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**-BASED** ENERGY STORAGE

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**+ Transportation Applications**

# Target INDUSTRIES



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**TRANSPORTATION**

# Rail & Tram Industry

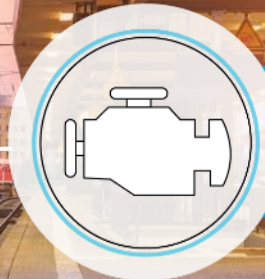
## Applications Overview



**Catenary-free**  
Operation  
Option: Fast Charging



**Hybrid/KERS\***  
DMU



**Engine Cranking**  
DEMU



**Wayside**  
Energy Storage  
Option: Fast Charging

# + Hybrid / KERS

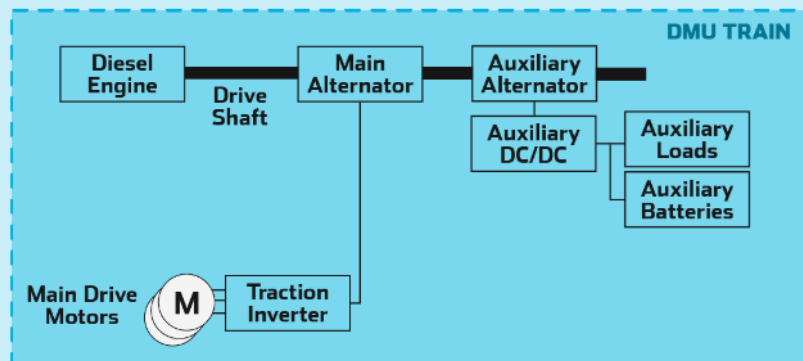
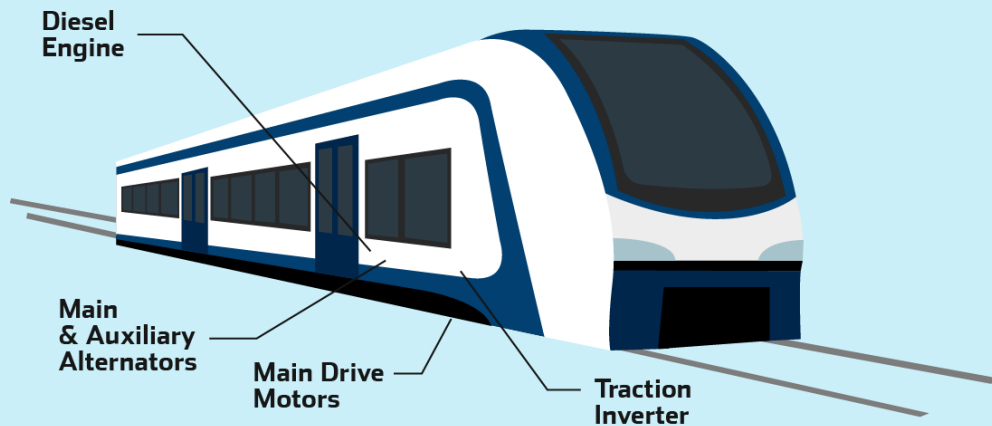
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DMU



# Transportation | Rail & Tram | KERS for DMU Trains

**CHALLENGE:** improving diesel train efficiency



## BACKGROUND

- + Still no energy storage systems in many DEMU trains nowadays
- + Drastic regulation changes target resulting noise and CO2 emissions

