

The effect of temperature changes on the uncertainty of the LNG density

Uncertainty budget for the LNG density using temperature sensitivity method

Rank	Source	Units	Value				Sensitivity		Product	Square	
				Uncertainty	U*	Distribution	Divisor	Stand. Unc			($\partial f / \partial x_i$)
				U	U*		k	u	c	u.c	(u.c) ²
5	Composition	kg/m ³	458.479	0.215	0.047	Rectangular	1.732	0.124	1	0.124	1.54E-02
1	Klosek-McKinley Method	kg/m ³	458.479	0.458	0.100	Rectangular	1.732	0.265	1	0.265	7.01E-02
4	Exp data to derive K-M Model	kg/m ³	458.479	0.275	0.060	Normal	2.000	0.138	1	0.138	1.89E-02
3	Temperature	°C	-160.000	0.2	-0.125	Rectangular	1.732	0.115	-1.3709	-0.158	2.51E-02
2	Temp - field experience	°C	-160.000	0.3	-0.188	Rectangular	1.732	0.173	-1.3709	-0.237	5.64E-02
	Combined uncertainty	kg/m ³	458.479	0.862	0.188	Normal	2	0.431	1	0.431	1.86E-01

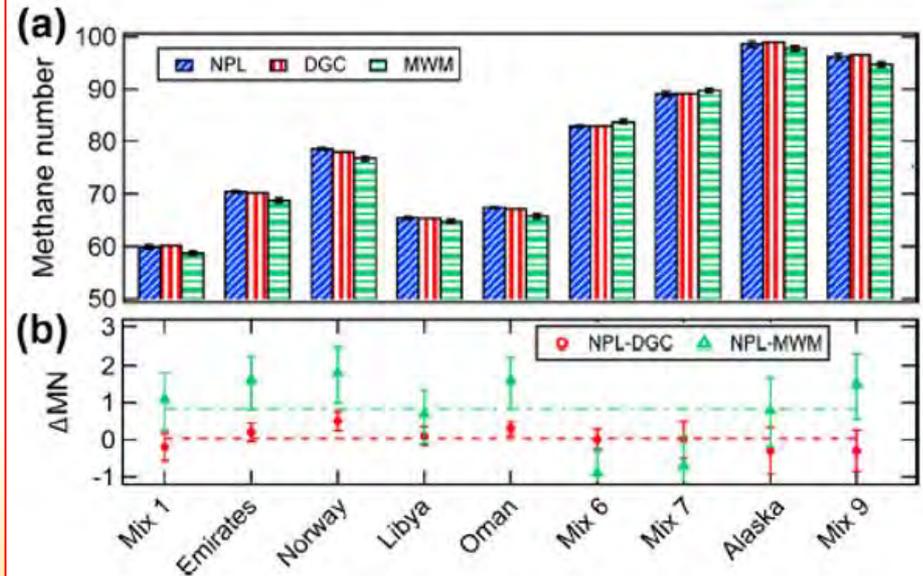
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				Uncert.	U*	Distribution	Divisor	Stand. Unc			($\partial f / \partial x_i$)
				U	U*		k	u	c	u.c	(u.c) ²
5	Composition	kg/m ³	458.479	0.215	0.047	Rectangular	1.732	0.124	1	0.124	1.54E-02
2	Revised Klosek-McKinley Method	kg/m ³	458.479	0.458	0.100	Rectangular	1.732	0.265	1	0.265	7.01E-02
4	Exp data to derive K-M Model	kg/m ³	458.479	0.275	0.060	Normal	2.000	0.138	1	0.138	1.89E-02
3	Temperature (±0.2 °C)	kg/m ³	458.479	0.320	0.070	Rectangular	1.732	0.185	1	0.185	3.41E-02
1	Temp - Field experience (additional ±0.3 °C)	kg/m ³	458.479	0.480	0.105	Rectangular	1.732	0.277	1	0.277	7.68E-02
	Combined uncertainty	kg/m ³	458.479	0.928	0.202	Normal	2	0.464	1	0.464	2.15E-01

Comparing the different methods gives an insignificant difference in the density uncertainty of ±0.014%.

Methane number

- A new algorithm, based on existing algorithms such as the AVL and MWM, has been developed
- The new algorithm pays special attention to the influence of heavier hydrocarbons as the concentration of these components in stored LNG increases over time.
- None of the other algorithms provide information about the uncertainties in their results
- Resulting uncertainty strongly depends on LNG composition
- Uncertainty values vary between 0.2 and 0.7 MN or 0.3 and 0.8% (k=2)



- Novel algorithm shows a good agreement with other popular methods for the set of exemplar LNG mixtures

Achievements towards uncertainty reduction

- ❑ Development of a primary LNG mass flow standard (25 m³/h) with a CMC of 0.12 - 0.15%
- ❑ Establishment of the real uncertainty for (state of the art) ship-based tank-gauging methods by performing a comprehensive metrological study
- ❑ Standard based LDV device and associated uncertainty to support the validation of the mid-scale flow calibration facility
- ❑ Development and validated an advanced primary LNG densimeter system (single-sinker) to produce new reference data with a target uncertainty of 0.02%. The achieved reported uncertainty in 2016, 0.02%.
- ❑ Development and validation of new fundamental EOS (ERKM) for LNG density prediction for a broader range of temperature ($115K \leq T \leq 135 K$) and the associated uncertainty. A prototype speed of sound sensor has been developed for on-line density and speed of sound measurements to transfer the metrological traceability to field operation.
- ❑ A new algorithm for methane number, based on existing algorithms such as the AVL and MWM, has been developed, associated uncertainty between 0.3 to 0.8% (K=2).



Thank you for your attention