

# NATURAL GAS - TRANSPORTATION FUEL OF THE FUTURE?

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#### **KEY MESSAGES**

- Clean Opportunities exist for Marine, Rail, Heavy Duty Long Haul Trucks and Light Duty NGVs
- Natural Gas Delivered Cost will determine the extent of transportation market opportunities
- A major selling point is that the cost of LNG can be <\$2.50/DGe\* including taxes</li>
- Natural gas has less carbon, so less CO2, but Methane (CH4) does have a significant GWP (so leaks do matter)
- Natural Gas can be CNG, LNG, ... Or?

## **FUEL COST MATTERS TO HIGH CONSUMPTION USERS**



#### NATURAL GAS FOR MARINE VESSELS

U.S. MARKET OPPORTUNITIES



**APRIL 2012** 



consumes about as much energy as



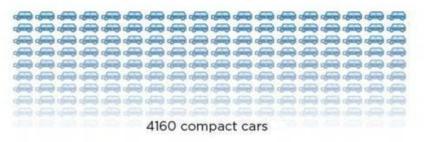
three car ferries



five tugboats



113 semi trucks or



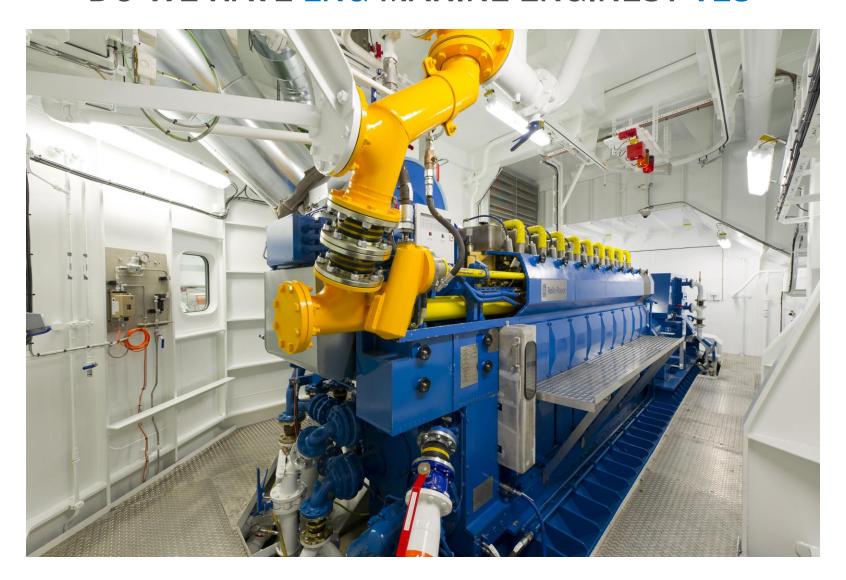


## OWNER/OPERATOR/REGULATOR METRICS

- Fuel Suitability Support operational mission?
- Range Fuel space and weight considerations
- Infrastructure Is fuel widely available?
- Safety Any significant new safety issues?
- Capital Cost Can higher Capex be recovered?
- Fuel Cost Will Opex savings support ROI?
- Criteria Pollutants Clean? Tier 4?
- EPACT Domestic Fuel?
- LCFS/RFS Low Carbon Intensity? Renewable?
- Energy Efficiency Improved Fuel Economy?



## DO WE HAVE LNG MARINE ENGINES? YES



# LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (PIPELINE CONNECTED)

U.S. LNG Peaking Shaving and Import Facilities, 2008 [R5]



Note: Satelite LNG facilities have no liquefaction facilities. All supplies are transported to the site via tanker truck. Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Oil & Gas, Natural Gas Division Gas, Gas Transportation Information System, December 2008.



