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## Progetto Multi-Dominio per Smart Communities: Production, Energy Harvesting, Mobility & Security

Partners:

**UniGe** | Distretto Tecnologico Ligure sui  
Sistemi Intelligenti Integrati SIIT



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## Installazione di un cogeneratore a gas da 100 kWe e integrazione nella *Smart Polygeneration Grid* del Campus Universitario di Savona

Completato: Dicembre 2021

**PROGETTO COFINANZIATO  
DALL'UNIONE EUROPEA**  
**FONDO EUROPEO DI SVILUPPO REGIONALE**

POR LIGURIA FESR 2014-2020  
ASSE 1 - Ricerca ed Innovazione

# IES LAB: Innovative Energy Systems, FC & Hydrogen



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A Smart  
Polygeneration  
Microgrid (SPM)  
feeds the  
Campus and  
provides electric  
and thermal  
energy with a  
district heating  
network (DHN).

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*The power installed at the whole TPG lab is about 0.5MW, and also including high pressure hydrogen storages.*



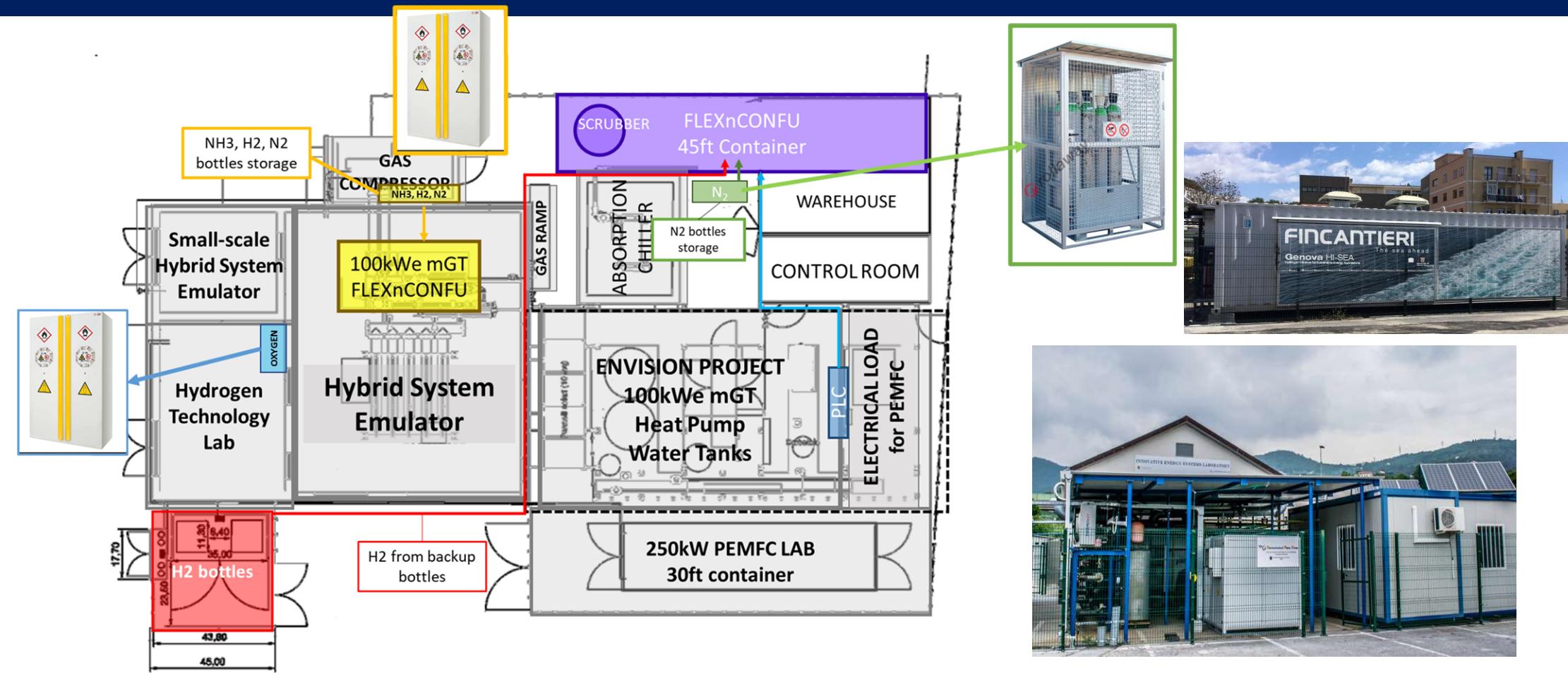
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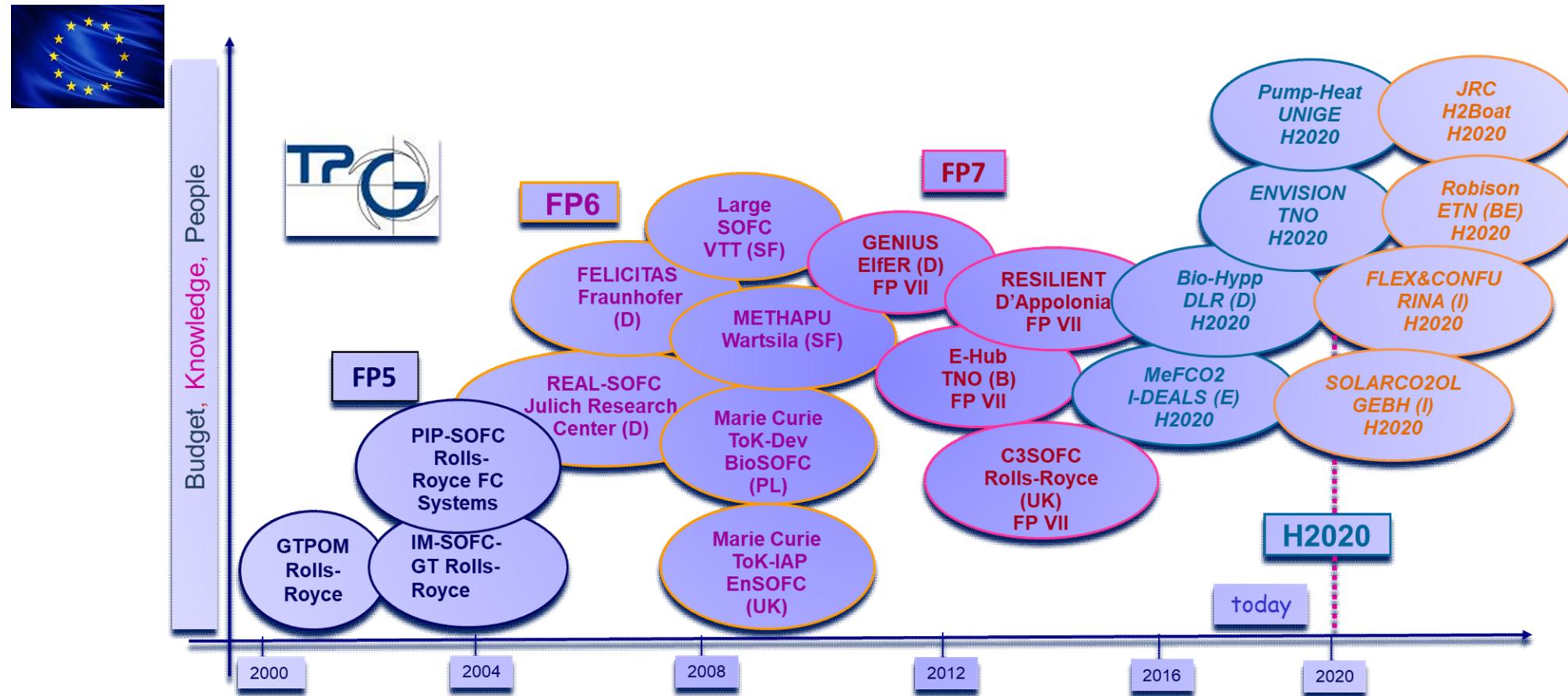
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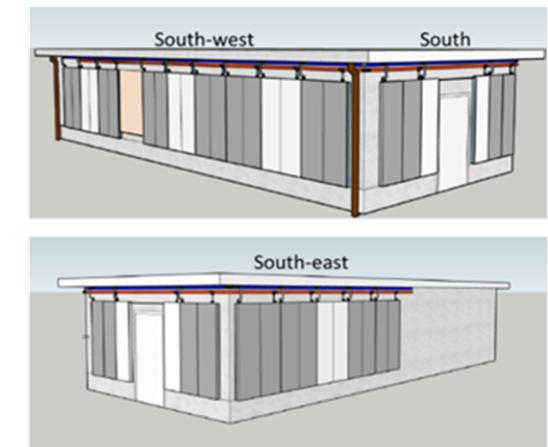
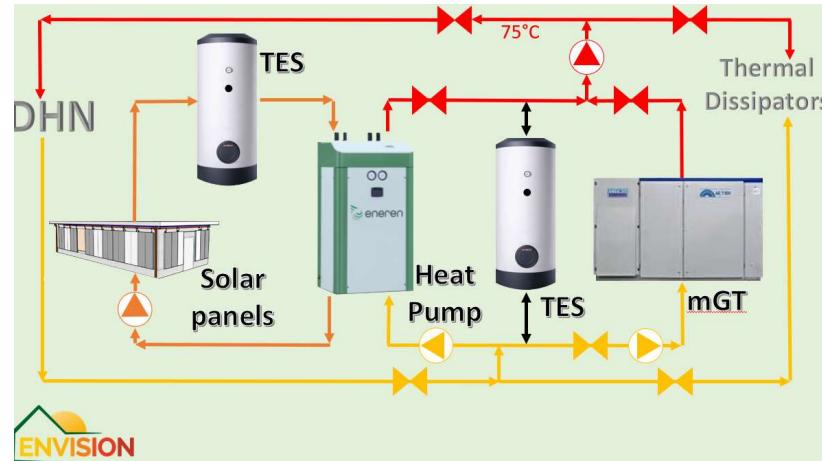
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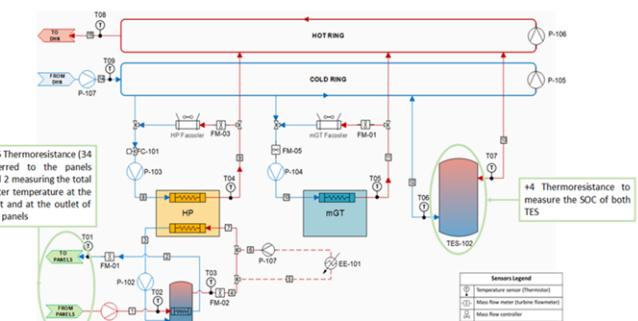


