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Abbreviations

BPC – onboard personal computer
DAB – Digital Audio Broadcasting
DB – database
DVB – Digital Video Broadcasting
GDB – ground database
GSM – Global System for Mobile communications
HMI – human machine interface
ODS – onboard diagnostic system
PIS – passenger information system
PLC – programmable logic controller
PU – processing unit
SC – security camera
UI – user interface
UMTS – Universal Mobile Telecommunications System
VDB – vehicle database
WLAN – Wireless Local Area Network
GPRS – General Packet Radio Service
WMAN – Wireless Metropolitan Area Networks
UIC – Union Internationale des Chemins de Fer
ROSIN – Railway Open System Interconnection Network
ATC – Advanced Train Control System
ARE – Advanced Railroad Electronics System
ITC – Incremental Train Control System
PTC – Positive Train Control System
TGV – Train a grande vitesse
ICE – InterCity Express System
PTS – Positive Train Separation System
ETCS – European Train Control System
TCN – Train Communication Network
GUI – Graphical User Interface

Introduction

Rail vehicles computer-based systems date back to the beginning of the 1980s. Initially, these were used for emergency supervision (“black-box”) function on the rail vehicles. Today the computer-based systems are used for train control, monitoring, diagnostics, supervision, traffic control and passenger information. The main functions of computer-based control and diagnostics systems in the electric rail transport area are:

1. technical system supervision and diagnostics of a vehicle (including archiving and reporting) etc
2. data communication with traffic control centers, databases, traffic data archiving and comparison with reference data etc
3. passenger information, like advertising, information of stops, other functions to increase passenger comfort

Today large systems, including transport systems, are communication-based. The traditional radio communication (voice communication) does not satisfy all the demands. The number of monitored and supervised devices/systems and traffic loads has grown tenth times. Also, demands for operative control and management of public transport are higher. Use of data communication networks in vehicle onboard systems provides more flexibility (universality) and modularity, including better maintenance, service and reliability. In addition, they reduce the amount of wires and cables.

Onboard control systems, actuators and sensors are traditionally distributed, which are connected over different data communication networks and are able to exchange and transmit large amount of data. Data communication systems provide flexible, inexpensive and easier expansion (openness) of control systems. Technology development, moral and physical aging, increased human quality of life and higher needs (incl. technology) mean needs for modernization and development of periodical technical systems. Modernization of network-based systems is flexible and easier than on the traditional signal circuits. Traffic density, amount of devices/subsystems and needs for operative traffic control and management have increased.

Main problems of communication-based systems are multiplicity of different communication protocols, interfaces, standards; arising from the integration of the sophisticated systems and devices, especially in the urban public transport. To solve these problems, sometimes large investments are required for soft- and hardware, personal training etc. For the same reason, system reconfiguration, reprogramming, reconstruction etc. are time consuming.

The progress of technology requires harmonization of standards and new manufacturer-independent standard development. An example of harmonization

is the standard for train control network, to provide higher reliability and safety in the transport systems. The main purpose of that standard is to provide systems/devices compatibility and independence of the manufacturer. The main reason of standardization activity in this field is the fast development of international transport control systems and integrability of the rolling stocks of different countries.

To assure flexibility and openness, it is important to use standardized modern bus systems, which are a basis for the development and design of efficient remote control and diagnostic systems. The use of remote control systems has grown in the fields like transport, power engineering, environment technologies and other mobile applications. Typical applications are public transport, traffic control, traffic statistics, meteorological data measurement and analysis etc.

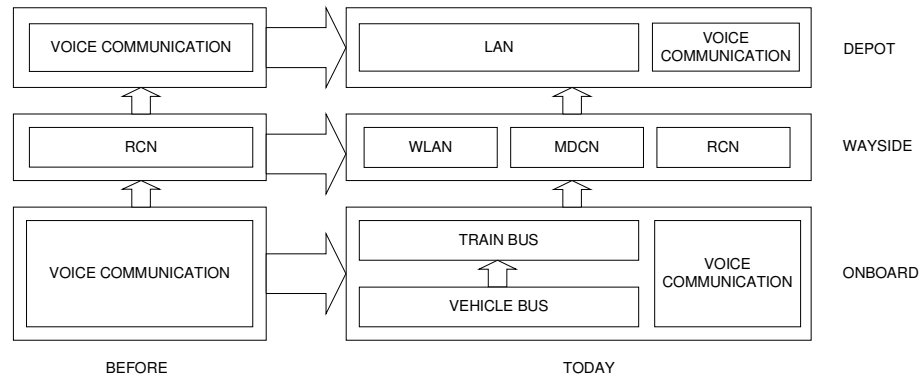


Figure 1 Communication systems in the light rail vehicles

Today we have the basic data communication network standards for different levels of rolling stock. The demands for the reliability of bus systems are higher in transport than in industry. However, some of the data communication systems used in industry correspond to transportation standards and these systems are sometimes more flexible and open in terms of integration, remote control and diagnostics.

Actuality of the problem

Active and long-term standardization that continues (IEEE Std P-1482, Standard for Rail Vehicle Monitoring and Diagnostics Systems) in the field of rail vehicles control and diagnostic systems proves the actuality and complexity of the theme of the thesis. Also, active research and development work in the field of intelligent transport control, supervision and diagnostics systems, including the EU research and development Framework Programmes in the field of Surface Transport. Actuality and complexity of the subject field is confirmed also by the long-term (over 7 years) standardization work in the vehicle monitoring and diagnostics area (IEEE Std P-1482 *Standard for Rail Vehicle*

Monitoring and Diagnostics Systems). There is currently no consensus standard specifying monitoring and diagnostics systems for rail transit. Each order of new vehicles or overhaul of old vehicles requires engineering by all parties to determine which information to monitor, what to capture, how often to sample and how long to preserve the information. The standard defines a hierarchy of levels at which monitoring and diagnostics may take place, ranging from component level, through the car and train level, all the way to the full transit system level where information is transmitted to a central control location [MCG98].

The main reasons of increased research and technology development work in the field of intelligent control and diagnostics systems of rail transport are:

- finances of the European 6th and 7th Framework Programmes, for example, in such areas, as “Low cost power-integrated advanced hybrid configurations”, “Efficient rail traction and sustainable energy supply” etc.
- decreasing amount of mineral and natural resources, increase in the price of mineral and natural resources, energy saving.

Existing systems do not satisfy the needs neither do they correspond to those of modern technology.

For example, in urban public transport telematics and remote control systems are not sufficiently used. Telematics and remote control systems can significantly reduce maintenance costs and traffic jams, increase service quality, perform remote diagnostics, increase average speed, improve traffic management.

Disadvantages of the existing public transport control and diagnostics systems:

1. Sophisticated and time-consuming reconfiguration and programming of passenger information systems. The memory card based reconfiguration and programming is widely used. Low hard- and software flexibility and openness (which means low variety of design and control modes).
2. Too many control panels for a driver (mostly 3..4 displays and panels from which two are actively used).
3. No automatic display of security camera picture in stops to increase traffic and passenger safety. In most cases, a camera picture displayed (always) reduces safety.
4. Limited flexibility and integration possibilities of different onboard, wayside and central level systems and subsystems.
5. Absence or limitation of communication links (incl. broadband communication network) up to the local and regional traffic control level.

6. Not enough possibilities of environment data and auxiliary devices or circuit lifetime data analysis, which means poor efficiency of the preventive and condition based maintenance.

Use of wireless data communication networks (for dispatching, service, diagnostics, maintenance, configuration, programming) increases system flexibility, service and maintenance efficiency. Systems with modern digital communication networks, flexible modularized structure is more efficient, have higher safety and reliability, offer more comfort for passengers. This means that more functions are integrated in the system with fewer expenses on the hard- and software; it is easier and cheaper to expand the system; less wires, space and weight.

The main aims of the doctoral research are the reliability analyses of a trams onboard systems, development of methods for the design of control, supervision and diagnostics systems and application of these systems on the pilot tram.

To achieve these goals, it is required to study and analyze existing systems, methods, and algorithms; to develop and design new technical solutions. The **main research tasks** of the thesis are as follows:

1. research and analysis of the efficiency of the reliability, service and maintenance system
2. classification and influence of faults and failures (for example, repairs per tram, repairs per kilometer etc.)
3. research and analysis of existing control and diagnostics systems of rail vehicles (including control systems, devices, classification of processes by functionality). Also, fault identification, data transfer and possibilities of the analysis of automation of fault elimination and system development and design
4. composing of the initial task for new control and diagnostics system development and design (including the data flow diagrams)
5. development and design of control, supervision and diagnostic models, algorithms to increase the maintenance (preventive and condition based) efficiency and passenger comfort.
6. description of research fields of public rail transport perspective (including traffic control and energy management systems).

Scientific novelty

It involves the following:

1. reliability of analyzed trams and fault/failures/repair impact on traffic
2. analysis of the suitability of the existing control and diagnostic models and algorithms

3. reliability and expert knowledge based methods for control, supervision and diagnostics system development and design
4. developed control, supervision, diagnostic models and algorithms to increase the passenger comfort, safety, security (including the efficiency of fault identification)
5. proved economic effect of the used methods

Practical significance

The first cooperation project of trams in Tallinn was started in 1997. The main reason to start this project was a poor technical condition of electrical equipment on trams. The project was started by measuring tram drive load and efficiency in the real traffic conditions. During the second stage, a new intelligent traction drive, economically feasible for Tallinn trams was developed (in 2000). Today about 30 trams are equipped with the new traction drive. The new traction drive system reduces about 50% of energy consumption as compared to the old system. A year later, in the third stage, an auxiliary power supply development and design project has started. Approximately 10 trams have the new auxiliary power supply system. During the fourth stage (in 2004), an intelligent control, supervision and diagnostics system was developed and tested in the real traffic.

The main practical results are as follows:

1. development and design of the tram control, supervision and diagnostics system for a pilot tram, based on an original solution
2. methods of composed control, supervision and diagnostics system developed reduce system development costs up to 20%
3. methods of supervision and diagnostics developed reduce up to 30% fault/failure localization costs
4. the flexible, open and modular structure reduces the costs of system expansion and integration (with prospective systems)
5. the pilot tram designed and tested
6. one patent application and one industrial design, registered in the Estonian Patent Office.

Dissemination of results and publication

1. The author has over 19 scientific publications from which four are referred in the INSPEC database and published in the prereviewed international conference collections.
2. The developed and designed system has been reported at the international exhibitions. The solution designed has attracted attention by international companies, like Ganz Transelektro Traction Electrics Ltd., Bombardier Transportation and Alstom Belgium S.A. (at the 11th International Power Electronics and Motion Control Conference and Exhibition).
3. At the beginning of 2005, negotiations started at the Tallinn University of Technology with the representatives of Ukraine Ministry of Education and

Science (V. Radchenko) concerning the acquired knowledge and technology transfer to Ukraine. Also, the pilot tram was presented in the Tallinn Tram and Trolleybus Company Ltd.

4. The developed and designed solutions have been presented in Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, and other former Soviet countries.
5. At the beginning of 2005 active cooperation with the Tallinn City Government Transport Department started within the EU 6th and 7th Framework Programmes, for example, in such areas as “Low cost power-integrated advanced hybrid configurations”, “Efficient rail traction and sustainable energy supply” etc.

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1. State of the Art

1.1. Overview

The first rail vehicles in the world were inter-city trains. The first city vehicle was a horse-tram; the first one appeared in New York in 1832. In Tallinn, Estonia, the first horse-tram line was opened on 24 August 1888. The first tram with a steam power drive was taken to use on 22 September 1915. The first petrol engine tram started in Tallinn in 1921. Electrification and industry progress brought to the streets trams, the first electric vehicles for city passenger transport. The first electric trams in the world were used already on the second half of the 19th century. In Estonia the first trams appeared in the streets in Tallinn on 28 October 1925.

Table 1.1 Generations of control systems

Generation	System	Devices
I	Electromechanica I	Contactors, relays, signalling devices and indicators, contact-controllers, motors, heating devices, lighting etc.
II	Electronics, Analog- communication	Contactless sensors, semiconductor based switching devices, semiconductor converters, semiconductor control devices, voice communication, radio communication, heating and ventilation, lighting etc.
III	Microprocessor, Digital- communication, Computers, information technology	Programmable logic controller, traction control, traction converters, converters, controllers, onboard communication networks CAN, LON etc.), information displays, cameras, ticket devices, counting and passage, broadband communication networks (Ethernet, WLAN), wide area mobile communication networks (GSM, GPRS), positioning, databases, energy management etc.

Fast progress in the electronics (microelectronics and power electronics) industry in the second half of the 20th century brought about the development of intelligent control and diagnostics systems. The use of intelligent systems provides better comfort, safety and security for passengers, improves the reliability. Historically, three control systems generations in the rail vehicle systems can be distinguished (Table 1.1).

1.2. Analysis and Classification

1.2.1. Communication technologies

All market studies indicate that telematics systems have a promising future and should be economically beneficial [ZHA02]. The main purposes of using modern communication technologies in the vehicle telematics systems were [KOO02, SWA04, SAF94, LAR02, UMT00]:

- greater safety and security for passengers and operators
- greater operational efficiency to maintain optimal service levels and obtain best use of expensive assets
- enabling priority based public transport traffic control and decreasing the traffic delays
- reducing the human error influence

Table 1.2 Comparison of wireless communication systems

System	Max. expected data rate, kbit/s	Communication range	Perspective
DVB	16000	Depending on the radio station	Middle
DAB	1500	Depending on the radio station	Low
GSM	9,6	Depending on the service provider	Low
GPRS	171	Depending on the service provider	Middle
UMTS	2000	Depending on the service provider	High
Bluetooth (802.15)	721	< 100 m	Low
WLAN (802.11b)	54000	< 1 km (depending on access points density)	Middle
WMAN (802.16)	155000	< 100 km (depending on access points density)	High

Most widely spread wireless communication technologies in the world are GSM-based data communication in the vehicle telematics applications [CAM02, TRA99] and for vehicle positioning system is GPS [CHO98, ZHA02] (Table 1.2). Still, the broadband communication technology [HED04, LIU03, FAB00] is more often used for wireless telematics applications (also for onboard applications).

Field buses like Controller Area Network (CAN) have been utilized in the automotive environment as a substitute for the large and expensive wiring to connect the onboard auxiliary devices [KRI98] (Table 1.3). Today the time triggered CAN (TTCAN) has merits to be quite inexpensive and reliable [BER04]. The LonWorks as LON is widely used on rail transit projects throughout the world. The IEEE1473 standard specifies both, the TCN and

LonWorks. Today in the small vehicles incl. tram are used CAN and in the train LonWorks.

Table 1.3 Comparison of field buses

Characteristics	CAN	LON	INTERBUS
Max. node amount	Undetermined, depending of manufacturer	32385, 127 network section	512 slaves, 1 master
Max. bus length	1 km (50kbit/s) 40 m (1.5 Mbit/s)	2 km (78kbit/s) TP 6.1 km (5.48 kbit/s) opt.	13 km (widebus) 100 km (opt.)
Bus Medium	Shielded twisted pair, power circuit, fiber optic	Twisted pair, radio, IR, power circuit, fiber optic	5-wire (TP), fiber optic, IR
Interface	RS485	RS485	RS485
Transfer speed	20kbit/s...1 ...(1.5) Mbit/s	600 bit/s...1.25Mbit/s	500 bit/s...2Mbit/s
Cycle (8 nodes, 4 byte)	ca 1.3 ms	ca 70 ms	ca 1...3 ms
Structure	Decentral	Decentral	Central
Reliability	HD=6	HD=4	HD=4
Companies/ Organizations	CiA, SAE Autoindustrie, OSEK, LAV, over 1000 manufacturer	Echelon, USA Gesyttec, D, LNO, LUI	Fa. Phoenix Contact INTERBUS.Club, DRIVECOM, ENCOM
Price (per Unit)	ca 200 EEK	ca 320... EEK	Master 160... EEK Slave 160...EEK

International Train Traffic and automatic coupling of the electronic equipment of the train vehicles through a data bus were some reasons for a worldwide standardization of onboard data communication. Deputies from over 20 countries worked for several years on the definition of train communication standards. Today according to IEC 61375 regulations the TCN is constituted by local network based on a hierarchical architecture with two buses Wire Train Bus and Multifunction Vehicle Bus. First one runs all over the train allowing the interconnection of various nodes, capable of transmitting and receiving information related to controls, messages and states among various devices, which are onboard of the vehicles forming the train. The second one is bordered inside a vehicle and is responsible for data transfer to and from each electronic or electromechanical device connected to bus from that vehicle [KOO01 KOO02, IEE992, SUL03, KIR01, ROS97, TRA99] (Table 1.4).