## KEY CHALLENGES

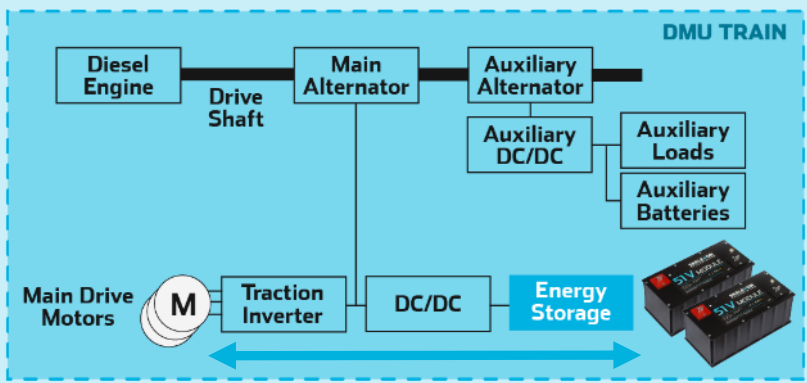
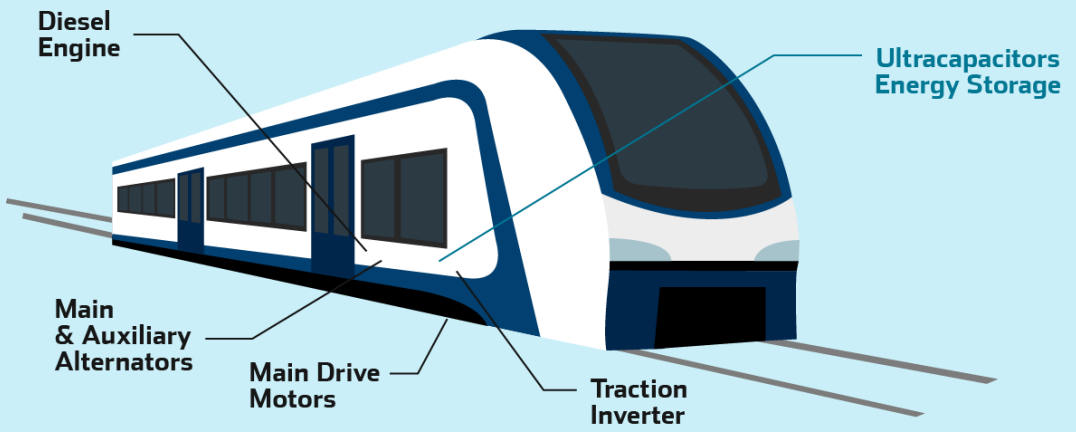
- + Catenary line is not available in all regions
- + Service cost reduction (CAPEX and OPEX)
- + Emission reduction
- + Constant energy supply from diesel engine
- + Sized diesel engine to cater for power peaks

## KNOWN CONSEQUENCES

- + Penalties related to high CO2 emissions
- + High running and maintenance costs
- + Heavy wear on brakes and transmission components
- + Negative influence on railway company's image

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | KERS for DMU Trains

**SOLUTION:** onboard KERS – improved fuel efficiency & reduced CO2 emissions



## WHAT WE OFFER

- + KERS\* onboard energy storage system, enabling energy regeneration when braking
- + Energy savings for the DEMU trains of tomorrow
- + Electric range availability in restricted areas
- + Increased dynamics

## ADVANTAGES OF OUR PRODUCT

- + 100% reliable energy storage with zero maintenance
- + Over 1 million cycles & longer calendar life: 15 to 20 years
- + -40°C to +65°C operating temperature range
- + Ultracapacitors do not leak or contain acid or lead

(\*) Kinetic Energy Recovery System

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | KERS for **DMU Trains**

**BENEFITS:** improved fuel efficiency & reduced CO2 emissions



**+ BENEFITS**  
for our **clients**

- + Freedom for **line planning**
- + Increased utilization of the **train** even in congested & polluted areas
- + **Faster** acceleration & **less** noise
- + Service **cost reduction** (CAPEX and OPEX)
- + Improved **fuel efficiency** and reduced CO2 emissions
- + **Reduced peak load demand** from diesel engine when accelerating

# + Engine Cranking

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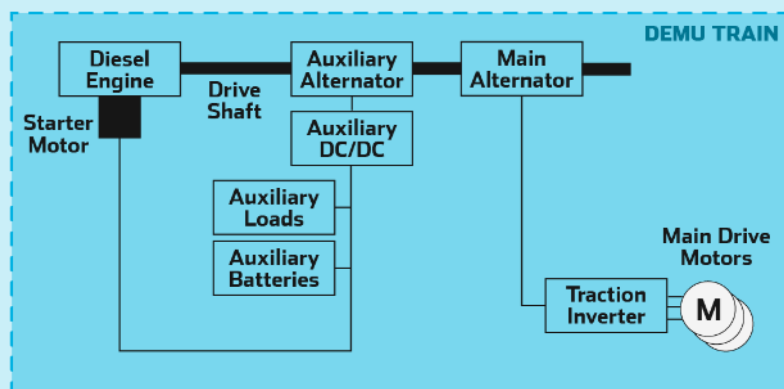
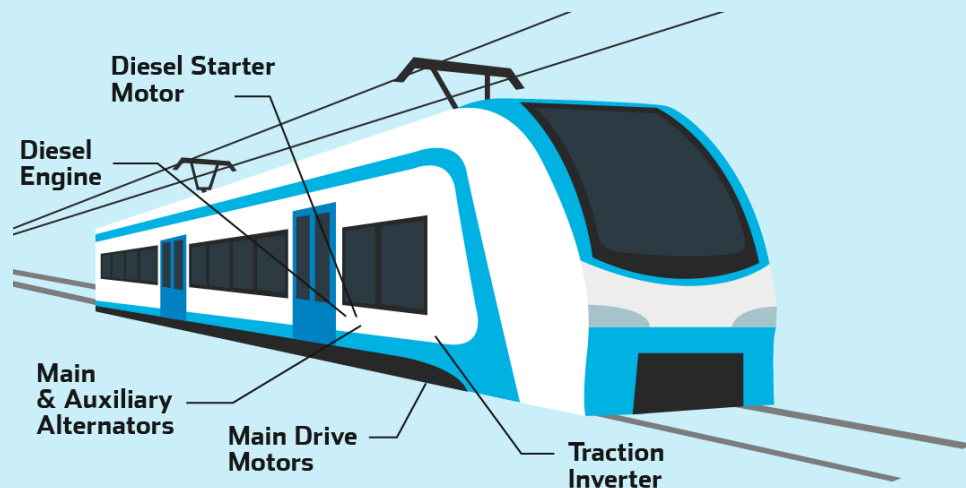
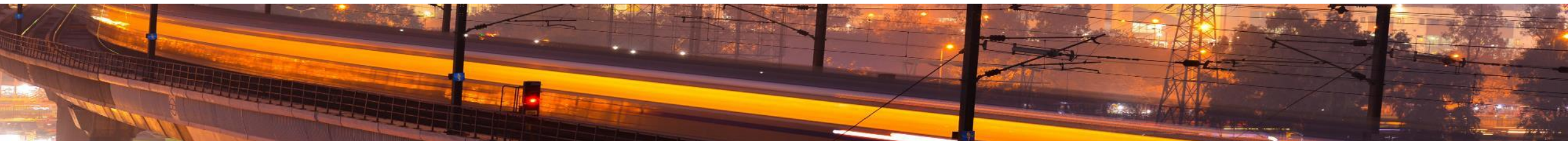
DEMU





