



# STRC

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## **Towards Automatic Train Operation (ATO) for long distance services: State-of-the-art and challenges**

Some definitions concerning the level of automation (GoA: Grade of Automation)

**GoA0: Everything is managed by the driver. No supervision (by ex. Tramway)**

**GoA1: Everything is managed by the driver. Partial or Full supervision  
(ATP: Automatic Train Protection)  
Sometimes: speed cruise control devices**

**GoA2: Driver is in the cab but normally doesn't drive between stops. Full supervision  
(ATO/SATO or ATO/STO: Semi-Automatic Train Operation)**

**GoA3: No Driver. Full Supervision  
A staff member watch the door closure and could sometimes move slowly  
the train in degraded operating conditions  
(ATO/DTO: Automatic Train Operation / Driverless Train Operation)**

**GoA4: No Driver. Full Supervision  
No staff  
(ATO/UTO: Automatic Train Operation / Unattended Train Operation)**

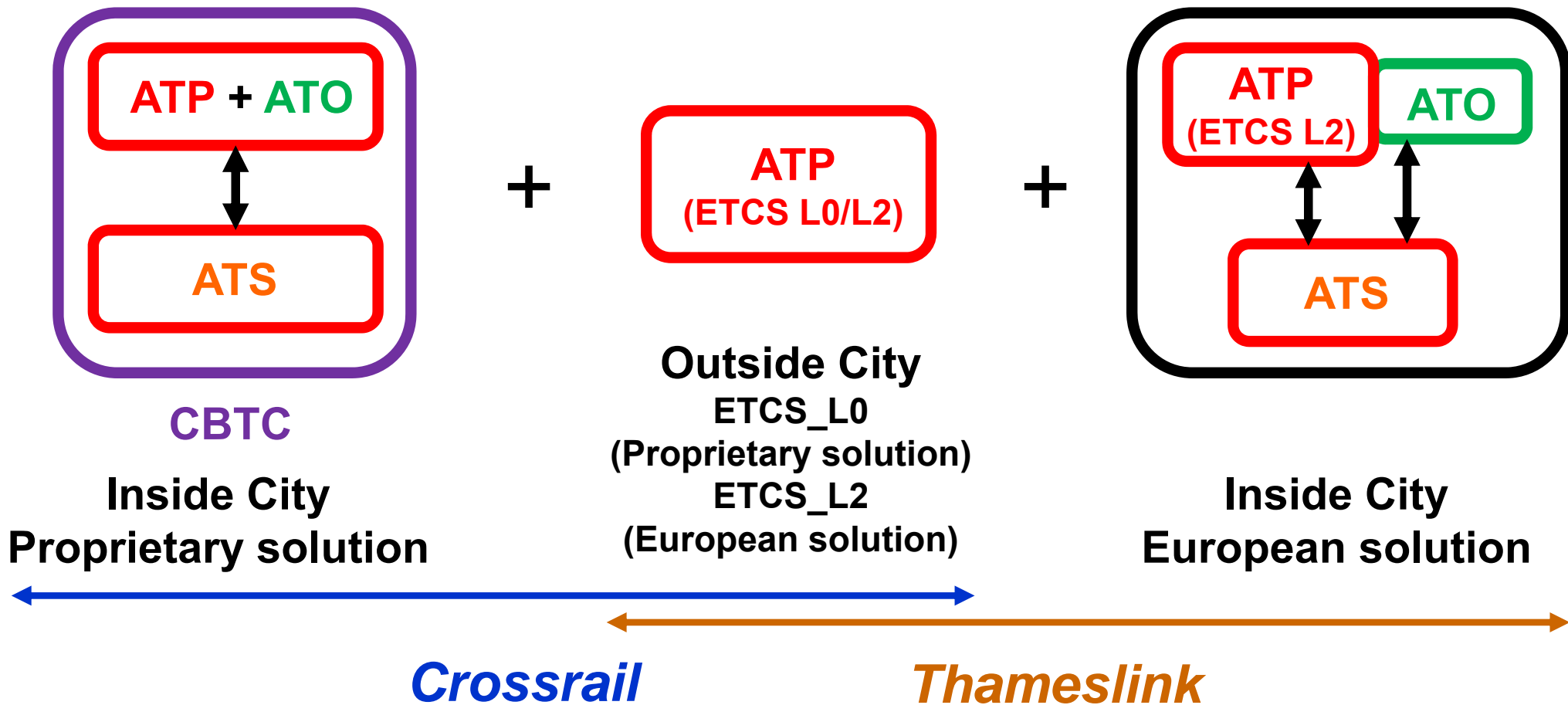
**CBTC: Communication Based Train Control**

**ATS: Automatic Train Supervision System**

**ATP: Automatic Train Protection System**

**ATO: Automatic Train Operation System**

**TMS: Traffic Management System**



**Main Goal: Capacity increase** in the city central section where **bottlenecks are at station entries**

Dual system (for ex. Crossrail project: ETCS\_L2 - **CBTC** - ETCS\_L0 )



ETCS Only (for ex. Thameslink project: ETCS\_L2 +ETCS\_L0/1/2)



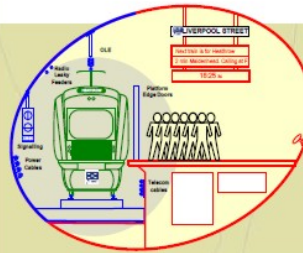
### Crossrail 'outer'

- Signalling condition
- Interlocking alterability
- Control alterability
- AC immunisation
- Performance

### Crossrail 'inner'

- Interlocking capacity
- Control centre capacity
- ATP to Heathrow
- Performance
- GW-ATP
- TSI

