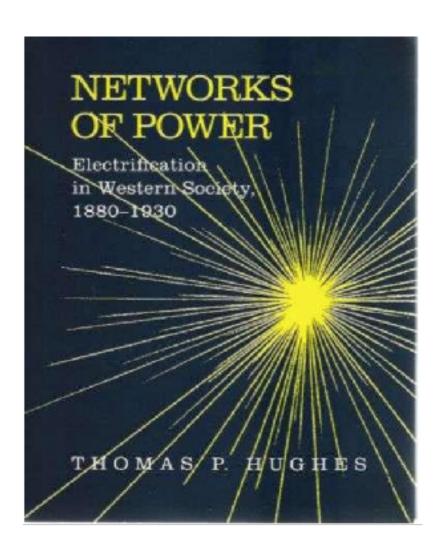


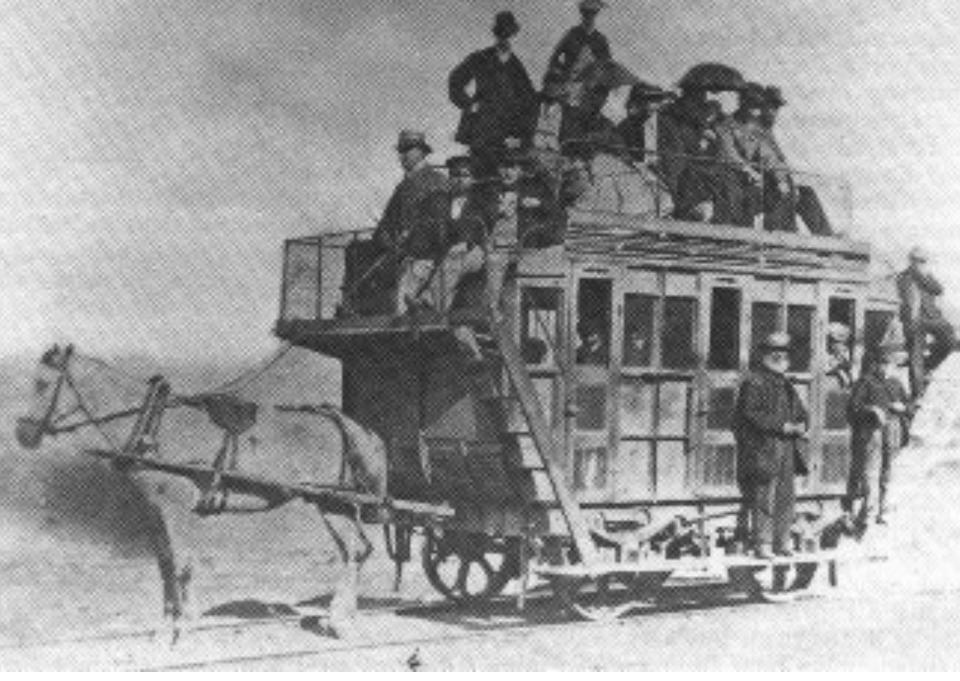
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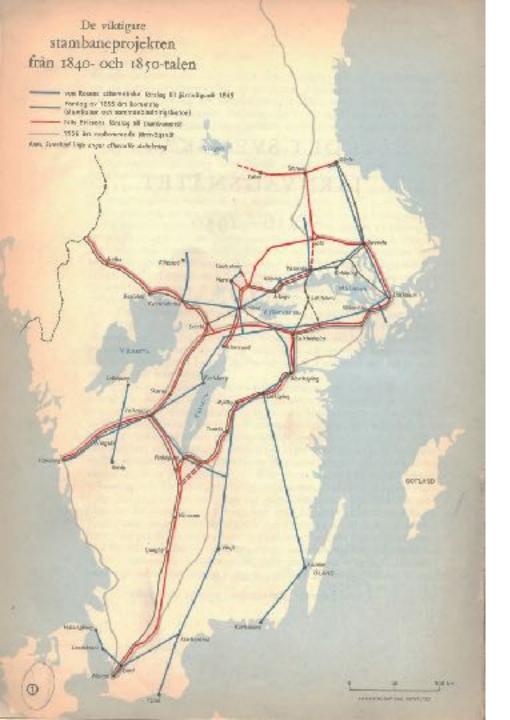
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First rail bound passenger transport at Oystermouth, England 1807

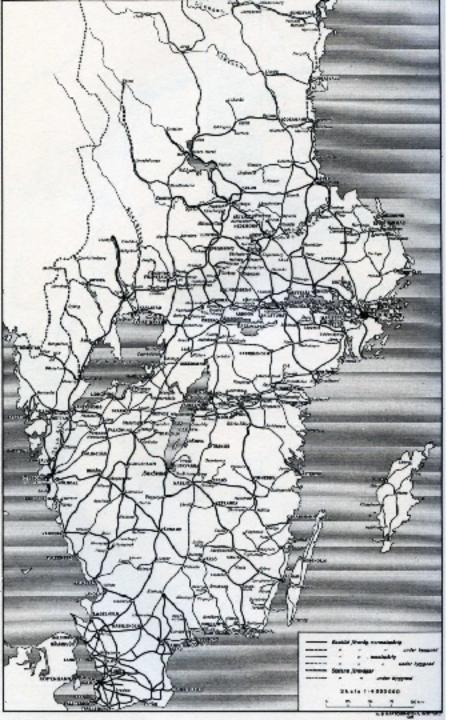


Planning of the Swedish railway system (1840's & -50's)

aligning the system

Technological momentum also means resistance to change

- Large socio-technical systems seek solutions that are rational from their strive to expand and survive
- LTS are not open to new technological solutions that does not fit in with the current system-culture
- Through their established position of power the mature socio-technical systems can prevent the growth and establishment of new technology



Swedish railway system 1926

technological momentum



Lock-in & Path dependence examples

Path dependence means that our Future decisions depend on earlier decisions

In other words: Established technologies, routines and norms (cultures) guide the development and technological trajectories of the current developments.



Thank you for listening