

# **ModLink – The Interface between the train and the people**

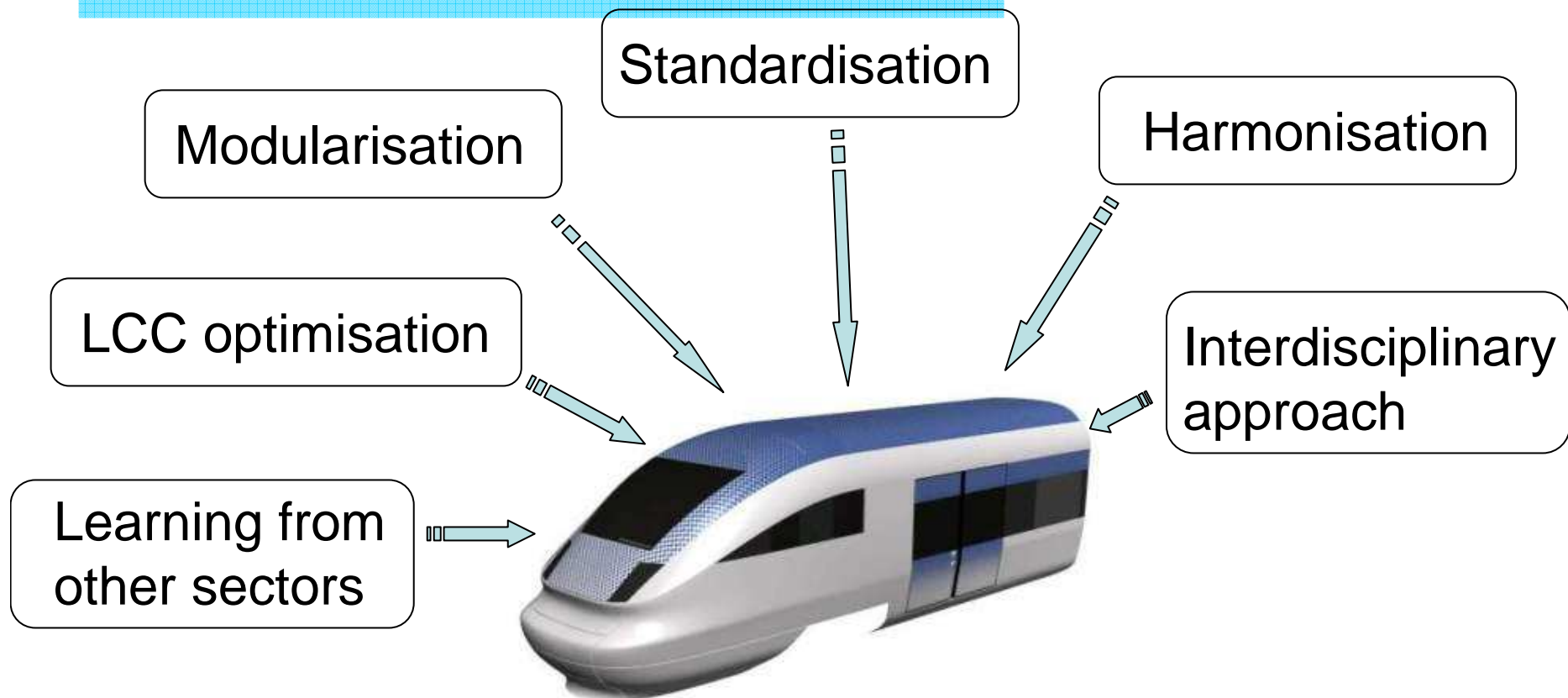
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# The keys for the future competitive European Rail System – the motivation for the ModLink SP



**New culture of cooperation – consensus approach**  
Industry – operators – researchers – associations – standardisation bodies

# ModLink Scope and Objectives



- Within MODTRAIN, the SP MODLINK is responsible to elaborate, to specify, to test and to prepare standardisation of the interoperable human-machine-interfaces (HMI) for
  - the driver
  - the passengers
  - the train staff
  - ❖ In addition the MODLINK involves the interoperable train-to-train data interface
- Thematic areas affected => organisation of MODLINK in working areas

