

# **ChevronTexaco**

## **Panel 1**

### **Technical Perspectives on Gas Interchangeability and Quality *“Gas Quality & Interchangeability 101”***

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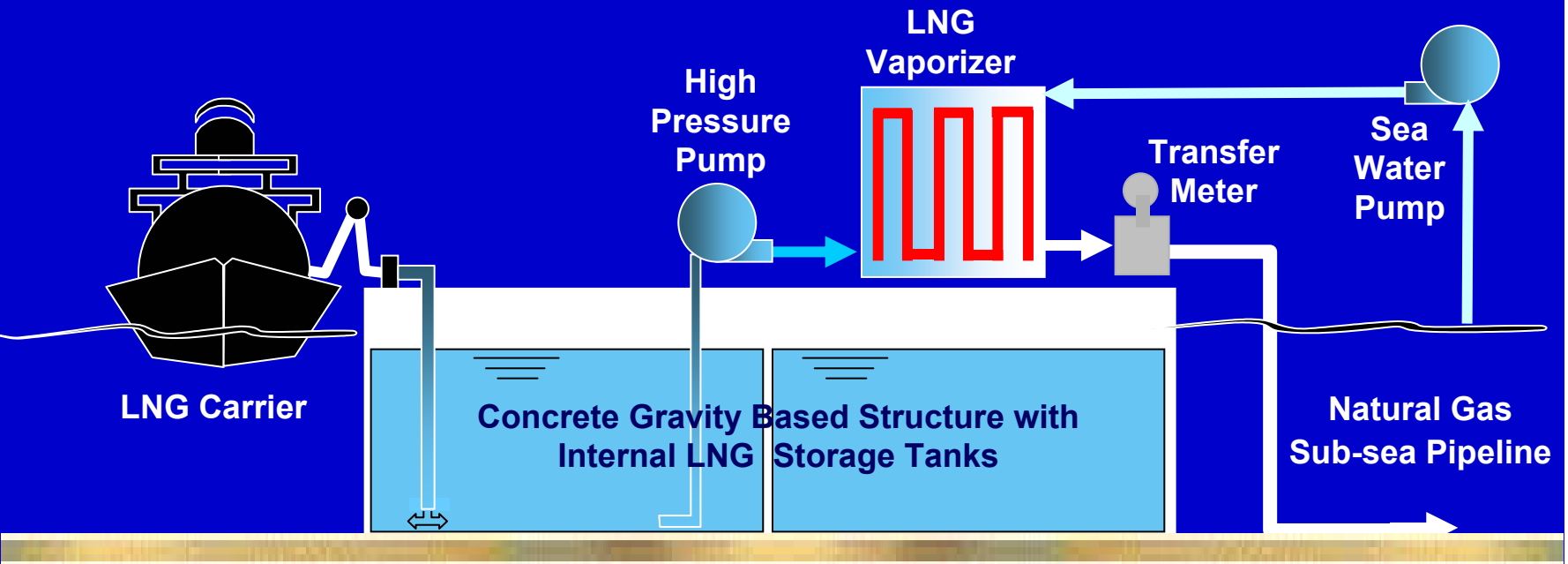
# Objectives

*Provide technical perspective regarding :*

- ✓ *LNG Quality – Purity of LNG*
- ✓ *Hydrocarbon Dewpoint – Relationship to LNG Imports*
- ✓ *End User Interchangeability Issues*

