



A Focus On Balance

A Novel Approach Taking the Phillips Optimized Cascade LNG Process Into the Future

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Presentation Agenda

- Introduction
- Setting the Perspective
- Current Phillips Optimized Cascade LNG Process
- An Alternate Approach
- Furthering The Approach
- Conclusions

Introduction

- Variables To Balance -

- **Variables**
 - CAPEX
 - OPEX
 - Availability, Reliability, Maintainability, Production Efficiency, Onstream Factor, Capacity Factor
 - Thermal Efficiency
 - Schedule
- **Analysis**
 - Life Cycle Cost
 - RAM Analysis
 - NPV
- **More Difficult Concepts**
 - Process Stability, Process Flexibility, Historical Deviation(s)

Introduction

- Defining the Variables -

- **CAPEX**
 - **Include Entire Integrated Facility**
 - Battery Limit Through Storage & Loading, Including Utilities
 - **Total Installed Cost Basis - Exclude Owner's Cost**

- **Thermal Efficiency**
 - **(HHV Products)/(HHV Feed)*100**
 - **All Products**
 - **Entire Facility Including Offsites & Utilities**

- **RAM Results**
 - **Life Cycle Basis**
 - **Entire Facility Including Offsites & Utilities**

Introduction

- Defining the Variables Continued -

- **Availability (Up Time/Total Time)**
 - Calculation: $MTTF / (MTTF + MTTR + \text{Mean Logistics Delay}) * 100$
 - Useful for Comparing Total Downtime of Various Options, Critical Sparring Philosophy, and Other Downtime Related Variables

- **Production Efficiency**
 - Calculation: $(\text{Predicted Prod} / \text{Required Prod}) * 100$
 - Useful for Life Cycle Cost Analysis
 - More Appropriate Measure of LNG Produced

- **Predicted -vs- Achieved**
 - Should Be Able to Reconcile

Introduction

- Balancing the Variables -

- **Iterative Economic Solution**
 - Multiple Options
 - Simultaneous Marketing Analysis
 - Environmental Impact Development
 - Mechanical Design Specifications
 - Equipment Vendor Alliances & Preferences
 - Management, Operations, Rotating Machinery Preferences
 - Schedule Changes

- **Flexible & Economical Solutions Are Highly Desirable**
 - Technology Licensor's Task is to Monitor and Anticipate Industry Needs and Develop Flexible & Competitive Solutions