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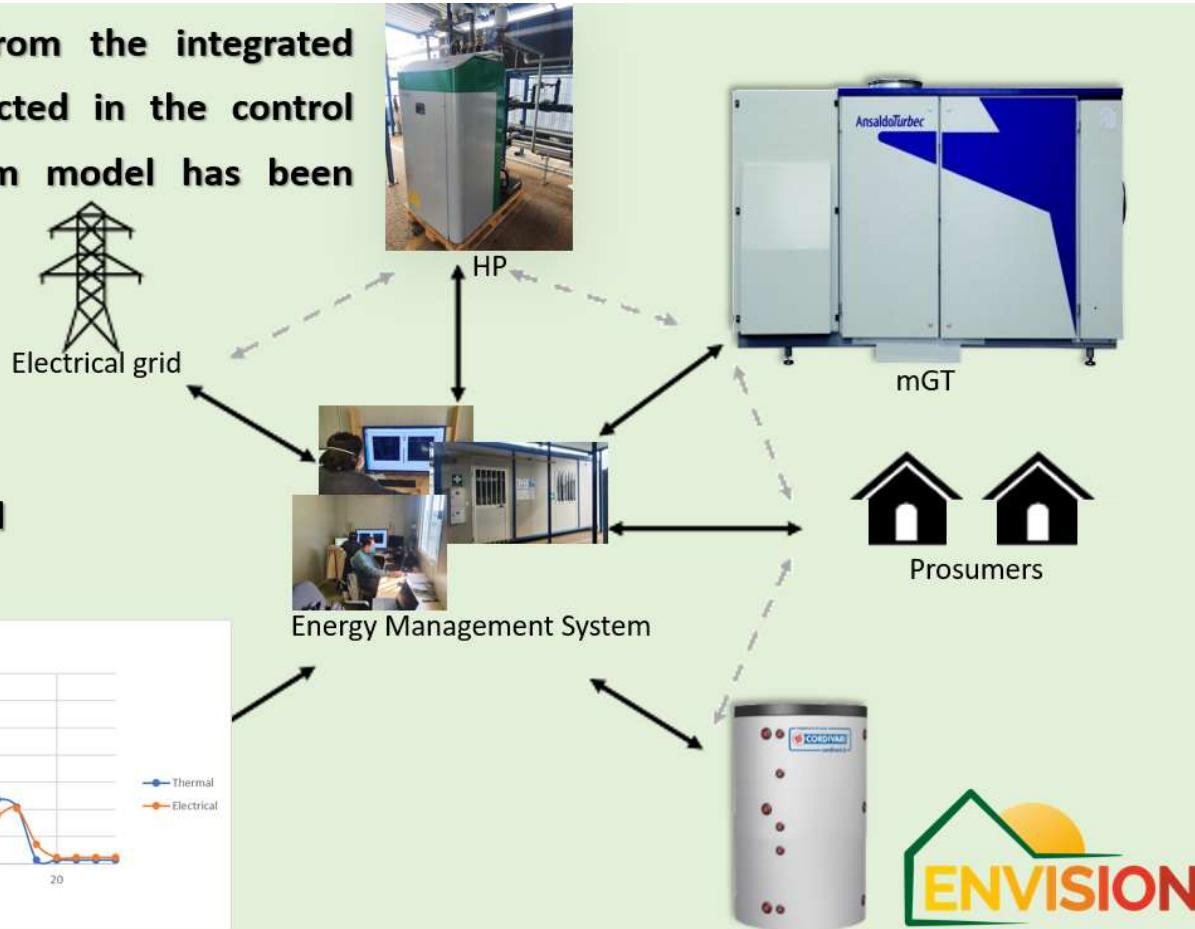
**'ENVISION' Solar Façade Panels**