# Simplified Schematic

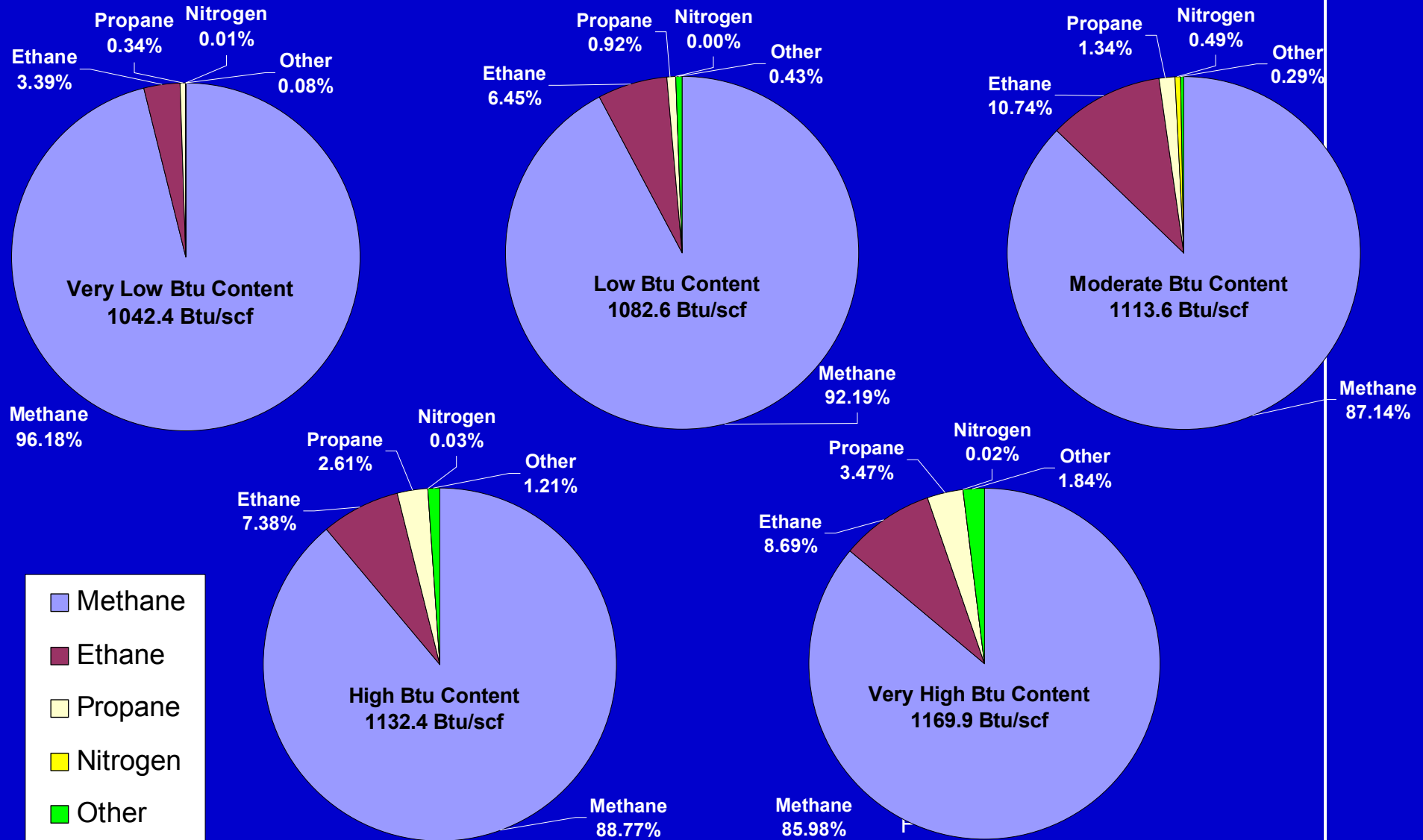
## Offshore LNG Regasification Terminal



- LNG storage, -255° F @ atmospheric pressure
- High pressure LNG pumps to pipeline pressure
- Open Rack Vaporizer units convert LNG into natural gas
- Sea water pumped to vaporize LNG
- Custody transfer meters gas transmission to Pipeline / Market