## Central Section



### CBTC Overlay / Interfaces

- ATO system
- Traffic Management
- Performance/Capacity (24tph)
- Interfaces

## North Eastern Section

- Capacity (18tph)
- Performance (RAM)
- Compliance

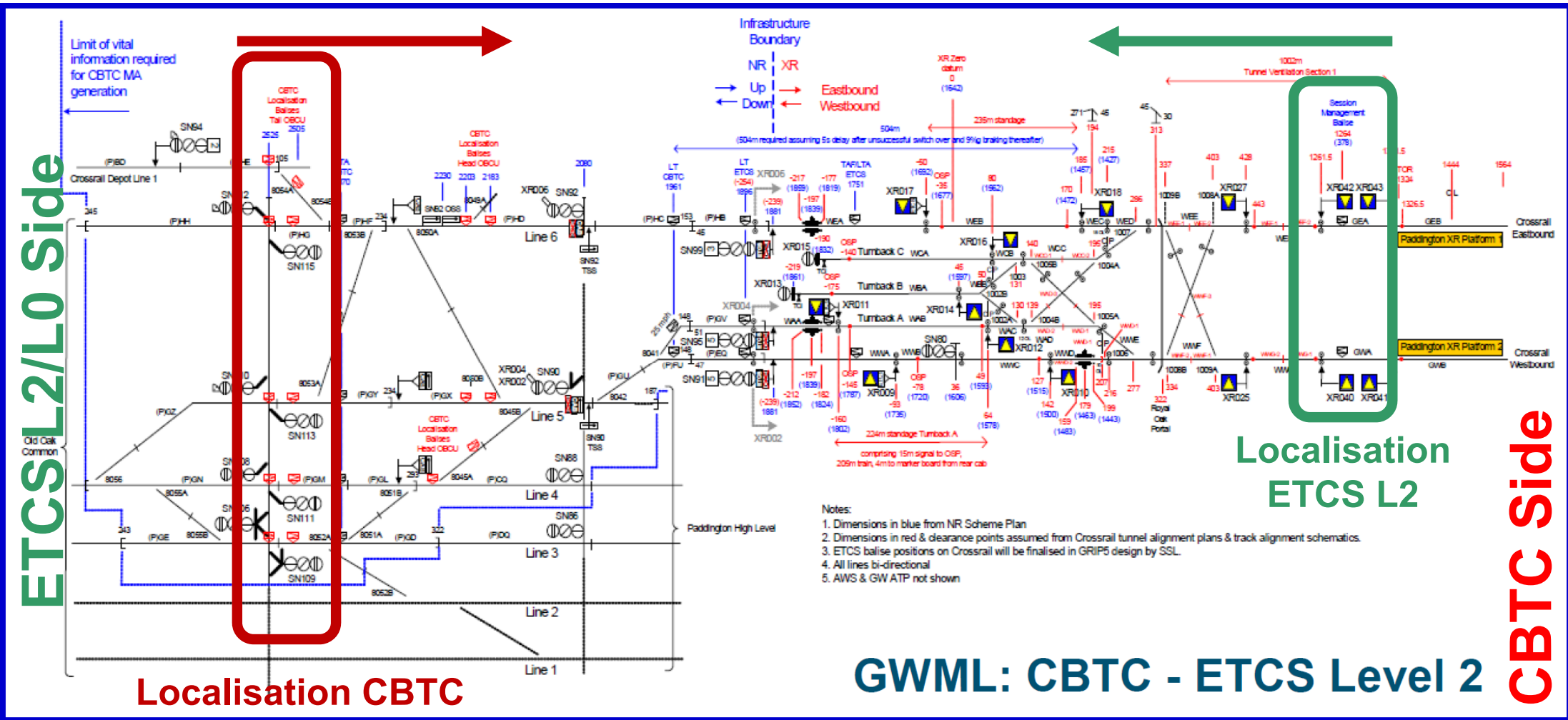
## South Eastern Section

- Immunisation (AC/D)

