

TRENDS IN TERMINAL DESIGN AND OPERATIONS



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Marine Terminal Management Training Program

Outline

- What do we mean by automation?
- What are the current system and equipment choices?
- What is different about planning and designing an automated terminal?
- What are some of the critical civil design issues?

What Do We Mean by Automation?

- ◎ Robotic operation
 - The physical movement of the container by the system
- ◎ Operational optimization using effective and efficient information technology
 - Receive containers
 - Store containers
 - Retrieve containers

What Do We Mean by Automation?

- ◎ The key operational elements that are optimized
 - Service
 - Terminal capacity / throughput
 - Space utilization
 - Terminal traffic
 - Operational cost
 - Fixed
 - Variable

What Do We Mean by Automation?

Port

- ⦿ Capacity
- ⦿ Revenue
 - Port ROI
 - Local economic benefit
 - Jobs
- ⦿ Negative impacts minimized
 - Traffic
 - Emissions

Tenant

- ⦿ Capacity
- ⦿ Productivity
 - Vessel
 - Gate
 - Rail
- ⦿ Cost
 - Lowest total cost per lift
 - Highest revenue potential

Why Automate?

- ◎ Predictable capacity & productivity
- ◎ Higher limit to optimization
- ◎ Predictable return on investment
 - Lower total cost/lift
 - Competitiveness
- ◎ Sustainability
 - Emissions
 - Traffic
 - Worker health and safety

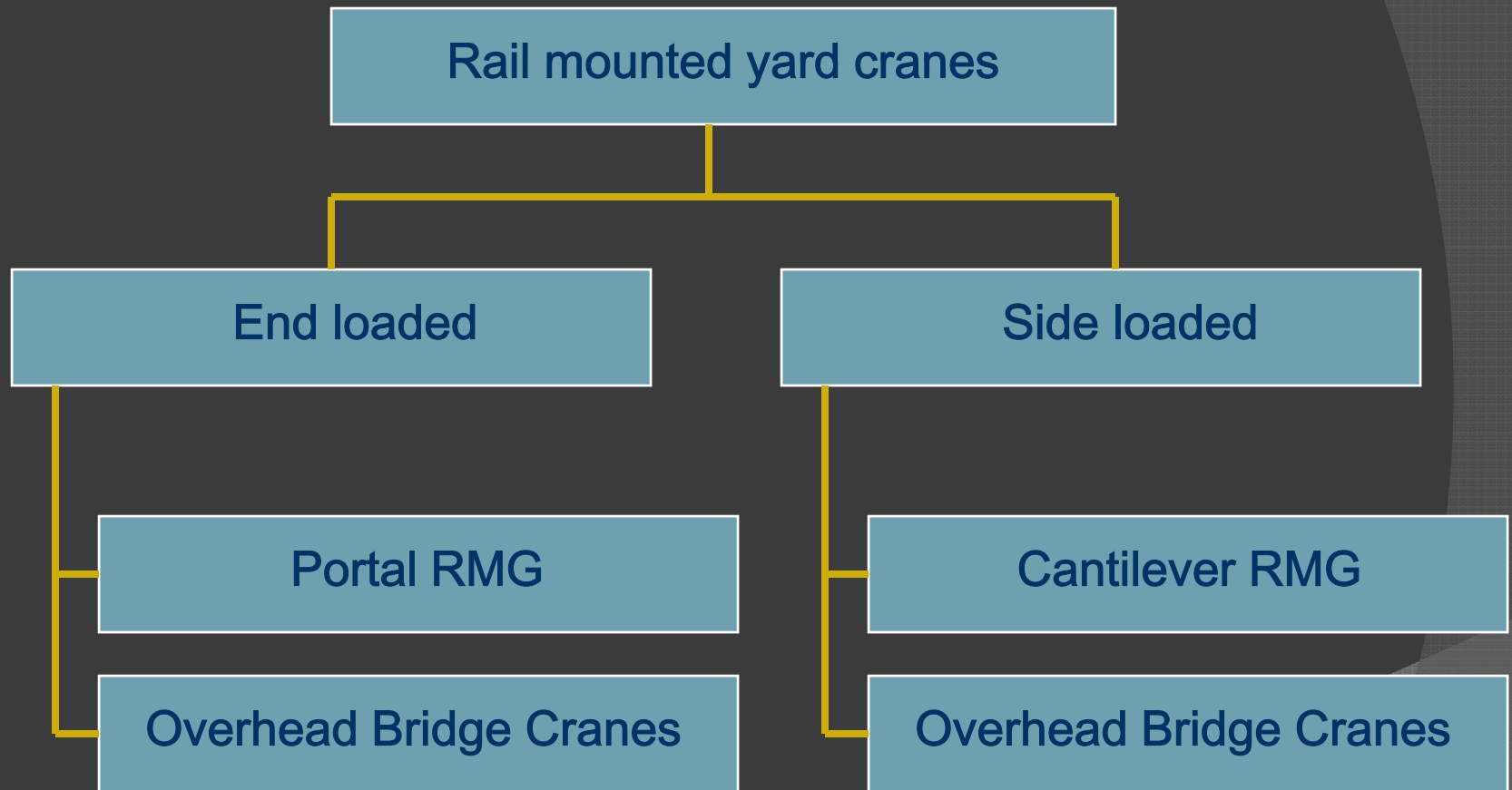
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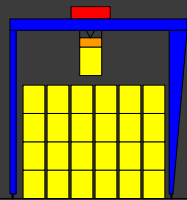


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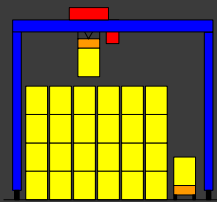


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Yard stacking equipment evolution in size



6 wide, 1 over 4 high RMG
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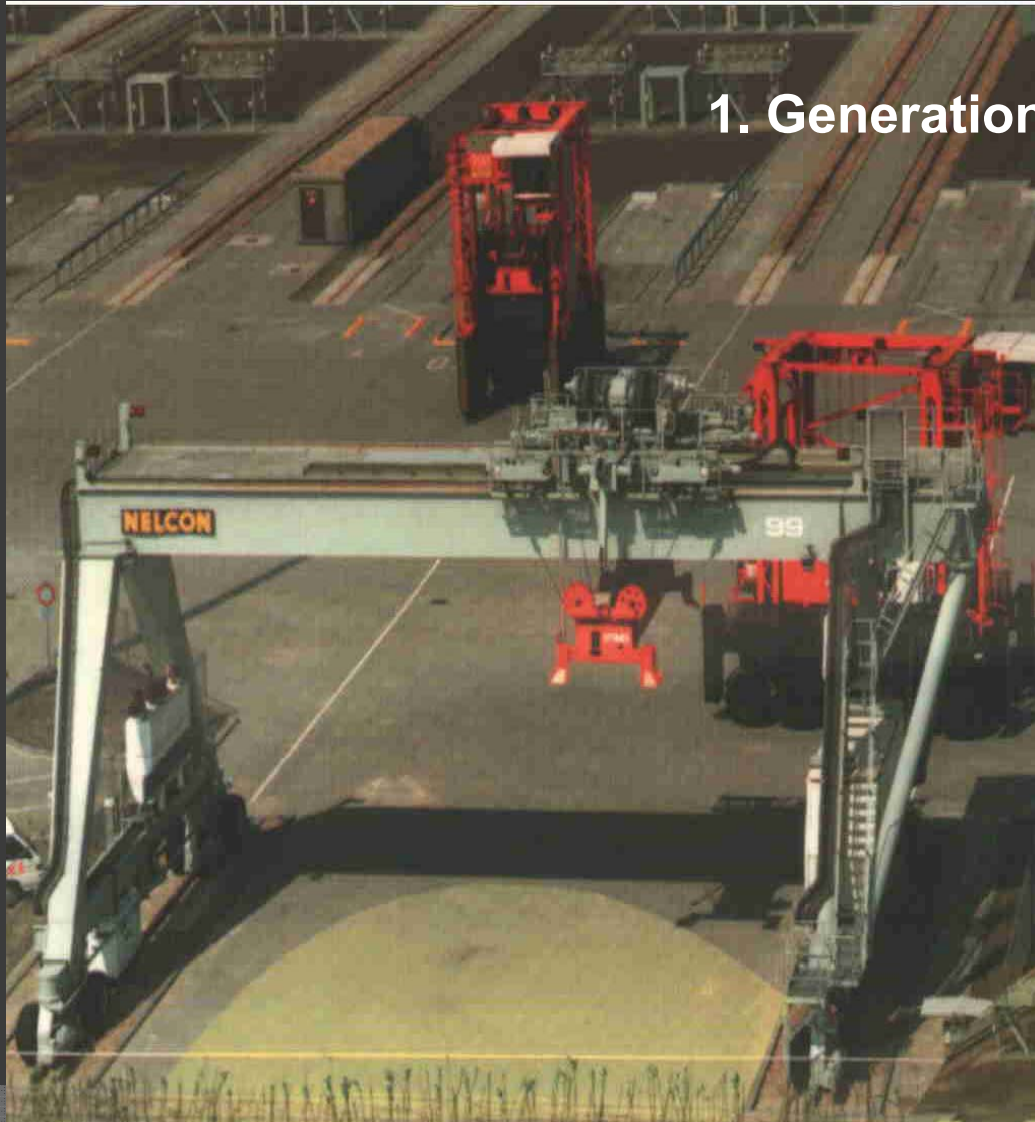
3 high SC