# Transportation | Rail & Tram | DEMU Cranking Trains

**CHALLENGE:** improving diesel-electric train efficiency



## BACKGROUND

- + Diesel engine fails to start in cold climate conditions
- + Many batteries must be used to reach the power level to start the engine
- + Lead-acid batteries suffer from sulfation and are not reliable
- + Frequent checks and replacements to ensure the batteries won't fail

## KEY CHALLENGES

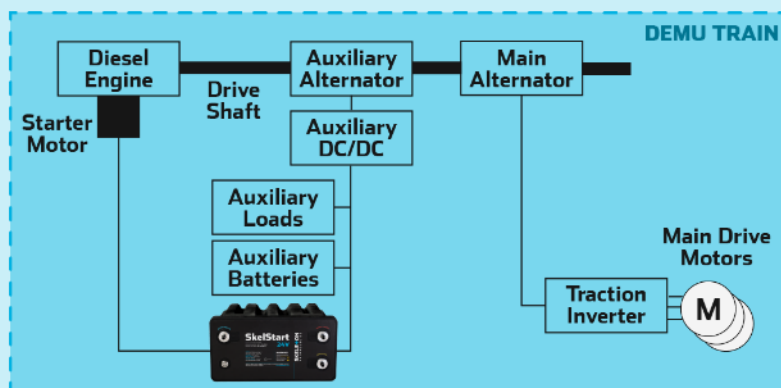
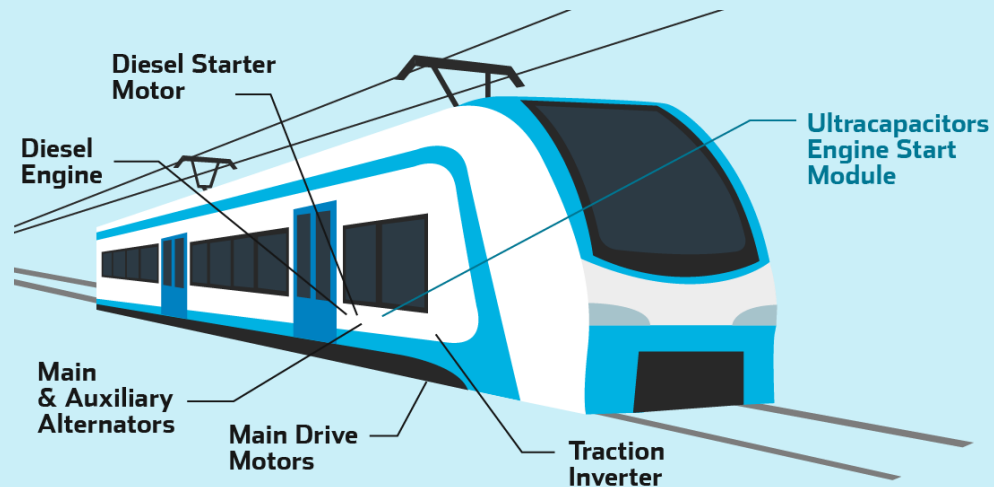
- + Reliable diesel engine start under all weather conditions
- + 100% reliability of the starter function
- + Frequent fails due to the use of lead-acid batteries

## KNOWN CONSEQUENCES

- + Costly downtime due to the failures when starting the DEMU
- + Increased maintenance costs due to preventive battery replacement

