



# Innovative Intermodal Terminals Future concepts

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- **Ojectives of innovative intermodal terminals**
- **Development of rail terminals  
(lessons learnt from sea terminals)**
- **Innovative intermodal concept - layout proposal**
- **Variety of different layout applications of the GPT  
cranes and the terminal systems concepts**
- **ASC crane movie**
- **Conclusions**

# Objective for Innovative Intermodal Terminal Operation

- Improved service for connecting modalities (short train turn around times ( $\leq 3$  hours))
- Scalability into different terminal scenarios
- High area utilization
- Capability to expand in line with volume development
- Flexible terminal layout design
- Low labor impact
- Economy of scales to reduce labor cost



- Objectives of innovative intermodal terminals
- **Development of rail terminals  
(lessons learnt from sea terminals)**





# Development of the Sea Terminal



# All Functionalities within one Type of Equipment (Crane)

## Type 1

1

waterside

2

transportation

3

storage

4

landside

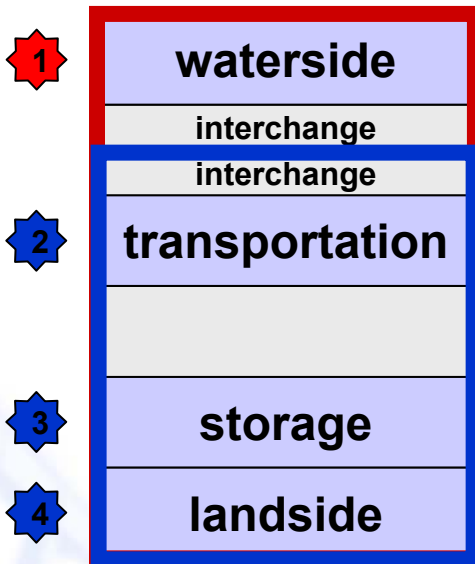
1 system type  
(1 crane)





# One Step Further: Quay Crane and Yard Operation have been Separated

## Type 2

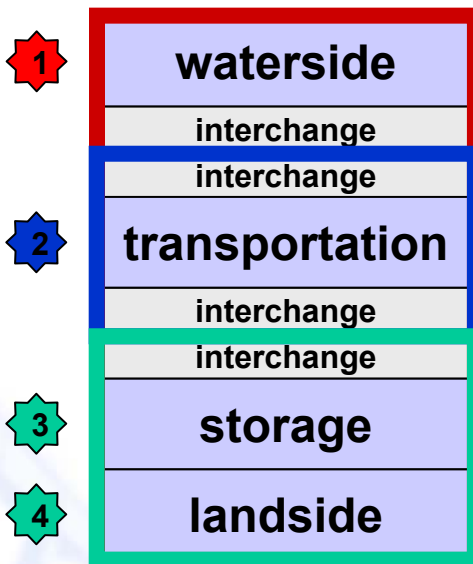


2 system type

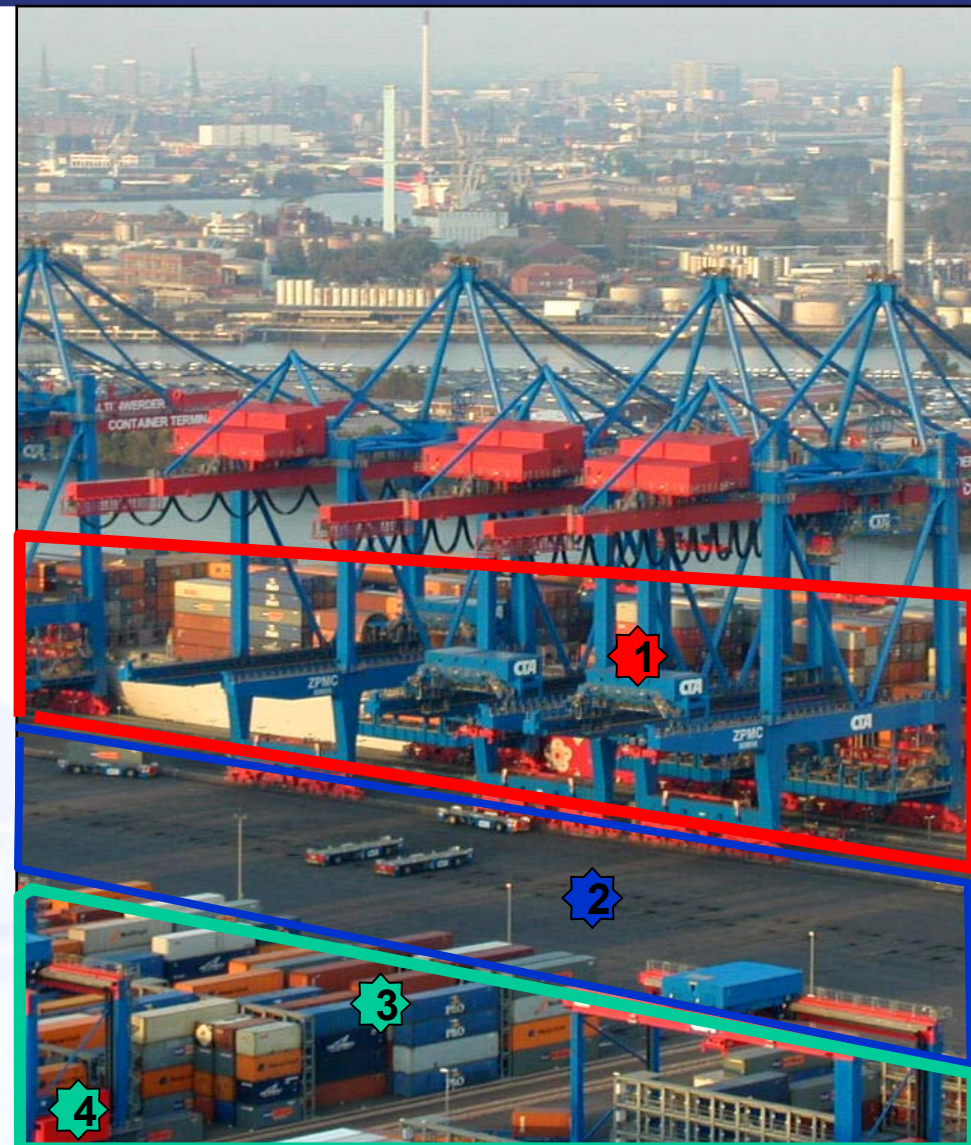


# The Modern Approach: Specialization stands for Automation and Performance

## Type 3



**3 system type**

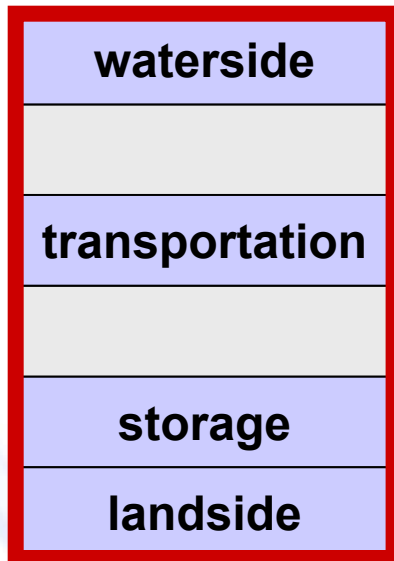




# Sea Terminals have specialized: Focus on Service and Productivity

Service and productivity increase from dedicated functionalities

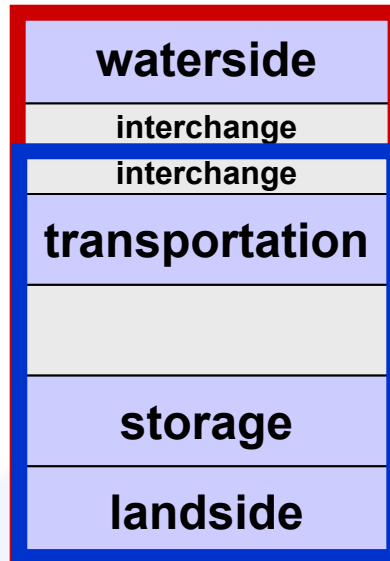
### Type 1



### 1 system type



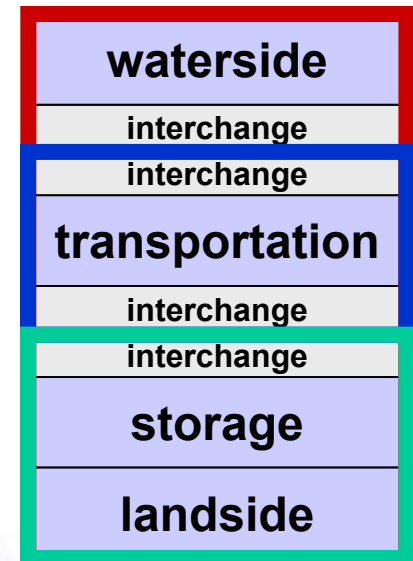
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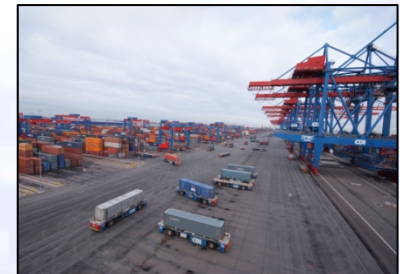
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### Type 3



### 3 system type

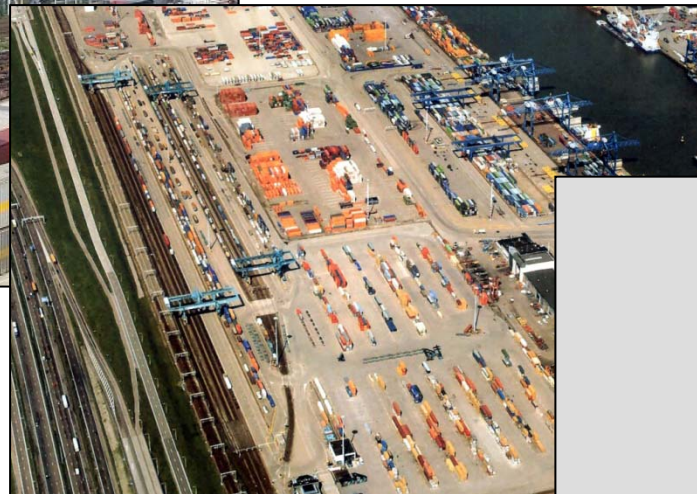


# Development of the Intermodal Terminal

Type 1



Type 2



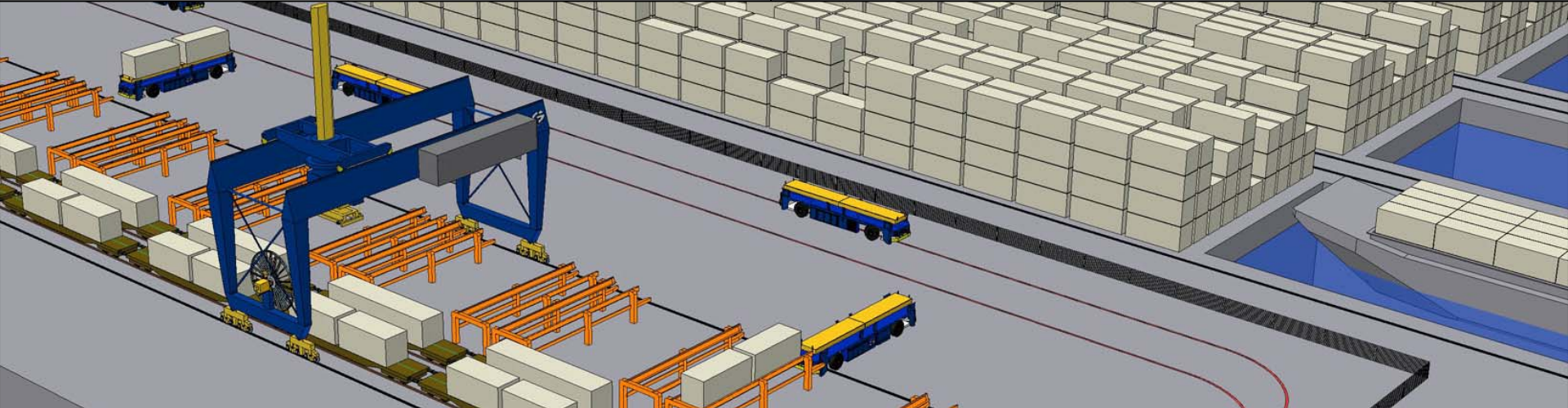
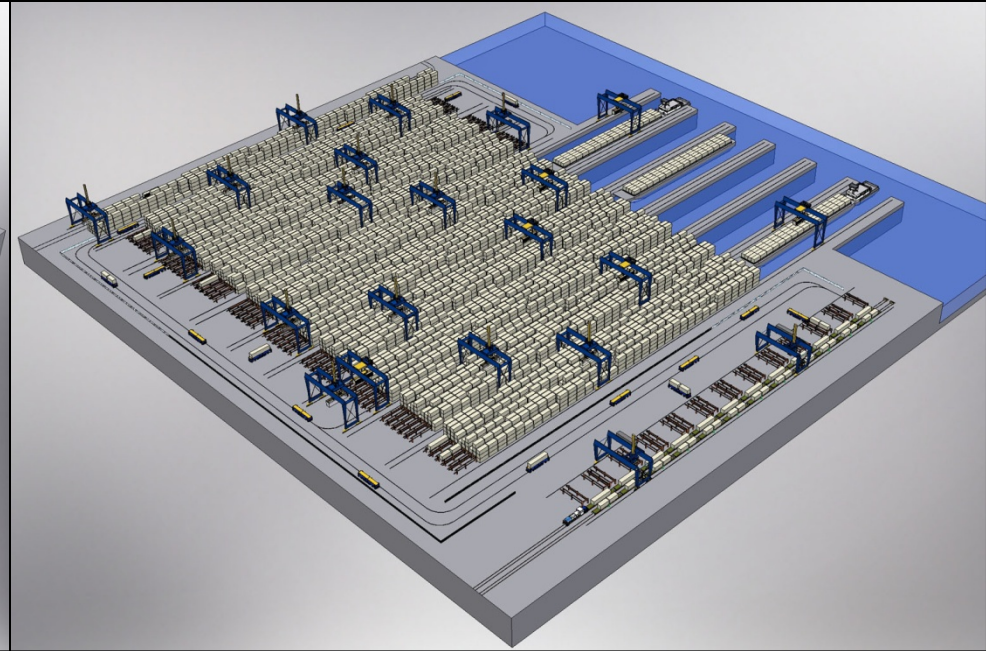
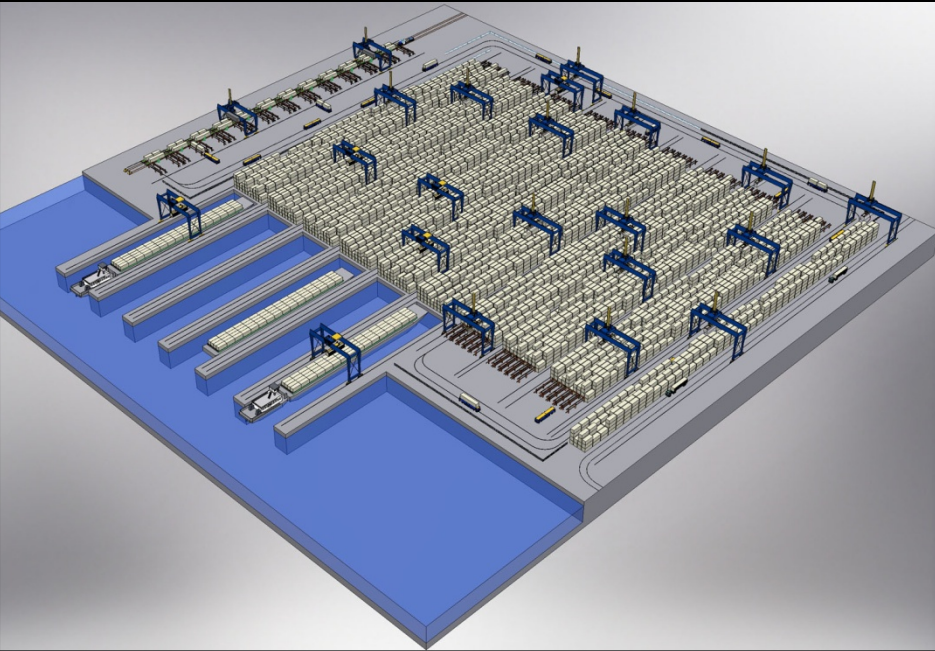
Type 3 ?

