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Remote LNG (Study Group D1 Report)

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Our definition of REMOTE

- Geographical R emoteness
- E xtreme climatic conditions
- M anpower problems
- O perational challenges / infrastructure
- T echnical hurdles
- E nvironmental sensitivity

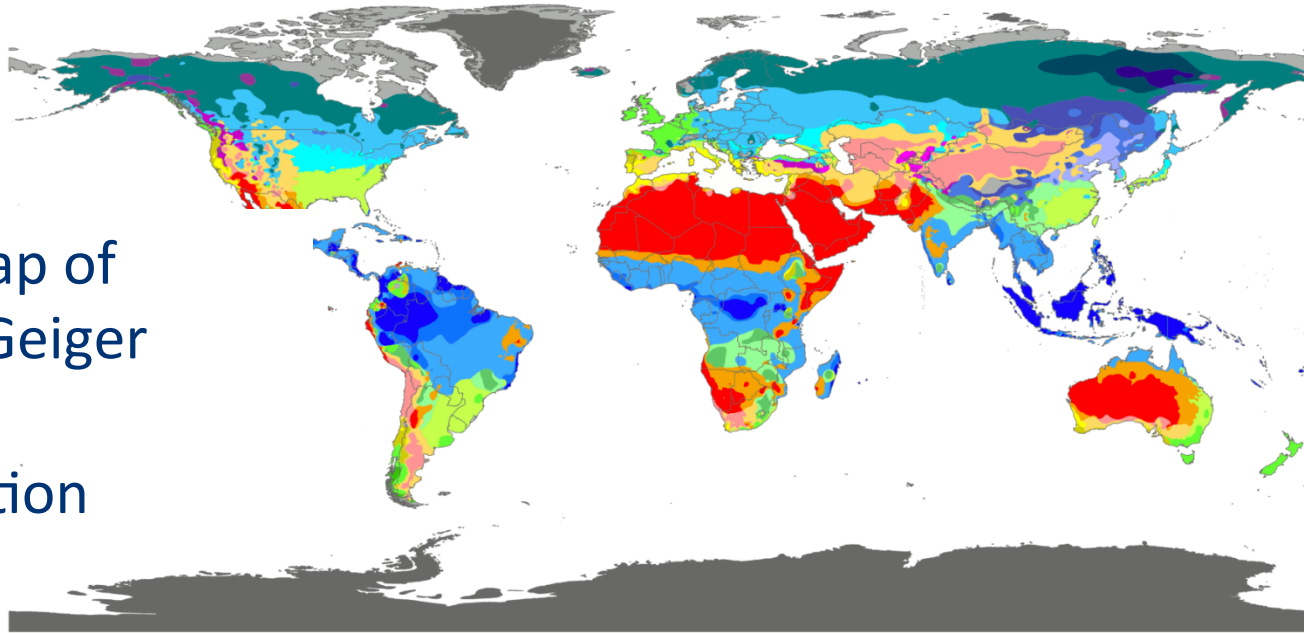
Remoteness Index (RI) criteria

Remoteness criteria	Geographical Remoteness	Extreme climatic conditions	Manpower problems	Operational challenges / infrastructure	Technical hurdles	Environmental sensitivity
Weighting	25%	15%	10%	20%	10%	20%
	Ease of access to site	Climatic classification	Availability of skilled labor	Complexity of operating a plant	Unproven concepts	Site impact
1 low	Uninterrupted access by land, air and sea	Humid moderate climate without dry seasons (Cf*)	Easy access to local skilled labor	No significant operational challenges	none or one non-critical	abandoned area
2 slight	Good land and sea access, occasionally no air access	Humid moderate Mediterranean climate, dry winter (Cw, Cs*)	Good basic local labor pool, training required	Minor operational challenges - easily overcome	several non-critical	industrial area
3 average	Temporary access inconveniences via land and air	Cold moderate climate (D*)	80/20 local/import labor	Some operational challenges	one critical	populated area
4 elevated	Extended land and air access interruptions	Tropical climate (A*)	Limited local labor available, dependence on import	Significant challenges	several or critical	recreational area
5 high	Severe difficulties, occasional zero access	Dry climate, desert, polar climate (B, E*)	No local labor available, rotational imports only	Severe operational issues, incl. seasonal	several and critical	nature reserve

