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ARCTIC LNG PLANT DESIGN: TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE COLD CLIMATE

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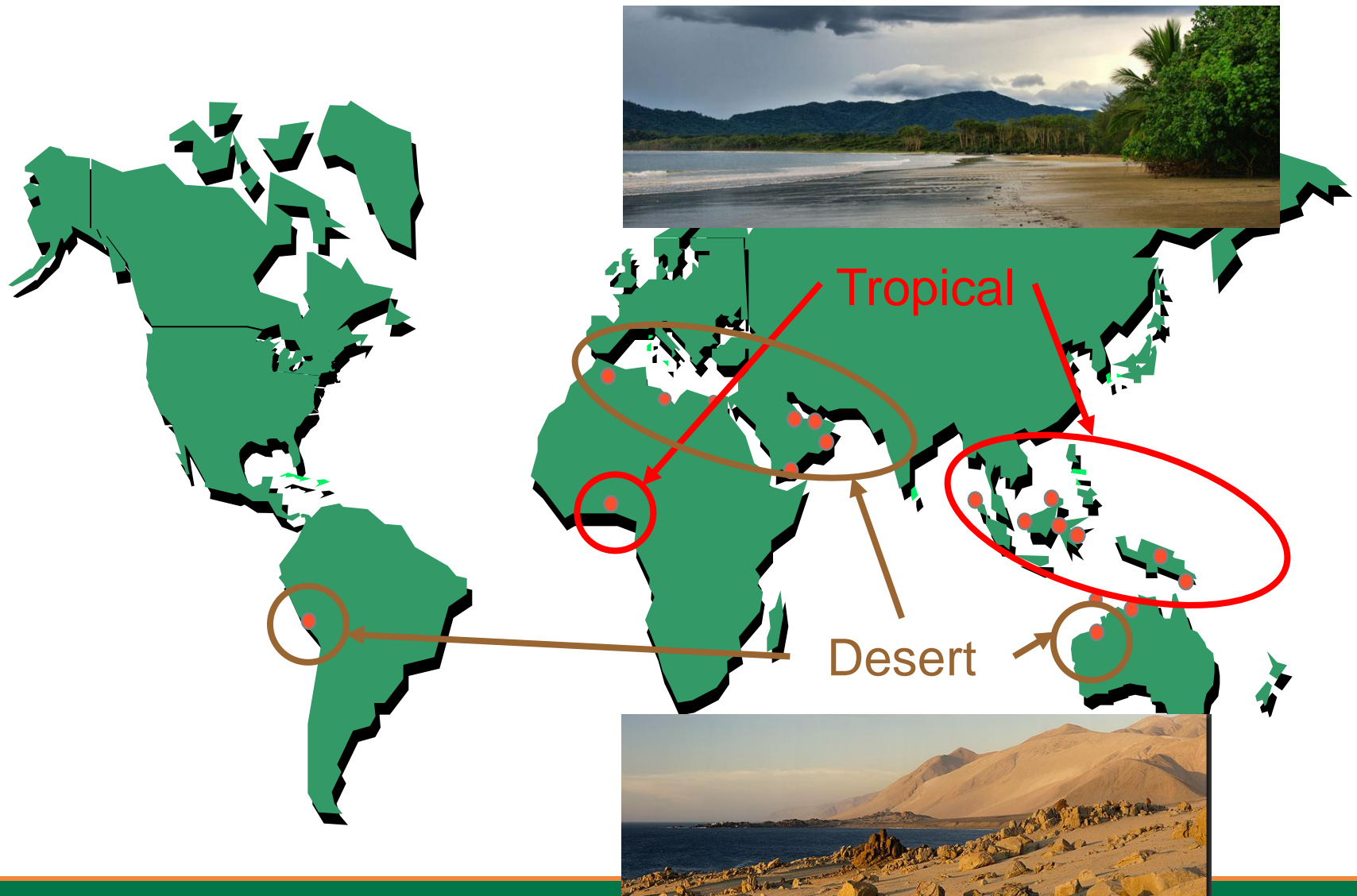


“Are Today’s Proven Baseload LNG Liquefaction Processes Acceptable for Cold Climates?”

To Answer:

- **Current & future baseload LNG locations**
- **LNG liquefaction processes**
- **Characteristics of arctic climates**
- **How each process performs in arctic climates**
- **Summary**

