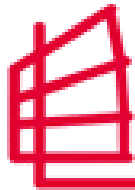


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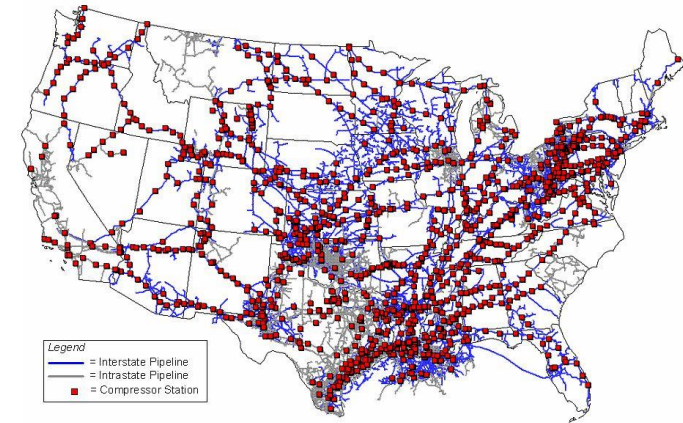
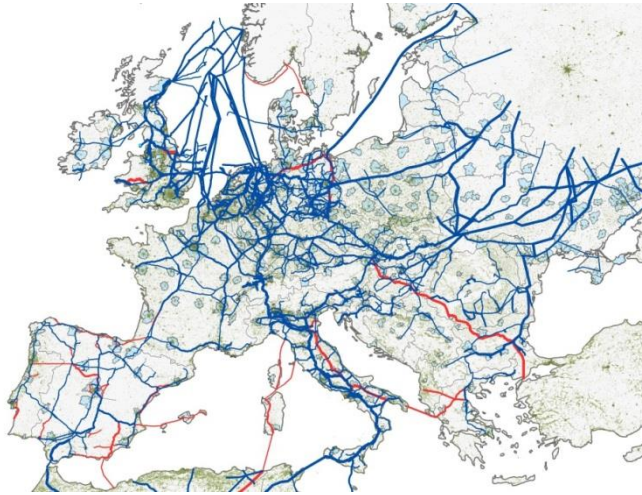
# ***OUTLINES OF THE STUDY***

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- ❖ **BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION**
- ❖ **OBJECTIVES**
- ❖ **GTs-ORC CONFIGURATIONS: DIRECT EVA, WITH IHTF**
- ❖ **ASSUMPTIONS & BOUNDARY CONDITIONS FOR ORC DESIGN**
- ❖ **TECHNO-ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE RESULTS BASED ON YEARLY GTs 1 min. DATA OPERATION**
- ❖ **CONCLUSIONS**

# BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION:

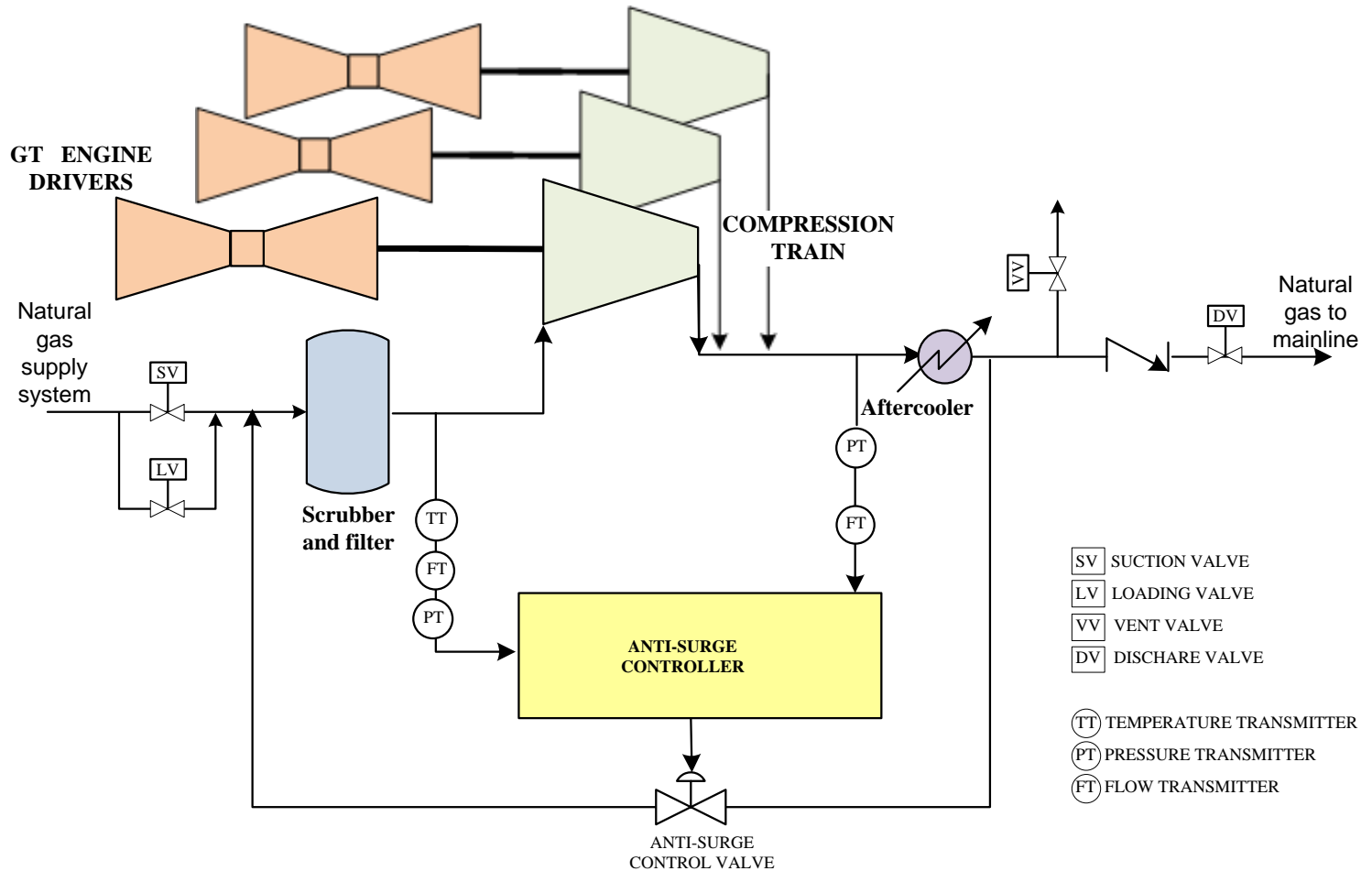
## NG network potential



- **CSs represent a fundamental element of NG transport system: cost of compression can reach 50 % of total transmission cost** [*Mercado et al. – Applied Energy, 2015*];
- in the decade (1996-2006), + **26 %** in **CSs installed power**, + **19 %** in throughput **capacity** to reduce environmental footprint and accommodate higher volume of NG [*EIA-report*];
- **Huge energy recovery potential in the NG transmission sector: 1300 MWe recoverable with ORC** applied to NG CSs (European market), energy generation up to 10.43 TWh/year, 3.7 million tons avoided GHG emissions and 934 million \$/year of avoided energy costs [*Campana et al. - Energy Conversion and Management, 2013*]

# BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION

## basic components of a NG CS facility



# BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION:

## *characteristics of GTs in O&G sector*

GTs WIDELY USED IN O&G SECTOR FOR POWER GENERATION & MECHANICAL DRIVE

APPLICATIONS: Why differentiate O&G Gas turbines from other applications?

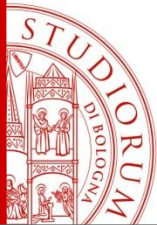
### OIL & GAS REQUIREMENTS:

- AVAILABILITY/RELIABILITY : redundant capacity installed to ensure the necessary reserve power
- RUGGEDNESS
- HIGH POWER/WEIGHT RATIO
- EFFICIENCY NOT VERY CRITICAL: significant portion of primary energy discharged into atmosphere

