LNG Fuel Systems: Certification & Approval

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Outline

- Drivers for fuel switch
- Regulatory framework
- Key design issues and ABS Guide
- Further considerations
Why LNG as Fuel?

- Governing factors for selection of future fuel and power plants
  - MARPOL 0.1% sulfur fuel in ECA (from 1 Jan 2015)
  - MARPOL Tier III level NOx emission (from 1 Jan 2016)
  - EPA Tier 3 and Tier 4 (2014 and 2016)
  - Lowest possible EEDI (new MARPOL energy efficiency requirement)
  - Life cycle operating costs

- Options
  - HFO power plants with SOx scrubber
  - LNG fueled propulsion and auxiliary systems
  - Distillate fuel
Background & Key Drivers

- In recent years, dual fuel engine technology has been introduced to the marine market, primarily through medium-speed engine applications to LNG carriers.
- Spark ignition gas engines have also been installed on a number of ferry and patrol craft vessels primarily operating in Norway.
- No SOx emission.
- Otto cycle DF and single fuel gas engines meet IMO Tier III NOx.
- 24% NOx reduction for direct injection slow speed.

Mitsubishi GS16R-MPTK, Source: Diesel Power
Rolls Royce Bergen C26:33, Source: Rolls Royce
Wartsila 50DF, Source: Wartsila
Regulatory Framework

- IMO International Code for Safety for Ships using Gases or Other Low Flashpoint Fuels (IGF Code) – originally scheduled for completion in 2012, BLG 15 in Feb 2011 extended that to 2014
- Needs to be mandated by SOLAS
- Needs to be reviewed by other IMO bodies, DE, FP, SLF, STW
Regulatory Framework

- BLG 15 directed harmonization of IGC and IGF Codes, where possible
- Paper 16/6/4 from Germany indicates a preference to delete Chapter 16 of the IGC Code and to be replaced with the IGF Code
- Norway have submitted 16/7/2 on the IGC Code suggesting changes to the requirements for gas detection, ventilation and actions in DF machinery spaces
- Is the 2014 deadline possible?
Regulatory Framework

- BLG 16 at IMO 30 Jan – 3 Feb 2012
- SIGTTO submitted BLG 16/6/7 on IGF Code with following concerns
  - Location of bunker tanks
  - ESD protected machinery spaces
  - Use of gases/fuels other than methane
  - Bunkering
  - Training
- Germany has submitted 16/6/4 proposing to make IGF Code mandatory by amendment of SOLAS, including location of fuels with flashpoint less than 60°C
ABS Rules

- ABS Guide for Propulsion and Auxiliary Systems for Gas Fueled Ships
- Free download available – Pub #181
- Under Alternative Compliance Program (ACP), US flag ships are built to ABS Rules with USCG supplemental requirements
Guide for Propulsion & Auxiliary Systems for Gas Fueled Ships

- The ABS Guide is arranged with the following sections
  - Section 1 – General
  - Section 2 – Ship Arrangements and System Design
  - Section 3 – Gas Fuel Storage
  - Section 4 – Fuel Bunkering System
  - Section 5 – Fuel Gas Supply System
  - Section 6 – Re-liquefaction Unit
  - Section 7 – Gas Combustion Units/Thermal Oxidizers
  - Section 8 – Dual Fuel Diesel and Single Gas Fuel Engines
  - Section 9 – Dual Fuel Gas Turbine Propulsion System
  - Section 10 – Surveys After Construction and Maintenance of Class
Key Design Issues

- LNG fuel tank capacity and type
- LNG fuel tank location
- Leak mitigation in tank hold space
- Fuel gas pipe arrangements
- Bunker station
- BOG management
- Continuity of power – fault tolerant design
Fuel Tank Capacity

**Gross Calorific Values**
- HFO 41.2 MJ/Kg
- LNG 55.5 MJ/Kg

**Density**
- HFO 991 Kg/m³
- LNG 464 Kg/m³

- For the same energy input, LNG need 1.6 times more storage volume (m³)
- “Type C” tanks with access around tank, it could be 3 to 4 times
- Tank type is a function of required capacity
Fuel Tank Requirements: Meet IGC

- Independent tanks

“Type B” Tank

“Type C” Tank
Location of Tanks

- Risk of sustaining mechanical damages
- Risk of fire in adjacent space causing over pressure
- Risk of leaked flammable product causing fire and explosion
- Risk of leaked cryogenic fluid leading to loss of structural integrity
Fuel Tank Requirements: Type & Locations

- Normal fuel storage tank location B/5 from side shell as per IGC Code Type 1 ship:
Fuel Tank Requirements: Type & Locations

- For ships other than passenger vessels the revised IGC Code tank location criteria may be applied.
Leak Mitigation: Tank Spaces

- Fuel gas conditioning and preparation to be undertaken in a space outside of the engine room.
- For smaller vessels using “Type C” fuel storage tanks, this is typically undertaken in the ‘tank connection space’ or tank room.
Hazardous Area Classification

- Hazardous areas IEC 60092-502

### Table 1 - Spaces separated by one gastight boundary from the zones mentioned in the column

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1) The following are examples of some sources of release:
- venting and other openings to cargo tanks, slop tanks and cargo piping;
- seals of cargo pumps, cargo compressors and process equipment;
- seals of valves and flanges and other connections and pipe fittings.