Wheeled

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1. Generation

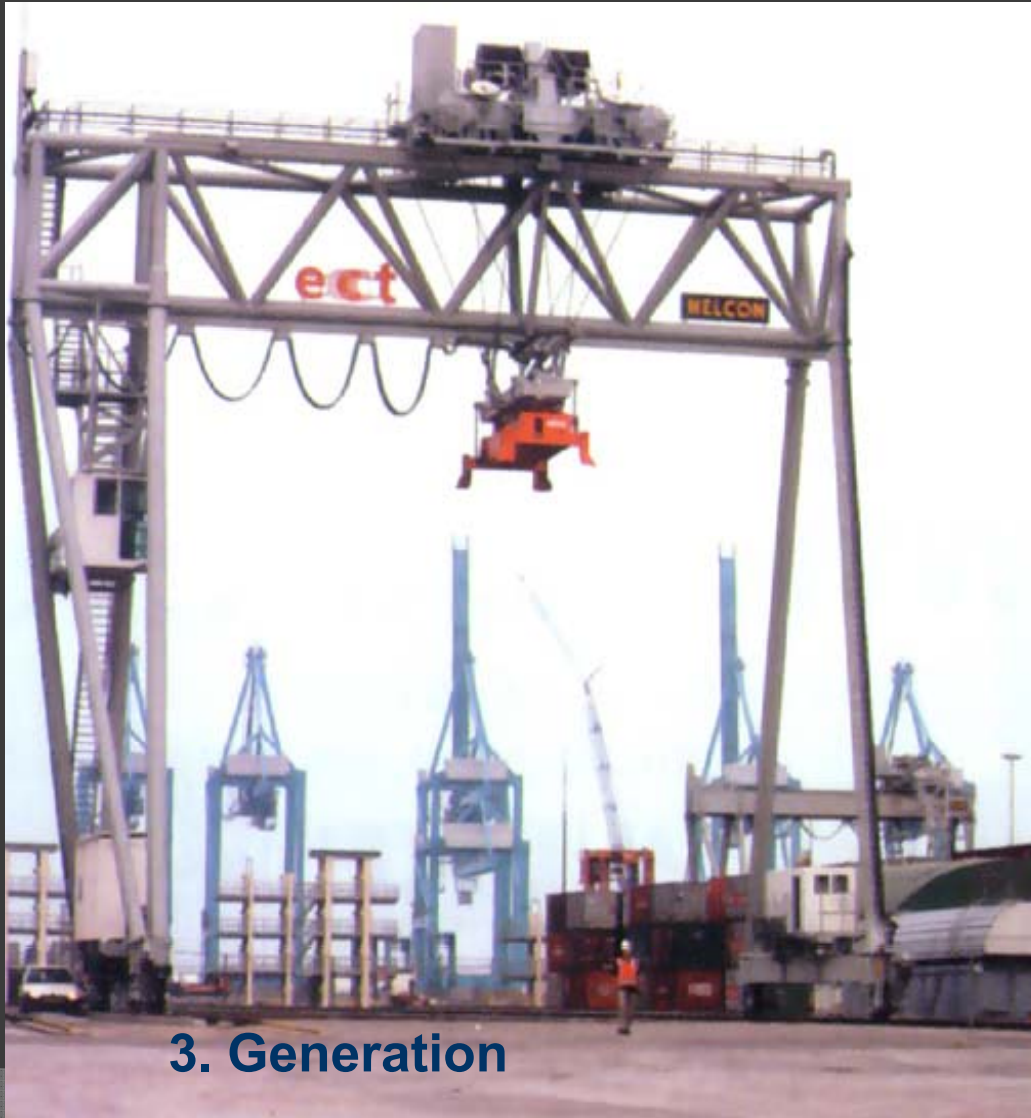


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2. Generation



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3. Generation

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Pilot crane
at Antwerp

Guide post
for load
control

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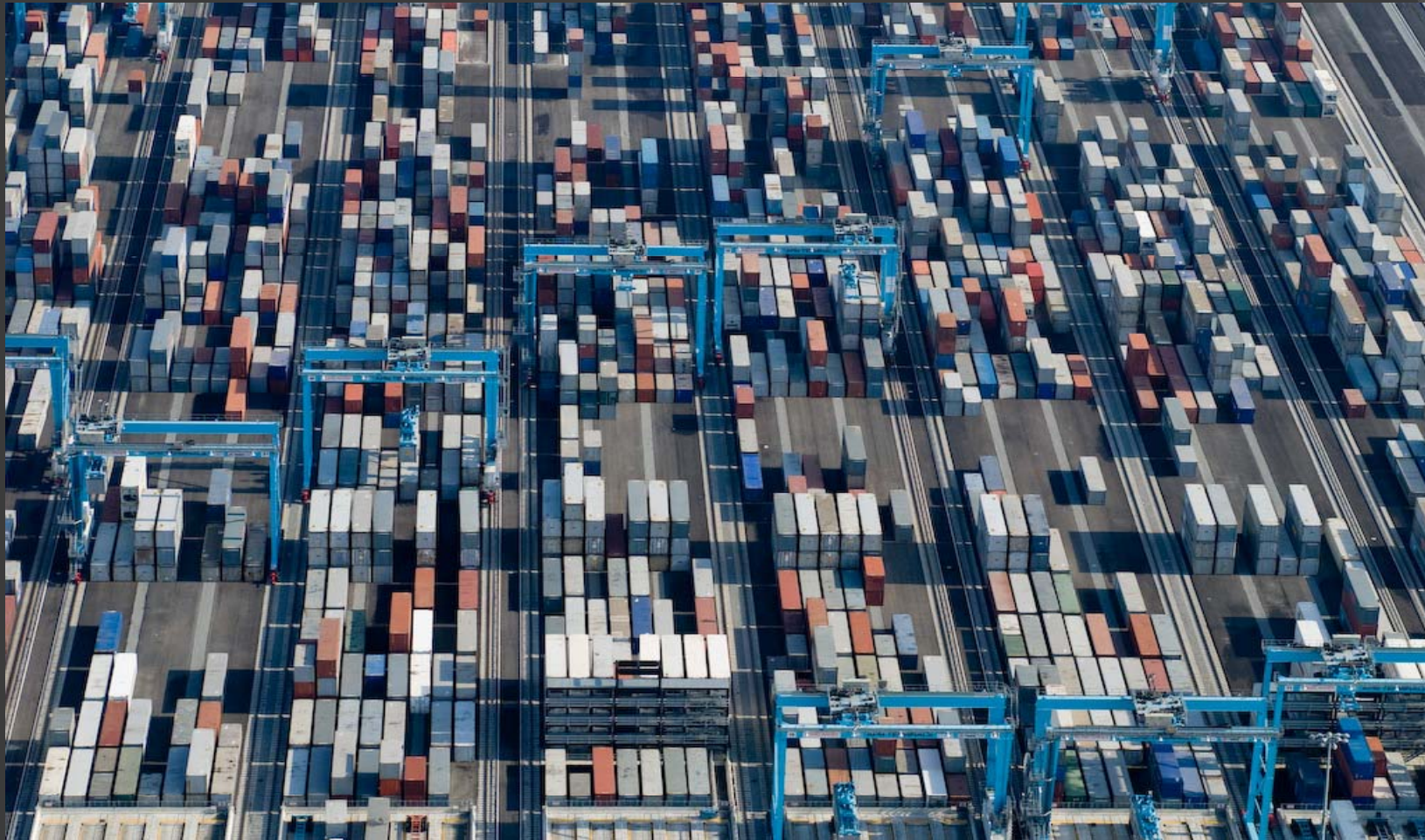


Autostacking
RMG at CTA

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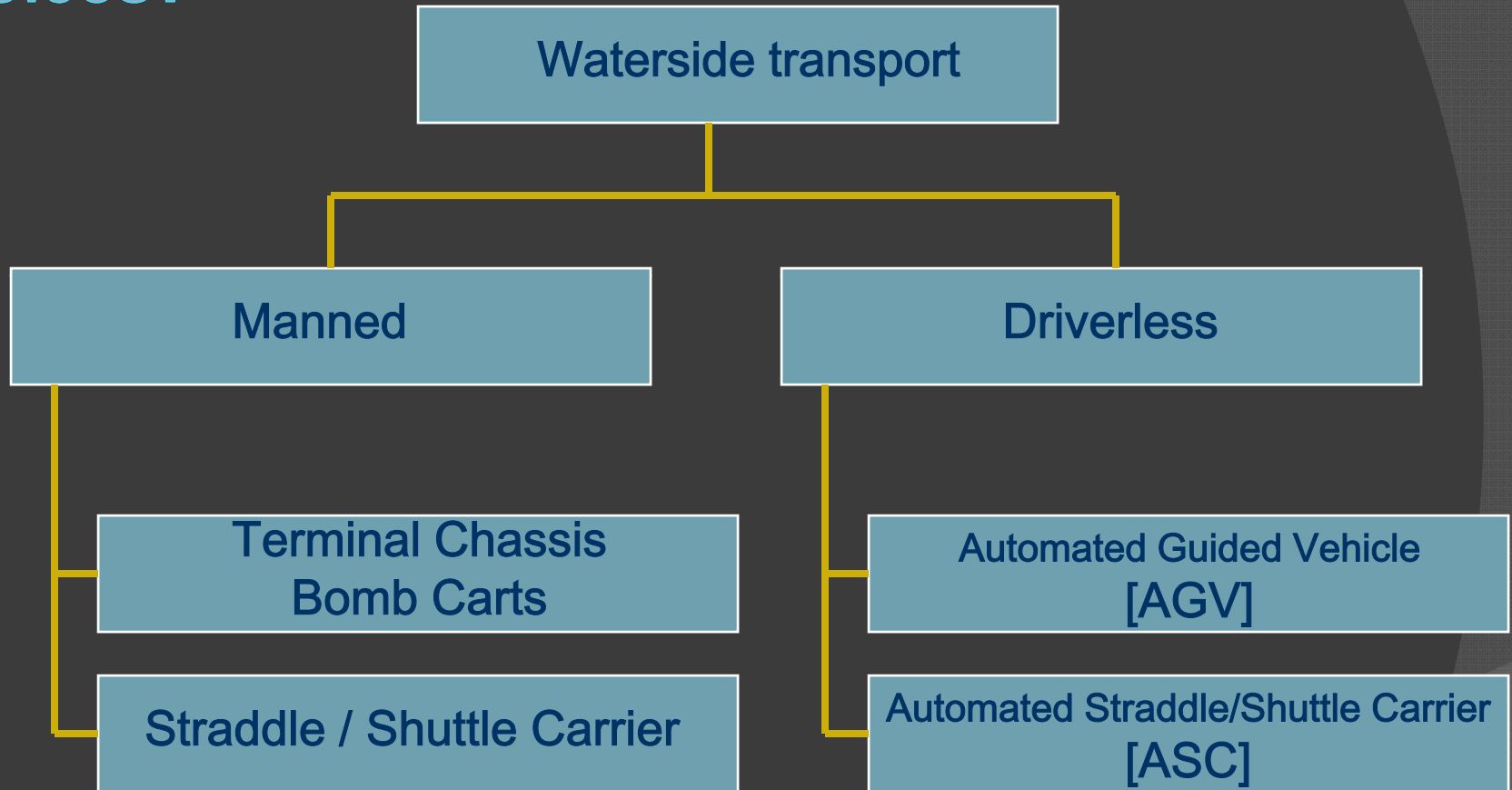
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In operation since 1998

