

# **Turboden a servizio della sostenibilità: ORC e Pompe di Calore da fonti geotermiche**

*Innovazione e Sostenibilità per la Geotermia del Futuro*

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## OUR MISSION

We provide unique, reliable and advanced technologies founded on our core proprietary turbomachinery, with the aim of maximizing the value of renewable resources and energy efficiency.

## SINCE 1980

Turboden is an Italian firm and a global leader in the design, manufacture, and maintenance of Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) systems, highly suitable for distributed generation, which produce electric and thermal power exploiting multiple sources.



# SUMMARY

- TURBODEN COMPANY PROFILE
- TURBODEN ORC
- TURBODEN LHP
- REFERENCES

# 1. TURBODEN COMPANY PROFILE: MILESTONES

1<sup>st</sup> ORC prototype.

1<sup>st</sup> ORC geothermal plant.

Turboden becomes leader in Europe with its biomass plants.

Turboden launches new products, LHP and EXP

'60-'70

1976

1980

1988

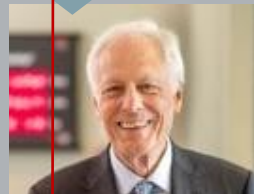
'90-2000

2000-2009

2013

2019

2020



Prof. Mario Gaia makes experience in the field of ORC within his research group at Politecnico di Milano.

Prof. Mario Gaia founds Turboden.

Turboden enters geothermal, waste heat recovery and solar markets.

MHI acquires the majority of Turboden.