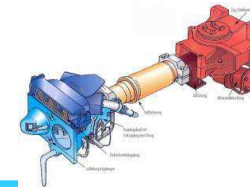
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# EUCAB – the EUDD approach „Learning from other sectors“ paves the way



from the thirties ...  
Junkers Ju-52

- Fly-by-wire
- Improved ergonomics
- Modularisation
- Display and terminal technology



... to Airbus A380

Consensus building process paved the way to modularised and harmonised *European Driver's Desk (EUDD)*

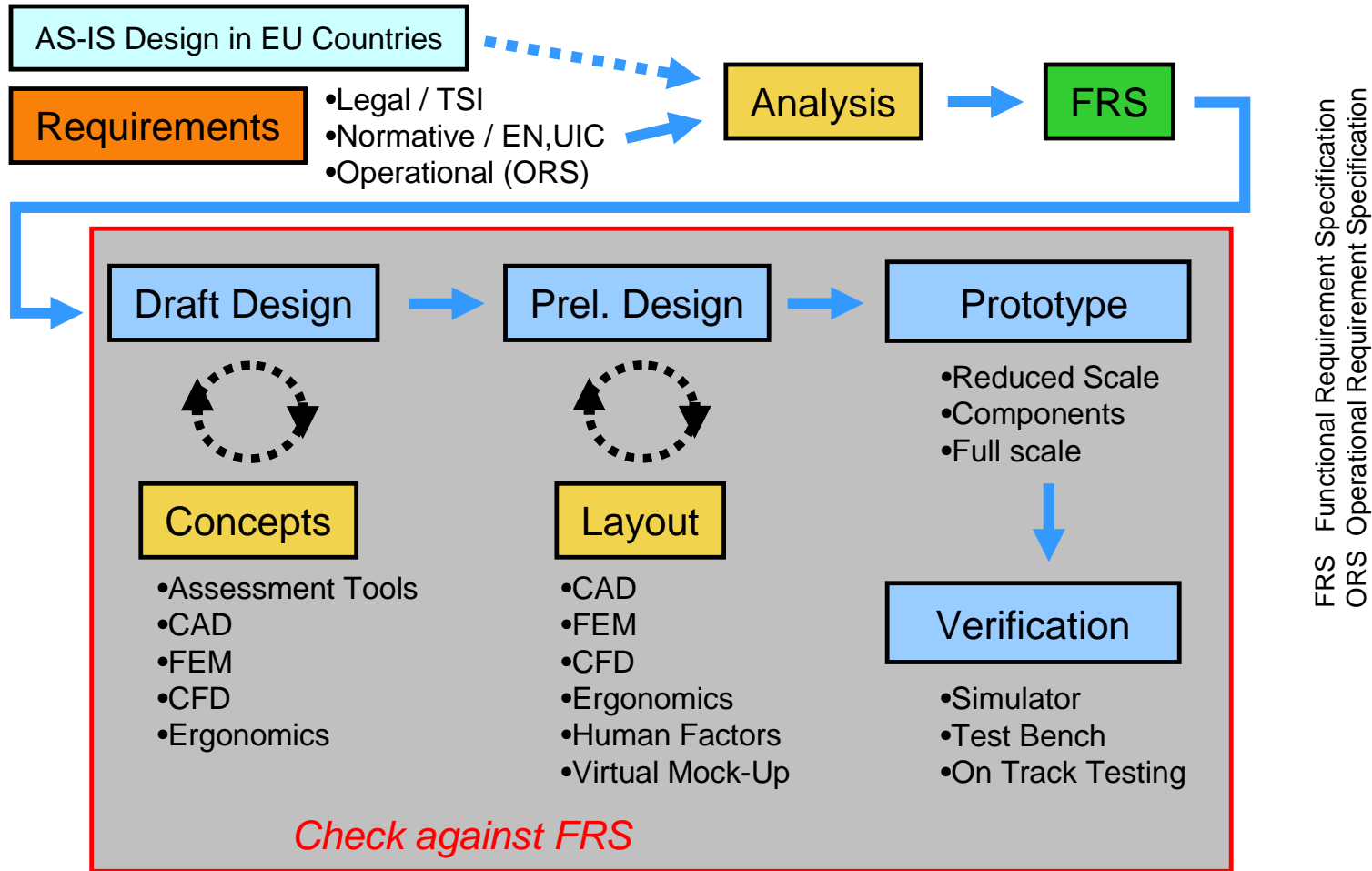


- ✓ Optimised MMI by applying latest knowledge in ergonomics
- ✓ Enhanced functional modularisation
- ✓ Shift of functionalities: from controls to displays
- ✓ Min 15% cut of Life Cycle Costs