Table 1.4 Basic classification of rail vehicle networks

Characteristics	Train Bus	Vehicle Bus
Topography, configuration	>860 m, connectable in the field	<300 m, fixed, pre-connected
Symmetry	Right/left, front/rear	No orientation
Addressing, configuration	Relative, depends on composition, configuration at each composition change	Absolute (physical or logical), configuration at installation time
Number of stations	<32, 1(2) per vehicle	<256 per vehicle
Data rate	1 Mb/s	1.5Mb/s
Medium	Twisted wire pair, UIC data cable	Twisted wire pair, optical fibres
Medium access	Cyclic (25ms) and sporadic	Cyclic (1ms) and sporadic
Link Protocol	Source-addressed broadcast and datagrams	Source-addressed broadcast and datagrams
Complexity	High, due to inauguration	Low

1.2.2. Onboard systems, devices and functions

The functional classification of a trains onboard devices can be found in many publication, the most exhaustive classification is described by P. Koopman in his publication [KOO02]. The functional classification for other rail vehicles like metro vehicles, light rail, trams etc. is not available. The main research work is targeted to train transport [LIU03, NIE99, NIE00, HÖR99, WEG00]. Generally, all the rail vehicles and their devices are similar and have almost the same functionality (Table 1.5).

The train systems must determine the geographic location of locomotives, trains, track units, and track forces with a reasonable accuracy. The system must also be capable of accurately distinguishing the parallel tracks and determining the direction of train movement. The system must detect defective equipment such as a hot box or dragging equipment, a slide condition or a broken rail condition. The system should provide self-diagnostics to ensure that key parameters are available and they are properly functioning. The system must also monitor the following parameters: speed of train, acceleration and deceleration rate, throttle position, dynamic brake setting, brake pipe pressure, emergency brake application, wheel slip, fuel level, and locomotive health monitoring. The communications system configurations should be flexible and expandable. The systems must provide both voice communications and data communications. The system should be able to receive, store, process, and disseminate information to the subsystems and to provide the dispatcher and the locomotive engineer with the information needed both for manual and automatic control actions. The onboard computer stores a database of signal indications, track curvature, gradients, mileposts, speed limits, speed restrictions, and the locations of all devices that need to communicate information to the train [ACH98].

Table 1.5 Classification of onboard devices by the functionality

Pos.	Devices	Train	Metro	Tram
1.	Doors	●	●	●
2.	Traction	●	●	●
3.	Braking and antiskid	●	●	●
4.	Automatic train control	●	●	○
5.	Signalling, localization	●	●	●
6.	Radio and other communication	●	●	●
7.	Driver HMI, user interface	●	●	●
8.	Energy (electric, pneumatic, hydraulic)	●	●	●
9.	Diagnostics (online, offline, depot)	●	●	●
10.	Log, archiving and registration	●	●	●
11.	Fire (signalling and douse)	●	●	●
12.	Anti-icing	●	●	●
13.	Tilting	●	●	○
14.	Suspension	●	●	●
15.	Lights, other	●	●	●
16.	Heating, ventilation, cooling	●	●	●
17.	Passenger information (visual, audio, entertainment, advertisement)	●	●	●
18.	Toilet	●	○	○
19.	Reservation (seat)	●	○	○
20.	Ticket	●	●	●

● - yes, ○ - no

The following positioning methods are used in different countries throughout the world: external signal methods, such as Global Positioning System (GPS), LORAN-C, Omega, Geostar (commercial satellite positioning system); wayside or track-based methods, such as transponders and track circuits; and self-contained methods such as an odometer dead reckoning, and inertial navigation system (INS) [ACH98].

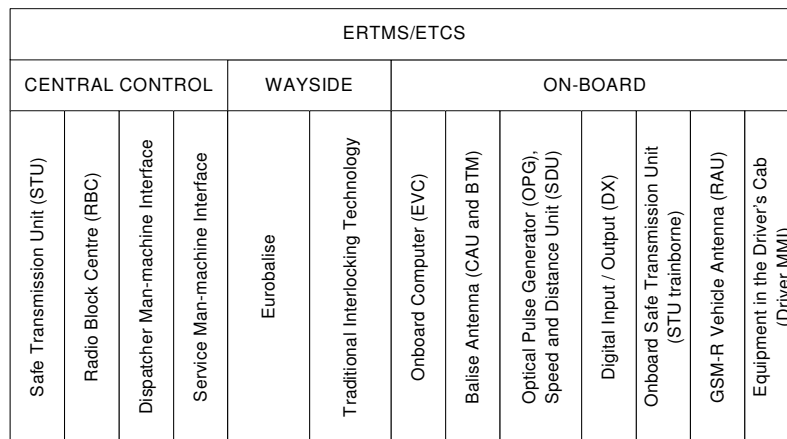


Figure 1.1 ERTMS/ETCS structure

The European Union (EU) has been advancing a project relating to the provision of a high-speed railway network with the objective of resolving the major technical operating problem of overcoming the present multiplicity of signalling and train control systems. It wishes to resolve the major obstacles to interoperability for the various national railways among the European countries. In 1991, nine major European companies of the signalling industry reached an agreement with the EU to pursue a joint development of a new train control system, ETCS and later ERTMS (*European Rail Traffic Management System/European Train Control System*), which will have capability of functioning in combination with all the existing tracks and wayside equipment of train protection and train control systems [ACH98, THI00, JAN98] (Figure 1.1). An analogical system in North America is ATCS (*Advanced Train Control System*), precisely described by the D. C. Coll and A. U. H. Sheikh [SHE90, COL90].

1.2.3. Control and diagnostic models

Statistics shows that operational faults occur most often (70%) among all kind of faults. About 80 % downtime is spent locating its source and 20% spent on the repair [WHU99]. With a condition based maintenance (CBM) system well implemented, a company can save as much as 20 % in decreased stock in spare parts, decreased loss in production, decreased loss in quality flaws etc. [BEN02, YAN05].

The main objectives of passenger vehicle control and diagnostics systems are to prevent traffic jams, reduce service and maintenance costs, increase safety and security, and increase the passenger comfort. These objectives can be achieved by condition based maintenance, efficient preventive maintenance, reconstruction and development of new systems, methods and algorithms, which are flexible for expansions, enable failures and fault identification and localization in an early stage. The early indication of failures can help to avoid major breakdowns and catastrophes that could otherwise result in substantial material damage and human injuries [SEN99].

Control systems are divided into three levels: execution level, coordination level and management and organization level [ULI95]. Intelligent control systems include all of these levels. Execution level, the level of lowest intelligence and highest precision contains the sequences of action needed to manipulate the system. Coordination level represents the interface between the high level of intelligence, consisting of supervision with alarming and automatic protection, fault diagnosis, redundancy actions or reconfiguration. The management level, the level of highest intelligence and lowest precision, where large amounts of domain knowledge are required to reason, plan and make decision about the organization of a task.

The different levels have different needs, which is main reason why one certain method cannot be used. The intelligent systems are hybrid systems, which have different levels, technologies and methods. For example, according to OSA-CBM standard (Open System Architecture for Condition-Based Maintenance), the condition based maintenance system includes seven levels: sensor module, signal processing, condition monitoring, health assessment, prognostics, decision-making support, presentation [DJU03]. For condition monitoring or assessment, hybrid (combined) technics of fault identification and diagnostics [ZHA93, MCD95, GON98] are mainly used. Safety and reliability are generally achieved by a combination of fault avoidance, fault removal, fault tolerance, fault detection and diagnosis, automatic supervision and protection [ISE02]. The main tasks of diagnostics systems are fault localization, cause identification and prognosis [TOG96]. Generally, diagnostics systems and functions classified are as follows [FEN01, MCG01, PRO99]:

1. Rule-based (represent the experience of skilled diagnosticians, generally in the form of IF THEN rules)
2. Model-based, including fault models, causal models, structural and behavioral models, diagnostic inference models (approximate presentation of the real system, involves model use to predict faults by observations and information from real system), structured hypothesis tests [NYB99]
3. Machine learning, including case-based reasoning, explanation based learning, learning knowledge from data (approaches exploit knowledge of previous successful or failed diagnoses to continually improve system performance, or use available domain data to automatically generate knowledge)
4. Artificial Intelligence, including neural network (can be considered as weighted directed graphs), fuzzy logic (provides mechanisms to represent and manipulate linguistic concepts)
5. Hybrid

According to standards VDI/VDE Richtlinie 3541, 3542, 3691 and published research materials, most frequently used keywords in the field of supervision, monitoring, fault detection and diagnostics can be presented as shown in Table 1.6 [ISE97].

Table 1.6 Fault detection and diagnostics terminology

States and signals	Functions	Models	Property
Fault, failure, malfunction, error, disturbance, perturbation, symptom	Fault detection, fault isolation, fault identification, fault diagnosis, monitoring, supervision, protection, correction, interlocking	Quantitative model, qualitative model, diagnostic model, analytical redundancy	Reliability, safety, availability, maintainability,

1.2.4. Methods and algorithms

Based on fault signal incipience analysis four main diagnostic methods can be defined: signal-based, analytical model-based, case-based [DUM98] and knowledge-based methods [XIA88, SZC97]. In the intelligent expert systems, between the different control and diagnostic systems levels, the qualitative and quantitative model based methods are tightly intertwined [ULI95]. R. Isermann distinguishes fault detection and diagnostic methods as shown [ISE97] in Figure 1.2. The knowledge-based fault diagnosis includes analytical knowledge and heuristical knowledge [ISE93, REI91]. B. Fenton describes three broad classes of knowledge, which are applied to diagnosis: heuristic, fundamental and historical. Heuristic knowledge employs rules and/or procedures, which relate symptoms to faults, often with associated certainty values or probabilities (for example, IF THEN rules). Fundamental knowledge uses underlying physics of the device to reason from the first principles (Model-Based reasoning). Historical knowledge employs data or experiences recorded during previous diagnostic session to perform new diagnoses (case-based reasoning) [FEN01].

Fault detection and diagnosis methods										
Model-based fault-detection methods						Fault diagnosis methods				
Process model based methods			Signal model based methods			Change detection methods		Classification methods		Approximate reasoning methods
State and output observers	Parity equations	Identification and parameter estimation	Bandpass filters	Spectral analysis	Maximum entropy estimation	Mean and variance estimation	Likelihood-ratio-test,	Bayes decision	Run-sum test,	two probe t-test
							Geometrical distance and probabilistic methods	Artificial neural networks	Fuzzy clustering	Probabilistic reasoning
										Possibilistic reasoning with fuzzy logic
										Reasoning wit artificial neural networks
										Hypothesis testing

Figure 1.2 Classification of fault detection and diagnostic methods

Analytical knowledge consists of analytical process models based on the theoretical (physical) models, parameters and variable estimation methods, normal process behavior, fault statistic, train of events and process. Heuristic knowledge relies on the fault-trees (event and faults relation), process flow and faults statistic. R. Isermann distinguishes model-based fault detection methods as follow: process models and fault modeling, parameter estimation [ISE93], observers incl. state observers and output observers, parity equations and signal model based. He divides diagnostics methods generally into classification methods and inference methods [ISE04]. Diagnostics algorithms are classified in the three basic groups: quantitative model-based, qualitative model-based and process history based algorithms [VEN02, KAV02, REN02, PRI89] (Figure 1.3).

Complex diagnostics systems, depending the hierarchy and architecture, include always realtime, online and offline diagnostics [FOX91, SKO95, GRE92]. Depending on hierarchy, to achieve the optimality and quality of diagnostic algorithms, it is most useful to apply combined/hybrid diagnostic methods. Realtime and online systems monitor the process, obtaining sensor data. A crucial aspect of realtime systems, and one that distinguishes them from online systems is the time criticality of data analysis (reaction time 1 μ s...0.5s). Online diagnostics is used mainly in supervision systems [CON96, DEU03]. In this case reaction, data transfer time is over 0,5 s. A diagnostic system is considered offline when analyzing a system that is not connected to, obtaining its information from the operator and/or data files.

Quantitative Model-Based			Qualitative Model-Based				Process History Based			
Observers	Parity Space	EKF (Kalman Filters)	Causal Model		Abstraction Hierarchy		Qualitative		Quantitative	
			Digraphs	Fault Trees	Qualitative Physics	Structural	Functional	Expert Systems	Trend Analysis	Principal Component Analysis/ Partial Least Squares

Figure 1.3 Classification of diagnostic algorithms

An intelligent train/tram diagnostic system integrates all diagnostics levels. In the model-based systems, the failure or faults detection speed and efficiency depends on the accuracy of the model (fault-tree, events description etc.). The efficient and intelligent diagnostics system design and integration with other systems depends on using the methods in different design phases.

1.3. Design, development and integration

The main objective in the new system development and design is solving of integration problems.

Automotive systems are mechatronic systems that are characterized by integration of components (hardware) and signal-based functions (software), resulting in autonomous functionality [ISE02]. One of the features of the state-

of-the art control and supervision systems is a growing degree of functional and hardware integration. Ongoing integration of computer systems goes hand in hand with significant decentralization and distributed operation of technical systems for control and supervision. Integration requires the use of a multi-network architecture with many connected and cooperating ancillary computer networks [AUG02]. The system design process is a combination of sub-processes like design exploration and systems integration [IWA00]. In the first sub-process, the designer clarifies objectives, identifies problems, assesses situation, decomposes problems and searches for possible solutions. In the second sub-process, the designer integrates subsystems into one whole system, considering systems hierarchy and roles of subsystems. E. G. Nilsson splits system integration into four main areas, each addressing one aspect of integration which may be addressed independently of the other: integration technology, integration architecture, semantic integration, user integration [NIL90]. The first part addresses the implemented mechanisms that allow the transfer of data between systems and mechanisms for initiating actions in other systems. These mechanisms are necessary to achieve successful systems integration, but do not automatically imply it. The second part focuses on how system design influences the possibility to achieve easy and safe sharing of data and functionality between systems. New types of architecture are necessary to successfully develop integrated systems. The third part addresses the semantic content of data in different systems. It is important to be aware of the semantic inconsistencies, especially with systems from different vendors. The fourth part focuses on the systems from the end user point of view.

In new systems design and development the main objectives are the integration of problem solving, where the main tasks are machine-machine integration problem solving. Machine-machine integration includes the following design and development problems and tasks: hardware-hardware, hardware-software, software-software compatibility and integration. Additionally, machine-human integration problems must be taken into consideration, which influence safety, security and reliability of the systems. The influence of human factors in human-machine interface design is a highly complex process; people differ dramatically in intelligence, aptitude, culture and physical characteristic. In passenger vehicles, passenger safety depends directly on the human factor (driver). Good onboard graphical user interfaces (GUI) design involves determining end user needs, testing for simple and effective usability, focusing on functionality, concentrating on display consistency, ensuring ease of use, using color effectively, using colors with ideal contrast ratios, balancing the visual harmony of the display, making sure the text is readable. The best operator interfaces incorporate human-related factors into their programs [HAL02]. System integration often requires the development of unique hard- and software solutions or applications [BRU99]. In many cases the question is how to design control systems for small local networks that can only operate effectively if the costs for initial installation, operation and maintenance of the system are low. A

promising approach is to distribute the tasks of vehicle/train control, protection and interlocking over a network of cooperating components using the standard communication facilities offered by mobile telephone providers [HAX99, HAX00]. Disadvantages of standard solution are dependence of networks providers on the time critical situations (for example, network overload). The minimizing of expenses does not provide the optimality, incl. reliability, security and safety. Broadband communication technologies will enable the integration of large amounts of new control data together with many new information services, including more efficient control with closer links to onboard equipment, better maintenance by collecting large amounts of sensing data to ground systems, more and better information services for crews and passengers by linking vehicle control and ground systems [ISH04]. The fast development of wireless data communication technologies is a basis for the fast development of telediagnosis and teleservice systems design in the next years. One of such systems is described by R. Isermann [WOL02], where he states that progress in the component level of supervised processes can be provided by remote control and diagnostics. In such systems it is most important to integrate supervision systems, component level and other systems over wired or wireless wide area communication network. It is very important to analyze telediagnosis and – service applications and problems in the transport sector, to reduce maintenance costs, increase safety and passenger comfort.

