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Refrigeration Compressor Driver Selection and Technology Qualification Enhances Value for the Wheatstone Project

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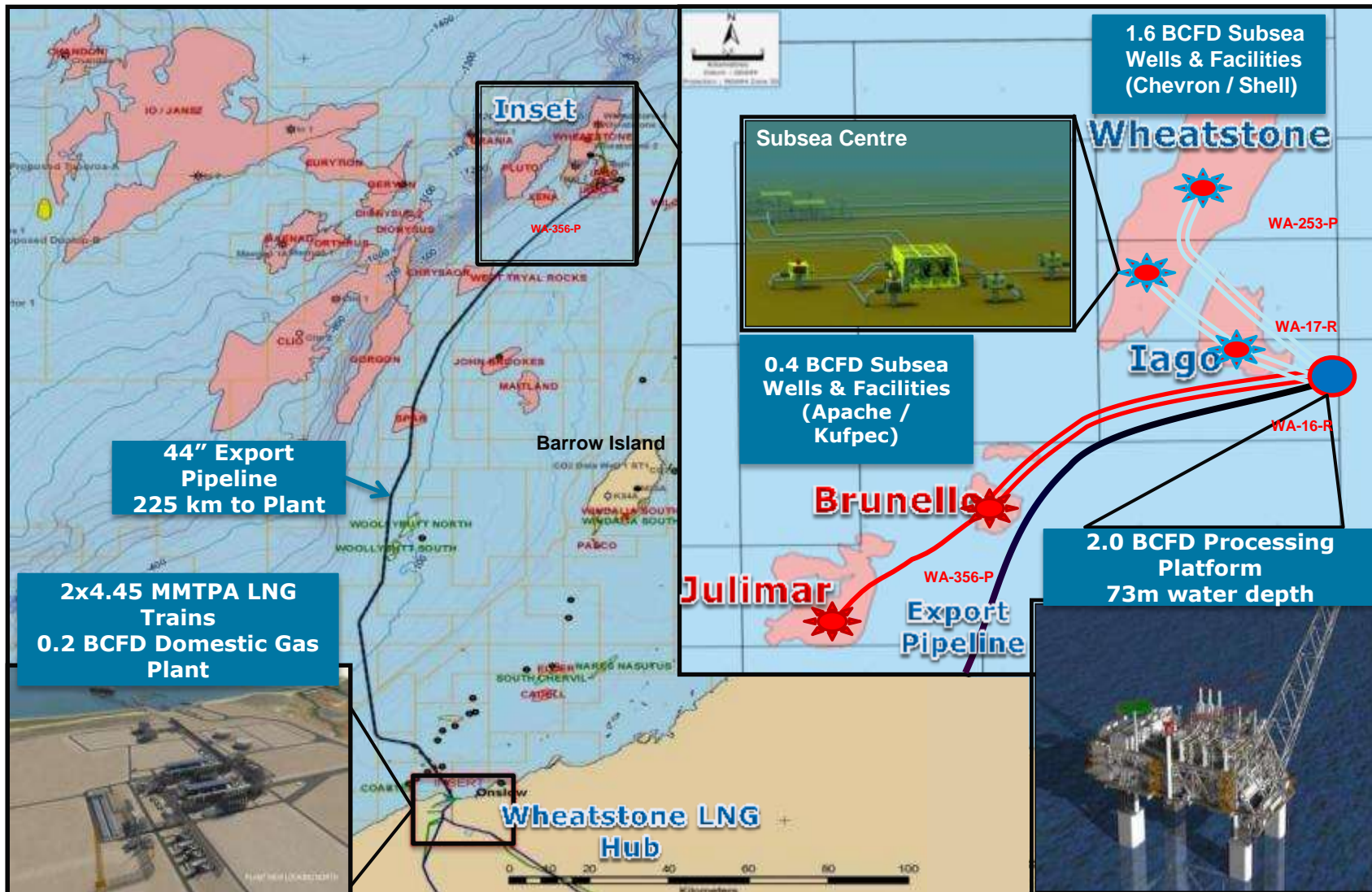
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Project background