# Industrial Design Process

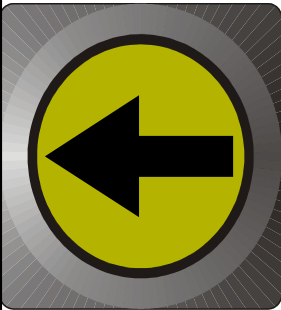

## Industrial Design Process:



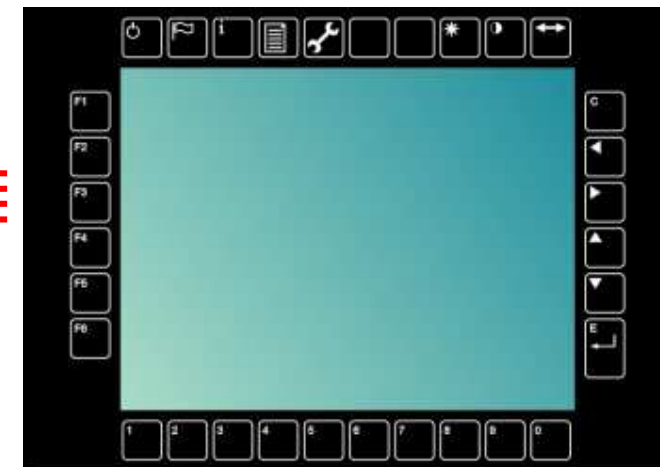
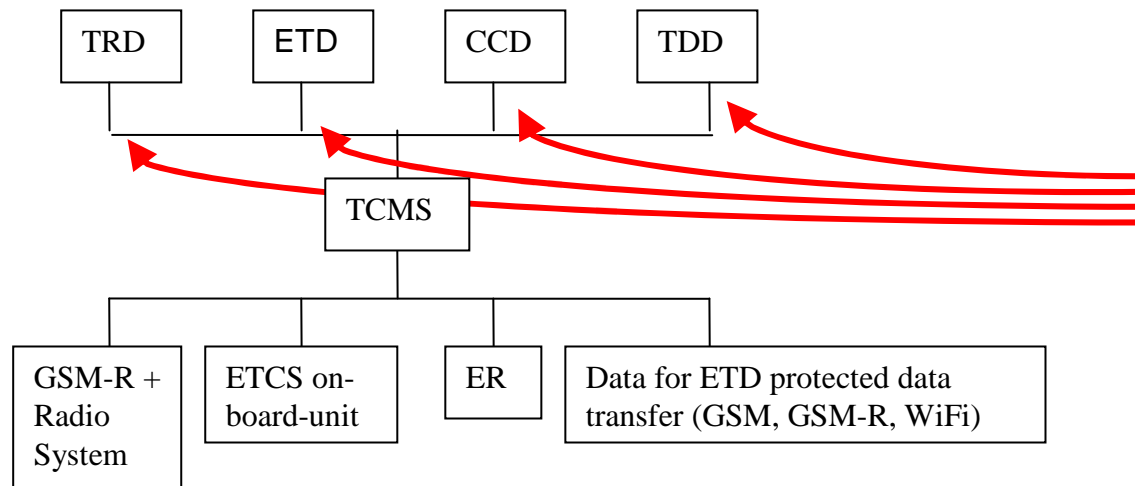
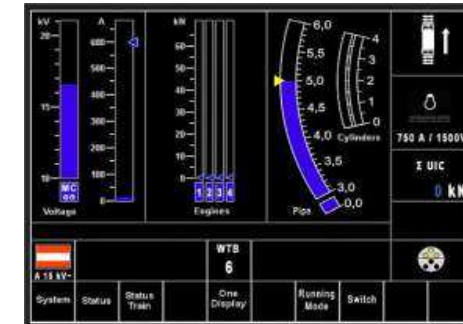
# Structure of the UIC leaflet 612