# LNG TRUCK NATURAL GAS (TRUCK CONNECTED)

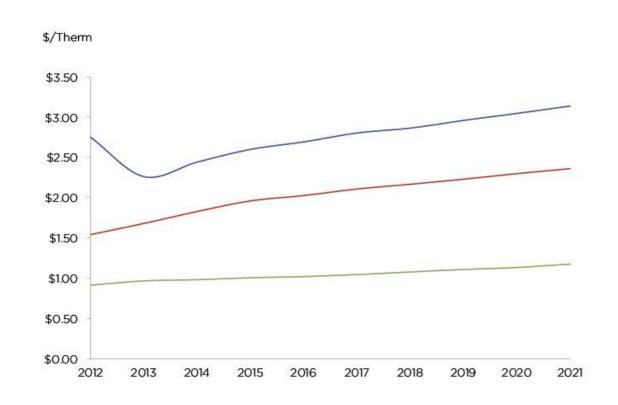




## LNG COST EIA AEO APRIL 2012 EARLY RELEASE

Model Facility LNG Price Relative to Projected Distillate and Residual Fuel Oil Prices (Nominal Dollars)

- EIA AEO 2012 (Early Release) Distillate Fuel Oil Price
- EIA AEO 2012 (Early Release) Residual Fuel Oil Price
- Model Facility LNG Delivered Price

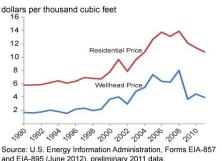


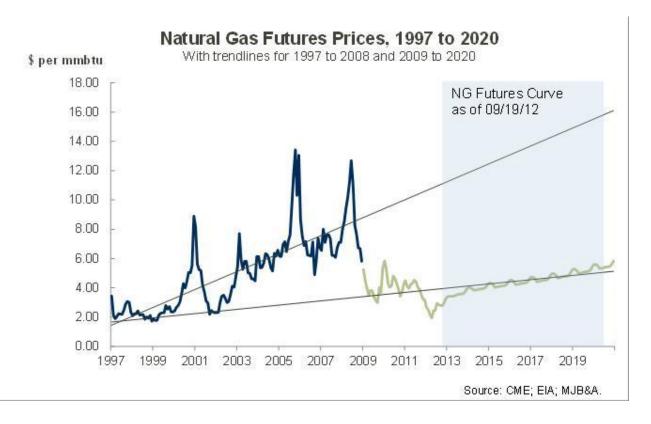


## NATURAL GAS COMMODITY VS DELIVERED PRODUCT

- Limited market data
   exists for LNG because
   consumption is low and
   there is no spot market
- Low U.S. LNG export capacity means world prices are not currently a US price driver

#### U.S. Natural Gas Wellhead and Residential Prices





- Shale gas extraction has dramatically reduced natural gas price volatility and shifted the long-term price trend
- LNG prices are however driven by commodity price plus potentially significant processing and transport costs for new infrastructure



# LNG, GOOD ROI = HIGH CONSUMPTION

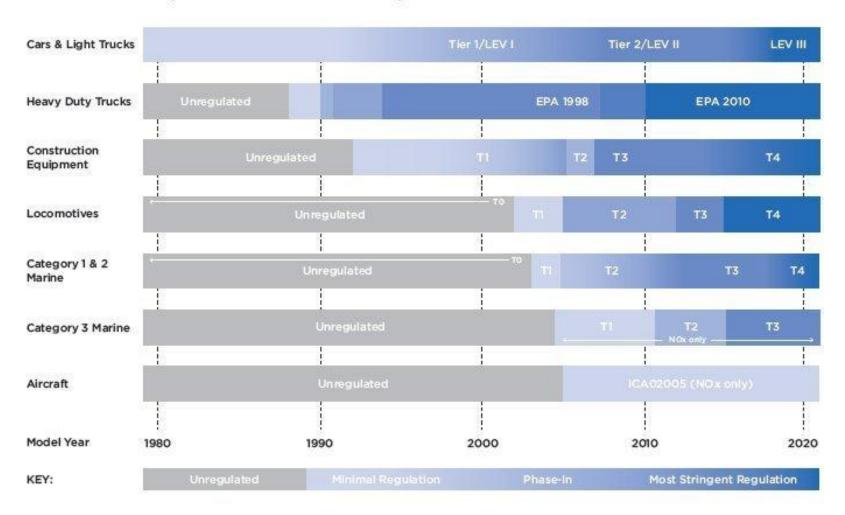
TRUCK (Class 8 Tractor)



|                       | unit   | DIESEL   | LNG      |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Annual Miles          |        | 80,000   | 80,000   |
| Fuel Use              | MPG    | 6.0      |          |
|                       | MPG    |          | 5.3      |
| Annual Fuel           | gal    | 13,333   |          |
|                       | gal    |          | 15,094   |
| Fuel Cost             | \$/gal | \$3.94   |          |
|                       | \$/gal |          | \$2.50   |
| ANNUAL FUEL<br>COST   | \$     | \$52,533 | \$37,736 |
| ANNUAL SAVINGS        | \$     |          | \$14,797 |
| INCR PURCHASE<br>COST | \$     |          | \$50,000 |
| PAY-BACK PERIOD       | YR     |          | 3.4      |

