LNG as bunker fuel: Challenges to be overcome

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LNG as bunker fuel has a significant potential. However, some challenges need to be addressed, but there is no show-stopper.

1. Drivers and regulations
2. Market potential, Economics and competitiveness
3. Challenges: Supply chain development, Safety, standards, codes, regulations...
DRIVERS AND REGULATIONS

Two main drivers for the use of LNG as bunker fuel

IMO Regulations regulation on SOx and NOx

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*Depending on the outcome of a review of fuel oil availability, to be completed 2018, the 2020 date could be deferred to 2025

Emission control Areas

Price differentials in some regions

Bunker volumes impacted by regulations

- 2015: around 60 Mtpa LNG equivalent (eq to 70 Mt/y or 1,45 Mbl/d HFO)
- 2025: around 175 additional Mtpa LNG equivalent (eq to +200 Mt/y ou +4,25 Mbl/d HFO)
### MARKET POTENTIAL FOR LNG AND COMPARISON WITH OTHER ALTERNATIVES

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1. LSHFO: very unlikely: Price and product availability
2. GO: Expensive solution but simple to implement; therefore considered as short term fallback
3. Scrubber solution not always feasible because of ship design (stability). Technology has yet to be proven
4. LNG supply chain and bunkering procedures have to be developed
5. Complicated operations and maintenance (+ sludge management) for Scrubber
6. Scrubber and LNG will compete on price

### TOTAL GAS & POWER FORECAST

- **11 Mtpa LNG in 2020** ~3% of LNG market ~5% of overall marine fuel market
- **33 Mtpa LNG in 2030** ~5% of LNG market ~10% of overall marine fuel market

- **Growth will be gradual:**
  - First «short sea» in SECA area, then «deep sea»
  - The «deep sea» market could develop faster than predicted, if economies of scale make the conversion cost effective
BUNKER PRICE COMPETITIVENESS: LNG VS. HFO+SCRUBBER

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What’s the price differential between HFO and LNG in order to LNG being the most economic option?

- With current prices, LNG is only competitive in some regions compared to HFO+ Scrubber (qualitative considerations aside)
- Break-even price for LNG depends on the market (between NBP and Long Term Asian price)
BUNKERS’ PRICE COMPETITIVENESS: LNG VS. MARINE GO

Considering:

Marine Gasoil (MGO)
- No extra costs required
- Current logistic costs

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→With current price spreads, LNG is competitive in all markets compared to Gasoil
BUILDING THE SUPPLY CHAIN: DESCRIPTION AND COSTS FOR SMALL PORTS

**Supply Chain**
- Flexible dimension in Port
  - Possibility to scale infrastructures development; thus low risk of under/over investment
- High cost per energy delivered (very low economy of scale):
  - Use of feeders: high volumes or ports supplied
  - Procurement Costs
- Framework to ease permitting procedures and safety standards of small projects is to be developed

**Customers**
- Short Sea Vessels (mainly ferries)
  - Consumption in one Port: 25 kt – 100 kt

**Phase 2: Feeder**
- ~500 to 2000 m³ LNG

**Phase 2: Transport**
- ~40 m³ LNG

**Phase 1: Trucks**
- ~1000 to 15000 m³ LNG

**Loading from terminal in Europe**
- Liquefaction facilities in producing regions (North America)

**Evolution of Logistic Cost with Volumes Supplied**
- ~300 kt/y ↔ 40 trucks/day
- Increase in the number of ports supplied

**Supply with Trucks**
- Barge Transport $/MMBtu
- Barge Port Facilities $/MMBtu
- Truck Transport $/MMBtu
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- Total Costs Truck
- Total Costs Barge

**Port Logistics and Bunkering**
- Bunkering from a fixed location land-based

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All types of Vessels:

Export to smaller ports

Phase 2:
Port infrastructures development

Bunkering from:
• a fixed location
• a bunkering vessel, trucks or secondary buffers

Phase 1: Bunker barge

Loading from terminal in Europe

Port Logistics and Bunkering

~3500 m³ LNG

Length <1-2 km

~1500 to 20 000 t LNG

Liquefaction facilities in producing regions (North America)

Building the Supply Chain: Description and Costs: Large Ports

Supply Chain
- Dimension adjusted to the highest volume to supply: Risk of over/under investment
- Economy of scale to be obtained
- Minimum Volume secured to launch investments
- Very high market potential with only one project
- Framework for permitting and Safety procedures to be developed
OTHER MAIN CHALLENGES

• Small Scale LNG poses a challenge: A prerequisite is to maintain Safety track record
  – LNG accessible to new players
  – Safety needed in Design and Operations
  – Gas stakeholders to share their know-how on LNG
    ➔ It’s in the interest of the entire industry!

• **Common Standards** needed in order to develop this market:
  – Useful for shipyards and industry manufacturers
  – Confidence to investors along the chain on technical feasibility and safety
  – Allow deep sea lines to operate

• A clear and stable **regulatory framework** is a must
  ➔ All stakeholders are required to contribute
  ➔ First pilots projects will be considered as reference and are therefore of high importance
  ➔ Safety can’t be compromised but requires to be economic

• **Contractual challenges:**
  – **Gas Quality**: Methane Number vs. HHV/Wobbe, quality adjustments ?
  – **Gas contracts vs. Bunkers contracts**: ToP, LT commitments, Pricing…
  – **LNG terminal Business Model**: new business to develop, terminal facilities sizing adapted ?

• **LNG Availability in terminals vs. need for long term commitments in Europe**
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<td>• Sludge management: need to create a logistics chain and adapt port infrastructure</td>
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<td>• Much lower maintenance.</td>
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CONTRACTUAL ISSUES

• Gas Quality:
  – Engine Manufacturer use Methane Number where gas Industry uses Wobb Index and HHV/LHV
  – In Europe: Not compatible with LNG terminal specifications and not possible to physically adapt the quality → Contractual / Pricing arrangements
  – In US: Liquefaction facilities dedicated to LNG Fuel

• Gas contracts vs. Bunker contracts
  – Need for Long term commitments on both sides
  – Minimum take-off
  – Oil indexed Price formulas

• LNG terminal business model
  – New operations and customers to handle
  – Smaller ships interfering with current services
  – Store of LNG needed: Not always possible in the terminal (because of Design and/or Throughput Agreements)
  – Access to new customers: problems of scale. Only available for current shippers as an upside of the traditional business (from large to small?)

• Availability of LNG vs. need of commitments to supply:
  – LNG terminals in Europe are receiving less and less LNG
  – Current terminals throughput agreements and LNG business are not adapted to small scale
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SUPPLY ISSUES IN EUROPE: FROM LARGE TO SMALL SCALE?

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Several issues to be solved:

→ On a start-up phase: commitment for shippers to ensure LNG availability for small volumes vs. loss of opportunity to reroute
  → Need of risk sharing among shippers
  → LNG pricing will take into account this loss of flexibility for very small volumes
→ If the business develops: **Pricing of LNG to attract LNG on a regular basis to Europe.**
→ If pricing in Europe sinks, consider LNG pricing vs. liquefaction…