UIC 612 - 0	Functional and System Requirements allocated to harmonised Driver-Machine-Interfaces	Rolling Stock Operation and MMI
UIC 612 - 1	Operational configurations and Driver's procedures	
UIC 612 - 2	Requirements for integration of the rolling stock in the European railway system and RAMS	
UIC 612 - 01	Display System in Driver's Cab - General Requirements, Set-Up and Technical Specifications	Displays
UIC 612 - 02	Control-Command-Display (CCD)	
UIC 612 - 03	Technical and Diagnostic Display (TDD)	
UIC 612 - 04	Train Radio Display (TRD)	
UIC 612 - 05	Electronic Timetable Display (ETD)	

# Extract of UIC 612 leaflet

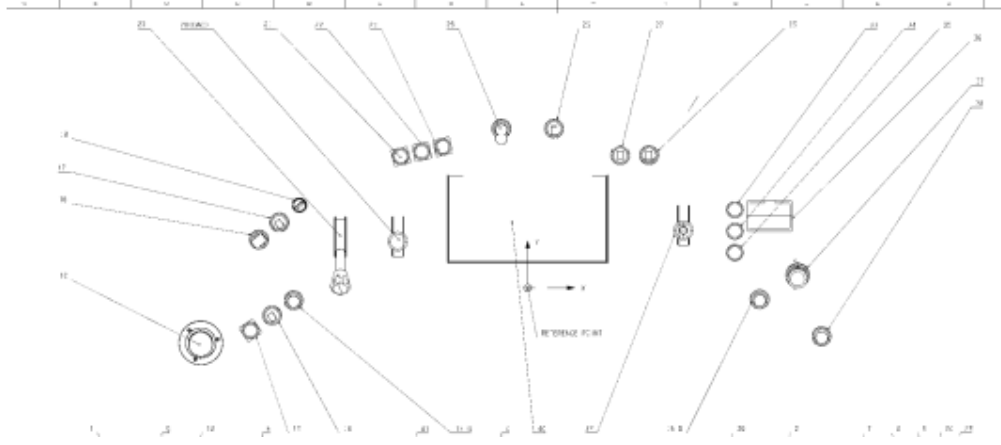
Operating element Position [Form]		Symbol / indication	Positions and function		Explanations Mandatory preconditions Miscellaneous	effective for				
						Master Cab status	MCB	v= 0	v> 0	MT
021	<p><b>Door control: Left side doors – release and cancel release</b></p> <p>Round push button with lamp [Q]</p>	 	U	<p><b>First pushing of the button:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Release the left side doors, if train is at standstill.</li> </ul> <p><b>Second pushing of the button:</b> (only in case of driving without train crew = driver responsible for closing the doors):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Cancel release of the doors <b>and</b></li> <li>•<b>only for SNCF:</b> start warning (as long as pushed, at least 5 s)</li> <li>•<b>Not for SNCF:</b> each door will close automatically after automatic warning at the door, if no passengers are entering through the doors for t &gt; 3 s.</li> </ul> <p><b>Indication of light in the button:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Dark: all doors are closed <b>and</b> not released for opening.</li> <li>•Lit: permission for opening (locally at door by passenger) has been given by the driver (only possible in stand-still).</li> <li>•Flashing: no release for opening is given, but at least one door is not closed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•For trains <b>without on-board staff</b> the push button is only in the driver's desk.</li> <li>•For trains <b>with on-board staff</b> being responsible for closing the doors, a push button or a functional identical device (key, handle, etc.) in addition is located near the door.</li> </ul> <p>Push button "R" (pos. 023, right door) and "L" (pos. 021, left door), if you want to permit to open <b>all</b> doors.</p>	F/N/R		X	s. not e at pos. 02 2	X

# ORS 612-0x: applications based on one standardised DDU



Key is the independence of the displays from the applications, that are using them for Driver-machine-interactions ! This will improve **rolling stock reliability** in case of a **faulty display** and non-faulty application. The application suggests to use one of the remaining displays, possibly by merging essential information.