Wheatstone Project



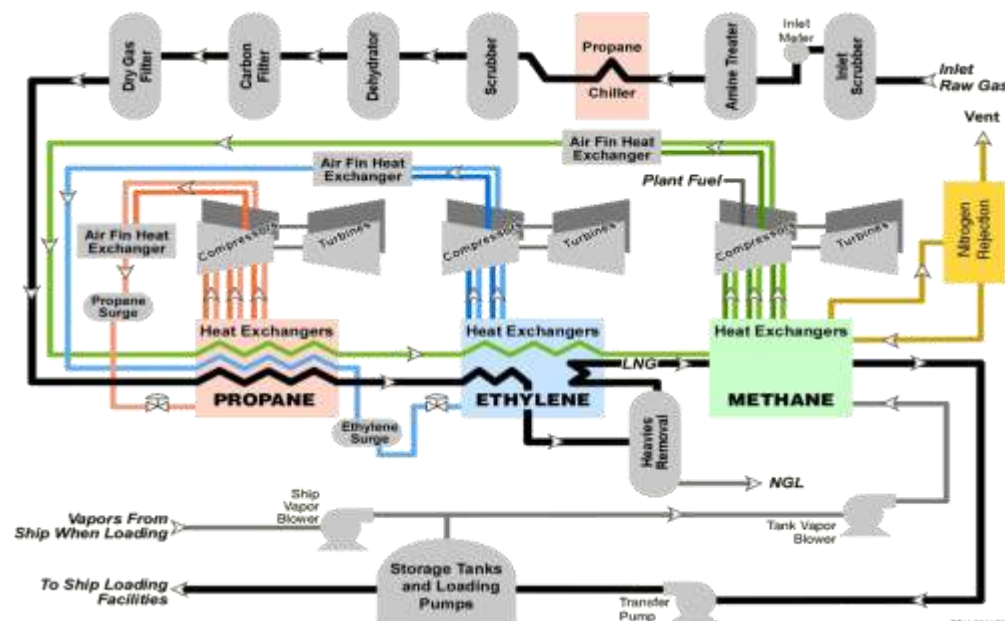
Plant location

- Ashburton North Strategic Industrial Area
- Located about 12 km SW of Onslow
 - Population about 450, increasing to 650 in winter
 - Primary industries agriculture (sheep), salt (Onslow Salt) and fishing



Onshore facilities

- 2 x 4.45 mtpa LNG trains; Condensate and domestic gas production
- ConocoPhillips Optimized Cascade[®] process
- Modular construction strategy
- 2x150,000 cum FC LNG tanks
- USD 29 billion investment
- Planned expansion to 25 mtpa of LNG