*) classification adopted from Köppen-Geiger

Climatic conditions

World map of Köppen-Geiger climate classification



Af	BWh	Csa	Cwa	Cfa	Dsa	Dwa	Dfa	ET
Am	BWk	Csb	Cwb	Cfb	Dsb	Dwb	Dfb	EF
Aw	BSh	Cwc	Cfc	Dsc	Dwc	Dfc		
BSk				Dsd	Dwd	Dfd		

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DATA SOURCE : GHCN v2.0 station data
Temperature (N = 4,844) and
Precipitation (N = 12,396)

PERIOD OF RECORD : All available

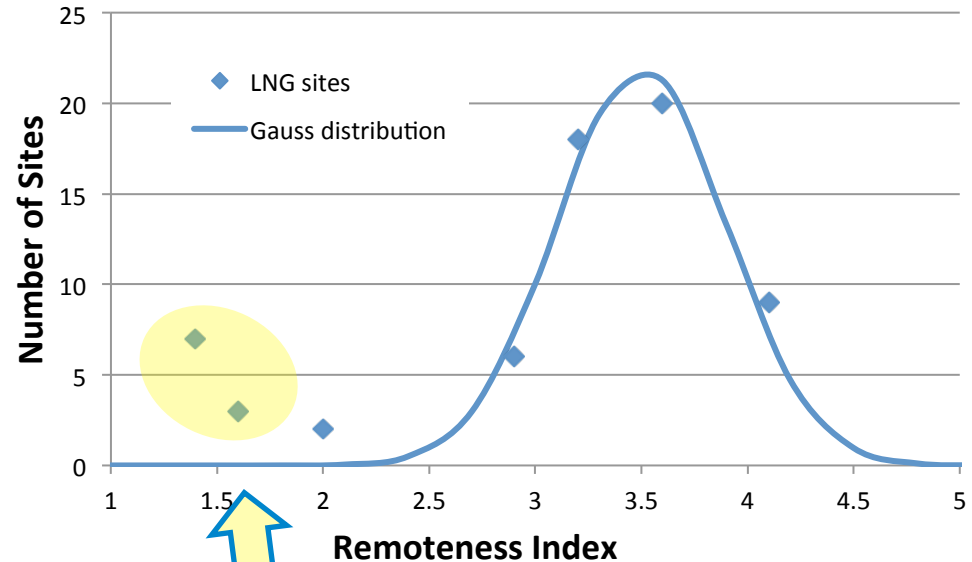
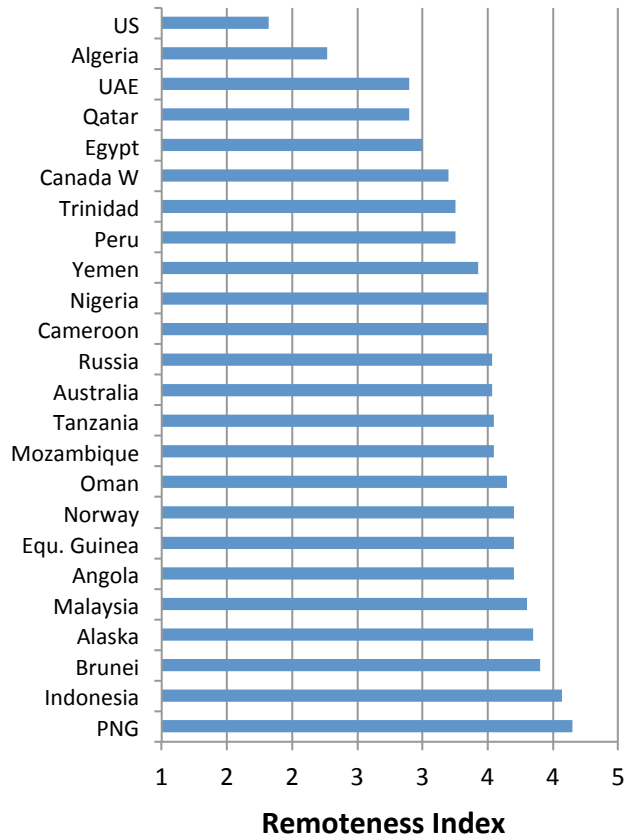
MIN LENGTH : ≥ 30 for each month.