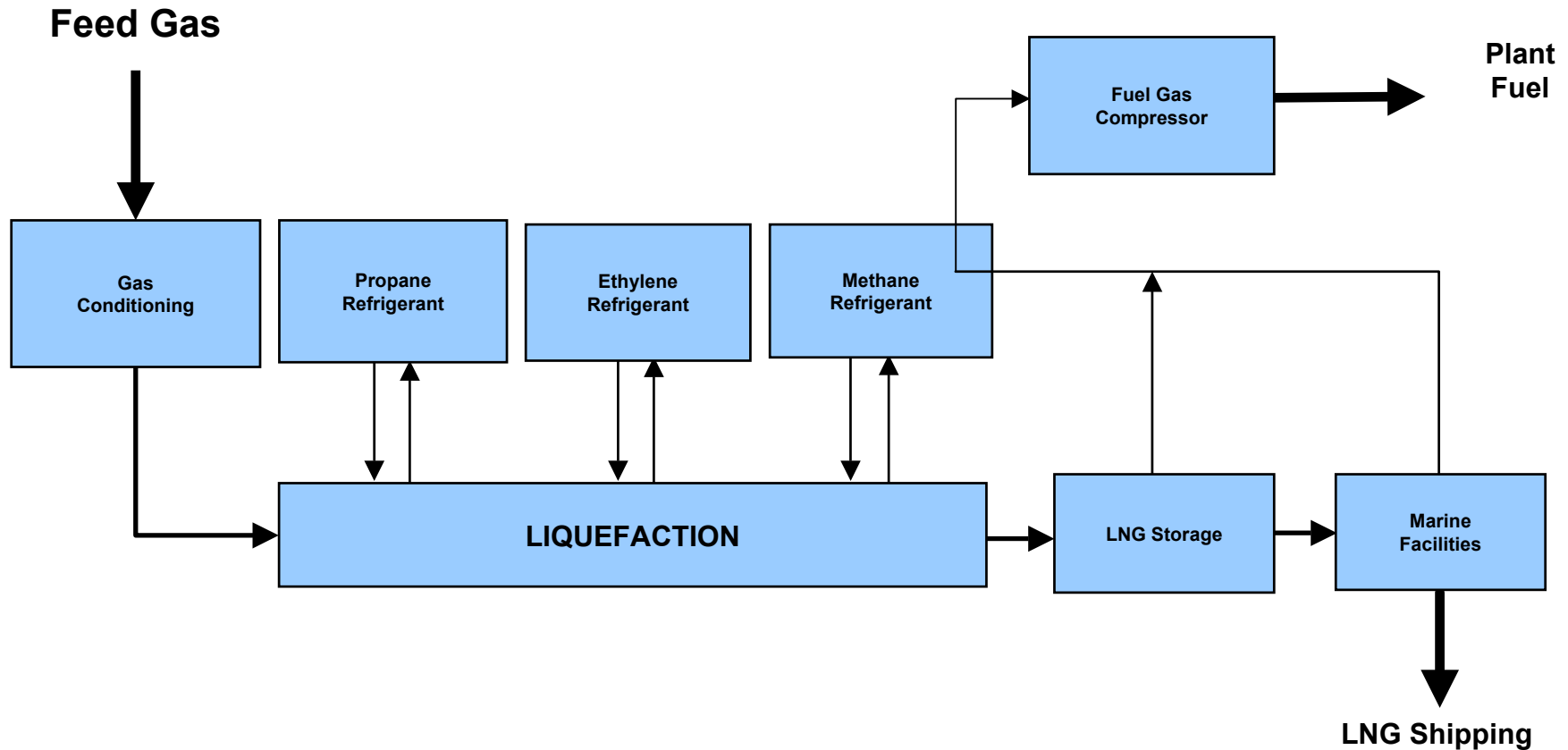
A blue-tinted photograph of an industrial facility, likely a refinery or chemical plant, with various structures, pipes, and a large dome-shaped tank. The image is used as a background for the top section of the slide.