How is the situation in intermodal terminals ?

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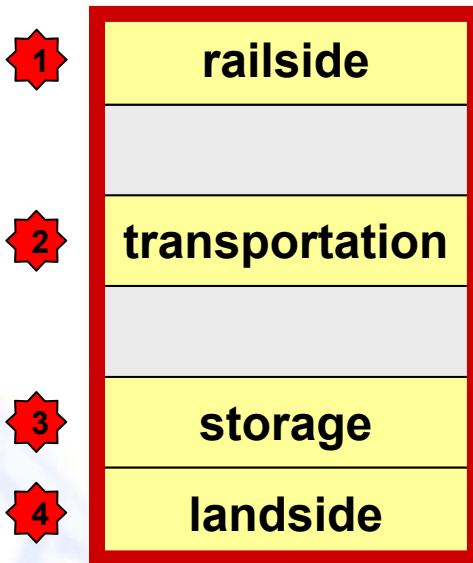
# Idea of a Combined Mixed Hub for all three Modalities (road, rail, barge)





# Existing Railroad Terminals compared with Type 1 of the Sea Terminals

## Type 1

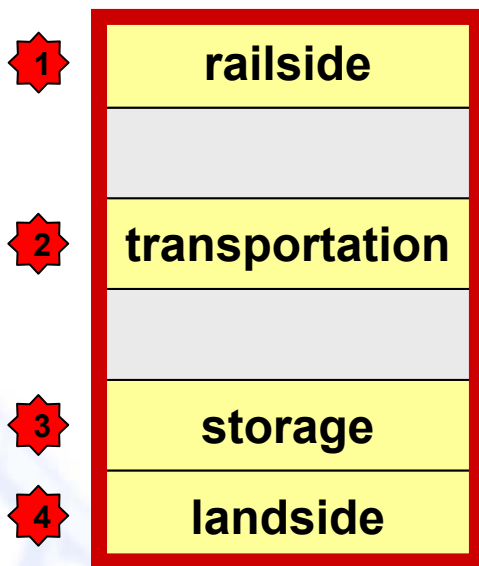


1 system type  
(1 crane)

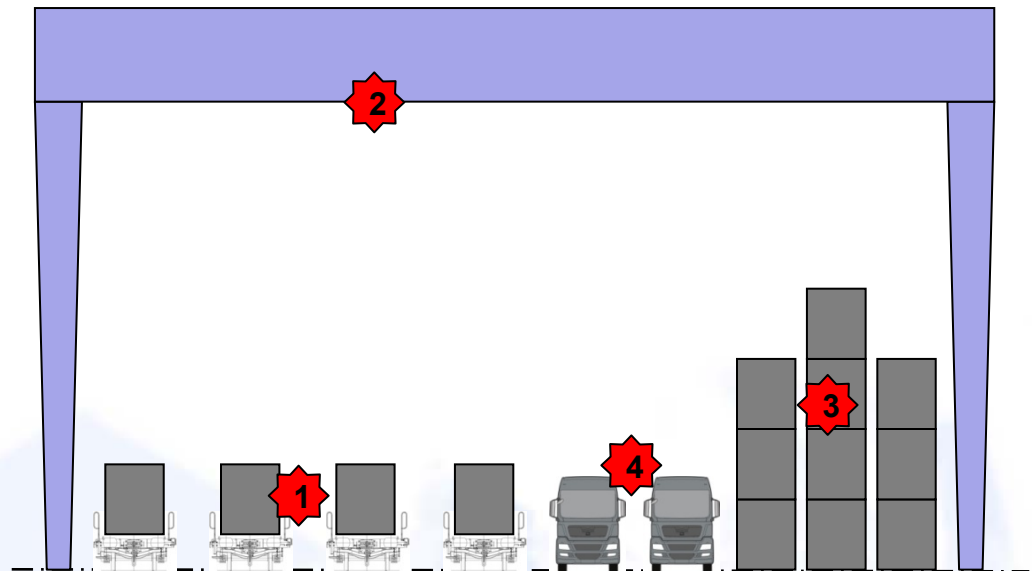


# Cross Section Type 1 of an Intermodal Railroad Terminal

## Type 1



**1 system type  
(1 crane)**



- The crane has to handle the trains
- The crane has to handle the trucks
- The crane has to handle the stack (buffer)

# A more Modern Approach is the Type 2 as implemented in Rotterdam

## Type 2

1

railside

interchange

2

transportation

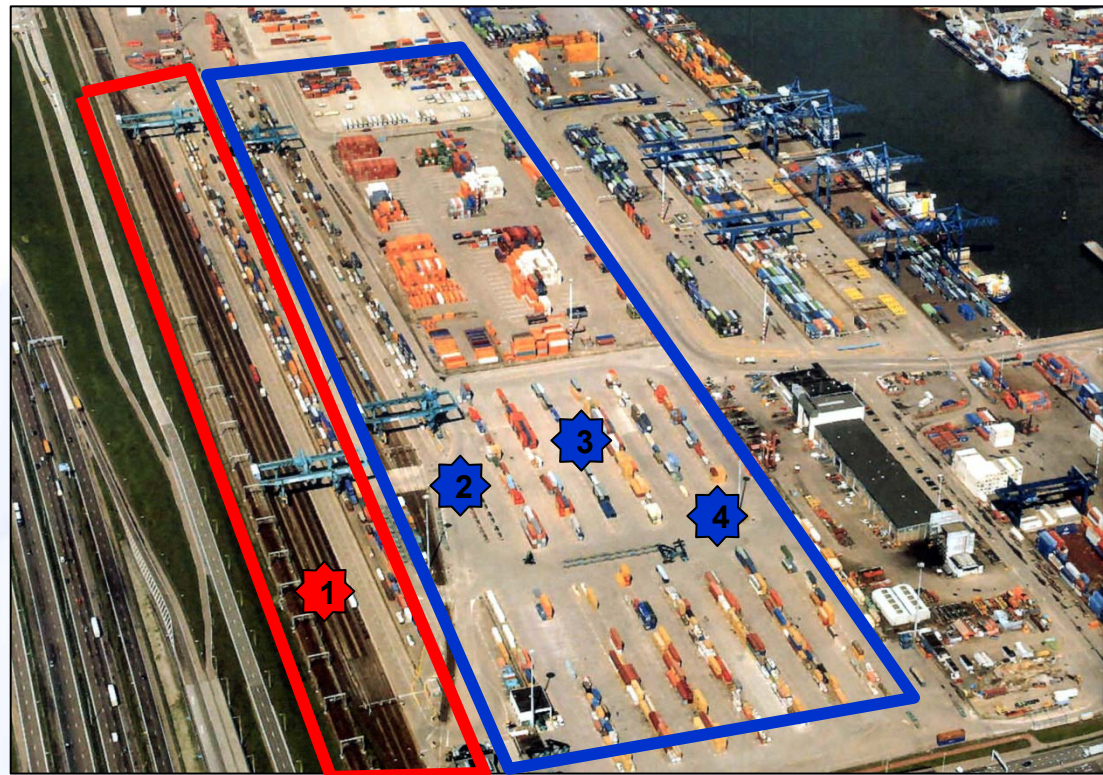
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storage

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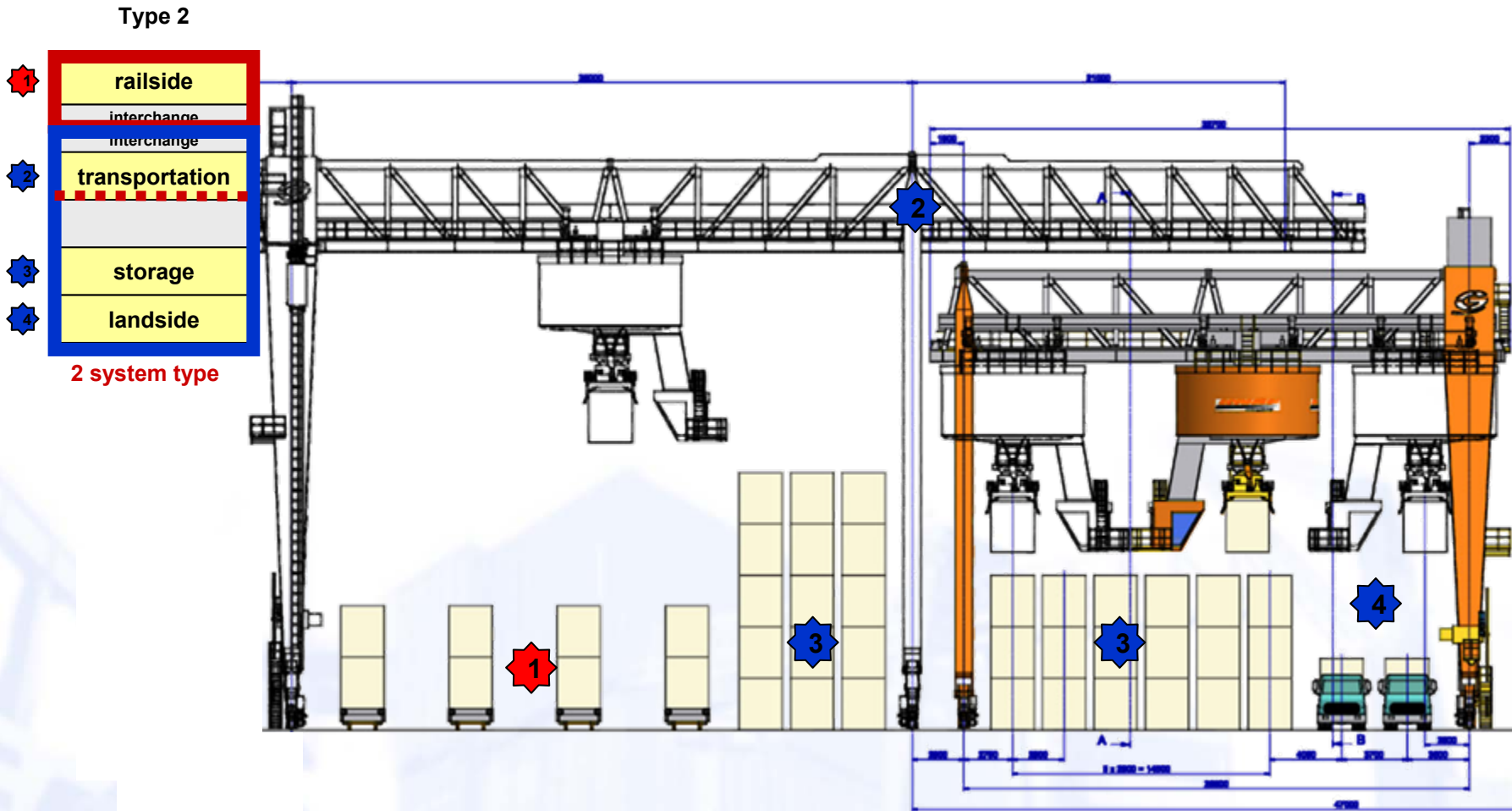
landside