K. T. Seow describes three main behavioral components on the systems design and integration process of passenger land-transport systems: initiator, vehicle, and traveler. His design methodology consists of the following steps: Problem Description, Modeling the Passenger Land-Transport Systems and Behavioral Specifications, Supervisor and Control Law Synthesis and Supervisor and Control Law Simulation [SEO04, YOO01]. T. C. Hartrum and J. C. Nonnweiler describe software systems integration methodology using formal specifications. Model integration methodology is divided into two stages: integration analysis and integration phase [HAR01]. Integration analysis consists of input model selection, communication pattern identification and communication pattern analysis. Integration phase contains value conversions and state-based trigger strategies. State-based trigger strategies have four types of control: counter-based, event-based, value based, user-based strategies. Integration phase includes input model checking, fault elimination, integration model creation, structural components creation, functional and dynamic components creation. The first tasks in the system integration are identification and description of system structure, hierarchy and functional layers [XIA88]. I. P. Burdon describes in-depth one light-rail project objectives, tasks, systems and management phases. The management of project quality is controlled most effectively through the use of project quality plan. The main activities that the project quality plan defines are obligations (what), schedules (when), methods (how), finance (costs), contracts (rules) and responsibilities (who) [BUR96].

Still, the main tasks of diagnostics systems are fault detection and isolation [POM90], which includes identification of fault type, range, difficulty, location and time [ISE97]. Desirable characteristics of fault diagnostic system are detection and diagnosis speed, isolability, robustness, novelty identifiability, classification error estimate, adaptability, explanation facility, modeling requirements, storage and computational requirements and multiple fault identifiability [VEN02].

The main problems and tasks in the system design phase are modelling, strategies and methodology. Diagnostic task can generally be divided to on- and offboard diagnostics [BID99]. The supervision of complex systems is basically realized in two different ways. The first one is global process monitoring, which regards the particular structure of the system. The second one, fault detection in the individual actuators and sensors is performed in a decentralized manner within the respective components. The traditional methods used so far for process supervision, i.e. simple limit checking of characteristic signals for a designated fault, can further be replaced by novel technics. Within the automatic control of technical systems, supervisory functions serve to indicate undesired or unpermitted process states, and to take appropriate action in order to maintain the operation and to avoid damage or accidents [ISE97]. In the supervision systems R. Isermann distinguishes three main functions: monitoring, automatic protection and supervision with fault diagnosis. New technics will allow occasional, abrupt or incipient fault and failures identification; fault diagnostic in the actuators and sensors or system components; fault identification in the closed circuits; transition process monitoring. Main evaluation parameters by the systems designs are modularity of hard- and software, dispersion. All of these parameters increase system reliability and decrease maintenance costs. Object-orientation and distributed multi-agent systems define the software modularity. Multi-agent systems are distributed computer systems consisting of several (semi-) autonomous, but cooperatively interacting agents. A group of agents tries to solve a complex problem, which could not be solved by any of the agents alone or with suitable quality, by cooperation [WEI98]. R. Weiss and Y. L. Murphey provide a good overview of an automotive distributed agent diagnostics system application [WEI98, MUR03, CRO03]. In the latter, a detail overview of signal-based fault detection method is given and the significance of signal segmentation in the vehicles systems is described. To achieve great flexibility, object-oriented program paradigm can be chosen [ARM88]. C. S. Xu describes an object-oriented expert system tool for fault diagnosis, where the diagnostics problem-solving is described as a three-dimensional model, which includes problem characteristics, method and strategy and evolution manner phase [XIA95]. The object-oriented approach is especially suited for program maintenance and code reutilization due to its encapsulation properties. The object-oriented approach makes it easier to integrate the knowledge (rules, frames, procedures, scripts, heuristics, databases, functional blocks) from multiple sources and multiple levels [GEY95, WOH99]. The success of a system

reliability analysis depends on the experience of the reliability engineer and the process specific knowledge. In the object-oriented approach, the knowledge is always represented with classes, objects, properties, rules and methods. The rules presented in the mathematical, linguistic or other way, associate needed knowledge to solve the tasks and problems. Rules sets can be grouped according to aims, which are called hypothesis.

In the passenger transport (trams), as a dynamic system, the fault diagnosis is more difficult than in the static, manufacturing systems. The energy system and transport system are in a way comparable. In the transport system, the vehicles moving all the time along the line, having different locations, contact line sections, traffic density sections, environment parameters etc. In the energy systems the center of energy consumption changes all the time, having different locations. For example, Y. Sekine describes power systems diagnosis expert system, which collects environmental, territorial and consumption data to identify exact location of fault and causes [SEK92]. It is important also to identify the vehicle location; in- and outside power supply circuit's parameters to define direct or indirect causes of faults and failures. Model-based diagnosis is believed to play an important role: during the design phase, for the achievement, assessment and definition of the optimal information level (through an iteration among design actions on the system, available information and diagnostic goals); in performing the diagnostic task (onboard and offboard) by the optimal information management (propagation and correlation among measurements and diagnostic model variables); in defining a sound methodology for a comprehensive approach to diagnosis from the design phase to the field application. Defining such a methodology must be carried out with continuous reference to the guiding applications [BID99]. It is important to distinguish diagnostics systems tasks between the onboard sub-systems, dispatching center or service center.

The new system development and integration methodology focuses on optimal models, modules and object-based systems representations; trade-off analysis for heterogeneous systems; optimal system architecture, which includes system distribution and hierarchy analysis and optimization.

2. Analysis of the existing system

Before the system development and design, during the last 14 years repair and maintenance data were analyzed, including analysis of failure types and rates, maintenance and repair types and rates, main stop causes etc. This analysis shows the direct impact of maintenance efficiency on the failure rates and repair costs.

2.1. Failure influence on the traffic

Main causes for traffic stops were technical failures and accidents (Figure 2.1); 75% (53) of downtime was caused of them.

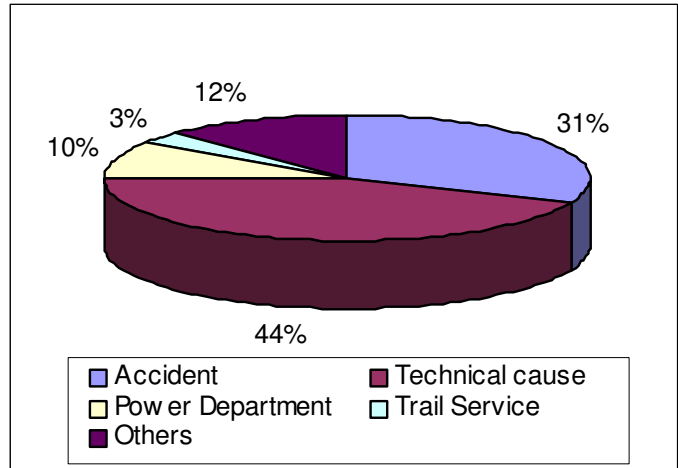


Figure 2.1. Causes of stop

2.2. Faults and failure causes

Based on the analysis of the data collected between 1989-2003 it can be concluded that repairs were caused by 57 % by electrical, 37% by mechanical and 6 % by others failures. Main electrical failures occurred in the following tram devices and electrical circuits: electrical drive, 600 V DC control and power supply circuits, doors control an supply circuits, 24 V DC control and supply circuits and breaks (Figure 2.2).

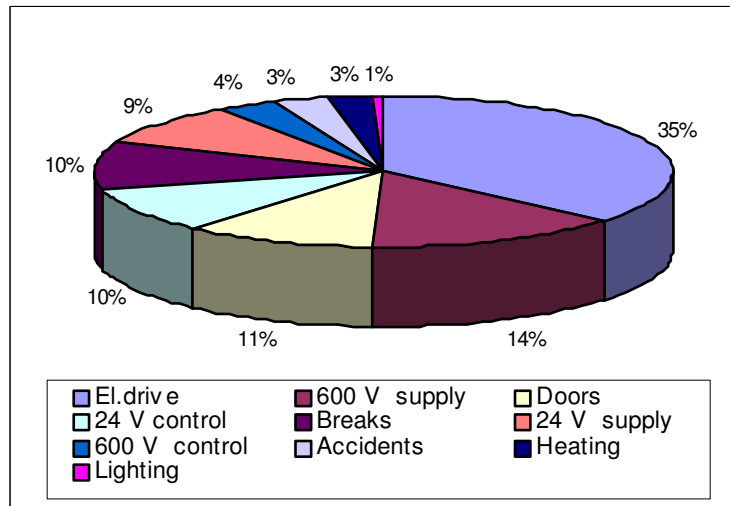


Figure 2.2. Causes of failure

2.3. Availability and effectiveness of repairs

The service and maintenance work contains repairs on request - 42%, preventive maintenance - 27%, repair in the street - 21%, and reconstruction - 10%. In an ideal case, service and maintenance work should contain: preventive maintenance - 50%, repair on request - 30%, repair on the street - 10%, and reconstruction - 10%. By increasing the efficiency and quality of preventive maintenance the maintenance costs can be reduced, reliability and passenger comfort can be increased (Figure 2.3). By increasing the quality and effectiveness of preventive maintenance, the demand on repairs in the depot and repairs in streets will decrease; the availability will increase, which means more accurately functioning trams in the streets.

Technical readiness is a parameter that describes the technical condition of all trams. Technical readiness is the percentage of the trams that are functional. The timely reconstruction and utilization of old trams, automatic diagnostics and other factors affect the availability of trams.

$$x = \frac{c - c_R}{c}, \quad (1)$$

where c -amount of all trams, c_R - amount of trams in repair/service.

Reliability is related to a specified time period, but an estimate of life expectancy is more useful in most circumstances. This is given by mean time to failure (MTTF) for non-repairable items. The mean time to repair/service is also a similar parameter. Comparison of both the parameters enables us to analyze the efficiency of service and repair (Figure 2.4).

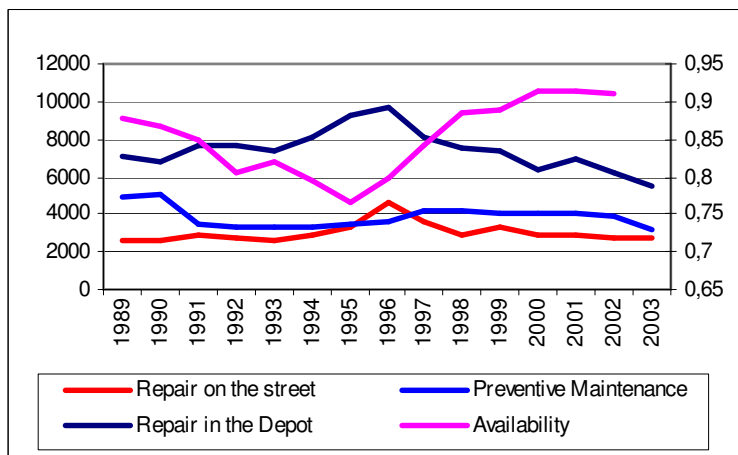


Figure 2.3. Repair, maintenance and availability

Average meantime to failure is 370 h and to repair (including failure localization) 33 h. As different statistics shows, over 80% of downtime is spent on locating the failure source and only 20 % is spent on the repair.

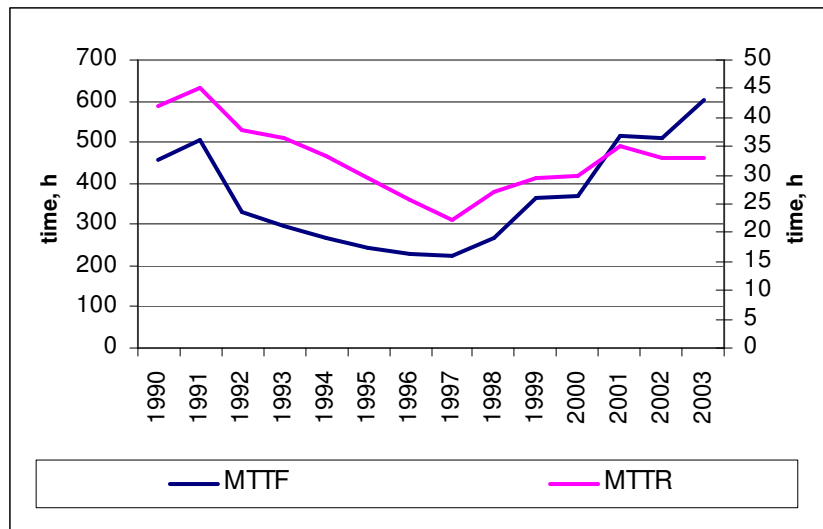


Figure 2.4. Meantime to failure and to repair

2.4. Problem statement

Disadvantages of the existing maintenance system:

1. service and maintenance time depends entirely on the human factor
2. preventive maintenance depends entirely on the human factor
3. maintenance is based on interval and failure rather than on condition and history
4. failure/fault localization depends only on human factor (specialists know-how)
5. notification of failures/faults occurring in traffic depends only on the human factor (driver)
6. no special equipment for faster failure/fault localization and identification

Passenger and maintenance personnel needs were analyzed before starting the new system design process. Some of these needs were to

- reduce the maintenance cost
- provide modularity and flexibility of different soft- and hardware solutions
- reduce cost raised from vandalism
- introduce “black box” functionality into the control system

- provide integrated passenger onboard and depot information system
- achieve system compatibility with other rail and public transport vehicles and systems
- provide rapid timetable deviation and expert model based fault analyses

Also, other developed control and diagnostic systems for vehicles were analyzed. In all cases, the main purposes for system development were: to improve safety and efficiency, to examine new technologies that provide automatic identification of train speed and position, advanced traffic planning, direct dispatcher intervention in hazardous traffic situations and reduce human error [ACH98]. All of these purposes were more or less, dependent of real needs and needed investment price to be taken into account by the design of the system.

According to expert analysis and statistical analysis, the demand list for systems design and development (including the functional description, protocols 05.06.2002 and 13.06.2002) was composed (Table 2.1).

Table 2.1 Development and design requirements

System, sub-systems, device	Demand
Control panels	●
Heating/Ventilation	●/○
Brakes	○
Motors and buggies	○
Doors	●
Traction drive control system (incl. converter)	○
Auxiliary power supply system	○
Turn-on system	●
Passenger information system	●
Onboard-PC, Onboard and mobile diagnostic	●
Dispatching, Web-based passenger information	●

● - yes, ○ – partly

3. Control, supervision and diagnostics system design

The control and diagnostics system is divided into the onboard and the depot system. The onboard system includes the traction converter (chopper) control system, the battery charger control system, the onboard PLC, the onboard PC, passenger information displays, a GPS-receiver, a security camera, and communication systems (Figure 3.1). Data communication between different onboard systems are organized over three different protocols:

- RS485 - between the passenger information system and onboard PC
- CAN - between the traction drive control system, battery charger control system and onboard PLC

- ETHERNET - between the onboard PC, the onboard PLC, the security camera, and the WLAN access point.

Data communication between the tram onboard and depot systems (dispatching center) of trams is organized over the GSM/GPRS- and WLAN network. Over Ethernet will be collect large amounts of sensing and first level diagnostics data into the onboard PC and send the data to depot systems. Passengers can be provided with improved information services.

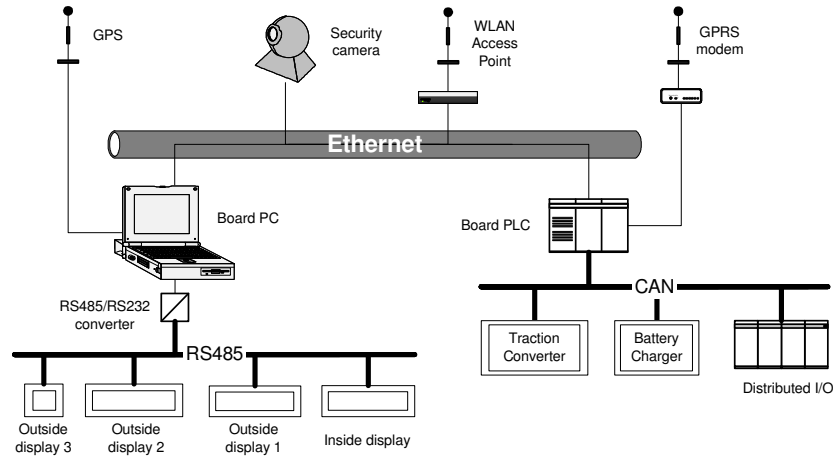


Figure 3.1 Onboard information and diagnostics system

Messages that are transmitted between a tramcar and the dispatching centre have different priority levels. High priority messages should be transmitted immediately, while others can be transmitted periodically or when a connection is possible. Statistical data can be buffered and forwarded to the database periodically. In a tram, the data can be transmitted to the dispatch centre by help of voice over radio, GSM/GPRS and WLAN (Figure 3.2). The information throughput of the existing audio connection over narrow bandwidth FM radio is very low. Thus, this channel is not suitable for video transmission. GSM/GPRS can be used to transmit higher priority data. The speed of data transmission is low, but the whole city area is covered.