## Western Section

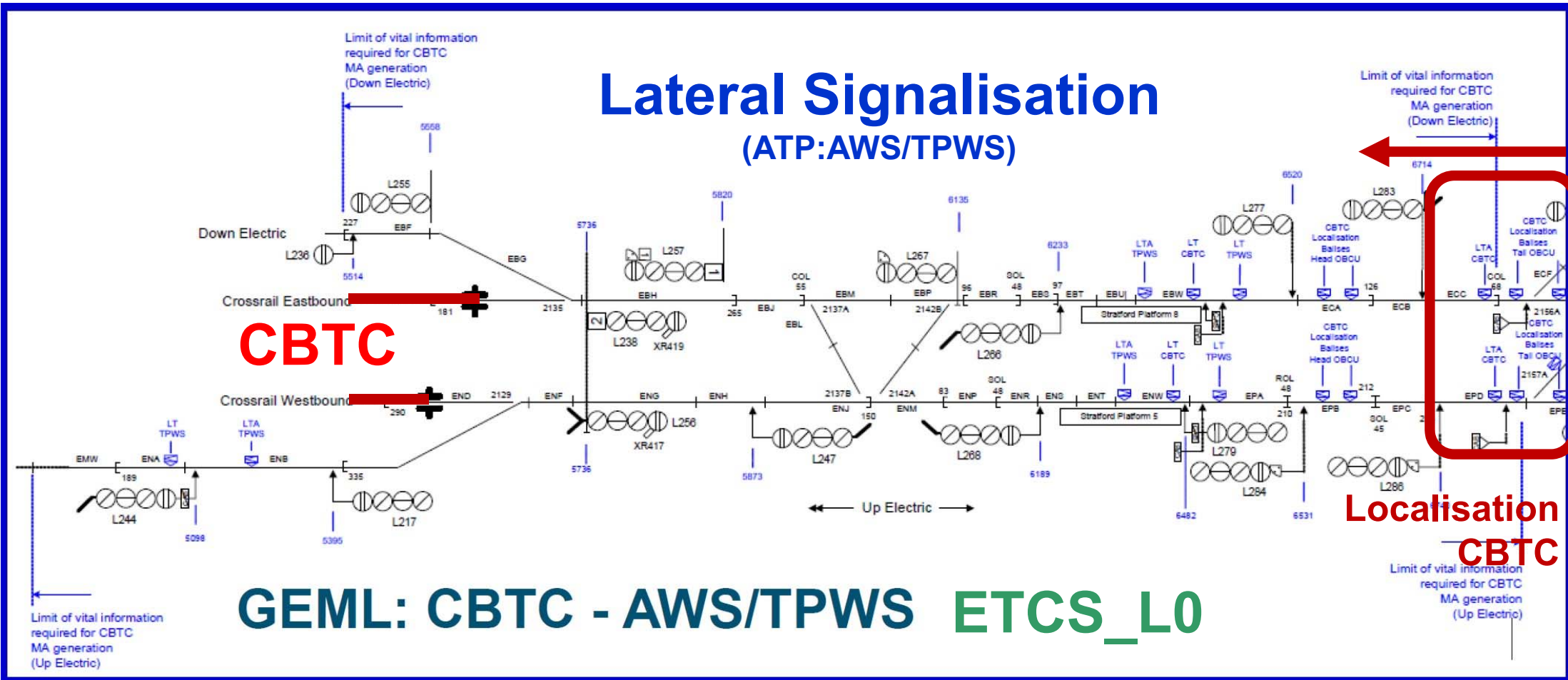
- GW-ATP
- TSI

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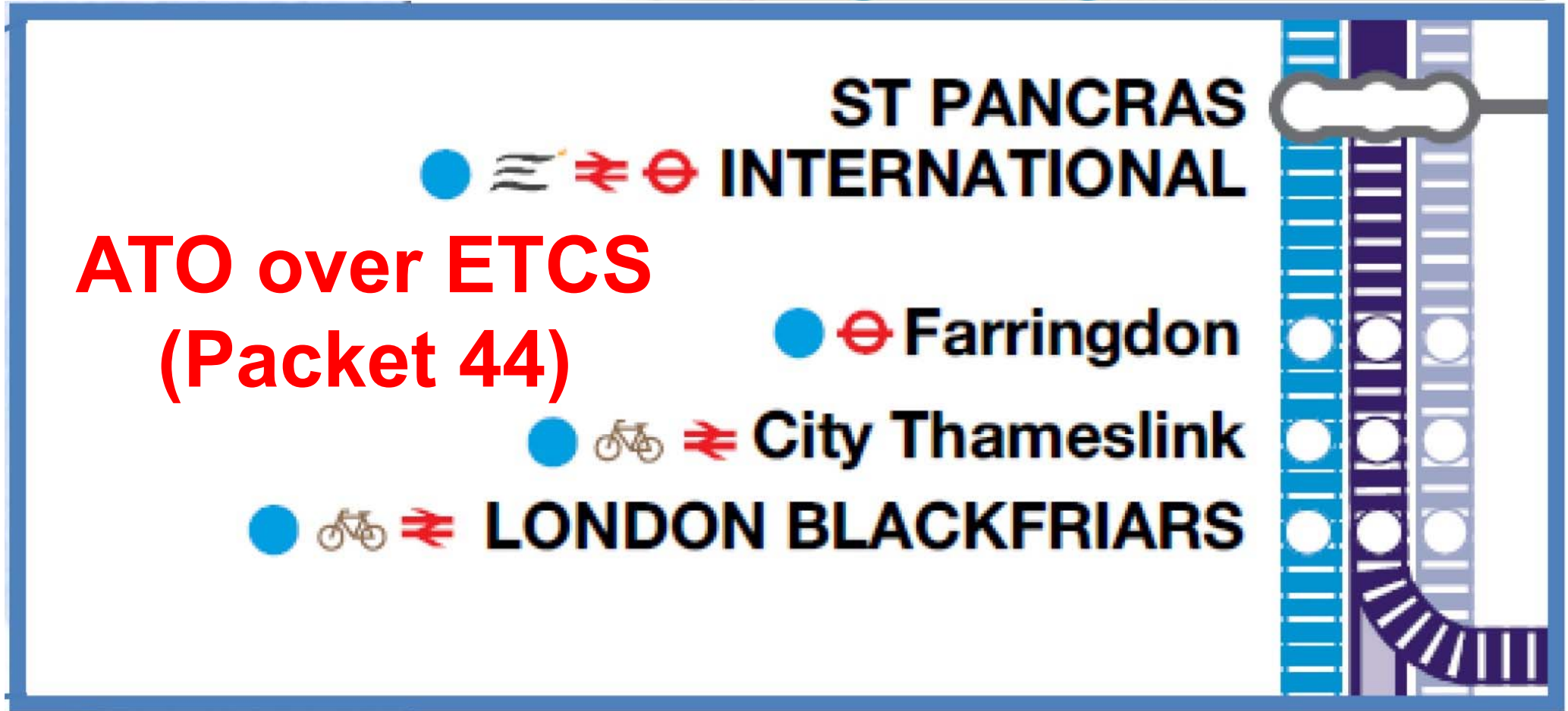


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Every 2½ minutes

Every 2 minutes in case of recovery service !?



ATO over ETCS  
(Packet 44)

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**ETCS+ATO:** Use of the multi-purpose ETCS Packet 44

Possible use with ETCS\_L1 FS (with GSM-R) or ETCS\_L2 FS

If the goal is to increase capacity in bottleneck then the use of

**ETCS\_L2** (shorter fixed block sections than with ETCS\_L1) is efficient

Siemens/Alstom/Invensys/NR: *ATO with ETCS Data Flows and Data Packets (2011):*

- *Segment Profile: Real time update of infrastructure data*

- *Journey Profile: Real time update of timing points*

*(timing point main types: departure/passing/arrival)*



*In 2011, a timing point is **only***

*a three-dimensional entity: type, location and time (**but not speed**)*

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## Capacity with a CBTC system or with **ETCS\_L2 + ATO**: Only slight differences

$D_{\max/\min}$ : max/min distance between the safe rear end of a train and the NV\_MAL of the following train  
[hypothesis: Immediate and continue update of train locations. No specific Danger Point (DP)]