2) Where the area classification of a space is dependent upon its ventilation, the arrangements shall be such that discontinuities in ventilation are not expected to occur for long periods and there is no accumulation of gas or vapour in the vicinity of any source of release, or where electrical equipment is installed.
Hazardous Area Classification

- Vacuum insulated “Type C” arrangements

Source: Wartsila
Gas Safe Machinery Space

Exhaust Ventilation 30 A/C

Gas detectors

Master gas valve

Double wall gas pipes

** Double wall gas pipes may be Sealed inert gas pressurized type

Gas fuel 10 bar max.

GVU room

DFD Engine
GVU Room Requirements

- ABS Gas Fueled Ships Guide GVU room requirements
  - 30 air changes/hour
  - 2 permanent continuous
  - Gas detectors with alarms
  - Electrical equipment should be certified as safe
  - Self-closing gastight door with alarm
  - Explosion mitigation
  - Access arranged in consideration of hazardous area ratings, generally by air lock
Fuel Preparation & Supply

- Master gas valve to be located outside machinery space
- Block and bleed valve required for each consumer
- Venting and purging facility

Diagram:
- Master gas valve
- Block and bleed valve
- Venting and purging facility
- Gas fuel from FGS system
- To gas consumer
Gas detectors-1
Inlet air @ min. 30 air change + combustion air
Ventilation (negative pressure) Single wall piping
Gas detectors-2
Gas detectors-1
DFD or gas engine
Master gas valve
Shut-off upon detection of gas leakage
Gas fuel
Max. 10 bar
Exhaust ventilation @ min. 30 air change
Single Wall Piping: ESD Protected E/R
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- Low pressure gas systems (<10bar) only
- Two separate machinery spaces are to be provided
- Spaces to contain only engines and minimum necessary equipment
- Alarm upon gas detection at 20% LEL
- Upon gas detection (40% LEL), shut-off gas supply and shutdown the machinery
- Electrical equipment that needs to be operational is to be of Zone-0 certified safe type (Ex-ia only) IEC 92-502
- Ventilation fans redundancy (100% fan capability maintained)
- Access to the spaces through double self-closing doors, or single self-closing door with left-open alarm
- Two independent gas monitoring systems. Locations of gas detectors to be verified by smoke tests or gas dispersion analysis.
Bunker Station Requirements

- No gas is to be discharged to air during bunkering operations

- Key bunker station requirements
  - Sufficient natural ventilation
  - Physical separation and structural protection
  - Stainless steel drip trays
  - Class A-60 protection
  - Remote control and monitoring
  - Manual and remote ESD valves
  - Draining/purging/inerting provision
  - Ventilation and gas detection of bunkering lines
Bunker Station Requirements

- ABS Guide Section 4 “Fuel Bunkering System”
- The Guidelines for systems and installations for supply of LNG as fuel to ships is under development under ISO TC67 WG10
- Target is to “…standardize the interface between the ship and the fuel supply facilities, to ensure that a LNG fueled ship can refuel in any port with LNG fuel supply facilities…”
- SIGTTO has published Ship to Ship Transfer Guidelines
Ship Arrangements

- Gas fuel storage tanks can be located on deck or in enclosed spaces.
- Requirements for tank connection spaces are given which are typically to be applied to smaller vessels with “Type C” LNG fuel tanks where the tank connection space incorporates vaporizers, valves, etc., forming part of the fuel gas supply system.
- Engine block and bleed and regulating valves typically located in separate GVU room.
Safe Utilization or Disposal of NBO

- Means of pressure and temperature control must be available at all times even when in port or maneuvering
- System is required to safely handle all natural boil-off under upper ambient conditions
- Means may be
  - Refrigeration and re-liquefaction
  - Pressure accumulation
    - “…maintain tank pressure below MARVS and not to become liquid full for a period of 15 days…”
  - Burning gas for propulsion power and steam dump
  - Gas combustion unit
Table 2: Certification of Gas Fuel Storage Tanks & Gas Fuel Storage Rooms

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(4) 92m L x 19.5m B x 7m D, dual fuel PSVs

✠ A1 Offshore Support Vessel, FFV Class 1, ✠ AMS, ✠ ACCU GFS (Dual Fuel Diesel), NBLES, POT ✠ DPS-2, ENVIRO+, UWILD GP
Further Considerations

- Availability of LNG fueling terminals
- Sufficient storage space
- LNG tank under accommodation
- Crew training
Benefits of Choosing ABS

- Early design stage evaluations
- Joint development projects
- Advice on Regulatory issues
- Training courses for crews