RESOLUTION : 0.1 degree lat/long

Highly REMOTE LNG plants

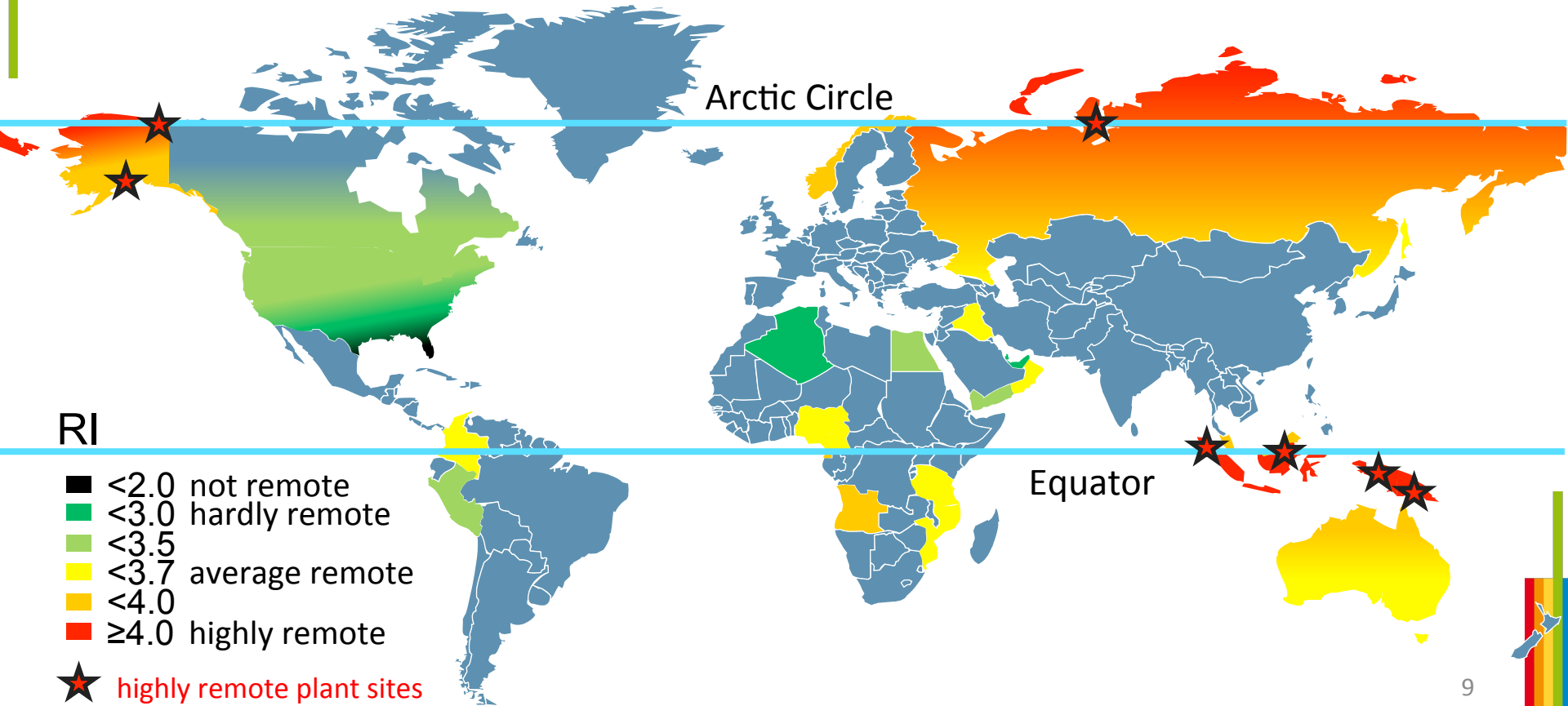
Country	Highly Remote Plants Project Name	Start Year	Geographical Remoteness	Extreme climatic conditions	Manpower problems	Operational challenges	Technical hurdles	Environmental concerns	Remoteness Index
Alaska	Alaska LNG	2023	4	5	4	4	4	5	4.4
Indonesia	Bontang LNG	1977	4	4	5	4	4	5	4.3
PNG	PNG LNG	2014	5	4	5	3	2	5	4.2
PNG	Gulf LNG	2021	5	4	5	3	2	5	4.2
Indonesia	Arun LNG	1978	4	4	5	4	4	4	4.1
Russia W	Yamal LNG	2020	5	5	4	4	3	3	4.1
Indonesia	Natuna D Alpha	2025	3	4	4	4	5	5	4.1
Indonesia	Tangguh LNG	2009	5	4	5	2	2	5	4.0
Indonesia	Donggi-Senoro LNG	2014	5	4	5	2	2	5	4.0

