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# Development of Natural Gas Fuelled Ships (Natural Gas Engines) in the World

(Introduction of R&D on marine natural gas engines supported by ClassNK)

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Motivation for natural gas fueled ships

**Regulation of Exhaust Emissions** 

- ECA (SOx 2015~, NOx 2016~)
- Global SOx regulation, 2020 (2025) $\sim$

(Global cap for sulfur% of marine fuel)

Regulation of CO2 : Green House Gas (GHG)

• EEDI (Energy Efficiency Design Index) : CO2 g / ton · mile

Engine Power (kW) × SFC (g/kWh) ×  $C_F$ 

DWT (ton) x Speed (mile/h)

• • 2015 $\sim$  -10%, 2020 $\sim$  -20%, 2025 $\sim$  -30%



- Natural gas
- Marine diesel oil • C16H34 • 16 CO2 + 17 H2O + Q
  - 12 CH4 · · <u>12</u> CO2 +24 H2O + Q • •



## Natural gas fueled ships in service

About 40 ships in North Europe driven by medium-speed 4-stroke lean-burn type gas engines (ferry, off-shore supply vessel, etc.).







オフショア支援船



ケミカルタンカー



重油バンカー船 @オランダ・ロッテルダム港



観光船 @韓国·仁川港



高速フェリー @豪州にて海上公試 (アルゼンチン⇔ウルグアイ航路に投入予定)







@スウェーデン・ストックホル/法



## Natural gas fueled ships from now

including the first ship driven by a low-speed 2-stroke natural gas engine.



・ドイツのEMS社がワッデン海のフェリー "Ostfriesland"をDFエンジンに換装する契約を Wärtsilä 社と締結



 米国内航船社TOTE社がMANの低速エンジンを搭載した3,100TEU のコンテナ船を発注(フロリダ⇔プエトリコ航路に投入予定)



・負荷変動の激しいタグボートをLNG燃料 化する計画も浮上



- ・米国のHarvey Gulf社が6隻のオフショア・米国内航船社Horizon Line社が 支援船を発注
- •LNG燃料供給設備の建造も計画 (ルイジアナ州ポート・フォーチョン)



蒸気タービン船2隻のDFエンジン への換装を計画

### Two types of gas engine combustion



Lean burn type : Natural gas pre-mixed combustion like a gasoline engine



GI (Gas Injection) type : Natural gas diffusive combustion like a diesel engine

'Dual-fuel (DF)' and 'Mono-fuel' are another categorization.

Only **DF** type is referred in this presentation.

**DF** has such a merit that the fuel can be changed from natural gas to diesel fuel instantly when some abnormal combustion or leakage has occurred.

Merits and problems to be solved for two types of gas engine

#### Lean burn type

(Combustion is 'flame propagation' from pilot-fuel to gas-air pre-mixture.)

#### **Merits** • • Low pressure gas supply

(only 5-6 bar for medium-speed and 10? bar for low-speed engine.)

#### Low NOx emission

(Tier III regulation can be cleared without any additional measure.)

#### Problems to be solved

- Possibility of abnormal combustion like knocking (Combustion is sensitive to the Methane Number (MN).)
- • Methane slip (Cancellation of Green House Gas reduction)

### **GI** (Gas Injection) type

(Diffusive combustion of high pressure gas jet in air ignited by pilot fuel.)

#### **Merits** • • Free from knocking

(Insensitive to MN and high compression ratio is possible.)

Problems to be solved • • Higher NOx than the lean burn type

• • Work to generate the high pressure (for example, to 300 bar) gas

#### An example of lean burn type natural gas engine application Ferry 'Viking Grace' (60,000 GT) in the Baltic Sea

(Medium-speed 4-stroke lean-burn engine + Electric propulsion 21 MW for 23 kt)

Calm sea condition in the Baltic sea (no load-fluctuation to cause knocking from propeller side) and high MN of fuel gas in Europe make stable gas operation possible.

### How it should be!:

- Clean sea.
- Clean air.

#### Viking Grace:

- Low Exhaust Emissions.
- No visible exhaust.
- No discharge into the sea, gray water, black water, bilge water
- Very small waves.
- Low noise levels, possitiv feedback from people who live in the archipelago, they can not hear Viking Grace is coming!



#### Propulsion system for Viking Grace

### Function of medium-speed lean-burn gas engine





Possibility of abnormal combustion for lean burn gas engine Wartsila社資料



### Viking Energy

(Platform supply vessel at the North Sea)

- Wartsila 32DF + Electric propulsion
- Escape from knocking caused by load fluctuation by availing DF system (Switching to diesel fuel from gas mode)



Function of liquid fuel injector for DF engine (for Wartsila DF engines • • Wartsila社資料)

The smaller holes are used for pilot injection at gas mode. When emergency has occurred at gas mode, fuel gas is stopped and full amount of heavy fuel injection starts from the larger holes.



Fundamental study on lean burn gas combustion



### Possibility of abnormal combustion caused by lubricating oil ignition

≈ 0.5 g/kWh

Without lubricating oil



 Development of LNG-fuelled tug-boat by NYK Group
2013~
(ClassNK is supporting the development of not only the vessel itself but also the medium-speed DF engines)





#### Pro's:

- low pressure (LP) gas <10 bar</li>
- IMO Tier III NOx compatible without after treatment
- high efficiency (> diesel)
- successfully developed for 4stroke engines by Wärtsilä

### Con's:

- unknown concept for 2-stroke
- output limited by knocking?
- hydrocarbon (HC) emissions?

### 'Lean-burn' combustion for low-speed 2-stroke engines

2-stroke gas concepts – Low pressure DF (Wartsila Technical Seminar 2011)



1. Gas injection valve, 2. Fuel valve, 3. Gas control block (GCB), 4. Sealing oil, 5. Pilot oil i.e. HFP or DO

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### **GI** combustion



A low-speed marine two-stroke-cycle GI engine

#### Fundamental study on GI combustion

RCEM (Visual apparatus with 240 mm dia. window) is simulating a GI gas engine combustion.





Mirror on top of piston for Schlieren technique





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High pressure gas supply system (simulated plant for verification)

### An example of installation of FGSS : Double Eco Max LNGC



- Highly Efficient Dual-Fuel Slow-Speed Electronic-Controlled Diesel Engine (ME-GI)
- Compact Fuel Gas Supply System with Liquefaction Plant
- Efficient and Redundant Ship by Twin Screw Propulsion









LNG transfer hose



LNG transfer arm

In the committee, many subjects on the safety of facilities for LNG bunkering have been discussed and proposed to improve the IGF code.



Fender (pneumatic fender)



LNG



#### Emergency shut down system (ESDS) Emergency breakaway device (ERS, DBC)

Emergency release coupling (ERC), a device installed in ERS



Coupling with a function to prevent leakage (DBC) Note: Can be used for hoses with a small diameter



Note: In case where BAC is used, it is necessary to review measures to ensure that ESD operates before detaching BAC and take appropriate measures.

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