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | DEMU Cranking Trains

**SOLUTION: highest reliability** – engine start **even in extreme environmental** conditions



## WHAT WE OFFER

- + Engine start modules (ESM) which have the power density matching the requirements of starting procedure

## ADVANTAGES OF OUR PRODUCT

- + 100% reliable & maintenance-free device
- + Over 1 million cycles & longer calendar life: 10+ years
- +  $-40^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+65^{\circ}\text{C}$  operating temperature range
- + Ultracapacitors **do not leak** or contain acid or lead

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | **DEMU** Cranking Trains

**BENEFITS:** increased utilization of the train & lower costs



**+ BENEFITS**  
for our **clients**

- + No battery-related **start failures anymore**
- + **Safety & reliability** even in extreme temperatures (-40°C to +65°C)
- + Ultracapacitors are **considerably lighter** than batteries

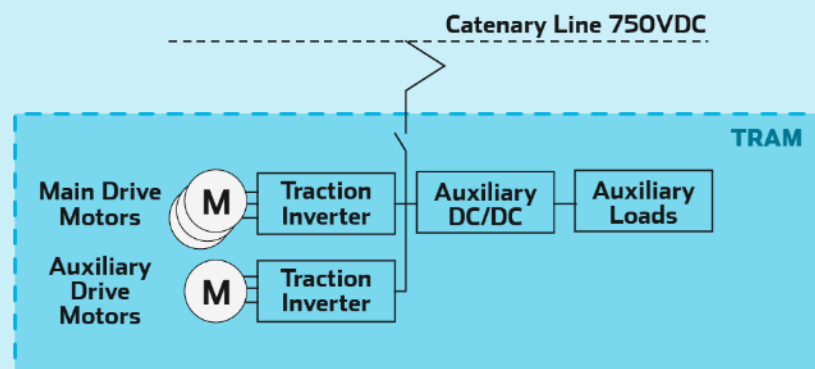
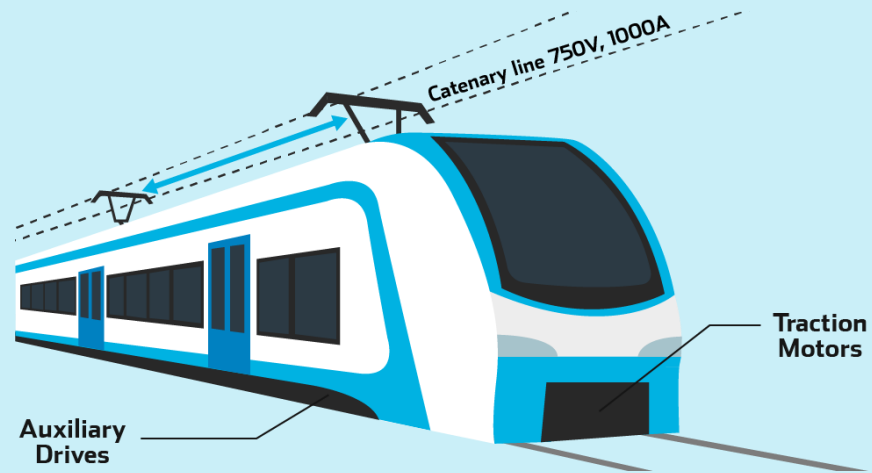
# + Catenary-Free Operation

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# Transportation | Rail & Tram | Catenary-free Operation

