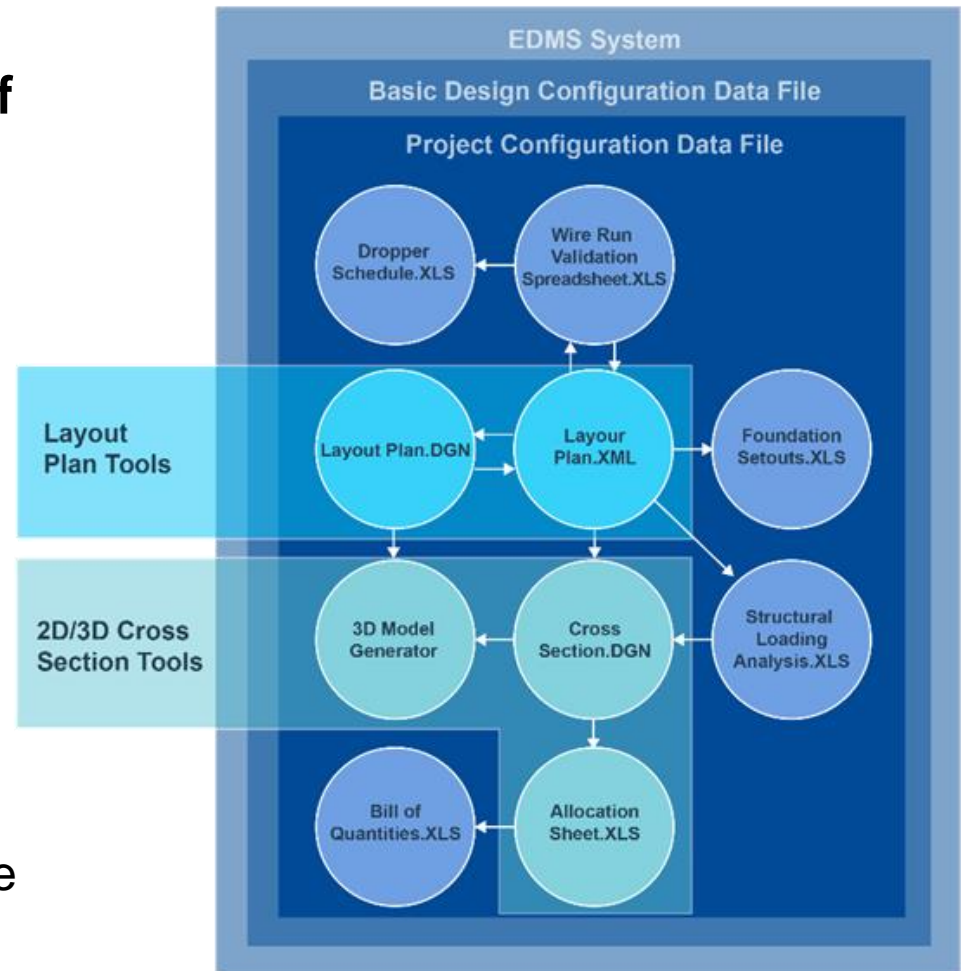
- Modernization of attitude
 - The greatest challenge – with the ability to provide the greatest benefits
 - Required top down leadership and baked into contracting strategy
 - Open minded client who Incentivized innovation
 - Recognition of the benefits of Upfront engineering
- Modernization of standards
 - Adoption of EN's into company standards
 - Challenging existing standards, how has the technology changed?
- Modernization of approach
 - Utilization of technology
 - Automated design
 - 4/5D planning



Digital Electrification Design

Developed an innovative suite of tools for OCS design efficiency:

- Faster incorporation of design changes
- Automatic generation of a 3D BIM model (Level 2)
- Reduction in design and site errors
- Agnostic to equipment range and easily scalable for new markets
- Deliver multiple Electrification projects without the need to grow the resource pool