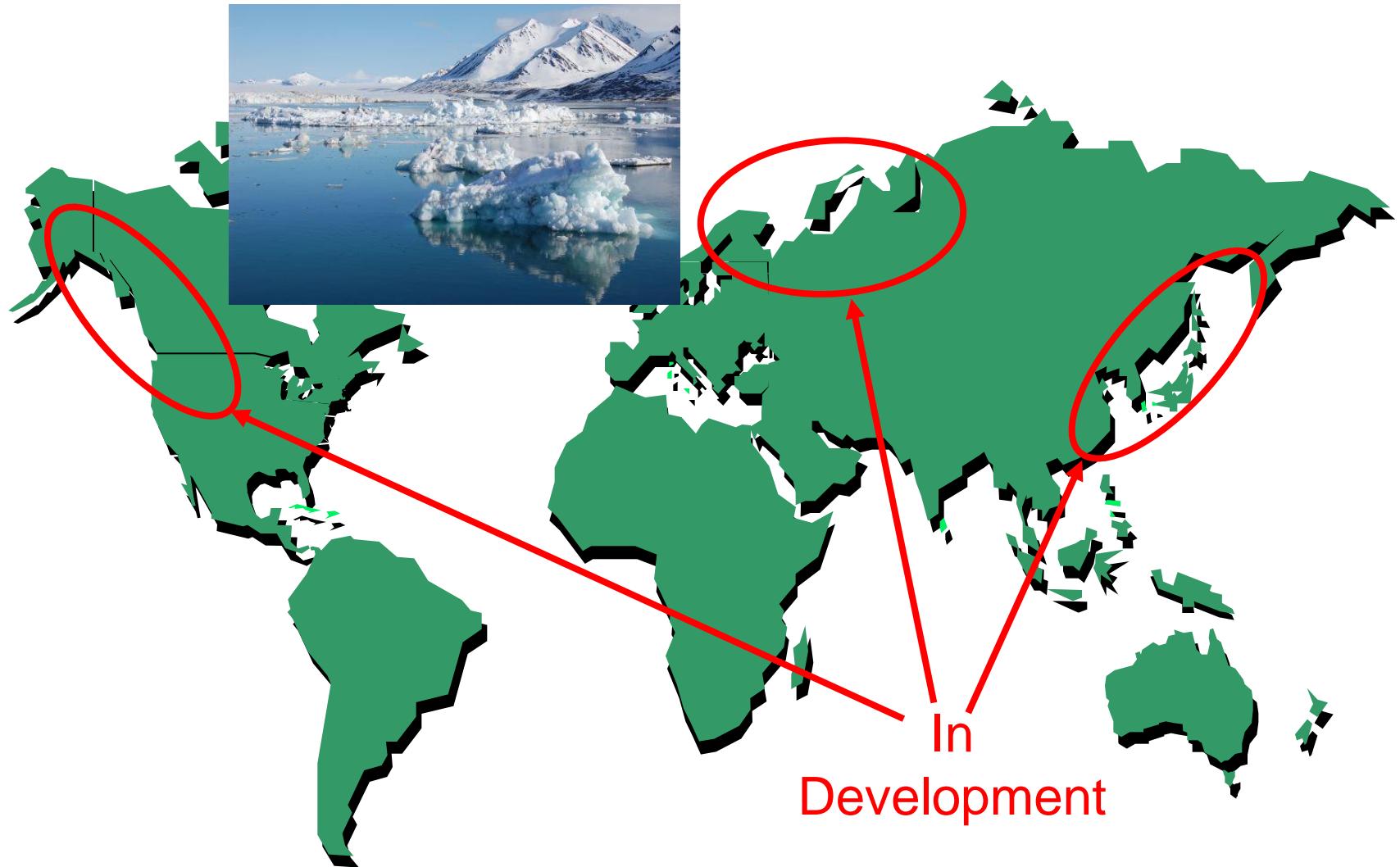
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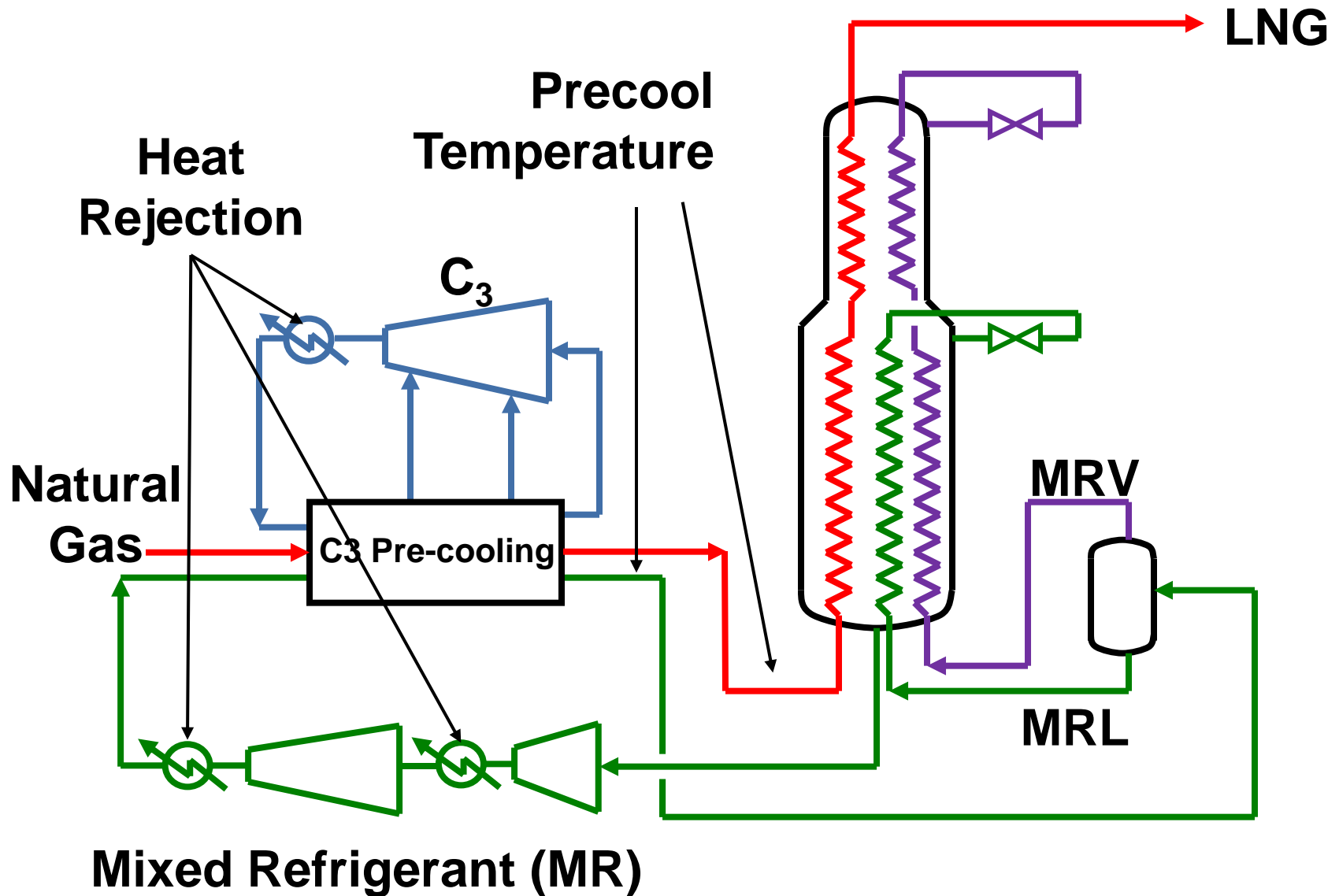
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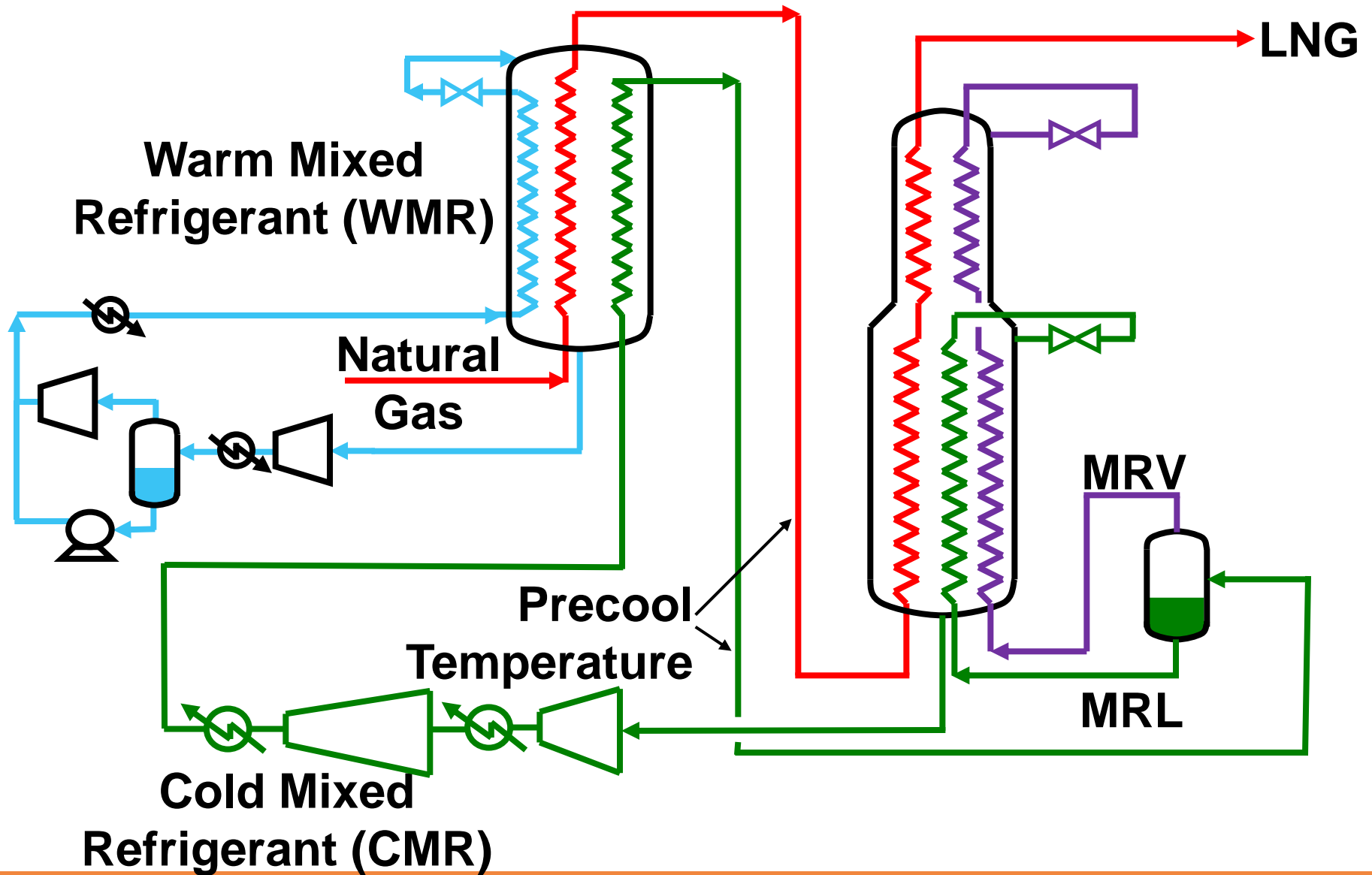
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AP-C3MR™ Process