### INDUSTRIAL POWER GENERATION REQUIREMENTS:

- COST OF ELECTRICITY
- EFFICIENCY
- COST OF O&M

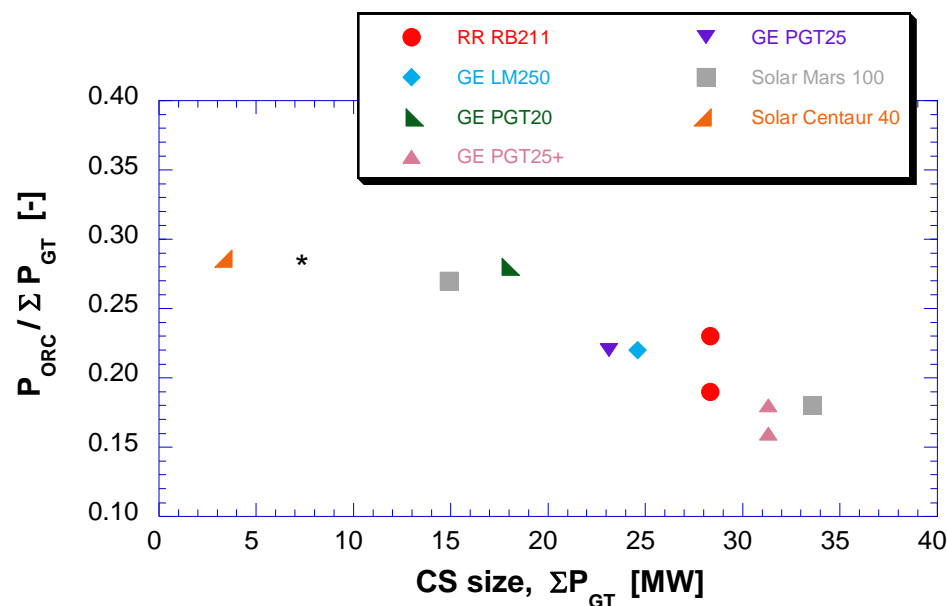




# BACKGROUND & INTRODUCTION:

## Operative ORC in NG CS

Pipeline Name*	Location	GT model	GT/ORC Size [MW]
TransCanada	Gold Creek, Alberta	Rolls Royce RB211	28.3 / 6.5
Nortner Border	St. Anthony, North Dakota		28.3 / 5.5
	Wetonka, South Dakota		
	Clark, South Dakota		
	Estelline, South Dakota		
	Manning, North Dakota		
	Zeeland, North Dakota		
	CS6, North Dakota		
	Culbertson, Montana		
Garvin, Minnesota			
CS 13, Minnesota			
Alliance	Kerrobot, Saskatchewan	GE LM2500	24.6 / 5.5
	Loreburn, Saskatchewan		
	Estlin, Saskatchewan		
	Alameda, Saskatchewan		
Spectra	Mile House, British Columbia	GE PGT 20	17.9 / 5.0
	Savona, British Columbia		
Alliance	Irma, Alberta	GE PGT 25+	31.3 / 5.5
Spectra	Australian, British Columbia		31.3 / 5.0
Spectra	Summit Lake, British Columbia	GE PGT 25	23.1 / 5.0
	Hixon, British Columbia		
Trailblazer	Peetz, Colorado	Solar Mars 100	14.9 / 4.0
Kern River	Goodspring, Nevada		33.6 / 6.0
Alliance	Windfall, Alberta		- / 14
	Morinville, Alberta		- / 5.5
TransGas**	Saskatchaewan	Solar Centaur 40	3.4 / 1.0



\*E. Macchi, M. Astolfi, *Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) Power Systems- Technologies and Applications*, Woodhead publishing series in Energy, Elsevier, 2017, ISBN: 978-0-08-100510-1

\*\* Turboden data

## ***OBJECTIVES***

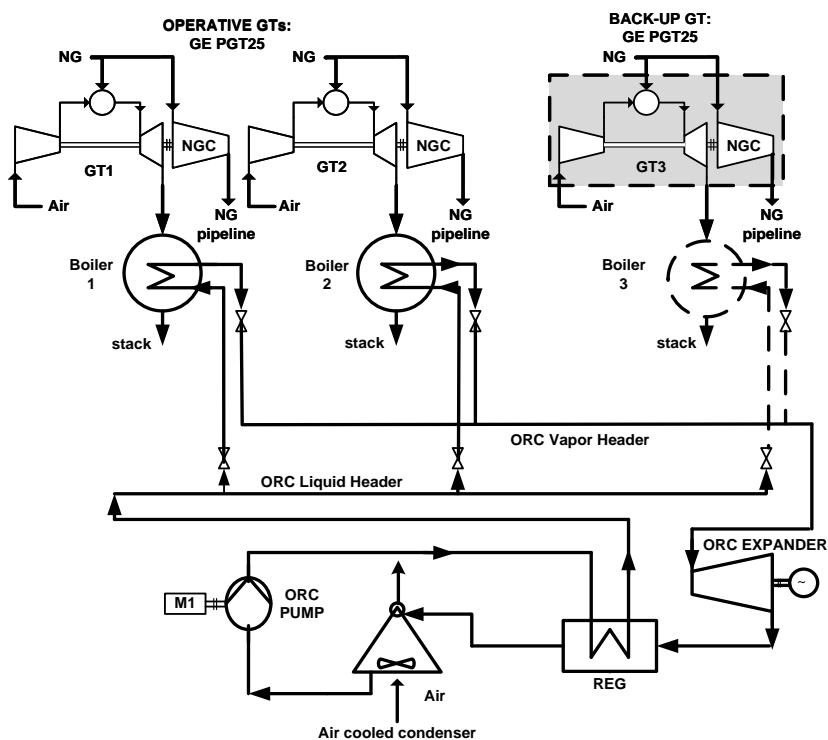
### ***ANALYZE THE ENERGETIC-ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF ORC AS BOTTOMER CYCLE OF A 50 MW NG COMPRESSION STATION, UNDER ACTUAL GTs OPERATION.***

- TWO DIFFERENT GTs-ORC CONFIGURATIONS (WITH/WITHOUT INTERMEDIATE FLUID) DESIGNED AND THERMODYNAMIC PERFORMANCE IDENTIFIED.
- TAKING INTO ACCOUNT GTs PART-LOAD BEHAVIOR DURING THE YEAR, ORC OFF-DESIGN OPERATION ARE ESTIMATED.
- ENERGETIC, ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, YEARLY BASE, IS CARRIED OUT TO SHOW THE FEASIBILITY OF ORC.

