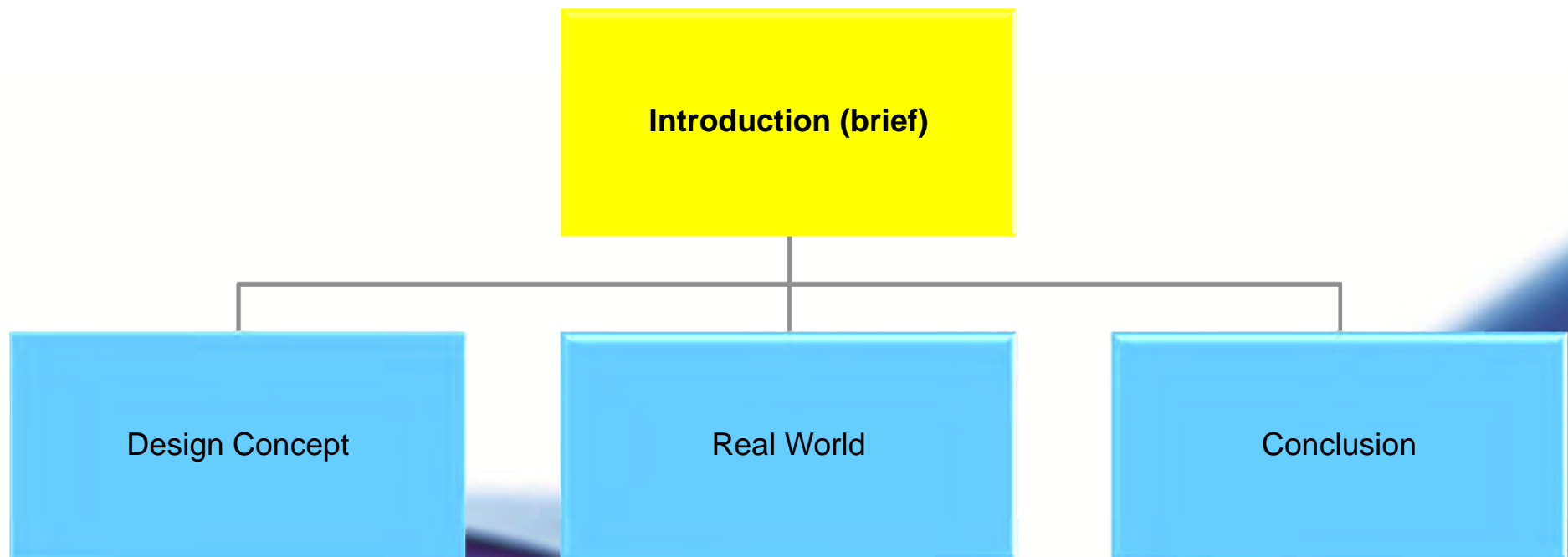




Tools and Technologies for electrifying container terminal yards: case of E-RTGs






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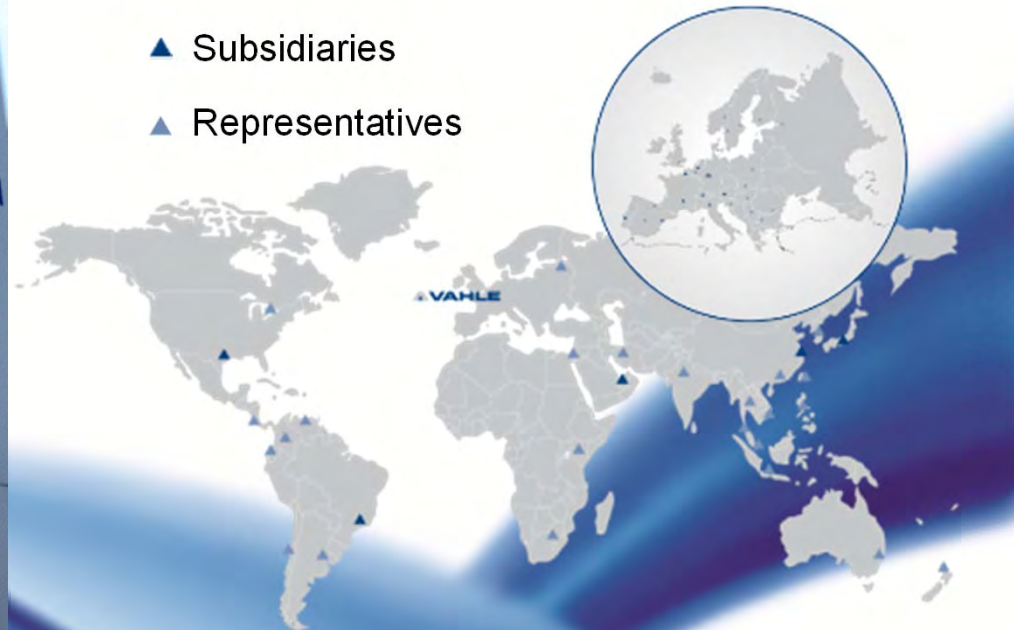