Geographical and statistical distribution of RI



shale gas based projects in the US

Remoteness Index world map



Yamal LNG as example for Arctic conditions

Remoteness Criteria

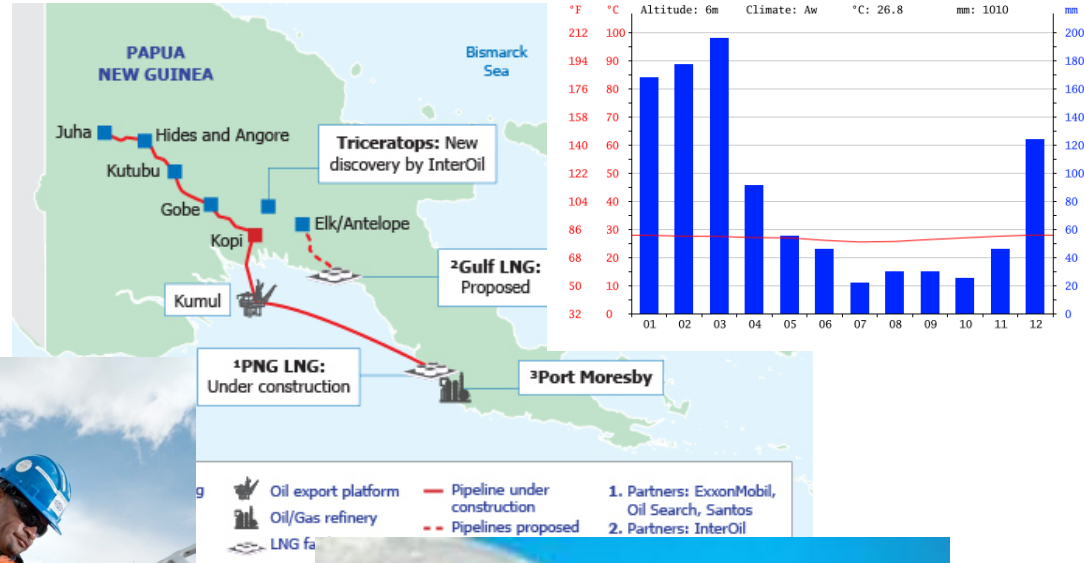
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PNG LNG as example for Tropical conditions

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Conclusions

- **Geographical and climatic conditions**
Infrastructure will develop over the years, adverse climatic conditions cannot be changed by mankind; thus, this aspect will remain a significant indicator for a competitive, sufficient profit generating LNG liquefaction project
- **Social and environmental issues**
While people may assimilate to changes in their social and cultural life within decades, the environment needs much longer periods to recover from imprudent disturbances
- **Technical and operational challenges**
No project as yet has been shelved due to purely the lack of technological solutions, but due to the lack of economical sense of the required technological solutions
- **Cost impact of Remoteness Index**
A clear view on correlation between remoteness and cost looks as likely to be as absent for future projects as has been the case up until now
- **Usage of Remoteness Index**
The Remoteness Index can be taken as an indication about how challenging can be a new LNG project due to its location

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