L: Section Length

CAM: Collision Avoidance Margin

RbM: Rollingback Margin

V\_MAL: Vital Movement Authority Limit

NV\_MAL: Non-Vital Movement Authority Limit

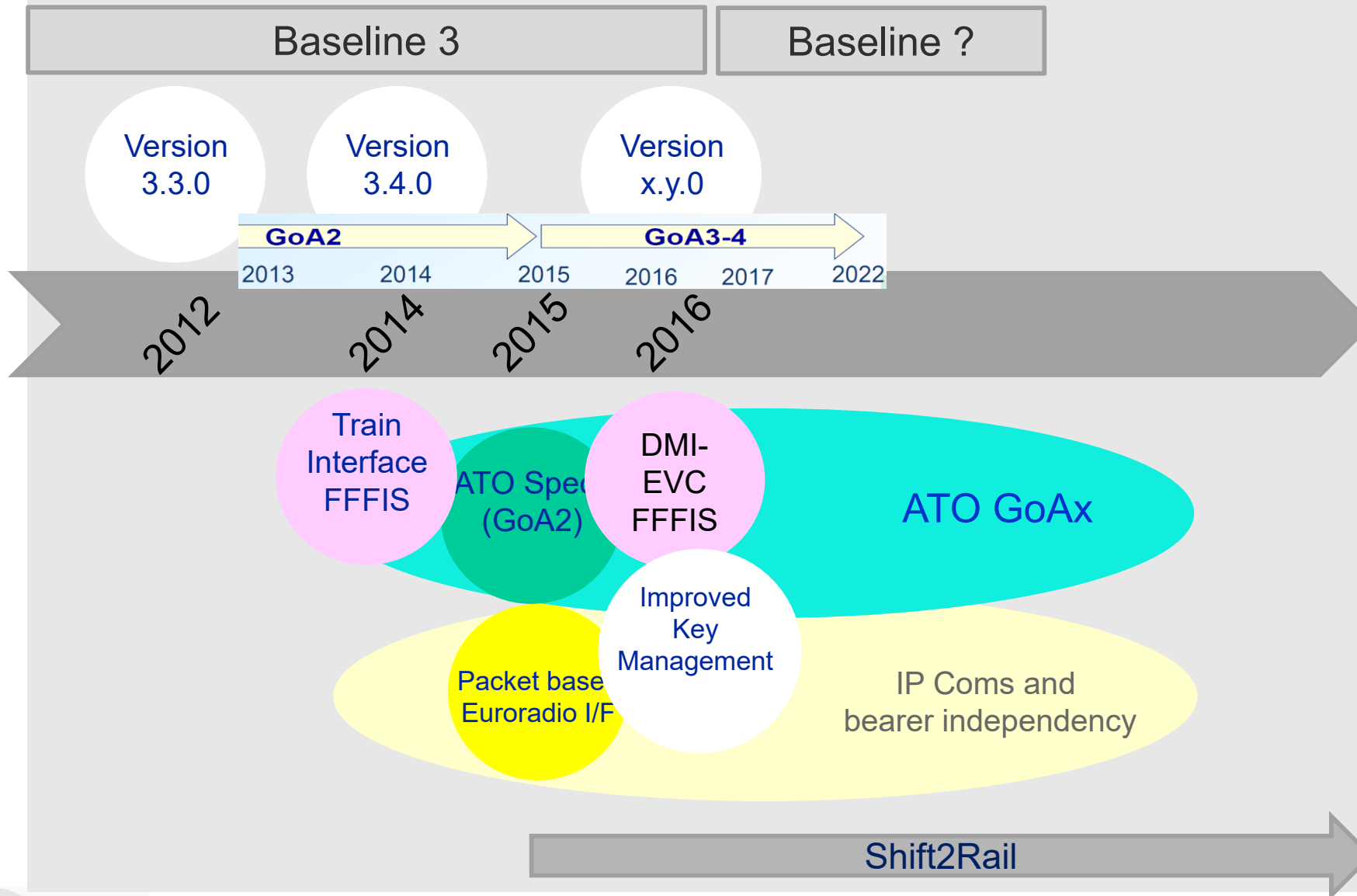
Examples	CBTC Strategy V_MAL / NV_MAL	$D_{\min}$	$D_{\max}$
Paris M14	<b>Fixed / Fixed</b>	CAM+RbM	L+CAM+RbM
Paris M1	Moving / Fixed	CAM+RbM	L
Lyon Ligne D	Moving / Moving	CAM+RbM	CAM+RbM

## State-of-The-Art Summary:

System/Project Name	Inside City	Outside City	Remark
Cruise speed keeper	GoA_1	GoA_1	Long distance / HSL
Cruise speed controller	---	GoA_1	Freight(TripOptimizer) / HSL
<b>Crossrail</b>	<b>GoA_4-CBTC</b>	GoA_1	Outside City: ETCS_L0/L2
<b>Thameslink (2018)</b>	<b>GoA_4-ETCS</b>	GoA_1	Outside City: ETCS_L0

System/Project Name	ATO and TMS	Goal
Long distance passenger service	Not connected	Driving comfort / Punctuality
TripOptimizer (Freight)	Connected or not	Energy saving
<b>Crossrail</b>	Connected in city center	Bottleneck capacity
<b>Thameslink (2018)</b>	Connected in city center	Bottleneck capacity

# Mastering and planning the ERTMS/ETCS Long-Term Evolution



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**ERA – 2016:**

**GoA2 in  
2018/2019**

**GoA3:  
long term**

### Challenge GoA2\_A: How to keep self-motivated and skilled drivers ?

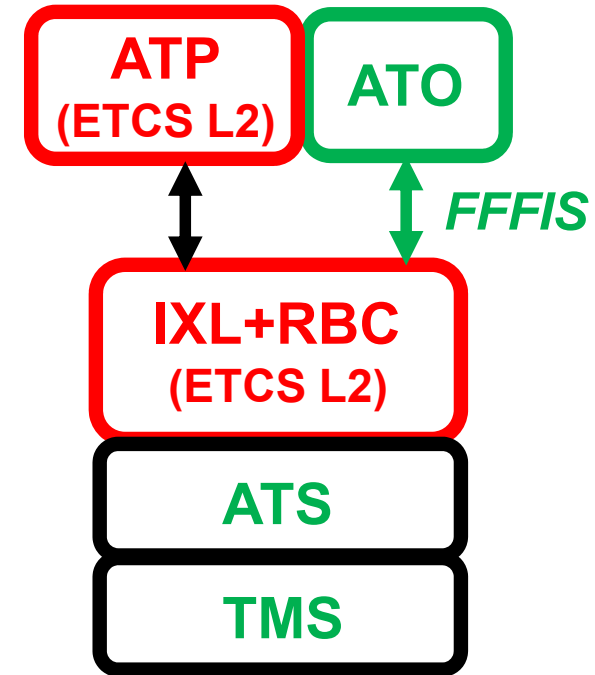
- To spend more time in driving simulators

### Challenge GoA2\_B: ETCS-ATO Interface standardization

- To develop Form Fit Function Interface Specifications (**FFFIS**)

### Challenge GoA2\_C: ETCS-ATO Improvement

- To add speed in the timing point features



# ETCS-GoA\_2: let's go !

**Challenge GoA3/4\_A: Supervision of the train working order**

- *To add more sensors and to correlate their results*

**Challenge GoA3/4\_B: Cross-check of outside aspects of trains**

- *To film and analyse train videos*
- *To develop trackside more sophisticated and more numerous devices in the context of the global Wayside Train Monitoring System (WTMS)*