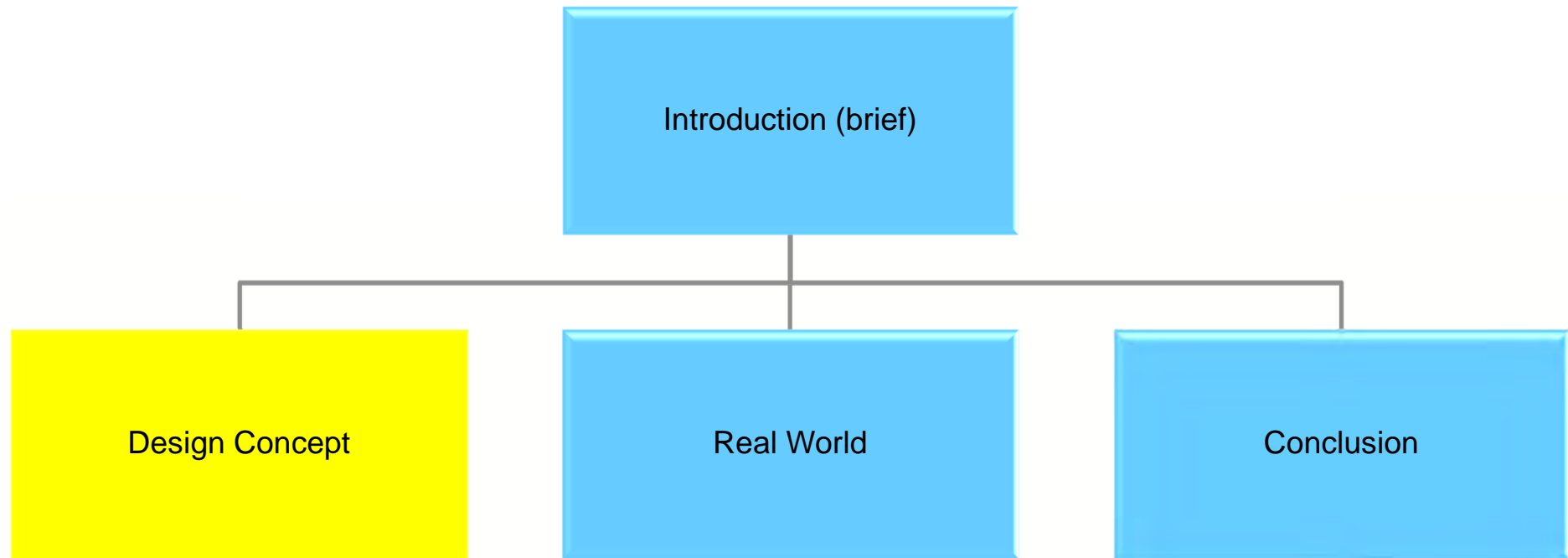


Corporate Data

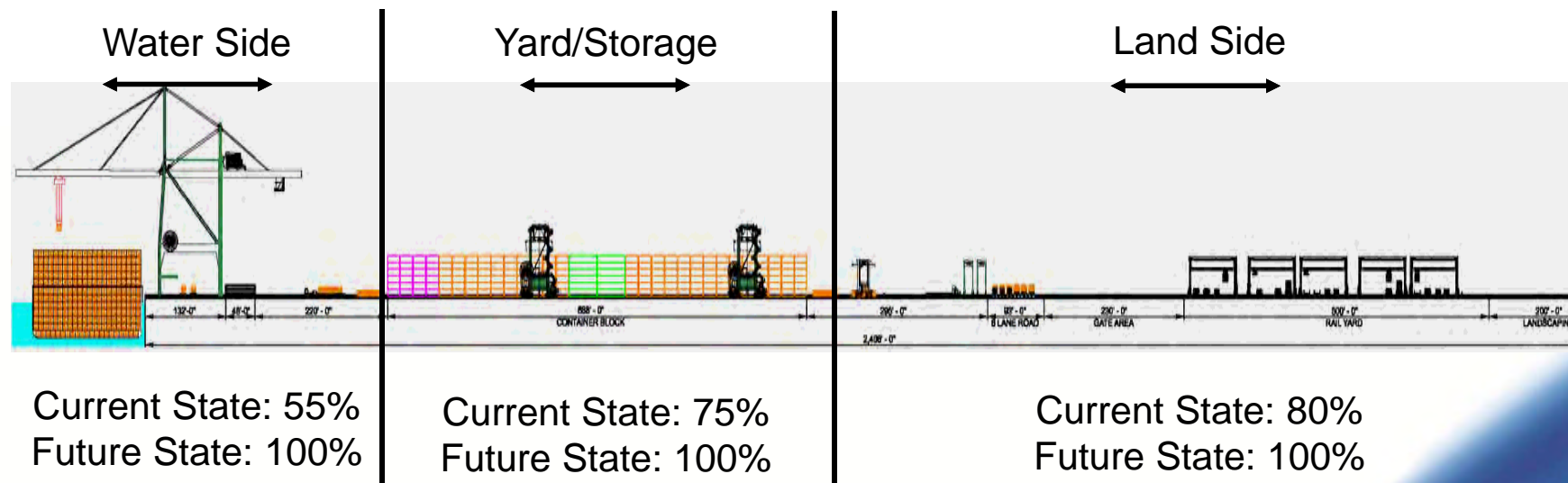
-  > € 100 mil. in sales
-  620 employees worldwide (01.01.2014)
-  11 VAHLE subsidiaries worldwide
-  Representated in 52 countries
-  100% family owned

-  Subsidiaries
-  Representatives





Scope for optimising container processes



Container handling solutions for horizontal transport should be prioritized, since it has the greatest impact on throughput. **The stack is the main problem - its low service levels is the main reason contributing to the other container 'handling' processes.**

Cost to delay an 18,000 TEU ship for one day

Capital cost of vessel (in US \$)	$\frac{\$190\,000\,000 \times 0.1 \times (1 + 0.1)^{20}}{(1 + 0.1)^{20} - 1} \times \frac{1}{350}$	63 764
Daily operating cost (in US \$)	$\frac{\$17\,500\,000}{350}$	50 000
Daily cost of containers (in US \$)	Assuming 20 % 20 ft / 70 % 40ft / 10% reefer boxes 18 000 TEU x 2.4 (sets per vessel) x [(0.20 x US\$0.58) + (0.70 x US\$0.90) + (0.1 x US\$8.00)]	66 787
Cargo inventory (in US \$)	$18\,000 \text{ TEU} \times 0.8 \text{ (load coefficient)} \times 10 \text{ ton / TEU} \times 0.08 \text{ x US\$ 3 000 / ton} \times (1 / 365\text{d})$	219 000
Total		\$399 441

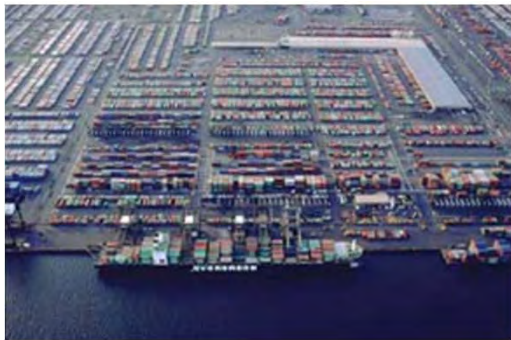
Source: Dr. Lawrence Henesey, Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden

Cost to delay an 8,000 TEU ship for one day

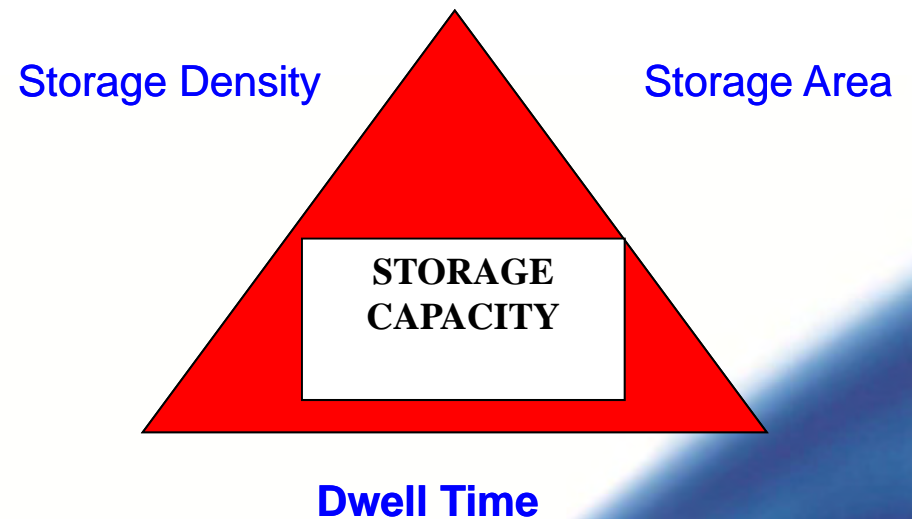
Capital cost of vessel (in US \$)	$\$85\,000\,000 \times 0.1 \times \frac{(1 + 0.1)^{20}}{(1 + 0.1)^{20} - 1} \times \frac{1}{350}$	28 526
Daily operating cost (in US \$)	$\frac{\$14\,494\,000}{350}$	41 411
Daily cost of containers (in US \$)	Assuming 20 % 20 ft / 70 % 40ft / 10% reefer boxes 8 000 TEU x 2.4 (sets per vessel) x [(0.20 x US\$0.58) + (0.70 x US\$0.90) + (0.1 x US\$8.00)]	28 147
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Total		\$140 166

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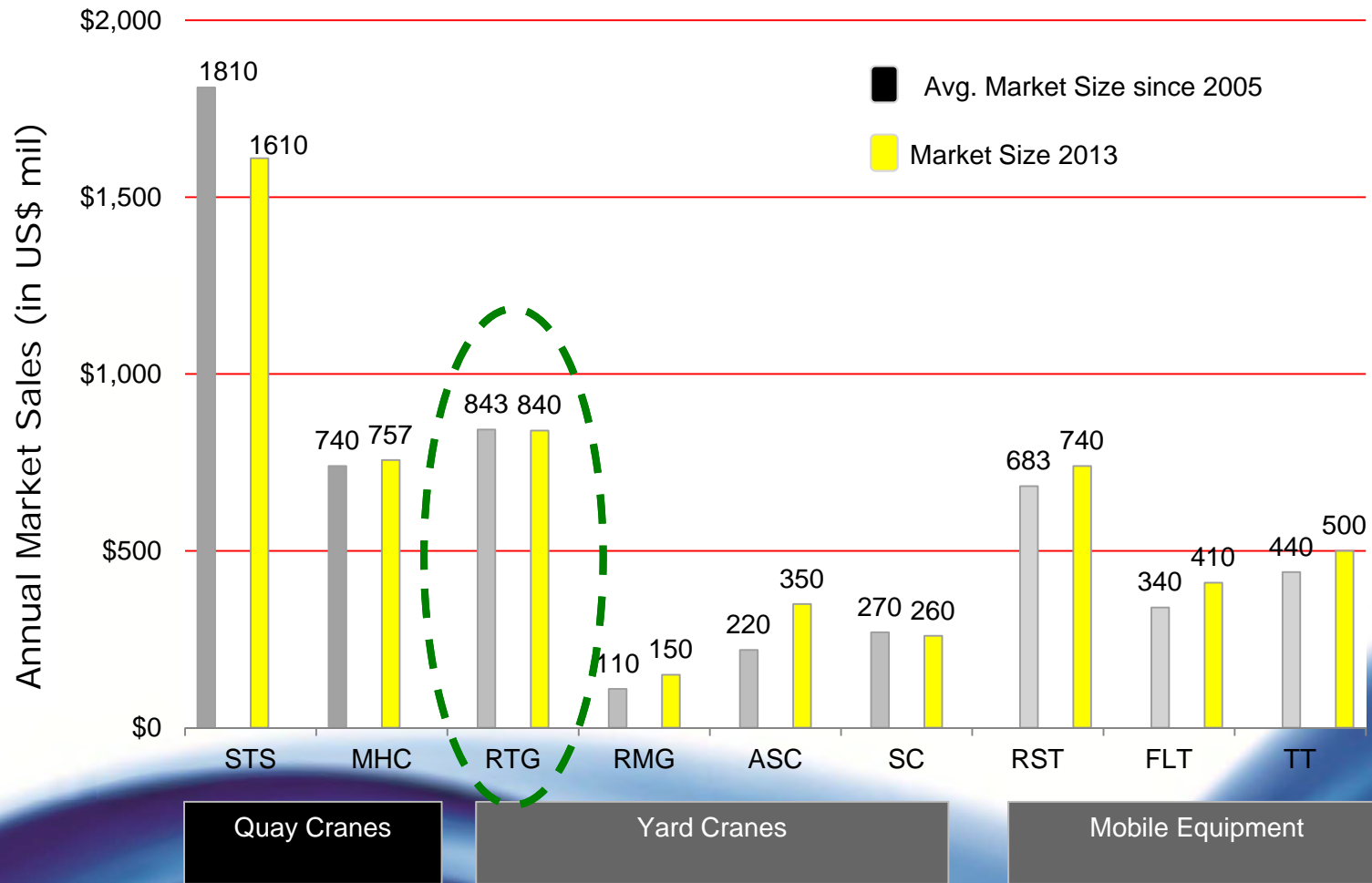
We agree with the management philosophy that a container terminal's performance is **"steered"** by it's container yard