Setting The Perspective

Historical & Current Overview of Technology In Consideration

Setting the Perspective

- Early Phillips Optimized Cascade Process -



Setting The Perspective - Kenai Alaska Facility -

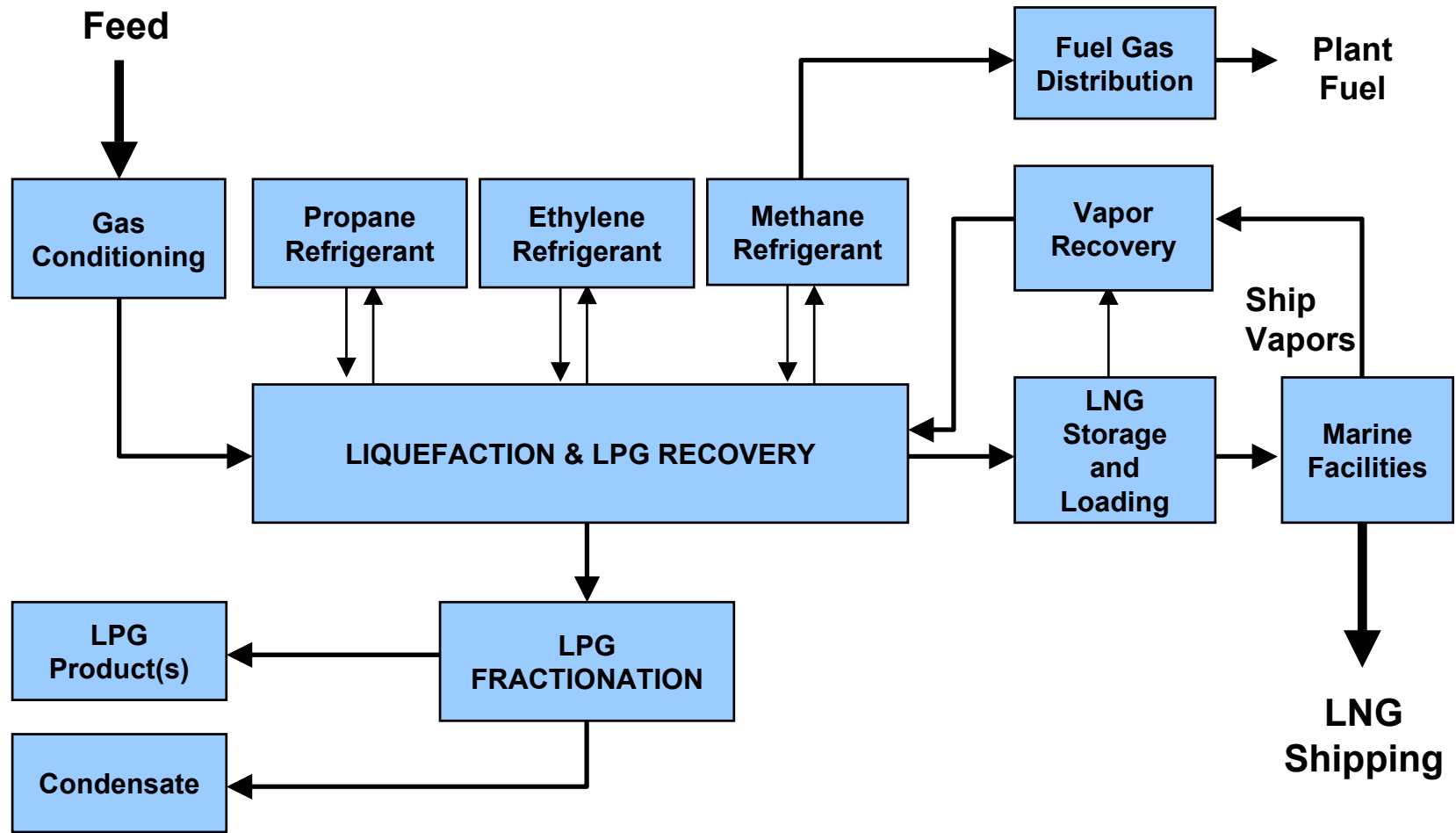


Setting The Perspective - Improvements Over Early Design -

- **Elimination of Fuel Gas Compression**
- **Heavies Removal Integration**
- **Improved Heat Integration**
- **Optimized Cold Box Configuration**
- **Improved Plant Layout and Constructability**
- **Open Loop Methane Cycle**
 - **Reduction in Vessels & Exchangers**
 - **Balanced Power Requirements Between Refrigerant Cycles**
 - **Optimal Compressor Staging**