2 system type



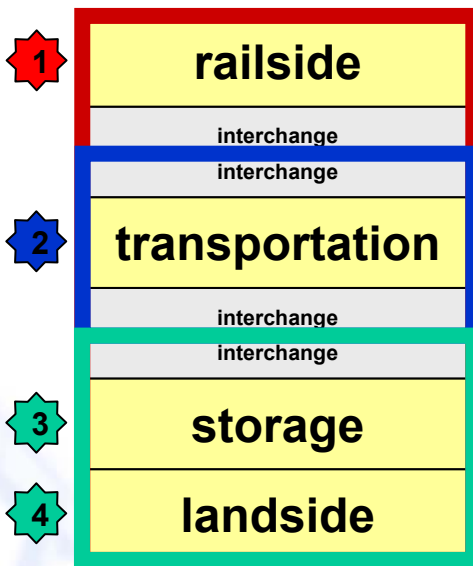


# Cross Section Type 2 of an American Intermodal Terminal

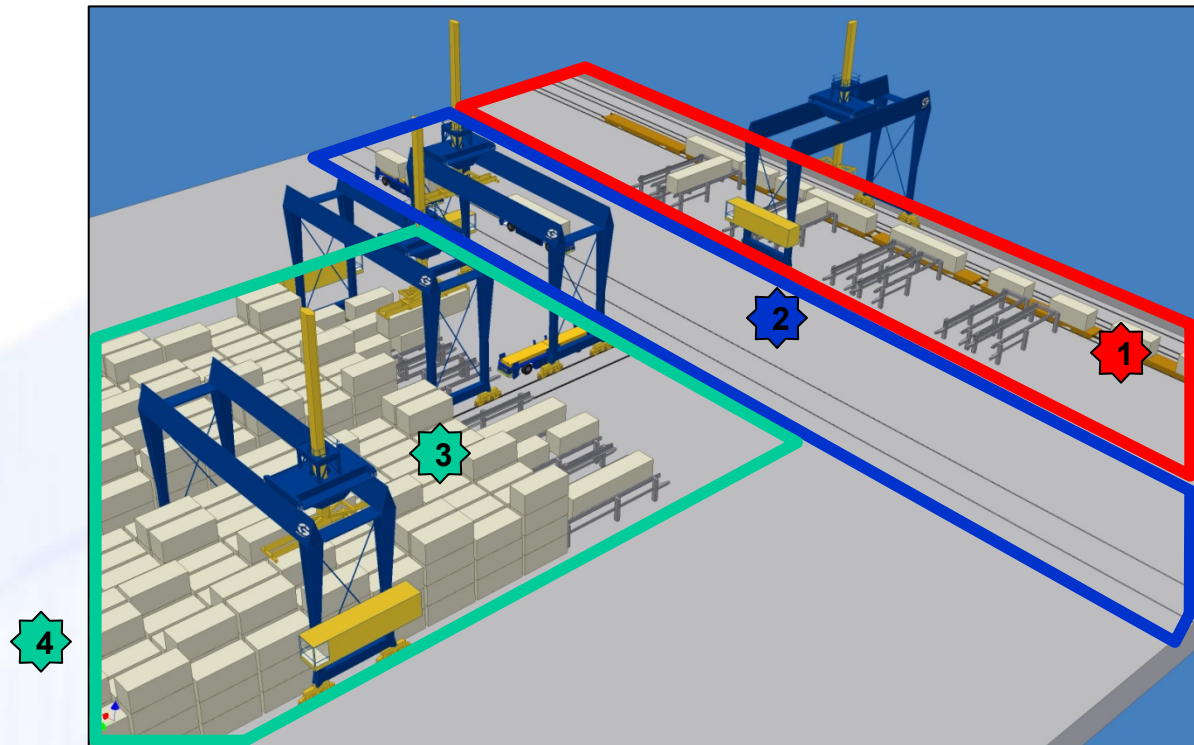


# Creating a High Performance and fully Automated Terminal – Type 3 Concept

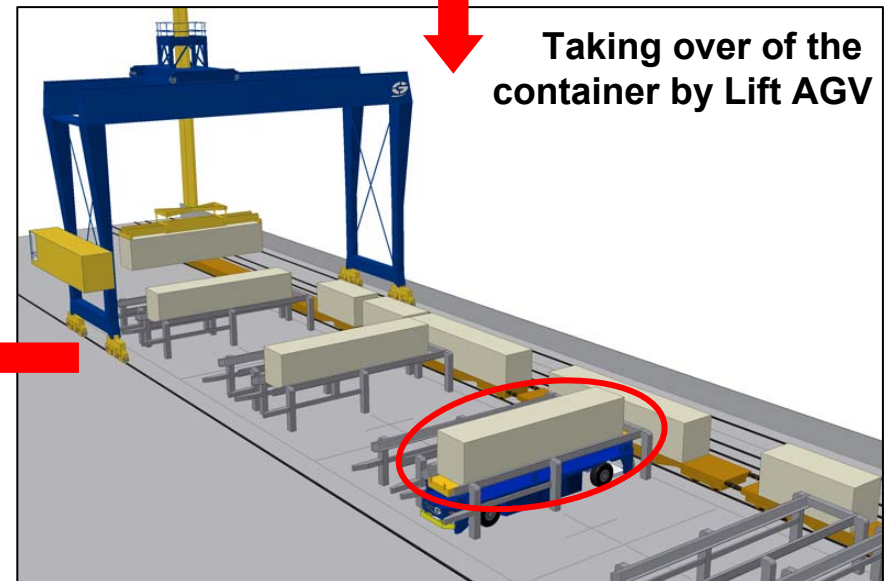
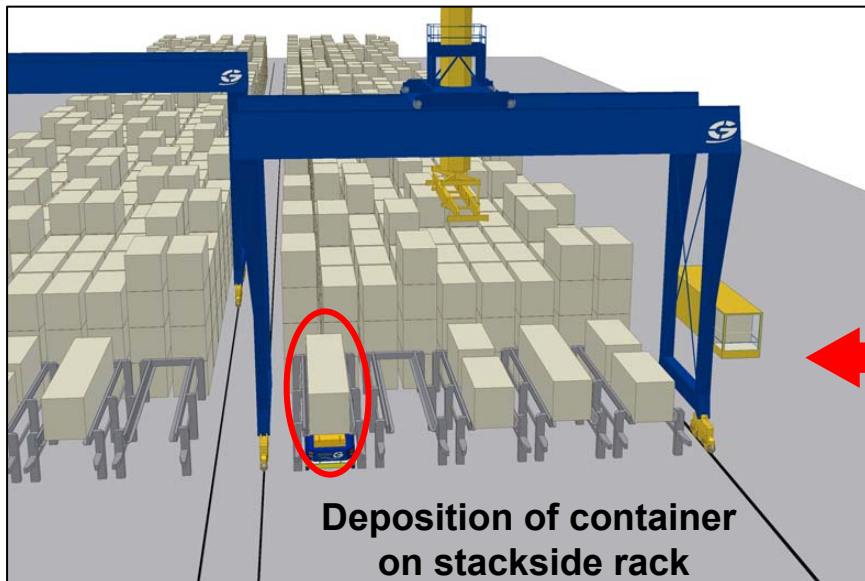
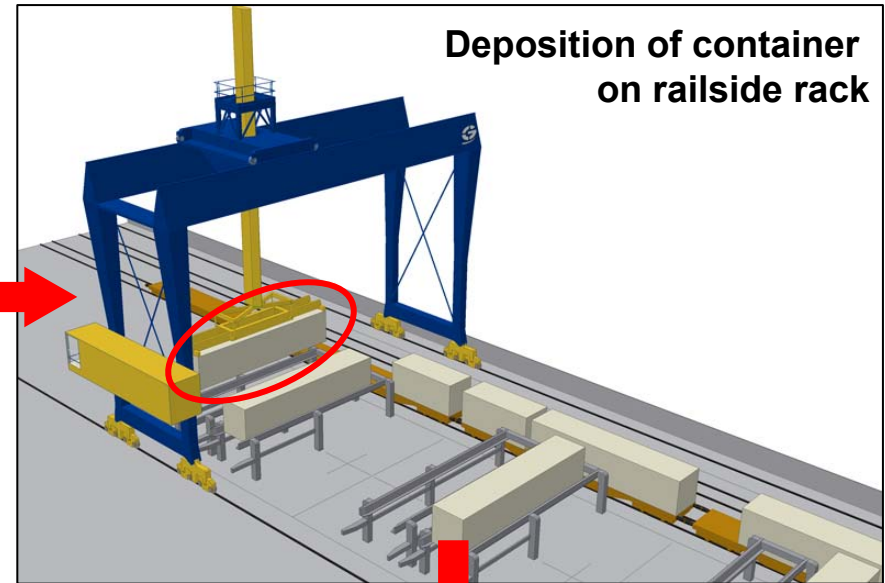
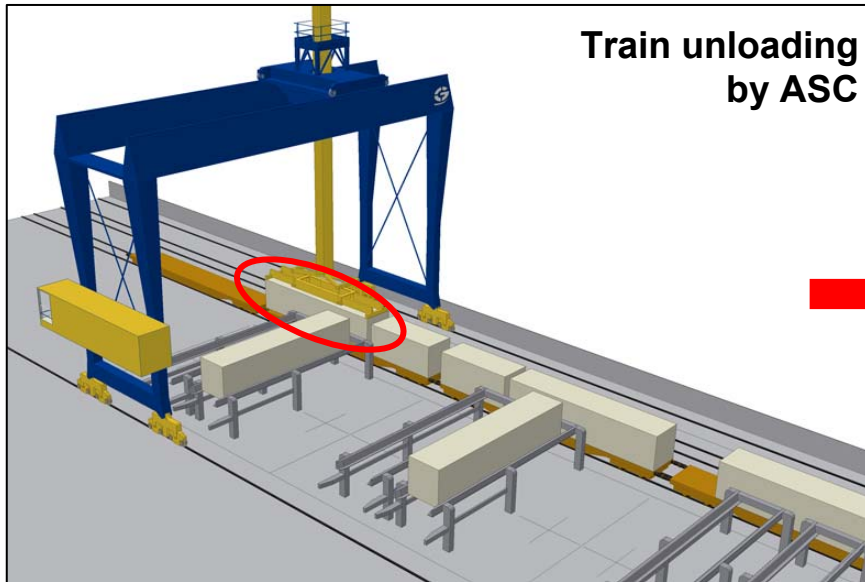
## Type 3



**3 system type**

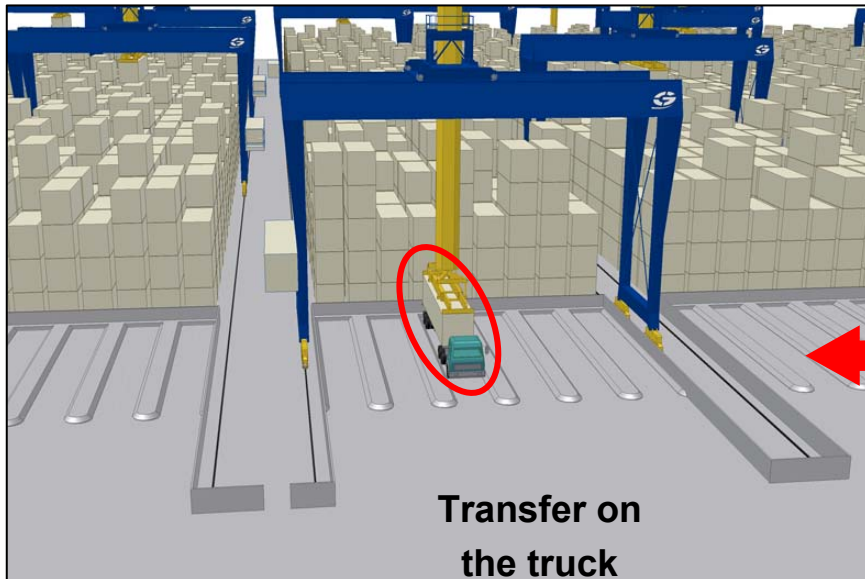
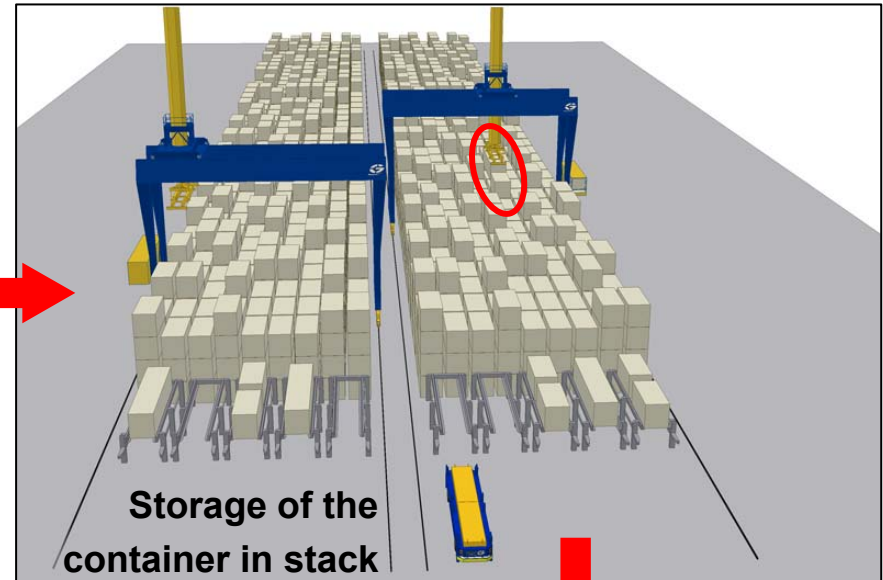
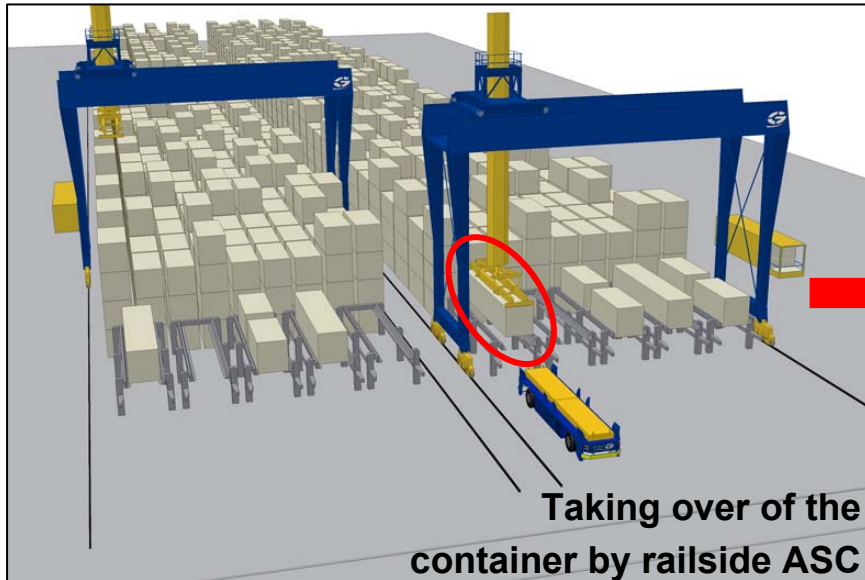


# Exemplary Container Flow





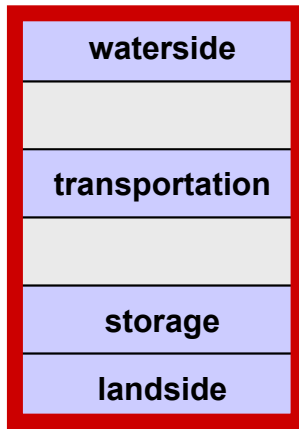
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# Intermodal Rail Terminals may follow Sea Terminals Developments

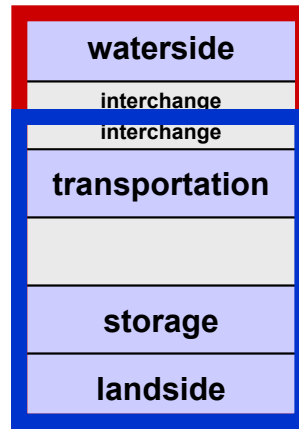


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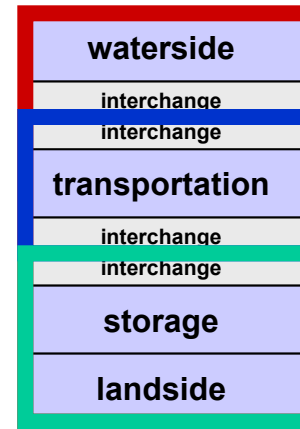
1 system type

Type 2



2 system type

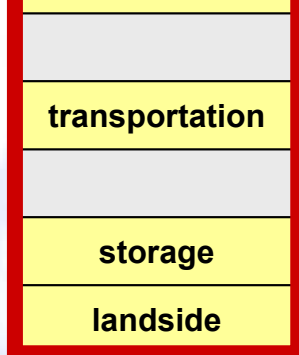
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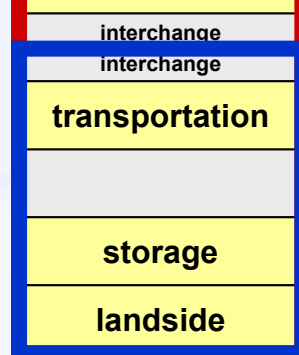
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Productivity increase through specializing