1 over 8 high
42 m span

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AGV at CTA

**travel speed
3.5**

**position
accuracy +/- 50
mm**

What are the current system and equipment choices?



Driverless Straddle Carrier at Patrick Terminal, Australia

What is different about planning and designing an automated terminal?

- Operations
 - TOS/Logistics
 - Equipment
 - Maintenance

- (Top of Pavement)
 - Pavement
 - Elect/Comm
 - Wharf

- Infrastructure

Manned Equipment

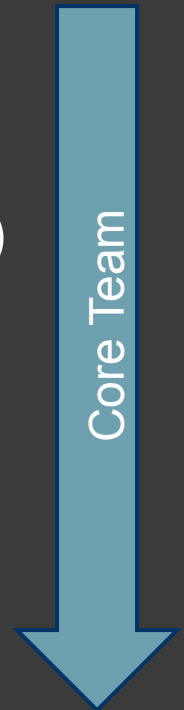


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Automated Equipment



What is different about planning and designing an automated terminal?

Executive / Steering Committee

Project Manager
Reporting
Cost Control
Schedule Control

Core team of experts to be kept through the project

Operations

Terminal Ops

TOS

IT

Equip

Maint

Systems Integrator

Program Integration Team

Coordinate:
Oper – Infra

Infrastructure

Wharf

Buildings

Backlands

Elect/Comm

Rail

Gate

What is different about planning and designing an automated terminal?

- ◎ A clear understanding and statement of goals is the first requirement for any project, but even more so for an automation project;
 - Project planning horizon (or economic life)
 - Terminal design capacity
 - Performance criteria
 - Berth
 - Road truck receiving and delivery
 - Rail loading
 - Environmental compliance
 - Financial

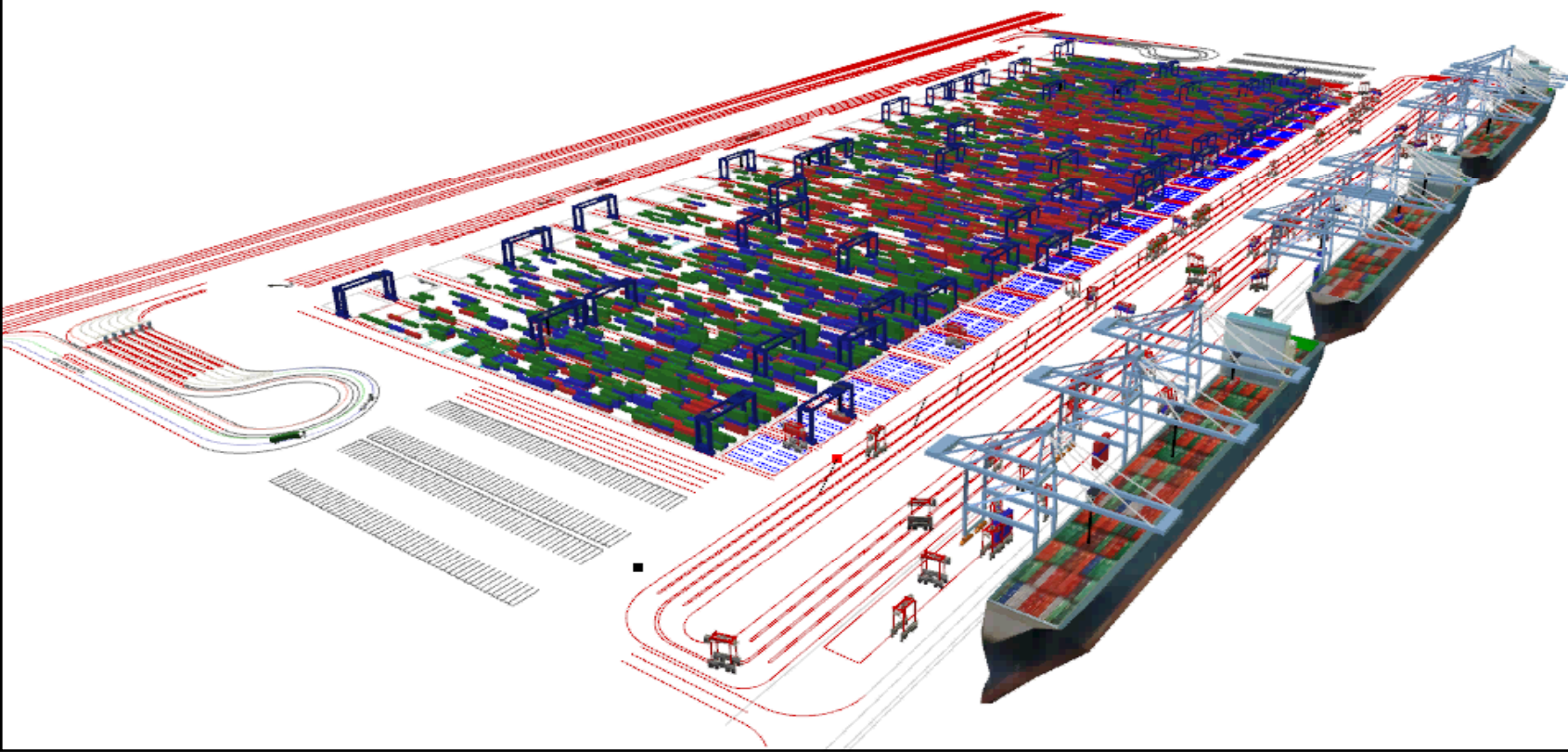
What is different about planning and designing an automated terminal?

- ◎ Set Goals
- ◎ Assigned Team
- ◎ Terminal Planning
 - Study individual systems
 - Simulation
 - Study interfacing systems
 - Simulation
- ◎ Emulation and Terminal testing
 - Simulation
- ◎ Operations Training



Simulation

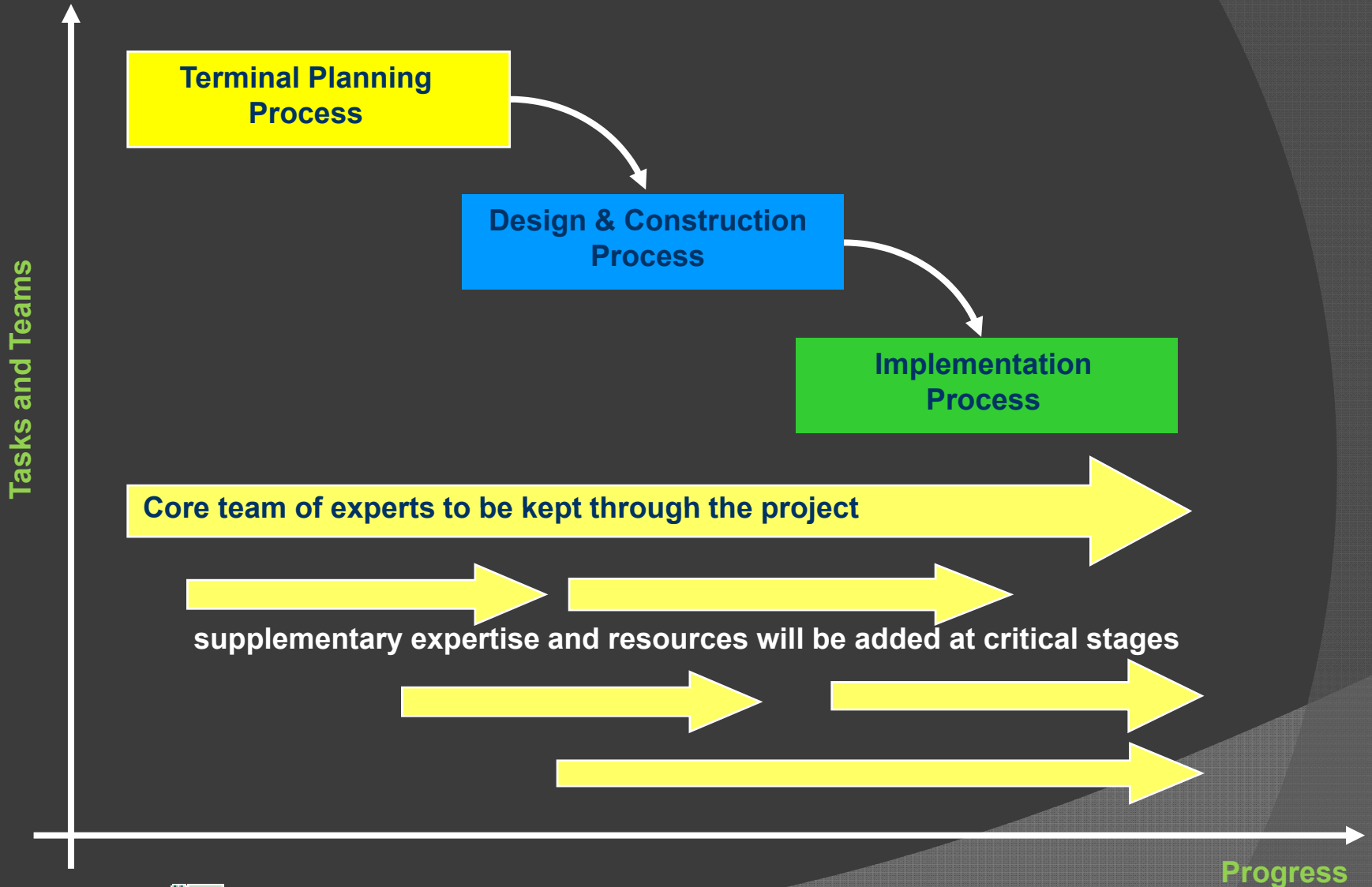
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The planning and design process

