

# Thermochemical Power Group – established in 1998



## Scientific activities

### Publications, Awards, Patents, Spin-off

- >350 Papers, >250 Journals (1998-2024)
- >20 International Awards (1998-2024)
- >20 patents (1998-2024)
- 2 spin off companies (BluEnergyRevolution, SIT Technologies)

## Funding

International 65% (45% EU)

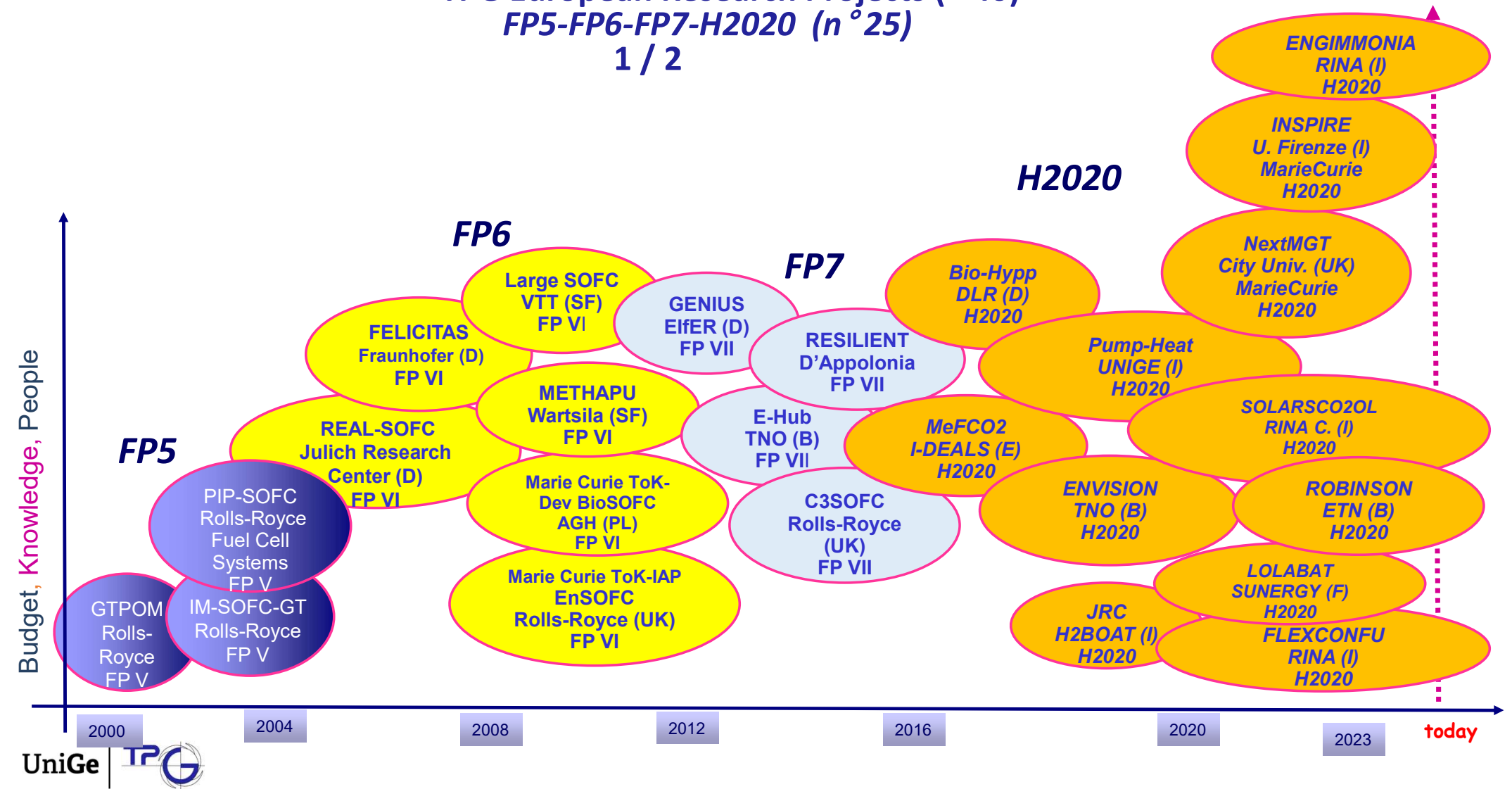
National 35%



# TPG European Research Projects (> 40)

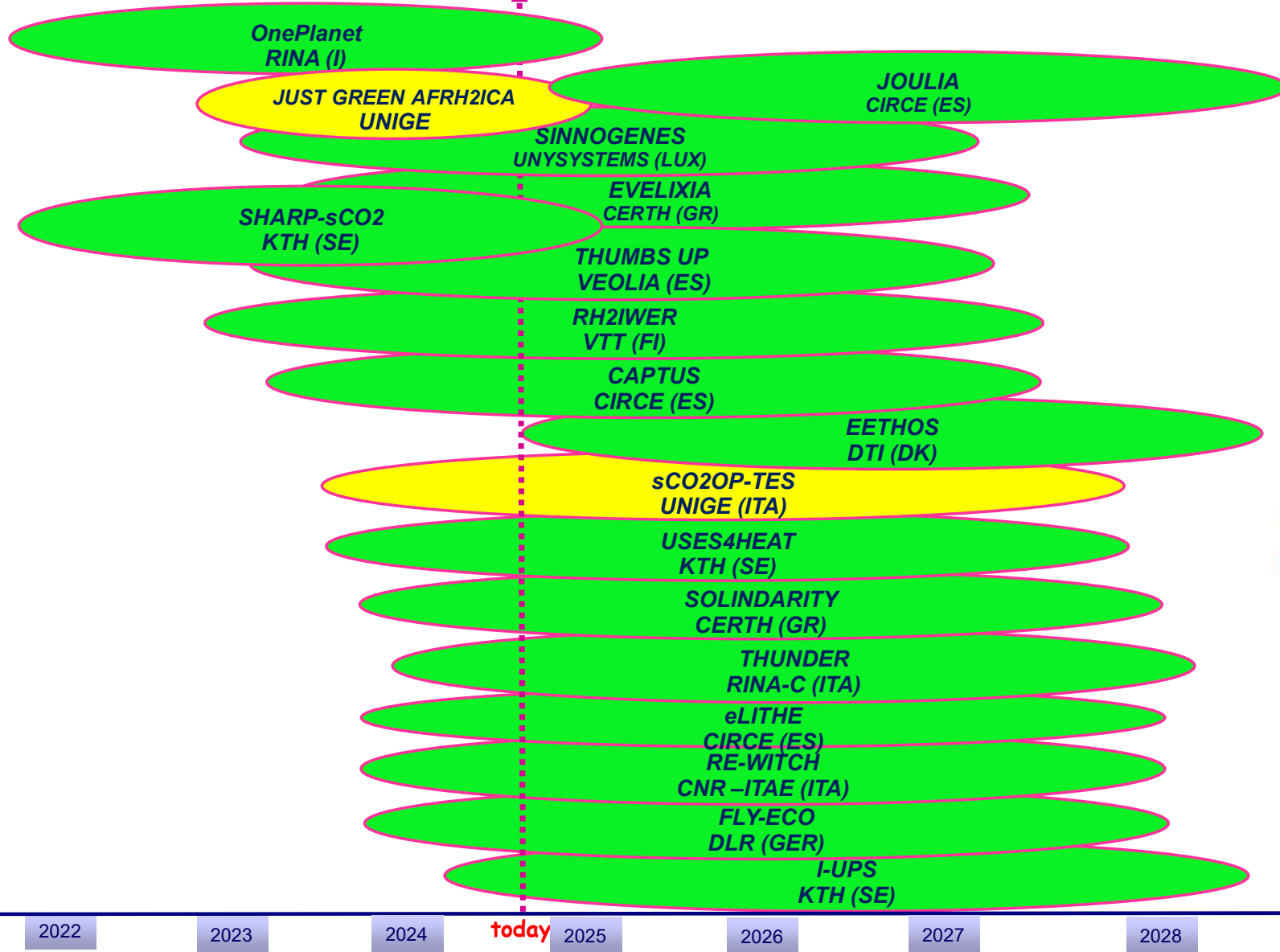
## FP5-FP6-FP7-H2020 (n° 25)

