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# PORT OPERATIONS EMISSIONS MODEL



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Estimating Emissions From Container Cargo Operations  
Using a Comprehensive Container Terminal Model

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- MN has a deep understanding of marine and intermodal container terminal operations due to;
  - Years of working directly with terminal operators on analysis of day-to-day operations
  - Years of development of models to analyze;
    - Capacity & productivity
    - Berths, gates, container yards, rail yards
    - Equipment fleet sizing
    - Operating cost
    - Comparison of alternatives



# Integrated Container Port Model

- Throughput driven
- Activity based
  - Maps and counts individual cargo handling activities
- Calculates emissions from all aspects of port operations
  - Vessels and tugs
  - Dock cranes and stevedoring equipment
  - Yard handling and stacking equipment
  - Rail equipment, switchers, line-haul locomotives & dray vehicles
  - Road trucks
    - arriving/departing through the gate
    - being served within terminal
    - outside port within AQMA



# Integrated Throughput Forecasting and Capacity

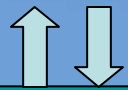
- Throughput forecasting model imbedded
- Truck and train trip generation model (Quicktrip) imbedded
- Capacity calculations imbedded
  - Berth
  - Yard
  - Gate
  - On-terminal rail yard
    - Pop-ups warn user when a component capacity is exceeded



# Smart Model for North American Terminals

- Built-in typical N.A. operating modes
  - Wheeled / grounded
    - Automatically assigns percent grounded
    - Automatically assigns yard to RMG's when threshold throughput density is reached
  - RTG
  - Top-pick
  - RTG augmented with top-picks
  - Side Handlers
  - Strad
  - RMG
- Allows user to define custom operating modes





Vessel Approach / Departure  
OGV, Tugs

Berth  
Dock Cranes, Hostlers, Yard Cranes

Container Yard  
Container Handling Equipment

On-Terminal Railyard  
Container Handling Equipment

Gate- Trip Generation  
HDV On-Term,  
Idling at Gate

Off Term Railyard  
HDV Miles

Switchers

Line Haul Miles

Off-Term Origin  
/ Dest HDV Miles



# Benefits of Spreadsheet Format

- Model is transparent
  - No black box
- Results are defensible
- All assumptions can be easily viewed and modified by the user
- Results are presented in tables and charts, intuitive to understand and use as basis for making decisions
- Model is useful for comparing different emissions reductions strategies because iterations can be accomplished quickly





# Model Input Parameters

- Current year throughput
- Projected growth rate and year to be analyzed
- Terminal Layout
  - Gross terminal area
  - Net storage yard area
  - Wharf length
  - Average travel distances within the terminal
    - Gate to centroids of storage yard
    - Wharf to centroids of storage yard
    - Chassis areas, roadability, etc.



# Model Input Parameters (continued)

- Throughput Distribution
  - % Local Imports
  - % Local Exports
  - % Intermodal Imports (on- and off-dock rail)
  - % Intermodal Exports (on- and off-dock rail)
  - % Empties
- Vessel call schedules
  - Vessel sizes in TEU
  - Scheduled arrival day and time
  - Discharge and load percentages (or lifts per call)
  - Cold-ironed? Ship in a slip?



# Model Input Parameters (continued)

- Vessels
  - Distance from breakwater (or sea buoy) to Air Quality District boundary
  - Maneuvering distance from breakwater to terminal
    - Distances, speeds and throttle positions (from pilots)
    - Main engine & auxiliary power (bow thrusters)
- On-Dock Rail Operating Parameters
- Gate Operating Parameters
- Road trucks outside the terminal
  - travel speeds
  - travel distances
  - Congestion level (from regional transportation model)



# Intermediate Results

- Model produces useful planning and capacity information based on the user inputs
  - Throughput forecast in analysis year
  - Throughput and berth occupancy for given ship call schedule
  - Throughput density (TEU/gross acre and TEU/net acre)
  - Wheeled to grounded ratio required to accommodate throughput density
  - Number of road truck arrivals and departures per day and per hour
  - Train and switcher movements
  - On-dock rail yard capacity
  - Yard equipment fleet sizing



# Final Results

- Total trips per ship service, hours in mode for container handling equipment and switchers, truck trips by type and time of day
- Using selectable emission factors (latest study factors are the default) Emissions by type ( $\text{NO}_x$ ,  $\text{SO}_x$ , PM, HC, CO) are calculated for each equipment type
- Results are reported both graphically and in table format
- Results are given for an average week and per year
- Emissions calculations follow EPA best practices guide for Port Emission Inventories