# UIC 612: elements positioning proposal



## Optional elements

### Optional elements with fixed location:

- 003 Only for STM "LZB"
- 005 Emergency signals (warning lights, may no longer be requested in a new TSI OPE)
- 006 Electronic timetable display (ETD)
- 007 BP (brake pipe) & MP (main air reservoir pipe) pressure gauge (option: to be integrated in the TDD)
- 008 Brake-cylinder pressure gauges (option: to be integrated in the TDD)
- 024 Train lighting (may be replaced in the target system due to TCMS providing the trigger information – see section 5)
- 028 Instrument lighting (may be replaced in the target system due to TCMS providing the trigger information – see section 5)
- 030 Gooseneck microphone
- 031 Driver activity control button

### Optional elements with fixed location only for locomotives and driving coaches:

- 018 Train Power Supply
- 021 Door control: left doors-release & cancel release
- 022 Door control: Forced closing
- 023 Door control: right doors-release & cancel release

## Mandatory elements

### Mandatory elements with fixed location:

- 001 Train radio display (TRD)
- 002 Technical & diagnostic display (TDD)
- 004 Control command display (CCD)
- 012 Train radio emergency call
- 013 ETCS : override (EOA)
- 014 ETCS : release intervention
- 015 ETCS : acknowledge
- 016 Pantograph / Diesel engine
- 017 Main Circuit Breaker / Power transmission
- 019 Automatic Speed Control (ASC)
- 025 Sanding
- 027 Head light
- 029 Task (on desk) & driver's cab lighting
- 033 Travel Direction "Forwards"
- 034 No Travel Direction: "Neutral"
- 035 Travel Direction "Backwards"
- 036 Driver's Identity card reader
- 038 External warning horn
- 040 Key board
- 041 Document holders
- 101 Train radio-handset

### Mandatory elements with optional location according to the location of the desk in the cab (left or right side):

- 010 Emergency stop valve with "Emergency stop" function

### Mandatory elements with fixed location only for locomotives and driving coaches:

- 009 Brake pipe pressure adjuster (overcharge)
- 020 Combined traction/dynamic brake controller with integrated driver activity control push button
- 026 Release brake
- 032 Driver's automatic brake controller (automatic brake)

### Mandatory elements with fixed location only for locomotives:

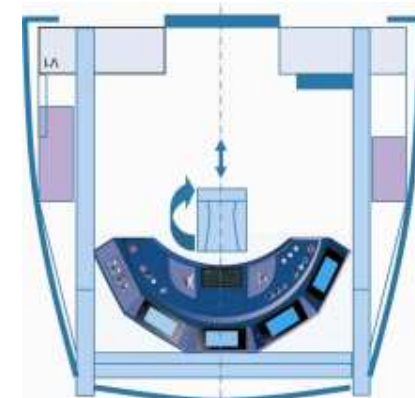
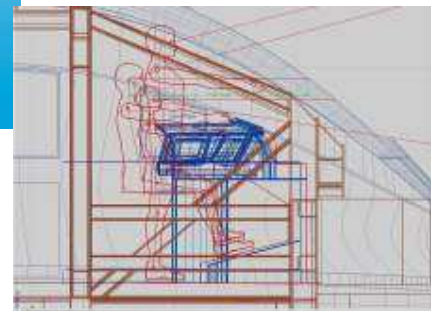
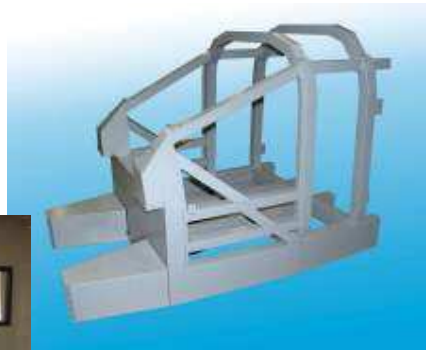
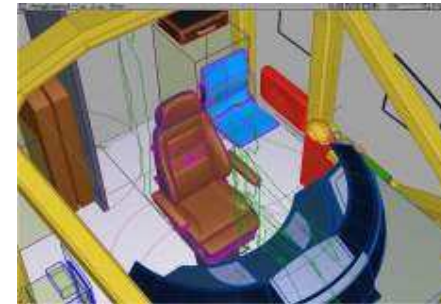
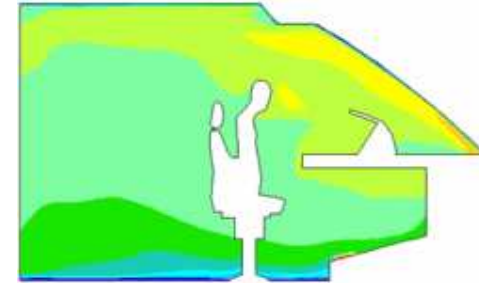
- 037 Direct brake