What We Did - Midland Main Line

- CSM workshops
 - Identified additional scope
 - Identified conflicts with other railway systems
 - Provided an auditable history of risk management
 - Involve construction teams early
 - Established OCS construction as a competency
- Whole life cost perspective
 - Allowed informed decision making
 - Balanced CAPEX and OPEX in numerous areas
 - In many instances reduced CAPEX due to better understanding of future costs

Atkins Lite Structure Design

- Optimization using standardized hollow sections
- Increased tolerances improving maximizing output during short blocks
- Integrated lifting cleat built into the capping plate
- Allows AT wiring prior to installation of booms
- All booms are supported by the masts to assist with bolt installation
- Mast to baseplate interface detail designed as through detail for maximum durability
- Removed adapter plate requirement

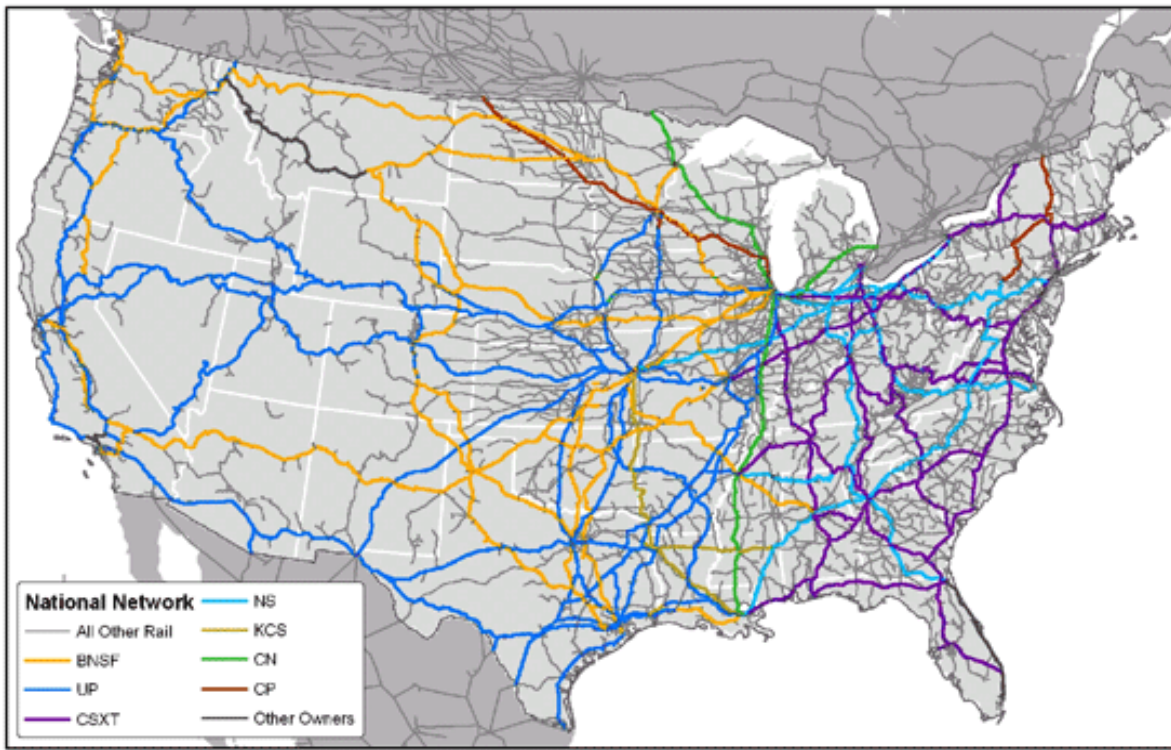


Lessons Learned

- UK going forward

- Better management of scarce Resources and Plant
- Better Industry wide planning of projects
- Need to finalize design concept before progressing with detail and construction





What do these lessons mean for the USA

- Electrification of existing commuter corridors
 - Safety improvements - reduction in capital and operational costs
 - Environmental and Social benefits not to be underestimated
 - Electrification is a Route Wide Upgrade
 - Budgets, Policy and Timing to be aligned with the engineering solution
 - Develop standards that are industry (not state) wide
 - Innovation includes contracting strategy (behaviors)

Questions?

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