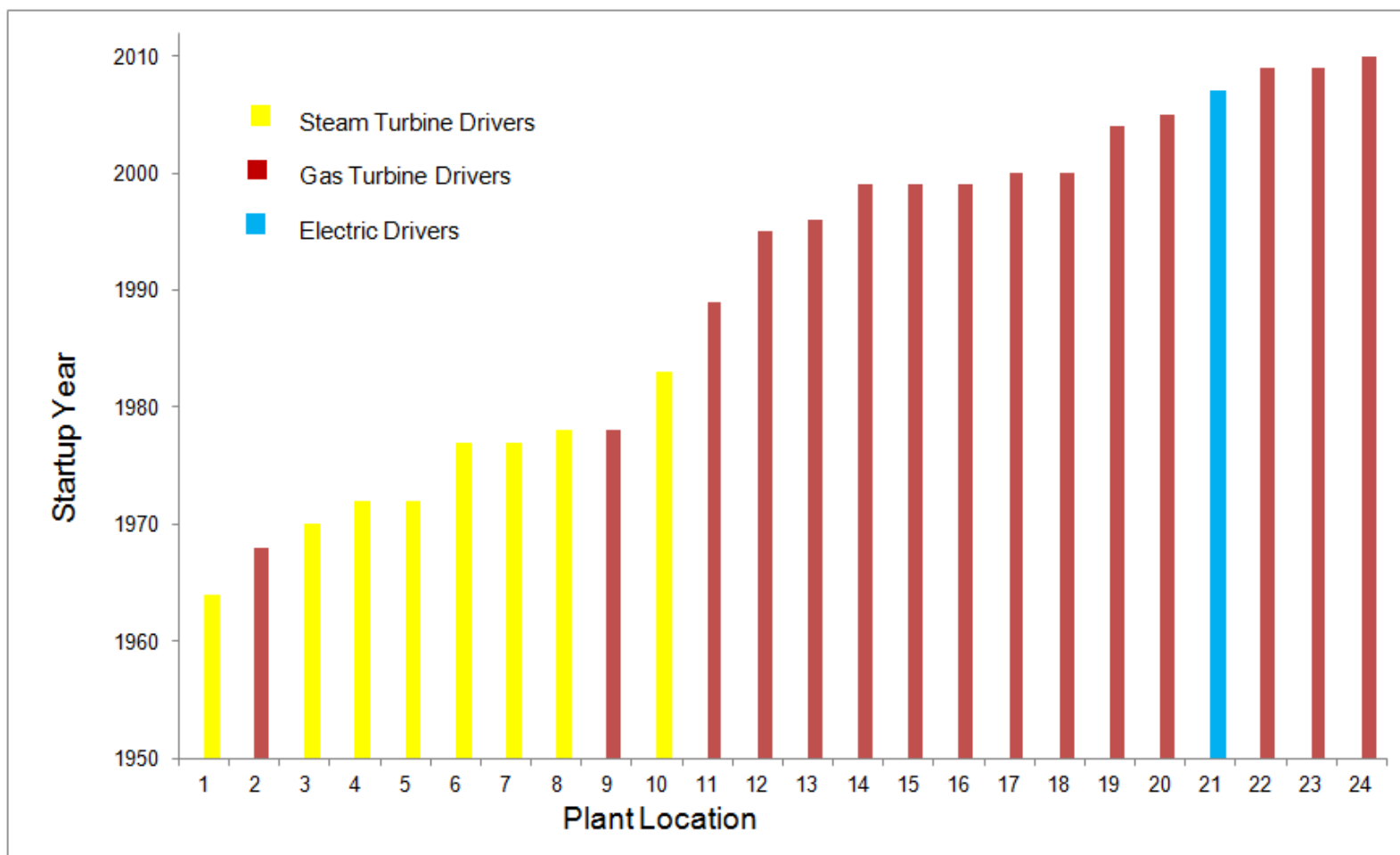




Driver alternatives

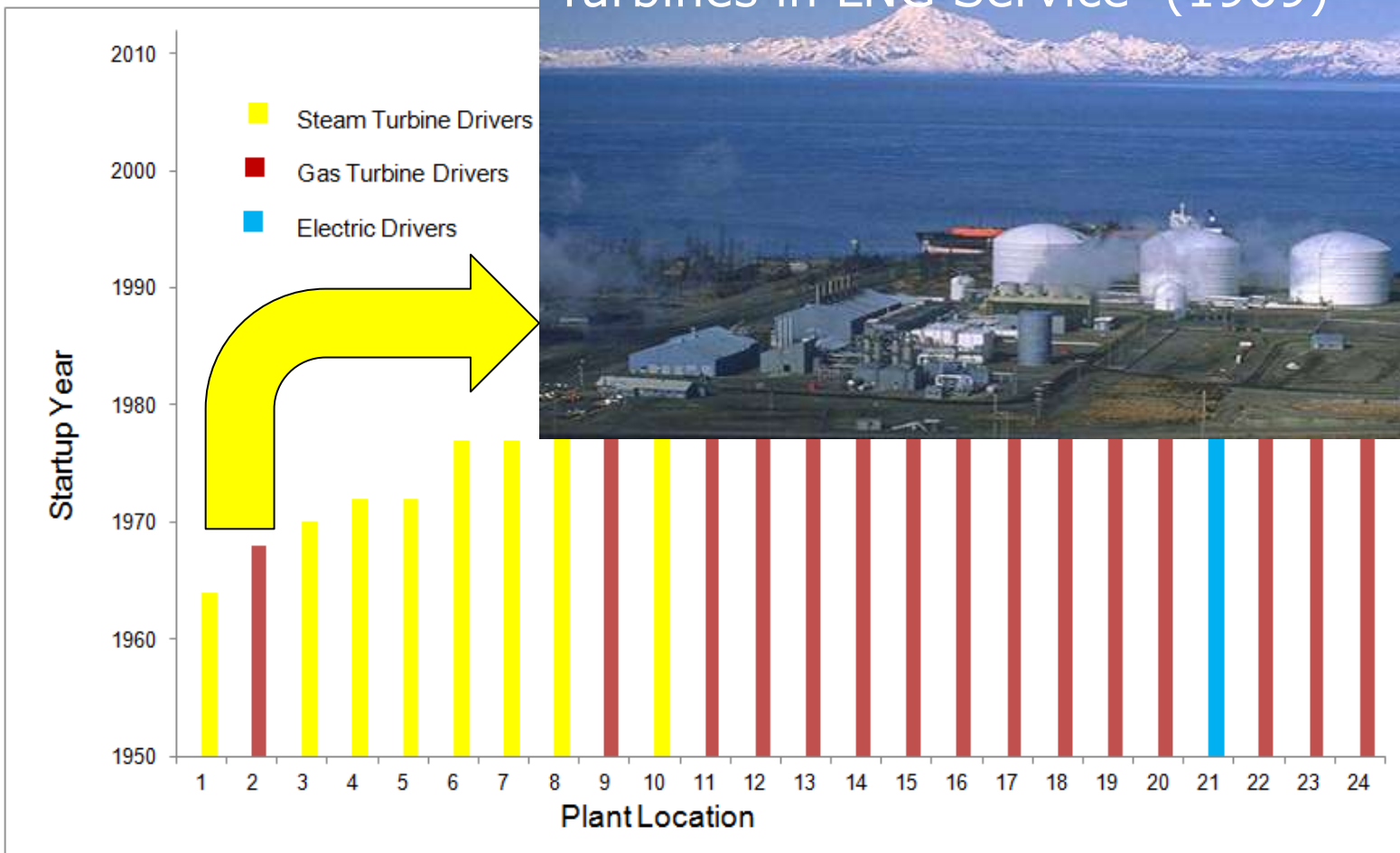


Evolution of drivers in LNG industry

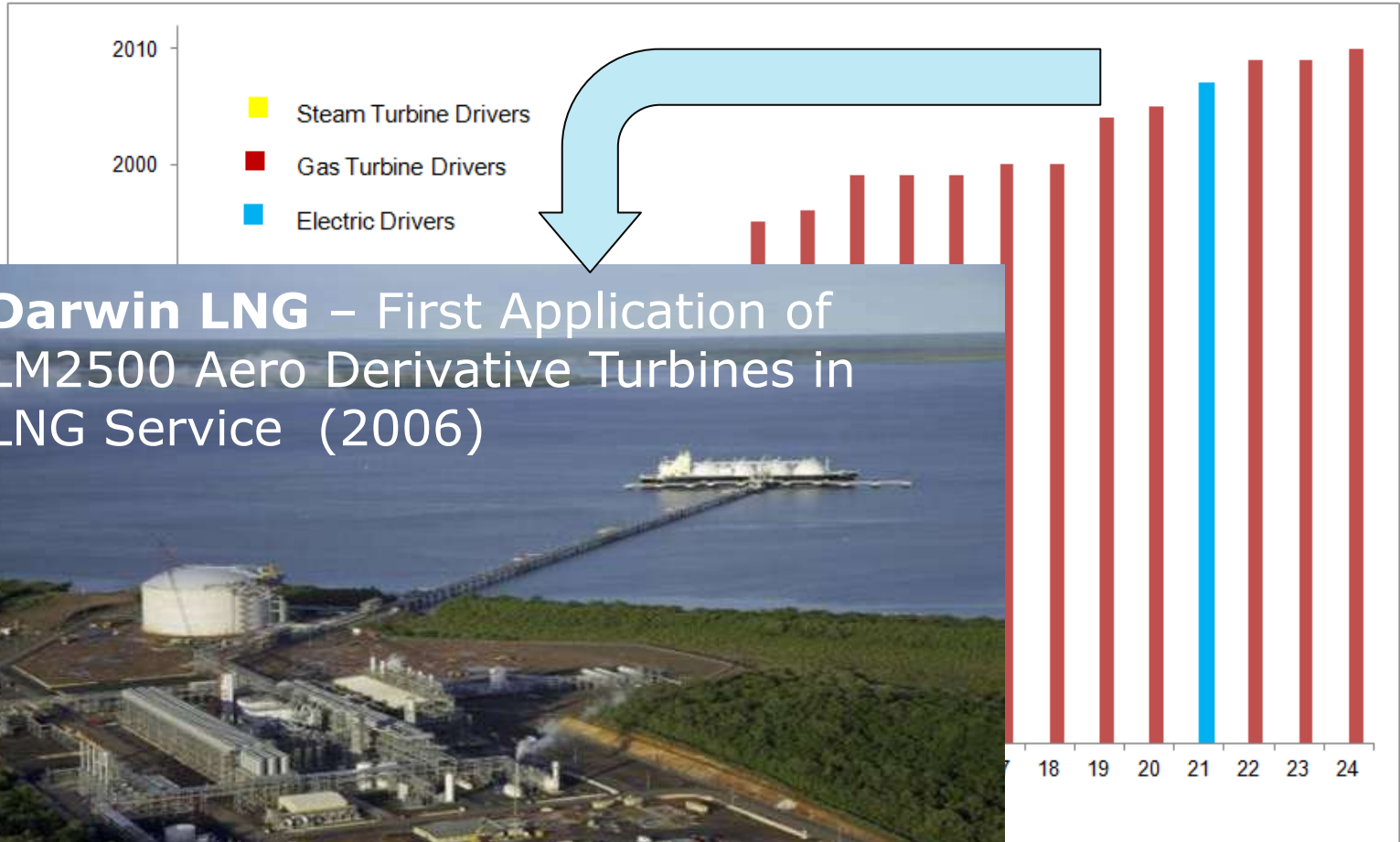


First application of gas turbines

Kenai LNG – First Application of Gas Turbines in LNG Service (1969)