# LNG Composition Examples

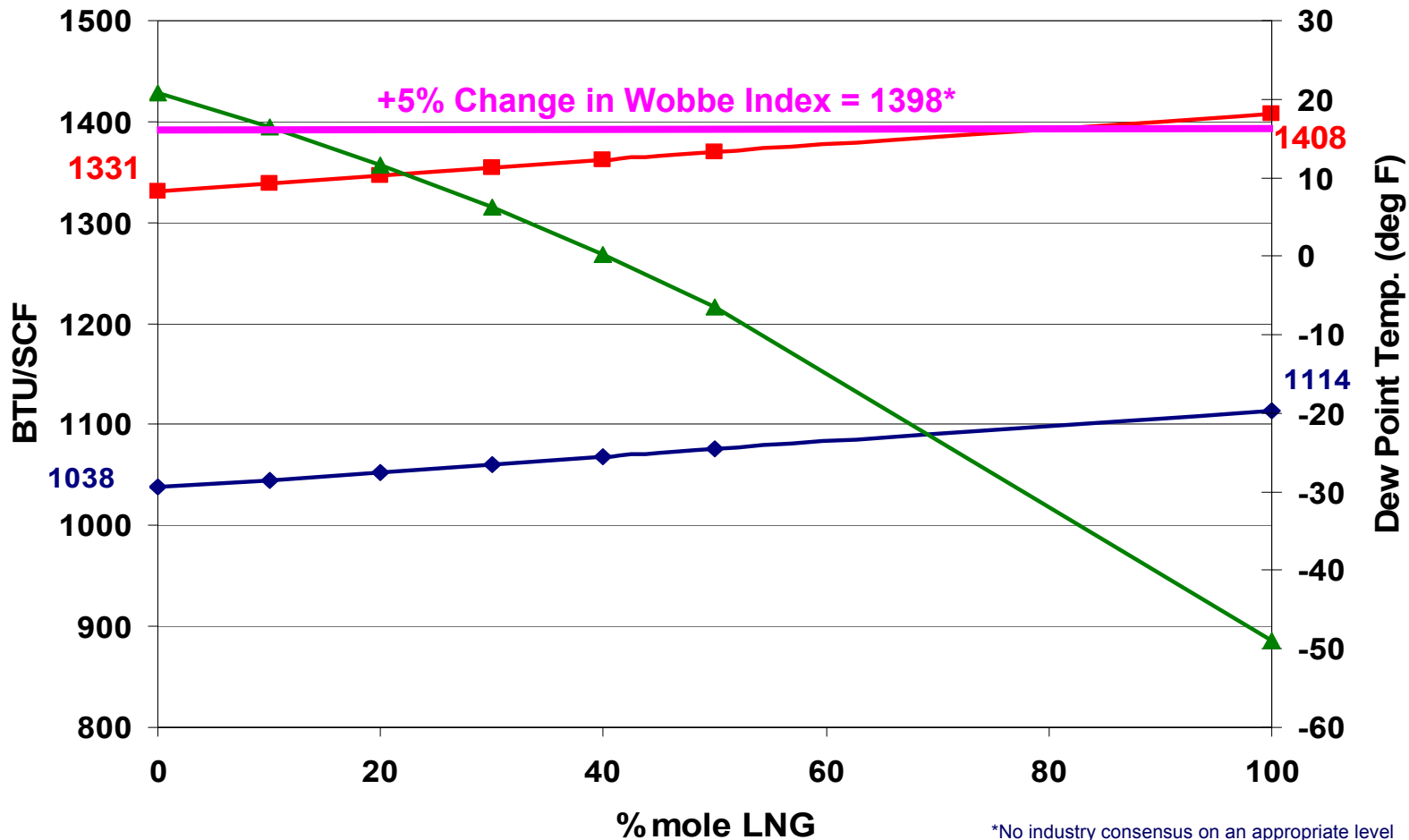
*High quality natural gas*



# Benefits of LNG Imports

## Impact on Combined Gas Stream

### Medium Btu Content LNG



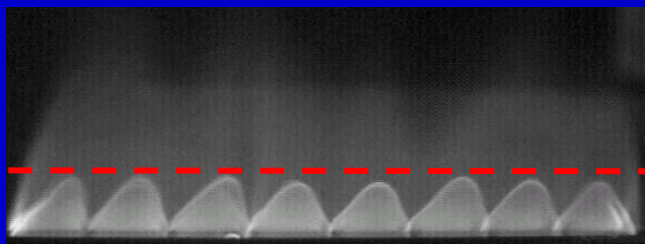
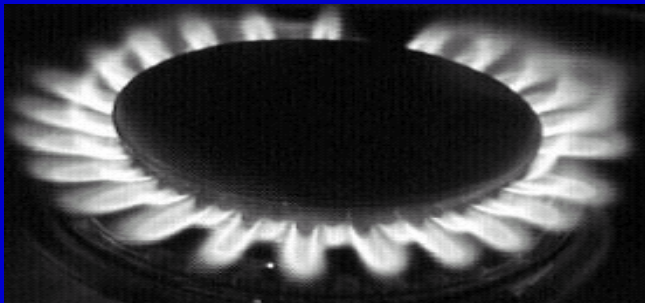
◆ High Heating Value    ■ Wobbe Index    ▲ Dewpoint, deg F @ 920 psig