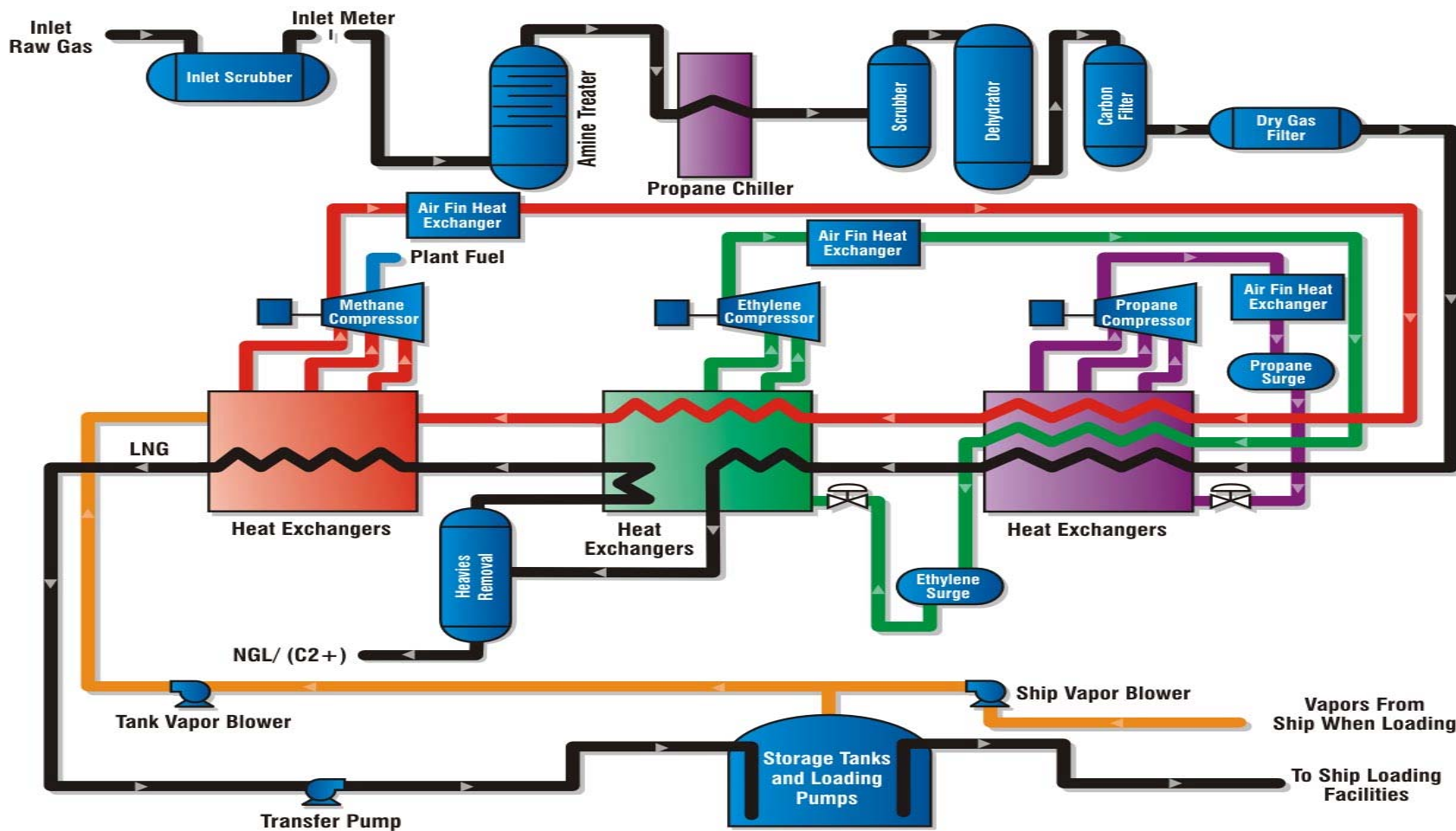
Setting The Perspective

- Current Simplified Block Flow Schematic -



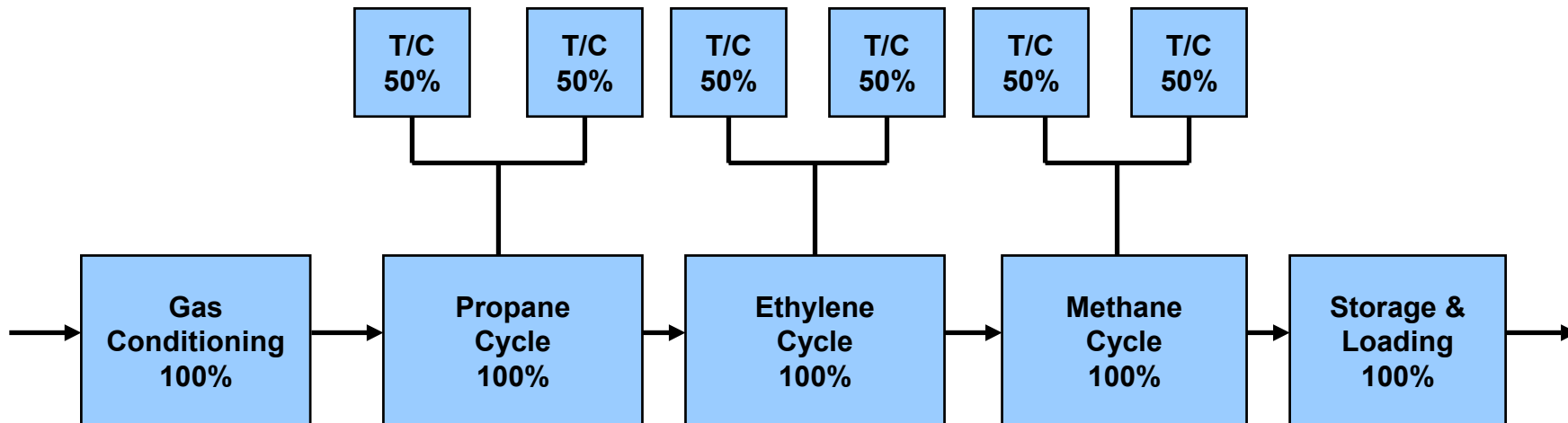
Setting The Perspective

- Phillips Optimized Cascade LNG Process -



Setting The Perspective

- Simplified Driver Configuration -



- Overall Plant Availability **>95%**
 - Kenai – Over 33 Years Operation
 - Atlantic – Over 4 Years Operation
- Operational Flexibility **0 – 105%**
 - Full Rate **80 - 105%**
 - One T/C Down **60 – 80%**
 - Half Rate **30 – 60%**
 - Idle **0 – 30%**