First application of LM2500 Aero Derivative Turbines





Driver selection



Project specific factors influencing driver selection



Key project specific factors influencing driver study

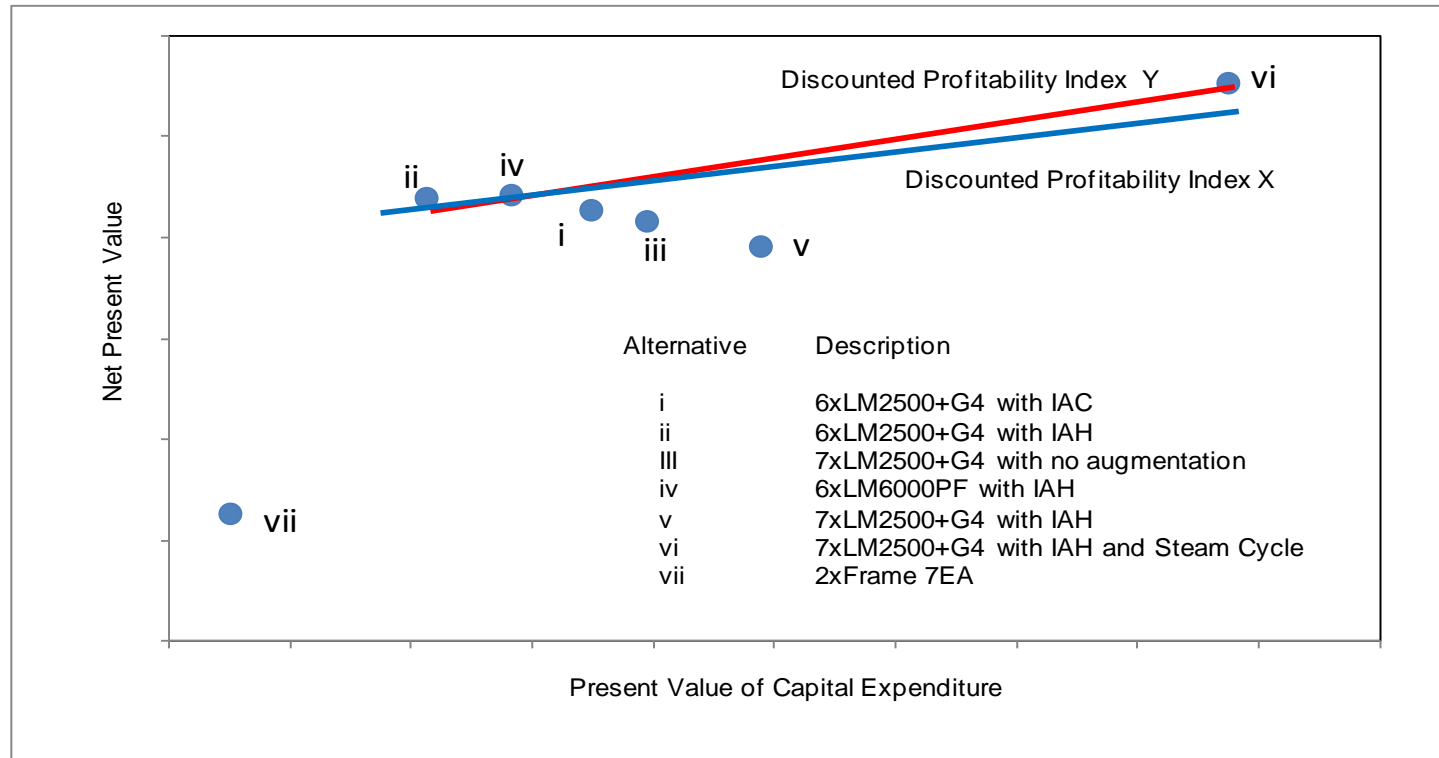
- ✓ Fixed feed stream flow limiting ability to utilize excess driver power
- ✓ Compositional uncertainty with regards to feed stream nitrogen content requiring flexibility with available power
- ✓ Site ambient conditions; ambient temperature ranging from 13°C to 40°C (*extremes 5°C to 47°C*)
- ✓ Other criteria for selection include emissions, total installed cost, LNG Production, operating cost, technical/operational/schedule risk, etc

