
Subject: [railML3|alpha] Modelling of track conditions
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A number of track conditions (electrification, weightLimit, clearanceGauge etc.) are modelled in the "parameters" section of the infrastructure schema. A net element in the topology section (e.g. a track or a line) can then refer to the parameters which apply to it.

I would prefer if these track conditions were instead modelled in the "operation" section, as subclasses of OperationalEntity.

The most important reason for this is that almost all of these conditions can change anywhere, also in the middle of a track. As the OperationalEntity is derived from the LocatedNetEntity, it offers a much more flexible way of indicating the area where the condition applies, ranging from a small part of one track to the whole network. Since the ETCS language allows to communicate most of these conditions between arbitrary positions, I believe railML must support that too.

Another reason is that the direction of reference is inconsistent with the rest of the model. Assets and operational entities refer to their locations, but here it is the location which refers to its parameters. This also means that references to physical entities appear inside the topology section, which otherwise is a purely mathematical model.