**CHALLENGE:** improving efficiency with a **catenary-free** onboard energy storage



## KEY CHALLENGES

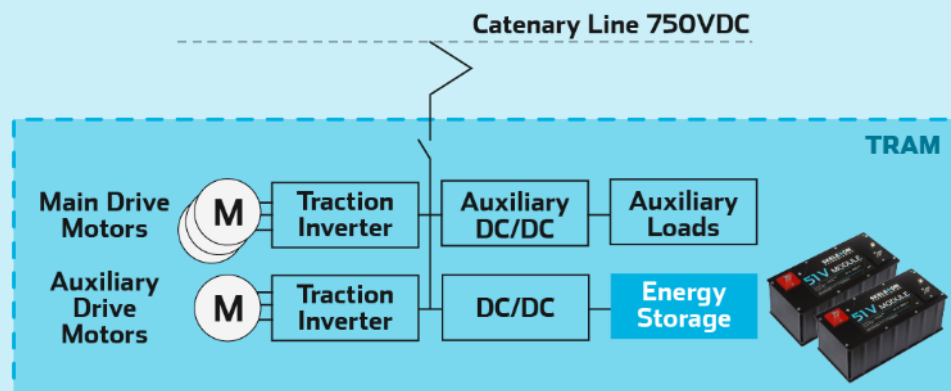
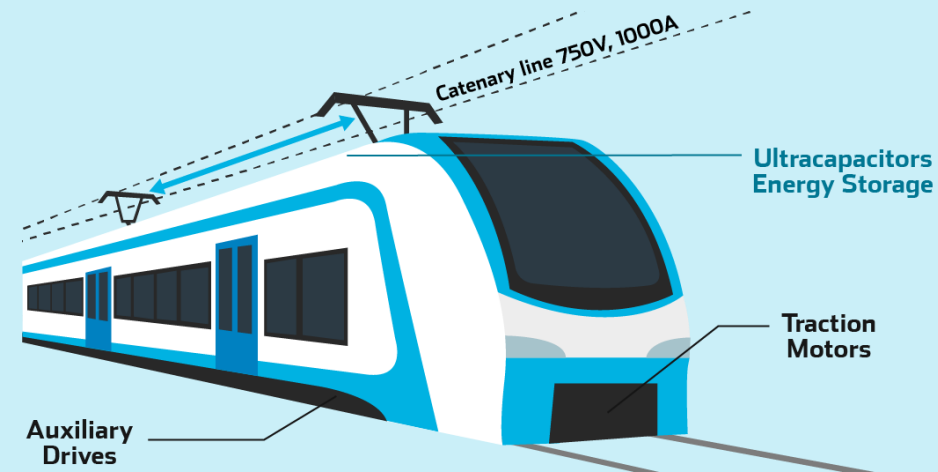
- + Catenary not entirely available for the planned route due to:
  - + Limitations regarding **preservation orders** in certain **city quarters**
  - + New **combination of existing lines** to increase public transport availability

## KNOWN CONSEQUENCES

- + Development and expansion of public transport limited
- + **Expensive and tedious installations** of catenary and grid connection points

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | Catenary-free Operation

**SOLUTION:** high performance operation with an integrated compact design



## WHAT WE OFFER

- + Onboard energy storage, providing energy in track sections without catenary

## ADVANTAGES OF OUR PRODUCT

- + 100% reliable energy storage with zero maintenance
- + Over 1 million cycles & longer calendar life: 15 to 20 years
- + -40°C to +65°C operating temperature range
- + Advantages over Li-ion battery solutions:
  - + Considerably smaller & cheaper than batteries
  - + Li-ion battery needs to be oversized to cater for peak loads
  - + Higher safety – no smoke, fire or flame
  - + Ultracapacitors do not leak or contain acid or lead

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | **Catenary-free** Operation

**BENEFITS: 100% reliable energy storage** & lower costs



## **+ BENEFITS** for our **clients**

- + Fastest-possible implementation – no catenary-related constructions
- + Increased energy efficiency – energy regeneration when braking
- + Compact design of the onboard energy storage system
- + Reduced peak load demand from grid when accelerating
- + Reduced public grid connection costs

# + Wayside Energy Storage

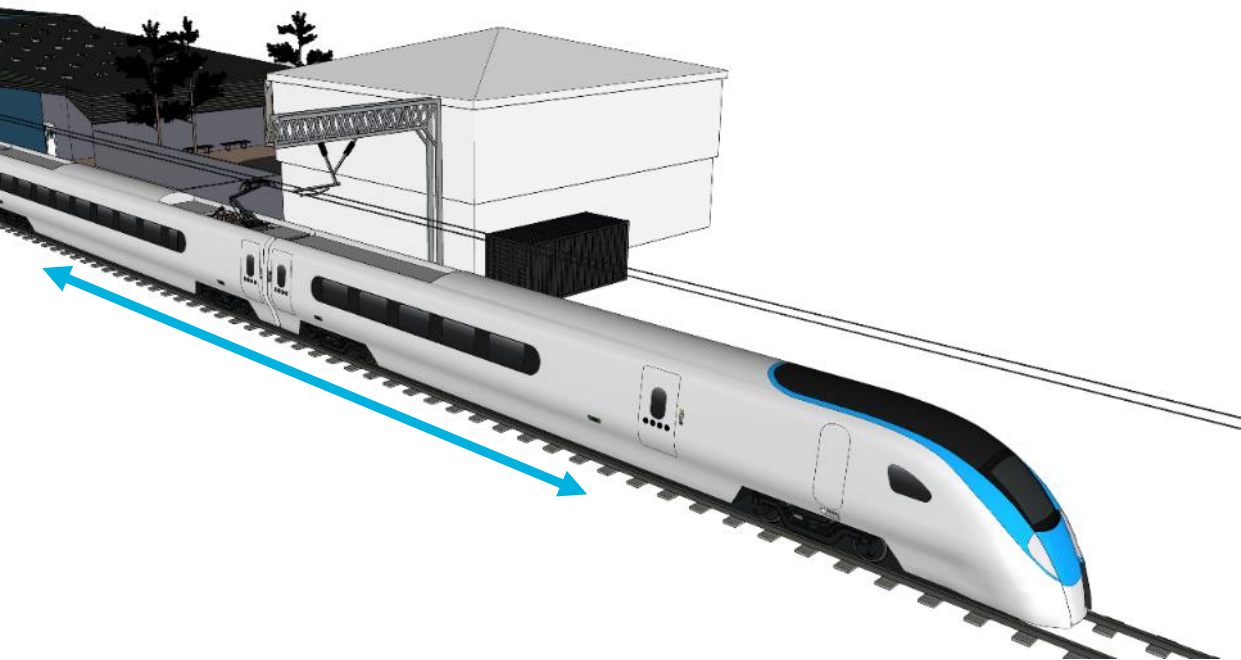
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# Transportation | Rail & Tram | Wayside Energy Storage