Driver study alternatives

- i. 6 x LM2500+G4 with mechanical refrigeration for inlet air chilling (IAC)
- ii. 6 x LM2500+G4 with Inlet Air Humidification (IAH)
- iii. 7 x LM2500+G4 with no power augmentation
- iv. 6 x LM6000PF with IAH
- v. 7 x LM2500+G4 with IAH
- vi. 7 x LM2500+G4 with IAH and HRSG and steam turbine power generation
- vii. 2 x Frame 7EA and 2 x Frame 5D

Selected driver – LM6000PF

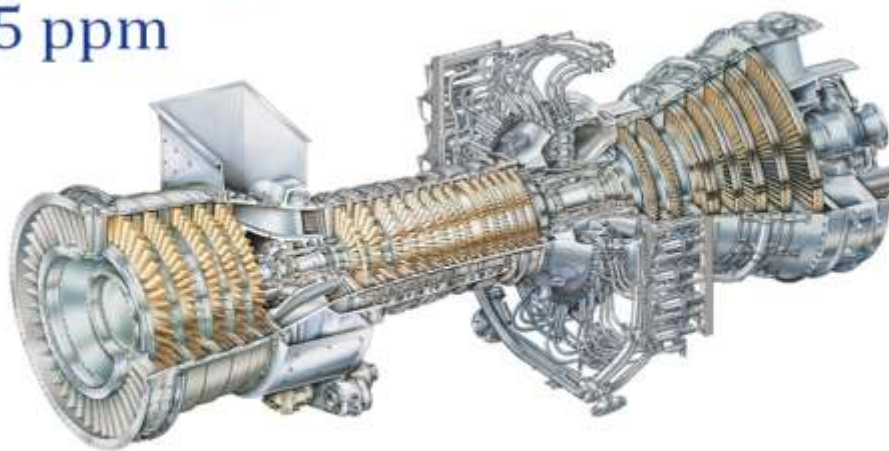
- 6 x LM6000PF with IAH was the selected based on a combination of low TIC, attractive NPV and DPI
- Technical risk managed via a technology qualification plan