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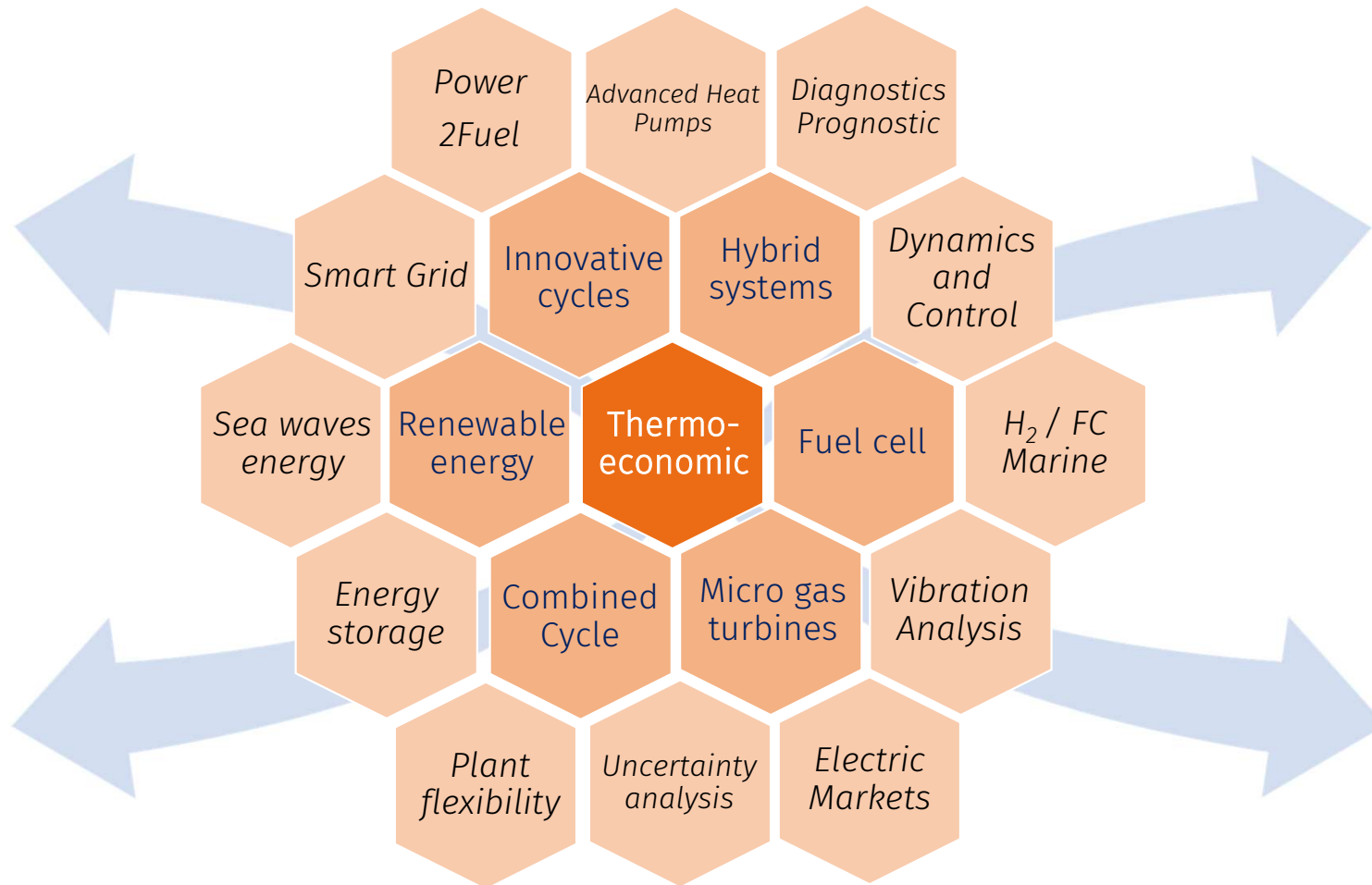