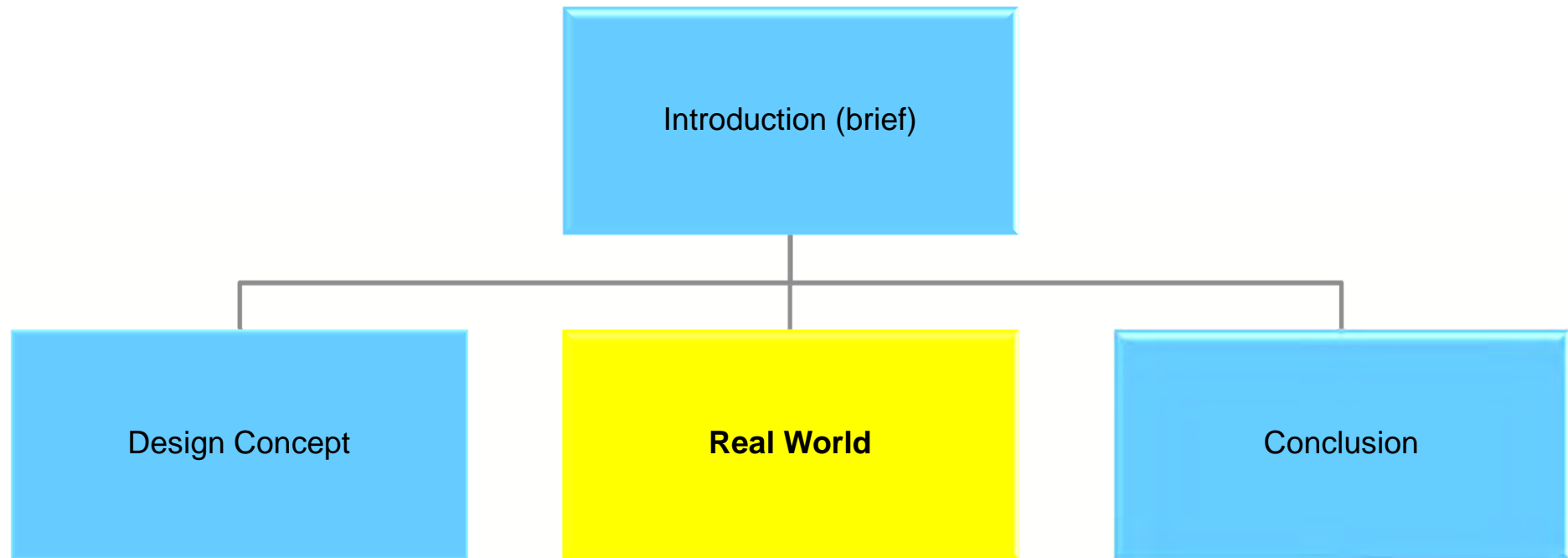


- The three determinants of **yard capacity** are **area**, **density** and **dwell time**.
- KPI: throughput per acre.
- **Transshipment cargo** is less demanding on the yard than gateway cargo
- Different **stacking equipment** achieve **different storage densities**
- The **dwell time** that the containers spend in the yard is probably the **most important factor** affecting yard capacity