# Model Methodology-Container Handling Equipment

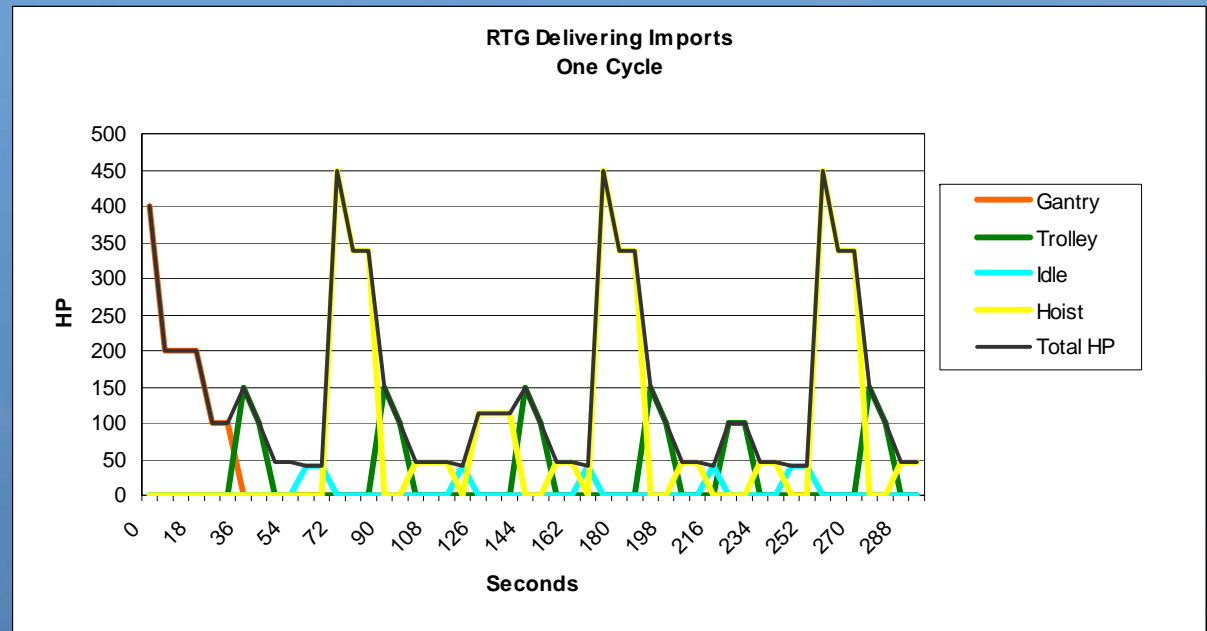
- Step 1  
Select or Input typical cycle of each type of CHE, breaking it up into modes (travel, lift, idle etc.), based on terminal layout
- Step 2  
Select or input the HP demand in each mode
- Step 3  
Calculate a load factor for each mode, based on the relationship between hp required and installed hp of representative pieces of the particular CHE fleet.
- Step 4  
Use latest or selectable emission factors, hours in mode from model and calculated load factor to calculate emissions