Technical qualification

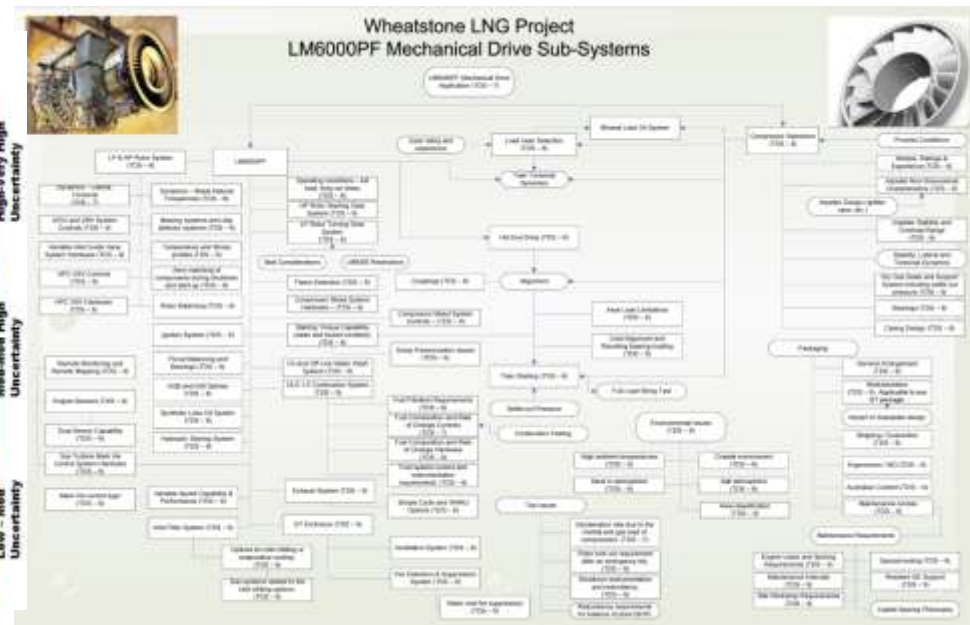
LM6000-PF
15 ppm



Chevron Technology Qualification Process



- Formal methodology and toolbox of resources
- Joint effort between Chevron, Bechtel, GE and CoP
- Identified systems/sub-systems for qualification
- LM6000 TQP completed in December 2009



Major TQP Activities/Findings

- Dynamic Simulations
 - Train shut-down and startup simulation by Bechtel
 - ✓ The compressor train takes over 20 seconds to decelerate to approximately 1800 rpm
 - LM6000PF engine simulation during train shut-down by GE using their engine simulator
 - ✓ Gas turbine can stop in less than 5 seconds without stall occurring within the axial turbine.
- Compressor selections for the base case design operating conditions
- Compressor capable of full pressure restart
- Train Torsional Analysis for the Methane compressor train



Conclusion



Technology Qualification Conclusions

- All major TQP risks and open action items have been addressed and closed
 - Design review
 - Modeling and Simulations
 - Quality control/inspections
 - Testing at Supplier Facilities
 - Field inspection and testing
 - Gas Turbine Performance Testing
 - Full load string testing
- LM6000PF – acceptable mechanical drive option for Wheatstone