# GTs-ORC CONFIGURATIONS

## DIRECT HEAT EXCHANGE

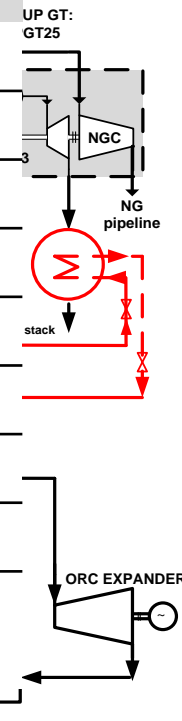
GTs SELECTED



## GE PGT25

Shaft power [kW]	23684
Electric power [kW]	23109
GT shaft/electric efficiency [%]	37.1 / 36.2
Fuel input power [kW]	63810
Pressure ratio [-]	18
Exhaust gas temperature [°C]	542
Exhaust gas mass flow [kg/s]	69
Specific work [kJ/kg]	340
Available heat in exhaust $Q_{AVA}$ (@ 15°C) [kW]	46102

## ORC





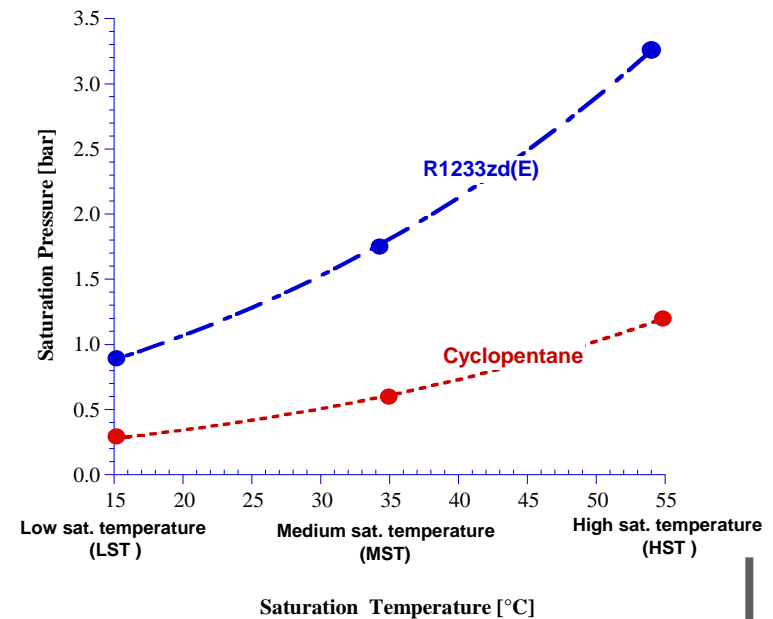


# GTs-ORC DESIGN ANALYSIS: *preliminary investigations for optimum*

Preliminary parametric investigation on ORC as bottomer on NG CS facilities to analyze:

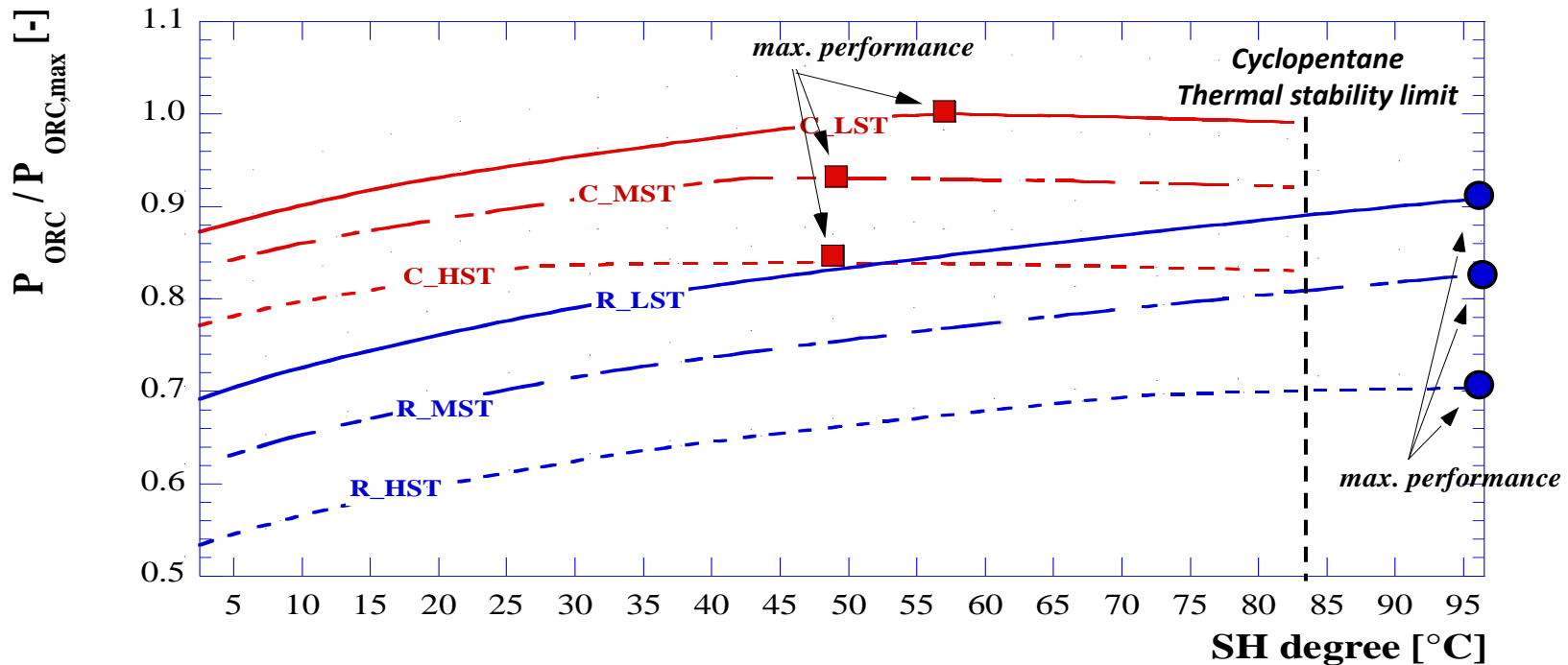
- different organic fluids analyzed: **Cyclopentane**, **Cyclohexane**, refrigerant fluid **R1233zd(E)** etc.
- different condensation conditions analyzed: low, medium, high saturation temperature
- Influence of superheating degree values, according to fluids thermal stability limits, to identify max. ORC performance

Organic fluid property	Cyclopentane	R1233zd(E)
Molar weight [kg/kmol]	70.13	130.50
Critical Pressure [bar]	45.1	37.7
Critical Temperature [°C]	238.6	165.6
Normal Boiling point [°C]	49.3	18.3
Thermal stability limit [°C]	300	250
Flamability risk	Flammable	None
GWP [-]	0	1
ODP [-]	0	0.0003





# GTs-ORC DESIGN ANALYSIS: preliminary investigations for optimum



## Discussion:

- positive effect on  $P_{ORC}$  of low condensation temperature (max. values in LST case);
- depending on organic fluid, max. performance recorded for different SH degree values;
- Refrigerant shows a monotonic increase of power output values with SH degree while cyclopentane max. performance achieved for values close to 50 °C, considerably lower than thermal stability limit

# GTs-ORC DESIGN ASSUMPTIONS

## GTs-ORC DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS:

based on literature survey and Turboden experience on 10 MW ORC size

GT load [% of nameplate capacity]	80	HE pressure drop, IHTF/ gas side [bar]	1.5/0.015
Inlet/outlet duct pressure losses [mbar]	10	REG effectiveness [%]	85
Minimum GT stack temperature [°C]	150	REG pressure drop ORC liquid/vapour side [bar]	1/0.55
ORC working fluid	Cyclopentane	Subcooling ORC outlet condenser [°C]	5
IHTF assumed	Therminol 66	Condensation temperature [°C]	35
ORC expander isentropic efficiency [%]	0.85	Condenser pressure drop, organic fluid side [bar]	0.1
ORC evaporative pressure-critical pressure ratio [-]	0.76	Air draft losses [mbar]	2
ORC max. superheating degree [°C]	96.5	Heat exchangers thermal loss [%]	1
Boiler pressure drop, organic fluid/ IHTF/gas side [bar]	2/1/0.015	Electro/mechanical efficiency [%]	97
IHTF maximum temperature [°C]	315	Pumps mechanical efficiency [%]	80
IHTF loop max. pressure [bar]	15	Pumps/Fun nominal isentropic efficiency [%]	60
pressure drop in IHTF loop [bar]	2	Miscellaneous GT aux. load [% of GTs power]	0.7

- ✓ ORC bottomer cycle design with **GTs @ 80% of nameplate capacity**
- ✓ **Cyclopentane** and **Therminol 66** assumed as organic and intermediate fluids
- ✓ **Subcritical ORC** cycle condition with **superheating**
- ✓ **Air cooled condenser** assumed
- ✓ **Pressure and heat losses** accounted