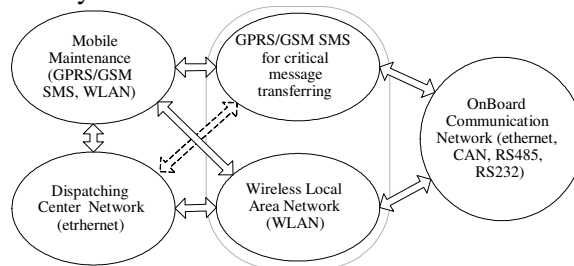


Figure 3.2 Structure of the data communication system

The software used in a tram onboard PC is divided into four groups: process visualization and control software, communication software and data storage software.

The data transferred from onboard PLC, -PC to the dispatching center (saved in SQL Server) are used in the diagnostic, control, dispatching, economic and maintenance process. Developed dispatching system includes the following software for data management and archiving: Real-Time Historian SQL-Server, Terminal Services for maintenance and dispatching visualization application, analytical and reporting tool. It is possible to print reports, to make event-based and other analyses, to prepare statistics about tram operations, faults etc.

A typical modern vehicle has a large number of sensors, controllers, and computer modules embedded in the vehicle that collect abundant signals. Vehicle fault diagnosis very much depends on vehicle signal diagnosis [CRO03]. The main functions of the developed diagnostics system are rapid pinpointing the faulty system, fault analysis and lifetime analysis. Fault analysis is the main task of diagnosis. Fault analysis is used to determine the actual fault, the effects of the fault, the current system status, components that should be replaced, and/or compensating actions to take. Most current diagnostics systems wait until a fault actually occurs or a threshold is passed before detecting and dealing with the fault *a posteriori*. Fault avoidance systems, especially valuable in process control, analyze the situation more closely, detecting the fault *a priori*, and take action to prevent the fault from manifesting. Fault analysis is the main task of diagnosis. Fault analysis is used to determine the actual fault, the effects of the fault, the current system status, components that should be replaced, and/or compensating actions to take [FOX91].

In the secondary - online diagnosis level onboard-PC collects all tram data that are transferred to the offboard SQL-database (for on/offline diagnosis). Other main diagnostic functions of onboard-PC are data processing for tram driver HMI and archiving for “black-box”. From mobile maintenance computer is possible to get connection with all databases in the different level.

The knowledge structure [GEO98] of the control and diagnostics system of the tram reflects the physical relations of the system to be monitored, with three levels of connection nodes: the system as the control and diagnostics system; subsystems as traction control systems, auxiliary power supply control system and control system of auxiliary devices; the components as monitored parameters and values from the actuators and sensors (Figure 3.4). Doing this can convert complex diagnostics into small simple models and simplify the fault tolerance and hazard control [YOU04].

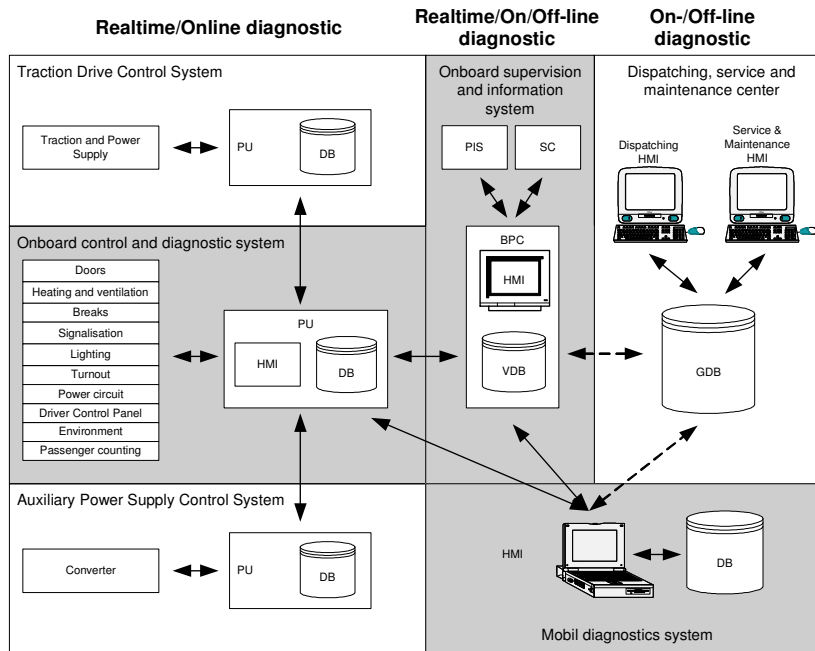


Figure 3.3 Structure of diagnostics system

The developed and designed control and diagnostics system has three data management levels: real-time, on-line and on/off-line (Figure 3.3). The real-time level is divided into three subsystems: traction, auxiliary power supply and auxiliary control system (onboard-PLC). Each subsystem makes primary data collection, analysis and diagnosis, which are needed for onboard devices control.

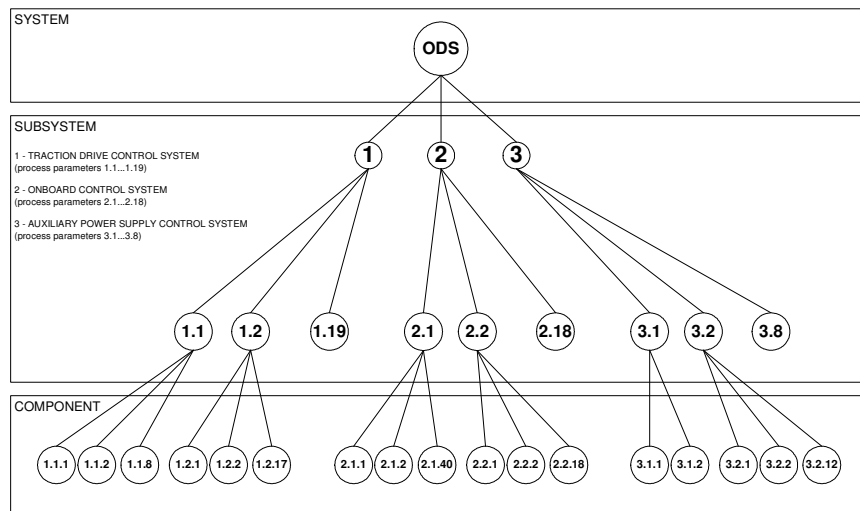


Figure 3.4 Knowledge structure of the diagnostics system for a tram

3.1. Onboard control and diagnostic system

Onboard control and diagnostics system consists of three main components: control and diagnostic application, user interface, database for reference and process parameters. On the user interface, the value of all variables of onboard PLC, condition data (faults and failures), sensing data configuration data can be displayed and changed. The control and diagnostics system collects data from board devices/subsystems, like doors, brakes, power supply, traction control systems; processes the collected data; controls devices and sub-systems; transfers data to the supervision and others systems; archives the data in the text file format (Figure 3.5).

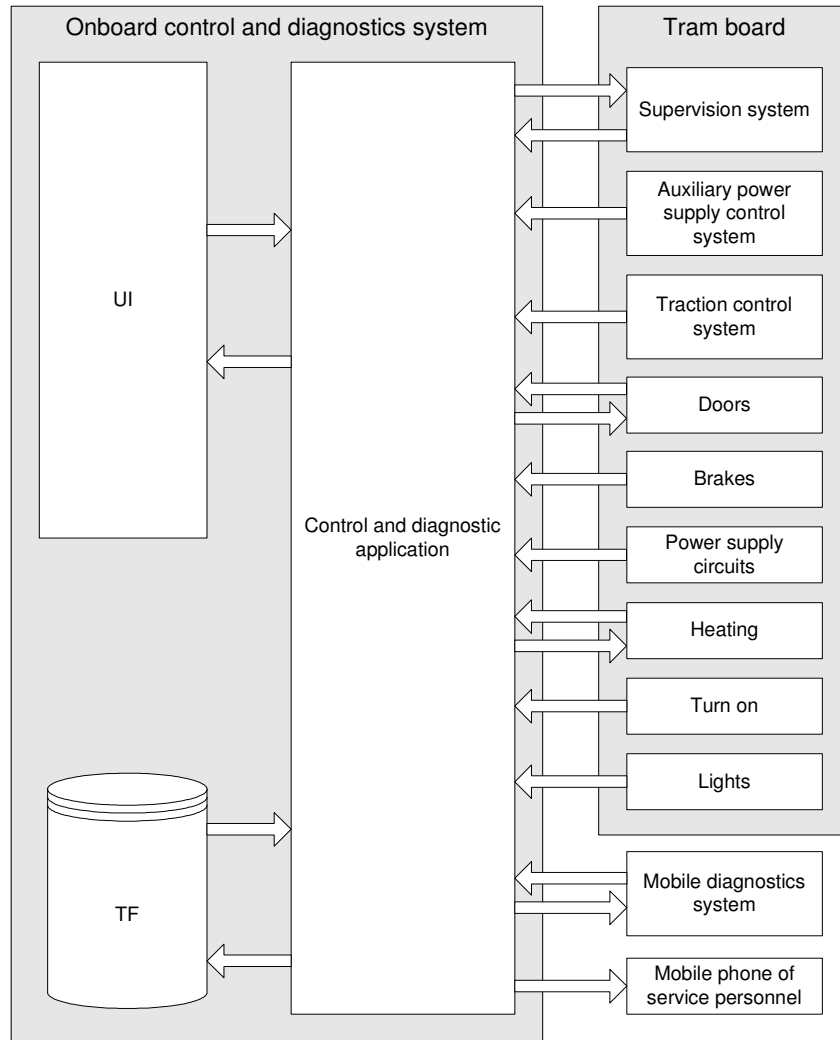


Figure 3.5 Interconnections and structure of the onboard control and diagnostics system

The system can analyze about 120 parameters from tram devices (doors, heating, lighting, brakes etc), environment (in-/outside and devices temperature) and contact line (tram input voltage and current) (Fig. 10). The developed data flow diagram describes the systems, sub-systems and devices parameters, which are processed by onboard control and diagnostic application. The application includes control and diagnostic procedures and functions for doors diagnostics and interlocking, heating control, breaks diagnostics, turn-on device diagnostics, user interface, supply circuit's analysis etc (Figure 3.6).

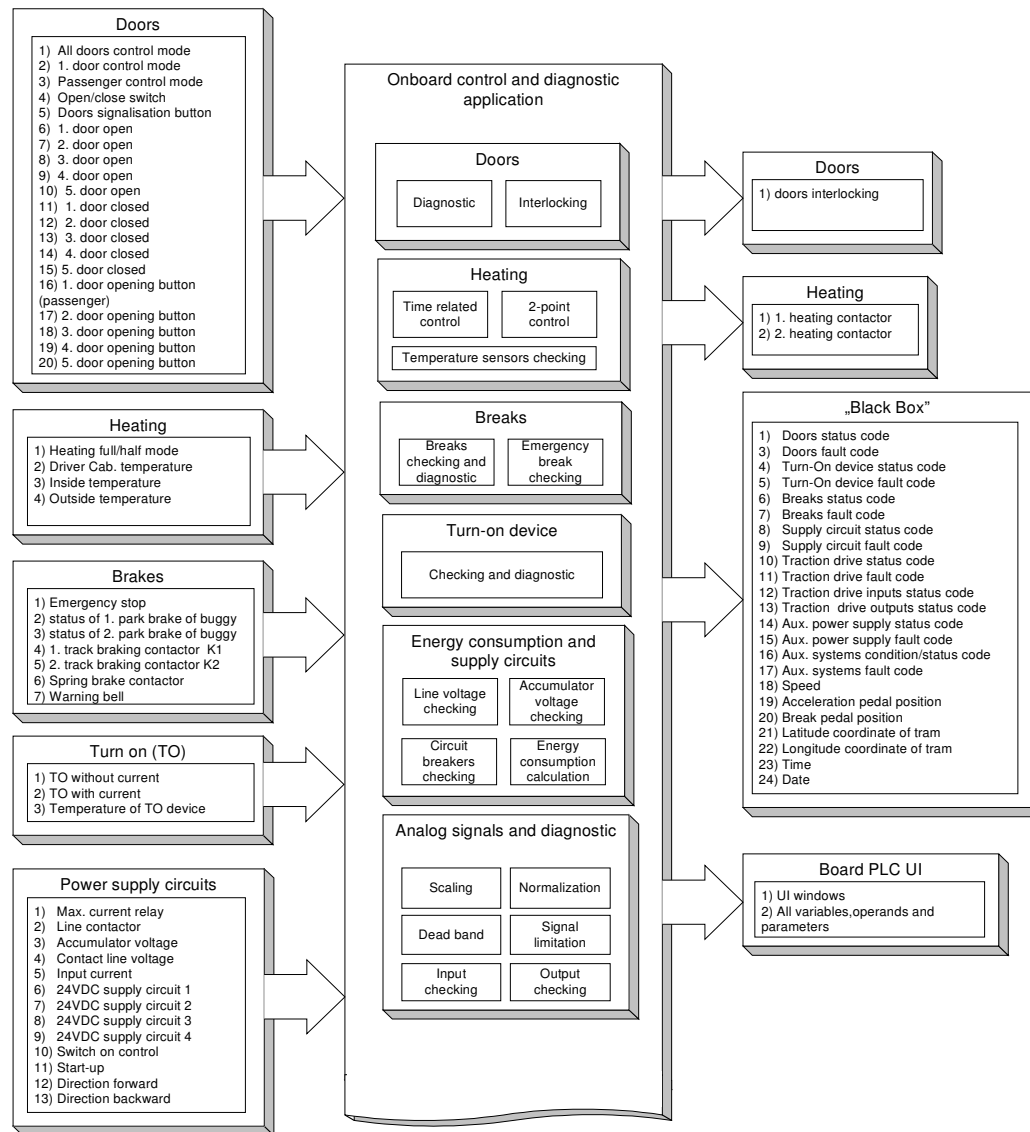


Figure 3.6 Onboard control and diagnostic data flow (cont.)

One of the largest modules in the application design is the communication module, which includes procedures for GSM, CAN and Modbus Ethernet configuration, initialization, communication, and diagnostic tasks (Figure 3.7).

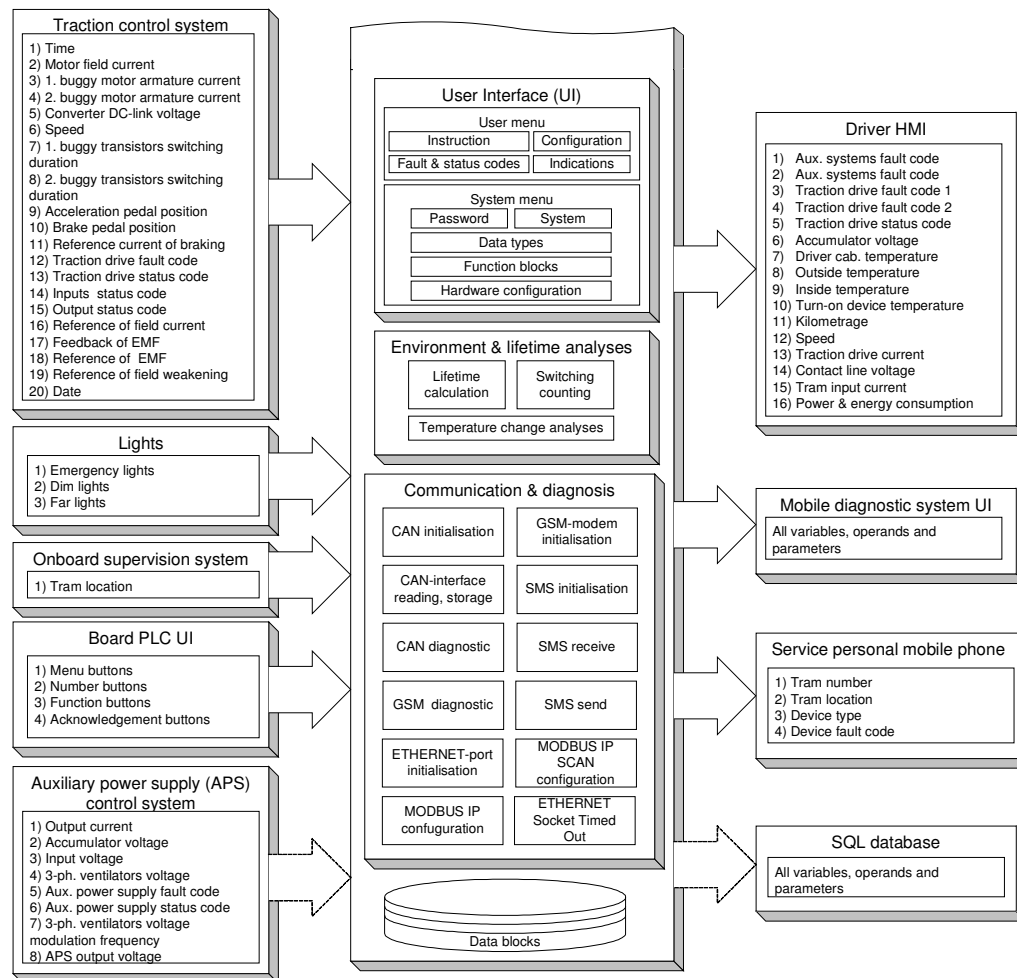


Figure 3.7 Onboard control and diagnostic data flow

An overview of time and switching-based lifetime, max/min temperature, and the rate of change of temperature calculations are shown on below (2...6).