1990

2000

2010

2020

ORC SIZES AVAILABLE  
ORC PLANTS INSTALLED

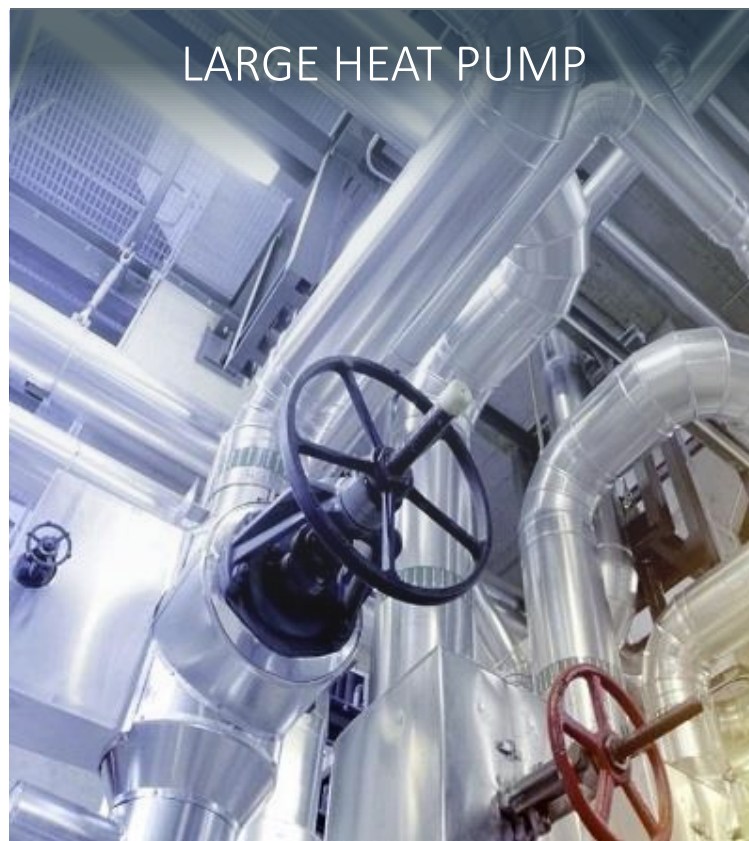
300 kW  
1

1 - 2 - 4 MW  
100

5 - 8 - 10 MW  
220

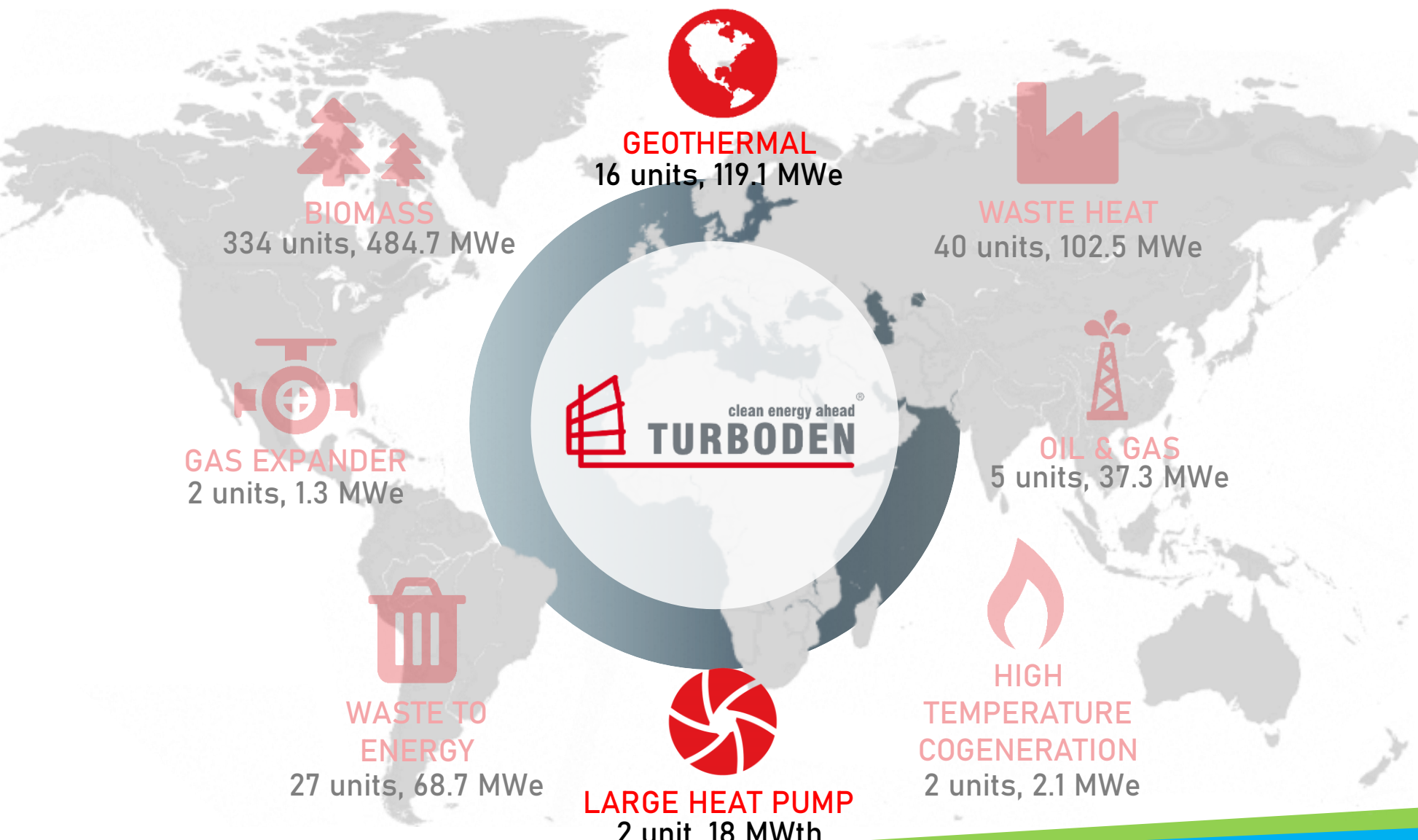
20 MW  
400+

# 1. TURBODEN COMPANY PROFILE: PRODUCTS



Designed for decarbonisation.