All the data coming from the integrated system are finally collected in the control room where the system model has been implemented.

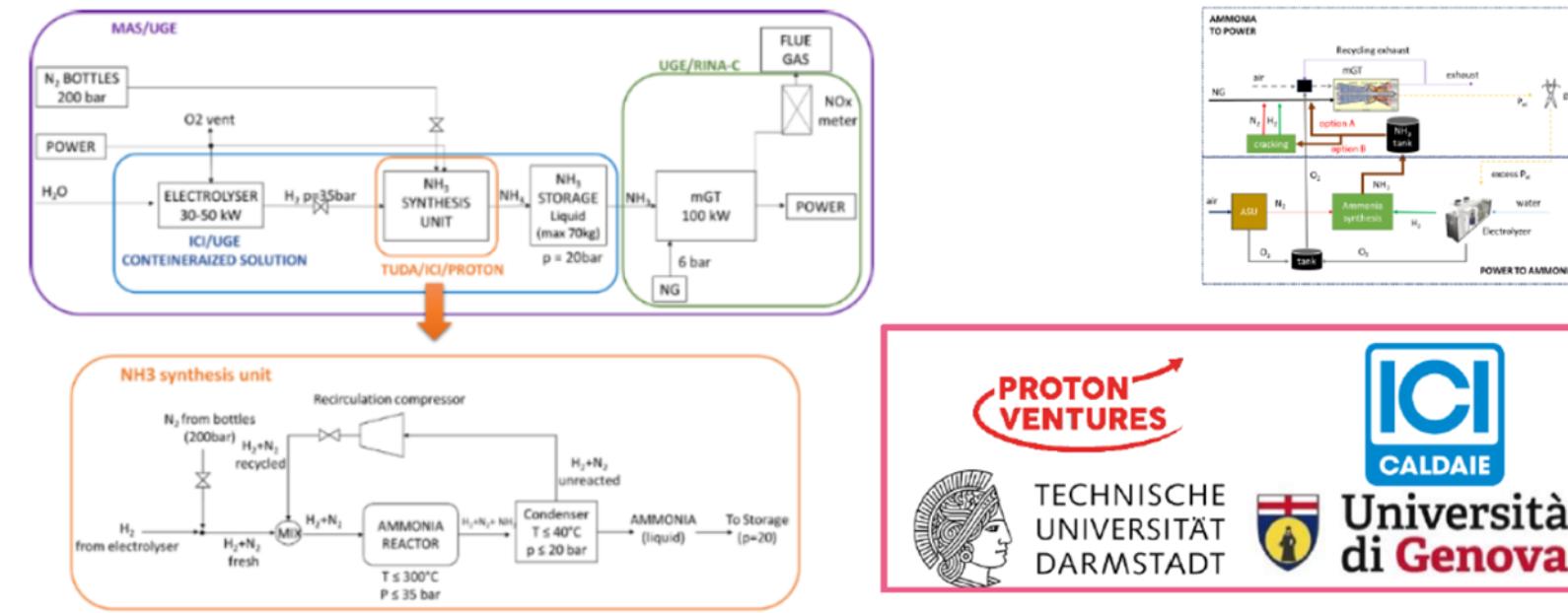
The whole model, including EMS, aims to simulate daily polygeneration micro-grid operation.





## POWER TO AMMONIA TEST RIG

- Study the use of ammonia as hydrogen carrier, using a micro gas turbine
- A modular and containerized solution will be connected to an existing mGT, installed within a smart grid, properly modified for ammonia combustion.



*This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 884157*





**Test rig and  
Experimental activities**

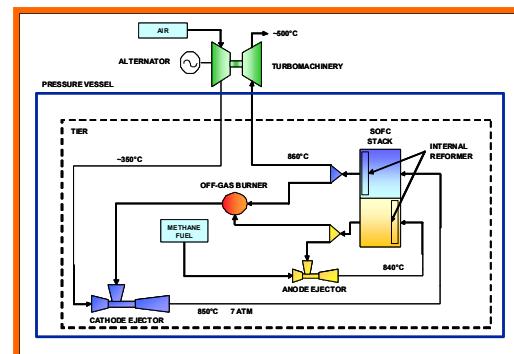


**Fuel Cell Systems**  
**University Technology Centre**

**Università degli Studi di Genova** **Rolls-Royce**

Thermochemical Power Group <http://www.tpg.unige.it>

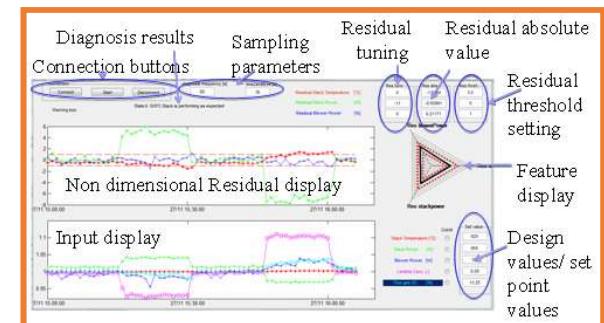
Rolls-Royce is a global provider of power systems and funds research at the University of Genoa



## Performance and Transient Analisys: Component and System Modelling and validation



## Monitoring and Diagnosis: On-line FDI Algorithm



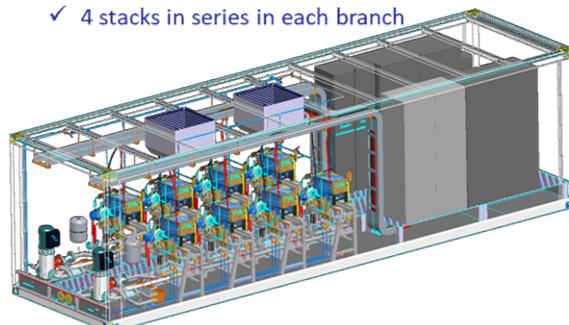
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## HI-SEA Laboratory: Hydrogen Initiative for Sustainable Energy Application

