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A BREIF HISTORY OF LNG					
1873	German engineer, Carl von Linde pioneered the work in compressed refrigeration				
1908	Dutch physicist Heike Kamerlingh Onnes was the first to liquefy helium, chilling helium through a series of stages until getting it to minus 452 degrees				
1924	This research led the U.S. Bureau of Mines to produce the first liquid methane as a by-product of helium separation.				
1917	The first commercial natural gas liquefaction plant was built in West Virginia				
1960	The world's first LNG tanker, the Methane Pioneer, safely carries LNG from Lake Charles, Louisiana, USA to Canvey Island, United Kingdom				
1964	The British Gas Council begins importing LNG from Algeria, making the United Kingdom the world's first LNG importer and Algeria as its first exporter				
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METHANE PRINCESS

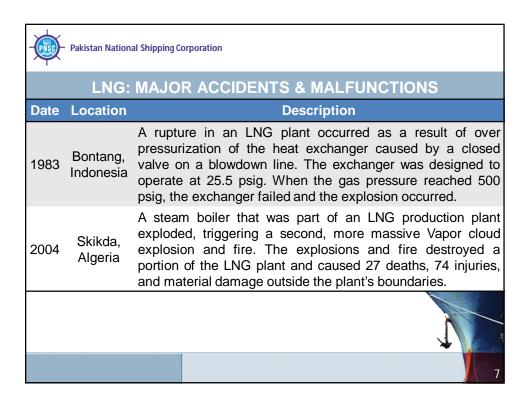
- Methane Princess, was the first purpose built LNG carrier that carried the first commercial load of LNG, from Algeria to United Kingdom.
- ➤ The ship was fitted with Conch independent aluminum cargo tanks and had a capacity of 27,000 cu.m.
- The Methane Princess could carry up to about 500 million cubic feet of gas (after regasification). The average LNG tanker today is five times larger.
- ➢ It was operated for British Methane Ltd by Shell Tankers UK. The Methane Princess remained in service until 1997.

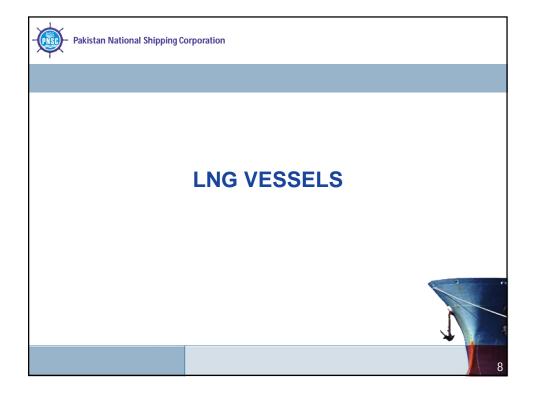




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LNG: MAJOR ACCIDENTS & MALFUNCTIONS					
Date	Location	Description			
1944	Cleveland, Ohio, USA	At the Peak Shaving plant a tank failed and spilled its contents into the street and storm sewer system. The resulting explosion and fire killed 128 people. The tank was built with a steel alloy that had low nickel content, which made the alloy brittle when exposed to the extreme cold of LNG.			
1964	Arzew, Algeria	During loading operations, lightning struck the forward vent riser of the Methane Progress and ignited vapor which was being routinely vented through the ship venting system. The flame was quickly extinguished by purging with nitrogen through a connection to the riser.			
1965	Jules Verne Spill, Arzew, Algeria	LNG liquid spill caused by overflowing of a cargo tank that resulted in the fracture of the cover plating of the tank and adjacent deck plating.			
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1971	La Spezia, Italy	This accident was caused by "rollover" where two layers of LNG with different densities and heat content form. The sudden mixing of these two layers results in the release of large volumes of vapor. In this case, about 2,000 tons of LNG vapor discharged from the tank safety valves and vents over a period of a few hours, damaging the roof of the tank.			
1978	Das Island, UAE	An accident occurred due to the failure of a bottom pipe connection of an LNG tank. The tank had a double wall (a 9% nickel steel inner wall and a carbon steel outer wall). Vapor from the outer shell of the tank formed a large heavier than air cloud which did not ignite.			







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LNG ENGINES

- LNG vessels are powered through LNG boil off.
- Therein, the small percentage of LNG which re-gasifies, while being transported, is siphoned off and used as a fuel to power the vessel.
- > This maintains the required pressure in the tanks and eliminates the need to carry fuel separately.
- Boil-off minimization and cargo maximization is a key element in controlling costs and maximizing revenues.
- The LNG vessel market is increasingly fragmented as charterers prefer newer vessels with better boil-off management.





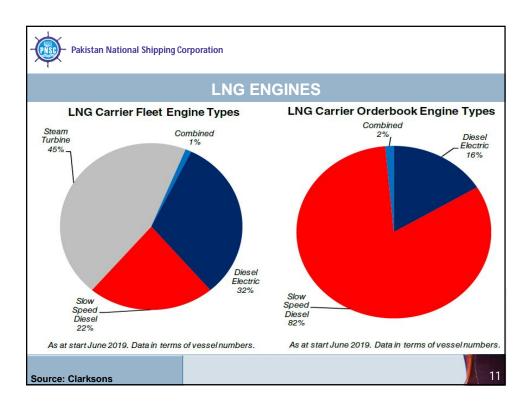
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- Due to technological advancements, Boil-off in order to power a ship, has reduced from 0.25% to 0.08% with the latest ships. At that rate a speed of 15 knots can be easily maintained.
- > Steam turbine engines which were traditionally the main method of LNG carrier propulsion, using a combination of regular marine fuel and LNG boil off gas.
- Owners now favor more efficient alternatives such as dual fuel, diesel electric engines, which can use LNG boil-off technology as well as HFO and marine diesel and have improved efficiency up to 15% compared to steam turbine engines.



Source: ABS Panel Future of LNG at Posidonia





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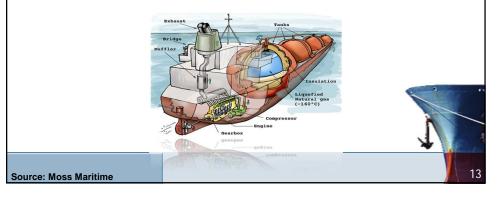
- Another factor of vital importance, particularly from an environmental perspective is methane slip.
- Emissions such as methane slip are not inherent to the natural gas instead the problem lies at the applied heat cycle, making the amount of methane slip dependent on technology of each engine.
- LNG powered engines run in either high or low pressure with both cycles having different combustion processes.
- Generally high pressure engines running in combination with diesel ensure that no methane escapes unburned.
- However it should be noted that the safety impact of high pressure engines as they age is debatable.

Source: Safety for Sea



LNG VESSELS CONTAINMENT SYSTEMS

- > There are two primary containment systems in place.
- Moss tanks, the IMO type B LNG tanks are spherical in shape.
- Most Moss type vessels have 4 or 5 tanks.





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- Membrane containment systems are based on a very thin primary barrier which is supported through insulation and the inner hull forms the load bearing structure.
- There are two principal types of membrane systems in common use. TGZ designed by Technigaz. GT96 designed by Gaz Transport.
- These two companies have now combined into one, i.e. Gaz Transport & Technigaz (GTT).





Source: GTT