**CHALLENGE:** safe & efficient braking **energy recovery**



## KEY CHALLENGES

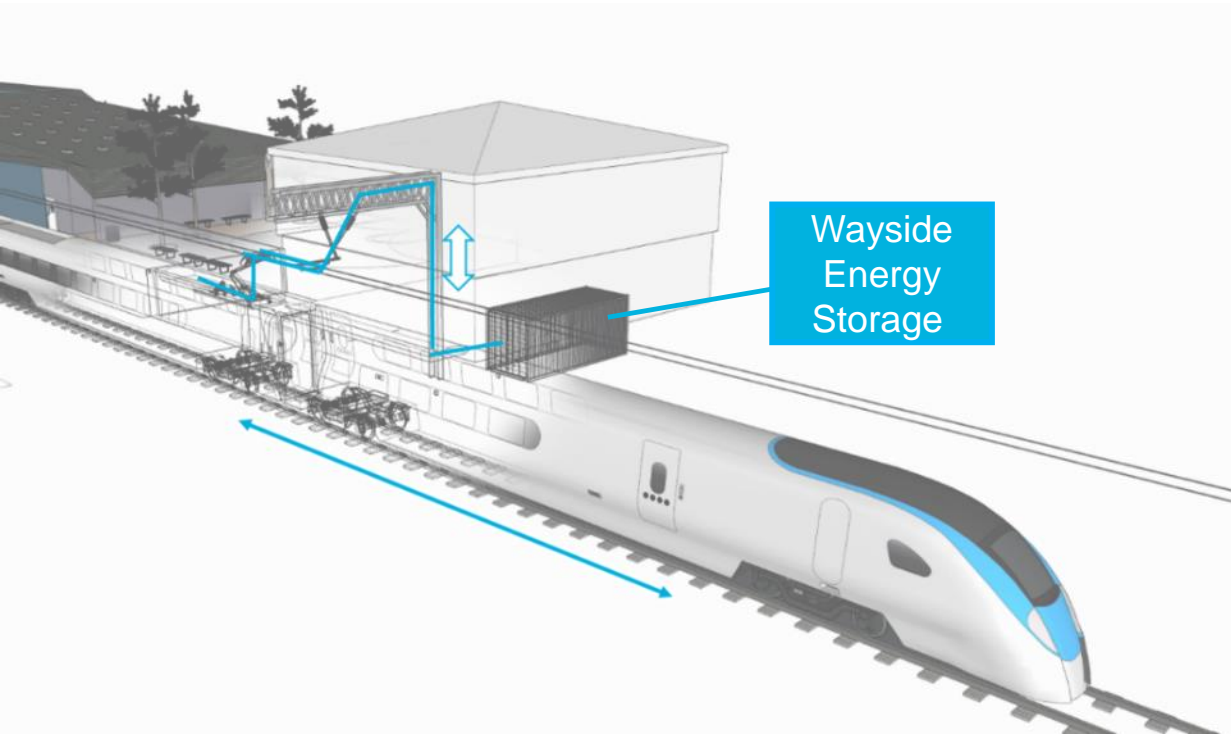
- + Catenary systems are not capable of feeding energy back to the grid
- + Catenary systems cannot fulfill the increased demands of modern rail systems

## KNOWN CONSEQUENCES

- + Catenary systems are limiting the productivity due to lower peak power capabilities
- + Energy regeneration can cause power quality issues
- + The regenerated energy is burned off in brake resistors to avoid high power peaks
- + Electrical equipment must be capable to handle existing power peaks and transients

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | Wayside Energy Storage

**SOLUTION:** up to 20% energy cost reduction



## WHAT WE OFFER

- + Wayside KERS\* captures energy during braking of a train arriving at the station, and provides energy during the acceleration of a train leaving the station

## ADVANTAGES OF OUR PRODUCT

- + 100% reliable energy storage with zero maintenance
- + Over 1 million cycles & longer calendar life: 15 to 20 years
- + -40°C to +65°C operating temperature range
- + Advantages over Li-ion battery solutions:
  - + Smaller and cheaper vs. a solution of similar requirements
  - + The battery needs to be oversized to cater for peak loads
  - + Higher safety – no smoke, fire or flame
  - + Longer lifetime of the wayside KERS system

