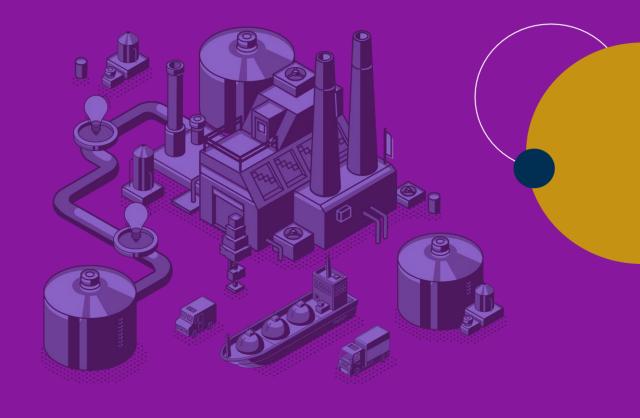
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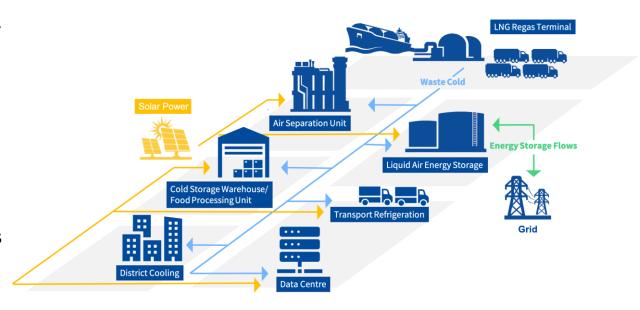
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## **Practical Considerations**

Effective consideration of business models requires investigation of a range of factors:

- Technical decisions made prior to and during your feasibility study will impact costs of off-take, vector systems and application integrations.
- Geography will impact what is feasible natural and human features influence the choice of applications and what is feasible.
- Commercial arrangements to remunerate the terminal for the cold and terms on which end users benefit from it impact deployment economics.
- Regulatory considerations may significantly impact how commercial arrangements can work or the cost of technical solutions.









# **Technical**

Factors can be site specific, but the table below offers a range of technical factors to consider:

Project Stage	Off-take	Vectors	Applications
Pre-Project	<ul> <li>Type of terminal floating vs. onshore.</li> <li>Current regasification method.</li> <li>LNG vs. pipeline supply</li> <li>Redundancy built into vaporisers.</li> </ul>	Any off-take or coupling with external heat sources	<ul> <li>Minimum process temperatures.</li> <li>Process design (e.g. refrigerant choice)</li> <li>Equipment age and efficiency.</li> </ul>
Planning	<ul> <li>Direct vs. indirect off-take</li> <li>Co-located vs. remote processes</li> <li>Interaction with existing regasification processes.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Choice of vector</li> <li>Transport type (e.g. trucks, rail or vessel vs. pipelines)</li> <li>Transport conditions (e.g. temperature, flow rates or distance)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Choice of application</li> <li>Integration method (e.g. subcooling vs. direct use of cold)</li> </ul>