- ◎ Composition and selection of core team
 - from planning to production
 - multidiscipline composition. The perfect composition of this team would include:
 - Operations
 - Equipment
 - Maintenance
 - Infrastructure
 - Finance
 - IT Systems

The planning and design process

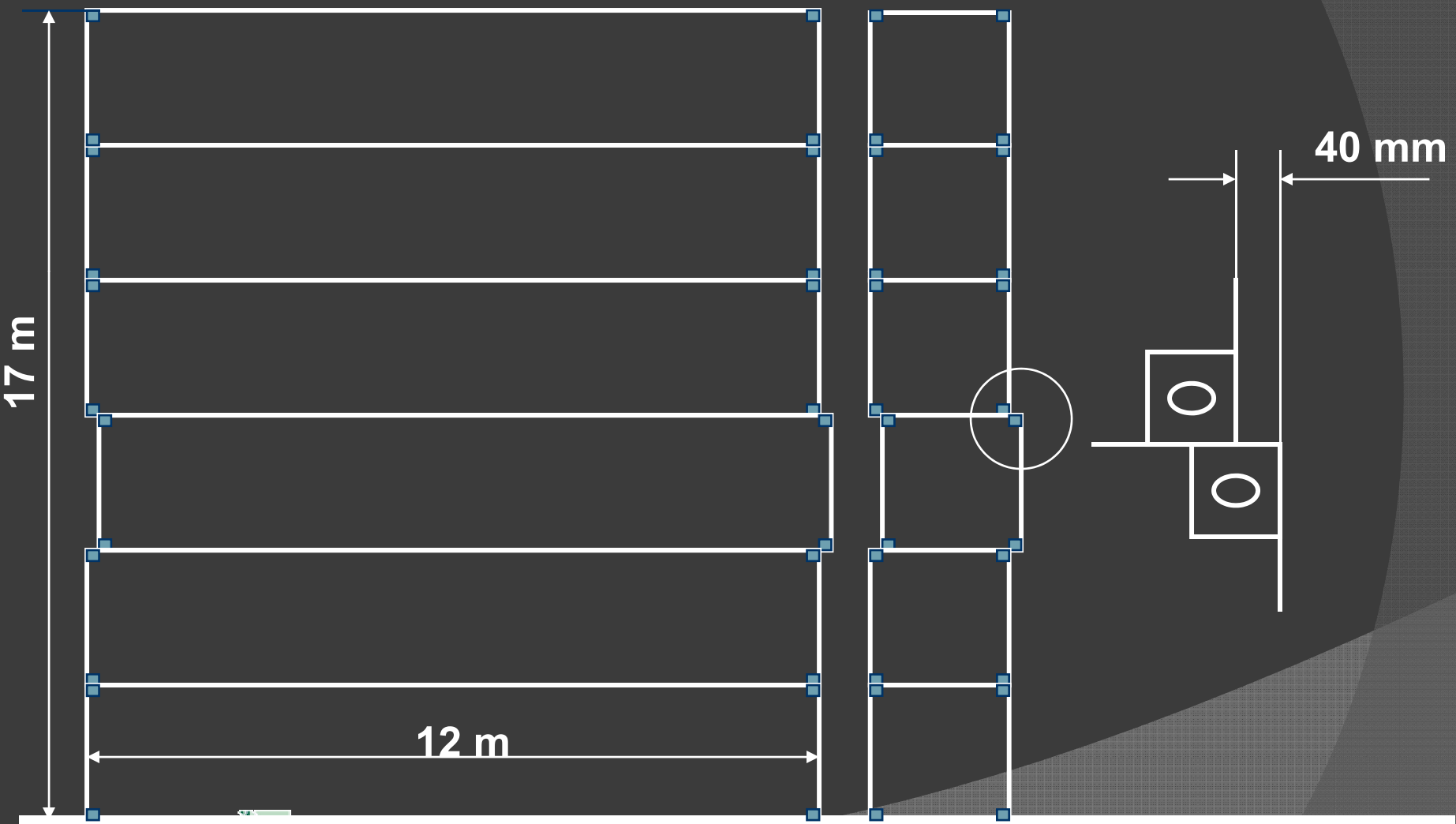


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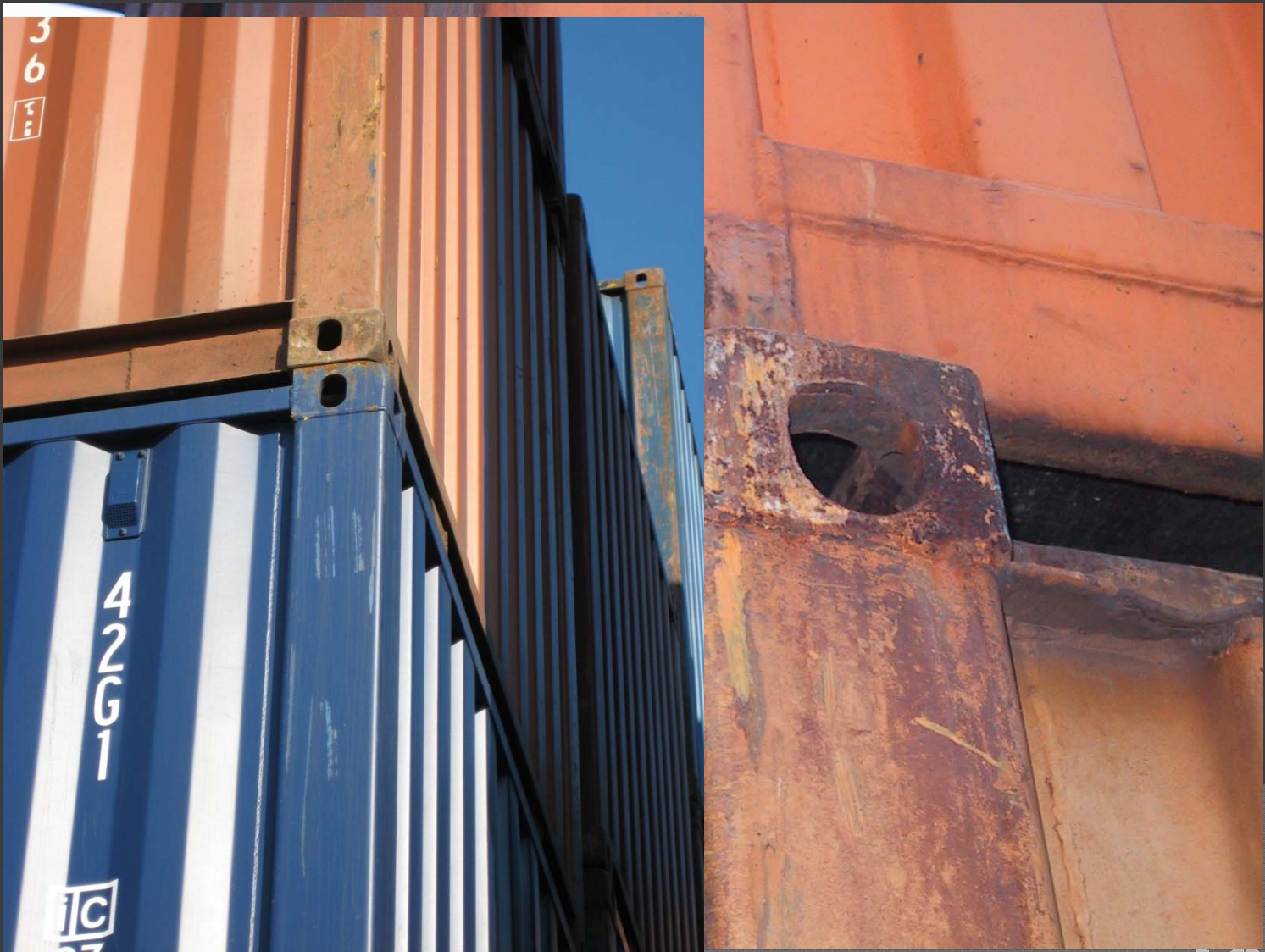
Equipment specification