**Challenge GoA3/4\_C: Obstacle on the track visually detected**

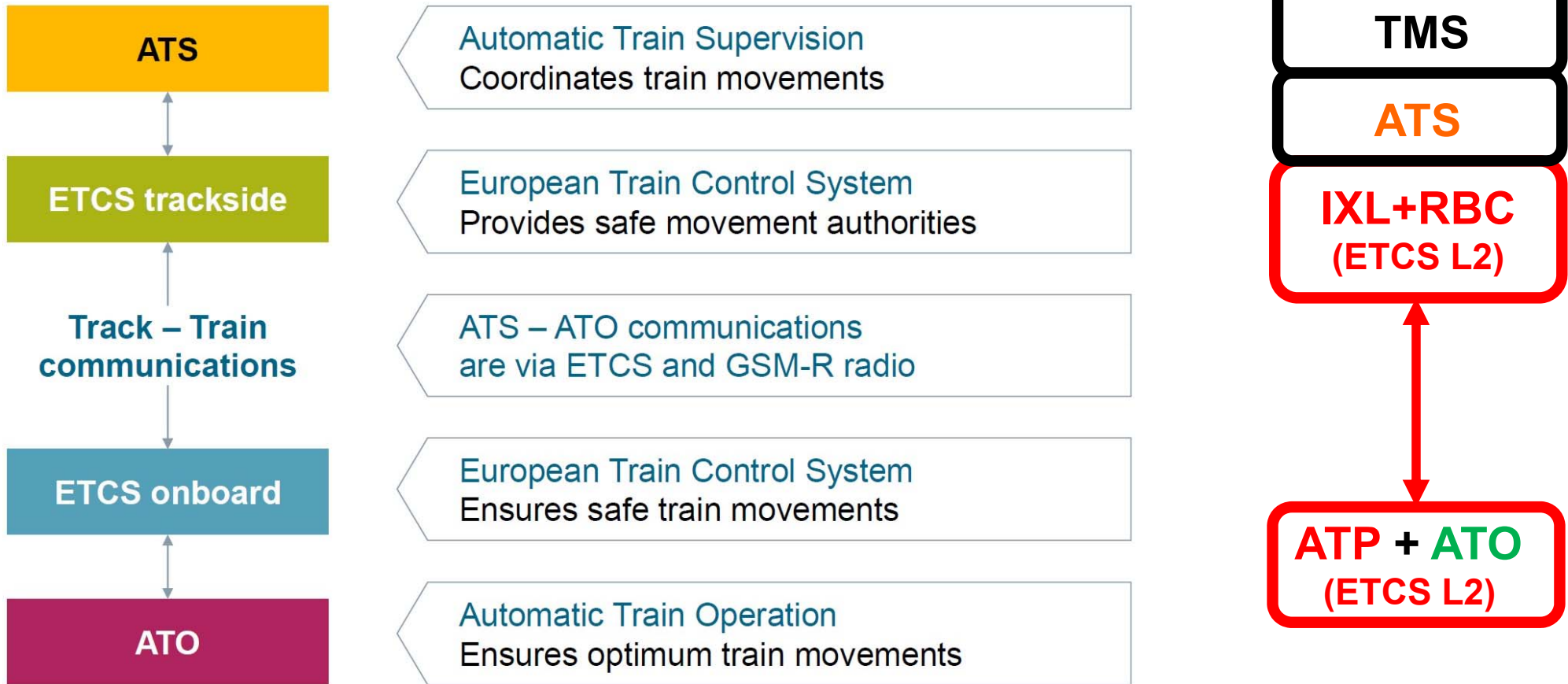
- *To film and analyse in real time train video looking ahead*

**Challenge GoA4\_D: Running “On Sight” (OS), under  
“Staff Responsibility” (SR) or “Shunting” (SH) modes**

- *To film and analyse in real time train video looking ahead*
- *To use a telecontrol system*

## To resume

# GoA2 over ETCS: let's go !



# GoA4 over ETCS: for tomorrow !

*Thank you for your attention*





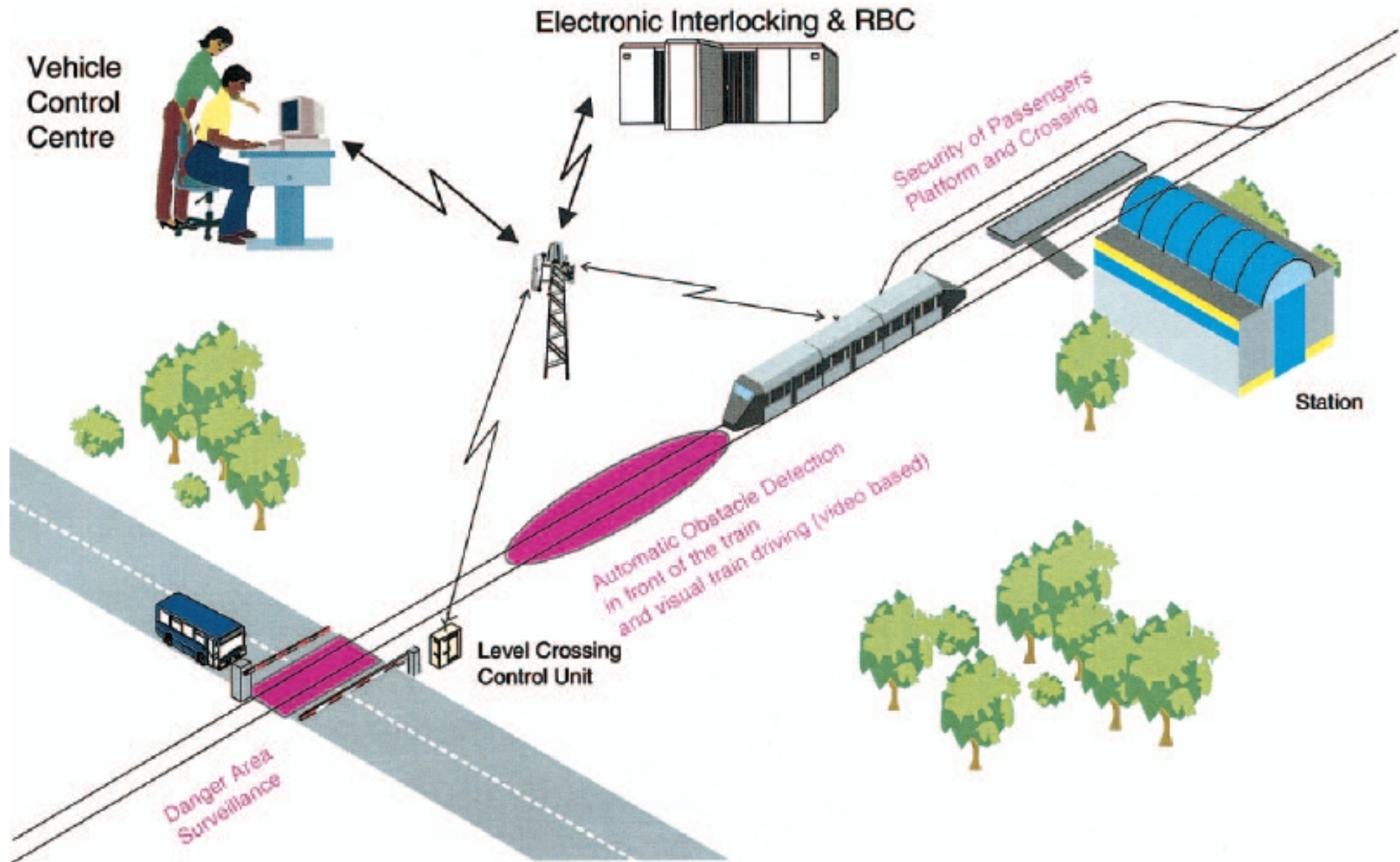
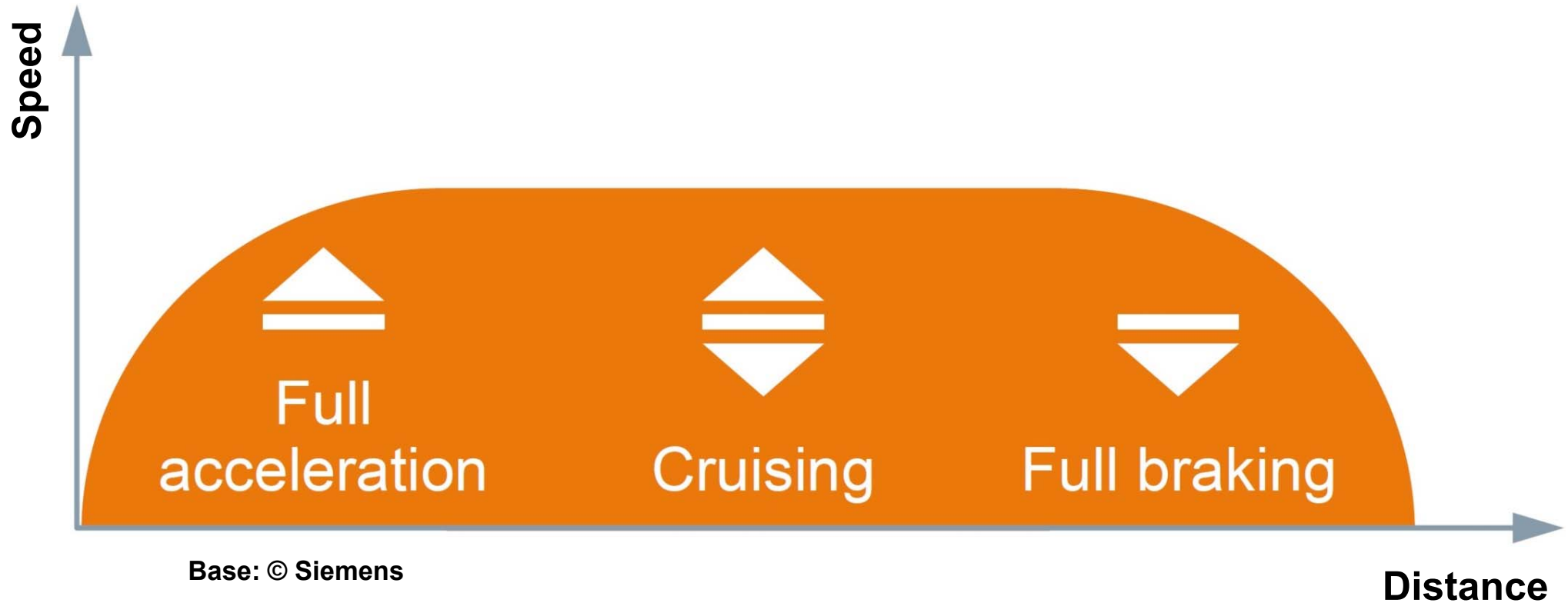