Questions



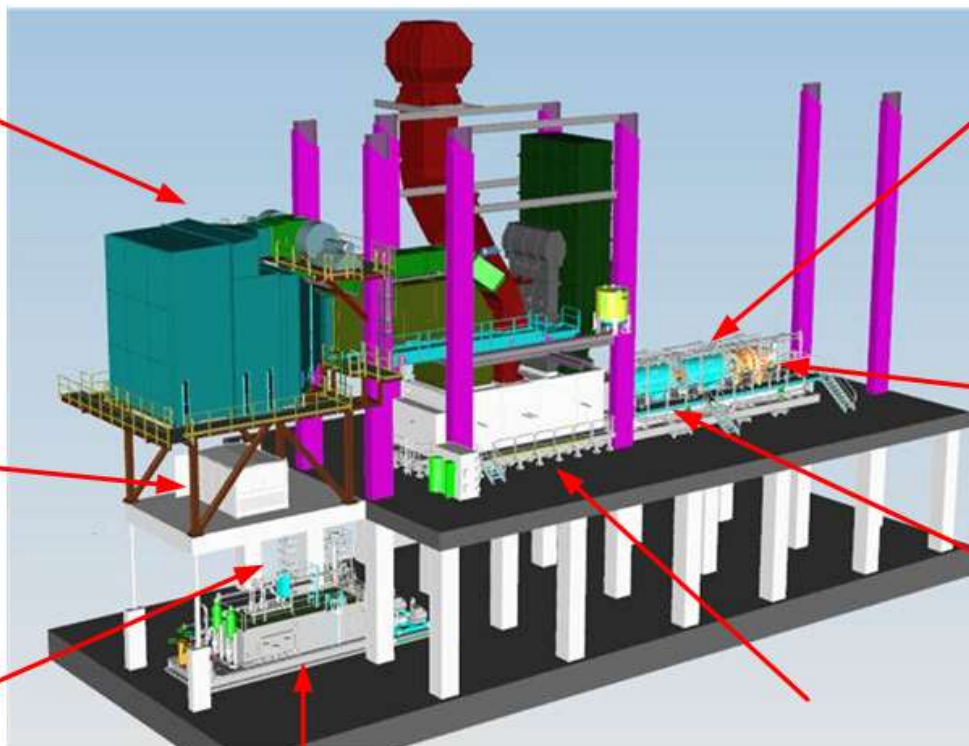
Filter House Single Lifts



Hydraulic Starting Skid



Fuel Gas Skid



Lube Oil Skid



Turbine Enclosure



MP Compressor



HP Compressor

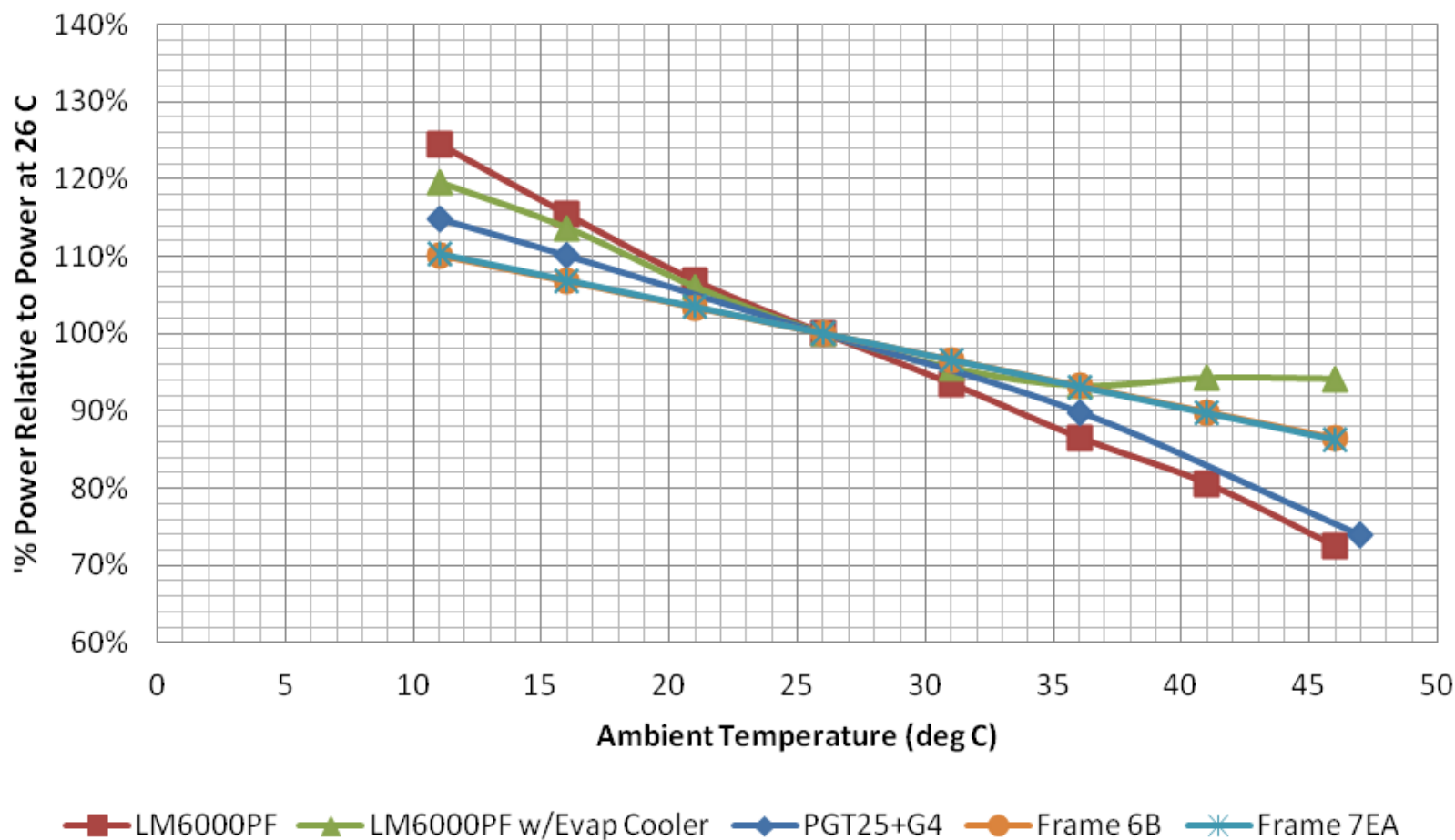


LP Compressor

Ambient temperature impact on gas turbine performance



Gas Turbine Lapse Rate versus Ambient Temperature (new and clean)



High ambient temperature operation options



- Overfiring of gas turbines
- High purity refrigerant propane
- Add sprint to propane LM6000 gas turbine
- Inlet mechanical chillers
- LiBr chiller package
- Helper motor for propane compressor gas turbine
- Compressor impellor technology with higher turndown capability