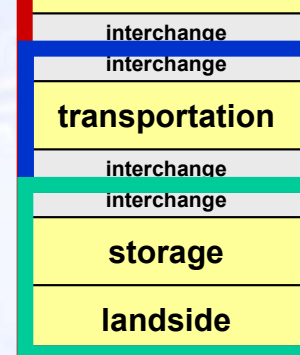
railside 8 mph



railside 25 mph



railside 40 mph



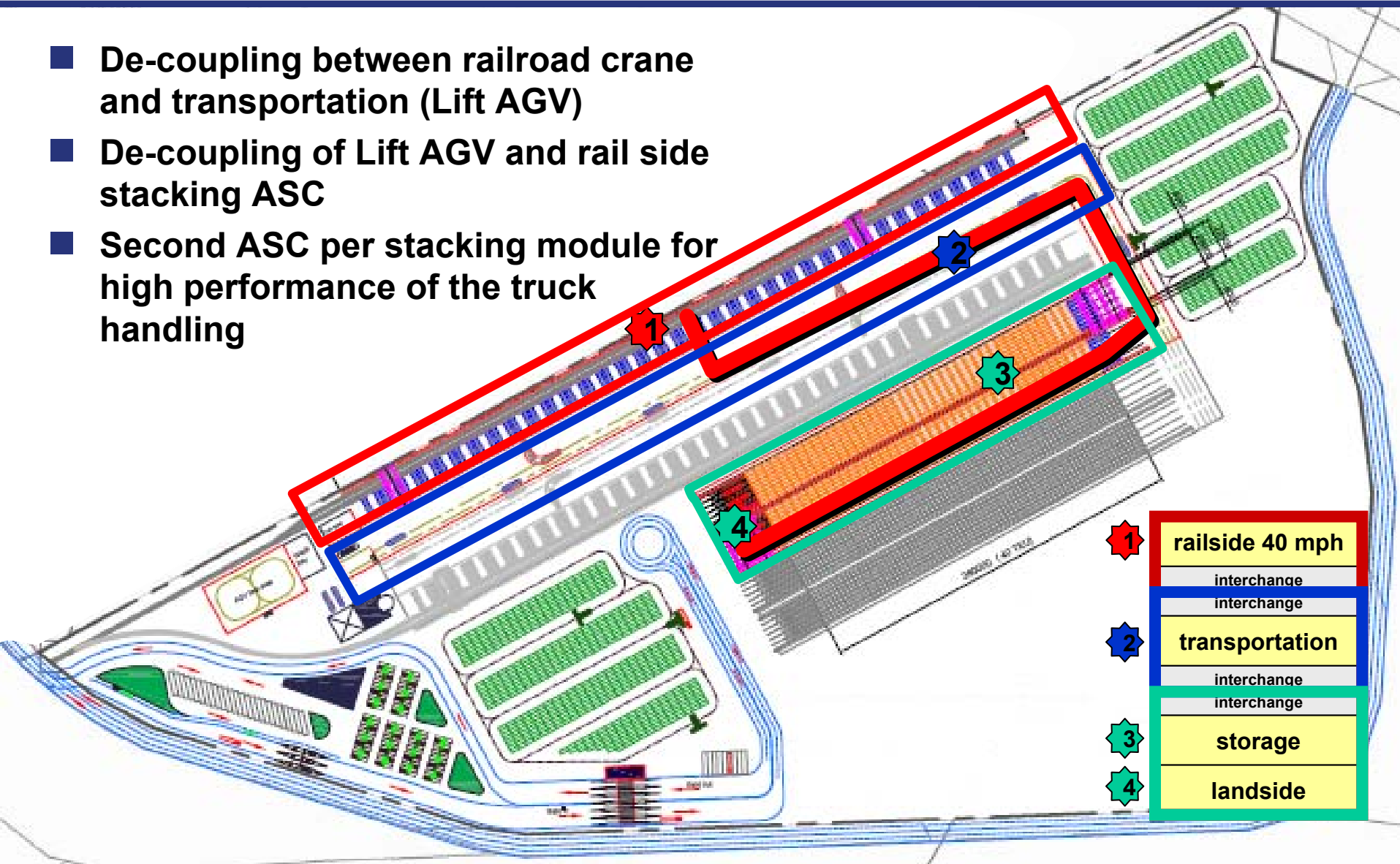
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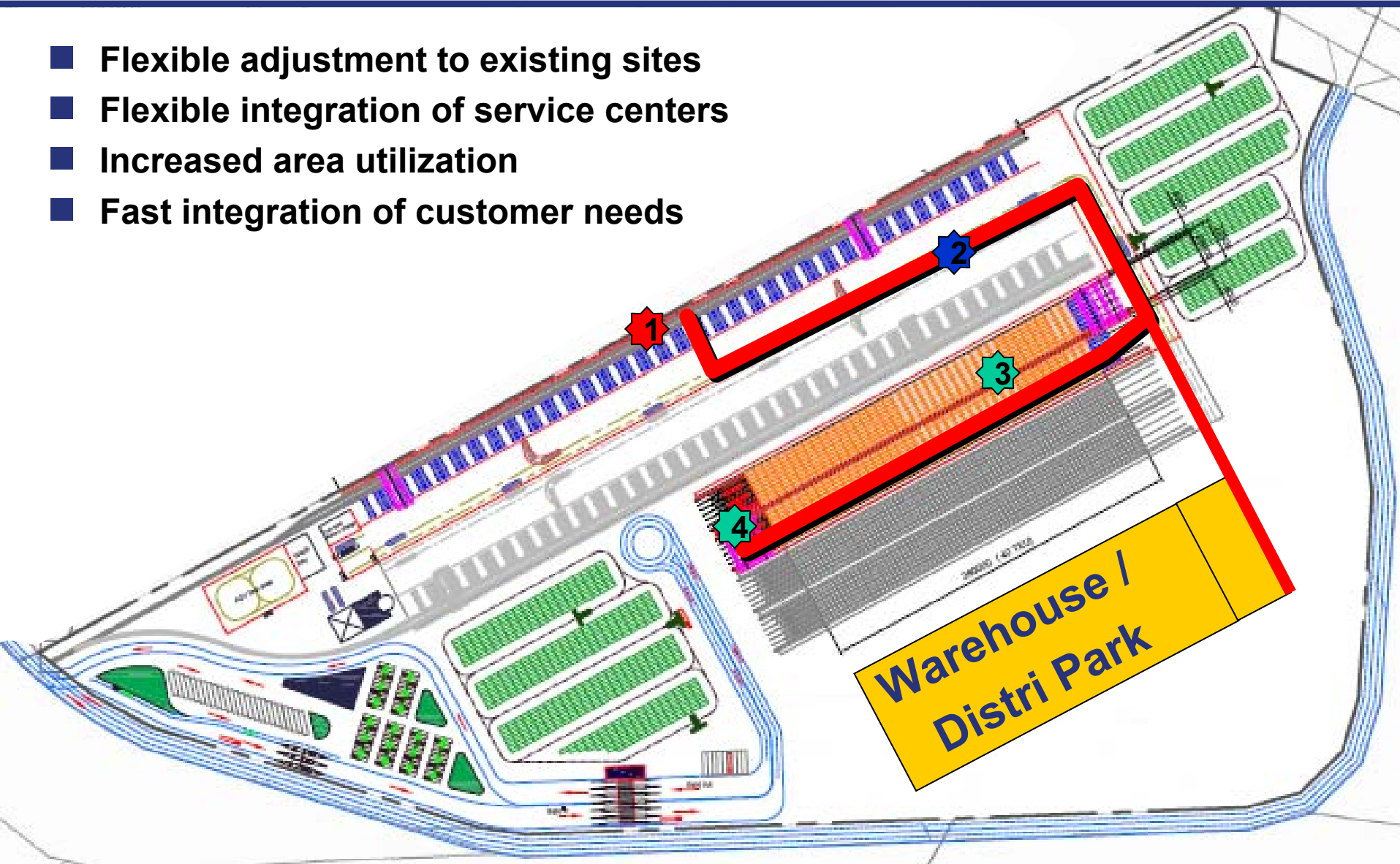
# Projection of the Type 3 Concept on an Existing Site

- De-coupling between railroad crane and transportation (Lift AGV)
- De-coupling of Lift AGV and rail side stacking ASC
- Second ASC per stacking module for high performance of the truck handling



# Terminal Functionality can be expanded with Value Added Services (Distri Park)

- Flexible adjustment to existing sites
- Flexible integration of service centers
- Increased area utilization
- Fast integration of customer needs

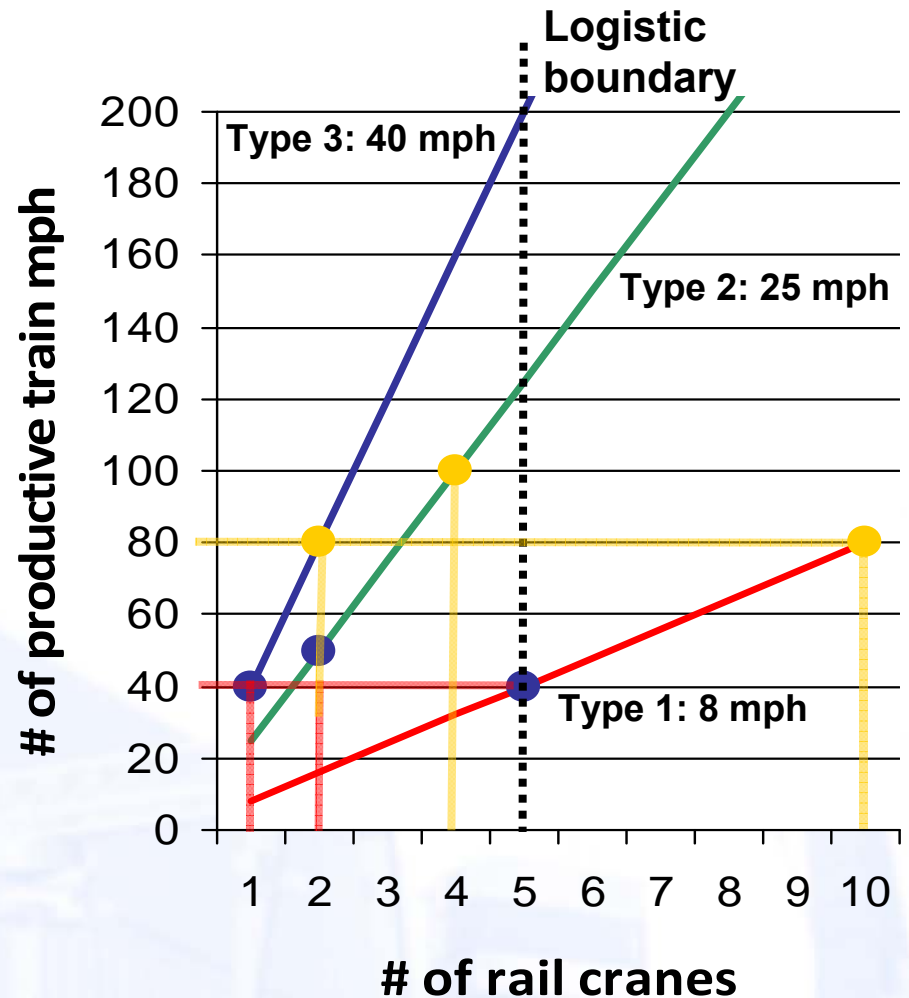


# Comparison of Expansion Potential for the Three Terminal Types

Type	1	2	3
ASC			1 + 4
WSG	5	2	
AGV			4
RS		8	1

Equipment for 40 productive train moves, 200,000 TEU/year

For logistic reasons it is not recommended to have more than 5 cranes on one track bundle

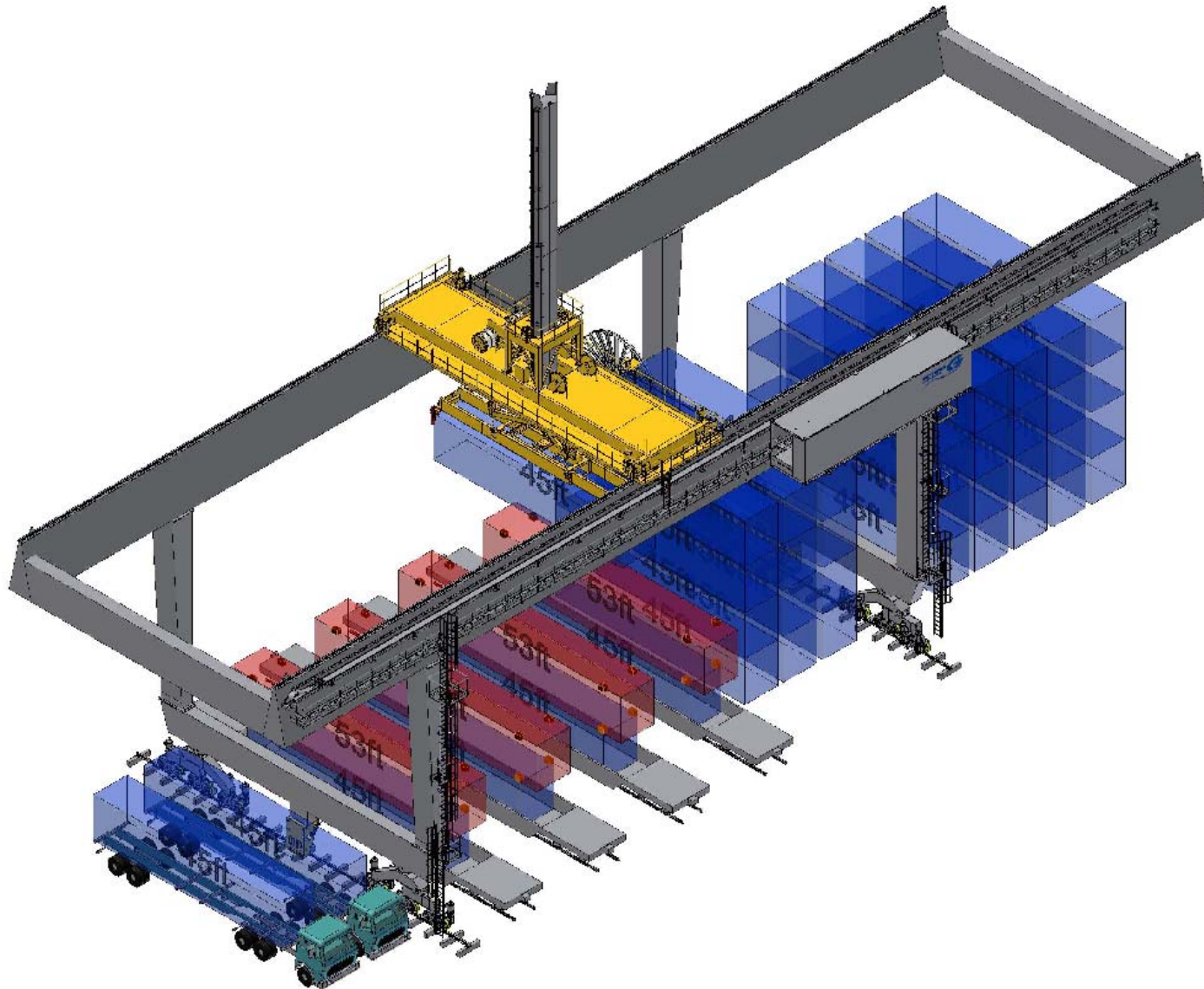




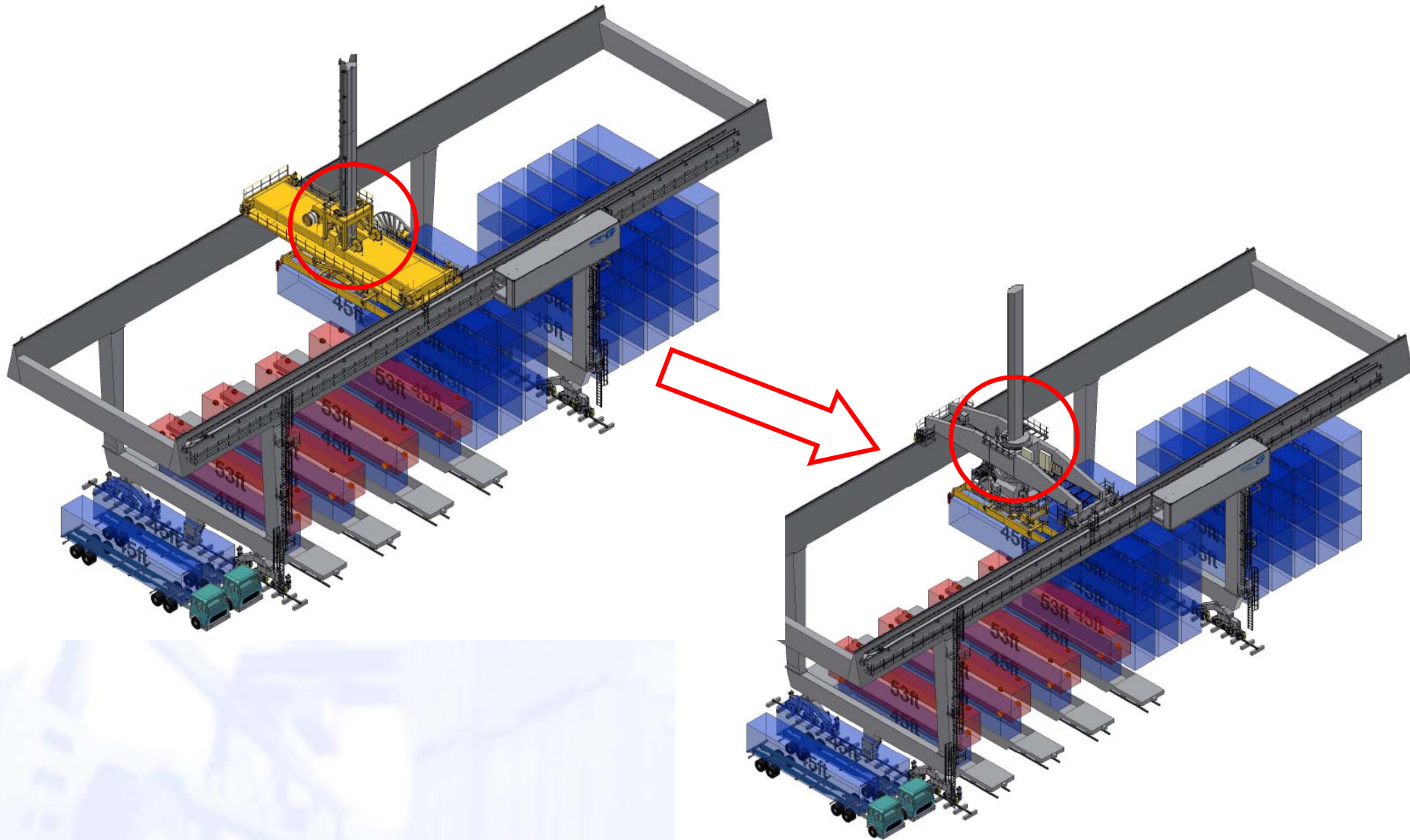
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# Intermodal Crane based on ASC Crane Concept (Modular Design)