# ORC DESIGN RESULTS

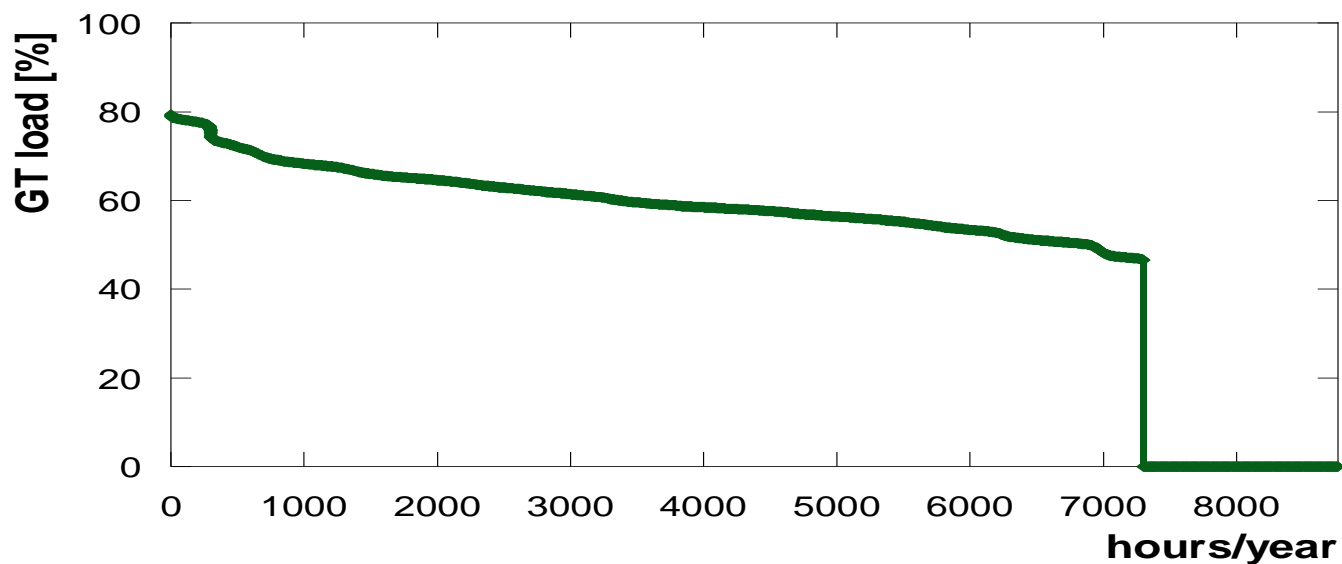
ORC Performance results @ design conditions	DHE CASE	IHTF CASE
Bottomer cycle thermal power input [kW]	46856	47294
ORC turbine inlet pressure [bar]	34	34
ORC turbine inlet temperature [°C]	280	250
Condenser pressure [bar]	0.61	0.61
ORC fluid mass flow rate [kg/s]	80	84
IHTF inlet/outlet temperatures [°C]	-	130/315
IHTF fluid mass flow rate [kg/s]	-	112
ORC gross electric power [kW]	12039	11433
ORC Specific power [kJ/kg]	155	140
Thermal power to condenser [kW]	34593	35436
Turbine expansion pressure ratio [-]	56	56
Turbine expansion volume ratio [-]	35	38
Organic fluid/IHTF pumps consumptions [kW]	728/-	739/185
Air cooled condenser fun consumptions [kW]	953	977
<b>Net ORC electric power output [kW]</b>	<b>11311</b>	<b>10509</b>
<b>Net ORC electric efficiency [-]</b>	<b>0.241</b>	<b>0.222</b>