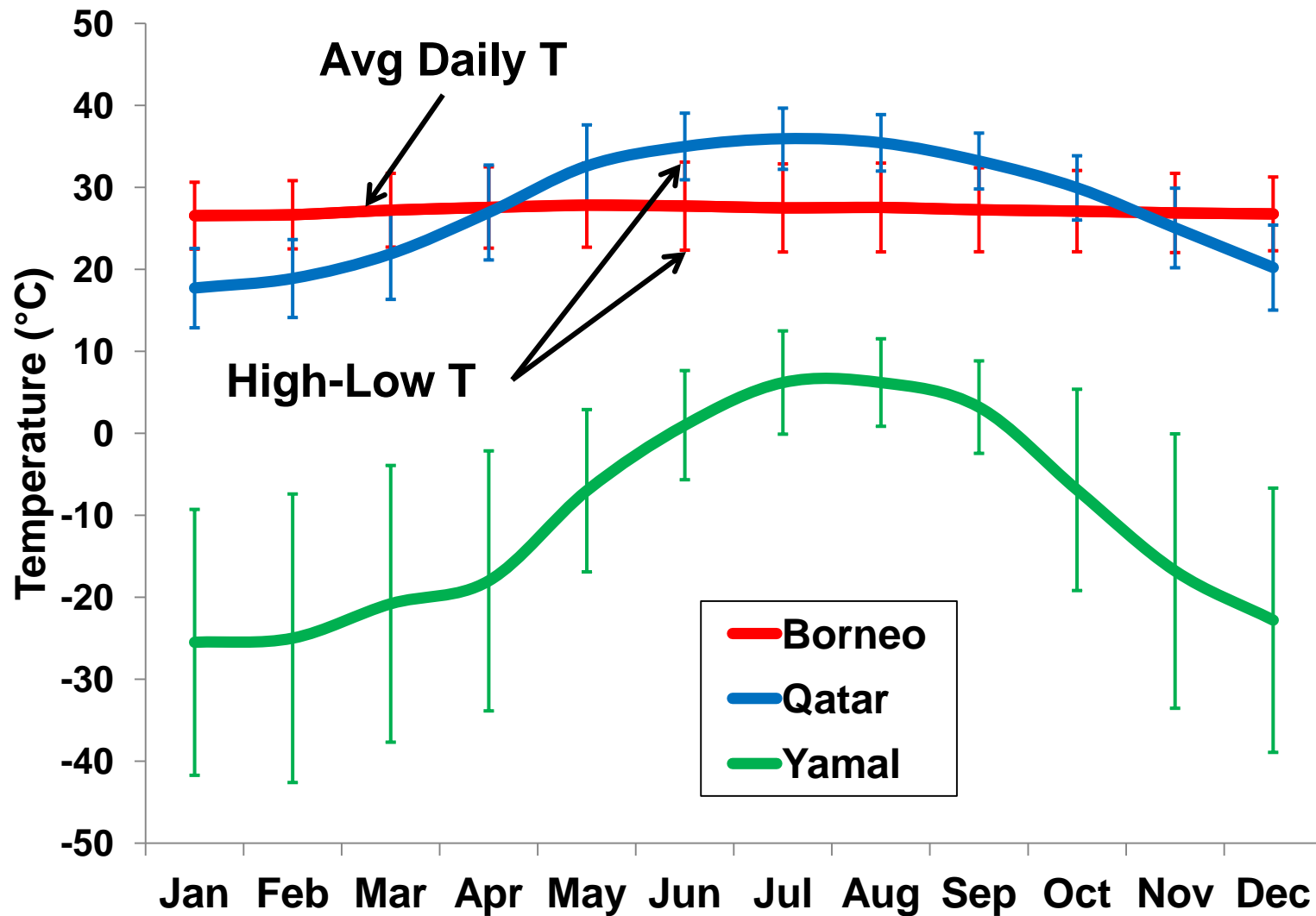
AP-DMR™ Process



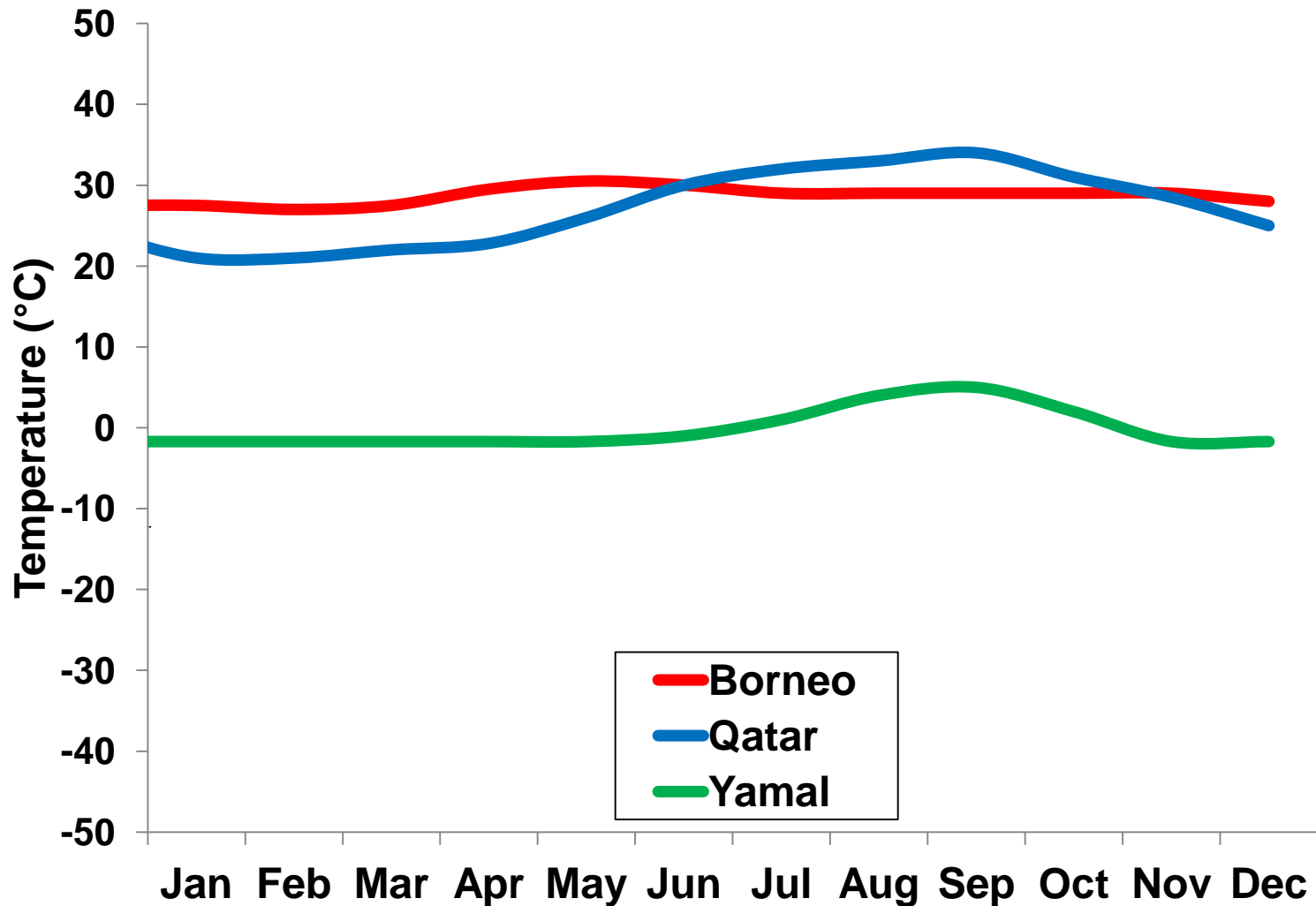
What Makes an Arctic Location Different?