# TPG European Research Projects - *HORIZON EUROPE* (n° 18)

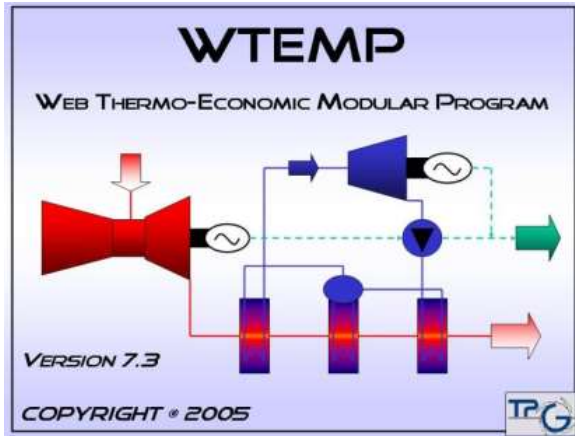
Budget, Knowledge, People



# TPG cloud competences



# TPG Tools for Energy Systems Modeling



## WTEMP

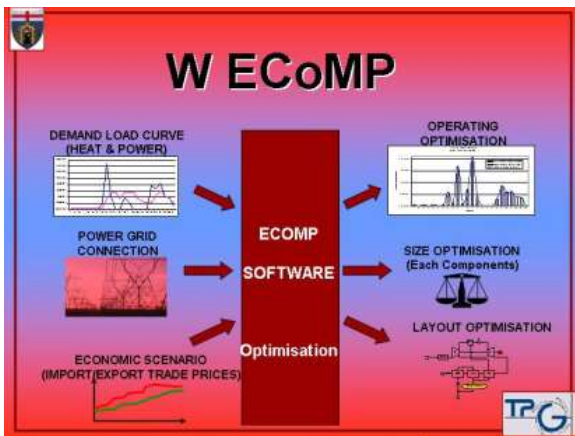
*Optimization of the design of energy systems and power plants*

**NEW** WTEMP-EVO  
*Optimization of the design of open and closed cycles*



## HELM

*Optimization of energy systems design on board of vessels and utilization of alternative fuels*

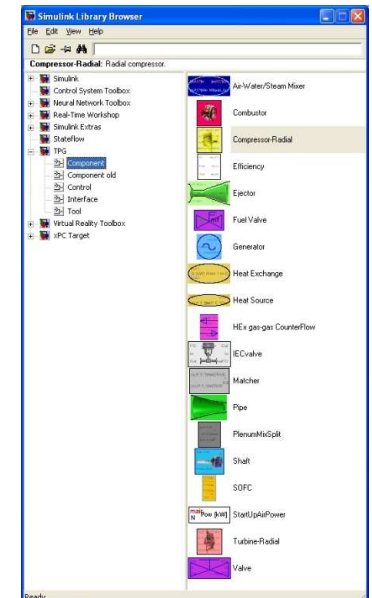


## WECOMP

*Time dependent optimization of the design and management of polygenerative energy districts*

## TRANSEO

*Dynamic simulation of energy systems*



# TPG Expertise in Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Sector

## **MODELING** - <http://www.tpg.unige.it/TPG/software/>

- Dynamic simulation of SOFC and PEMFC based energy systems: off-design performance simulation, control development (coupled with different type of energy storage), e-fuels modelling also from a reactor process point of view, FC + battery + energy systems system modeling
- Thermo-economic modelling and optimization: sizing and management of solutions for Power-to-Gas and for Fuel Cell based systems
- Design Modeling and optimization: optimization of thermal management, waste heat recovery etc.
- Hydrogen Storage sizing and management modelign: specialized in metal hydrides solutions