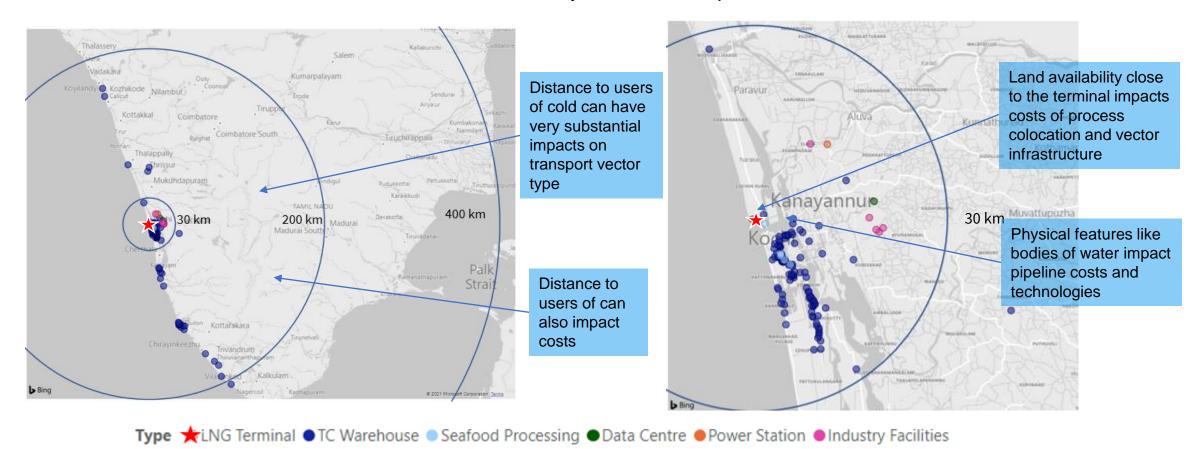






# Geography

Where the terminal is and what surrounds it has a very substantial impact on the business case:









### **Commercial**

Commercial arrangements at each step of the process can have substantial implications for the relative costs vs. a business as usual implementation.

#### Terminal Operations

- Send out rates and supply. arrangements
- Investment costs and structure for offtake.
- Payment arrangements for waste cold.
- Avoided regas costs.

#### Vectors

- Investment costs, structure and cost recovery.
- Recurring cost structure and recovery.
- Ownership model vs. other stakeholders.

#### **Applications**

- Current application cost base (especially energy costs).
- Integration investment costs, structure and recovery.
- New build vs. greenfield locations.

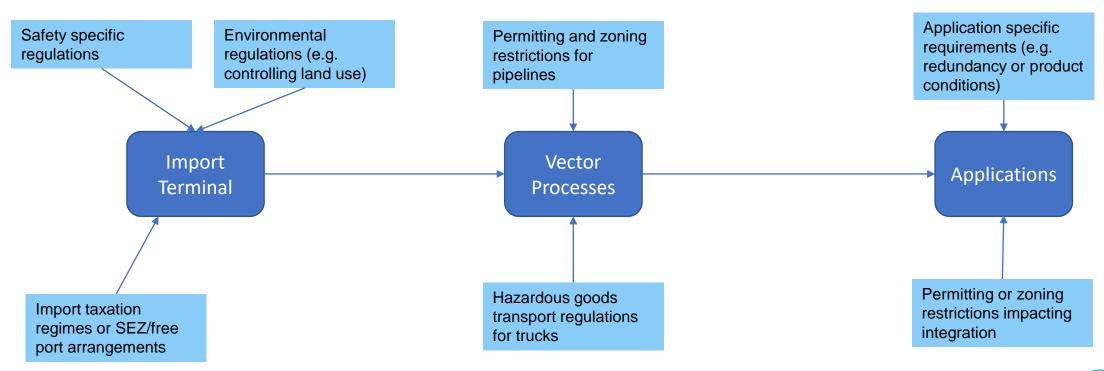






# Regulatory considerations

LNG import terminals are strategic national assets importing \$billions worth of energy products and so are often heavily regulated. Regulatory issues and permitting can have substantial impacts on project feasibility. Some examples are given below:





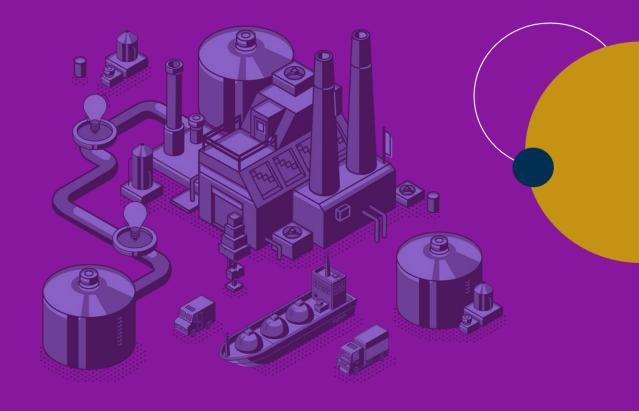




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# System-level approaches for recovering the waste cold from LNG