- **Periods with Very Short and Very Long Daylight**
- **Extreme winds**
- **Winter precipitation does not melt until summer**
 - **Ice accumulation from sea spray and fog**
- **Sea contains ice and may freeze over**
 - **Problem for shipping**
- **It's Cold!**
 - **Cold cooling medium for process heat sink**
 - **Cold air to gas turbine drive**

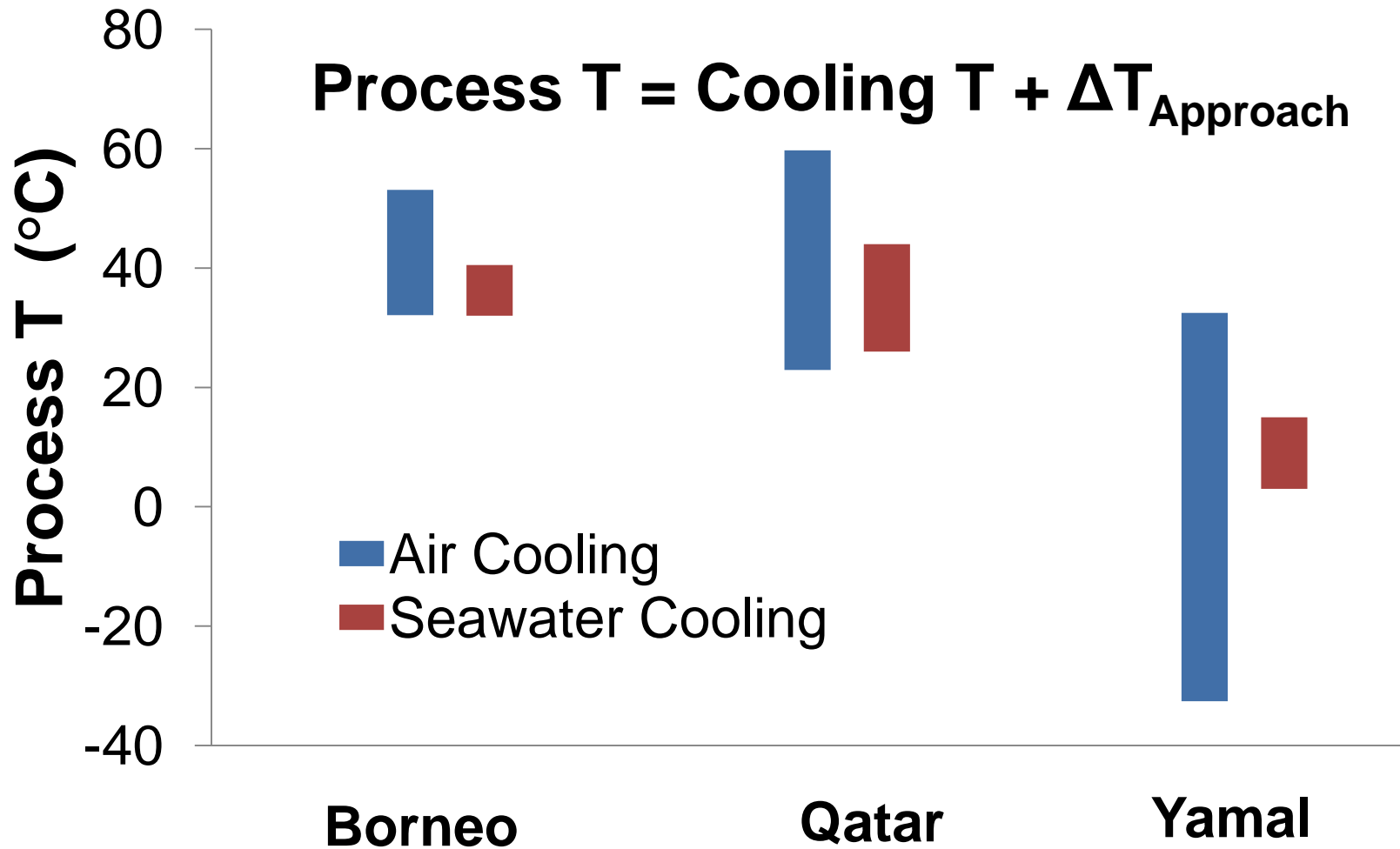
Yearly Air Temperature Trend



Yearly Seawater Temperature Trend



Process Temperatures Yearly Range



Case Study

Arctic Climate

- **Compare two LNG Liquefaction Processes**
 - AP-C3MR™ and AP-DMR™
- **Generic Arctic Location, Ambient -20°C to +22°C**
- **Compressors**
 - 2 x Frame 7 Mechanical Drive Gas Turbine
 - Each GT drives 50% compression string
 - Design compressors at average T
 - Rate for other conditions
- **Air Cooling**

Case Study

Arctic Climate (cont)

- **Unlimited Feed Rate**
 - **Maximize LNG using all available gas turbine power**

What is Effect of Cold Ambient?

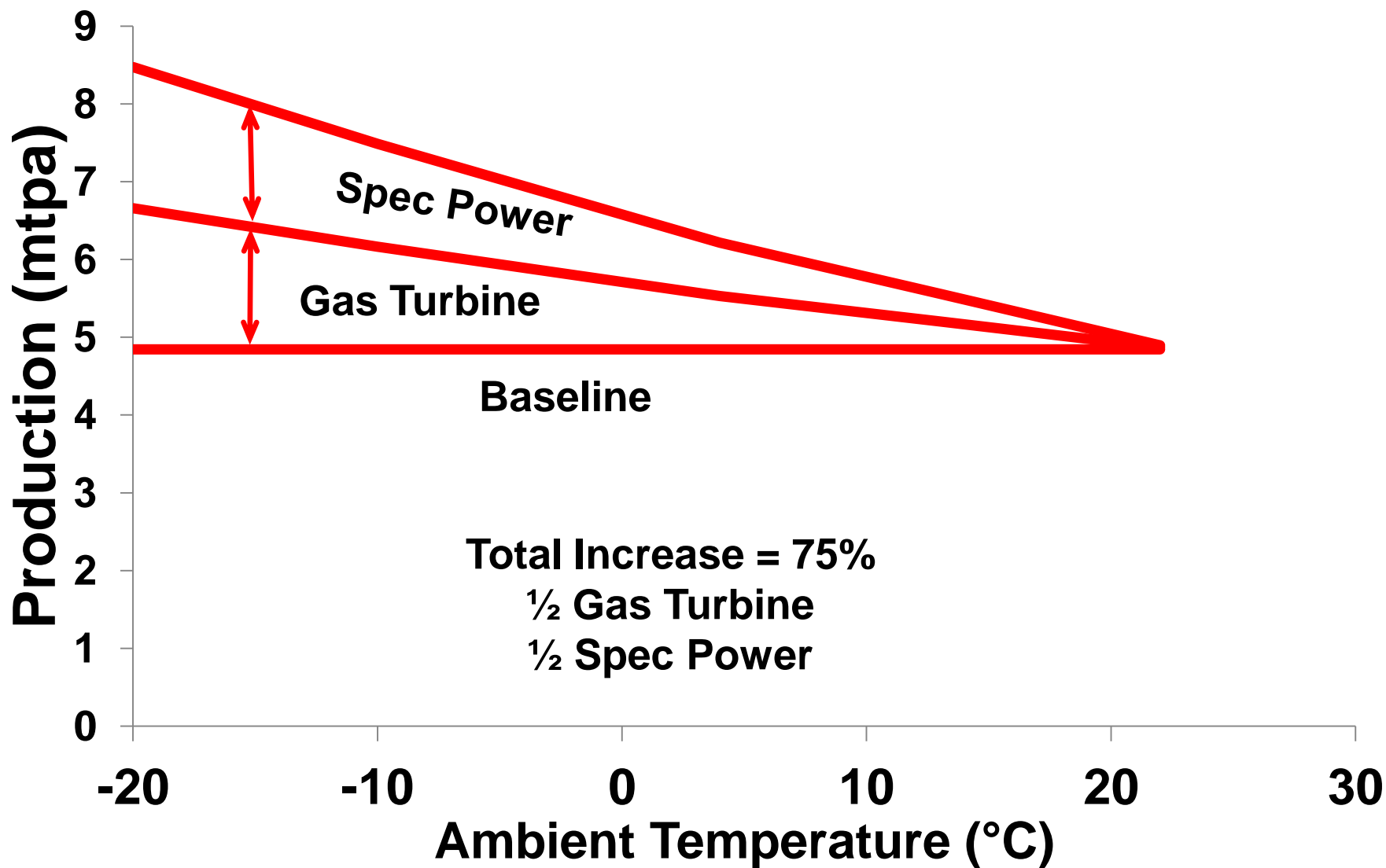
- **LNG Production depends on**
 - **How much power is available**
 - **How effectively the power is used**