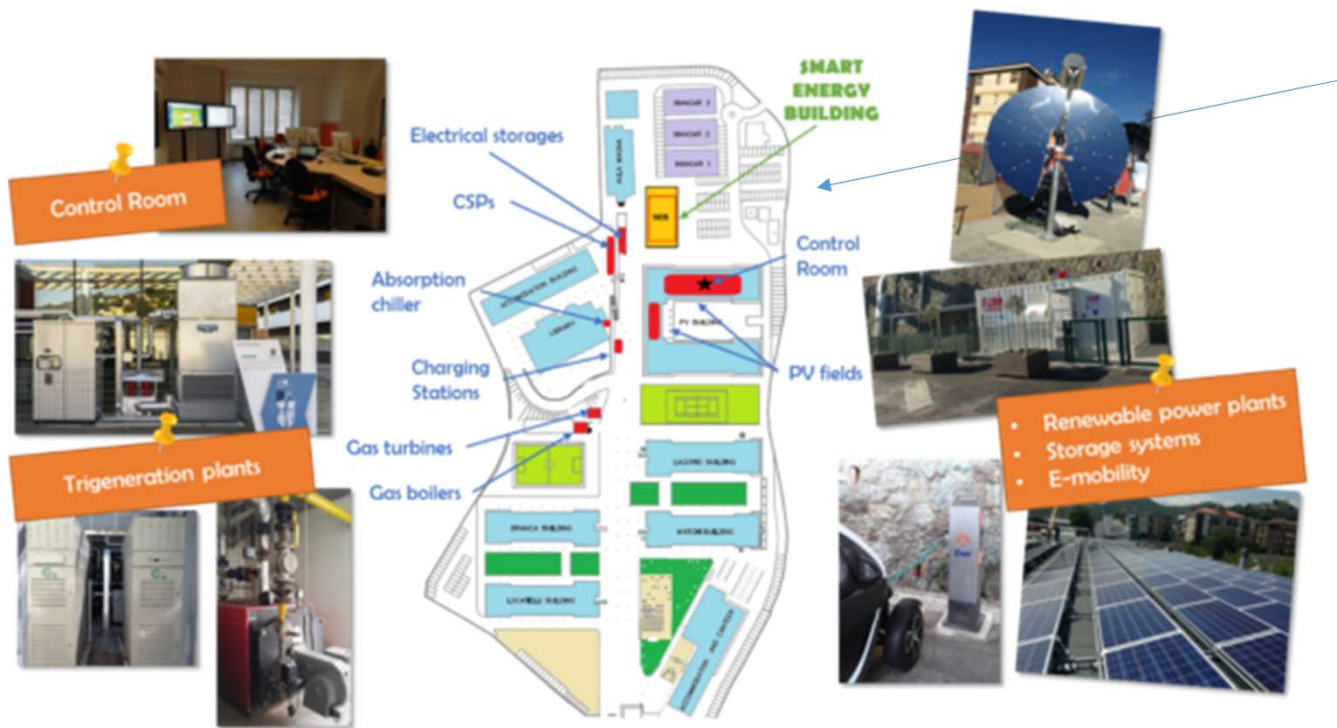
## **TESTING FACILITIES** - <http://www.tpg.unige.it/TPG/ies-laboratory/>

- PEMFC Test facilities (Ballard, Nuvera, Proton Motor systems already in-house – characterization of PEMFC performances with different load profiles – possibility to study marinization of PEMFC - HI-SEA Lab)
- Power-to-ammonia facility (small scale ammonia reactor, to use ammonia in a mGT – FLEXnCONFU Project)
- Metal hydrides storage test bench: characterization of hydrogen storage materials and their coupling with PEMFC
- SOFC-mGT Hybrid systems emulator: characterization of dynamic behaviour of the system