# Horsepower Demand per Cycle Example

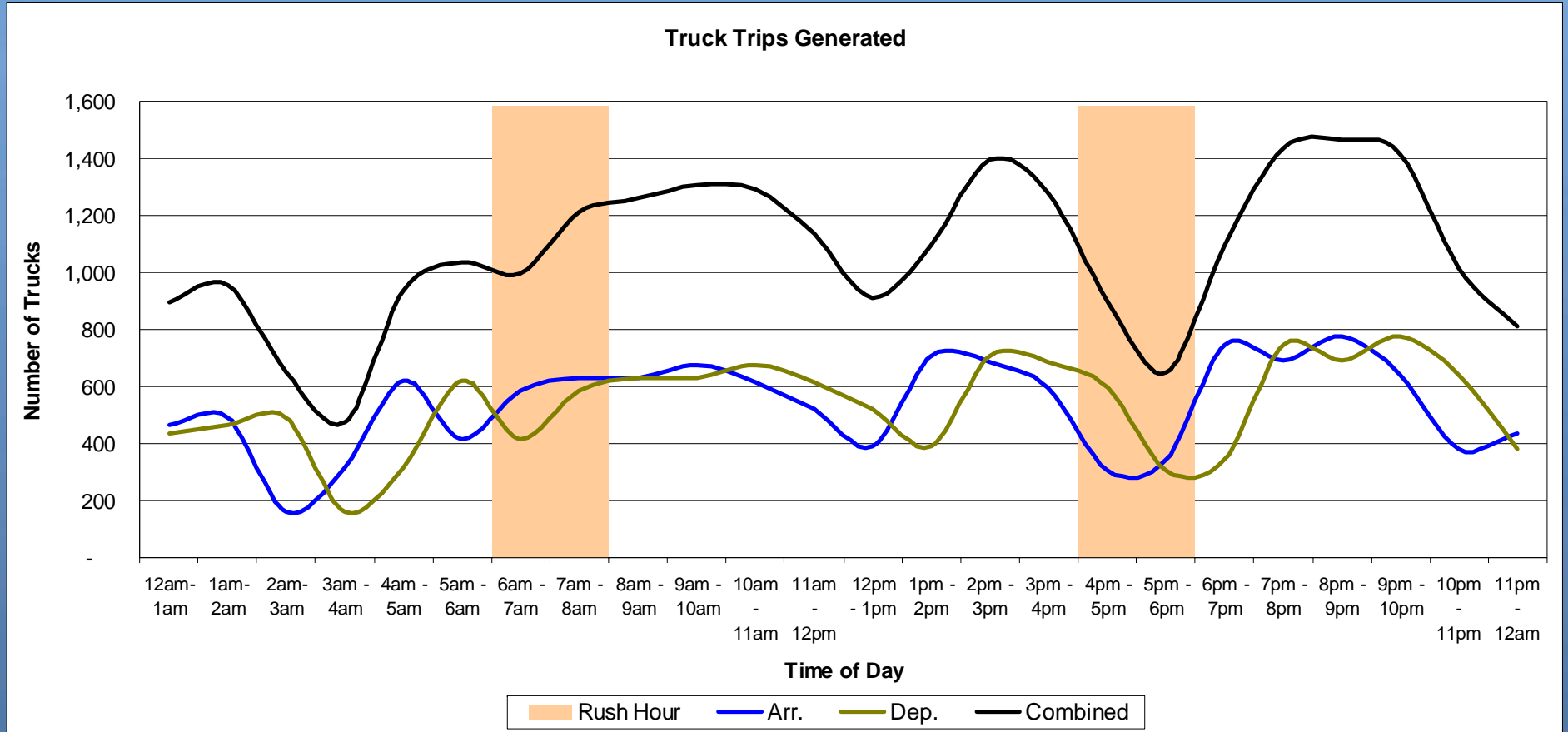
Activities: RTG Delivering an Import (from stack to truck)

- gantry to bay
- trolley to stack
- lower spreader
- position spreader
- latch on to box
- hoist box
- move box over truck lane
- lower box over chassis
- position
- release box
- raise spreader
- wait for next truck
- repeat



