What is the code on this wagon? **Automatic Wagon Code Identification using Computer Vision**

Problem statement



Freight trains are often kilometers long. Each wagon has a unique wagon code.

Logistics

Manual

Wagon codes help to locate wagons for logistical reasons. Freight trains carry hazardous goods, so the location of the wagons needs to be known.

Making a manual list of wagons is time-consuming. When a human is notating the numbers, they can make

Approach







Place cameras next to the tracks to identify the wagon code

The camera should detect hazardous goods placards

The cameras can be used for preventive maintenance

updating of wagon list mistakes.



Corruptions

We want to mimic corruptions using e.g. Synthetic Weather [1], such as rain and fog.

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Then we can detect the (synthetic) weather and make the model more robust, by e.g. removing the rain [2].

Models

We implement different models for the **Optical Character Reading** (OCR). A commonly used model is Tesseract [3].



Another option is to use a Structured Text Spotter Transformer [4]. This model looks for structured text based on regular expressions.

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code we can verify if we have the correct

On the wagon, more information can be found, such as the **country name** in letters, which can be related to the country numbers in the wagon code.

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Own UIC code data

(video & linescan

camera)

Container codes

public data





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