Dr John M Andresen & Prof M. Mercedes Maroto-Valer

- 1 Technical and commercial requirements
  - 1.1 Two LNG regasification terminals in Malaysia
  - 1.2 System integration for cooling data centres
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# 1.1

# Two LNG regasification terminals in Malaysia

#### Sungai Udang Melaka (RGTSU) and Pengerang Johor (RGTPJ)

Item	RGTSU	RGTPJ
Facilities		
	Offshore	Onshore
Jetty	LNGC size:130,000–220,000 m <sup>3</sup>	LNGC size:5000-260,000 m <sup>3</sup>
jetty	Maximum unloading rate = 10,000 m <sup>3</sup> /h	Maximum unloading rate = 14,000 m <sup>3</sup> /h
Storage	2 units 130,000 m <sup>3</sup> (FSRU)	2 units 200,000 m <sup>3</sup> full containment and LNG tank
Vaporization Scheme	IFV with propane as an intermediate fluid and the heating medium is seawater	ORV with sea water as the heating medium
Capacity	3.8 MTPA (500 mmscfd)	3.5 MTPA (490 mmscfd)

Techno Economic Evaluation of Cold Energy from Liquefied Natural Gas Regasification Terminals

- Great sustainable and technical potential of using the available cold energy for space and industrial process cooling to replace fossil NG.
- For a 20-year project life, an internal rate of return (IRR) of up to 33% and 17% for RGTPJ and RGTSU, respectively.
- Cryogenic LNG containers proposed as low-risk pathway to introduce solution.

Energies 2019, 12, 4475; doi:10.3390/en12234475

It was recommended that the owners of RGTPJ and RGTSU should consider installing systems able to capture the waste cold energy during regasification of LNG at both terminals

"Building Institutional Links to Deliver Sustainable Cooling Energy Demand"
Heriot-Watt University and University Technologi Petronas











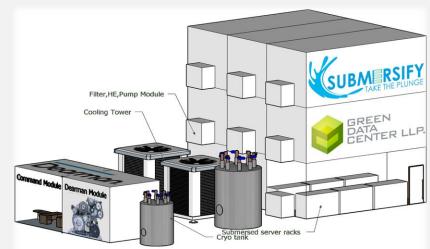
# 1.2

# System integration for cooling data centres

# Reduction of energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions

- Sustainable computing through innovative cooling and power generation.
- Successfully demonstrated the technology at a business park outside Kuala Lumpur: nine 20-foot containers, totalling 216m<sup>3</sup> and submerging 2,268 servers.
- 50% reduction in cooling energy consumption, saving 740 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> annually and the potential for creating South East Asia's largest data centre.
- Great potential for using existing cooling systems.

"Next Generation Green Data Centres for Environmental and Business Sustainability"
Newton Malaysia-UK Research and Innovation Bridges





https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apenergy.2019.05.029













# Realising the opportunity: Systems approach



#### Challenges

#### **Opportunities**



#### **Temporal limitation:**

LNG regasification process and cold demand during peak / off peak





#### **Technological innovation**

required for cold energy storage, e.g. phase change materials



consideration of proximity of cold energy users and the LNG terminal





Development of intelligent

**control system** for cold energy distribution and utilisation



optimisation of source and sink must be optimised for efficient use





Building sustainable cold

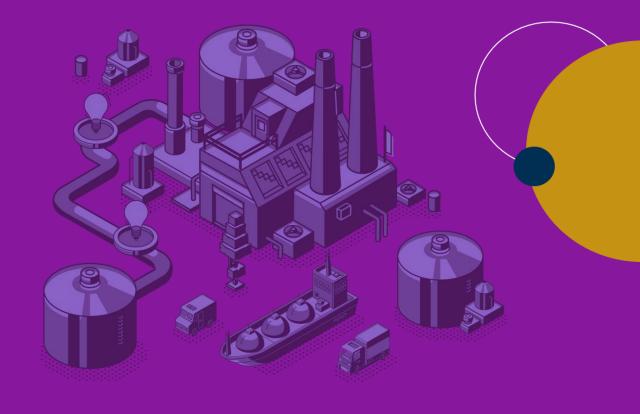
chain that demand cooling and generating waste heat