### Mandatory elements with fixed location only for EMU/DMUs:

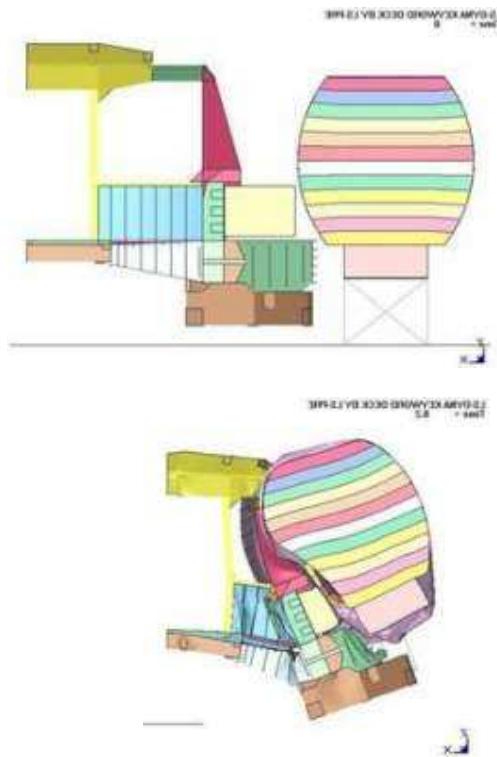
- 021 Door control: left doors-release & cancel release
- 022 Door control: Forced closing
- 023 Door control: right doors-release & cancel release

# Translations of Requirements into tangible Hardware

- Thermal Comfort
- Exterior Design
- Aerodynamics
- Structural Layout / Crash
- Packaging of Systems and Interior Components
- Drivers Desk Layout / Ergonomics



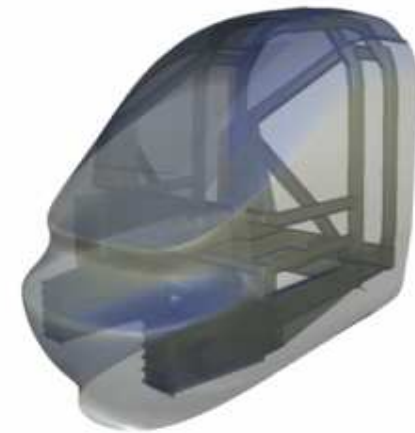
# Structural Layout / Crash



**1) FEM Analyses of TSI crash scenario**



**2) Volume Model of Crash Structure**



**3) Exterior Design (Aerodynamics, Repair Cost)**

# Packaging / Interior Layout

**Standardised solutions**  
**Ergonomically optimised**  
**Cost efficiency considered**



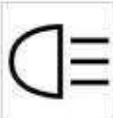

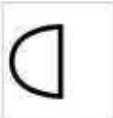
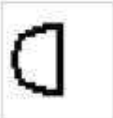