# GTs OPERATION IN A NG CS

To predict bottomer yearly performance operation



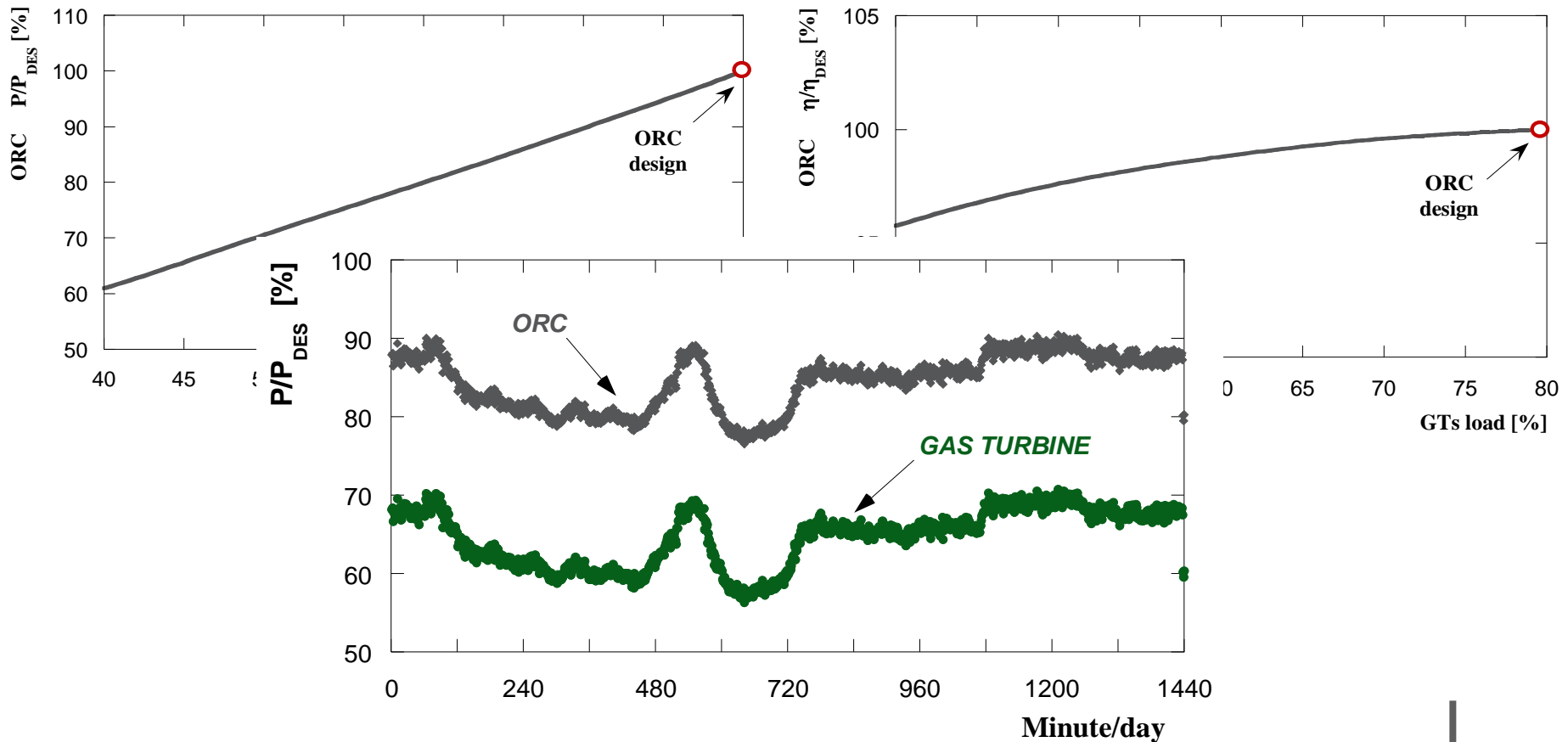
Real 1 min. data of GT working as mechanical driver in a NG CS



- ✓ PART LOAD OPERATION FOR 7300 h/y
- ✓ UNITS OPERATED BETWEEN 80 – 60 % OF NAMEPLATE CAPACITY FOR 4000 h/y

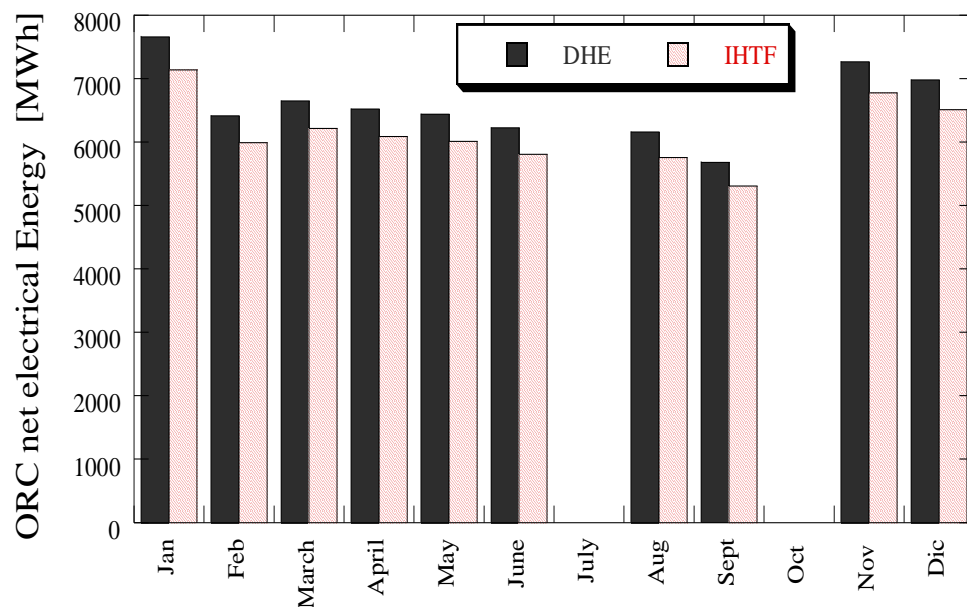
# ORC OFF-DESIGN PERFORMANCE BEHAVIOUR

ORC off-design operation estimated through power output & efficiency curves as function of GT load (DHE layout)