Market for Port Equipment - 2013





Rubber Tyred Gantry Cranes

Facts + Figures / Effects



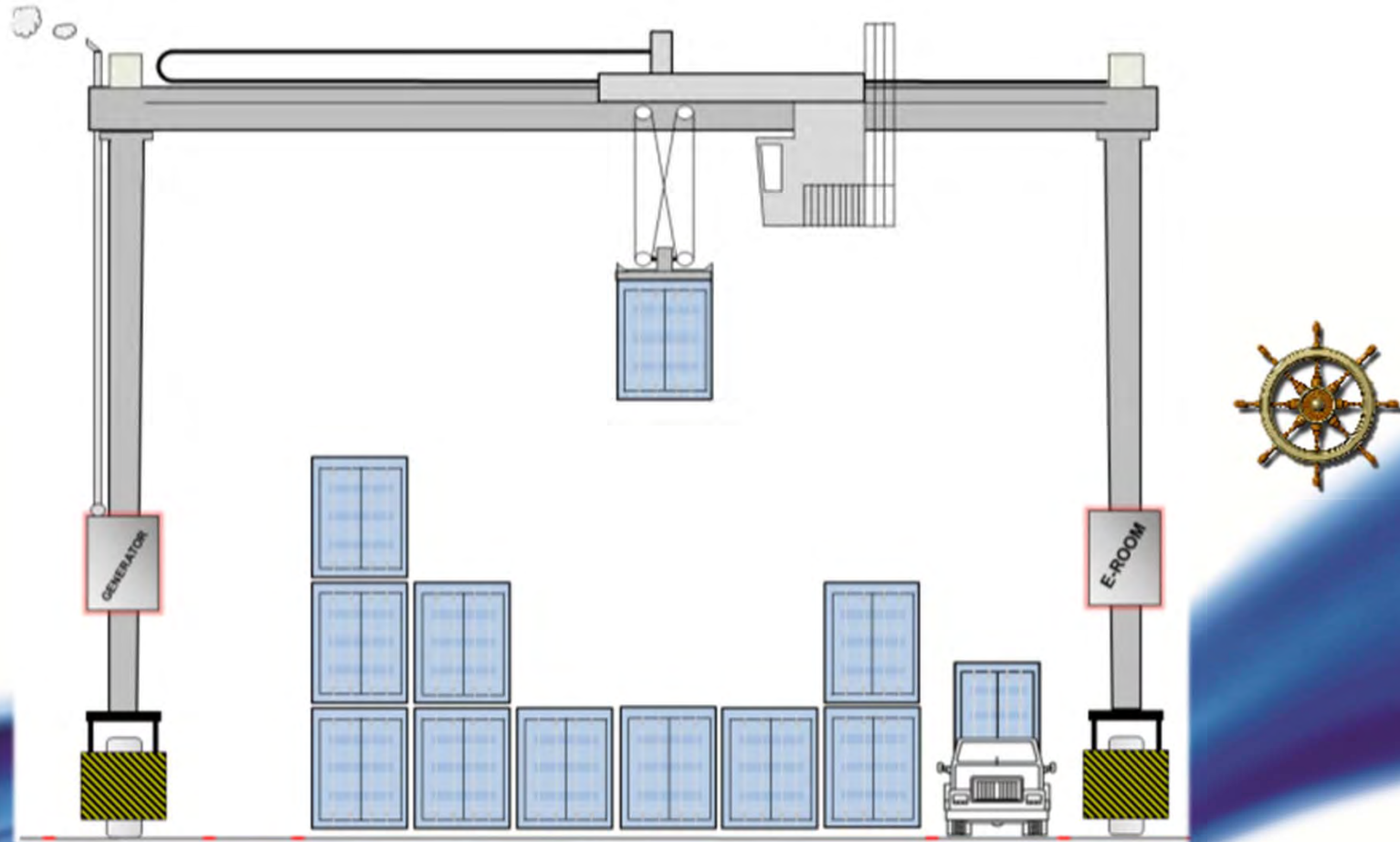
Facts + Figures

- ▲ Diesel engines are the main source of RTGs
- ▲ Container handling increases
- ▲ At the same time diesel prices increased rapidly
- ▲ In some cases RTGs account for 50 % of a container terminals' diesel consumption

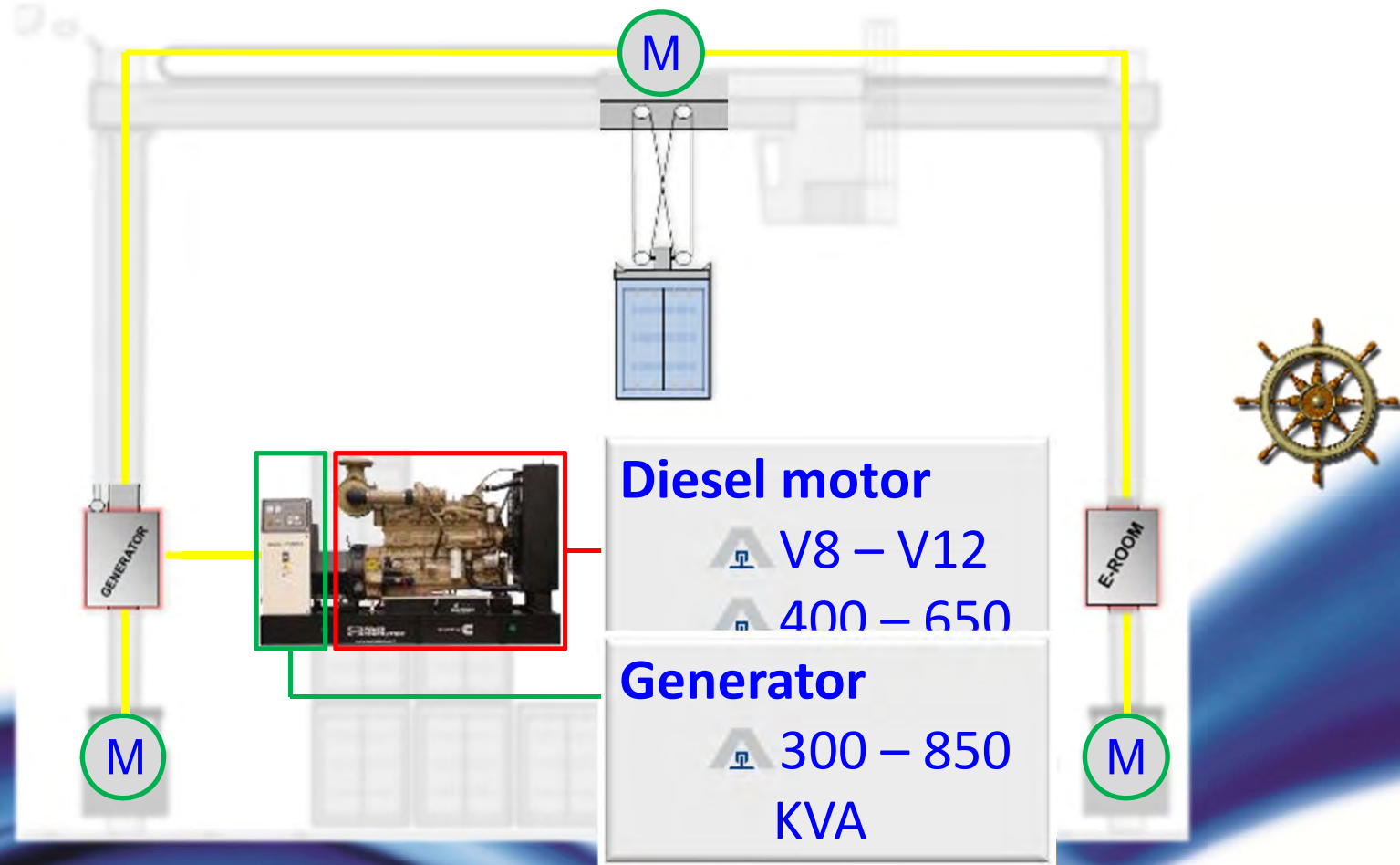
Effects

- ▲ High fuel consumption & costs
- ▲ High dependency on fossil fuels that have unpredictable prices
- ▲ High cost in larger size Genset service (- USD 20k / year)
- ▲ Environmental; carbon emissions, air and noise pollution

Principle Function:



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Aisle Electrification System in a Container Yard