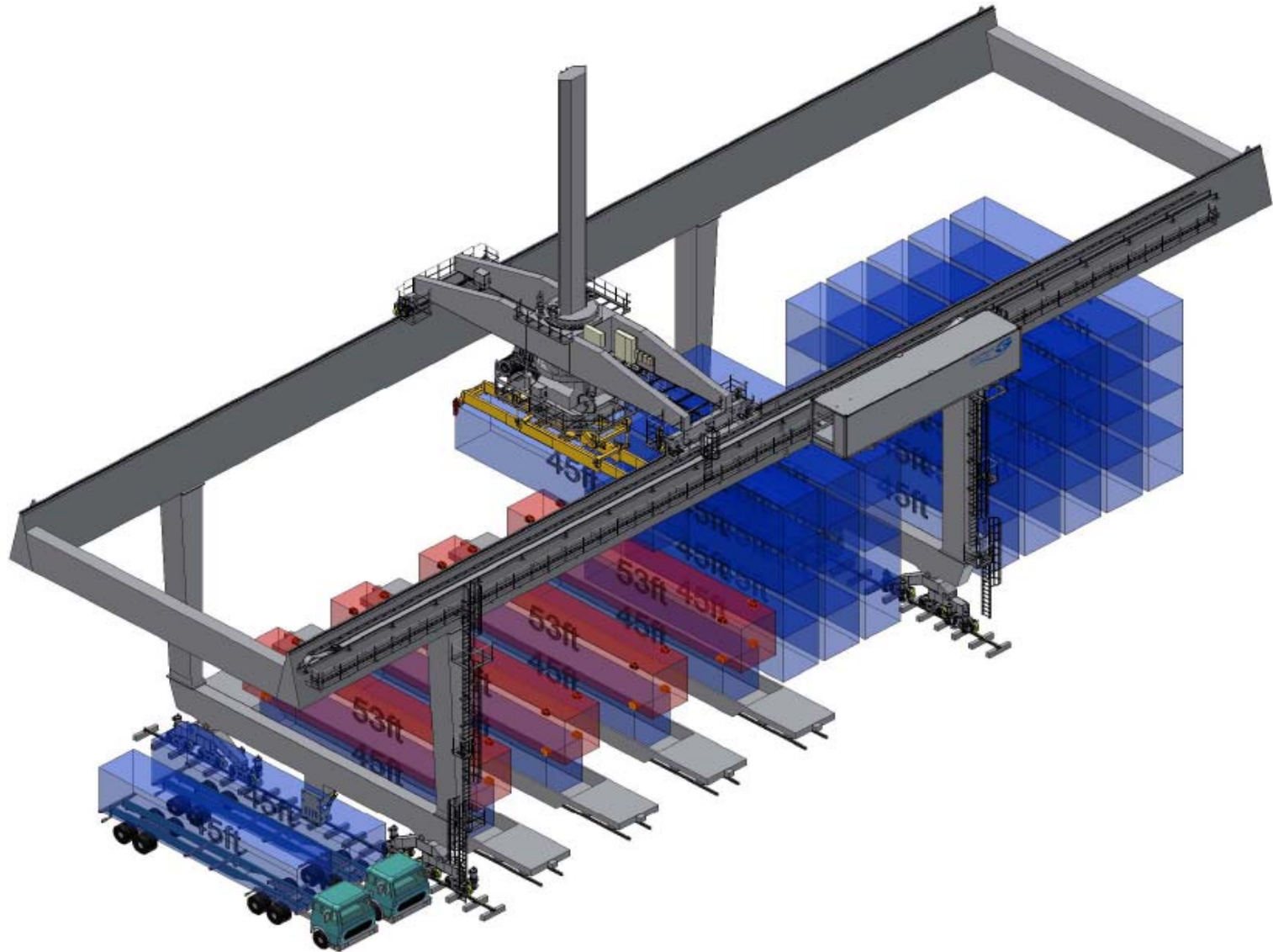


# Modular Design ASC with Rotating Trolley

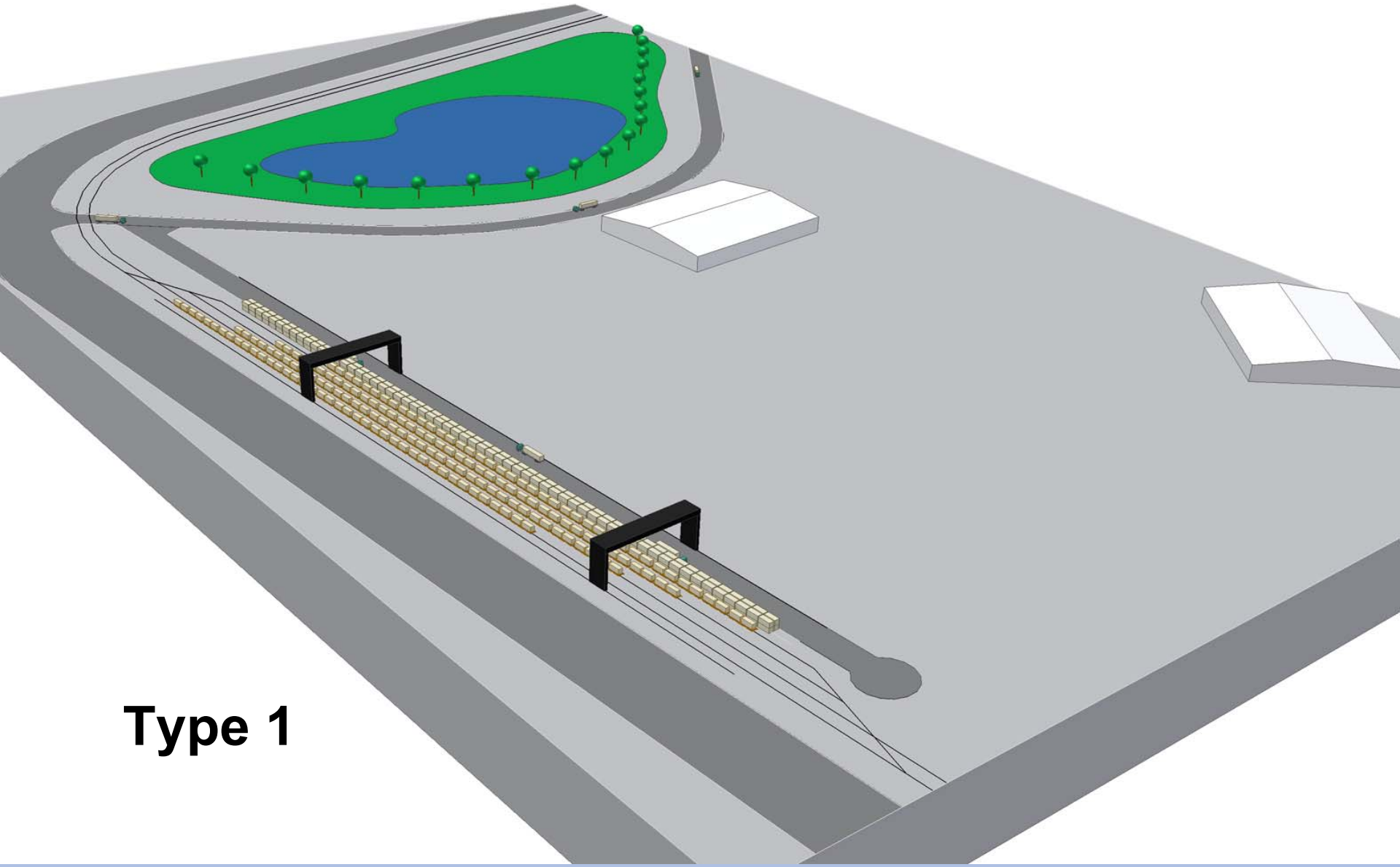




# Modular Design ASC with Rotating Trolley



# The Classical Intermodal Terminal Layout



**Type 1**



# Köln Eifeltor

## 330.000 Cont/Year, 6 RMGs, 8 + 1 Tracks

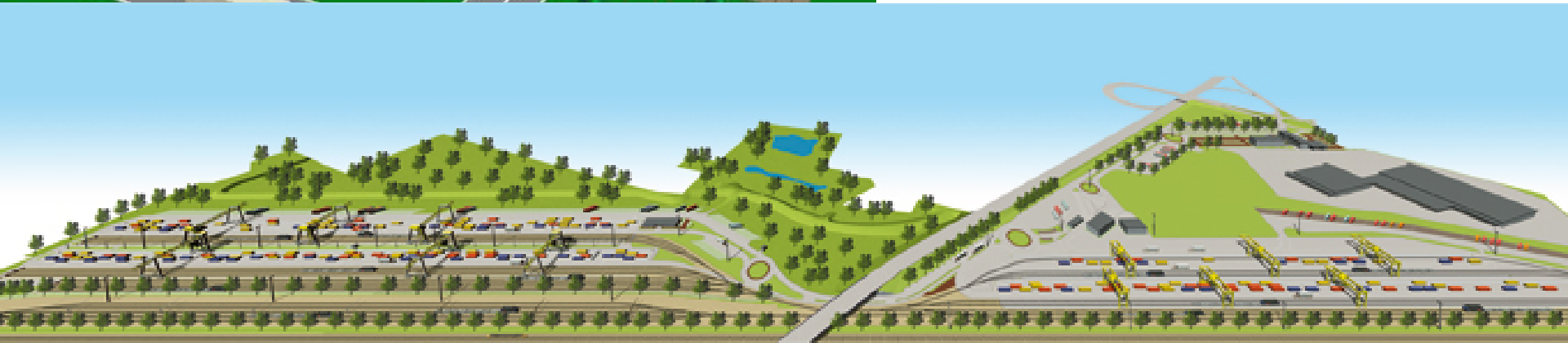




# Type 1 Intermodal Rail Terminal Gottwald WSG at HUPAC, Galarate, Italy



<b>Terminal area</b>	242800 sqm
<b>cranes</b>	11 portal cranes max. 41 t lifting capacity
<b>railway tracks</b>	3 tracks à 540 m useable length 2 tracks à 630 m useable length 3 tracks à 710 m useable length 3 tracks à 760 m useable length
<b>handling capacity</b>	about 550.000 boxes per year





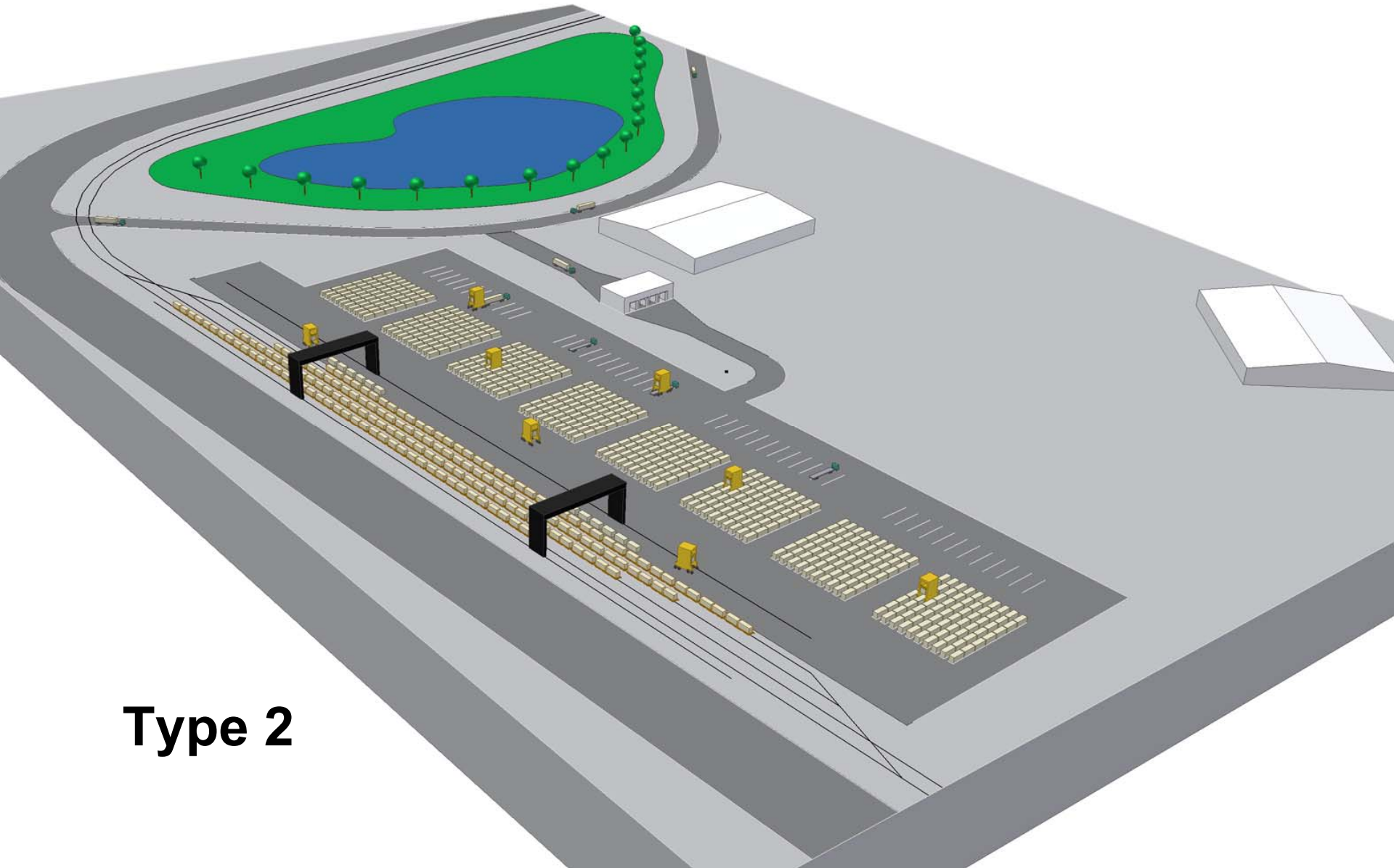
# Rail Terminals – Terminals for Combined Traffic