# GTs-ORC YEARLY PERFORMANCE RESULTS

Yearly results of ORC operation	DHE	IHTF
Average net Power output during operative hours [kW]	9084	8475
Average net electric efficiency during operative hours [-]	0.238	0.220
Generated net electrical energy [GWh/year]	66.03	61.60
Equivalent operating hours [h]	5838	5862
NG Primary energy saved [GWh/year]	182	170
CO <sub>2</sub> saved [tons/year]	36080	33661

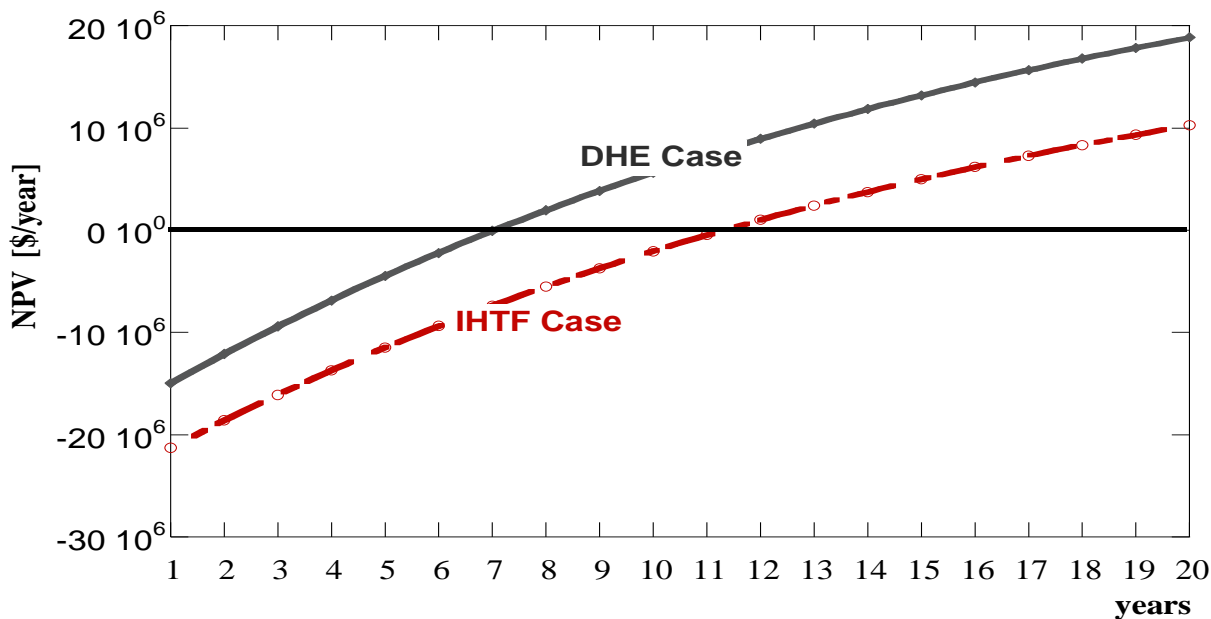


# ECONOMIC RESULTS

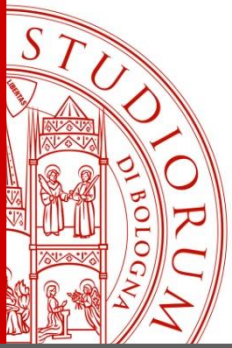
$$NPV = \sum_{i=1}^n M_a \frac{R_i}{(1+q)^i} - I_{TOT}$$

**Annual incomes** represented by **fuel savings** (0,09 \$/Sm<sup>3</sup>) and **avoided CO<sub>2</sub> taxes** (56 \$/t)

**Total Investment costs** depending on layouts  
**DHE 1500 \$/kW** and **IHTF 2000 \$/kW**

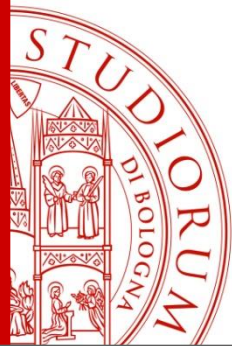






## CONCLUSIONS

- a detailed techno-economic feasibility study of two different ORC configurations, as energy recovery technologies to be implemented in a 50 MW NG CS, has been performed.
- performance of the ORC cycle have been evaluated, based on the NG CS real demand data, taking into account the bottomer off-design operation.
- obtained results show that the direct heat exchange layout enables the saving of more than 182 GWh of fuel per year, generating up to 66 GWh/year of additional net electrical energy. The total amount of CO<sub>2</sub> saved is up to  $36 \cdot 10^3$  tons/year.
- performed economic analysis, based on the NPV method, shows that the ORC investment costs can be recovered within 7 years of CS operation in case of DHE. Pay-back time is increased up to 11 years in case of IHTE.
- performed investigation confirmed the ORC as a techno-economic profitable industrial technology, capable to recover significant amount of wasted heat in NG compression facilities.



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