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | Wayside Energy Storage

**BENEFITS:** up to 20% energy cost reduction

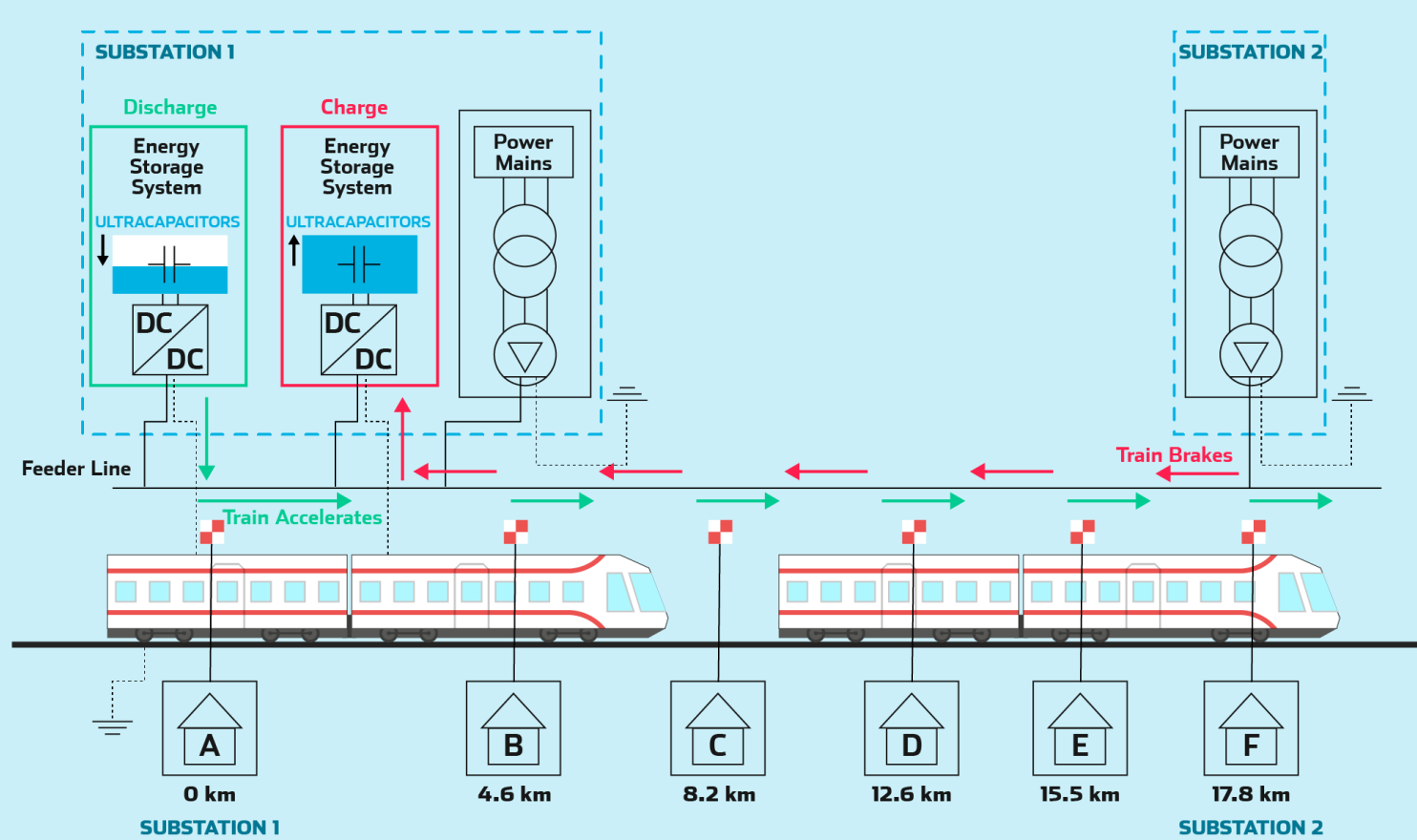


**+ BENEFITS**  
for our **clients**

- + Up to 20% energy cost reduction
- + Increased energy efficiency
- + Catenary supply peak load reduced
- + Lower public grid related cost

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | Wayside Energy Storage

## CASE STUDY: 1490 MWh saved energy per year



### SKELGRID ULTRACAPACITORS

Power	3,3 MW
Capacity	~11kWh
102V Modules	192 (12s16p)
Maintenance	Maintenance free cells
Lifetime	>10 years
Cycles	1 M+

300 C  
High Discharge and Charge power

2 x smaller footprint  
(compared to 1C Battery)

1490 MWh  
Saved energy per year

Break-even at 3 years

15 kWh recovery for train from A to F\*  
(including catenary losses, auxiliary)  
99,280 cycles per year\*



