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What's an Automated Terminal?

There are two different type of Automated Terminals:

Semi Automated Terminals

Automated Stacking Cranes / Manual Horizontal Transportation



Virginia International Gateway Source: Journal of Commerce

Fully Automated Terminals:

Automated Stacking Cranes / Automated Horizontal Transportation



TraPac Terminal Los Angeles Source: Kalmar

Taipei Port Container Terminal Source: Taiwan Today





ECT Terminal Rotterdam Source: World Maritime News





Where are the Automated Terminals?



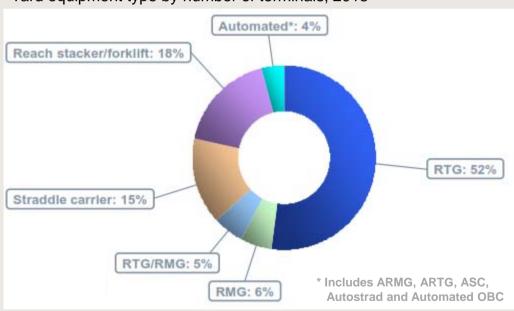
Source: Drewry's report "Container Terminal Capacity and Performance Benchmark" from 2014

Since the report was published, Qingdao has been confirmed and the terminals in Rotterdam, LA area and Australia has been put in operation.





There are approx. 41 terminals in the World that are automated and at least 12 of them are fully automated!



Yard equipment type by number of terminals, 2013

Source: Drewry's report "Container Terminal Capacity and Performance Benchmark" from 2014

There are more than 310 terminals (52%) that are using RTGs!



We know that they can be Semi Automated, but can they be Fully Automated?



How is it done today?

Most of the RTG terminals are using a tractor / trailer solution.



Source: www.transportgooru.com



Source: www.container-mag.com



Source: www.saifpowertecltd.com

The tractors enters a lane under the RTG to deliver/pick-up containers



Source: www.portstrategy.com



Source: www.jezblog.com



How is it done today?

Each Quay Crane is reached by a dedicated lane under the QC



Queues are therefore relatively common,

the waiting time for the drivers can be quite long and the sequencing when loading is rather complex.

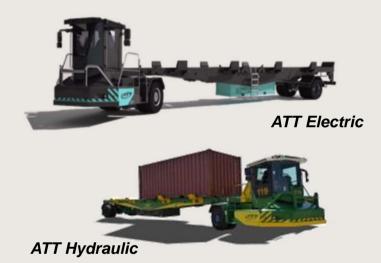
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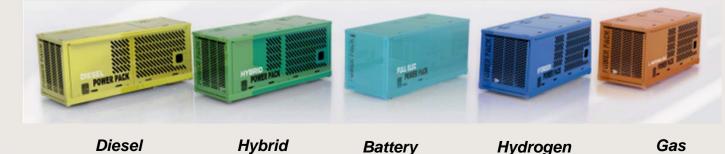
Alternative solutions

APMT in Tangier are using an alternative solution and today the Gaussin ATT is available on 2 different platforms;





Gaussin also offers 5 different exchangeable Power Packs!

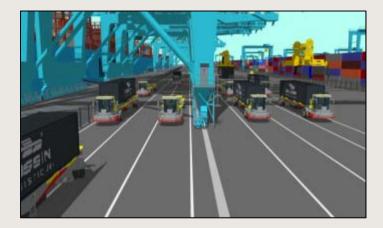


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A creative solution

The Gaussin ATT with steering back-wheels can perform a crab

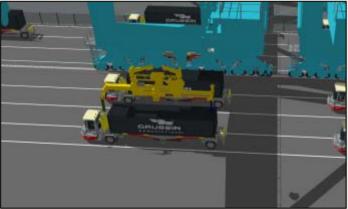


These vehicles will always be placed correctly under the QC, due to the semi automation!



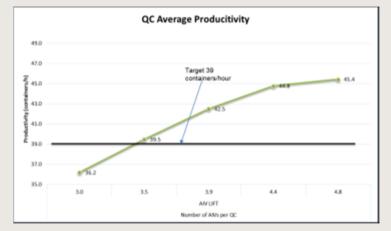


and, with an alternative approach under the QC, the no. of Transfer Points can be easily increased!





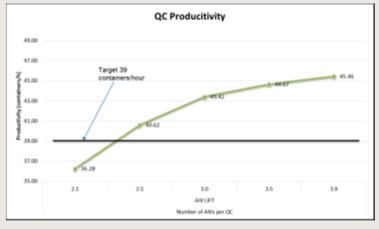
The no. of Transfer Points under the QC impacts the productivity,



One Lane, one Quay Crane

The simulation results show that 3,5 vehicles per QC will be needed to achieve 39 container moves per hour per QC.

and it also simplifies the sequencing when loading!



Increased no. of Transfer Points

The simulation results show that 2,4 vehicles per QC will be needed to achieve 39 container moves per hour per QC.







Automation safety

Automated vehicles shouldn't be mixed with external trucks, due to the risk of accidents.





Sucre: www.porttechnology.org

This is why we strongly suggest that no external trucks are allowed in the QC working area!

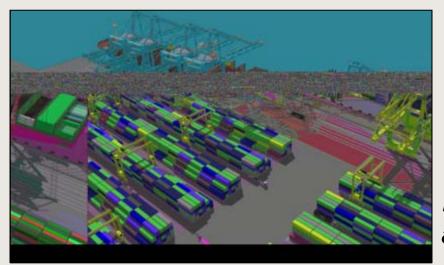




Gateway- vs. Transhipment Terminals

A Gateway terminal has large amount of external trucks working in the terminals' stacking area.

Due to safety, it's more difficult to Fully Automate these type of terminals.





Source: www.modernterminals.com

However, the more transhipment is performed, the more we can Fully Automate the terminal due to a decreased no. of external trucks.





Interchange area

To clearly divide the Automated area and the Manual area, we suggest to use Docking Stations.

No "hand-shake" between vehicles or cranes are needed, due to the ATT's Lift function.

Containers in "Rush" condition can easily be handled by straddle carrier.

We can now remove all drivers working around the QC and within the transhipment area.









Remote Controlled Operation

Today it is possible to operate both Quay Cranes and Automated Stacking Cranes with a remote controller.

Will we be able to control the transport vehicles in the same way?

If so, " remote drivers" would only be needed while the vehicles are moving within the Manual Area!



Source: www.wired.com





Why Fully Automate?

- Increased productivity
- Stabilized productivity
- Reduced no. of vehicles
- Reduced labour cost
- Lower fuel cost
- Lower maintenance cost
- Increased Safety







Conclusion

Can we Fully Automate a RTG Terminal?