# Truck Trips Generated by Hour of Day

- “Quicktrip” traffic generation component





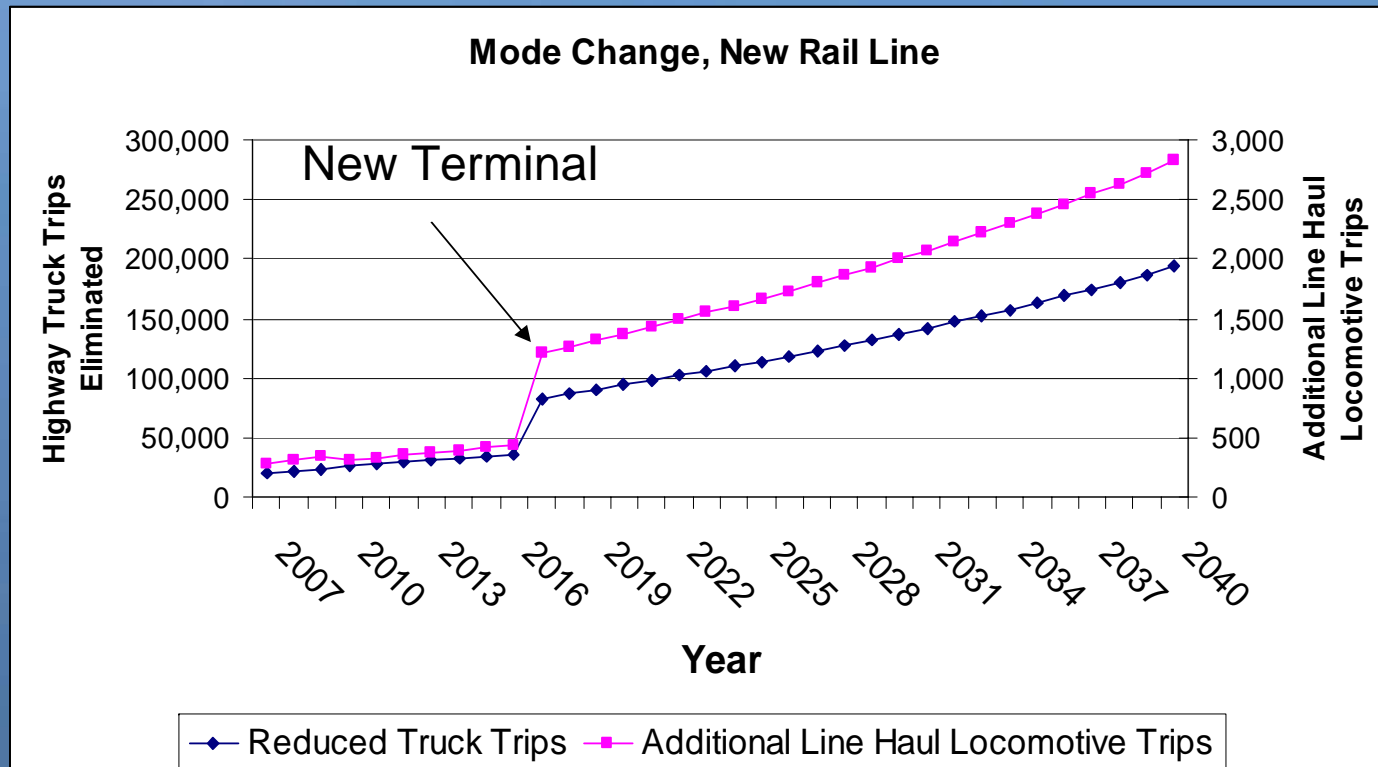
# Model Applications

- Emissions benefits analysis
  - Cold ironing & enforcement policy decisions
  - Alternative fuels
  - Neutral chassis pools
    - Lower in-terminal turn-time
  - Gate technologies
    - Effect of reduced process time & queuing on idle and creep idle times
  - Truck traffic reduction strategies
    - “Pier pass”
    - Appointments
    - Virtual container yards
    - Shuttle trains
    - Off-dock storage yards