Setting The Perspective

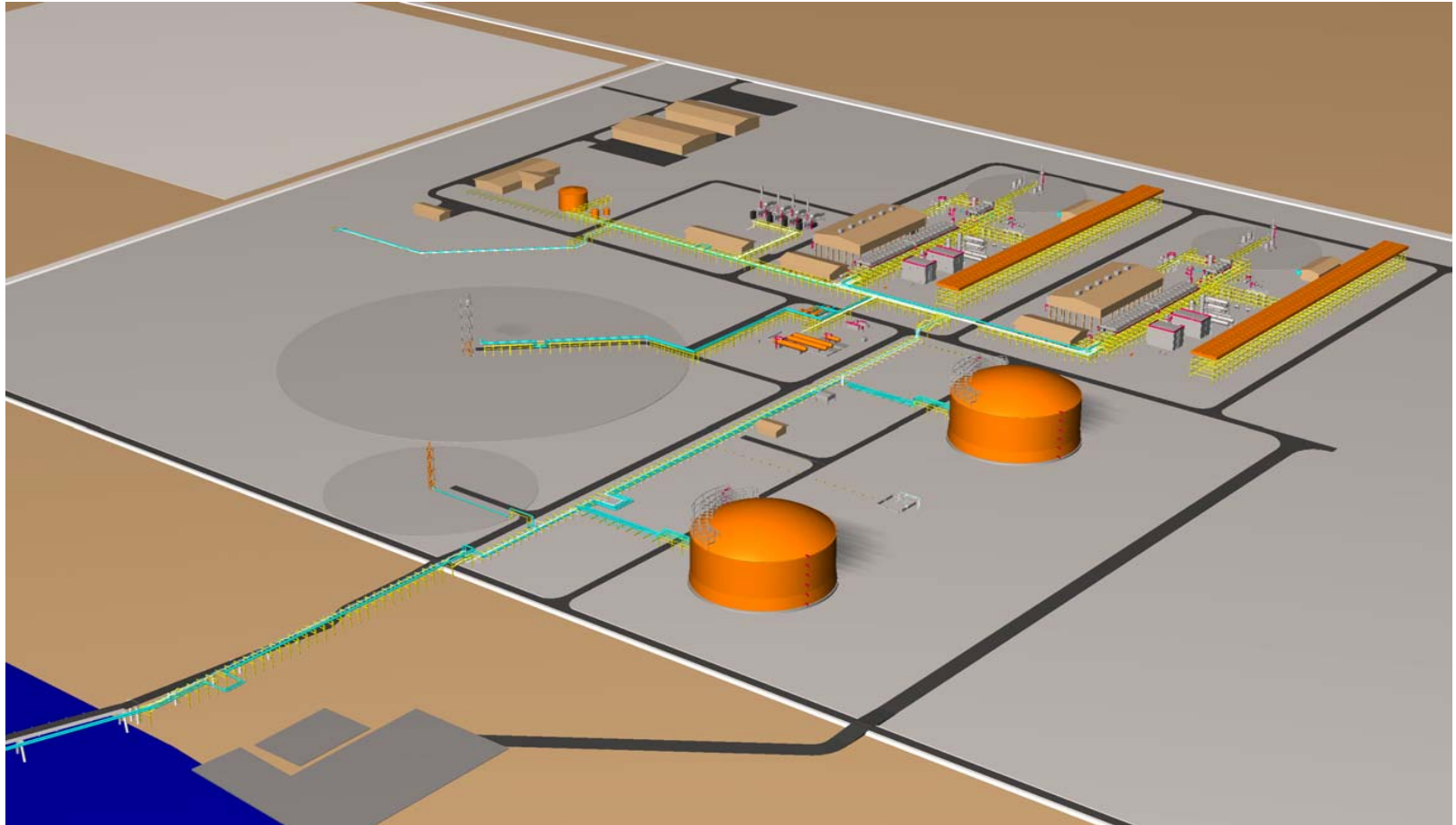
- Typical Balancing Act Results -

- **CAPEX**
 - Grass Roots ~ \$200-250/MTPA
 - Multiple Trains < \$200/MTPA
 - < 3% Contract Variations
 - Under Budget
- **Schedule**
 - All Projects Ahead of EPC Schedule
- **Thermal Efficiency**
 - Up to and Over 93%
- **Availability**
 - ~ 98% and Over
- **Production Efficiency**
 - ~ 95% and Over
- **Capacity Factor**
 - > 1 (Achieved Production > Design Production)

