Terminal Automation Lifting the Industry to the Next Level



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Container Logistics

The customer



CMA CGM plans to upgrade a trans-Pacific service to the West Coast by deploying six ships with capacities of 18,000 twenty-foot-equivalent units, starting late May, a bet that container terminals can handle the largest megaships to call the U.S. and that volume will steadily grow.



The customer

"Since 2007 the ship size in the Asia-Europe trade has effectively doubled. We used to have 6,500TEU being the workhorse, now it's the 13,000TEU and larger ships which are the workhorses. Our point is simply that port productivity has not doubled since then. While there has been improvement in roductivity, we are spending more time in port because of bigger ships." Søren Skou, CEO, Maersk Line



Bigger vessels, what is the limit?

Possibly this is about maximum achievable berth productivities...

And not about the technical vessel design challenging or nautical restrictions

Ultra Large Container Vessels are not the largest ships ever built.

Ultra Large Crude Carriers built in the 1970s were larger...

All those were scrapped years ago, some after less than a decade of service.



Terminal Design

Lift the industry to the next level

To address

- The voice of the Customer
 - Berth productivity of 250 moves/hr.
- Safety
 - Reduce LTIF by separating man and machine.
- Sustainability
 - Meet requirements to win concessions. Electrification and densed operation.

Automated terminals designs can address those items very well,

But how to turn design into reality?



Integration by design



Design of automated terminal

- If you don't design for high productivity you will not reach high productivity.
- How much innovation are you willing to take in the project.
 - Proven technology vs innovation
 - Track record of the vendor
 - Track record with integration between vendors
- Phase promising innovations.



The integration puzzle





Automated Yard



Automated Horizontal Transport

- AGV
 - Coupled operation
- L-AGV
 - Semi-Coupled operation
- Automated Shuttle Carries
 - uncoupled operations

Autoshuttle by Kalmar



Conventional AGV (Toyota)



Full Electric Lift AGV (GPT)







Automated Gate

• The most mature automated process at terminals today

• Bring it to the next level

- No people in the gate, increasing safety
- Guide truckers over the terminal using their smart phones
- Integration with Truck Appointment system
- Integration with Auto Truck Handling (ATH)







Automated Rail Handling

- Automated rail cranes are out there
- Technically very similar to ARMG in the yard

Challenge:

 How to avoid RGC running over people working between the rail tracks

Automated RGC at APMT MVII, Rotterdam



Automated RGC at Warsteiner, Germany



Simulation and Emulation



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