1. **Fit for the purpose**
to move / stack containers in an modern large marine terminal
2. **Safe**
Must comply with national safety standards
3. **Reliable**
The MMBF is a deliverable and testable item
4. **Fast**
Operating speed and performance must be specified and demonstrated
5. **Maintainable**
Designed to be maintainable
accessability, fault detection and reporting, documenation
6. **Durable**
Design with headroom

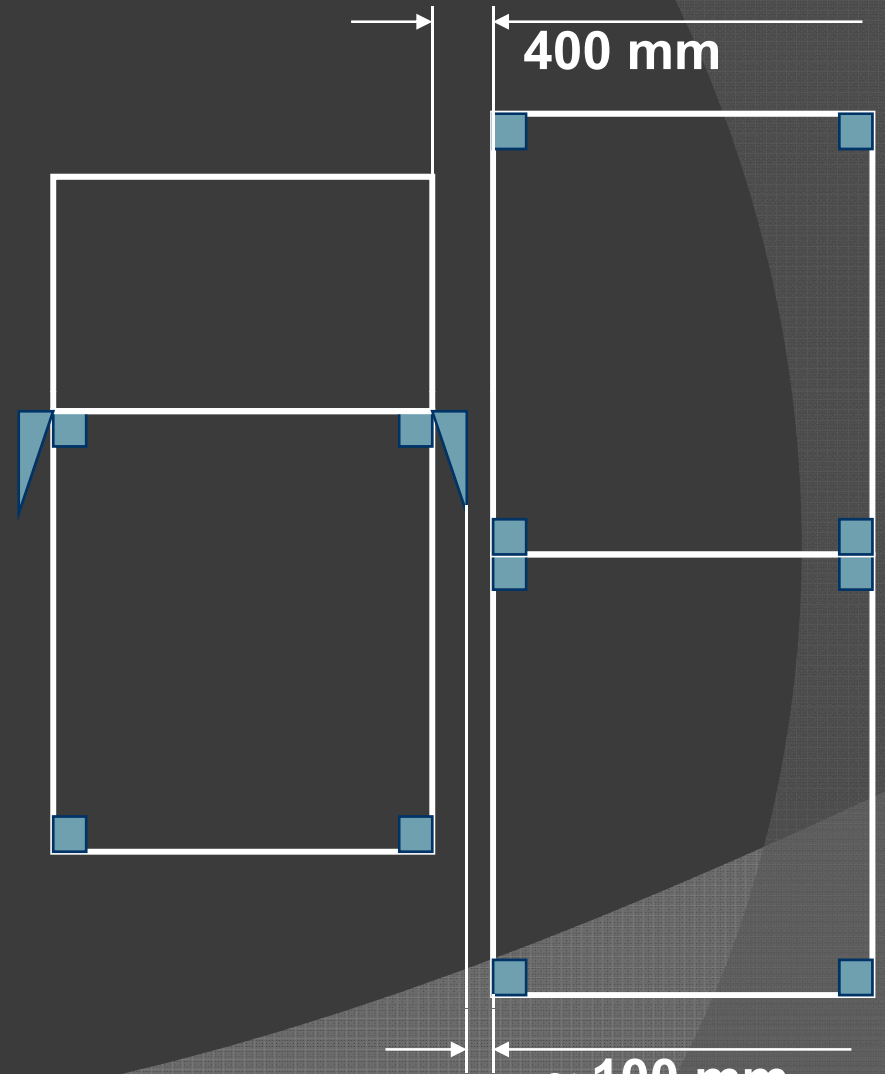
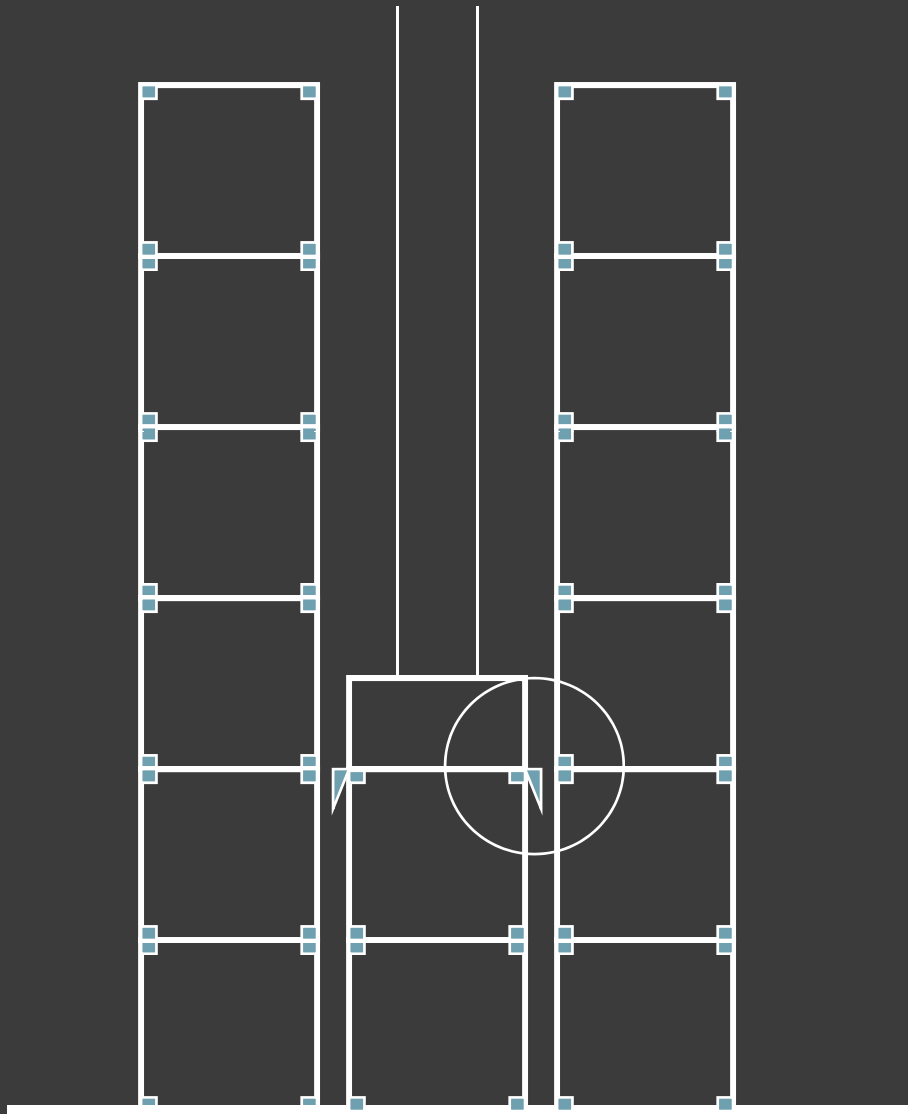
Stacking accuracy (1)



Stacking accuracy



Stacking accuracy (3)



Maintenance issues

- No operator or driver on the equipment
 - No ear and eye to hear and see any malfunction
 - No human that can report any malfunction
 - No driver that can work around any malfunction
- Fenced area of operation, difficult to access
- High equipment utilisation
 - work around the clock
 - high investment demands high utilisation and leaves less room for maintenance

- Sophisticated control technology

- The fleet of automatic stacking cranes at CTA contains:
 - > 500 tv cameras
 - > 120 laser scanner
 - > 60 load position sensors
 - > several hundreds of sensors, encoders
 - > several hundreds of plcs of different size
 - > hundreds of computers (pc's & server)
 - > network components

and lots of **software**:

operating systems – control software - application software -
communication software – firmware – databases - parameters

Maintenance issues



each crane does

> 65,000 moves
p.a.

24 hours operation

approx. 1,700
lifting hours p.a.