Fig. 7: Components for automated rail traffic ("KOMPAS" research project)

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**Time-minimum** train run  
(very simplified)

# Les domaines avec cantons virtuels fixes purs et canton tampon

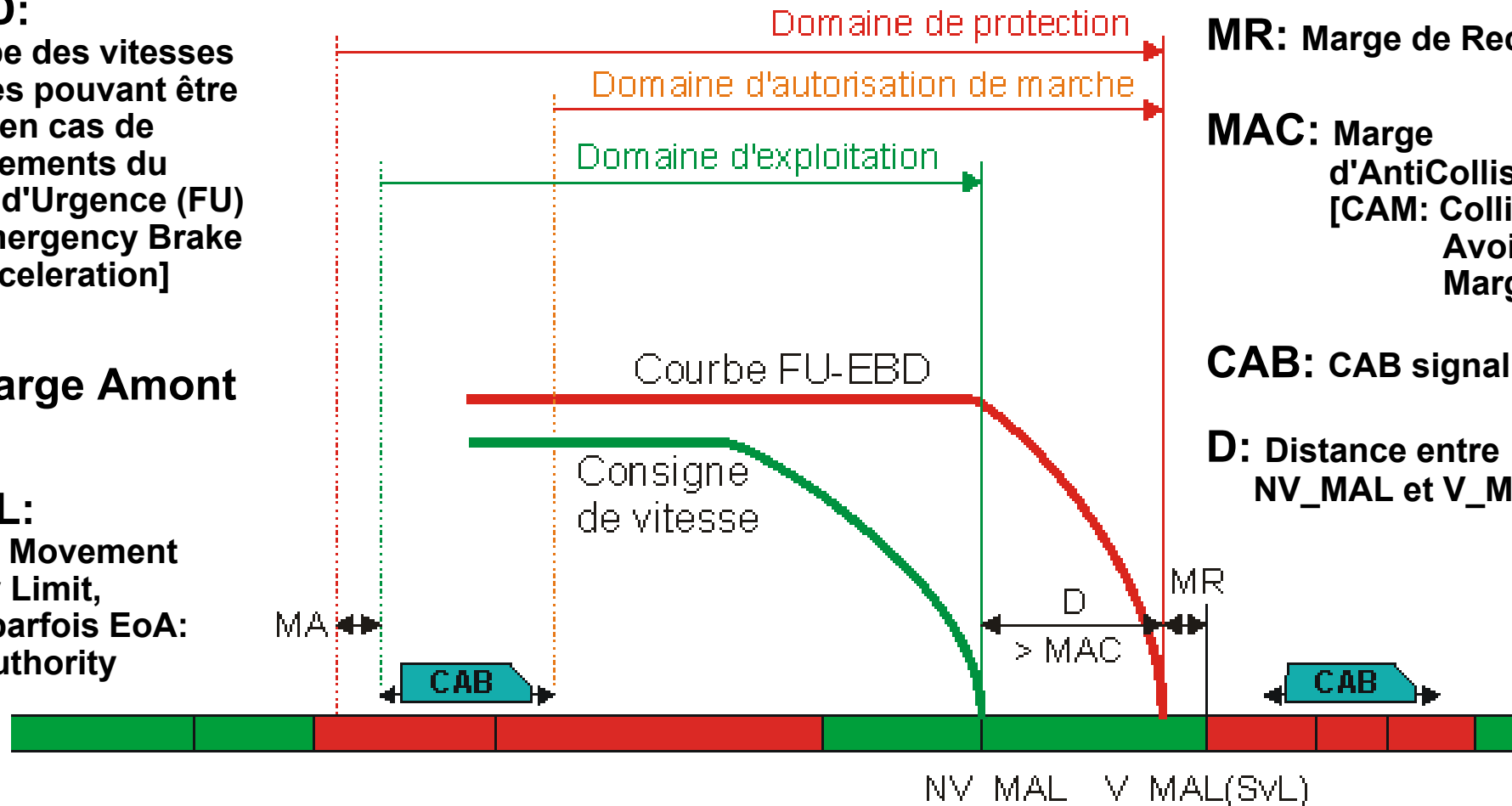
## FU-EBD:

Enveloppe des vitesses maximales pouvant être atteintes en cas de déclenchements du Freinage d'Urgence (FU) [EBD: Emergency Brake Deceleration]

## MA: Marge Amont

## NV-MAL:

Non-Vital Movement Authority Limit, appelée parfois EoA: End of Authority



MR: Marge de Recul

MAC: Marge d'AntiCollision [CAM: Collision Avoidance Margin]

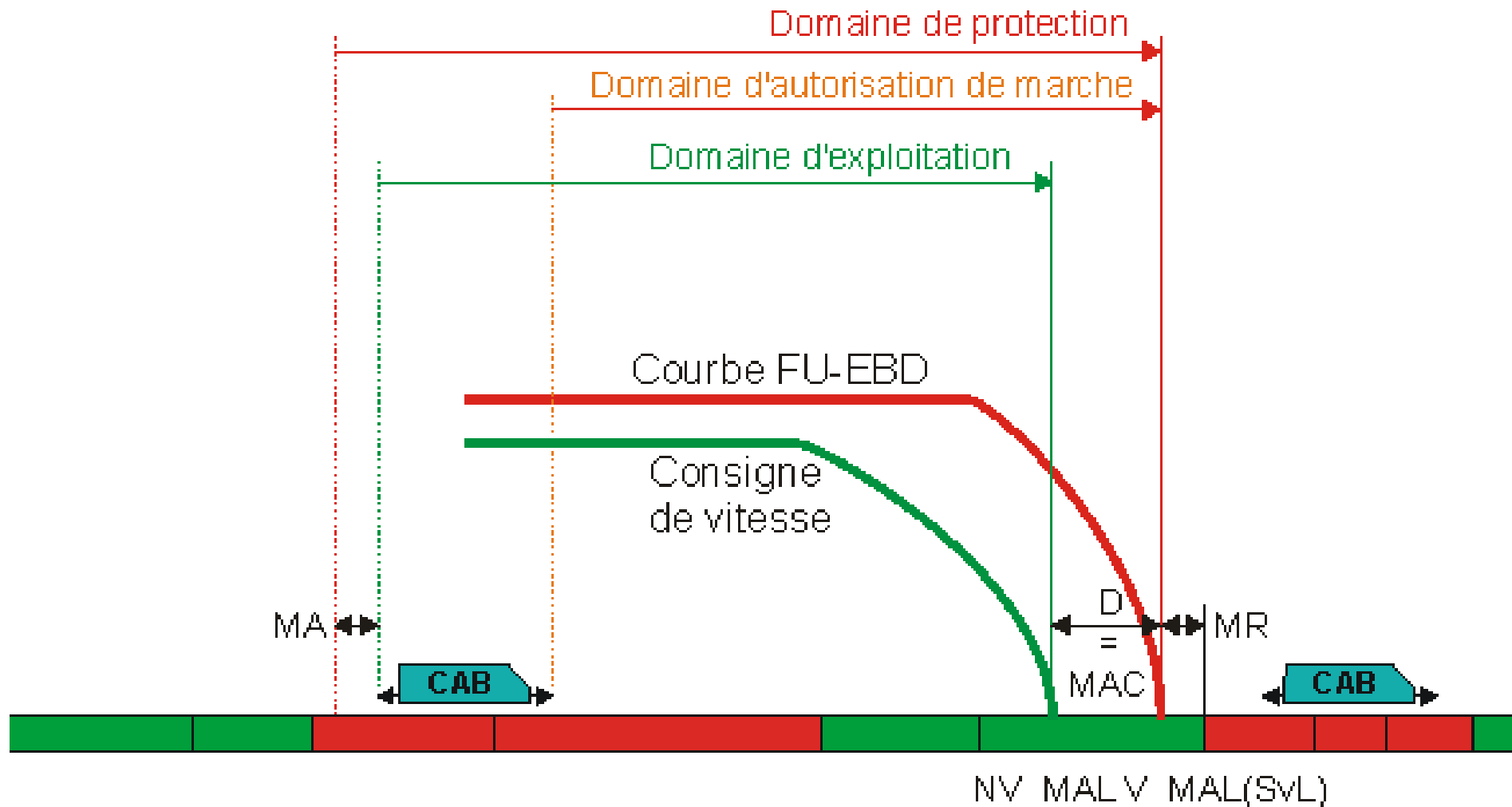
CAB: CAB signaling

D: Distance entre NV\_MAL et V\_MAL

V-MAL: Vital Movement Authority Limit, appelée parfois SvL (Supervised Location)