- Rising interest in fuel cell technology for automotive applications and shipping
- HI-SEA Joint Laboratory between Fincantieri and University of Genoa: specific for assessment of FC technology in shipping
- Test rig TRL 5
  - ✓ 8 PEMFC stacks supplied by Nuvera Fuel Cells
  - ✓ ~30 kW per FC stack → **250 kW system**
  - ✓ 2 independent branches with DC/DC
  - ✓ 4 stacks in series in each branch



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PEM-FC PLANT  
Stacks power 130 kW + 130 kW  
Two DC/DC converters 350-600 V  
AC/DC 60 kW



### STUDIES

Single PEM stack of 30 kW  
PEM-FC system H<sub>2</sub>/AIR of 260 kW  
Series/parallel operation  
Battery simulation  
Fault simulation



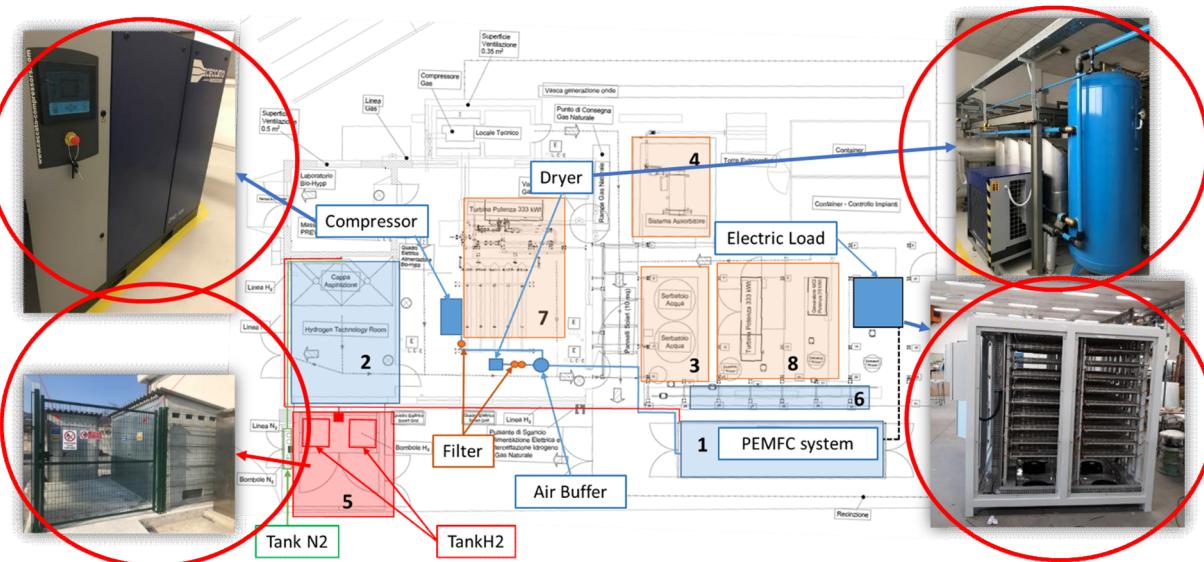


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Laboratorio congiunto UniGE – Fincantieri, operativo dal 2016

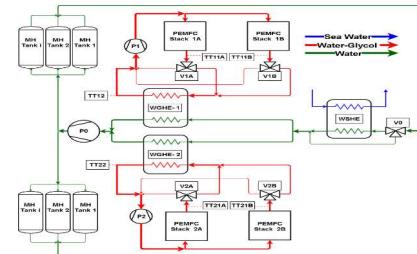
- **240 kW di PEM fuel cells alimentate a idrogeno**
- Design del sistema per applicazioni marine
- Commissioning del sistema, perfezionamento componenti ausiliari
- Test in condizioni statiche, dinamiche e simulazioni di vari profili di carico
- Definizione di procedura di recupero da inattività e definizione di protocolli di prova per PEMFC navali