# Key Issue – End User Gas Interchangeability

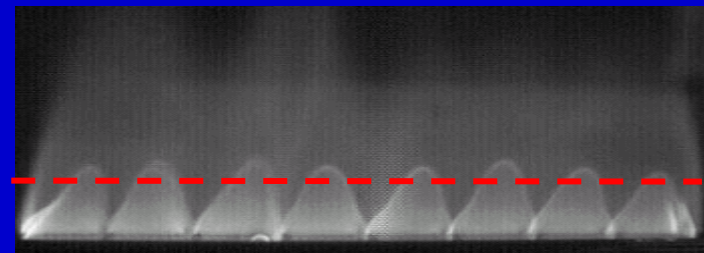
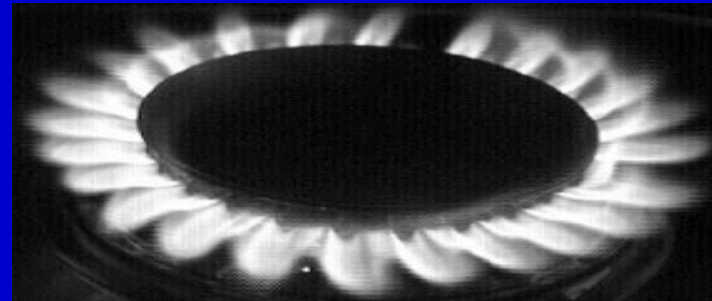
## Burner tip characteristics

- Burner Temperatures - Temperature control & NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions
- Flame shape & stability
- Incomplete Combustion – HC & CO Emissions