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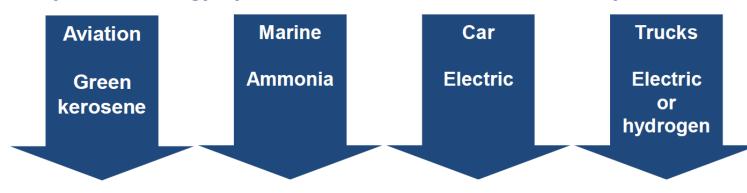


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## Taking a system view is necessary but not easy!

Top down energy system led view – limited solutions per sector



Reconciliation of both approaches is needed to guide effective policy



Bottom up propulsion technology led view – multiple solutions per sector

Led by macro energy system constraints

(Over) simplification of market and technology fit

Very reliant on the fidelity of the system model (eg consideration of LCA effects)

Led by market needs and technology fit

Siloed, risk of double counting of available sustainable energy resources

Does not consider system balancing effects





### The cold chain has features of a wicked problem

- Classic examples of wicked problems include economic, environmental, and political issues.
- A problem whose solution requires a great number of people to change their mindsets and behaviour is likely to be a wicked problem.
- These include global climate change, pandemic influenza, nuclear weapons, waste and social injustice.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wicked\_problem

Unrecognised

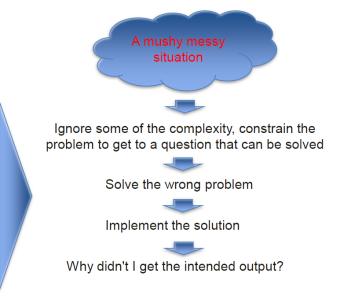
constraining factors

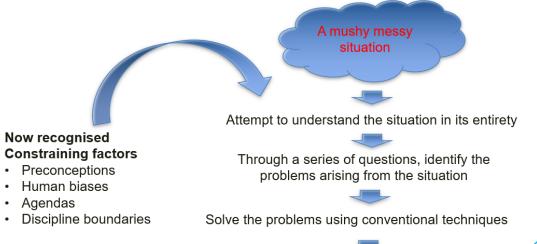
Discipline boundaries

Preconceptions

Human biases

Agendas

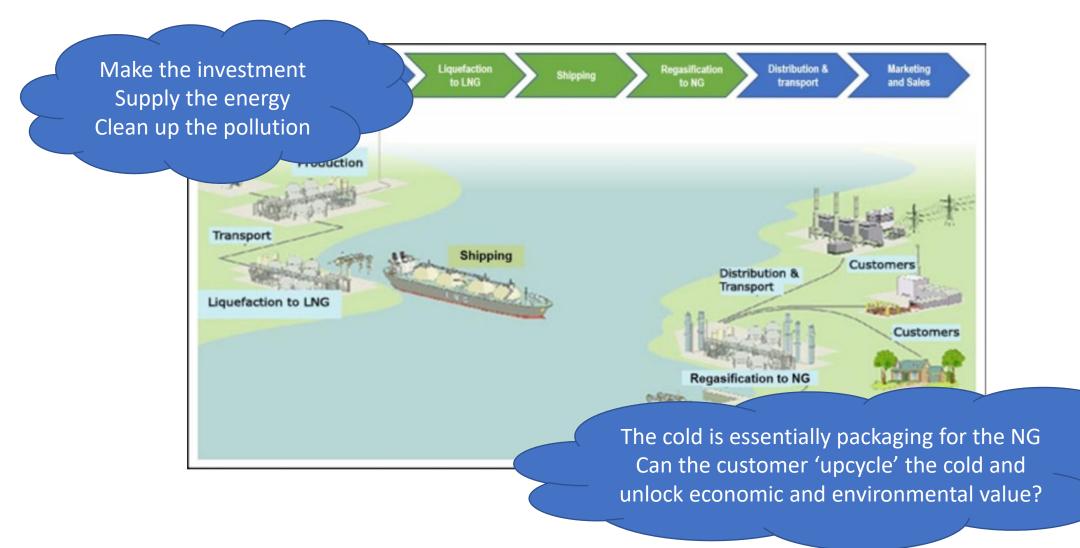








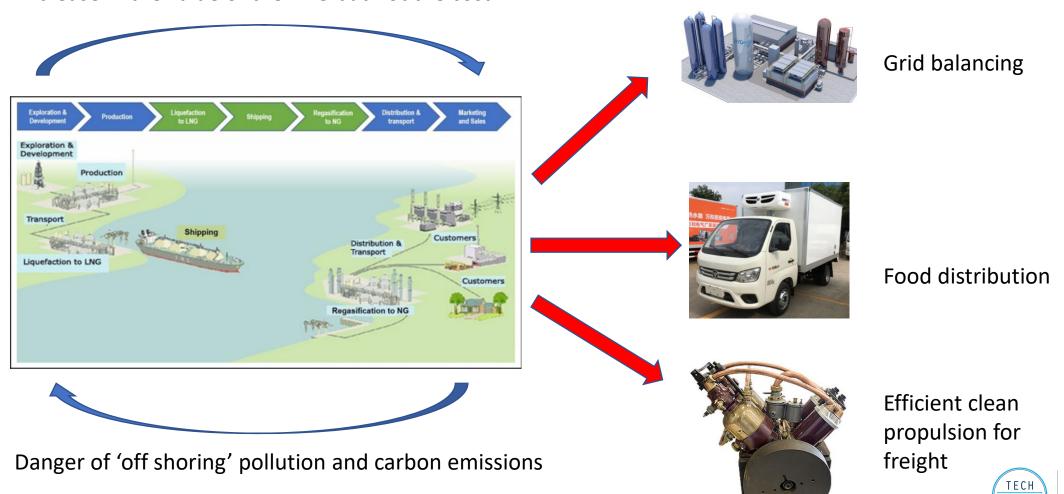
# The cold that turns NG to LNG is essentially packaging that can be upcycled





# The environmental impact of the cold chain must be correctly accounted probably across national boundaries

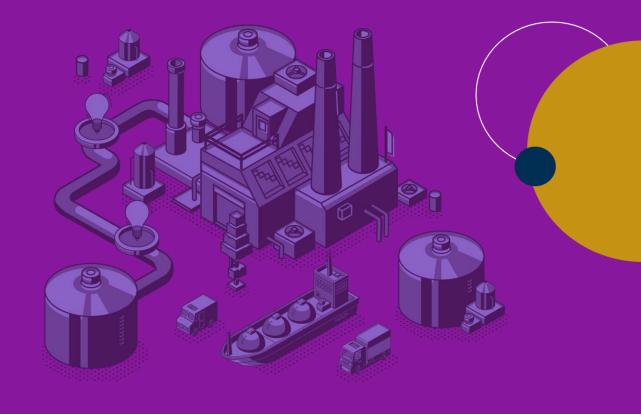
Increase in the value of the LNG but not the cost



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# Recovering cold energy from LNG would:

Create extra revenue through power generation and provide cold energy, reduce the cost of producing certain products, increase investments