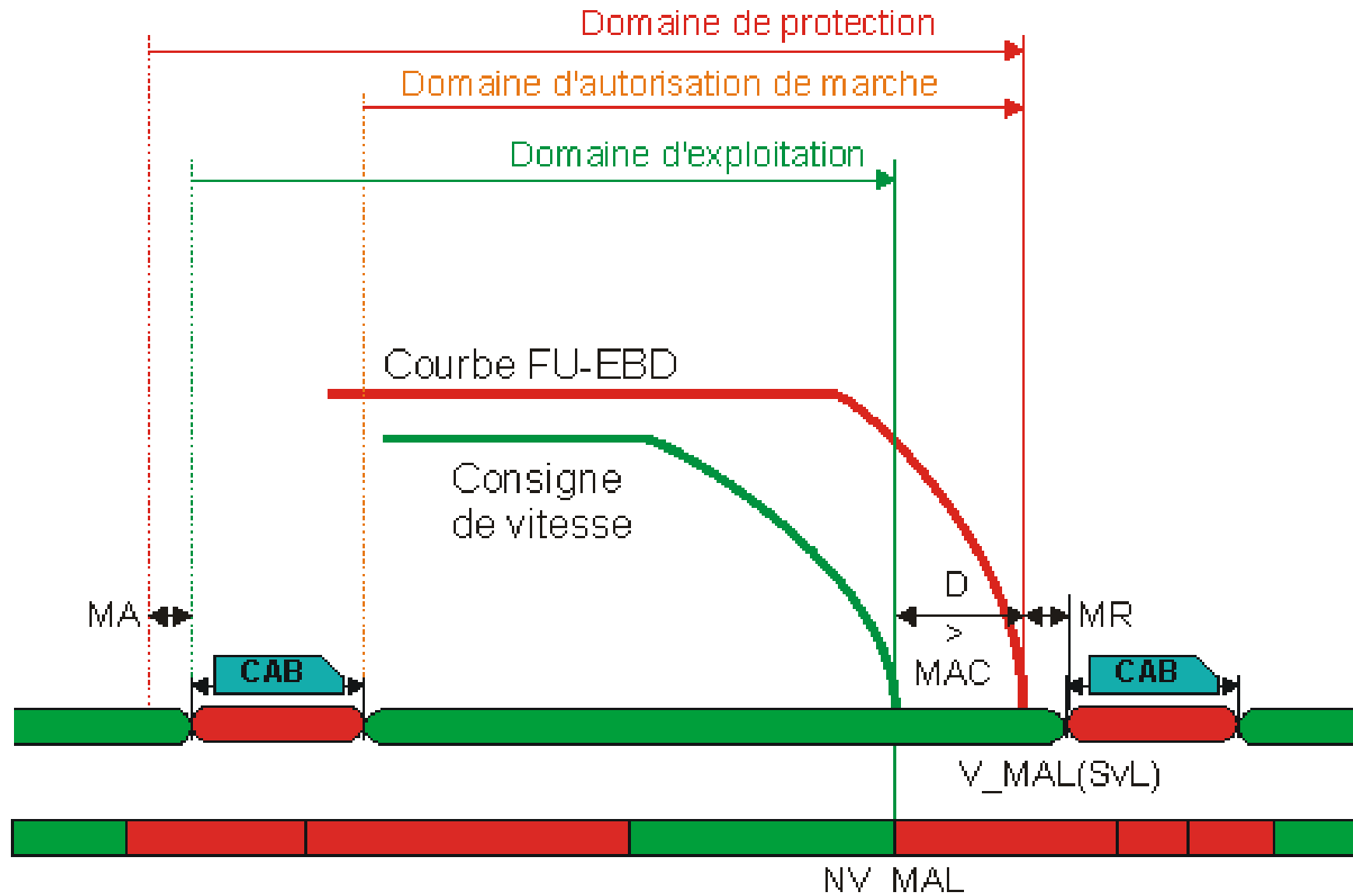
Déplacements simultanés de FU-EBD et Consigne par libération de cantons virtuels fixes

# Les domaines avec cantons virtuels fixes purs sans canton tampon



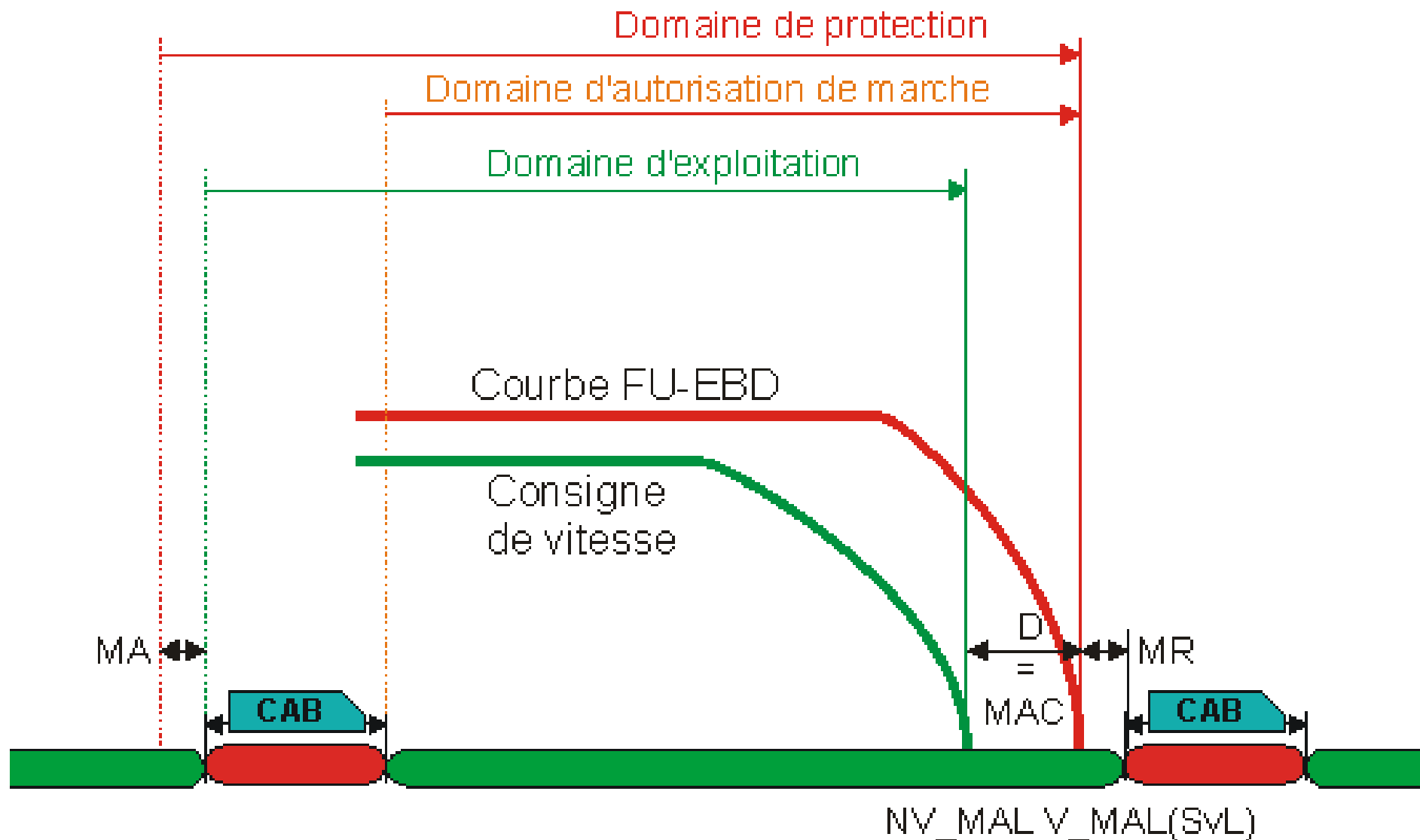
Déplacements simultanés de FU-EBD et Consigne par libération de cantons virtuels fixes (translations par sauts) [p.ex. Paris – Ligne M\_14]

# Les domaines avec cantons virtuels dynamiques et fixes (mixtes)



Déplacement continu de FU-EBD et par libération de cantons virtuels fixes pour Consigne [p.ex. Paris – Ligne M\_1, Barcelona – Ligne M\_9]

# Les domaines avec cantons virtuels dynamiques



Déplacements continus de FU-EBD et Consigne [p.ex. Lyon – Ligne D]