- Lifetime (for each device, lifetime range (time and/or switching times) is given. The self-diagnostic integration to systems makes preventive maintenance much more effective.

$$x_2 = a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i, \quad (2)$$

where a_0 - the starting value and $a_0=0$ if a new device is used; $a_0=1\dots m$ if an old or reconstructed device is used; a_i - value of i -th measuring cycle.

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 < x_1 - kx_1 &\Rightarrow y_1 = 0 \\ x_1 - kx_1 \leq x_2 \leq x_1 + kx_1 &\Rightarrow y_1 = 1 \\ x_2 > x_1 + kx_1 &\Rightarrow y_1 = 2 \\ y_2 &= x_1 - x_2 \\ k &= 0\dots 1 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where x_1 - setpoint value, x_2 - process value, k - reference lifetime in %, $y_1=0$ - normal exploitation, $y_1=1$ - time to exchange, $y_1=2$ - lifetime exceeded, y_2 - counted value to the lifetime end.

$$\begin{aligned} c_j &= \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \\ d_k &= \sum_{j=1}^m c_j = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{i=1}^n b_{ij} \\ \bar{d}_k &= \frac{d_k}{m} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m c_j \\ y_4 &= \frac{x_1 - x_2}{\bar{d}_k} = \frac{x_1 - \left(a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \right)}{\frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m c_j} \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where b_i - switching or time in moment i , c_j - switching or time on the j -th day, d_k - switching or time on the m -th day, \bar{d}_k - average switching or time per day.

- Temperature max/min (The archiving of max/min temperatures is very useful to find relations between failures and environment changes).

$$\begin{aligned} i &= 0\dots n \\ x_i &\in \mathbb{R} \\ i = 0 &\Rightarrow x_{\min} = x_{\max} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_{\min} = x_i \\ x_{\max} = x_i \end{cases} \\ x_i < x_{\min} &\Rightarrow x_{\min} = x_i \\ x_i > x_{\max} &\Rightarrow x_{\max} = x_i \\ \Delta x_{\max} &= x_{\max} - x_{\min} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

where i - i^{th} measuring cycle, x_i - temperature in the i -th measuring cycle, x_{max} - maximum temperature, x_{min} - minimum temperature, Δx_{max} - maximum temperature change.

- The rate of change of temperature (depending on the rate of change of temperature, constants for lifetime analyses can be calculated).

$$k_x = \frac{1}{nt} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - x_{i-1} \quad , (6)$$

where k_x - rate of change, x_i - measured temperature in the timeslot i , n - the number of measured cycles, t - time of the measuring cycle.

3.2. Onboard supervision system

Onboard supervision system includes two sub-systems: driver control and monitoring system, positioning and the passenger information system. The sub-systems are based on the following applications: driver HMI, driver UI, positioning and passenger information control (PPIC) application, PPIC user interface, PLC I/O-server for data communication, and remote data acquisition service application (Figure 3.8).

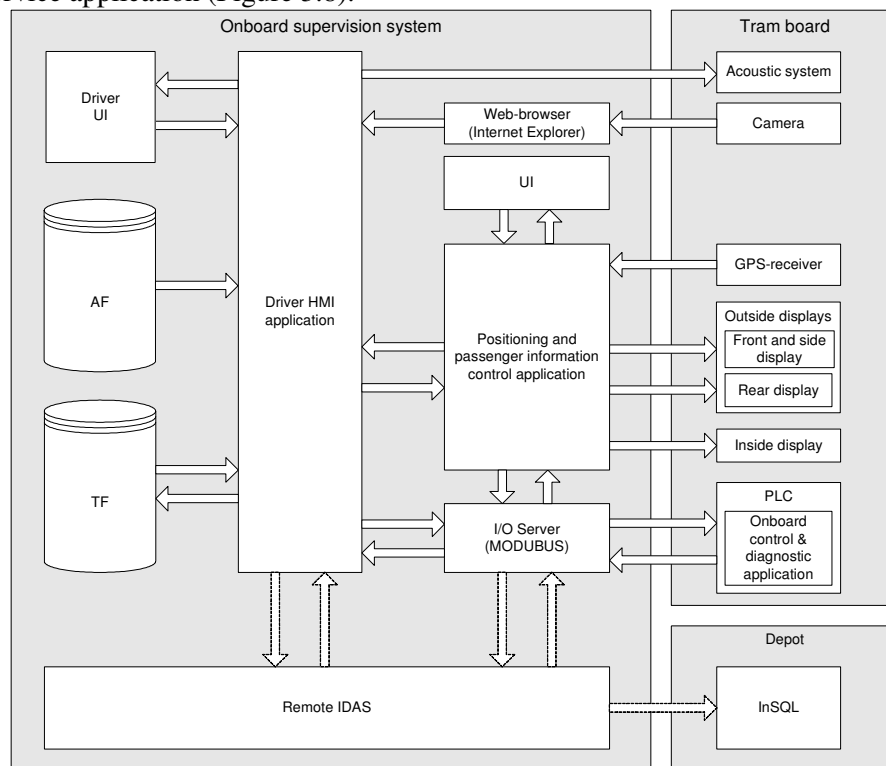


Figure 3.8 Structure and interconnections of onboard supervision system

The Driver HMI application, intended for coordination, controls and communicates with the onboard systems/devices, like the acoustic system, camera, positioning and passenger information system (displays), acoustic files databank, text files databank, and onboard PLC.

3.2.1. Driver HMI

Within the automatic control of technical systems, supervisory functions serve to indicate undesired or unpermitted process states, and to take appropriate action in order to maintain the operation and to avoid damage or accidents [3]. The developed tram driver HMI provides large amounts of valuable information to the tram driver and increases traffic safety. It enables us to

- display the electrical, mechanical and software faults on the screen of the board PC
- control in the manual mode the tram information system directly from board PC touch screen
- control in the automatic mode the passenger information system according to the data received from GPS
- display important information (speed, current, voltage, temperatures)
- display the picture from the security camera
- add the system of tram traffic and schedule control that operates with control times and shows the driver if he/she is too late or too early.

The developed data flow diagram describes the system, sub-system and device parameters, which are processed by the driver HMI application, and gives an overview of the procedures (Figure 3.9).

The passenger onboard acoustic and visual information control is a complex process. It is developed and designed to provide different control modes of information announcement: manual and automatic announcement. In both modes, to activate the needed mode, driving line and direction must be chosen. For example, the automatic announcement mode consists of the following procedures: automatic preconfiguration by location, condition checking for stop announcement, announcement of stop, condition checking for the next stop announcement and announcement of the next stop. In the each stop area, the process starts again by checking the procedure condition for stop announcement (Figure 3.10).

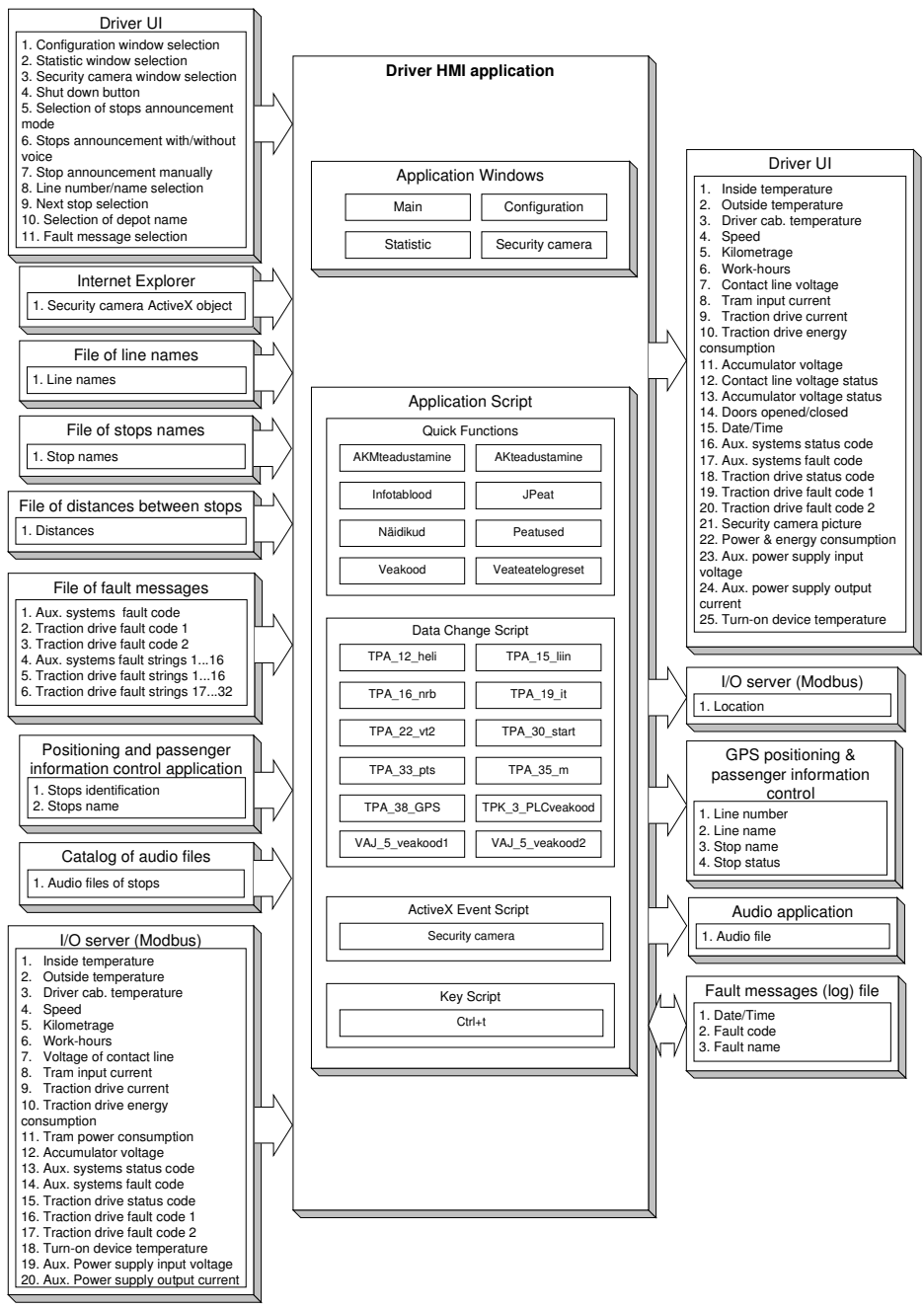


Figure 3.9 Driver HMI data flow

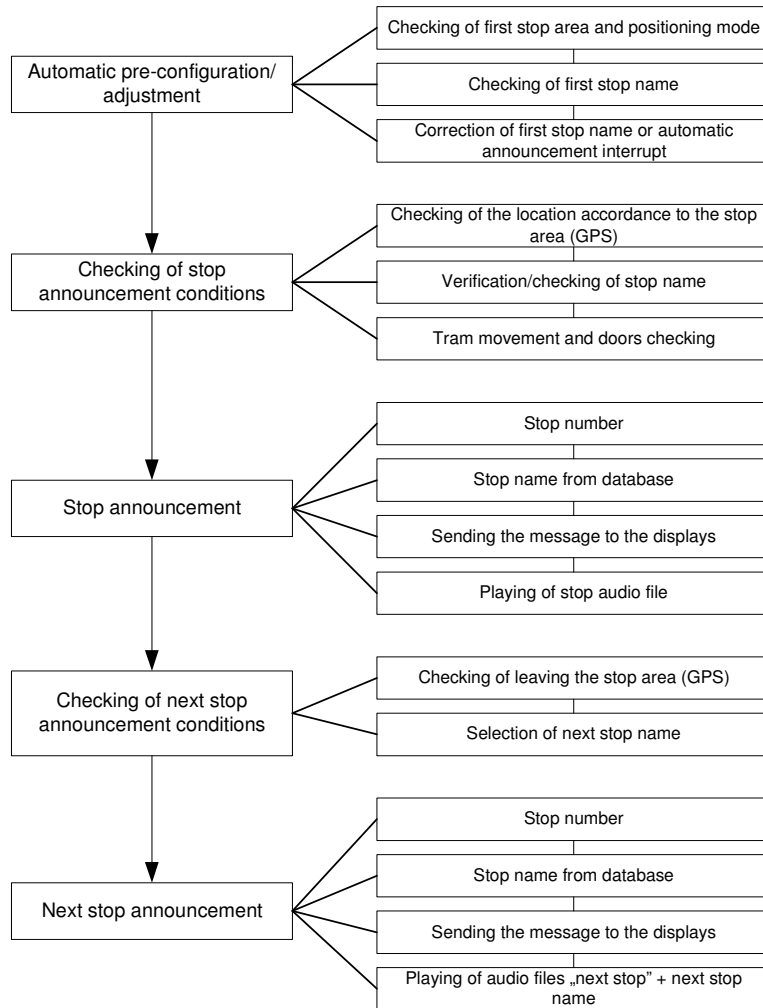


Figure 3.10 Automatic GPS-based passenger information flow diagram

An example of the used procedures is Fault Code (*Veakood*) – according to onboard systems fault codes are composed for the driver from the fault messages (Figure 3.11).

The visualisation of the control software contains four windows, like the information window, security camera control window, settings window, and main window. For example, the main window (Figure 3.12 left to the information window) is always seen and it shows: el. drive current, accumulator voltage, time, speed, state of the doors, fault messages. When the tram is traveling, the main window (*peaaken*) is always visible on the left side of the screen. The main window shows the accumulator voltage, traction drive current, speed, state of the doors, indicators for accumulator and line voltages, time, and the date. The menu for moving between the windows is placed at the bottom of

the screen and the fault message field is placed on the upper part of the screen with selection keys. In the configuration window (*seadete aken*) it is possible to choose texts for the passenger information system (displays), next stop, switch acoustic information on/off, manual or GPS-based automatic mode for the passenger information system. In the statistic window (*statistika aken*) different indications for driver are shown.

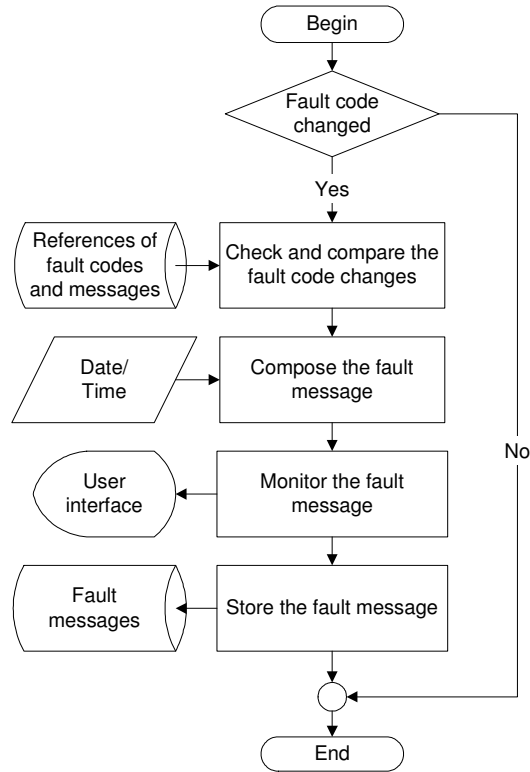


Figure 3.11 Algorithm of “Fault code” procedure

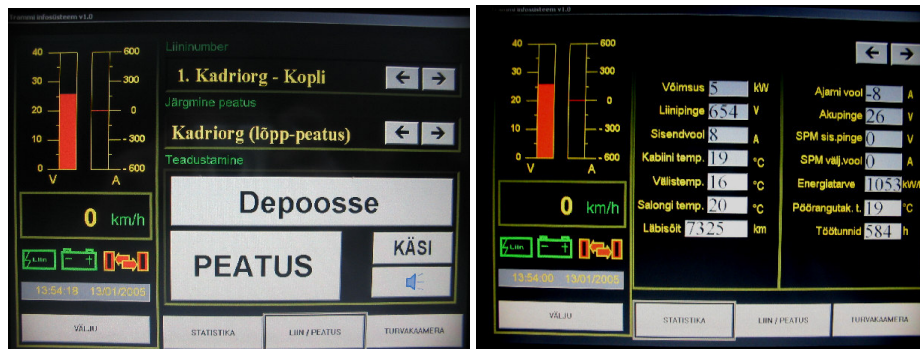


Figure 3.12 Main, configuration and statistic window

The passenger cabin security camera picture will be transferred from to the camera window (*turvakaamera aken*). Two solutions can be applied to show the camera picture: manual and automatic. The first one will be activated if the driver chooses this from the menu and another will activated automatically in the stops (Figure 3.13).