# TPG laboratories

## Grid

...the first Mediterranean Smart

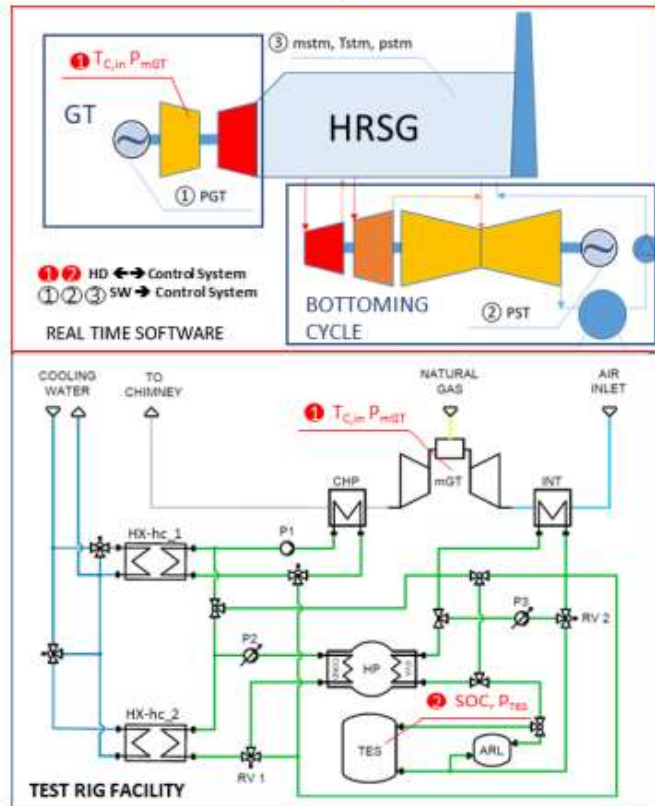


Innovative Energy Systems  
Laboratory

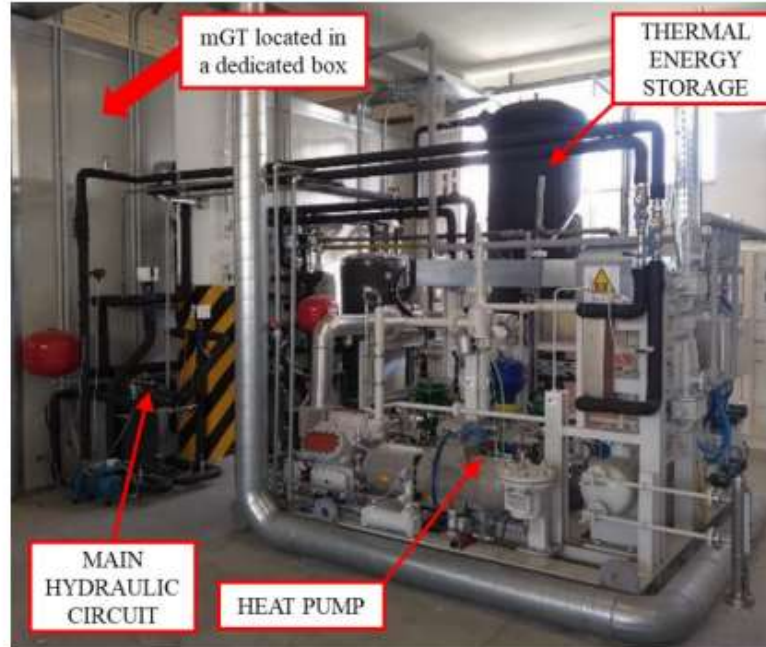
A Polygenerative Energy Hub (composed by different prime movers and storage, both electric and thermal) where to test new energy solutions and controllers coupled to local DHN and smart grid

# TPG laboratories

## CLOSED CYCLES (HPs – CBs) and TES LAB



### CYBER-PHYSICAL SETUP



**Performance Untapped  
Modulation for Power and  
Heat via Energy  
Accumulation Technologies**

### Equipment

mGT = 100 kWel

Heat Pump = 10 kWel

TES = 180 kWh (filled with water)

**Aim of the project:** to increase the flexibility and operative range of Combined Cycles through integration with HP and TES

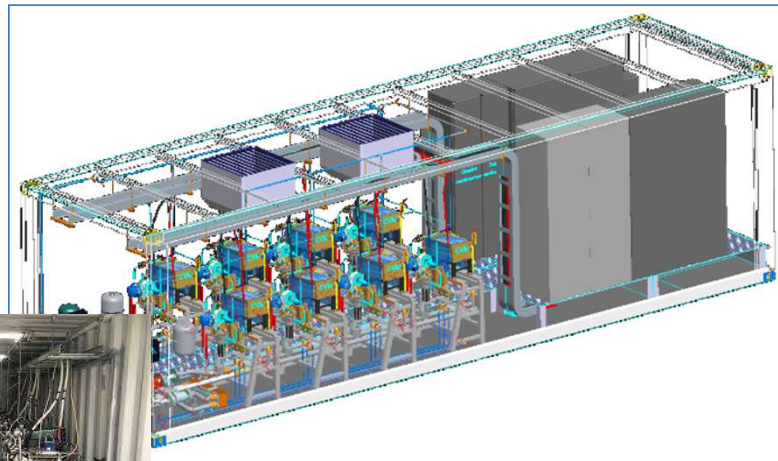
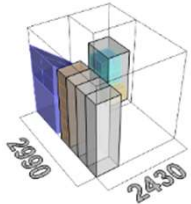




# TPG laboratories The FINCANTIERI Hi-Sea lab @ TPG

...since 2018

The largest PEM fuel cell laboratory systems of the world specifically designed for marine applications assessment



## Numbers

Fuel Cell Power 130kW + 130kW  
Two DC/DC converter 350-600 V  
One AC/DC 60kW

## Current operational achievements

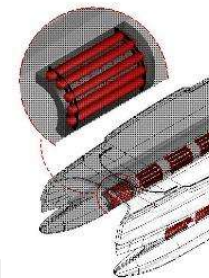
fuel cell H<sub>2</sub>/Air 30 kW  
fuel cell system H<sub>2</sub>/AIR of 130 kW  
fuel cell system H<sub>2</sub>/AIR of 130+130 kW  
operating series-parallel  
battery physical simulation  
fault simulation

## Basic Design

Assessment of Fuel Cell Systems for marine applications: Mega Yacht, Navy, Passenger Ships, Ferries

## System Sizing

Dynamic simulations of Fuel Cells and Metal Hydrides Storage systems coupling



## Genova HI-SEA

Hydrogen Initiative for Sustainable Energy Applications



H2 for Shipping but...not only! Ammonia, methanol etc.