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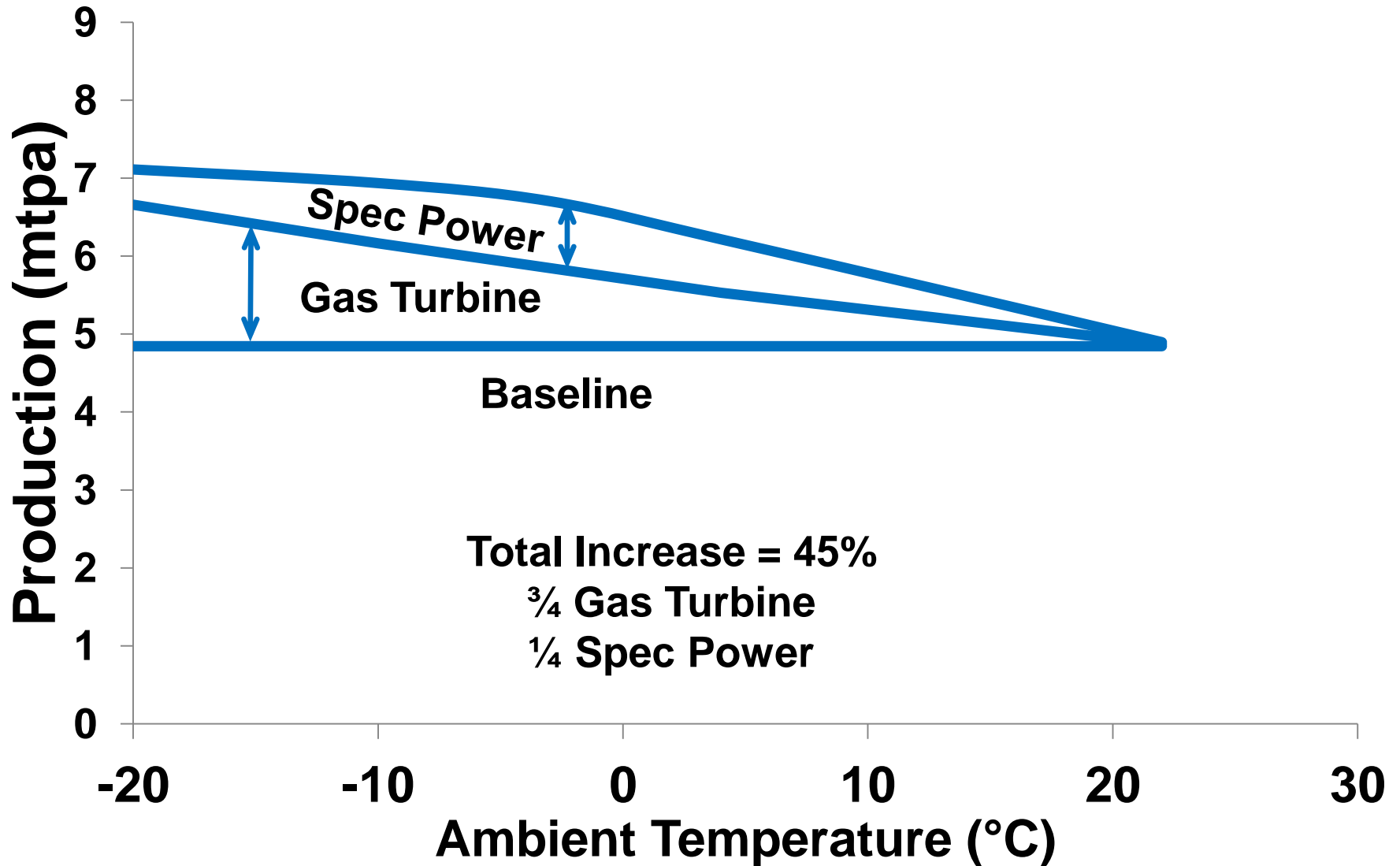
- $\text{LNG} = \frac{P_{\text{Avail}}}{P_{\text{Spec}}}$ $\text{LNG} = \text{production (t/hr)}$
 $P_{\text{Avail}} = \text{Available power (kW)}$
 $P_{\text{Spec}} = \text{Liquefier spec power (kWh/tonne)}$
- Colder air T raises LNG production by
 - Increasing P_{Avail}
 - Improving (lowering) P_{Spec}