- Modelli dinamici per integrazione termica di PEM Fuel Cells e sistema di stoccaggio H<sub>2</sub> in idruri metallici.
- Analisi per condizioni operative in ambito navale (**imbarcazione ZEUS, progetto PON TecBia**)



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## Progetto PON TECBIA (2019-2022)

- Laboratorio H<sub>2</sub> UniGe
- **Test di sistema PEM Fuel Cells (70 kW) alimentate a H<sub>2</sub> e batterie che saranno installate a bordo della nave Fincantieri ZEUS**
- Test in condizioni statiche e dinamiche per Fuel Cell
- Integrazione tra Fuel Cells e batterie per profilo di carico navale



## The Zero Emission Ultimate Ship (ZEUS)

The First H<sub>2</sub> PEMFC Propulsion Italian ship

TPG-UNIGE is partner in the National funded **TecBIA** project (2018-2022), which aims to build the **ZEUS** research vessel and study low environmental impact technologies for on-board clean energy production:

- 25-metre length and **170 tons** weight
- diesel engine
- **144 kW PEMFCs fed by pure H<sub>2</sub>**
- Hydrogen stored in **metal hydrides (50 kg)**
- **150 kWh** of Lithium-ion **batteries**



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DEI MATERIALI E DELLA PRODUZIONE INDUSTRIALE



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## Integrated testing of ZEUS systems

### Main tests

- ✓ Startup of single components
- ✓ Communication with control system
- ✓ FC test – constant and dynamic load
- ✓ BAT test – charge, discharge, load following
- ✓ Parallel test – FC and BAT

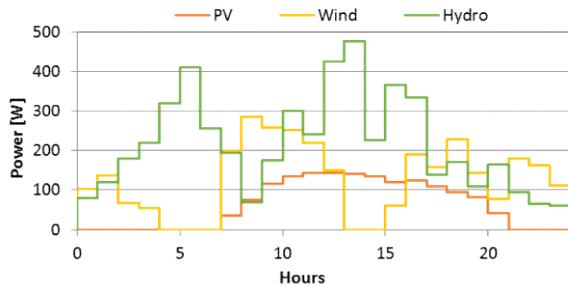


# TPG spinoff company – H2Boat



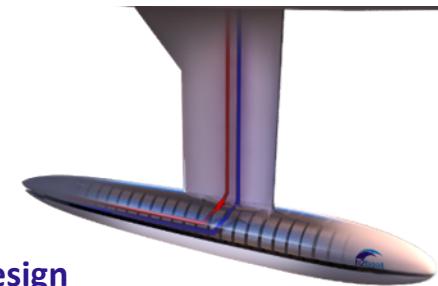
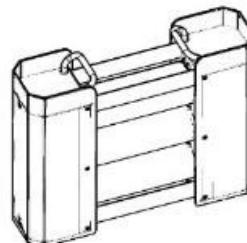
## Hydrogen to Boat

is an innovative system designed to provide electrical energy for auxiliary systems and also for the propulsion of sailboat up to 40 ft (12 m).



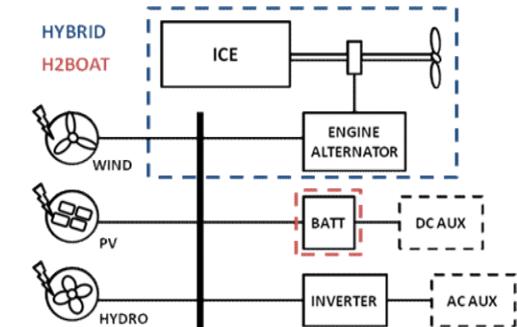
## RES

Dynamic analysis of RES production onboard boats



## Patented Design

Special Metal Hydride hydrogen storage system integrated inside the keel for sailboats



## H2Boat solution

Design and analysis of electric systems for sailboats through dynamic simulations, laboratory test campaign and prototypes construction

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