**Domestic Natural Gas**  
**HHV = 1020 Btu/SCF**

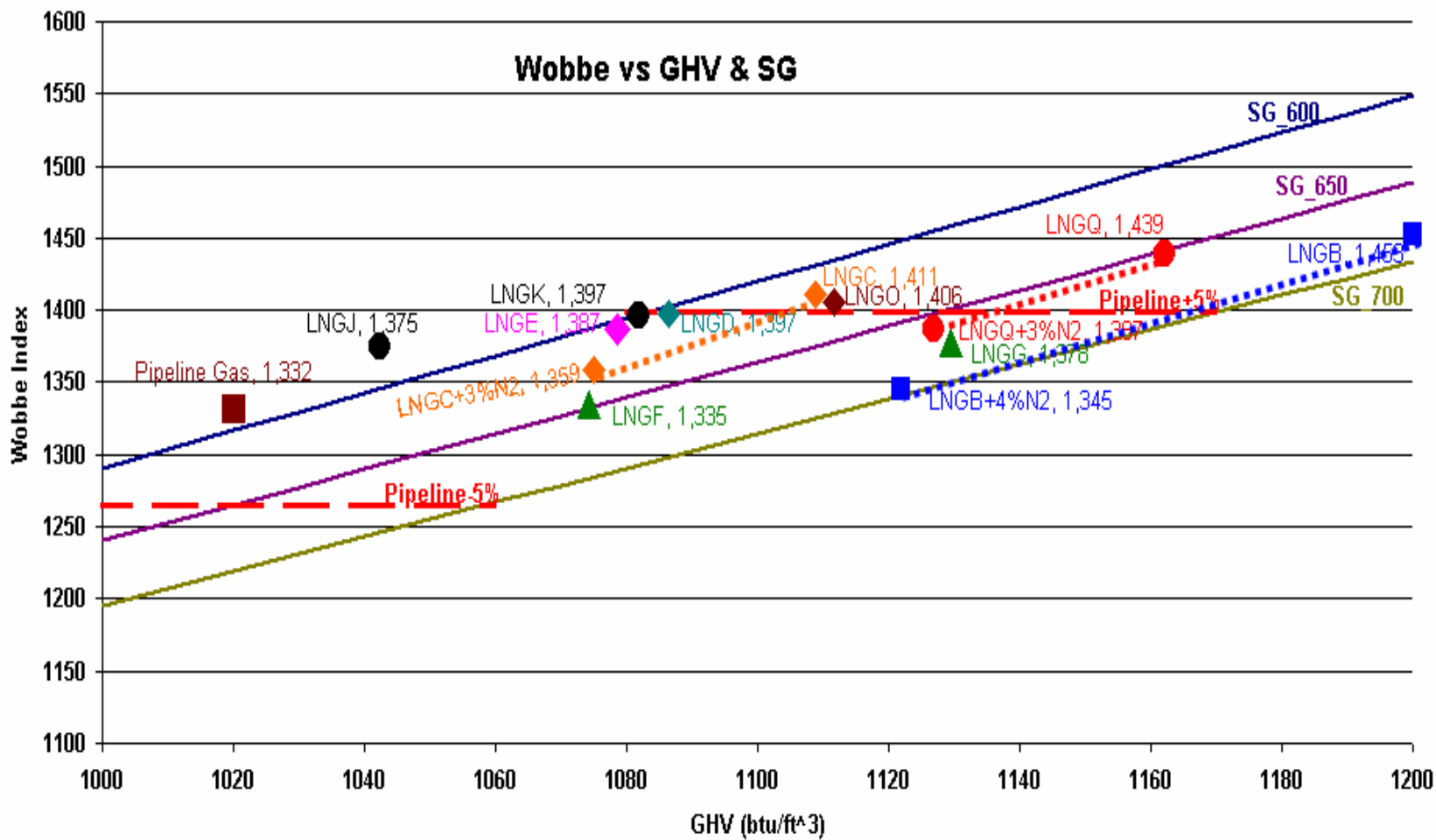


**LNG (High BTU Content)**  
**HHV = 1160 Btu/SCF**



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## LNG vs. Wobbe Index



# Summary & Path Forward

## Summary

- ✓ LNG is a clean, high quality source of energy for the US
- ✓ HC Dewpoint is a preferred solution for P/L Operations
- ✓ End User Interchangeability
  - ✓ *Most LNG supplies fall within end user flame requirements*
  - ✓ Previously conducted tests generally document LNG interchangeability
  - ✓ Additional testing may be required on a case-by-case basis

## Path Forward

- ✓ Establish a *standardized process* for the gas industry to use to review LNG imports.
- ✓ FERC is the appropriate agency to establish this process



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# Appendix

# LNG Projects

ChevronTexaco –Port Pelican and Baja California



## Baja California Offshore LNG

- Gravity Based Structure (x2)
- 700MMSCFD expandable to 1.4 BCFD
- 13 KM offshore Tijuana