- Wide Span Gantry cranes
- HUPAC, Gallarate, Italy
- Semi-automated operation
- Transshipment of containers from road to rail and vice versa
- Handling rate per crane: 30 loading units per hour



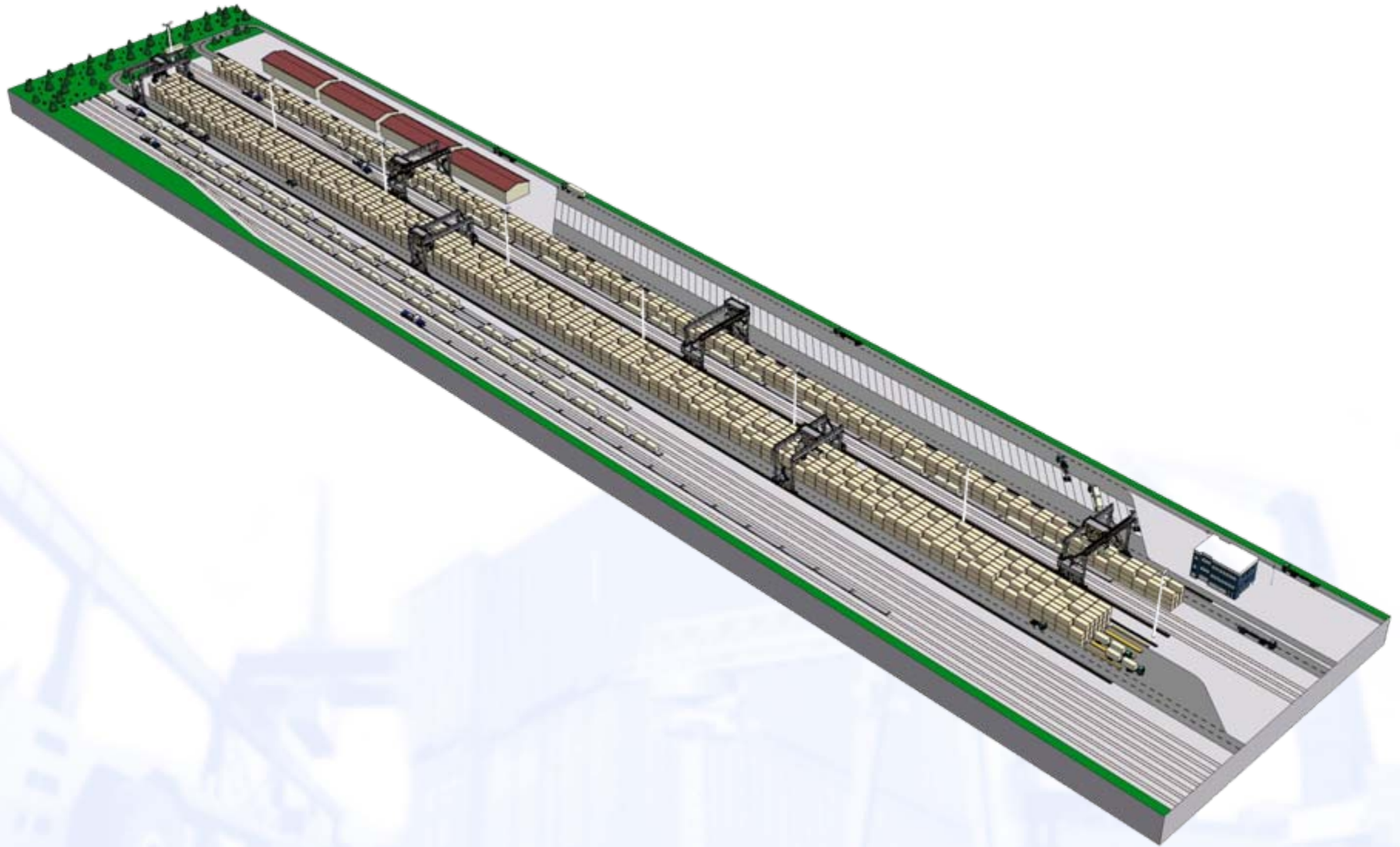
# Classical Layout with internal Buffer Extension



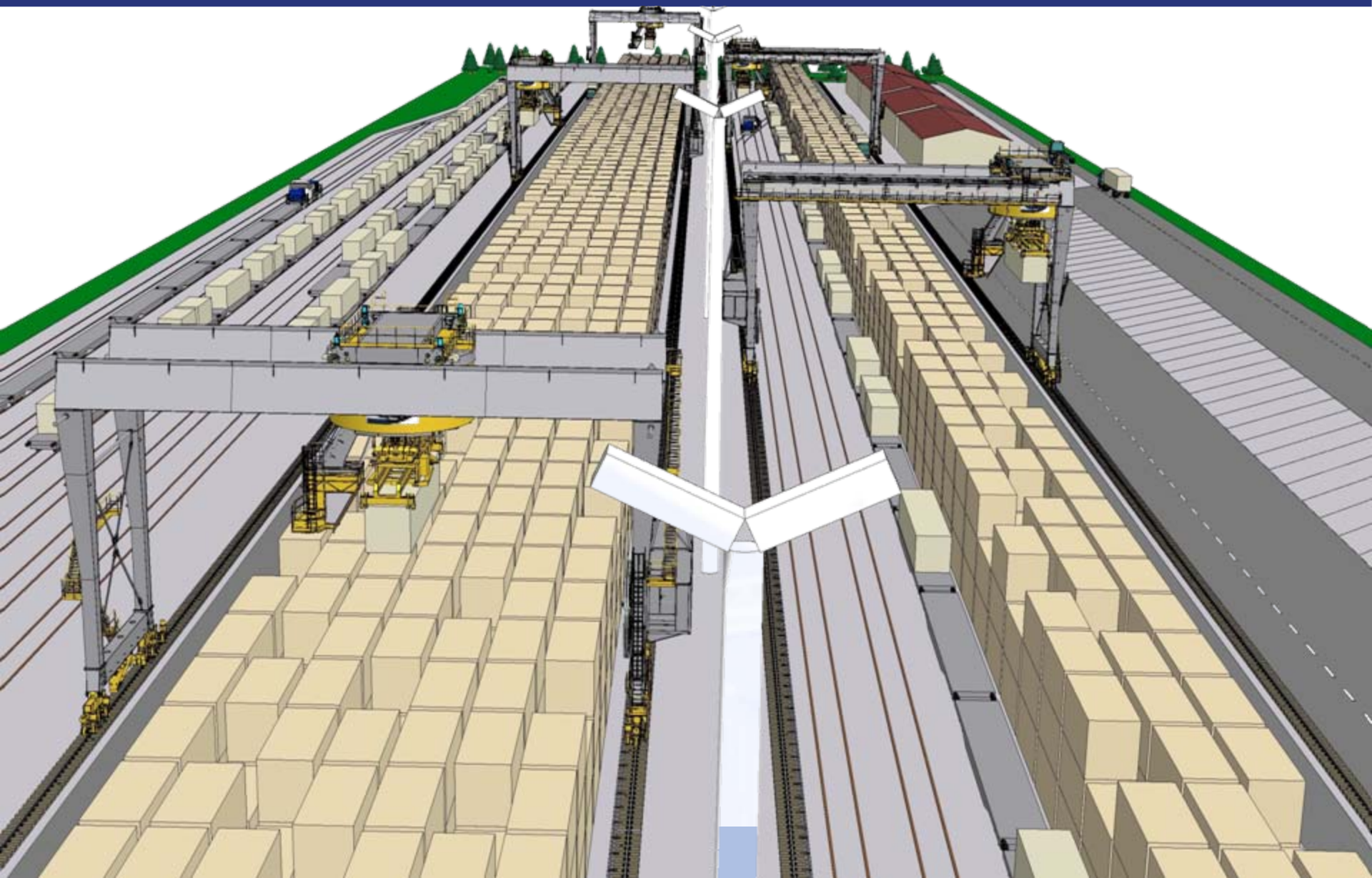
**Type 2**



# Type 2 Intermodal Terminal with Gottwald's MSC-Crane



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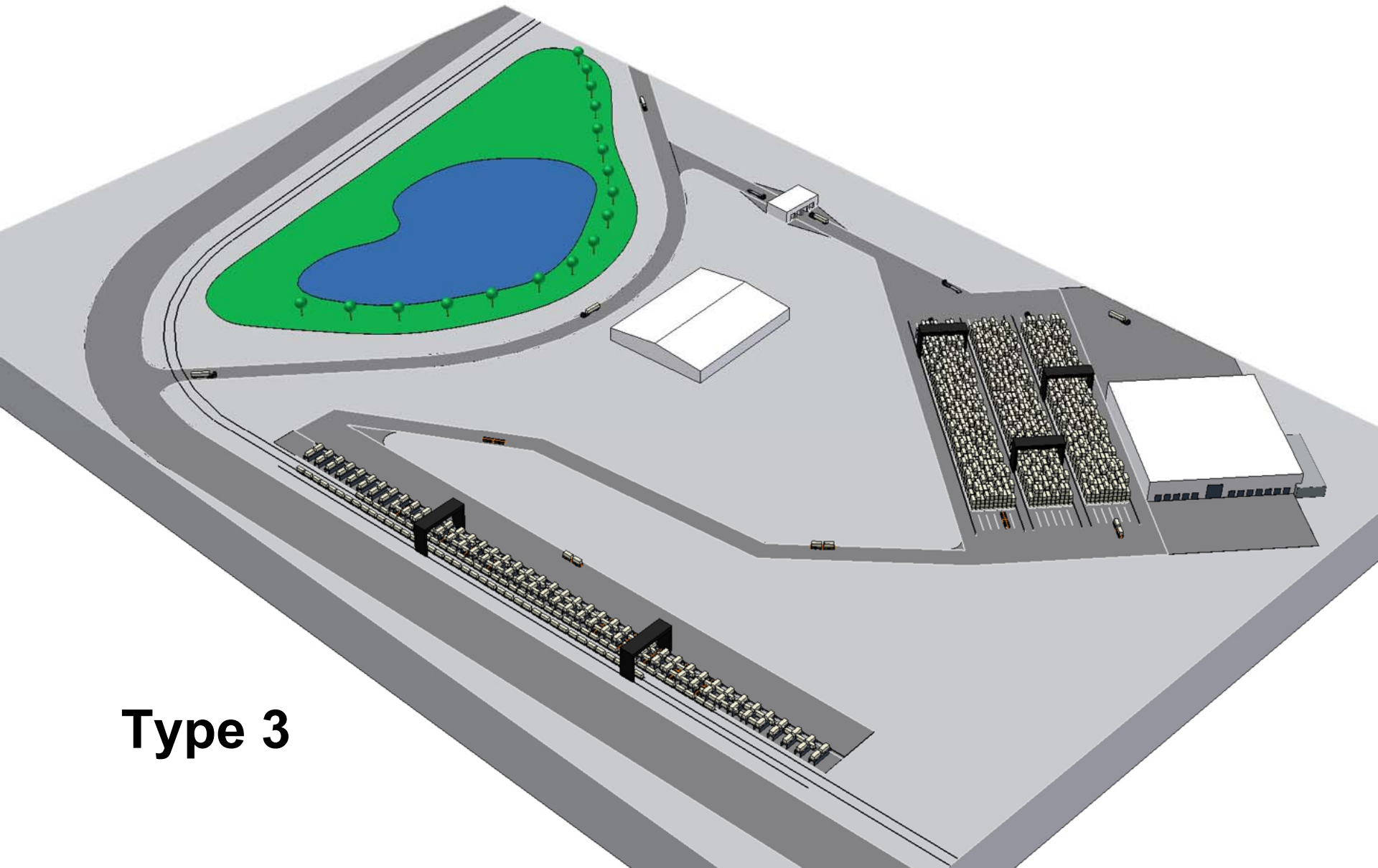