Create jobs in the energy systems related to LNG cold recovery

Reduce the spending on health due to improved air quality

Significantly reduce the GHG emissions

Reduce the consumption of fossil fuels

#### **Economic dimension**





Consumption and Investment

#### Social dimension





**Employment** 





Spending on health and education minus health impacts from local air pollution

#### **Environmental dimension**



Greenhouse gas emissions

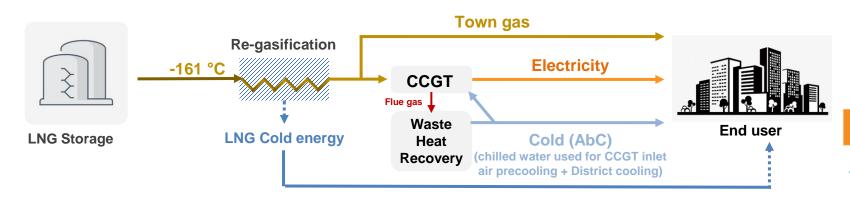


Material consumption



Welfare

Welfare improvements – key dimensions Economic, IRENA (2017a), "Chapter 3: Global Energy Transition Prospects and the Role of Renewables", In International Energy Agency and IRENA (Eds.), Perspectives for the Energy Transition: Investment Needs for a Low-carbon Energy System, pp. 121-189, OECD/IEA and IRENA, Paris and Abu Dhabi.



**Economic dimension** 



Consumption and Investment

LNG Chemical energy used for: LNG Cold energy used for:

CCGT

Absorption chiller (AbC)

Deep freezing

#### Investment due to the construction

- Evaluate the investment cost of the system
- Evaluate the savings of the investment cost of the power generation / refrigeration system that can be replaced by this system

Profit from extra power

- Calculate the cold energy demand for inlet air precooling
- Evaluate the CCGT efficiency vs. inlet air temperature
- •Calculate the extra power generation and its value from local electricity tariff

Profit from extra cooling energy production (7°C)

- Evaluate the waste heat from the CCGT
- Estimate the COP of the Absorption chiller to calculate the extra cold production
- •Estimate the local COP<sub>ave</sub> @ 7°C to calculate the economic value of the cold produced

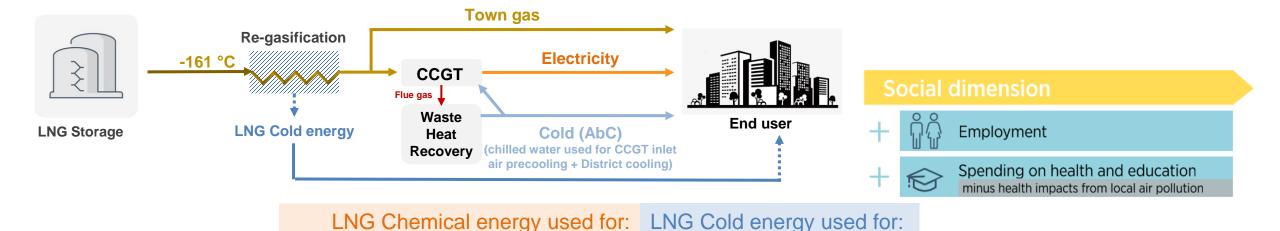
Profit from extra deep cold production (-78°C)

- Evaluate available LNG cold energy
- •Estimate the local COP<sub>ave</sub> @ -78°C to calculate economic value of the deep cold produced



# Case study: LNG Cold energy for deep freezing

Absorption chiller (AbC)



Employment increase for the

 Estimate the local employment level of energy project construction

CCGT

 Evaluate the investment cost of the system to estimate the employment increase due to the construction of such an energy system Employment increase for the operation/ maintenance of such a system

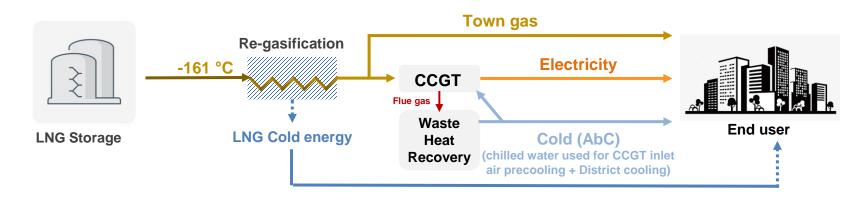
 Estimate the local employment level of energy project maintenance/operation