# 1. TURBODEN COMPANY PROFILE: GLOBAL AND PROVEN EXPERIENCE



Experience in over  
**50**  
countries

With  
**430+**  
installations

Installed power  
**830+ MWe**

Electric power generated  
**25 thousand**  
GWh

Cumulative operation time  
**19 million**  
hours

Average availability  
**98.4%**

Last update: February 2023

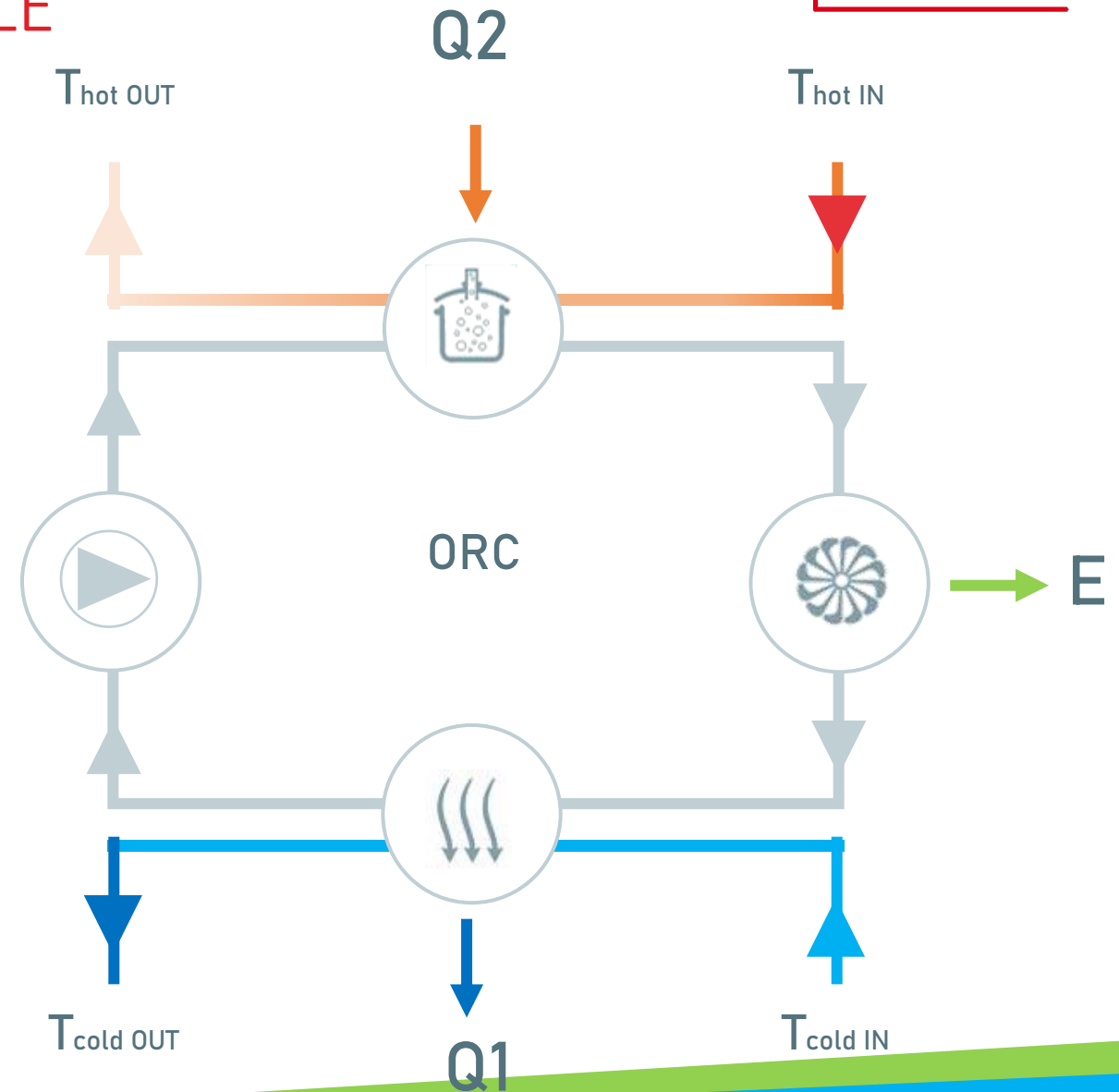


## 2. TURBODEN ORC: THE ORC CYCLE

Differently from the conventional geothermal steam turbines, the ORC process uses low-to-high enthalpy geothermal fluid ( $T_{hot,IN} \rightarrow T_{hot,OUT}$ ) to preheat and vaporize a suitable organic working fluid within a closed loop:

- The organic fluid vapor rotates the turbine, which is coupled to the electric generator (E).
- The exhaust vapor flows through the condenser, which is cooled by air or water ( $T_{cold,IN} \rightarrow T_{cold,OUT}$ ).
- The organic working fluid is then pumped again, thus completing the closed-cycle operation.

In such way the ORC turbine is not in contact with the geothermal fluid, which remains enclosed in the heat exchangers, allowing a full reinjection of all the brine and steam condensate with zero emissions to the ambient.