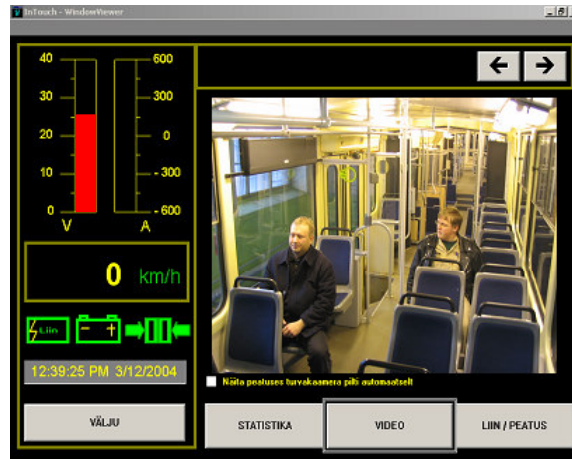


Figure 3.13 Main and security camera window

3.2.2. Positioning and passenger information control

First, a solution was developed, where the position of the tram was located by the transit value. But problems occurred, like inaccuracy of the transit value caused by slipping of the wheels. The solution based on GPS seems the most reliable. Although the GPS-based system may face some problems in the urban conditions (for example, poor visibility of GPS satellites between high buildings), it was tested and worked properly. In most places, the streets are wide enough and buildings are not too high to see satellites for positioning.

The developed data flow diagram describes the systems, sub-systems and applications parameters, which are processed by positioning and passenger information control application, and gives an overview of the procedures (Figure 3.14).

Data from the GPS receiver comes in sentences (NMEA 0183 standard), which consist of comma-separated parameters. To use it, we need first to filter out only needed RMC (Recommended Minimum Specific GPS/TRANSIT Data) sentences and then separate the needed parameters from the sentence to the variables. This is called the process step of GPS data preparation.

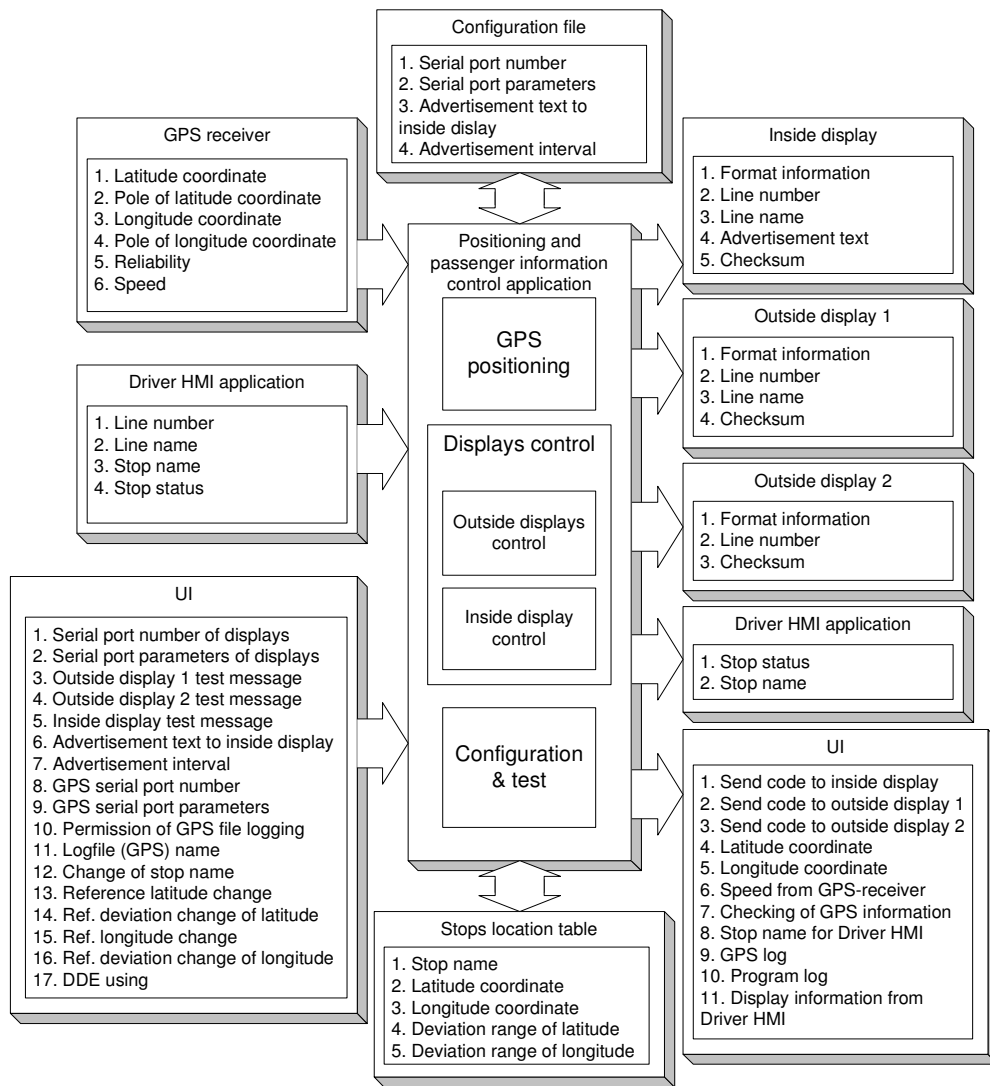


Figure 3.14 Positioning and passenger information control application data flow

The second step, called area matching, consists of the main functionality of the application. It finds out if the location co-ordinates from the GPS receiver are in any of the areas, which are in the database. A simplified algorithm of that part of the positioning program is shown in Figure 3.15.

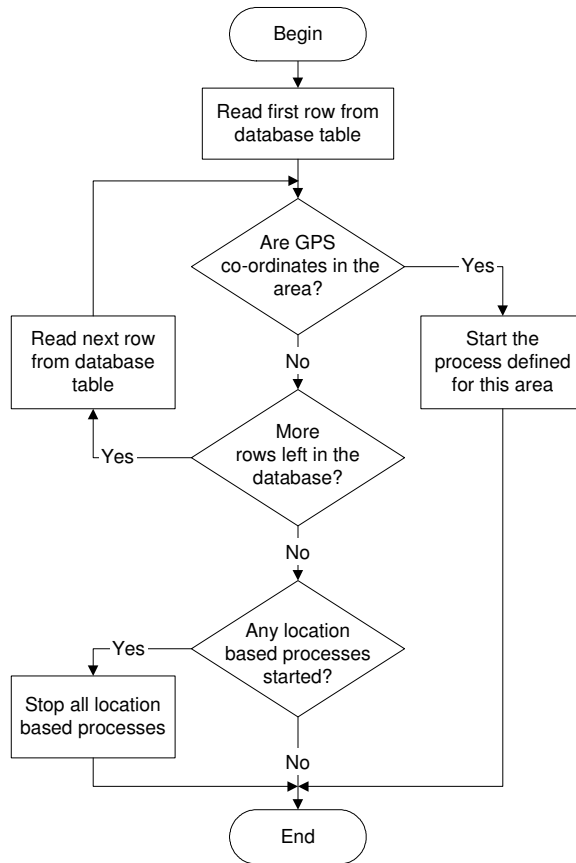


Figure 3.15 Algorithm for location checking

Basically there are two conditions when the visual messages are changed and acoustic messages are played: the vehicle has stopped in the stop area and the doors are opened; the vehicle is leaving the stop. Tram stop area calculation is based on the elementary formula as shown below (7).

$$\begin{cases} x_i - \Delta x_i \leq x_{GPS} \leq x_i + \Delta x_i \\ y_i - \Delta y_i \leq y_{GPS} \leq y_i + \Delta y_i \end{cases}, (7)$$

where x_i – longitude coordinate for stop point, y_i – latitude coordinate for stop point, Δx_i – stop point deviation range on the longitude scale, Δy_i – stop point deviation range on the latitude scale, i – stop database row number, x_{GPS} – longitude coordinate from GPS receiver, y_{GPS} – latitude coordinate from GPS receiver.

In the last step, the GPS data coming from the receiver is logged into the flash memory or hard drive. Logging is used for diagnostics and testing purposes. It

makes possible to analyze offline data and find solutions if there will be any problems with positioning.

At the moment, GPS is used only for the passenger information system and diagnostics. But it can also be used together with the odometer in other processes like checking if the vehicle is on schedule or energy flow control between trams. The location information in diagnostics is useful to detect and analyze problems and faults that are connected to a certain location.

The user interface for GPS and information displays application has three windows: information exchange (*info liikumine*), passenger display configuration window (*infotabloode seaded*), GPS configuration and stops (*GPS seaded, peatused*).

The *information exchange* window includes the text and logfields with feedback information for program and maintenance specialists. In the frame *Infotabloode* the control code of information displays are presented, used for data transfer analyses. In the frame *GPS ja peatused* GPS positioning information and communication process with the Driver HMI application are presented. In the textfields *Laiuskoordinaat* (latitude) and *Pikkuskoordinaat* (longitude) tram coordinates (real location) are presented, *Kiirus* (speed) is calculated from the transferred information of the GPS-receiver (Figure 3.16).

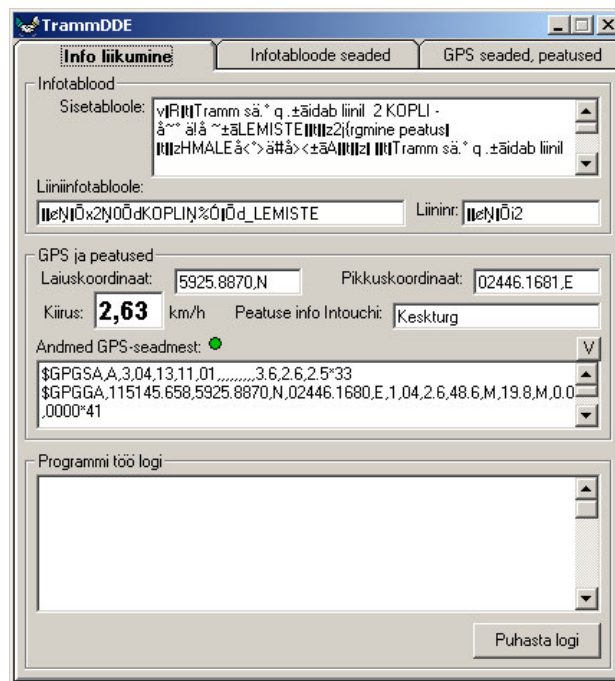


Figure 3.16 Information exchange window

Passenger display configuration window includes display configuration and test fields. The display port configuration “*Tabloode jadaliidese parameetrid*” frame includes two input fields: the first for the port number and the second for the port configuration parameters. The field test message “*Testsõnumite saatmine* “ is used for online communication testing. This window includes also input field “*Vahetekst sisetabloole*” for advertisement or other messages, which are presented on the display between the stop information (for example, “the tram is equipped with a security camera”). In the third, GPS-based stops adjusting window can adjust GPS coordinates according to stops, configure the communication interface for the GPS receiver etc (Figure 3.17).

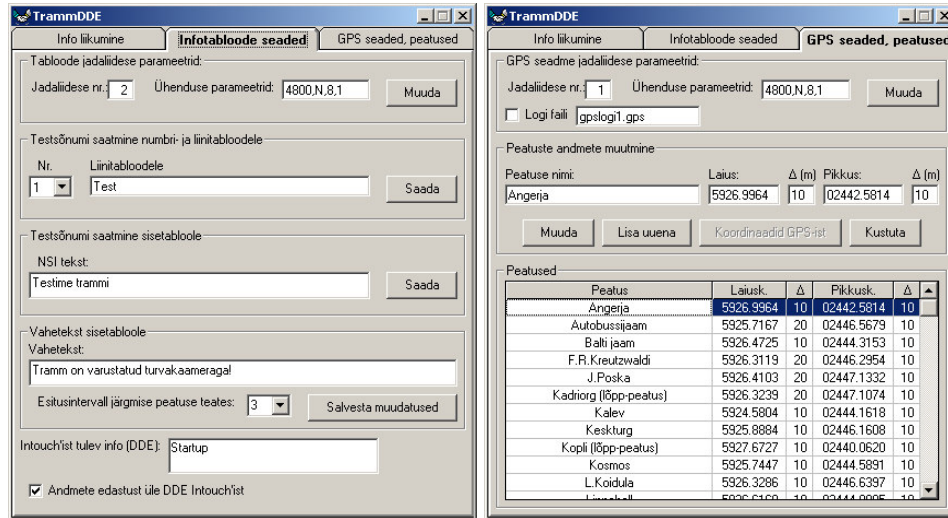


Figure 3.17 Display and GPS configuration window

3.3. Mobile Diagnostics System

Mobile Diagnostics System consists of six applications: mobile diagnostic application (MD) for tram diagnosis, data archiving and analysis; onboard PLC programming application; remote access application (RA) for PLC (also possible for PC); web-browsing application for remote camera connection; analysis and reporting application (i.e. MS Excel, MS Access etc.); I/O-servers for data communication between onboard PC and PLC. The most important applications for service and maintenance personnel in the fault localization phase are the mobile diagnostic and remote access application. In the fault analysis phase analysis and reporting application are used (Figure 3.18).

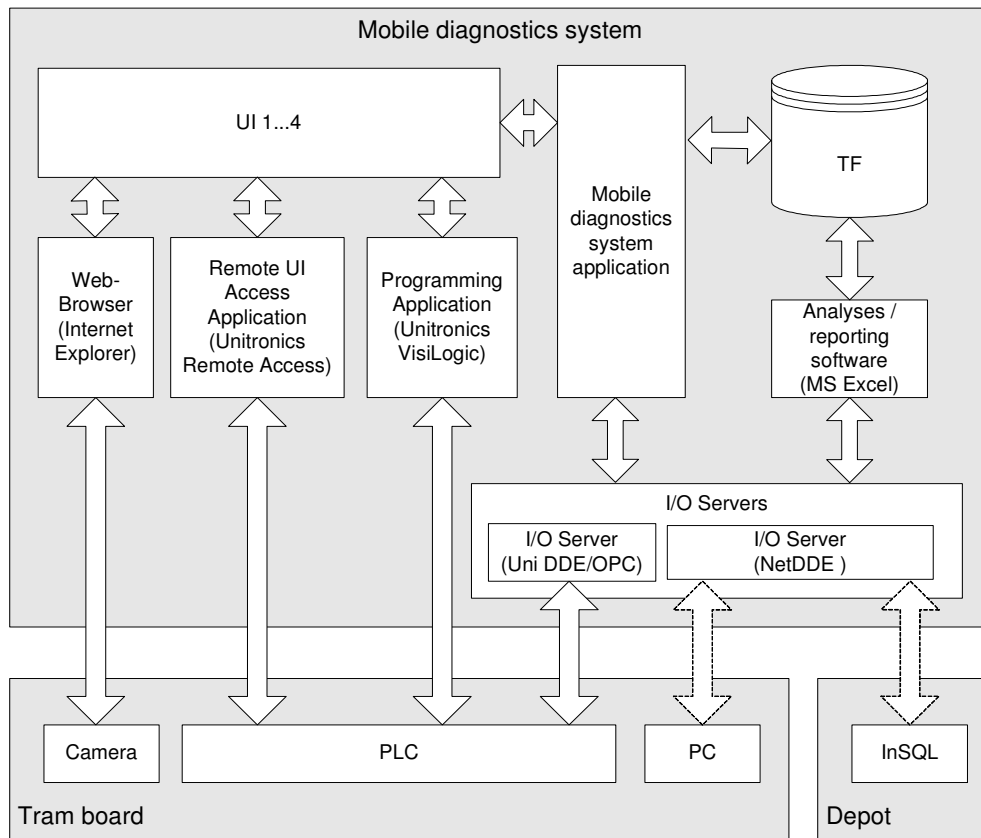


Figure 3.18 Structure and interconnections of the mobile diagnostics system

Mobile diagnostics system enables realtime, online and offline diagnostics and monitoring of onboard systems, sub-systems and devices. The medium used for data transfer between on- and offboard systems is Wireless Local Area Network.