# sCO<sub>2</sub> CYCLES: studies and experiences



SCO2OP-TES

HORIZON EUROPE PROJECTS

2019

2024

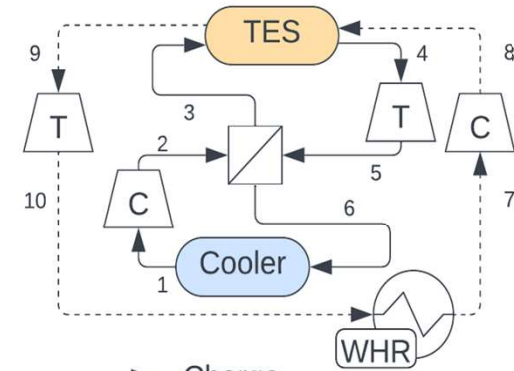
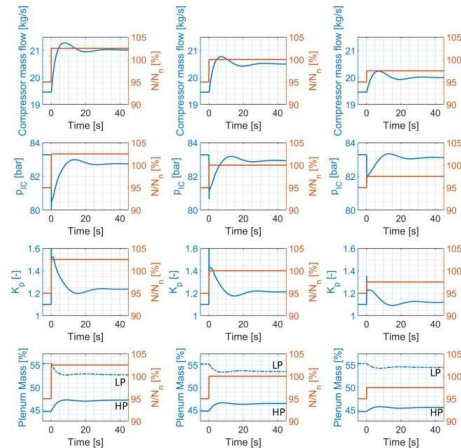
SCO2OP-TES project and targeting our own sCO<sub>2</sub> loop

2015

First activities in cooperation with NETL

Lambruschini, F, Liese, E, Zitney, SE, & Traverso, A. "Dynamic Model of a 10 MW Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Recompression Brayton Cycle." . <https://doi.org/10.1115/GT2016-56459>

SOLARSCO2OL PROJECT and full dynamics of sCO<sub>2</sub> power cycles



--- Charge  
 — Discharge



# HIGH TEMPERATURE HEAT PUMPS

## Studies and experiences



HORIZON EUROPE PROJECTS

2024

AIR DRIVEN HTHPs AND sCO<sub>2</sub> DRIVEN HTHPs STUDY (Mod and Exp)

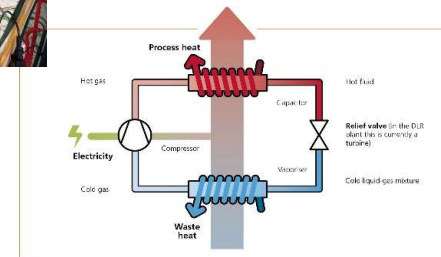
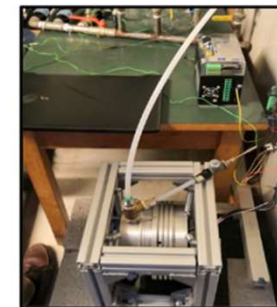
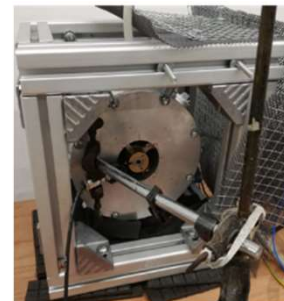


2018

BLADELESS TURBINES FOR HTHP AND STUDY OF COMPRESSOR DYNAMICS OF HTHPs

2016

PUMP HEAT PROJECT



# THERMAL STORAGE: studies and experiences

2023

INNOVATIVE DESIGN AND MATERIALS FOR TES



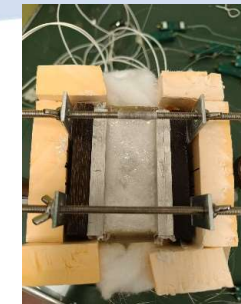
2020

PUMP HEAT PCM TES + HP

HORIZON EUROPE PROJECTS

2015

CERAMIC HIGH T TES FOR CSP



2012

Energy-Hub lab (SENSIBLE HOT WATER TANKS)