## 2. TURBODEN ORC: BENEFITS



### Simplicity

- ✓ Remote monitoring and automatic operation
- ✓ No water use and treatment required
- ✓ Minimal maintenance activities



### Flexibility

- ✓ Ease of integration
- ✓ Excellent part load capability down to 10% load
- ✓ Different primary energy sources



### Dependability

- ✓ High availability
- ✓ Long life (> 25 years)
- ✓ 40 years in the design and production of turbomachinery



### Sustainability

- ✓ Core system for renewable energy and energy efficiency
- ✓ Clean generation of power and heat
- ✓ Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



## 2. TURBODEN ORC: EXPERIENCE

Experience in delivering EPC / full turn-key solutions

Thermodynamic process and control philosophy designed by Turboden

Air Cooled Condenser designed and manufactured in-house

Heat Exchangers designed in-house, worldwide supply chain

Capability to design Resource Gathering System

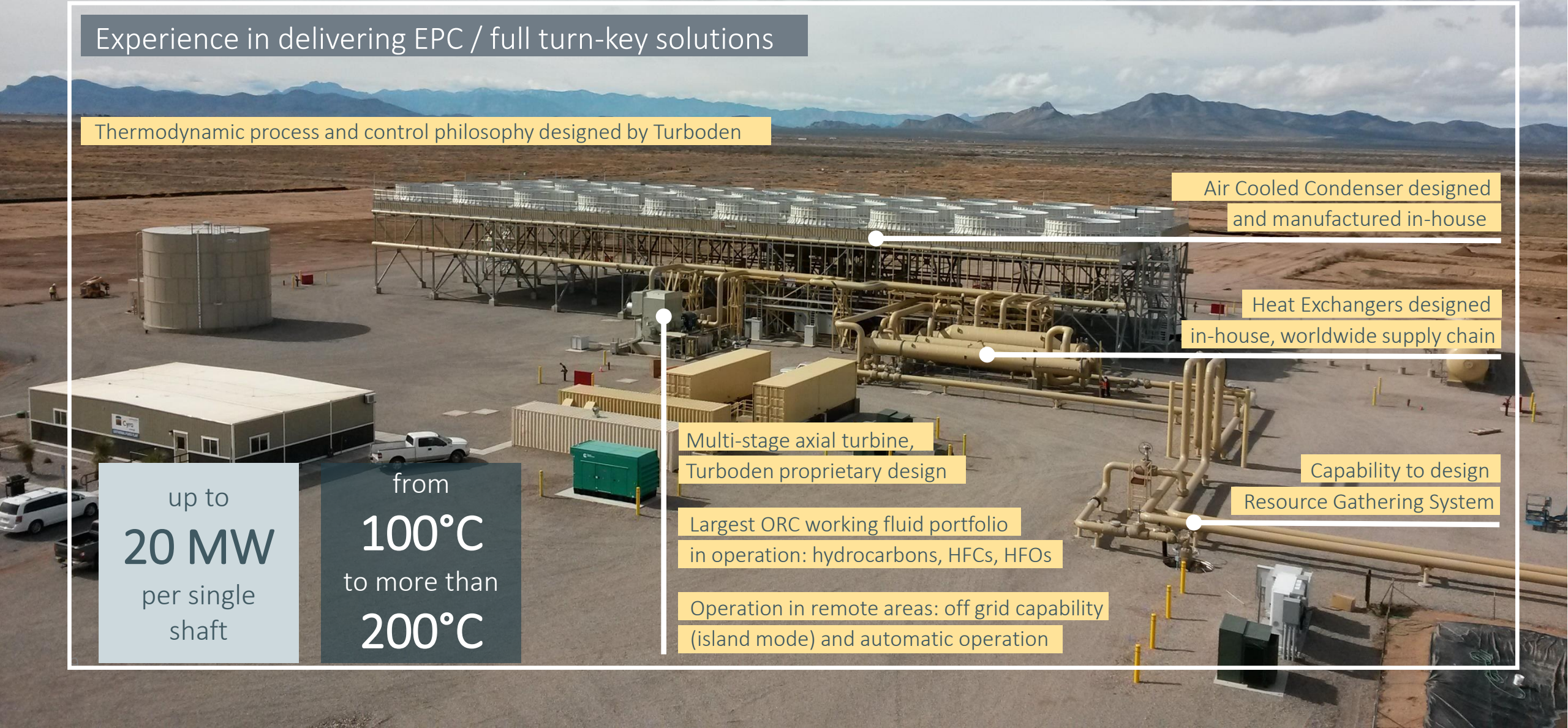
Multi-stage axial turbine, Turboden proprietary design