\* based on: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/326664263\\_Analysis\\_of\\_wayside\\_energy\\_storage\\_devices\\_for\\_DC\\_heavy\\_rail\\_transport](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/326664263_Analysis_of_wayside_energy_storage_devices_for_DC_heavy_rail_transport)



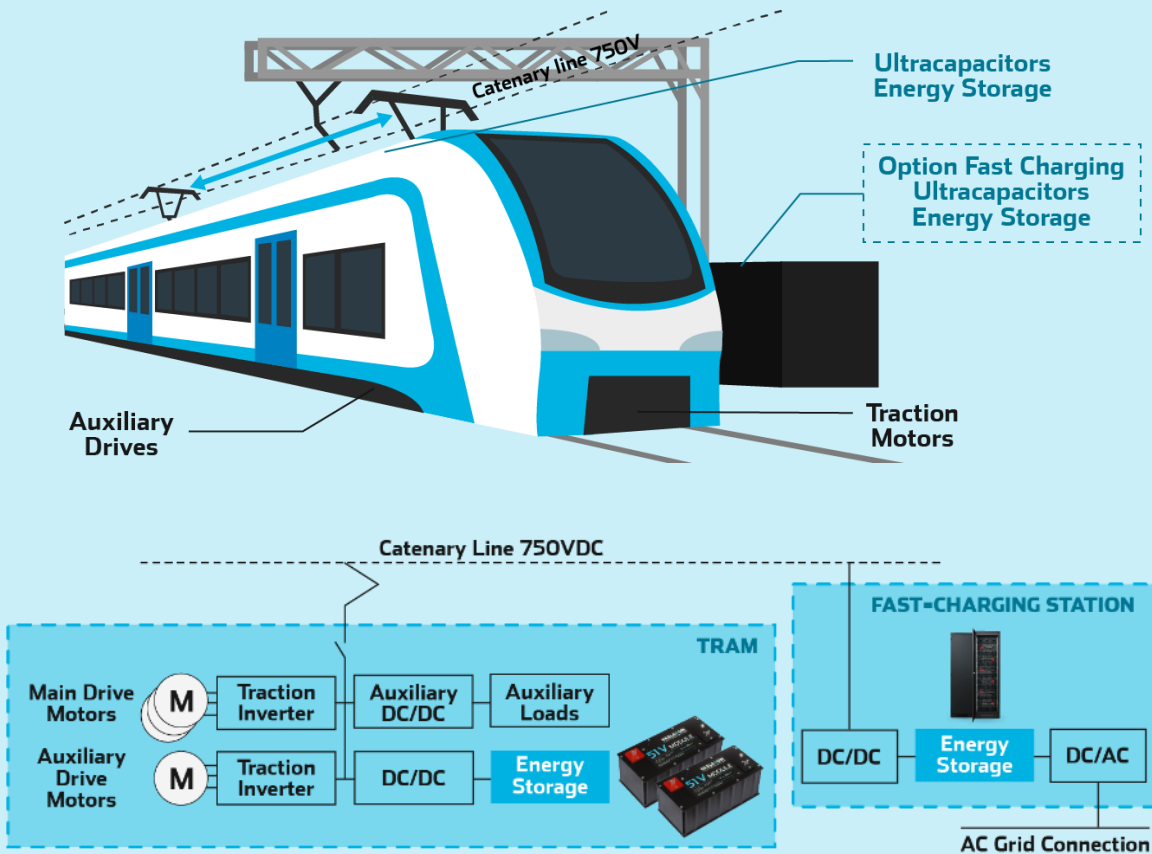
# **Wayside** Energy Storage **Catenary-Free** Operation

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Option: **Fast Charging**



# Transportation | Rail & Tram | Fast Charging Option

**SOLUTION:** fast charging **in seconds** for an increased productivity



## WHAT WE OFFER

- + Fast charging of light rail vehicles **within seconds**
- + Enough energy to reach the next couple of stations
- + Energy absorption and supply to the vehicle

## ADVANTAGES OF OUR PRODUCT

- + 100% reliable energy storage with **zero maintenance**
- + Over 1 million cycles & longer calendar life: **15 to 20 years**
- + **-40°C to +65°C** operating temperature range
- + **Higher safety** – no smoke, fire or flame
- + Considerably **smaller & cheaper** than batteries
- + Ultracapacitors **do not leak** or contain acid or lead

# Transportation | Rail & Tram | Fast **Charging** Option

**BENEFITS:** reduced energy costs & increased productivity



## + **BENEFITS** for our **clients**

- + Catenary supply peak load reduced
- + Increased productivity – charging when passengers are boarding
- + Offers a higher degree of freedom for line planning
- + Reduced peak load demand from grid when accelerating
- + Reduced energy costs – energy regeneration when braking
- + Reduced public grid connection costs

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