The developed data flow diagram describes the system, sub-systems and application parameters, which are processed by mobile diagnostics system application, and provides an overview of the procedures (Figure 3.19)

The developed mobile diagnostics system application includes different procedures, like application and windows scripts, quick and data change functions. An example of the used quick functions is *LOG Data*, which checks the variable list chosen and data archiving (Figure 3.20).

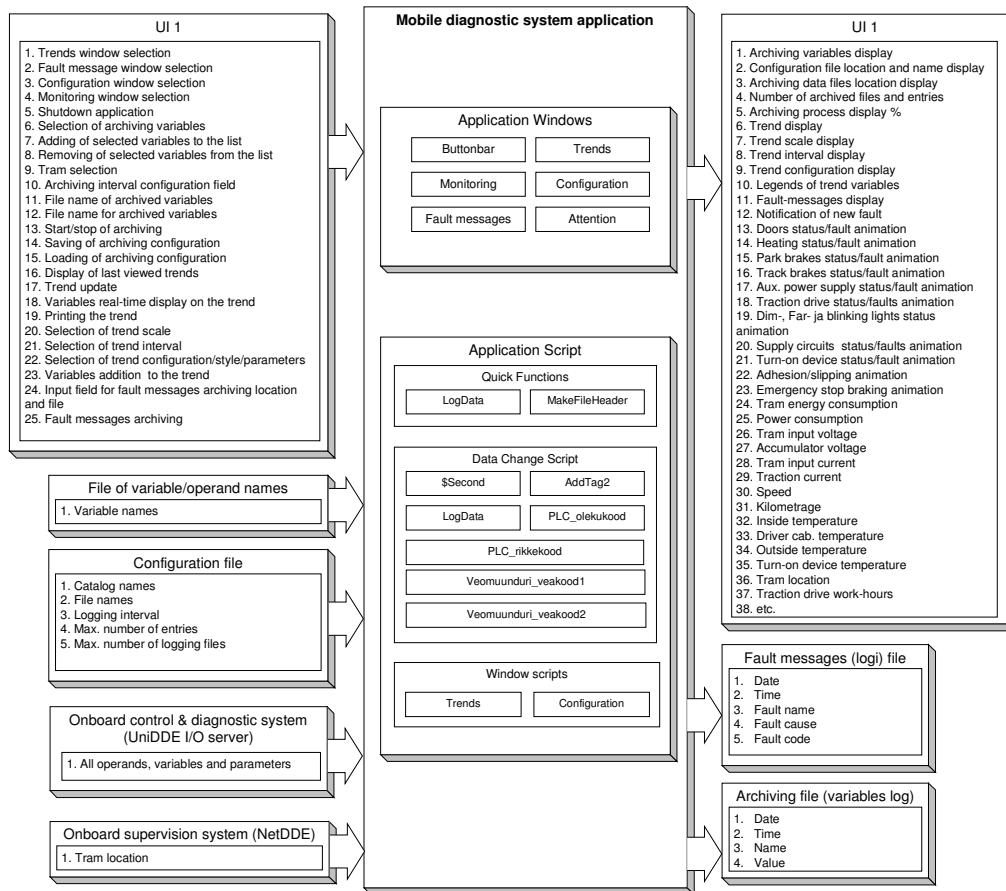


Figure 3.19 Data flow of the mobile diagnostics system

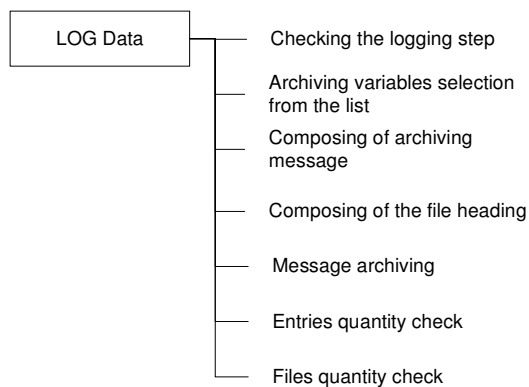


Figure 3.20 Quick Function "LOG Data"

Another example is a simplified fault-processing algorithm, which describes presentation, archiving of fault codes and other processing functions (Figure 3.21).

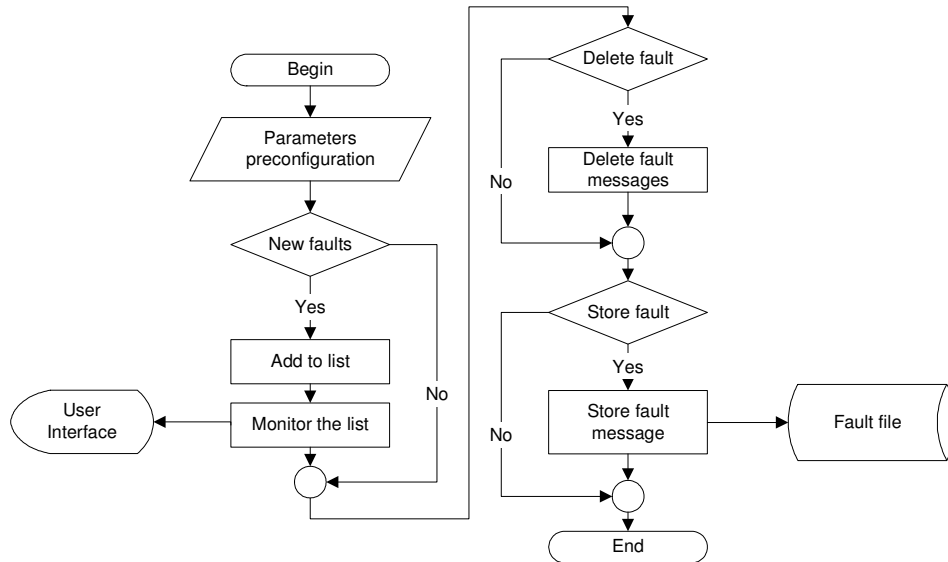


Figure 3.21 Algorithm for fault codes processing

Mobile diagnostics system user interface consists of four windows: configuration, trends, fault-messages, and tram monitoring window. In the configuration window can choose the monitored tram and configured archiving parameters, for example, start and stop of archiving, file size, amount of files, update cycle for archiving, file name, file location, archived variables (tags), amount of archived variables per file. Depending on the control and diagnostic processes, changes in the foregoing settings are needed to optimize the computer resource and reduce the specialist time by information analysis (Figure 3.22).

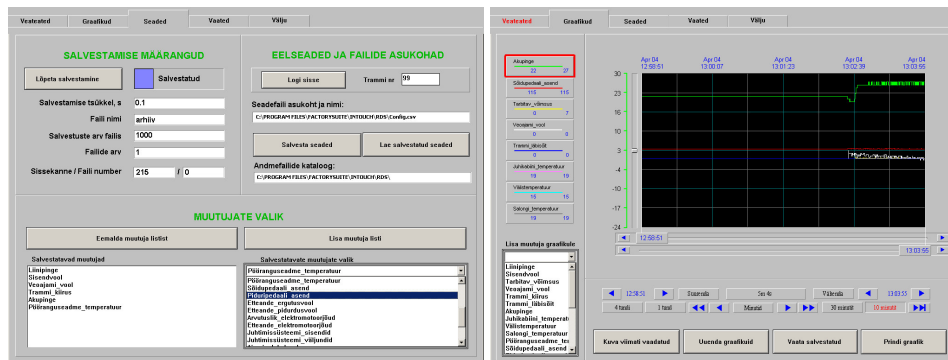


Figure 3.22 Configuration and Trend window

The Trend window presents the parameters chosen in the realtime or archived parameters as an offline presentation. All the graphs can be printed. This window is important for service specialists in the depot or in the traffic by testing and analyzing the condition, states, events of the tram devices, contact lines and systems. The fault and event message window presents and can activate the archiving of faults and event messages from the onboard control and diagnostics system and the traction drive control system (Figure 3.23). Faults and event messages are very important afterwards to analyze the system by AI, statistical and other methods (Figure 3.24).

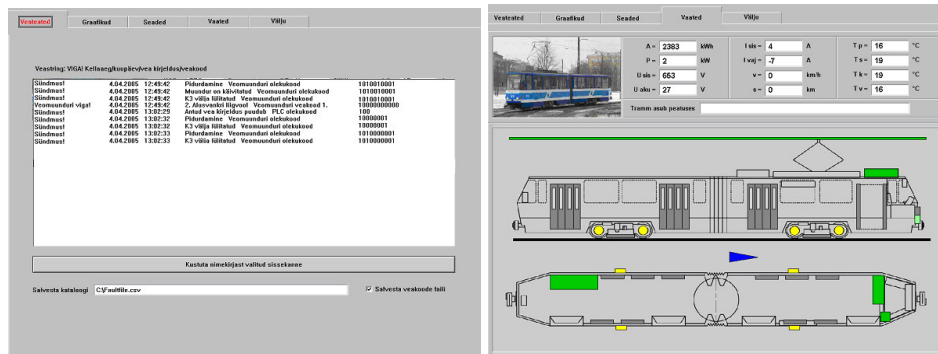


Figure 3.23 Fault-messages and Monitoring window

The Monitoring window animates the tram control-diagnostics system, the traction drive control system and devices (doors, brakes, power supply circuits) condition (fault-red, event-yellow, operational-green).

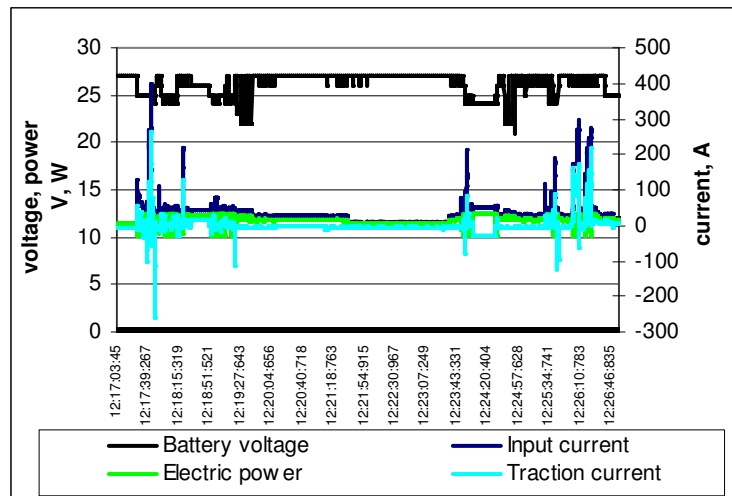


Figure 3.24 Data analysis in the MS Excel

4. System evaluation

4.1. Profitability

4.1.1. Impact of vehicle average speed

Profitability analysis was first used in the world for passenger transport. In the passenger transport, the passenger comfort maximization is realized by the minimization of carfare and travel-time [VIL96].

The formula to calculate prospective profitability of the designed system is as follows:

$$S = q \cdot c \cdot \Delta t = q \cdot c \cdot (t_1 - t_0) = q \cdot c \cdot \left(\frac{l_k}{v_1} - \frac{l_k}{v_0} \right), \quad (8)$$

where q - amount of passengers per year, Δt - reduced travel time, c - passenger travel time cost per hour, t_1 - travel time after investment, t_0 - travel time before investment, v_1 - speed after investment, v_0 - speed before investment, l_k - middle kilometrage per passenger.

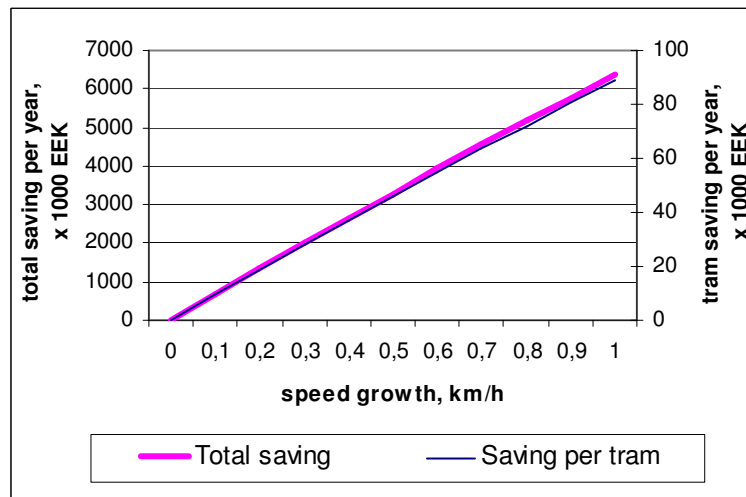


Figure 4.1 Investment profitability at increased speed

The average gross income in the third quarter of 2004 was 7,021 EEK, which means that the average gross income per hour was 44 EEK. In consequence [VIL96] the costs of passenger travel time per hour is 14...15 EEK. The Statistical Office of Estonia has reported 250 million passengers per year. The proportion of trams and trolleys in the passenger transport was 28%, 70 million people (about 200,000 passengers per day). The Tram and Trolleybus Company

of Tallinn has reported 31 million passengers per year (approximately 85,000 people per day). An average use of trams in the traffic was 80. The number of passengers per tram was 387,500 annually (1062 passengers per day). Line-hours for all trams were 283,000. 110 passengers were transported per line-hour. An approximate kilometrage per tram was 4 million kilometers, which means that after reconstruction the average speed of trams was 14.14 km/h. Loading of trams was 17%. As reported by the City Planning Department of Tallinn on 15 June 2001, an average traveling kilometrage per passenger was 3 kilometers.

Based on the analysis of the Tram and Trolleybus Company, the average speed of trams before reconstruction was 13.8 km/h and after reconstruction 14.1 km/h, this means that the difference in speeds was 0.3 km/h. The profitability of 300,000 EEK investments per tram can be calculated approximately for 11 years (Figure 4.1). In this calculation annual gross income growth and growth in passenger amount are not taken into consideration.

4.1.2. Impact of fault identification speed

A simplified formula for repair time can be described as

$$t = t_l + t_k \quad , (9)$$

where t_l – fault localization time, t_k – fault elimination time.

Fault localization time depends on the automatization of the control and diagnostic process, optimization, computer-based data management, data communication networks, know-how of specialists etc. Fault elimination (repair) time depends on process automation, logistic, specialists know-how, assembly and disassemble time, adjusting time etc.

The detailed formula of maintenance time calculation is

$$t = \sum_{i=1}^n t_{li} + \sum_{j=1}^m t_{kj} \quad , (10)$$

where t_{li} – fault localization time unit, t_{kj} – fault elimination time unit.

Adding to the time unit the cost vector, maintenance costs can be calculated as given in the following formula:

$$C_k = \sum_{i=1}^n t_{li} p_i + \sum_{j=1}^m t_{kj} q_j \quad , (11)$$

where p_i – cost of the fault localization time unit, q_j - cost of the fault elimination time unit.

The economy of maintenance costs is calculated as follows:

$$\Delta C = C_k - C_{k-1}, \quad (12)$$

where C_{i-1} -maintenance cost before investment, C_i -maintenance cost after investment.

Theoretically, maintenance cost can be reduced up to 20%, by using the designed control, diagnostics and supervision system.

4.1.3. Impact of investments/maintenance costs to the repairs

The analysis of the existing investments and service-maintenance costs shows a decreasing trend of faults/failures (Figure 4.2). To increase the efficiency of service and maintenance, a new supervision and remote diagnostics system had to be developed and designed.

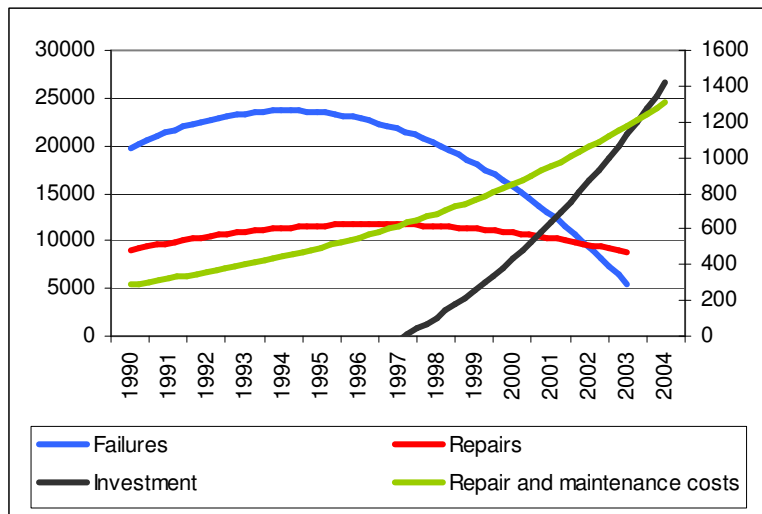


Figure 4.2 Trends of failures, investments, repairs and maintenance costs

4.2. Designed system analysis

Generally, a designed system can be described as an open, flexible and modular system. Designed system is protected by two patent applications, two utility models and one industrial design solution (Table 4.1). In the system development and design different hard- and software integration problems were solved, targeted at low costs and manufacturer independent structure. It was designed and successfully tested. The developed control and diagnostic models and algorithms will increase system reliability, traffic safety, passenger comfort etc.