Largest ORC working fluid portfolio in operation: hydrocarbons, HFCs, HFOs

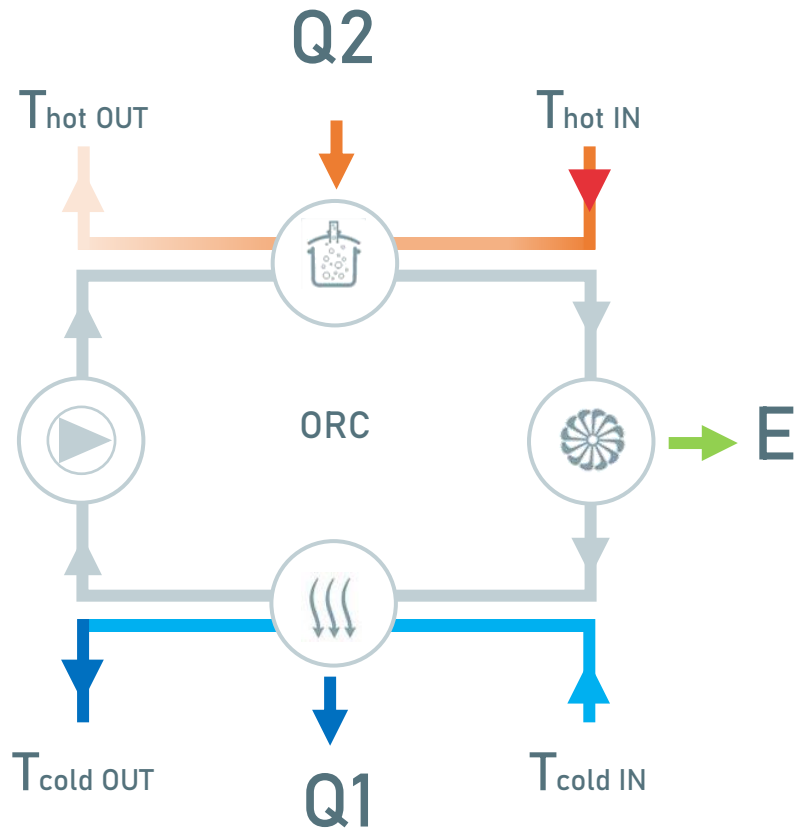
Operation in remote areas: off grid capability (island mode) and automatic operation

up to  
**20 MW**  
per single shaft

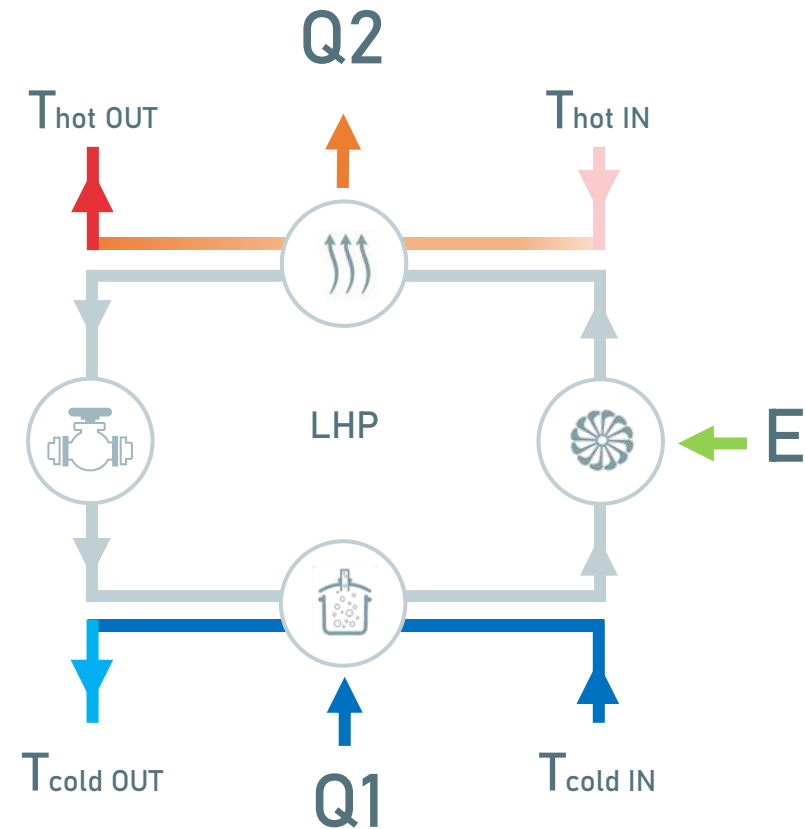
from  
**100°C**  
to more than  
**200°C**



# 3. TURBODEN LHP: ORC VS LARGE HEAT PUMP PROCESS



$$\text{EFFICIENCY} = E / Q2$$



$$\text{COP} = Q2 / E$$

# 3. TURBODEN LHP: THE EXPERTISE APPLIED

## HEAT TRANSFER

Expertise in design of custom equipment with **different heat streams**.