more than 18,500
km

(10,000 miles)
of gantry travel

p.a. meffatt & nichol

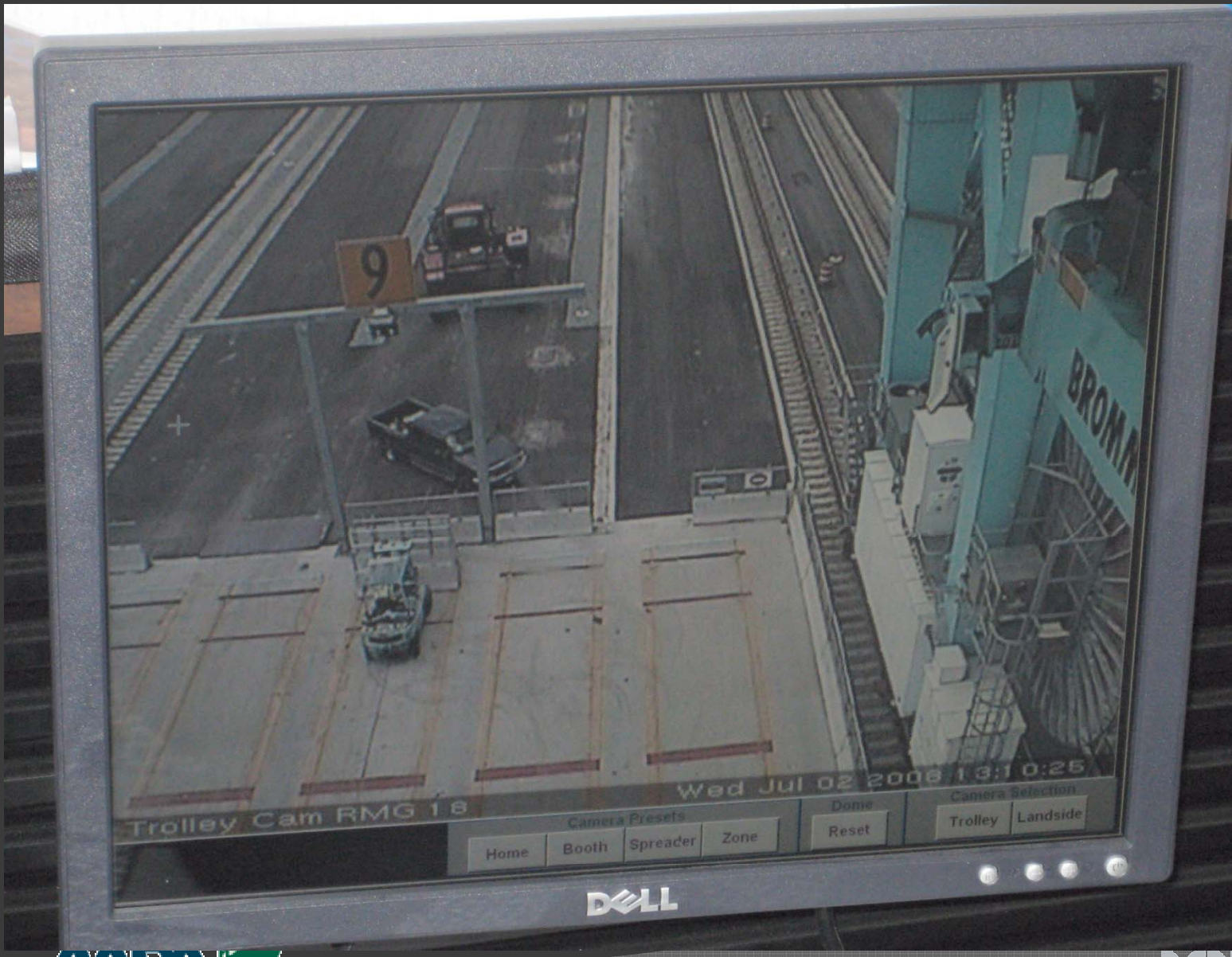
Autostacking Crane System











Terminal Control - Key Requirements

- ◎ **SPREAD THE WORKLOAD**
AVOID OVERLOADING SOME AREAS AND UNDER-UTILISING OTHERS
- ◎ **POOL RESOURCES**
MORE PRODUCTIVE UTILISATION OF RESOURCES
- ◎ **PREDICT & PLAN AHEAD**
OPTIMIZE RESOURCE SCHEDULING
- ◎ **DECIDE AT THE LATEST POSSIBLE MOMENT**
ALLOW LAST MINUTE CHANGES

What are some of the critical infrastructure design issues?

- Site Geotechnical Condition & Improvements
- Grading & Drainage
 - Stacking areas
 - Crane rails
 - Transfer areas
 - Aisles and travelways
- Electrical & Communication System
- Fire Detection, Protection, and Access
- Security & Safety
- Pavement System
- Infrastructure Expandability

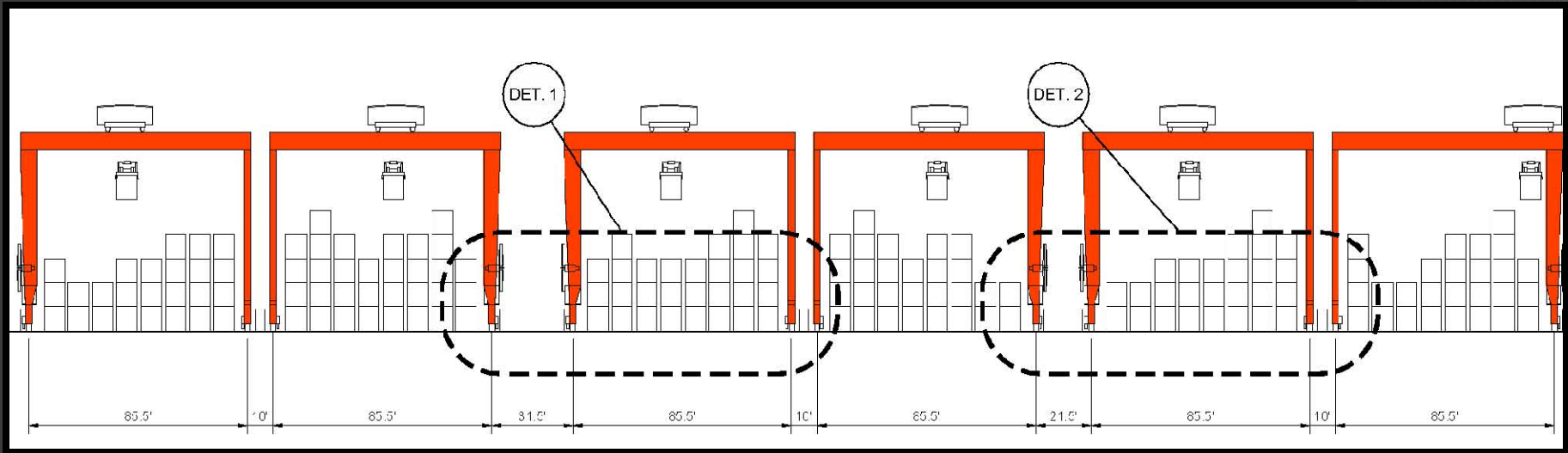
Storage Yard Design

Automated Stacking Cranes (ASC's)

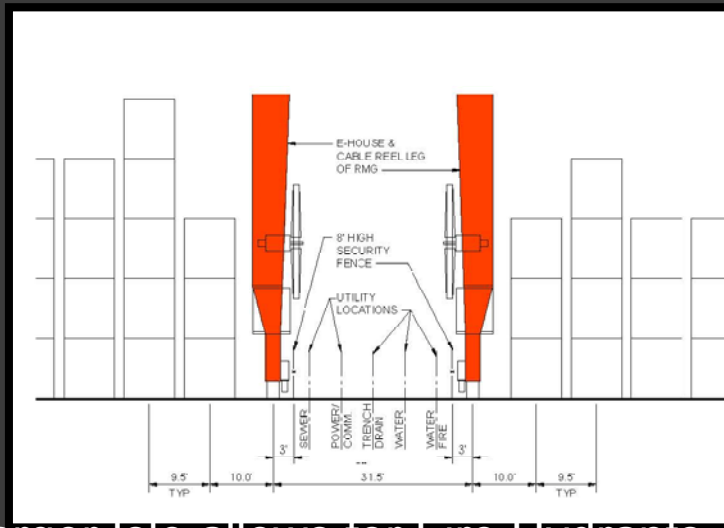
- 2 ASC's per Stack
- Integrated Reefers Racks



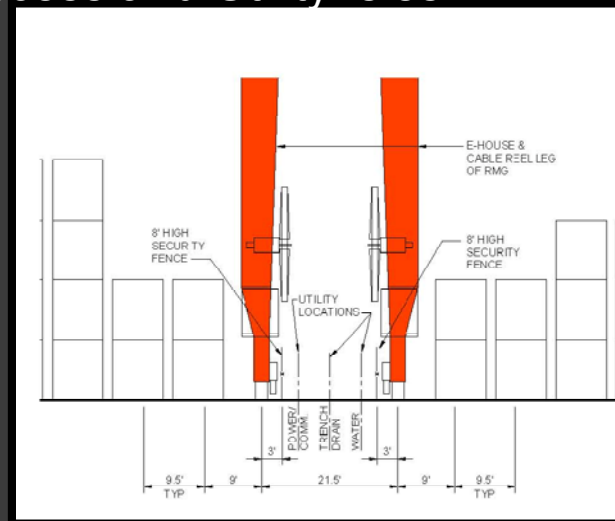
Storage Yard Design – RMG Storage Stacks



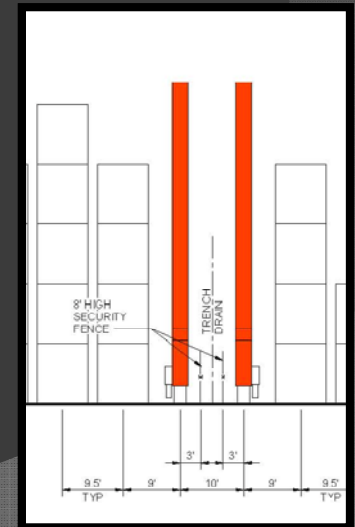
Maintenance access and Utility Isles



Larger Isle allows for Fire Hydrants



Utilities and Access



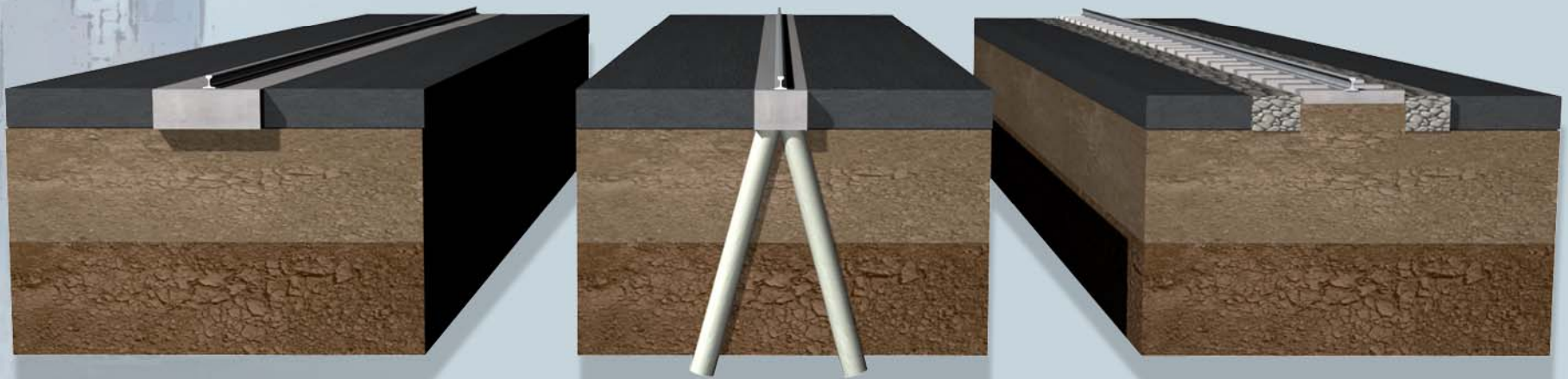
Minimum Access



Site Geotechnical Condition & Improvements

- ◎ Options for Crane Rail Foundation
 - Crane Rail on Spread Footing
 - Crane Rail on Pile Supported Footing
 - Adjustable Crane Rail System