# Automated Intermodal Terminal Layout with AGVs and ASC Stack Extension



**Type 3**

# Intermodal Rail Terminal Gottwald's WSG and ASC



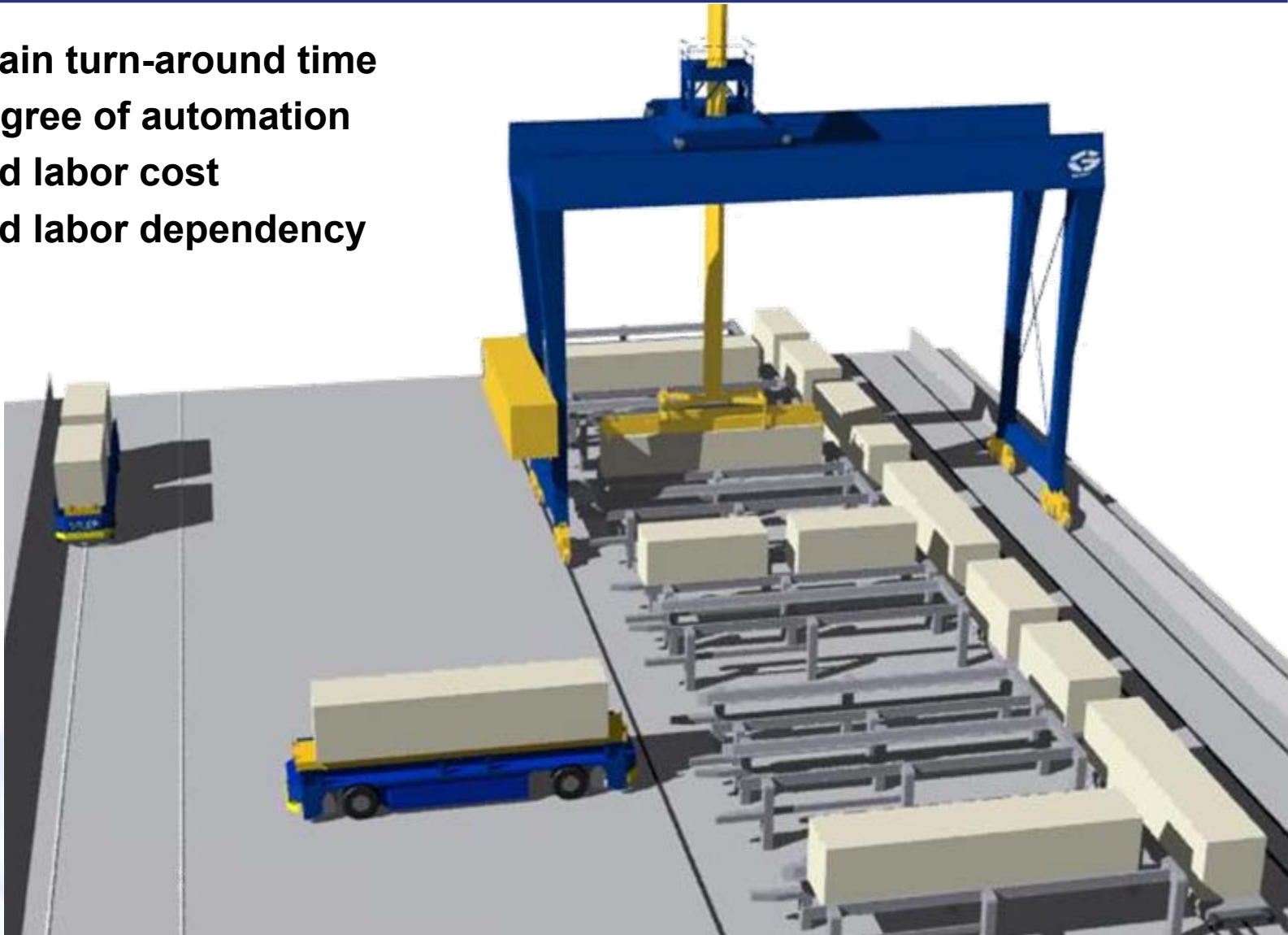


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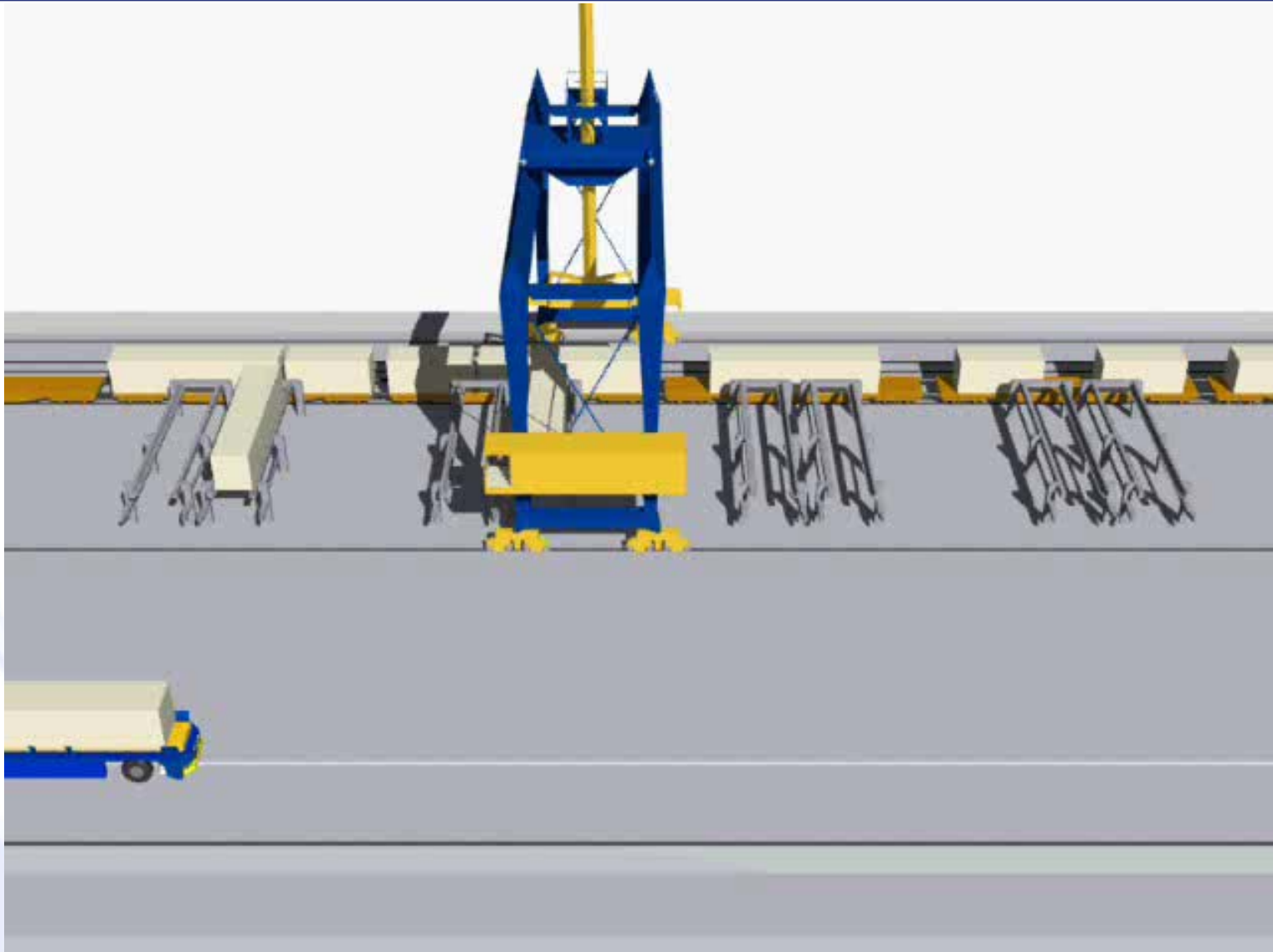


# Type 3 Automation in Intermodal Terminals

- Short train turn-around time
- High degree of automation
- Reduced labor cost
- Reduced labor dependency

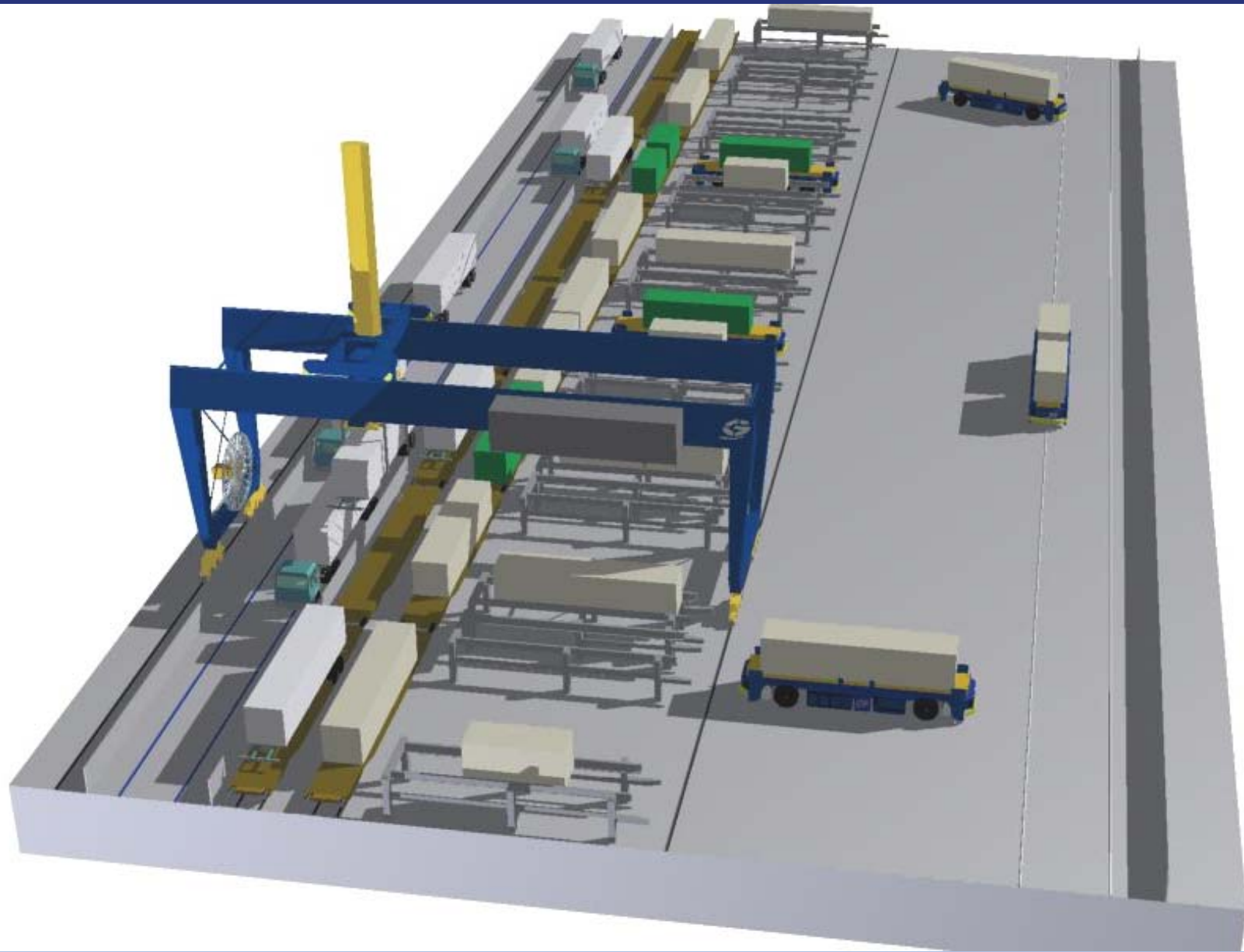


# Innovative Intermodal Terminal – Type 3





# RSC - Konzepte für verschiedene Ladeeinheiten



# Railsprinter Concept Beispiel Applikationen

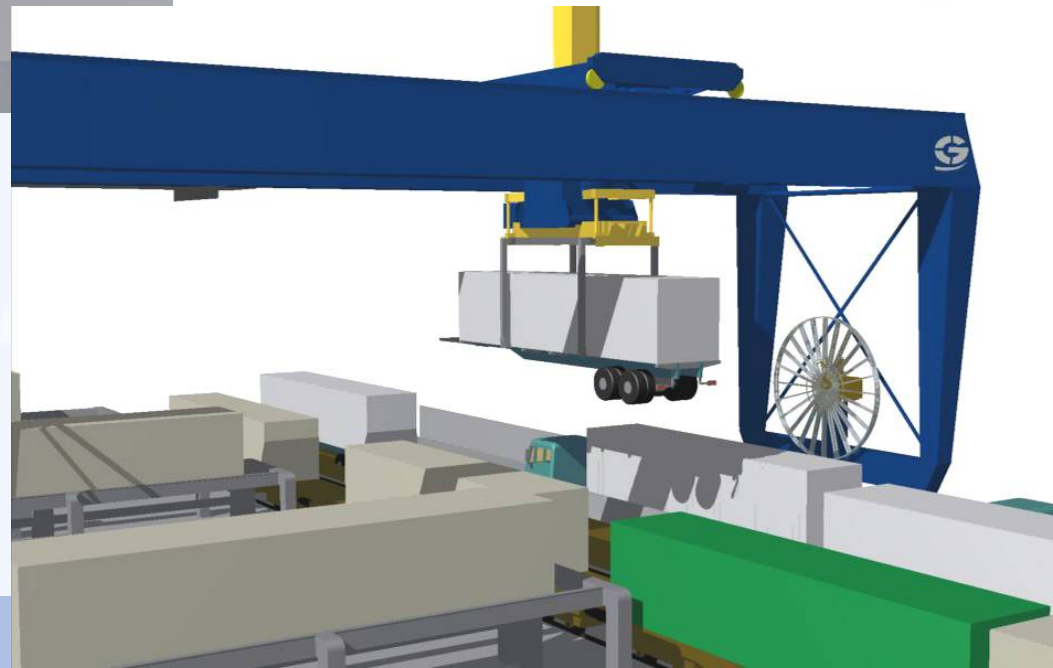


# Railsprinter Concept Beispiel Applikationen

Railsprinter Concept kann auch  
auf gemischten Betrieb angewendet werden,



wobei der Automatisierungsgrad  
angepasst werden muss.





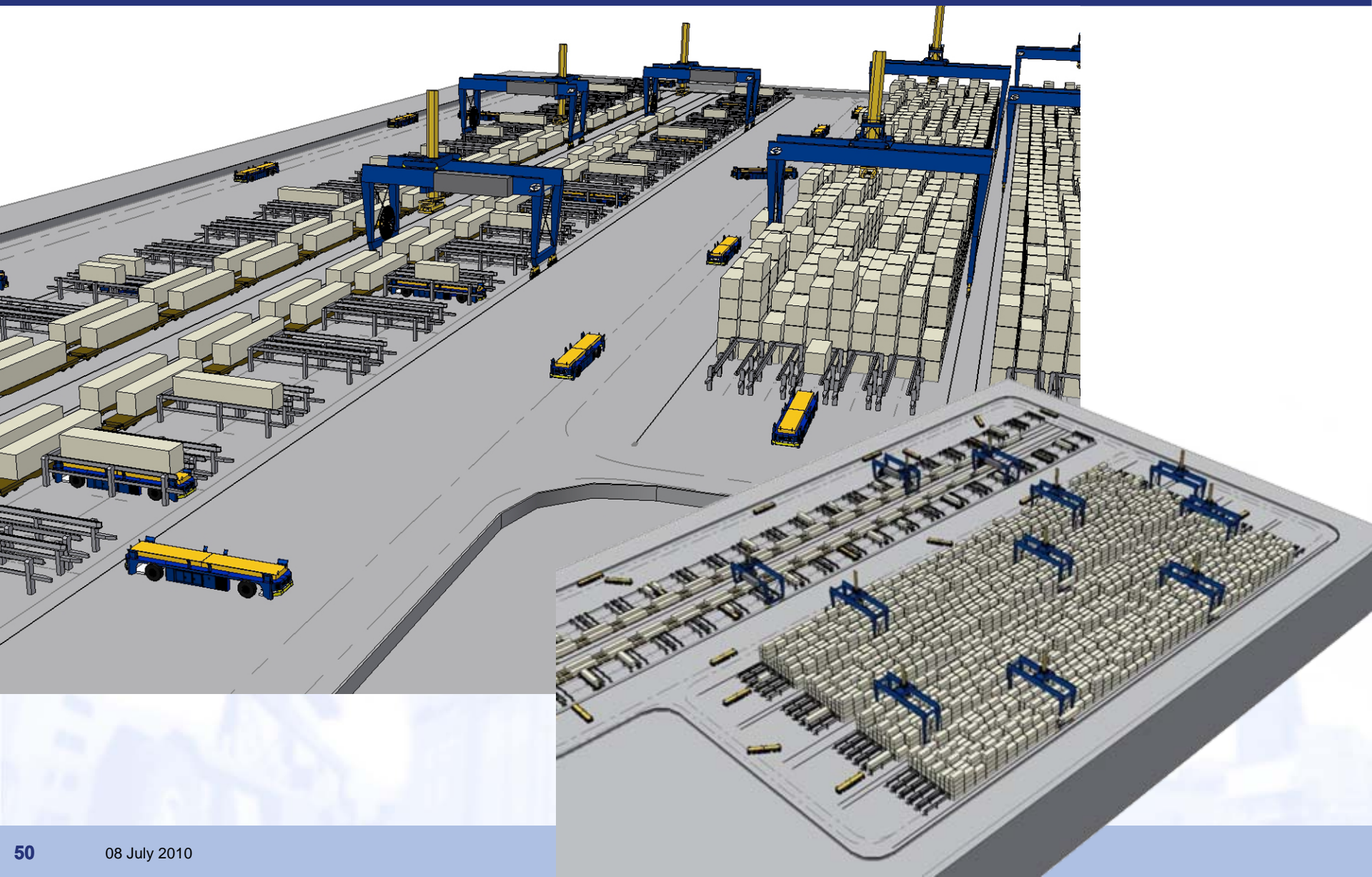
# Railsprinter Concept

## Beispiel Applikationen

- Skalierbarkeit der geplanten Gesamtanlage
- Hier Layout für eine Anlage mit Bedarf an Speicherkapazität und kurzen Zugstandzeiten (separates horizontales Transportsystem)