Deep freezing

 Evaluate the investment cost of the system to estimate the employment increase due to the operation/maintenance of such an energy system Minus health impacts from local air pollution

- Estimate the local health spending vs. air quality
- Evaluate the fossil fuel reduction from electricity saving and efficiency enhancement
- Evaluate the air quality improvement from the fuel consumption reduction

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**Environmental dimension** 



Greenhouse gas emissions

LNG Chemical energy used for: LNG Cold energy used for:

CCGT

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Deep freezing

CO2 emission reduction from extra power generation

- Estimate the local emission factor for power generation
- Evaluate the CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction by the extra power generation from CCGT inlet air pre-cooling

CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction from extra cooling energy production (7°C)

- Estimate the local emission factor for power generation
- Evaluate the CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction from electricity saving to produce cold energy @ 7°C

CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction by the extra deep cold production (-78°C)

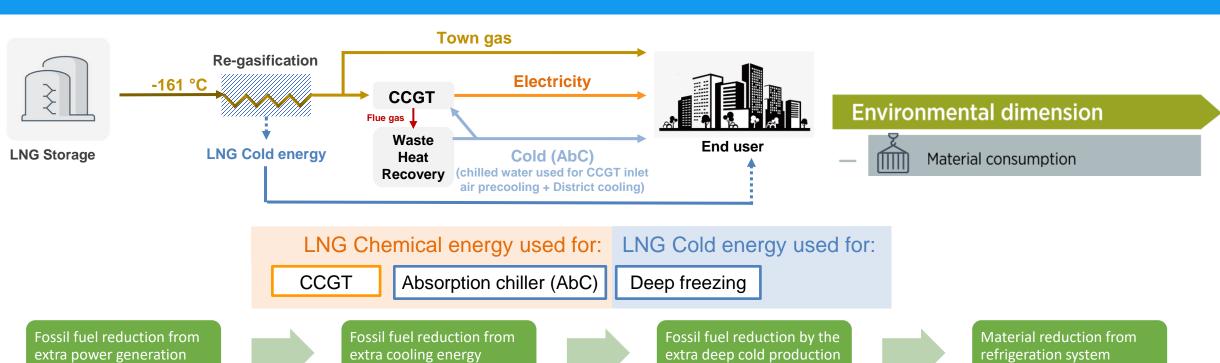
- •Estimate the local emission factor for power generation
- Evaluate the CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction from electricity saving to produce cold energy @ -78°C

HFC emission reduction from refrigeration system replacement

- Evaluate the amount of refrigeration system saved
- Estimate the average local HFC leakage rate
- Calculate the HFC emission reduction



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- Estimate the local fuel consumption for power generation
- Evaluate the fossil fuel reduction by the extra power generation from CCGT inlet air precooling

production (7°C)

- Estimate the local fuel consumption for power generation
- Evaluate the fossil fuel reduction from electricity saving to produce cold energy @ 7°C



(-78°C)

- Estimate the local fuel consumption for power generation
- Evaluate the fossil fuel reduction from electricity saving to produce cold energy @ -78°C

replacement

- Evaluate the amount of refrigeration system saved
- Estimate the material needed for the chillers
- Calculate the chiller material reduction from refrigeration system replacement



## **Risks**

We have developed a risk register.

The major risks are around forward security of LNG flows – demand or political.

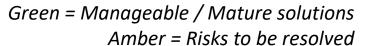
Given the additional wins from harnessing waste cold, derisk and project extension tool LNG projects



=> Alongside business model, need to fully understand and optimise <u>and evidence</u> the environmental and societal wins.











# **Clean Cooling - SDGs**