ASC Rails



Site Geotechnical Condition & Improvements

- Crane Rail on Concrete Tie

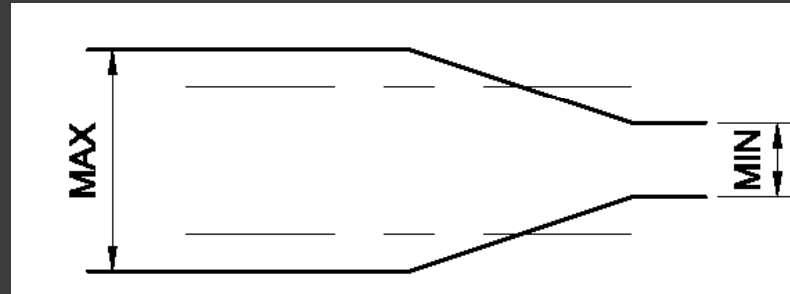




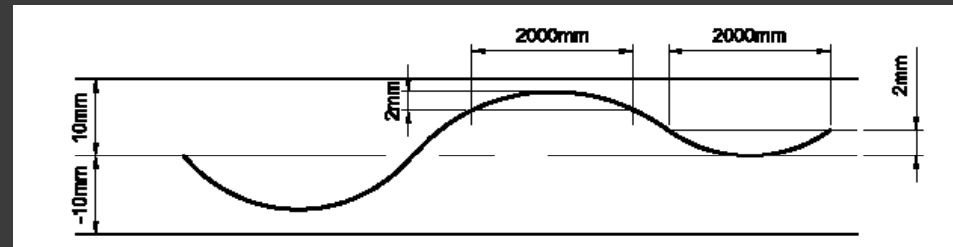
Site Geotechnical Condition & Improvements

- ◎ Stacking Area Foundation / Pavement
 - Grade Beam and Gravel
 - Concrete Slab at Corner of the Containers
 - Concrete Pavement
 - Asphalt Pavement