$$\text{LNG} \uparrow = \frac{\text{kW} \uparrow}{\text{SP} \downarrow}$$

DMR Production

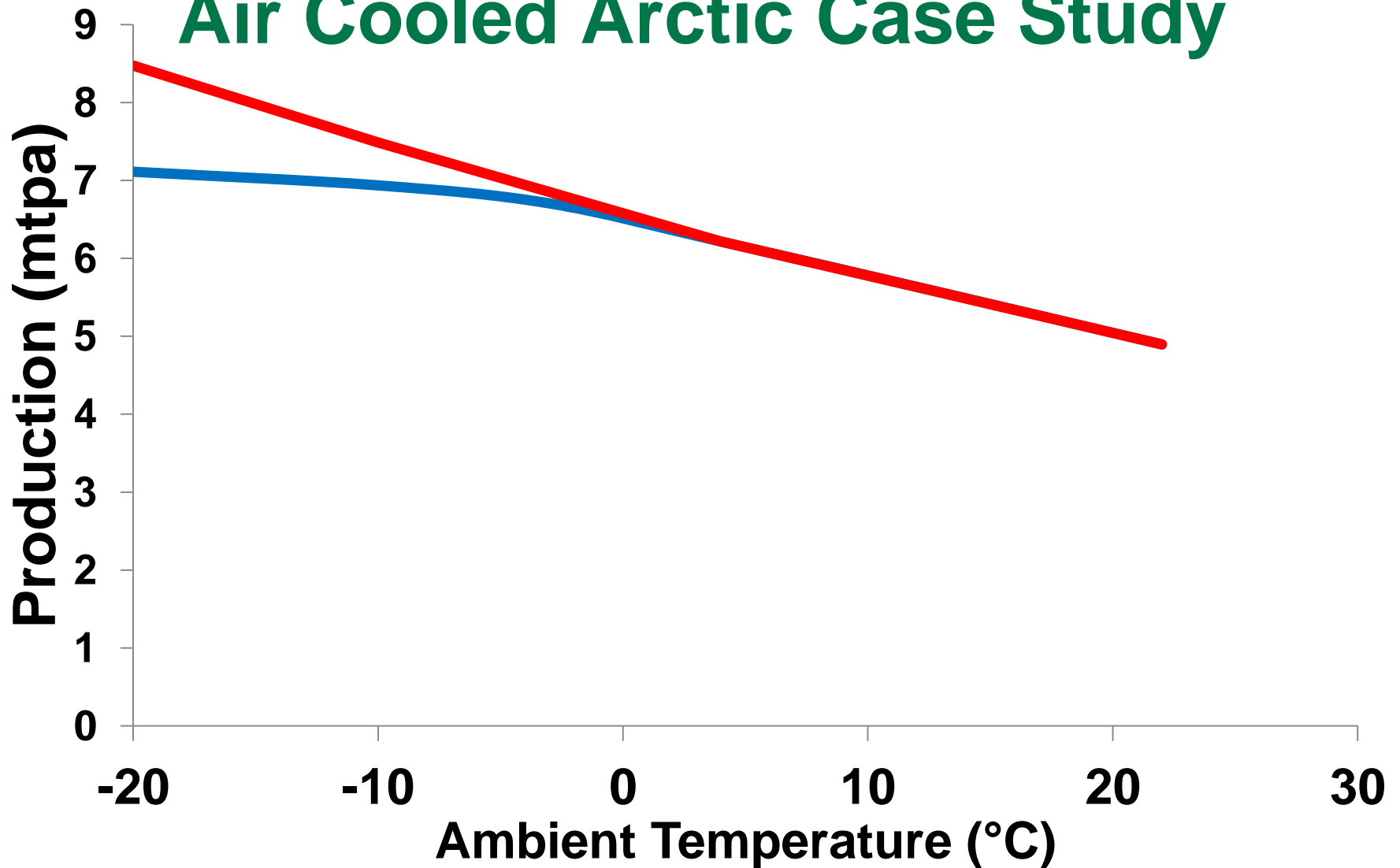


C3MR Production

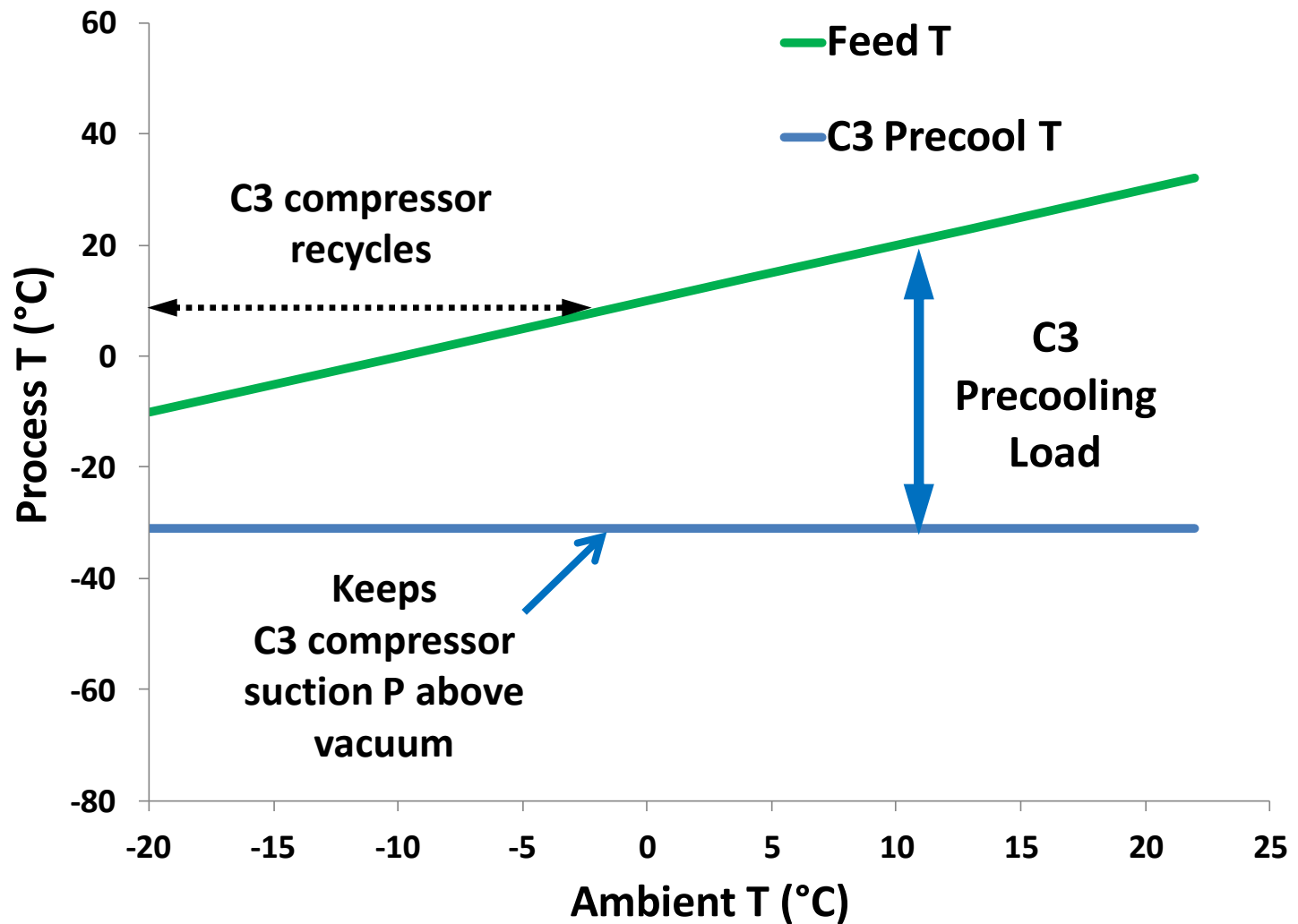


C3MR vs. DMR

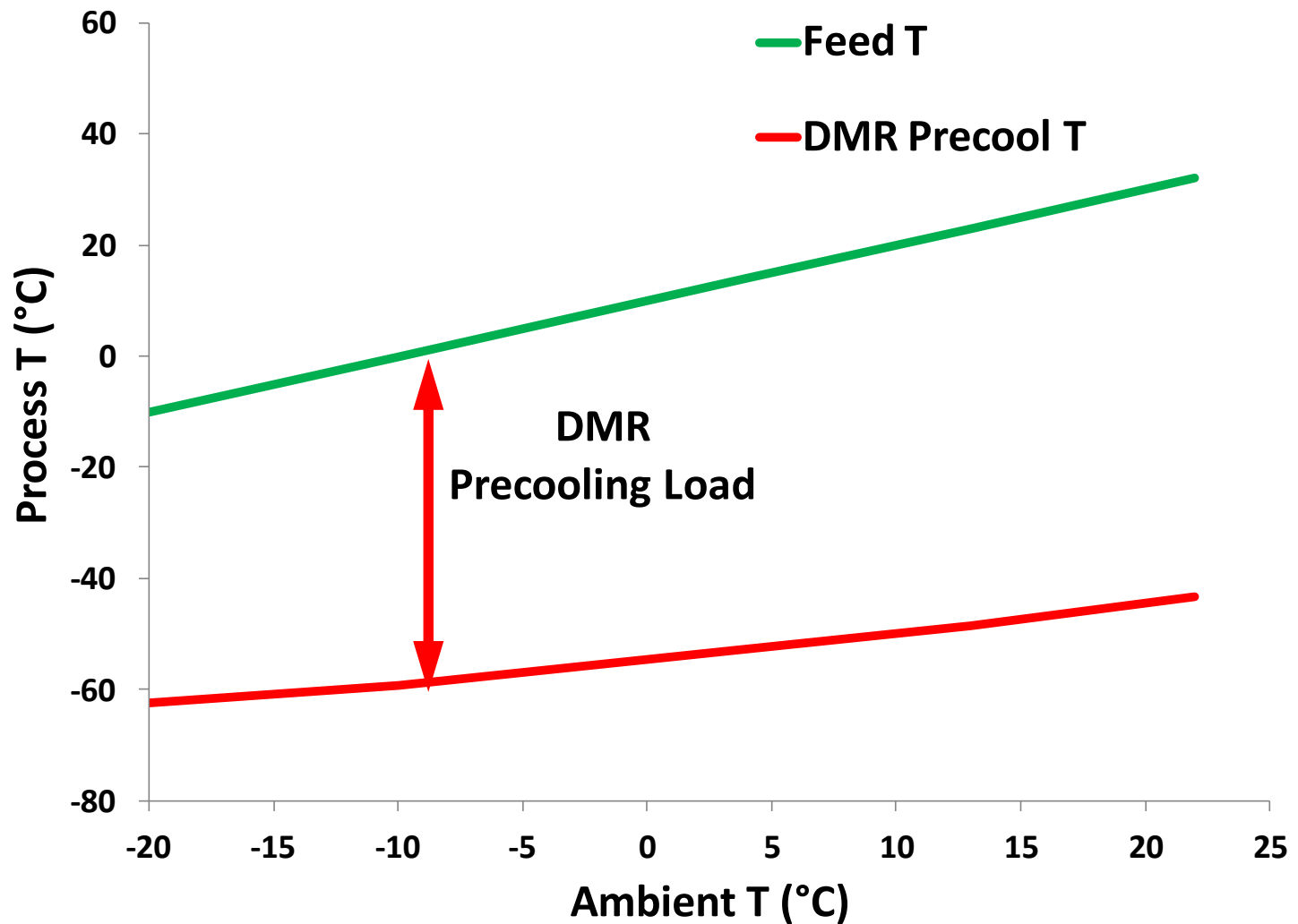
Air Cooled Arctic Case Study



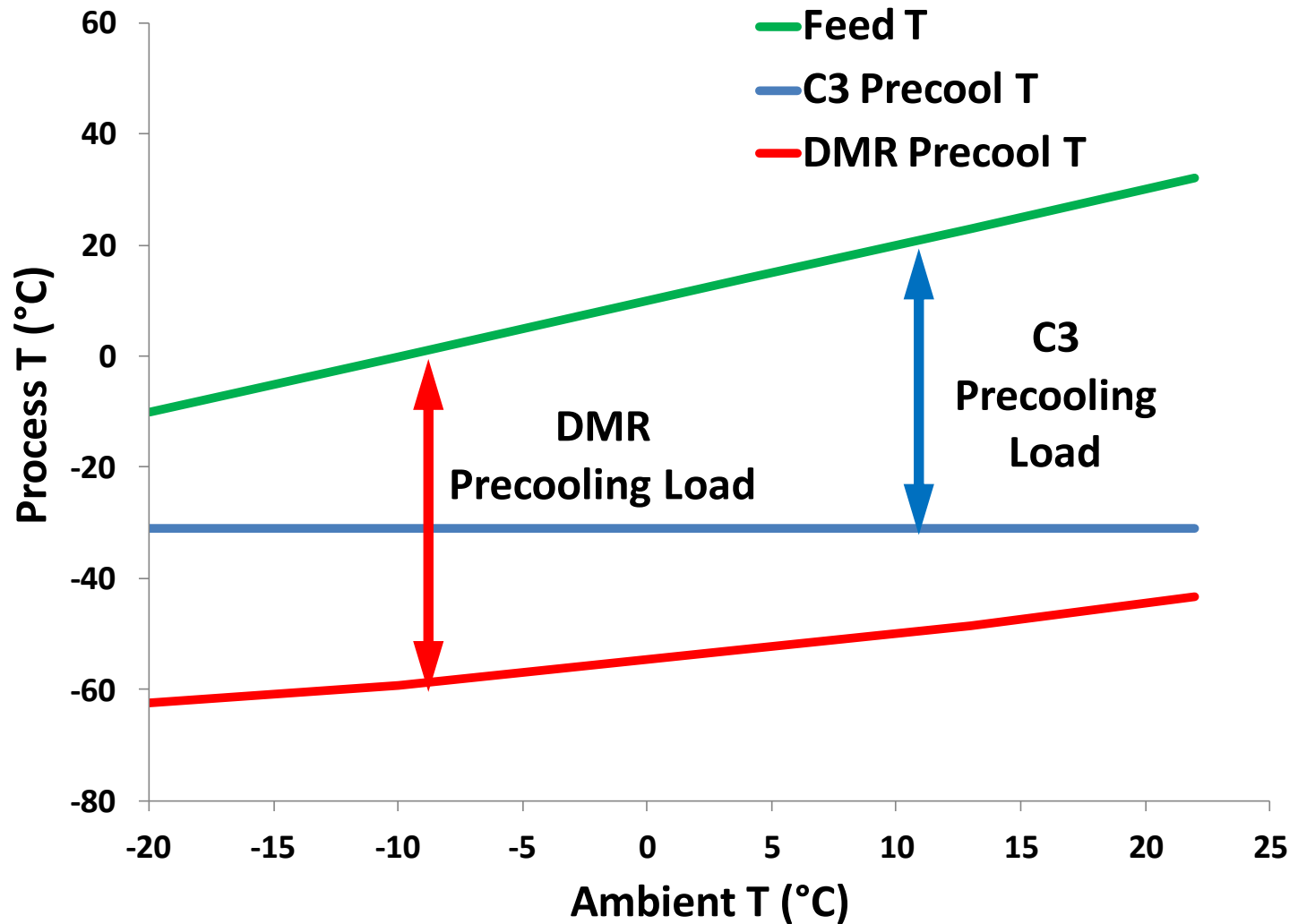
C3MR for Colder Ambient T



DMR for Colder Ambient T



C3MR and DMR for Colder Ambient T



So what have we learned?

- **For winter-to-summer temperature range, compare arctic to tropical/desert climate**
 - **Ambient air: very wide for arctic**
 - **Seawater: similar or smaller**
- **Air cooled**
 - **For moderate air T range, C3MR and DMR produce equal LNG**
 - **Approx 30°C for this case study**
 - **With large air T range, DMR produces more LNG than C3MR**
 - **Based on 3 key assumptions**