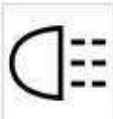



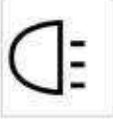

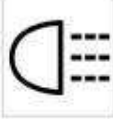



# Desk / Ergonomics

## Desk Components (Intermediate Results, Innotrans 2006):



Optimised nozzles and HVAC components



analog		digital		analog		digital		analog		digital	
											
high beam		lights off		interior lighting							
											
low beam		warning light		reading light							
											
parking light		reduce signal light									

# Validation / Testing

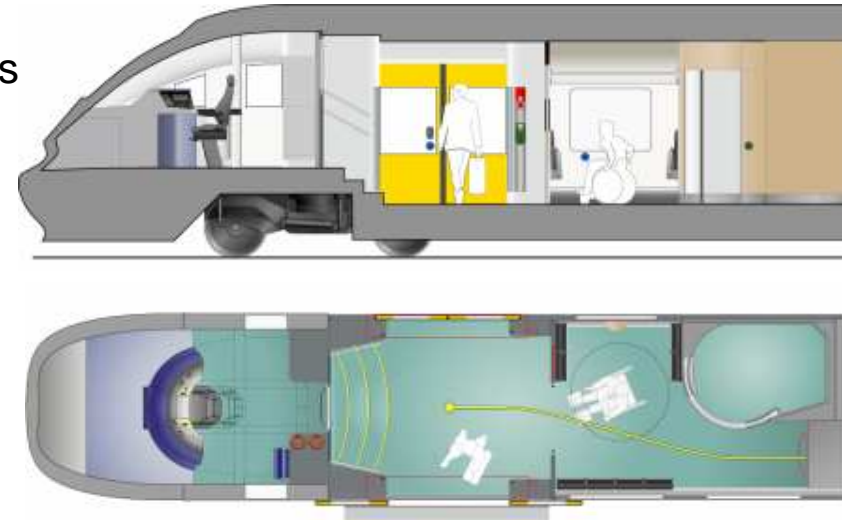
- **Tests at Simufer in Lille**
  - Scientific analyses by IAS
- **Validation of Desk designs against operational practise**
  - Three test campaigns with Four design variants
  - Almost 60 comprehensive test cycles with drivers from 11 countries
- **Generally extremely positive Feedback!**
  - But no desk was perfect
  - Constructive comments lead to continuous improvements between the campaigns
  - All desk variants are proven in practise!
- **Results form the basis for upcoming EN (CEN WG 37)**



# Passenger and Train Crew Interfaces

## Main Goals:

- Passenger Entrance, Compartment features and Toilet meeting **TSI People with Reduced Mobility (PRM)**
- **Standardized Interfaces** to Doors and Emergency Systems
- **Innovative PIS / Infotainment**
- Integration of **Passenger Alarm Systems**



## Status:

- ✓ Requirements analysis
- ✓ Tests with PRM done

## Next Steps:

- Transformation of results into **norms**
- Preparation of **follow-up project** activities



# Passenger and Train Crew Interfaces (2)

Impressions  
from Innotrans 2006:



# Validation / Testing

- **Tests with PRM and reference people**
  - Elderly people
  - Wheelchair users
  - Blind and visually impaired people
  - Deaf persons
  - Parents with small children
  - Reference persons without mobility impairments (“control group”)
- **Scientific evaluation by IAS**
  - Statistical analysis
- **Results feed back to**
  - EN 14752 “Railway applications – body side entrance systems”
  - TSI PRM - “Persons with reduced mobility”



# EUCOUPLER – the interoperable data link



## Overall Goals:

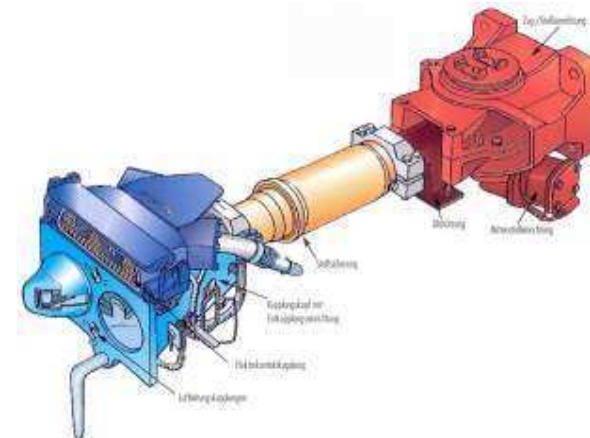
- To specify the interoperable data link between trains and locomotives
- Important milestone towards the vision of “open coupling” – the seamless connection between trains from different operators all over Europe

## To achieve these objectives, the EUCOUPLER team aimed at

- the agreement on the Kind of Signals to be exchanged
- the standardization of the Data Format
- the standardization the Hardware Interface of the Coupler

## Final Handover of Change Request to UIC 556

- Four migration “packs”
- Increasing number of Functions moved from Train lines to Ethernet Technology



# Summary and Outlook



- **Requirements analyses with respect to the Human-machine-Interface successfully performed for**
  - Drivers Cabin
  - Passenger Entrance region and Vestibule
- **Full scale prototyping of Cab as well as Entrance area and part of Passenger Compartment**
  - Manufacture of tangible Hardware
- **Validation and Testing performed for**
  - Whole Cab (Entering, putting into service, etc)
  - 4 Driver desk variants at Simufer, all “passed”!
  - Entrance area and Passenger Compartment with respect to TSI PRM
- **Follow-up R&D activities envisaged**
  - To consolidate EUPAX results for future TSI PRM upgrade
- **Handing over of results to standardisation bodies**
  - TSI
  - EN
  - UIC