# Applications: 3D-Rail Terminal for 1,800,000 TEU/Year, Buffer Capacity up to 8,000 TEU

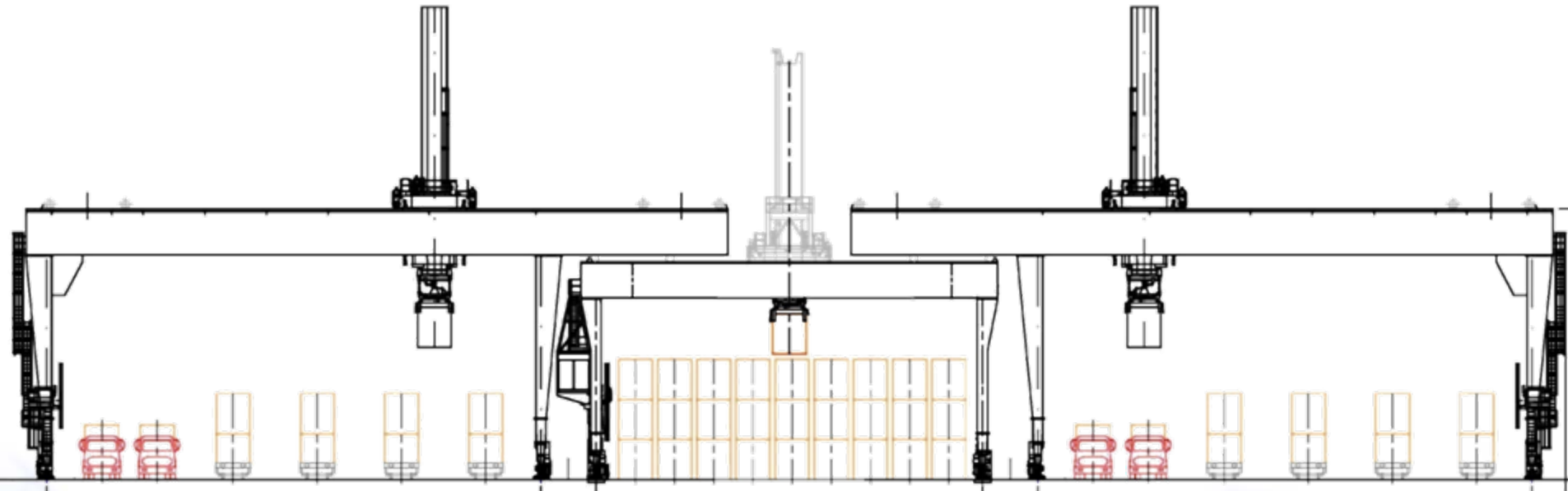






# Rail Sprinter Concept (RSC)

RSCs + ASCs for housekeeping and int. transport



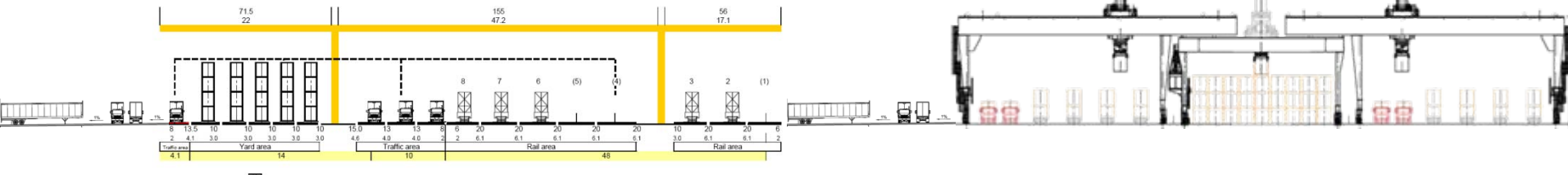
- **Stack capacity:** 9 stack lanes (3000feet long), 9 x (1 over 3)
- **Crane speeds:**
  - gantry travel 240m/min
  - trolley travel 60m/min
  - hoisting 36 ... 72m/min (load dependant)
- **Housekeeping:** 2 ASCs for housekeeping/internal transport
- **Gate operation:** 3 tractors for road trailer handling

# Concept Comparison Results

## Stack Capacity

Stack demand in 2010:

average 715 boxes/peak 1300 boxes



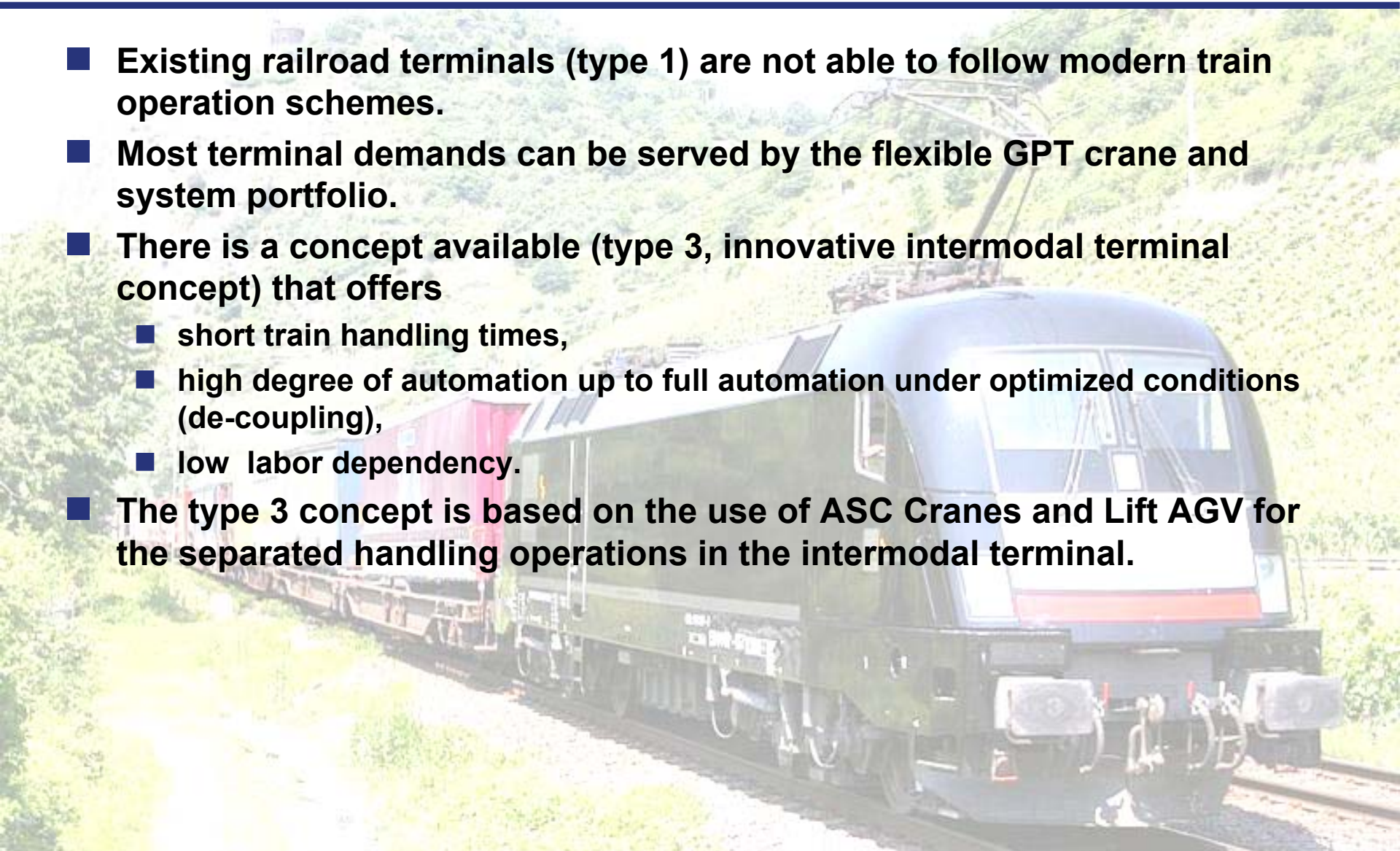
Operational workable stack capacity:

- Present day concept (1 over 4, 6 lanes) 1080 boxes (50' slots)  
75% utilization
- RSC concept (1 over 3, 9 lanes) 1377 boxes (50' slots)  
85% utilization

Conclusions:

- In RSC concept 27.5% more operational stack capacity available
- Already in 2010 the present day concept layout must be lengthened in order to accommodate the peak stack capacity demands

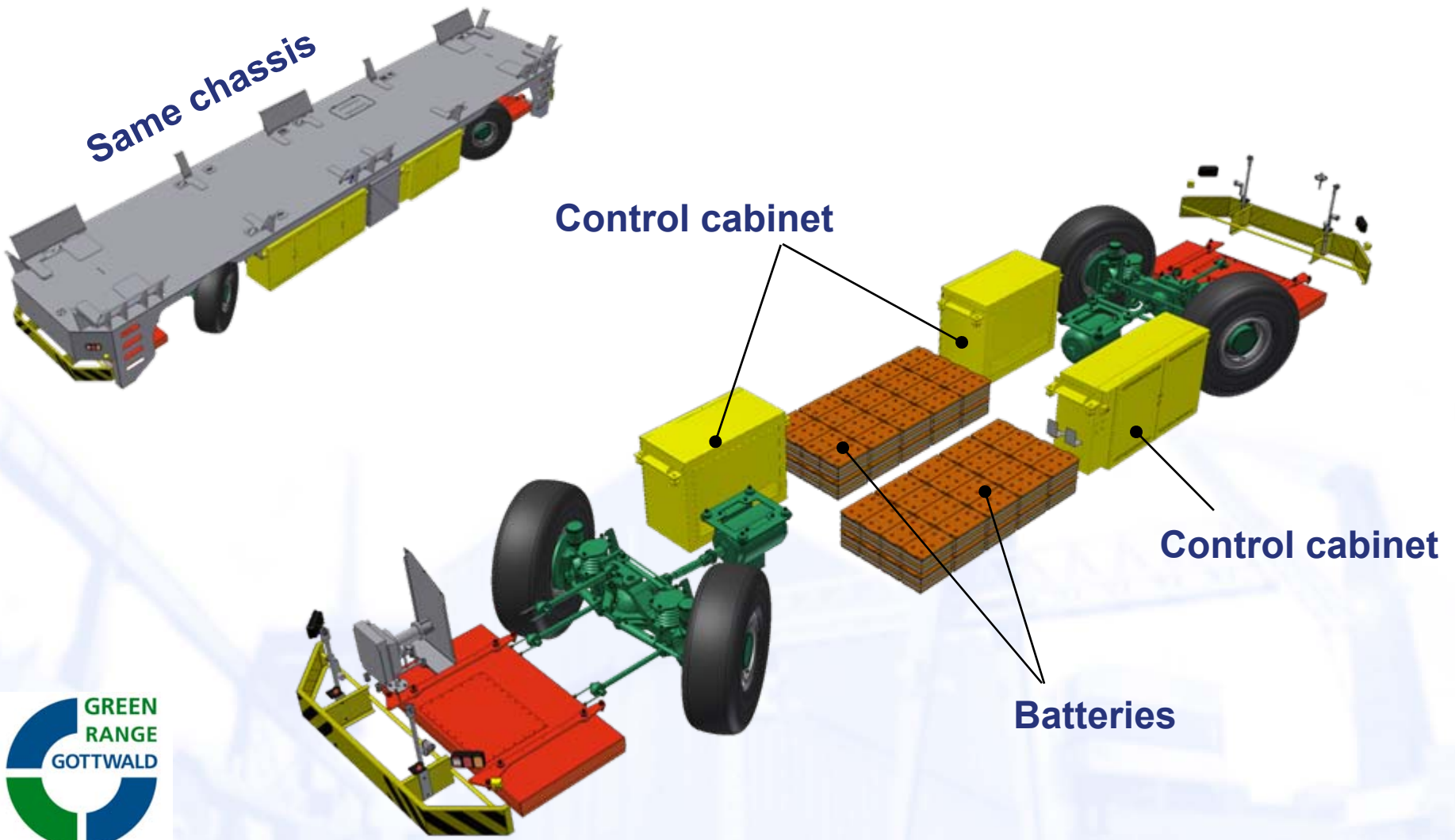
- Existing railroad terminals (type 1) are not able to follow modern train operation schemes.
- Most terminal demands can be served by the flexible GPT crane and system portfolio.
- There is a concept available (type 3, innovative intermodal terminal concept) that offers
  - short train handling times,
  - high degree of automation up to full automation under optimized conditions (de-coupling),
  - low labor dependency.
- The type 3 concept is based on the use of ASC Cranes and Lift AGV for the separated handling operations in the intermodal terminal.





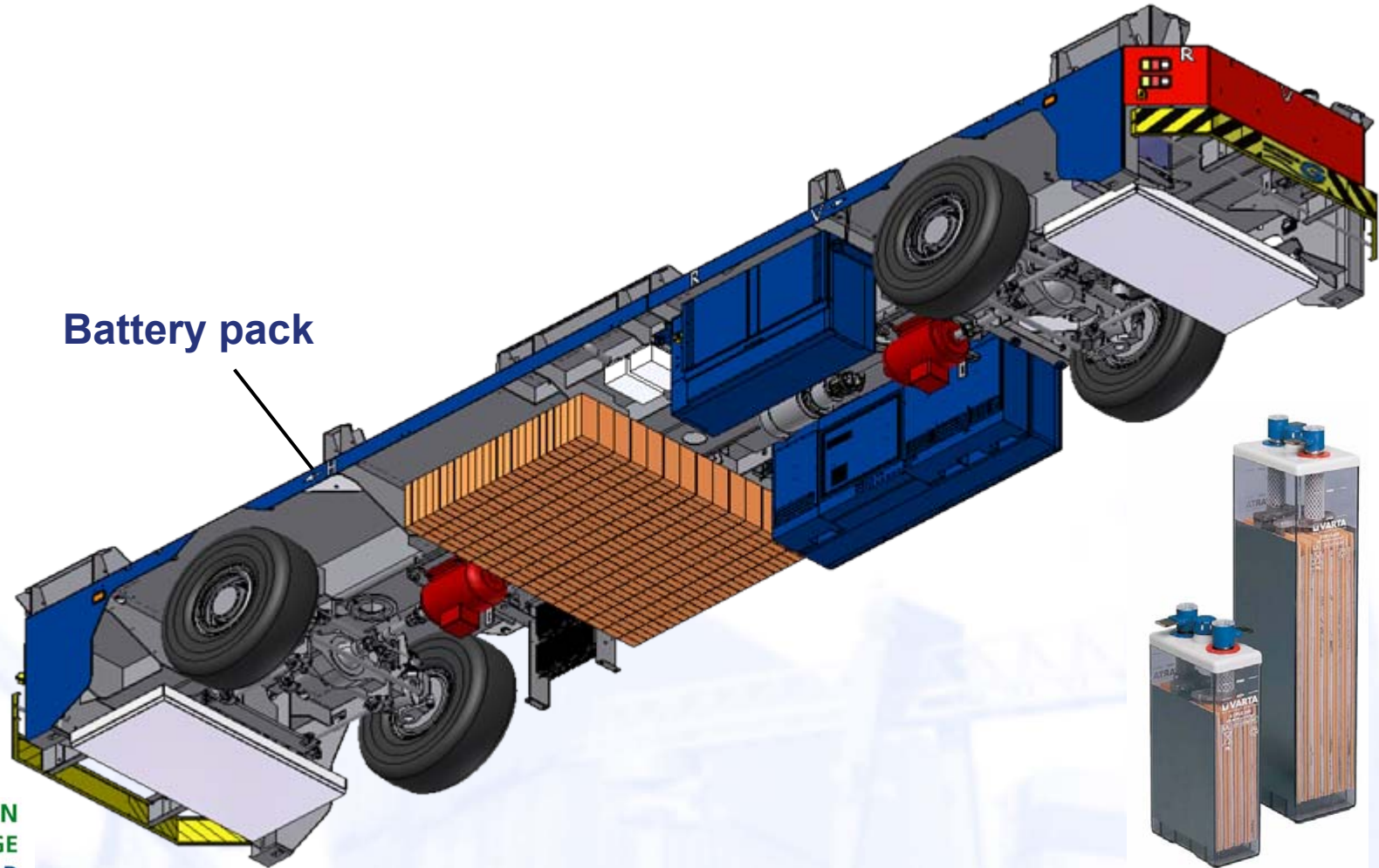
# New AGV Drive Concepts

Battery-AGV (Prototype planned for 2009)



# Vehicle Design

## Lead-Acid Battery



Battery pack

2V-cells