Setting The Perspective - Atlantic LNG Facilities -



Setting The Perspective - Egyptian LNG Project -



Setting The Perspective - Darwin LNG Project -

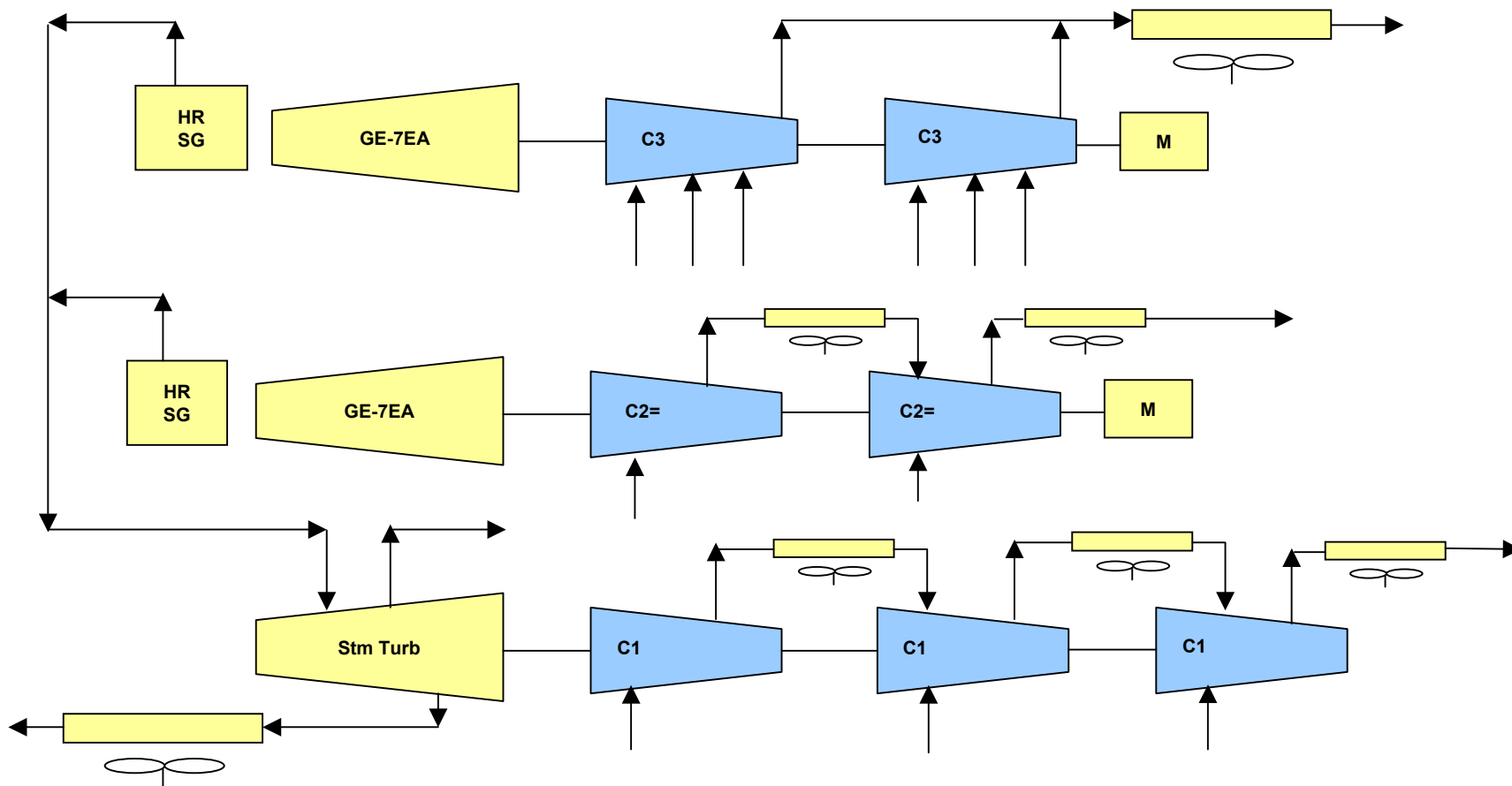


An industrial facility, possibly a refinery or chemical plant, with various structures, pipes, and a large dome-shaped tank. The image is overlaid with a blue gradient.

An Alternate Approach

Minimize Gas Turbines and Integrate Waste Heat Recovery

An Alternate Approach - Single Turbines & Waste Heat Recovery -



An Alternate Approach - Basis For Study -

- **Study Performed Using PDC**
 - LNG Product Development Center
- **Base Case**
 - Atlantic Train 2 Conditions
 - Feed and Ambient Conditions Fairly Typical
- **Multiple Driver/Compressor Configurations**
 - Compared Against Base Case

An Alternate Approach

- Balancing Act Result Positives -

- **CAPEX**
 - ~ \$200/MTPA (For Case Studied)
- **Schedule**
 - Assume Accurate EPC Schedule
- **Thermal Efficiency**
 - 93+%
- **Production Efficiency**
 - ~ 93%
- **Capacity Factor**
 - Assume > 1 (Predicted Production $>$ Design Production)

An Alternate Approach - Balancing Act Result Negatives -

- **Decreased Process Flexibility**
 - **No Two-Train-In-One Reliability**
 - **Complicated Steam System**
 - **Single Shaft Turbines**
 - **Loss of Speed Control**
 - **Longer Startup Sequence**
 - **Low Compressor Case Pressure Required for Startup**

- **Note 1: Supplemental power held at only that necessary to overcome compressor system starting torque requirements.**