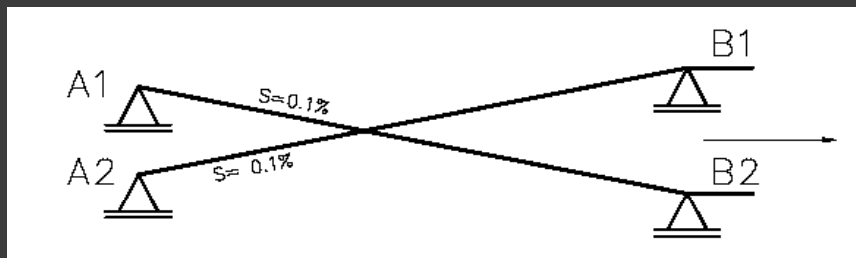
Strict ASC Rail Design Tolerance



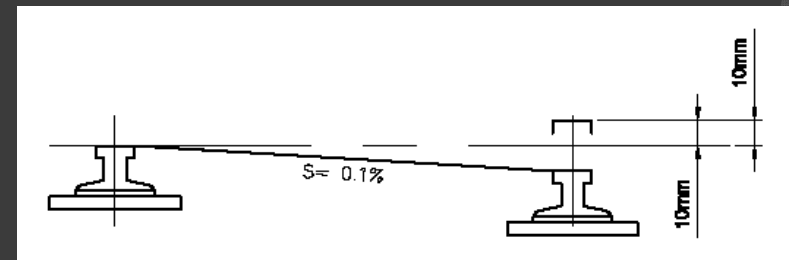
Rail Span Tolerance



Longitudinal Track Differential

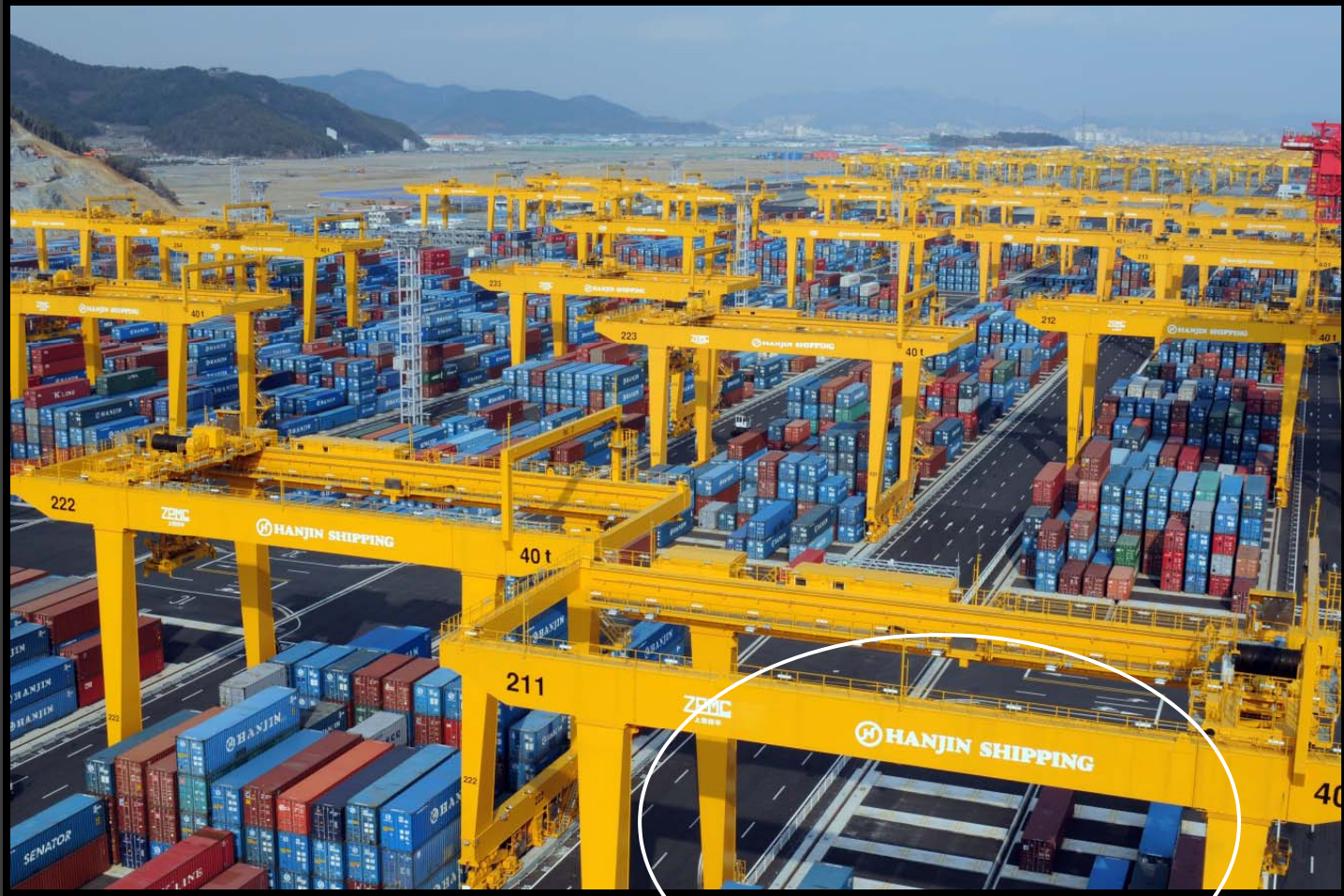


Allowed Track Slope Alternate Direction Tolerance



Cross Section Differential





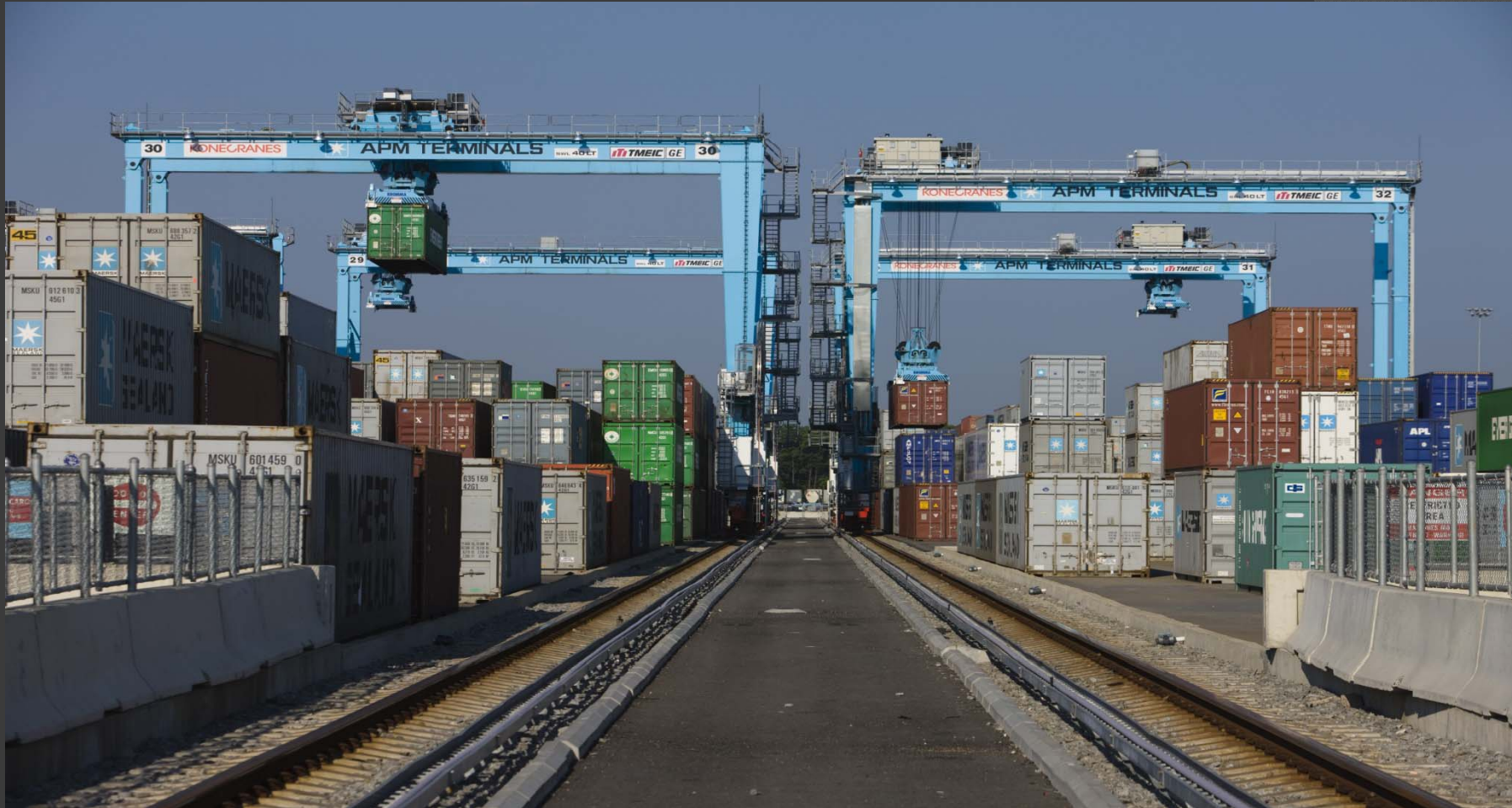


Site Grading & Drainage

Pass-through Aisle



Site Grading & Drainage



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Transfer Area



Electrical & Communication System

- ⦿ Power Requirements
- ⦿ Availability and Reliability of Power
- ⦿ Lighting Requirements
- ⦿ Communication System Infrastructure
 - Camera System
 - data networks
 - has to be 100% fault tolerant



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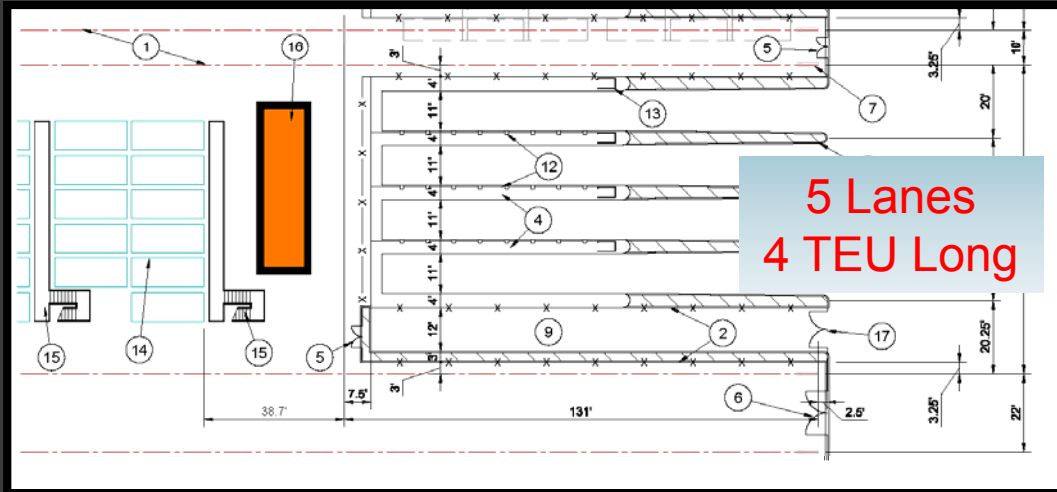


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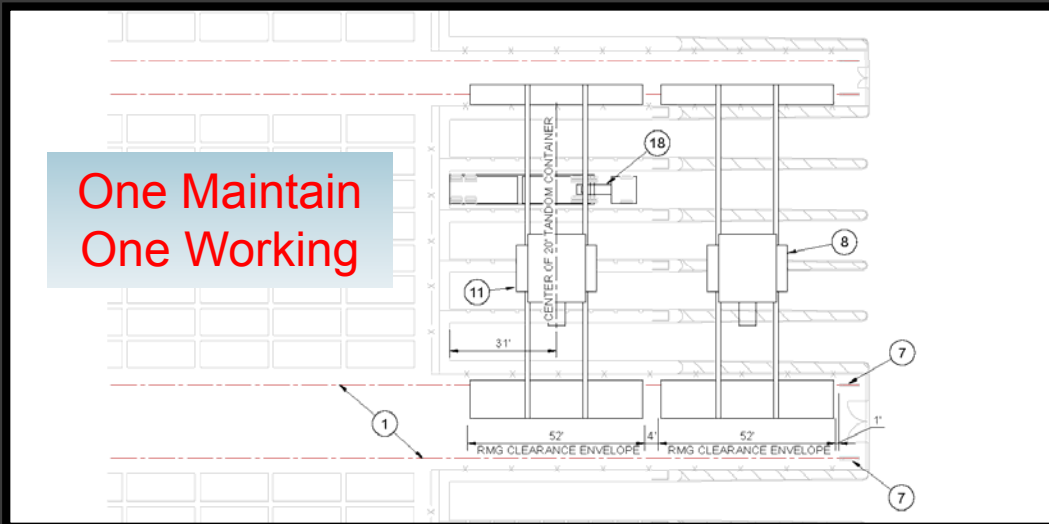
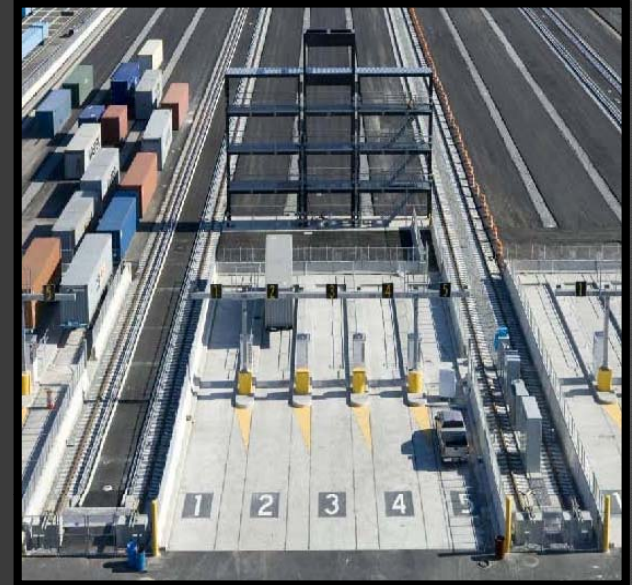
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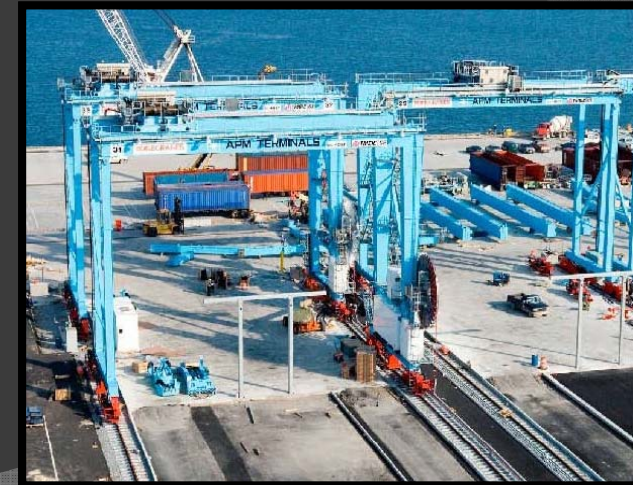
Storage Yard Design – Transfer Areas



Landside Transfer Zone – Reefer Access



Landside Transfer Zone – RMG Maintenance Position









Receiving – Data Collection Portal

- **Truck ID used to reference collected data**
 - TWIC Card or RFID, etc
- **Drive Through OCR**
 - Inspection Image Obtained
 - Container Number, Chassis Number
 - Link information to Data Package



Receiving – Transaction Interchange Pedestals

- Data Collected/Verified by remote clerks
 - Empty Containers Checked
 - Equipment Inspected Remotely
 - Container Weight entered
 - Seal Checked
- Yard Instructions Printed



THE END