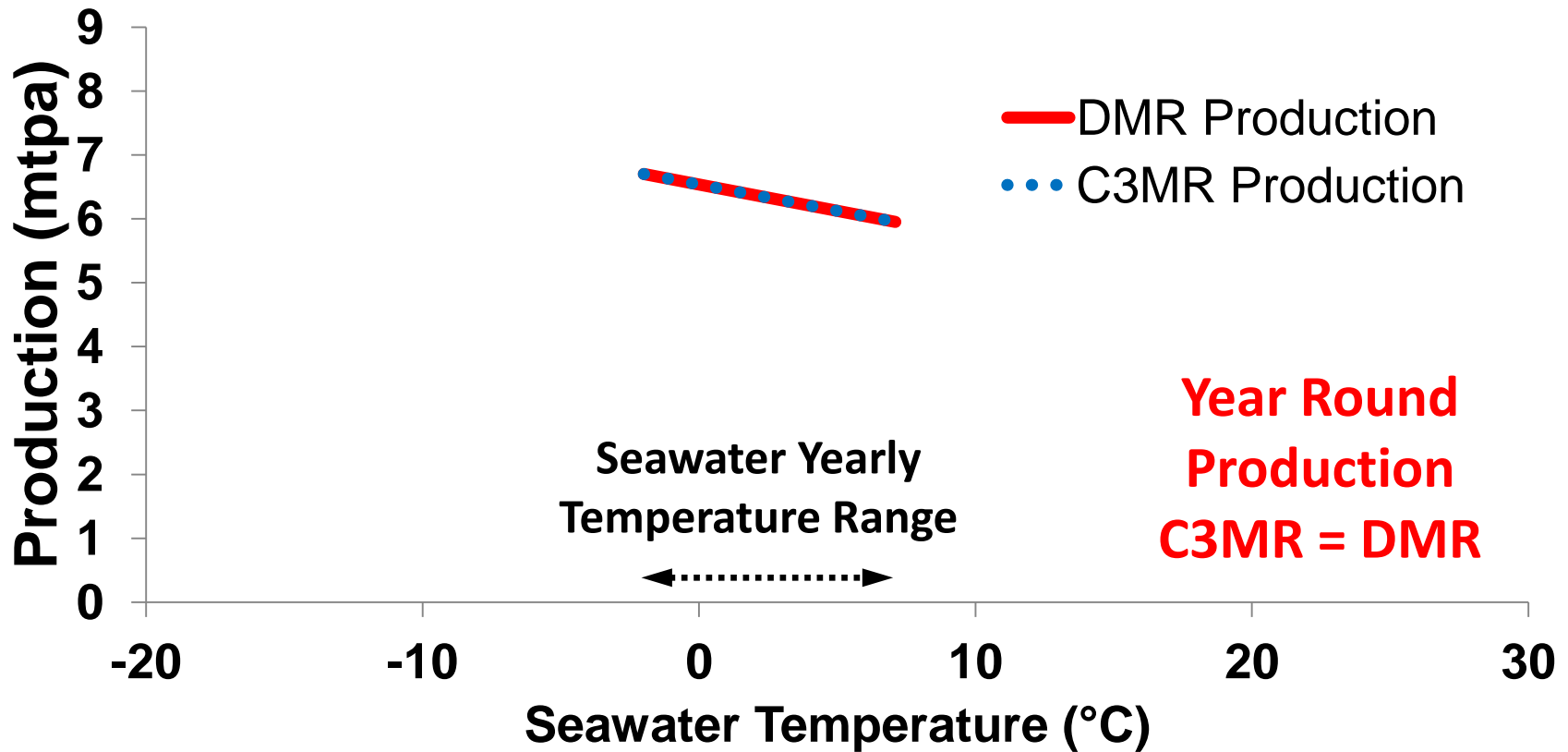
3 Key Assumptions

- 1. Plant is air cooled**
 - 2. Available refrigeration power limits production**
 - Entire value chain can process extra feed
 - Gas fields, pipeline, slug catcher, AGRU, dehydration, storage, carriers . . .
 - Additional CAPEX used only part of year
 - 3. Customers' needs match plant production**
 - Vary seasonally
 - Supply and demand are synchronized
- **If all three are true, then DMR liquefaction will produce more yearly LNG**

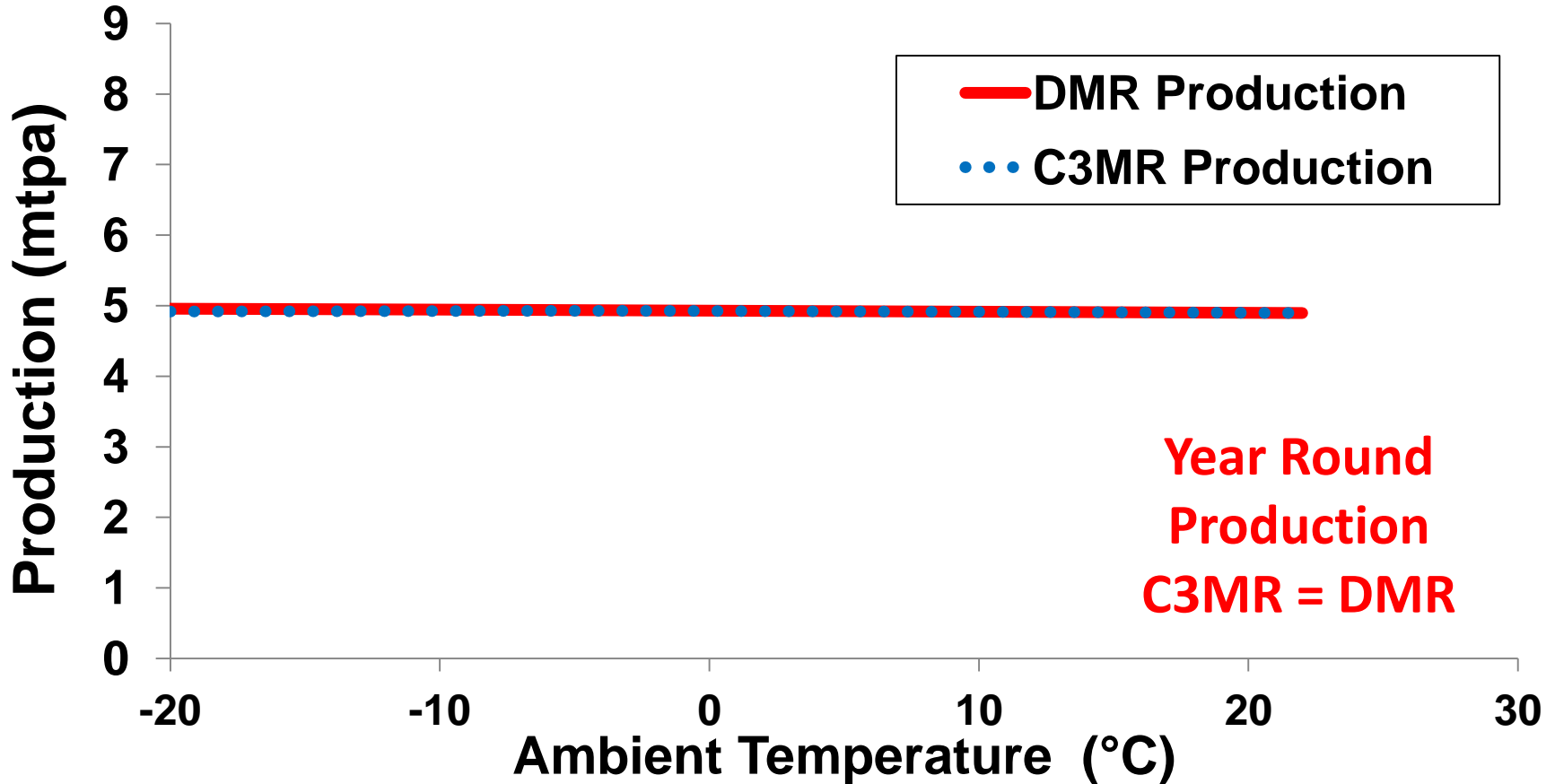
C3MR vs. DMR

Yearly Production Range

Seawater Cooled Arctic Case Study



C3MR vs. DMR - Fixed Feed Yearly Production Range Air Cooled Arctic Case Study



Where does each process produce most annual LNG?

Climate	Cooling Media			
	Air		Seawater	
	Constant Feed	Variable Feed (Inc >~30%)	Constant Feed	Variable Feed (Inc >~30%)
Tropical				
Desert				
Arctic		AP-DMR™ > AP-C3MR™		

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Desert				
Arctic				

DMR and C3MR – Other Factors

- **Type of precooling equipment**
 - **Coil Wound Heat Exchanger (DMR) vs. Kettle evaporators (C3MR)**
- **Equipment Count & Footprint**
- **Operating considerations**
- **Experience and reference list**
- **CAPEX**
- **These are very project specific, and must be evaluated for each project**

Summary

- **Arctic compared to desert and tropical climates**
 - **Colder - gives more production**
 - **Ambient air T range: wide summer-to-winter**
 - **Seawater T range: similar summer-to-winter**
- **When selecting liquefaction process for arctic, DMR produces same LNG as C3MR, unless:**
 - **Air Cooling with wide T variation, and**
 - **Excess value chain capacity installed, and**
 - **Extra production can be sold seasonally**

Conclusion

***Both AP-C3MR™ and AP-DMR™
are viable liquefaction processes
for arctic climates***

Thank you

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