Table 4.1 Developed and designed system analysis

System		
Control, supervision and diagnostics system (including the onboard control and diagnostics systems, onboard supervision system (with driver HMI, positioning and passenger information)), mobile diagnostics system	Strength	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 patent applications • 2 utility models • 1 industrial design solution • flexible and manufacturer independent system structure • independence of higher employment costs • reduced vandalism costs • reduced fault/failure localization costs • includes algorithms for life-time and other analysis for better maintenance and service organization • ergonomical and space optimal design • multitude of wireless data communication channels, which increase diagnostics system reliability • multitude of possible onboard data communication channels, which guarantee separation of systems with different functionality and demands on the reliability • doubled archiving system • remote programming, configuration, tuning and appliance, which reduces maintenance costs • easy integration of new systems incl. multimedia solutions, which means reduced expansions costs
	Weakness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • missing of multimedia solutions • more qualified personnel • complex system
	Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • easy integration of new technologies • easy to expand • easy to reconfigure
	Threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uncertainty in the technology development • higher employment

5. Future research and development

The main research and development branches in the future can be complex public transport control system, traffic priority system, and realtime passenger information system at stops and distributed energy supply system (ultra capacitors etc.). The aims of the following research/development work will be: to reduce fleet and operating costs, increase line accessibility, decrease overall the public transport travel time, increase travel time punctuality and regularity, reduce emissions and energy consumption, increase passenger valuations and comfort.

5.1. Regional traffic control and supervision

The designed system is flexible to integrate it to the complex traffic control system. The designed system already includes different data communication technologies, control and diagnostic capabilities, a global positioning system etc. The modularized and flexible soft- and hardware structure facilitates fast and easy integration with regional/local traffic control center over wireless broadband link or GSM network.

The development of the regional or national traffic control and supervision system will simplify significantly the public transport management system, document management, planning etc. and will reduce operation costs. Among the advantages provided are: automatic data collection, reporting (about faults, passenger amount and jams), printing, analyzing.

Analogous systems are widely used in the world, however they are too complex and expensive and do not consider local environment, needs and other parameters. Example of the designed prospective public transport control systems are shown in Figure 5.1.

5.1.1. Real-time passenger information

The designed system can be directly integrated with a prospective real-time passenger information system. The designed system collects all the data (like location, time, vehicles faults or failures, speed, vehicle timetable) required for priority system development. It has also the modules for data communication between realtime passenger system and displays on the stops. The main tasks of the realtime passenger information system are: to increase passenger valuations and comfort. Passengers can optimize their drive routes, which means they can reduce their travel time and thus increase the surplus value. Realtime information is most valuable in the rush hour, when many passengers can choose fast alternative travel lines and get from location A to location B faster than traditionally. Also, it helps to optimize the traffic line load, reduce traveling time and increase system profitability.

5.1.2. Traffic signal priority

Traffic signal priority system is the sub-system of regional traffic control system. The signal priority system enables us to collect traffic related data, like traffic jams, to optimize traffic lights cycles, to increase line accessibility and travel time punctuality etc.

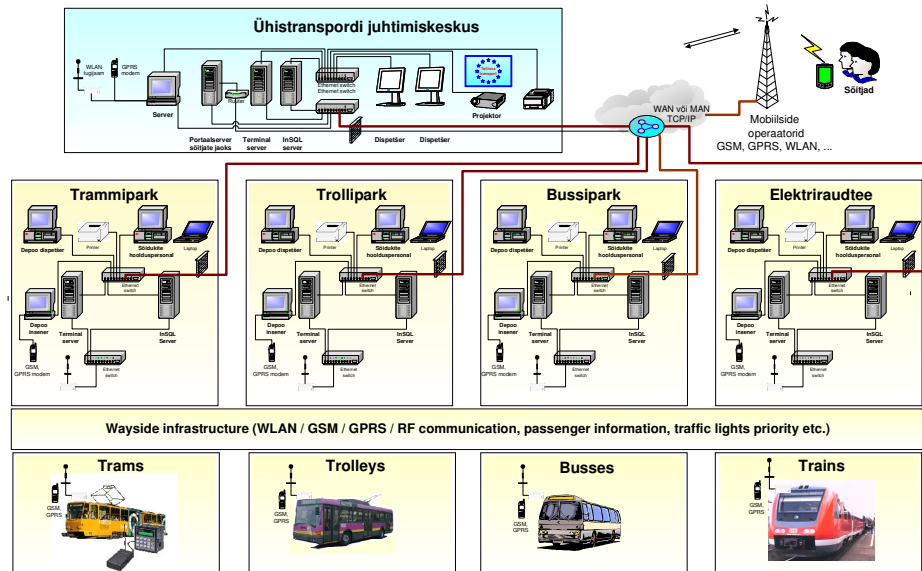


Figure 5.1 Perspective public transport control system

5.2. Energy management system

The main research and development branch in the future can be system integration with the distributed energy supply system (ultra capacitors etc.) for electric vehicles. Traditionally, vehicles cannot control the energy flow in power lines. During their braking period, vehicles cannot control how the generated energy is distributed between substations and other vehicle loads. Neither can they control distribution of power losses in power lines.

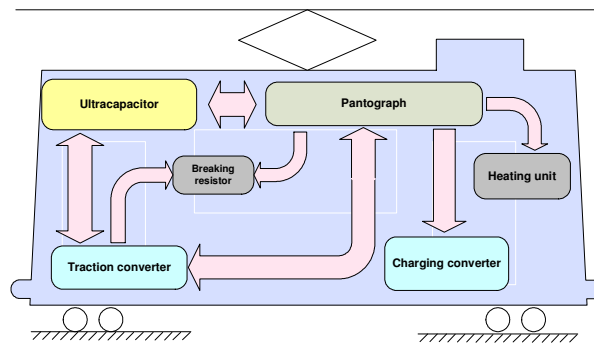


Figure 5.2 Energy flow diagram in the tram

To control the energy consumption process in the lines and in addition reduce losses, some conceptual changes to the traditional energy supply model are needed. This change can be achieved by implementing high-speed energy storage devices, such as ultracapacitors, energy access converters (energy switches) on a vehicle board and a new control strategy that uses information technology methods and management processes (Figure 5.2). Storage devices can save energy before it is needed (before the period of actual loose coupling) and give it rapidly off to drives or the power line when needed. Power lines, power line control system, data communication networks and energy access modules put together form a system called the energy bus. An energy bus can take a form of a complete network to deliver energy to a group of energetic components.

For example, the positions and needs about energy consumptions of each tram to another trams will be transferred over a data communication network. If other trams need energy in the storage device (the ultra capacitors is full), then the energy transfer process starts (Figure 5.3).

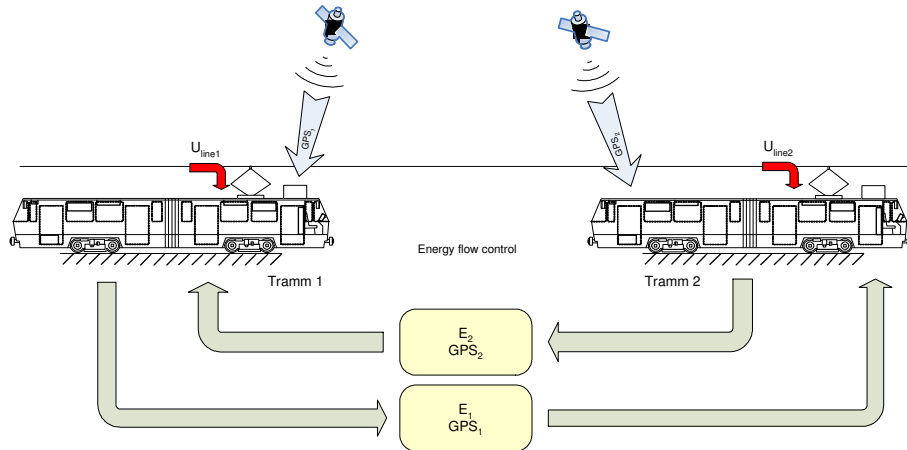


Figure 5.3 Structure for exchange of energy between the trams

Conclusion

The system includes functions like diagnostics for preventive maintenance and service, recording of events and alarms, human-machine communication etc. The main results of the developed methods and system are:

1. As a result of the analysis of the existing maintenance system the methods (questionnaires, opinion polls, patent analyses etc.) to determine the development and design range were evolved.
2. The developed multi-level and complex diagnostics system makes it possible to use and test different expert models, AI methods and algorithms. Diagnostic data duplication and archiving in the onboard PC and PLC increases the diagnostics system reliability. In addition, the use of different wireless communication networks for rapid diagnostic information transfer to the maintenance personal and dispatching centre will increase efficiency and reliability of the diagnostics system. The developed mathematical models for tram onboard systems real-time, online and offline diagnostics reduce the failure localization costs up to 30%, which reduces maintenance-repair time and traffic downtime. Theoretically, maintenance cost can be reduced up to 20%, by using the designed control, diagnostics and supervision system. The integration of tram security camera has reduced expenses of 5000...1000 EEK/tram raised from vandalism.
3. An optimal use of the computer resource by the integration of “black-box” functionality, driver HMI and GPS-based line and stops information control has reduced development costs up to 20%, as compared to conventional solutions. The developed GPS-based automatic messaging system has shown that it is more reliable and easier to make than the transit-based system. With messaging the tram driver has more time for concentrating on driving and passenger safety. The development of an optimal driver HMI model makes it possible for the tram driver to analyze more effectively and quickly and adjust the vehicle condition, enabling one to reduce the downtime up to 10%.
4. Modularity, flexibility and openness for different hard- and software solutions provides for prospective energy flow control solutions (incl. the energy storage systems integration etc), which theoretically makes it possible to reduce the energy consumption up to 20 % (using the ultra-capacitors in the braking and acceleration process). The integration of fast wireless data communication systems in the tram control and diagnostics system enables easy development of data communication and energy flow control between other trams and substations. The developed tram control and diagnostics system is ready for integration with the public transport and traffic control system. On the basis of the developed control/diagnostics

system and data communication networks, the energy bus concept for energy storage devices can be studied and developed.

5. Pilot tram designed and tested. One patent application and one industrial design by thesis author.

The above-mentioned considerations help boost the efficiency of train or tram transportation systems and improve the quality of travel for the passengers. The developed system has been awarded one patent application and one industrial design registered in the Estonian Patent Office.

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Abstract

This thesis proposes the analysis of control- and operation diagnostics problems of trams and development of new methods, models and systems. Thesis describes the faults and failures influence to the traffic, their causes, maintenance system efficiency etc. The thesis includes classification and analysis of existing diagnostic methods, algorithms, rail vehicles onboard systems and functions.

The proposed new methodology is based on the system integration object-oriented approach. Method includes on the design phase hybrid observer-expert-statistic based system and their functions analysis. It is designed new models for tram control, diagnosis and supervision to increase the system reliability, safety, security and passenger comfort.

The proposed methodology was successfully applied in the pilot tram of Tallinn Tram and Trolleybus Company Ltd. for new onboard control-diagnostic system, onboard supervision system and mobile diagnostic system design. On the designed system is submitted one patent applications and industrial design solution.

Kokkuvõte

Käesolevas doktoritöös käsitletakse elektritrammide juhtimis- ja diagnostika probleeme. Analüüsitakse seniseid trammi hooldus- ja remondisüsteeme, mille alusel määratakse kindlaks süsteemide põhiprobleemid. Esitatakse rööbassõidukite juhtimis- ja diagnostika süsteemide, meetodite ja algoritmide liigitus. Kirjeldatakse välmitud trammi pardaseadmete diagnostika, trammijuhi kasutajaliidese, GPS-positsioneerimise ja infotabloode juhtimise funktsioone, mudeleid ja algoritme. Töö lõpus analüüsitakse süsteemi tasuvust ja käsitletakse perspektiivseid uurimis- ja teadustöö valdkondi.

Töös on selgitatud Tallinna trammide hoolduskulude vähendamise võimalusi. Selleks on koostatud 10 aasta jooksul kogutud andmete põhjal trammide rikete analüüs, uuritud nende tekkepõhjust jne.

Doktoritöö tähtsaimaks tulemuseks on originaalse skeemilahendusega ja mudelitega trammi juhtimis-, talitlusjärelvalve ja diagnostikasüsteemi väljatöötamine Tallinna Trammi- ja Trollibussikoondisele. Uusimal tehnoloogial põhinev süsteem on riist- ja tarkvaraliselt paindlik, universaalne, kohandatav vähete muudatustega ühistranspordis kasutatavatele nii rööbastega kui ka rööbasteta sõidukitele.

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Tallinn University of Technology	1996	Dipl. Eng, Robotics
Tallinn Polytechnic School	1991	Technician of electronics, Computer Techniques
Tallinn Secondary School No 4	1987	Basic

4. Languages

Language	Level
German	High
English	Middle
Russian	Middle
Finnish	Middle

5. Special Courses

Date	Organisation
2004	“ <i>Communication training</i> ”, Tallinn University of Technology
2003	“ <i>Project Management</i> ”, Tallinn University of Technology
2003	“ <i>Basics of Patents and intellectual property</i> ”, Tallinn University of Technology
2002	“ <i>Industrial SQL Server</i> ”, Klinkmann OY, Helsinki, Finland
2000	“ <i>GSM-Wireless Communication</i> ”, Klinkmann Eesti AS, Tallinn, Estonia

2000	<i>“InTouch Advanced Course”</i> , Kaunas University of Technology, Kaunas, Lithuania
2000	<i>“Innovation: databases, Internet and GSM systems integration in company management”</i> , Klinkmann Eesti AS, Tallinn
1997	<i>“New demands on electrical design, installation and operation”</i> , Tallinn University of Technology
1996	<i>“Entwicklung einer Experimentiereinrichtung zur Untersuchung eines Industrie-Vertikal-Knickarm-Roboters in einem Flexiblen Automatisierungssystem mit Prozessvisualisierung”</i> , Kempten University of Applied Science, Germany
1996	<i>“InTouch Basic Course”</i> , Klinkmann OY, Helsinki, Finland
1995	<i>“Kreuzachsentsich mit bürstenlosen Servoantrieben und mit dem Einsatz einer Positionierbaugruppe IP246 der SPS - SIMATIC S5”</i> , Kempten University of Applied Science, Germany
1994 - 1995	<i>“Hochregallager Entwicklung und Programmierung”</i> , Kempten University of Applied Science, Germany
1994	<i>“Metalliteolisuuden automaatioprojekteihin liittyvät suunnitelutyt AutoCad R12 Windows-ohjelmistolla sekä Sigrapf - ET - ohjelmistolla / WS 30 työasemalla”</i> , SIEMENS OY, Espoo, Finland

6. Professional Employment

Date	Organisation	Position
1998 -	Tallinn University of Technology	Researcher
1998 - 2001	AS Contactus	Project Manager
1996	Kempten University of Applied Science	Engineer
1995 - 1997	Tallinn University of Technology	Engineer
1994	Siemens OY	Specialist

7. Scientific Work

2003-2007	T513 Energy conversion and exchange processes in power networks of electrical drives and semiconductor converters, target finance-based main topic
2004	T002 Drive and automation for electricity-driven vehicles, Funded by the Ministry of Education and Research
2002-2004	245F Traction drives, automation and information systems, Enterprise Estonia support contract
2001-2003	G4852 Diagnostics of electrical drives and power semiconductor converters for improvement of operation and reliability, Estonian Science Foundation grant

2002	202L Modernisation of electrical drives and power converters of trams, Contract
2001-2002	105L Reconstruction of tram traction drives, Contract
1999-2001	920F Trams electrical, signalisation, communication, information systems pilot project, Enterprise Estonia support contract

8. Theses

- Composing Instruction of Laboratory Work and Process Visualisation for Vertical Articulated Arm Robot in the Flexible Automation System “FLAUSY”, (Dipl. Eng)
- Programmable Logic Controllers, (M. Sc.)

9. Main Areas of Scientific Work

- Electrical Rail Vehicle board systems control- and operation diagnostics problems analysis and development of new methods and systems

10. Other Research Projects

- Experimental system modelling and design for sand and carbon filters research in the water treatment processes

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