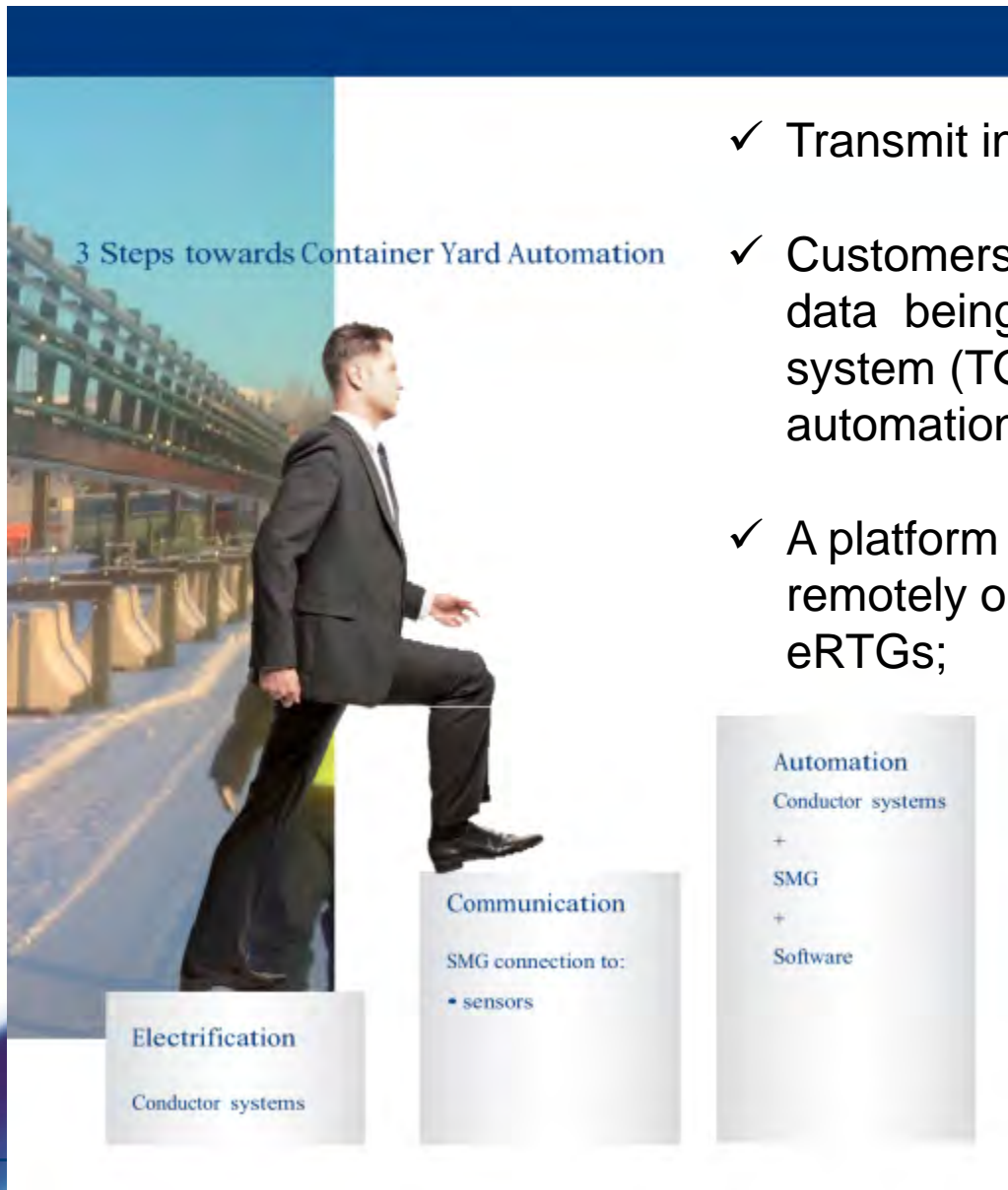
- ▲ space saving due to vertical arrangement
- ▲ electrification of two aisles from one steel structure
- ▲ minimized moving wear parts (3 rollers only)

- ▲ fully electrical driven, no lifting cylinder
- ▲ max. horizontal stroke: 1700mm
- ▲ vertical track tolerances: ± 200 mm
- ▲ reduction of wear parts



SMG for eRTG

DATA communication



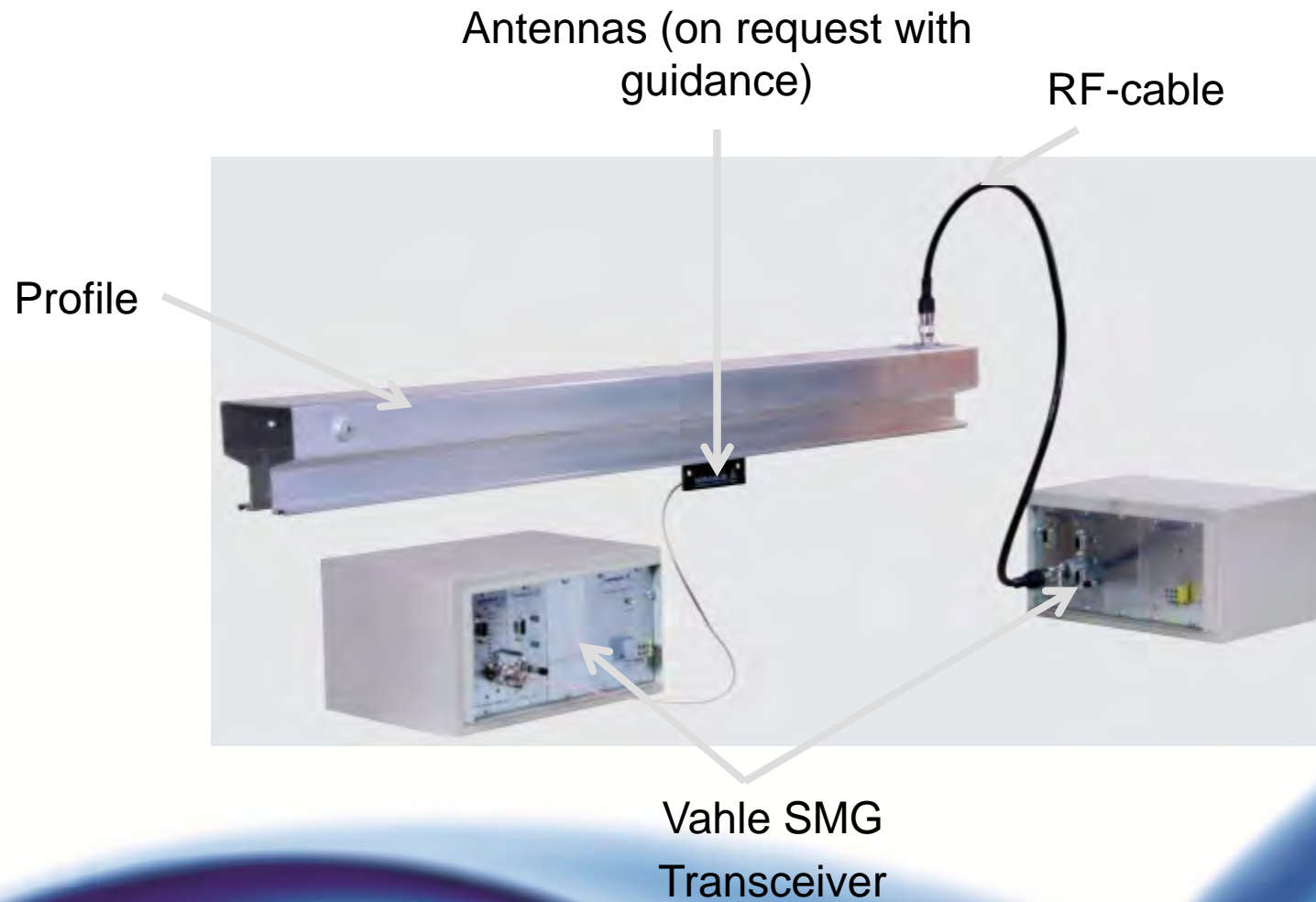
- ✓ Transmit information alongside electricity.
- ✓ Customers considering low density 'process' data being transmitted to the terminal operating system (TOS), a step on the way to full automation of E-RTGs?
- ✓ A platform for the further development of remotely operated, semi or fully automated eRTGs;

