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# Improving port and terminal service levels, while dealing with ever-increasing complexities

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## Today's agenda

Improving port and terminal service levels

- 1. Cargo shipping in 2040
- 2. Ports in 2040
- 3. Port and terminal performance today
- 4. Crane selection
- 5. Improving dry bulk terminal operations

# Global cargo shipping in 2040 ...

- Stagnant or declining global cargo shipping volumes
- ... But higher regional / coastal volumes
- Bigger global fleet, but lower average vessel sizes and more variety
- Changed hull designs and ship designs; smarter bow and stern designs
- Ships: smaller, greener, smarter, more efficient, more flexible, faster (?)
- More varied and smarter cargo handling equipment at berth and on-board
- Liquefied fuels and combustion engines still dominant for propulsion
- Changed propulsion and maneuvering systems
- Dynamic positioning normal for most / all cargo vessels
- Regionalization of vessel traffic control
- More remote control in physical piloting and tugging
- More use of power assistance solutions wind, sails, solar, hydro generators, excess heat, air bubbles
- Sail support systems will be common in bulk shipping
- More restrictions on deep-sea shipping; growth of no-go zones
- More caps on ship sizes, by cargo segment, by basin





#### Lower harmful emissions?

- Overall
- Per ton-mile
- Per ship

# **Ports in 2040 – Ever growing physical complexities**

- More advanced logistics on-site, warehousing, robotics etc.
- More varied, diverse technical equipment & systems
- More robotics and automation, AGV's in various formats, mobile robots etc.
- Digitalization, ICT trends
- On-site green power production
- Cold ironing, shore-ship power
- Wider range of fuel types, bunker facilities
- More chemical processing plants in port
- More ships, more types, more variety, smaller average sizes
- More small craft for various non-cargo purposes

- More variety in terminal types & berthing facilities
- Ropeless, automated mooring
- More automation in piloting and tugging, more complex harbor control
- Regionalized vessel traffic control
- Common caps on max ship sizes, by segment
- More emergency response facilities
- More ship waste reception facilities
- More technical services provided to ships in port
- Higher skill levels (requirements)
- Increasing range compliance requirements





→ How to continue to improve service levels while mastering growing complexities & obligations?

## Main maritime cargo segments today (~ 13 bn tons pa)



## **Terminal performance, KPI's** \*

	Range	Best in class
Idle time at berth	40 - 300 min	40 - 100 min
Turnaround time per vessel	25 - 120 hrs	25 - 55 hrs
Berth-on-Arrival (BOA)	80 - 98 %	92 - 98 %
Berth waiting time (non-BOA)	15 - 48 hrs	12 - 18 hrs
Average crane performance		
Dry bulk	200 – 1250 tph	700 – 1250 tph
General cargo	150 – 650 tph	350 – 650 tph
Throughput per berth meter pa		
Dry bulk	2,500 – 15,000 tpm	9,500 – 12,000 tpm
General cargo	1,000 – 6,500 tpm	3,500 – 6,500 tpm
Containers	500 – 3,300 TEUpm	2,300 – 3,300 TEUpm

# Pairing crane types with cargo & terminal types – balancing performance and flexibility

#### Level Luffing Crane



- Better visibility for operator; rail mounted, high mobility
- Better reach, both on vessel and yard and can work multiple hatches and holds without moving
- Short cycle time, provided operator is well trained and hopper are oversized
- Less dependent on location of hoppers etc.
- Lower costs

#### **Gantry Crane**



- Less flexible and slower compared to LLC
- Linear motion of the crane is not suitable for break bulk, general cargo
- Crane needs to be re-positioned much more frequently, which means time losses
- Higher costs, both capex and opex
- Crane is more suitable for container cargo

#### Continuous offloader



- Continuous loaders and off-loaders are much costlier compared to other options
- Not multi-cargo, designed for one commodity
- Cannot provide lifs; additional cranes needed for hatches
- More prone to breakdowns, costlier to maintain
- Throughput rates are typically higher than other crane options

#### Mobile Harbor Crane



- Higher mobility due to independence from quay side rails
- Much longer cycle times than LLC; need for frequent repositioning
- Need for ground spreaders can lead to surface damage
- Ground spreaders limits space and flexibility for hoppers, conveyors, trucks
- More suitable for project cargo

# Improving performance of dry bulk terminals

## **Primary performance variables**

- 1. Berth/vessel scheduling practices
- 2. Project preparation/management SOPs
- 3. Vessel and cargo clearance practices
- 4. Quay side cranes, loaders/unloaders capacities, productivity, maintenance etc.
- 5. Skills of crane operators
- 6. Auxiliary equipment, design, availability, management:
  - hoppers, sizing, mobility, positioning viz cranes
  - conveyors,
  - trucks,
  - shovels,
  - slings/jigs for handling of hatches
- 7. "Balancing the line" between all the transportation parts
- 8. Gang set-up, skills of gang supervisor
- 9. Formal SOPs for stevedoring operations

## Other performance variables

- Vessel design relative width of hatches
- Vessel design number of cargo holds
- Chief mate management skills
- Labor practices and incentives for crane operators
- Designed placement & mobility of cranes & hoppers
- Rain, thunderstorms
- Wind
- Waves
- Tidal range
- Temperature, humidity
- Yard & terminal lay-out and traffic system
- Yard traffic management
- Yard & terminal marshalling practices

## Introduction



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- 30+ years of international consulting experience
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