### **Wire-Free Technology**

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### Agenda

- **1. Catenary-Free Solutions Overview**
- 2. Wireless Systems Considerations
- 3. Extensions of Wireless Systems
- 4. Catenary-Free Maturity





### Types of Catenary Free Solutions for Light Rail Wireless Lines

#### Continuous ground power supply (15+ years of operation)

- Power supplied by segmented third rail between running rails
- Third rail segments safely powered only under passing vehicle



Not "one size fits all", a way to address diversity of needs...



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### Types of Catenary Free Solutions for Light Rail Wireless Lines

#### **On-Board Energy Storage & Charging System**

- Super-capacitors, Batteries or mix of each
- Energy to run between one to several stations stored on-board the vehicle

#### **On-board storage recharging:**

- <u>Super-capacitors</u>: fast charge (20s) every station overhead line or ground based
- <u>Batteries</u>: slow charging under catenary sections or at dedicated points (5 to 8

minutes)





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### Alternate Power Supply (APS) integrated solution - key principles

- Power supplied to the tramway through a segmented street-level power rail
- Conductive segments are switched off/on/off as the tramway progresses, ensuring total safety for pedestrians
- Segmented power rail fed by buried power boxes
- Power picked up by collector shoes on tram central bogie







### **Alternate Power Supply (APS) Benefits**

- Freedom in line alignment
- Fluid operation
- Comfort
- No performance compromise vs. overhead line
- High availability
- Intrinsic safety
- Preserved aesthetics
- Non proprietary







### **On Board Energy Systems (OBES)**

**Complete integrated aesthetic solution** 

- **Battery systems**, charging with pantograph
- **Citadis Ecopack**, storage technology for rapid charge/discharge cycles
- Station Charging Systems Ecollect<sup>®</sup>
- **SRS**, a ground-based aesthetic static charging system







### Ecopack & SRS Integrated Solution - Key Principles

- Tram fed by on-board energy storage system: Citadis Ecopack
- Citadis Ecopack cubicles allow running over standard interstation distances
- Recharge during standard dwell time at station via Ecollect
  - by SRS, ground-based static charging system
  - By safe overhead static charging system on rigid catenary







### On board Ecopack & Charging Systems -Key Elements

- Ecopack cubicles, High power & energy super-capacitor
- Switching cubicle, Selects power source Antennas, (on board & ground based)
  - Emits coded radio signal to detect
     vehicle and trigger power to rail / rigid
     catenary
- SRS Collector shoes, collects traction current from SRS power rails
- Ecollect Collector shoes, collects traction current from station rigid catenary







### **Station Charging Systems - Key Elements**

Ground-based static charging system

- SRS station ground power rails
- SRS station Power cubicles
- SRS Substation cubicle

### **Overhead static charging system**

- Ecollect rigid catenary in station only
- Ecollect Tram detection system
- Ecollect station cubicle







### On Board Energy Systems (OBES) Benefits

- Freedom in line alignment
- Optimized combination Weight / Energy
- Open to technology evolutions in capacitors & batteries
- Smart energy management when line is obstructed
- Fluid operation
- Non proprietary
- Preserved aesthetics







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### **Wireless Systems Considerations**

### Systems view:

- Environment impact
- Passenger service quality impact
- CAPEX Impact
- OPEX / LCC impact









### **Wireless Systems Considerations**

- Each line is specific
- No technology fits all

Alstom's 3-step methodology









### **CAPEX & OPEX**





### **Environmental Factors**



#### Hot Climate

- High HVAC requirements
- Recommended solution is based on continuous power supply: Citadis APS<sup>®</sup>

#### High Rain & Floods

- Flooded track
- Both Continuous power supply and on-board energy storage can cope

#### Harsh Winter Climate

Snow & Ice on track
Recommended solution is based on on-board energy storage: Citadis Ecopack<sup>®</sup>











### **Alignment & Mixed Traffic**



#### Alignment with severe slopes, long inter-stations or mixed traffic

 Recommended solution is based on continuous ground power supply: Citadis APS<sup>®</sup> or Mixed solutions

Size of required on-board energy storage solutions compromises passenger capacity Difficulties for on-board energy storage to manage long term stops due to crowding





### **CAPEX OPEX Factors**

### **CAPEX & OPEX Analysis** Based on line characteristics, such as:

- Line length, catenaryless length
- Required PPHPD at start & long term
- Required fleet size



Small fleet & long wireless section:	Grey zone	Large fleet & short wireless section
Citadis Ecopack <sup>®</sup> & SRS <sup>®</sup>	Any solution	Citadis APS <sup>®</sup>





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### **Implications of Integration for Extensions of Wireless Systems**

#### Owner's objectives when extending a tram system

- Get a fully interoperable system
- Get best Value for Money from Competitive bids

But some equipment is "Non Standard" on any LRV system

Some scope will need to be carried over to ensure interoperability:

- Automatic Vehicle Localisation System (AVLS)
- Communication system
- Passenger information system
- Tram & Road Signalling system
- Ticketing system...

Each LRV system is Unique







### Fleet Expansion on a Line with a Wireless Section

#### How to get interoperable RS?

 Same situation for Ground Power Supply or OBES

### Initial RS supplier to provide:

- Open Specification for necessary on board equipment
- Open Specification of communication protocol
- Open Specification of power supply needs



#### Each LRV system is Unique





### Fleet Expansion on a Line with a Wireless Section

#### How to get an interoperable line?

• Same for Ground Power Supply or OBES

# Initial INFRA/RS suppliers to provide:

- Infra equipment and installation (GPS or Ground charging system)
- Open Specification of communication protocol
- Open Specification of power supply needs



Each LRV system is Unique





### **System Extension Conclusions**

- No technology is necessarily simpler than another to extend
- All have proprietary elements
- No design constraints exported to extensions with APS<sup>®</sup>
- Design constraints exported to extensions with OBES
- Dimensioning of OBES energy to cope with different alignment & gradients on stage 2
- Dimensioning of charging infra to cope with different RS requirement...





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### **Catenary-Free: 15 Lines to date**



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### **Key Presentation Take-Aways**

- Each line has a Unique Solution
- Mix of Technologies Possible
- Catenary-Free a Mature Product
- Catenary-Free not Carbuilder Specific