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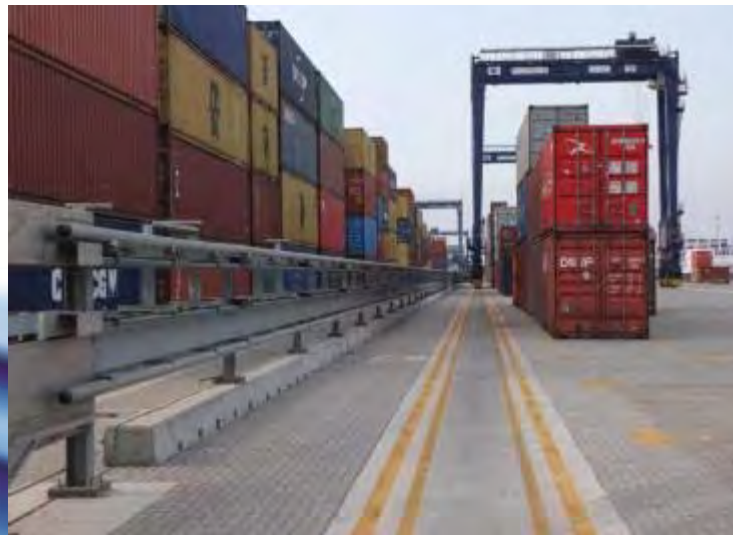
SMG for eRTG

Vahle SMG-System – the components



application assignment

-  up to three eRTG in every lane
-  arbitrary and flexible order
-  communication is needed for video signals and PLC signals on the eRTG
-  vision: remote control / automating eRTG



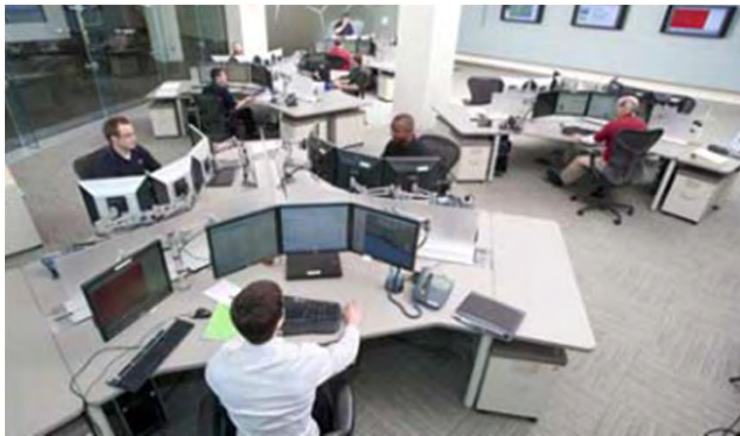


All-Electric RTGs can be integrated (either gradually or from star-up) with a range of process automation solutions in such as:

- Automated gantry steering
- Automated job selection
- Real time inventory
- Linked to TOS for control and optimisation
- Safety (stack profiling and anti-truck lifting)