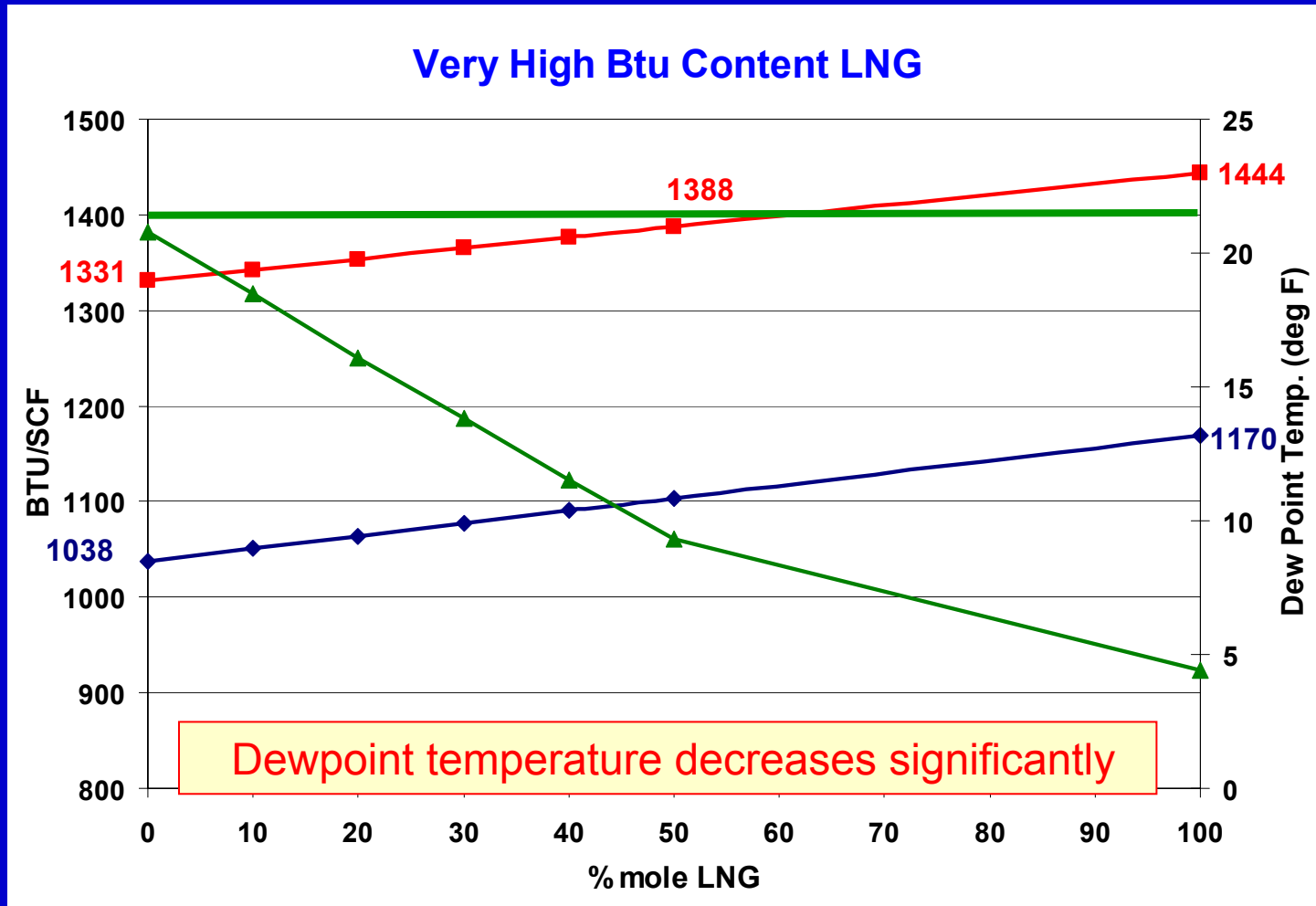
## Port Pelican

- Gravity Based Structure (x2)
- 1.6 BSCFD
- 40 miles offshore Louisiana