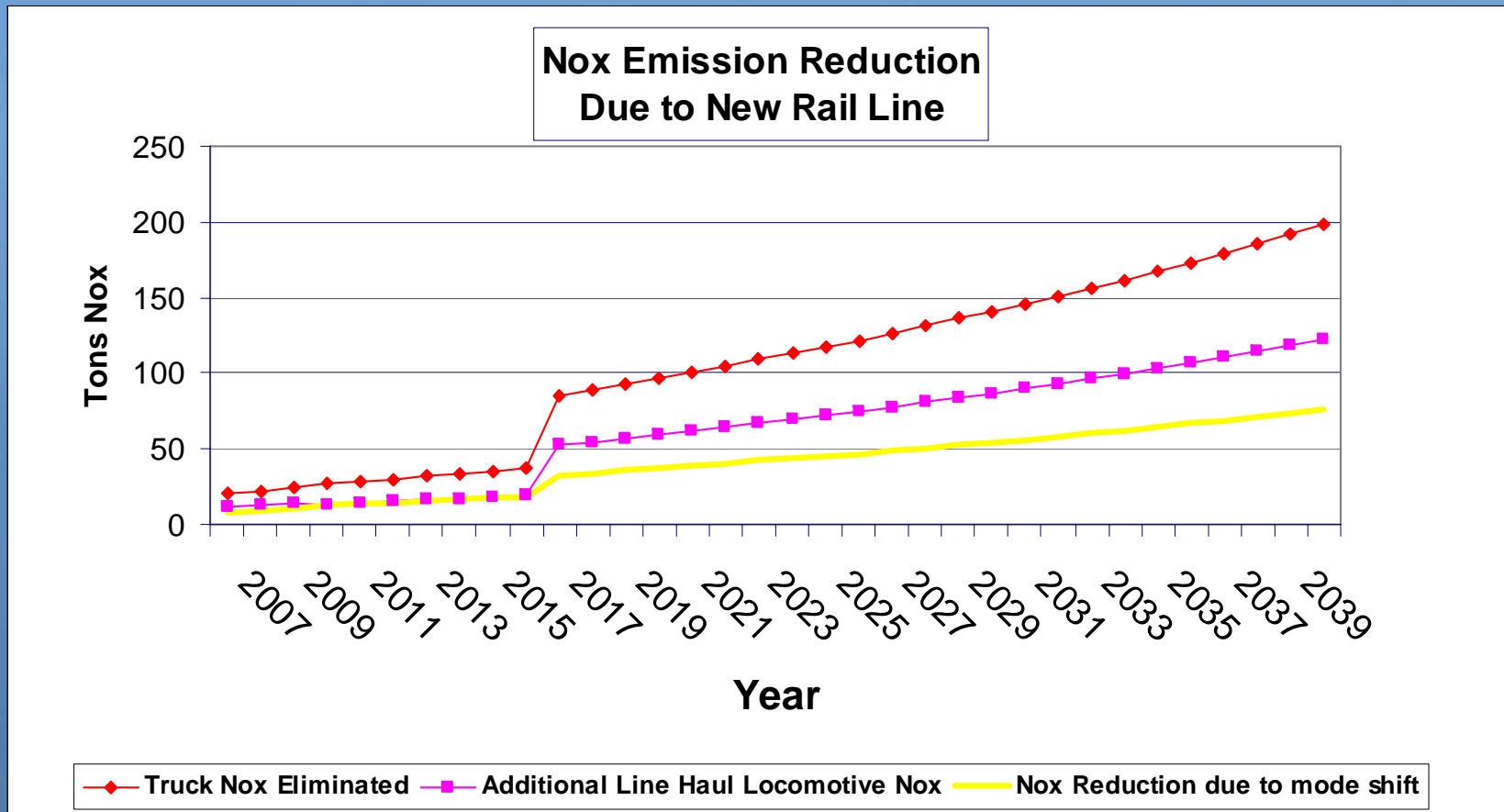


# Example 1; Analysis of Benefits of a New Rail Line

- Virginia Port Authority
- Proposed new rail line will reduce local truck trips
- Model used to quickly calculate the net savings between reduced truck trips and additional train trips



# Example 1; Emissions Reduction of New Rail Line



# Example 2; NOx Calculation for Straddle Carriers

- Virginia Port Authority

## CHE Standard Calculation Example, One Straddle Carrier

Installed HP	354	BHP
Hours	3,000	Reported hrs
Load Factor	71%	Default Nonroad

Nox Emission F 6.02 gr/bhp-hr

Total Nox 5.0 tons

## Terminal Model Example, One Straddle Carrier

Installed HP	354	BHP
Hours	3,000	* modeled hours are expected to be lower

	<u>% Time</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Load Factor in Mode</u>	<u>Emission Factor</u>	<u>Nox (tons)</u>
Travel Loaded	29%	870	70%	6.02	1.43
Travel UnLoaded	23%	690	50%	6.02	0.81
Lift Loaded	3%	90	80%	6.02	0.17
Lift/Lower Unloaded	2%	60	50%	6.02	0.07
Idle	43%	1,290	10%	6.02	0.30

Total		3,000	40%	<b>NOx tons</b>	<b>2.78</b>
				<b>Reduction</b>	<b>44%</b>

Even while holding the reported hours the same, by breaking down the cycle of the strad, the emssions dropped by 60%

Model Driven Hours are likely to be lower, further driving down emissions

Default Non-road and Onroad load factors are often over 50%, as high as 71%



# Advantages of a Terminal Model Driven Estimate of Emissions

## Terminal Model Driven Emissions Allow for:

- Projection of Emissions as Throughput Increases, accounting for changes in ship size, terminal layout and operating mode
- What-ifs to be run on questions such as the emission impact of:
  - Gate Modifications (hours, number of lanes etc.)
  - Operating Mode Changes (Stads, RMG, RTG)
  - Modal Changes, increasing % rail



## Traditional Inventories - listing equipment and surveying hours of operation. The areas for improvement in this approach are:

- Standard Inventories are dependent on the fleet and reported operating hours of terminal equipment operators
  - Fleet size and utilization varies greatly among ports
- Collecting equipment lists and operating hours is labor intensive and does not allow for projection of emissions as throughput grows and operating modes change
- Lengthy data collection results in inventories that are often years old by the time they are completed.



# Conclusions

- Terminal Capacity Models have been in existence for many years, used to:
  - Forecast throughput capacity
  - Compare alternatives
  - Identify Bottlenecks
  - Forecast Labor & Equipment Needs
  - Evaluate Operating Cost
  - Evaluate Potential Layout & Operating Changes
- Leveraging these Existing Tools to Address the Issue of Emissions Forecasting is the Natural Development of Terminal Planning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century



**THANK  
YOU!**





# Master Sheet, User Inputs and Model Outputs