- **Note 2: No vapor or liquid expanders included anywhere in the facility.**



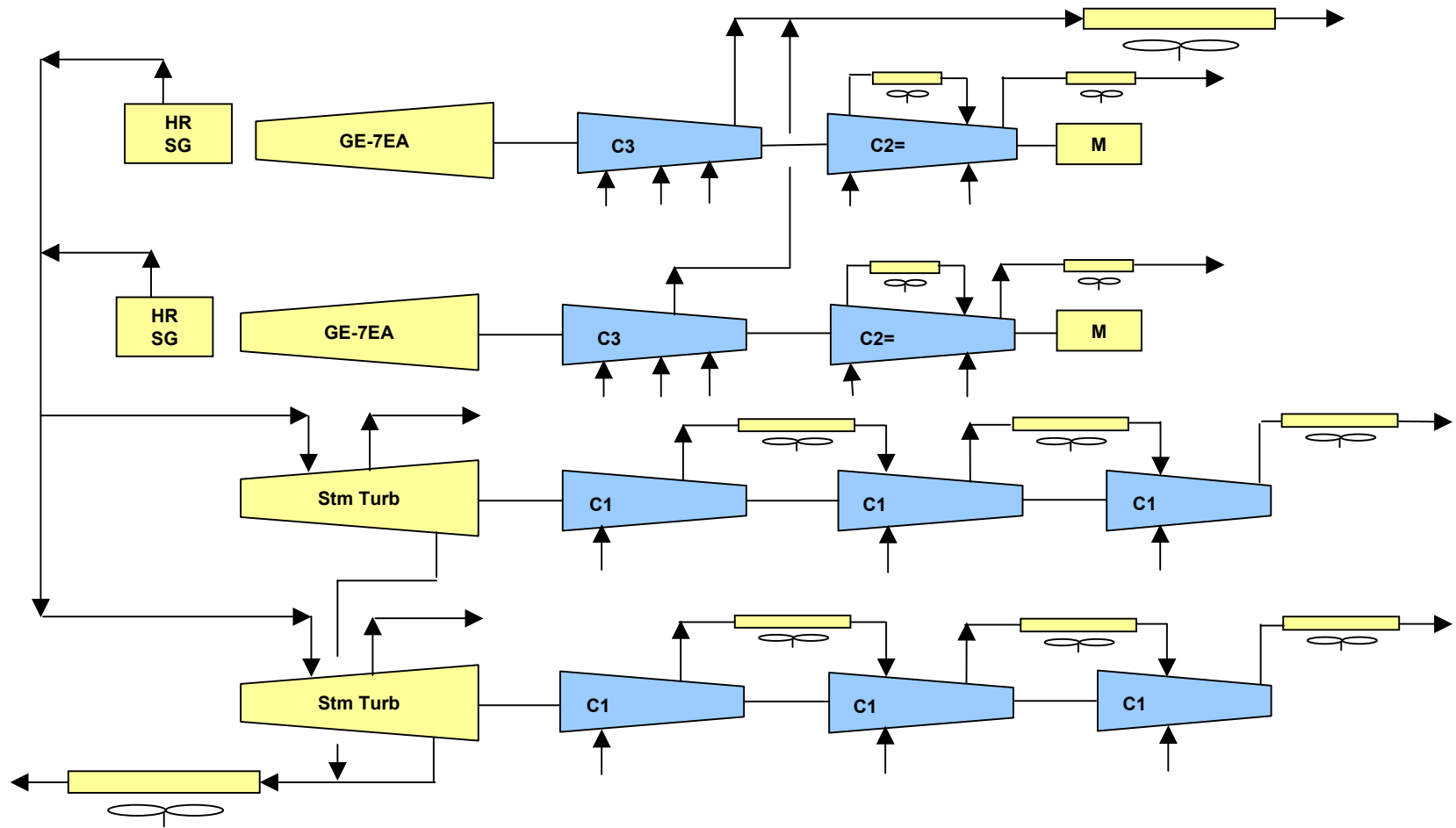
Furthering The Approach

Rebalancing the Variables

**Minimize Gas Turbines, Integrate Waste Heat Recovery
& Maintain Historical “Two-Train-In-One” Reliability**

Furthering The Approach

- Add "Two Train In One" Reliability -



Furthering The Approach

- Balancing Act Result Positives -

- **CAPEX**
 - Marginal Increase over Alternate Approach Above
 - ~ \$200/MTPA (For Case Studied)
 - ~ 16% Decrease on TDC Basis From Base Case
- **Schedule**
 - Assume Accurate EPC Schedule
- **Thermal Efficiency**
 - 93+%
- **Production Efficiency**
 - ~ 95% ← As Compared to ~ 93%
- **Capacity Factor**
 - Assume > 1 (Predicted Production > Design Production)

Furthering The Approach

- Balancing Act Result Negatives -

- **Decreased Flexibility Over Multiple Dual Shaft Turbine Designs**
 - **Complicated Steam System But With Higher Reliability**
 - **Single Shaft Turbines**
 - **Loss of Speed Control**
 - **Longer Startup Sequence**
 - **Low Compressor Case Pressure Required for Startup**

- **Note 1: Supplemental power held at only that necessary to overcome compressor system starting torque requirements.**

- **Note 2: No vapor or liquid expanders included anywhere in the facility.**

Conclusions

- **Cost Competitive, Flexible Solution With Waste Heat Integration**
- **Configuration Using GE Frame 7EA's**
 - **For Feed Conditions Considered, Applicable From 3.5 to 5.5 MTPA**
 - No Power Augmentation Other Than Starting Torque Requirements Considered & No Vapor Or Liquid Expanders Considered.
- **Configuration Using GE Frame 9E's**
 - **For Feed Conditions Considered, Applicable Up to 6.5+ MTPA**
 - No Power Augmentation Other Than Starting Torque Requirements Considered & No Vapor Or Liquid Expanders Considered.

Conclusions - Continued

- **Environmentally Friendly Option**
 - Less Point Sources for Emissions
 - Recovery of Thermal Energy
- **Advantages Over Cogeneration Options**
 - Large Electrical Motors Are Not Required
 - No Complicated Electrical Distribution
 - Power Directly Coupled to Refrigeration Shaft
- **Easily Expandable Configuration**
 - Example: Three Gas Turbines With Three or Perhaps Two Larger Steam Turbines



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