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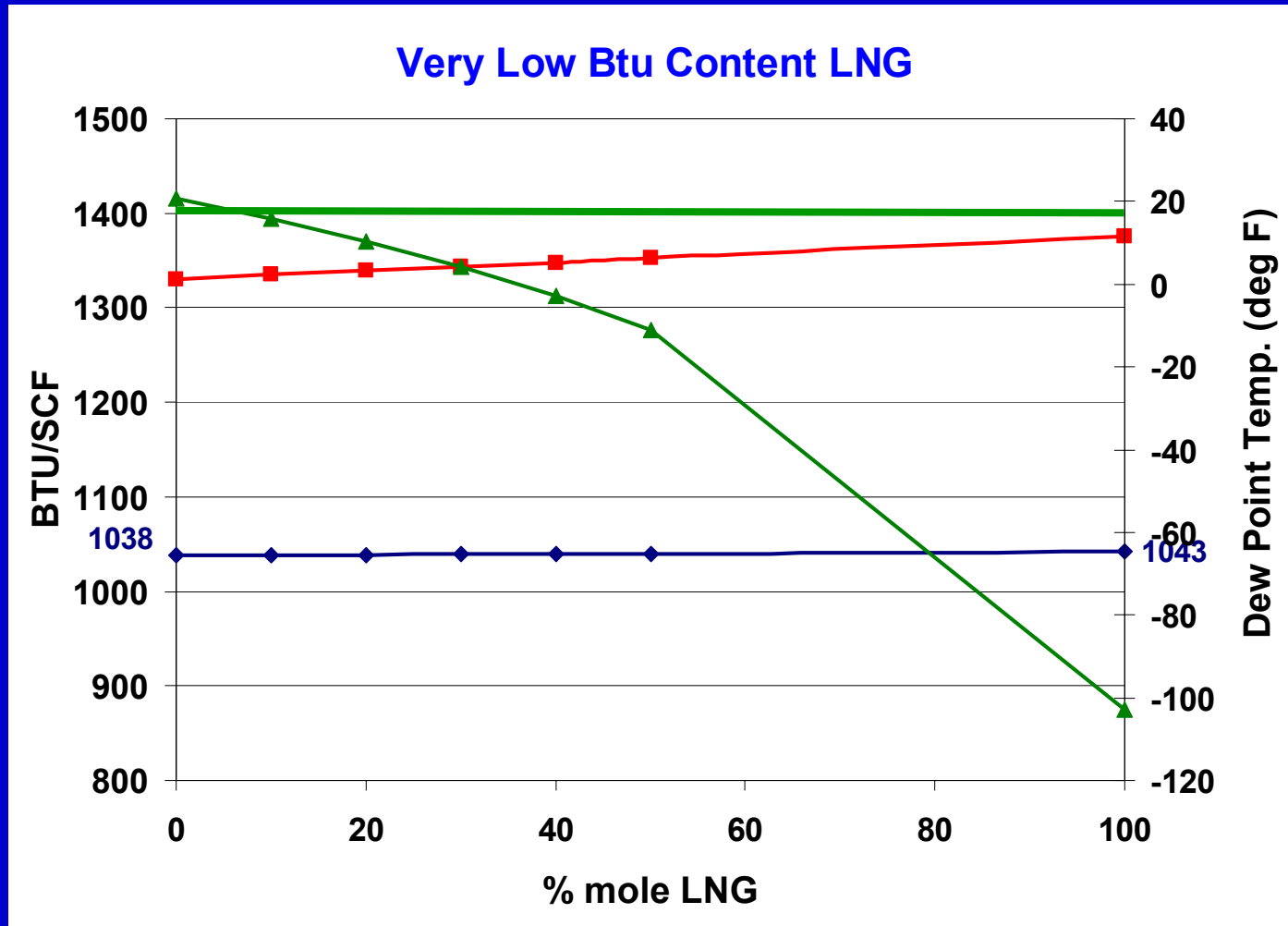


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