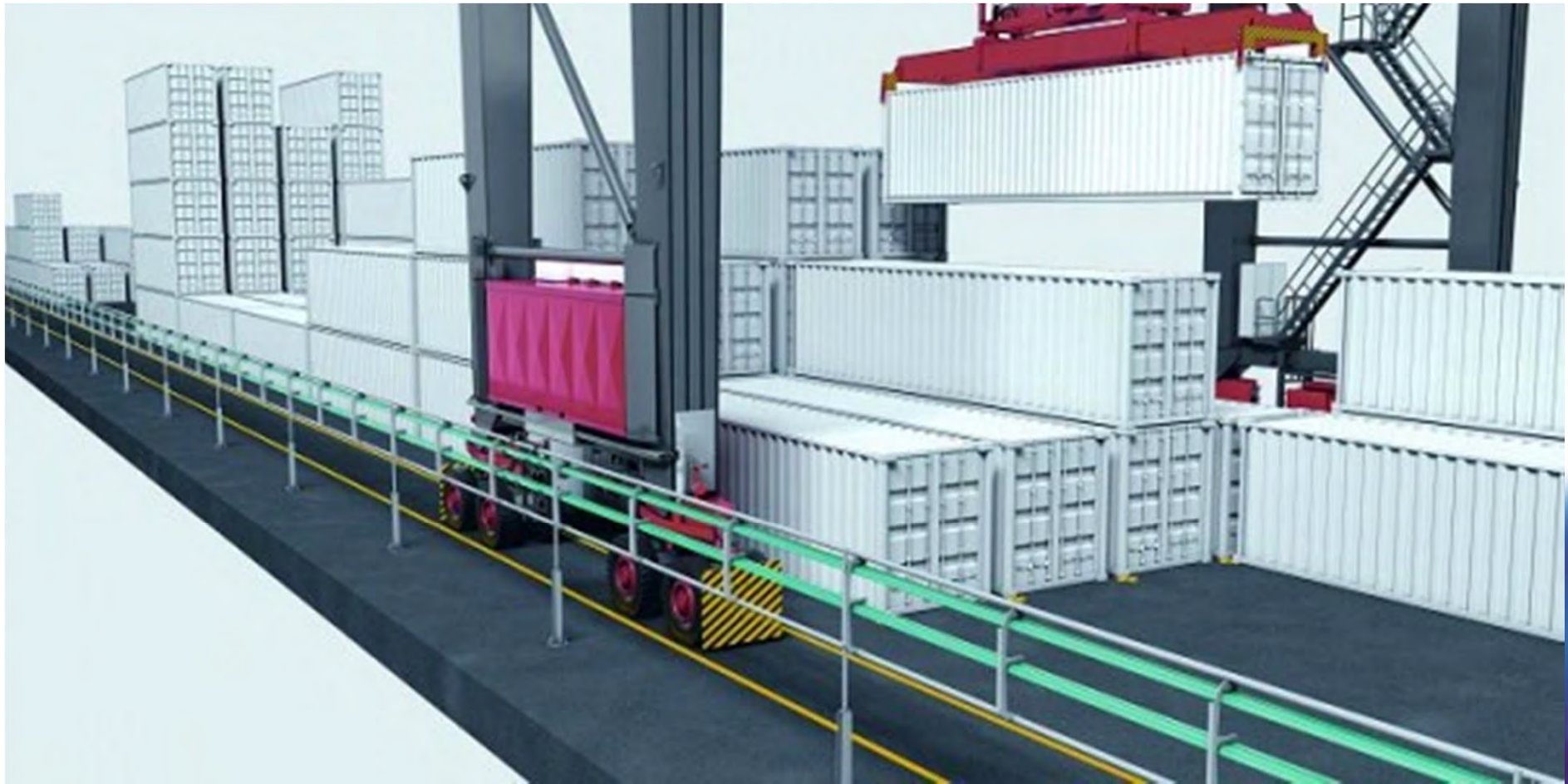


29 rubber-tyred Gantry cranes (RTGs) at HIT's Container Terminal 9.

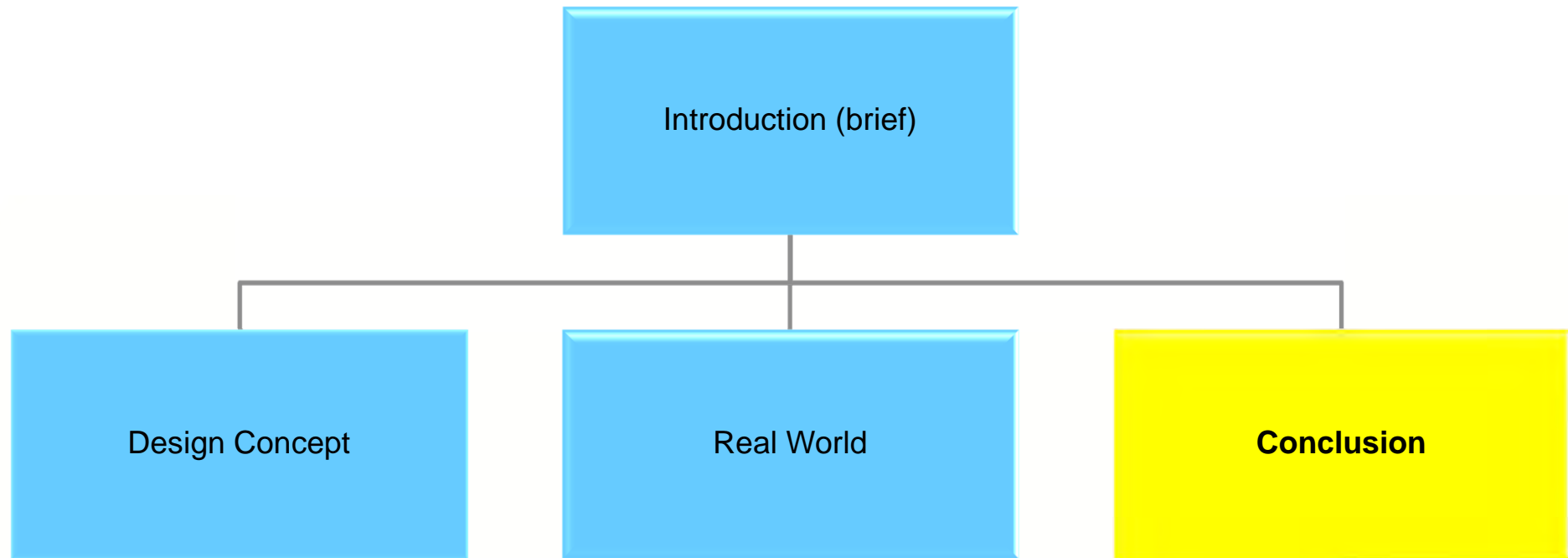


Control Room example for RTGs

FUTURE: Fully Automated e-RTGs



The Busbar power connection converts the RTGs to fully electric operation. **Image: Konecranes**



Comparison of the operating performance of different types of handling equipment

ITEM	RTG	E-RTG	RMG
Mobility	Average	Average	Poor
Safety	Average	Average	Good
Operating system integration method	Wireless transmission system	Wireless transmission system	Fiber transmission system
Stability of Signal	Unstable	Stable with SMG	Stabe
Stable Breakdown frequency	Average	Average	Low
Mechanical method	Hydraulic	Hydraulic / Electric Control	Electric control
Repair and maintenance time	Average	Average	Short
Energy source	Diesel	Diesel/Electric	Electric
Maintenance cost	High	High	Low
Air pollution	Severe	Zero	Zero

REFERENCE: Yang, Y-C and Chang, W-M, 2013. Performance Analysis of Electric- Rubber Tired Gantries from a Green Container Perspective, In the Proceedings of the Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies, Vol 9., 2013

Conclusion

- ⚡ Energy costs are increasing
- ⚡ Ports are having to load / unload containers faster and more reliable
- ⚡ Dozens of eRTG projects completed or in progress
- ⚡ Main three characteristics are: **cost effective, efficient and ecological**

Pointers for the future

- ⚡ Automation is fast becoming a standard in various ports and terminals, with recent interest in semi-automating and even full automating RTG.s
- ⚡ SMG – Slotted Microwave Guide, is a data transmission technology for transmitting and recieveing data to eRTGs, which can improve yard container handling.

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