## CLEAN CRITERIA POLLUTANT STANDARDS

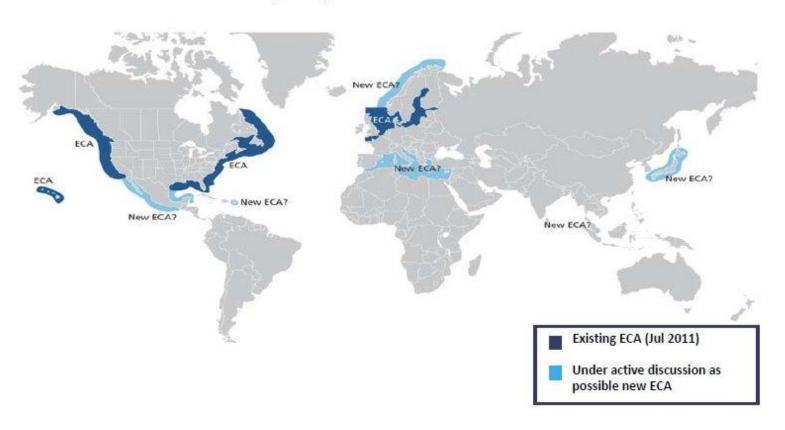
Time Frame for Imposition of EPA Emission Regulations for Mobile Sources



## NORTH AMERICAN ECA IS SO2 AND NOX

# Legislations and Regulations

- emission control areas (ECA)



## LEAKS MATTER, BUT MOSTLY UPSTREAM, WILL IMPROVE

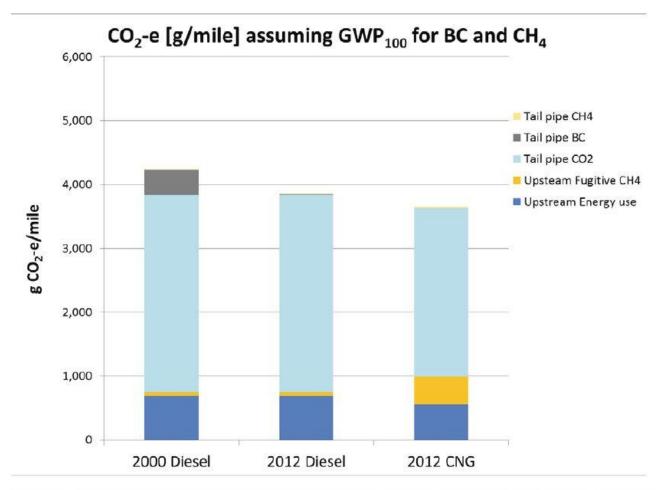


Figure 3 Wells-to-wheels GHG emissions (g/mile CO<sub>2</sub>-e) from old diesel, new diesel and new CNG buses (assuming GWP<sub>100</sub> for methane and black carbon)



## **COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG)**

- Gas at ambient temperature and pressure
- Similar: Compressed Hydrogen
- Stored as compressed Gas @ 3,000/3,600 psi
- ~\$2.28/DGe
- ~5% energy loss for compression
- Sold as Therm (100,000 btu), DGe (129,000 btu)
- Need 6x as much space as distillate (range issues)
- Low Capex Vehicle, Medium Capex Infrastructure
- Must refuel more often (high leakage)
- Vehicle leaks are low (sealed pressure cylinders)
- Vehicle exhaust leaks low (catalyst)



## LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)

- Gas at ambient temperature and pressure
- Similar: Liquefied Hydrogen, Alt: LPG, DME (low P)
- Stored as cryogenic Liquid @ -160C
- ~\$2.50/DGe (current estimate)
- ~20% energy loss for liquefaction
- Sold as Gallon (75,000 btu)
- Need 2x as much space as distillate (same weight)
- Medium Capex Vehicle, Medium Capex Infrastructure
- Refuel less often (low leakage)
- Vehicle leaks are medium (only modest pressure)
- Vehicle exhaust leaks low (catalyst)



## NATURAL GAS DERIVED LIQUID (NOT NGLS)

- Liquid at ambient temperature and pressure
- Methanol, Ethanol (OHs), FT Diesel, MTG (drop in)
- Stored as a Liquid
- ~\$2.50/DGe\* (for Methanol), Others More \$
- ~30% energy loss for syngas conversion
- Sold as Gallon (55,000 btu for Methanol)
- Need 2.2x as much space as distillate (2x weight)
- Low Capex Vehicle, Low Capex Infrastructure
- Refuel leaks are low (vapor recovery)
- Vehicle leaks are low(vapor recovery)
- Vehicle exhaust leaks low (catalyst)



## NATURAL GAS AND BIOMASS CAN BE ANYTHING...

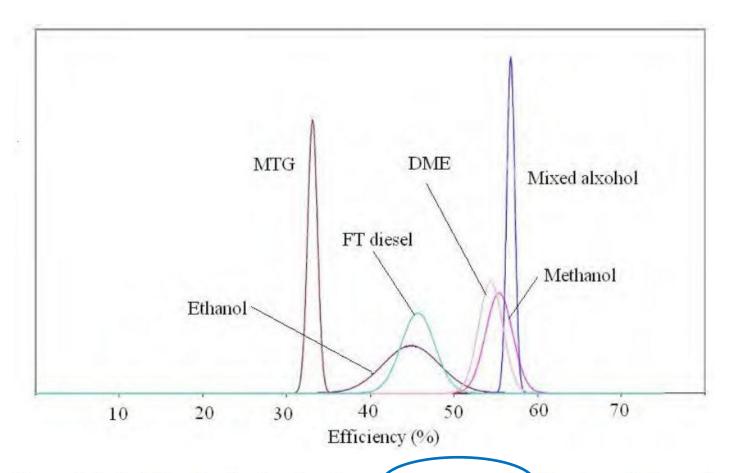
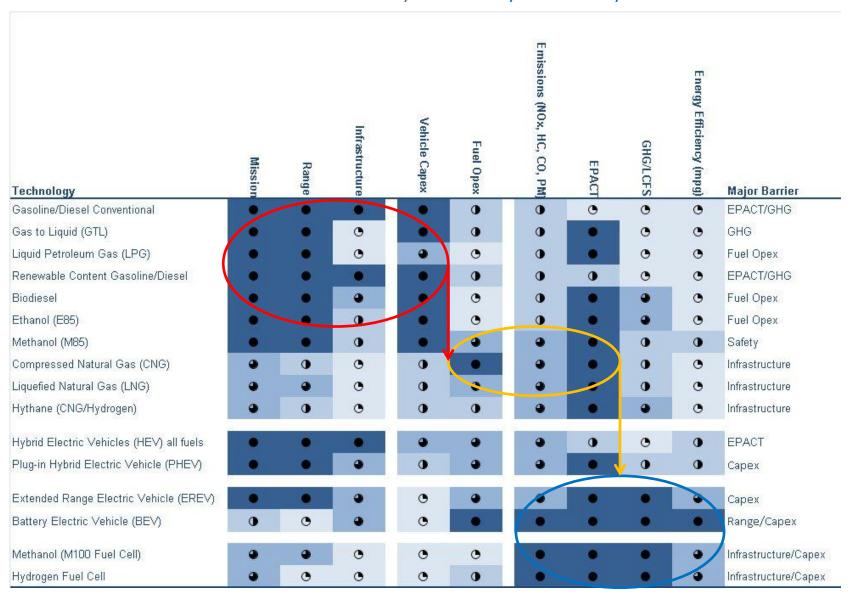


Figure 8. Probability distribution function of biomass to tank utilization efficiency from the MonteCarlo analysis [Stark]

Less Efficient, Lower Yields <----->More Efficient, Higher Yields



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