## HIGH TEMPERATURE

40+ years experience with operative temperatures up to 400°C

## WORKING FLUIDS

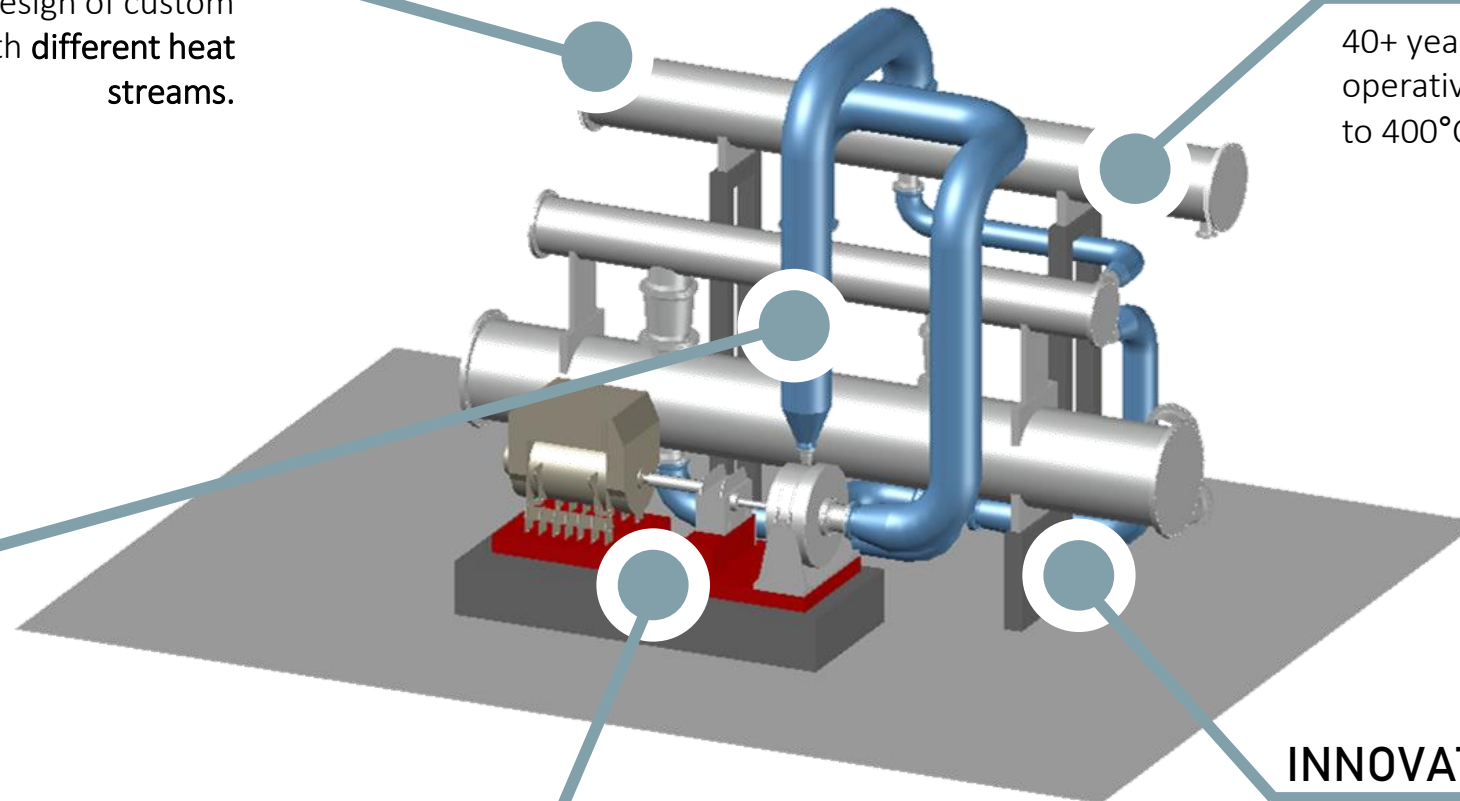
Selection of most suitable fluid case by case. Use of **low GWP**, **low ODP** and not harmful fluids.

## TURBOMACHINES

Own design for more than 60 different turbines. Compressor shares **common technical features** and solutions with Turboden turbine.

## INNOVATIVE DESIGN

Custom-made design with multiple possibilities of optimization.





## 3. TURBODEN LHP: BENEFITS

Large Heat Pumps (LHP) are utility-scale heating plants that allow to transfer large quantities of heat from a colder source to a higher temperature heat user, like a district heating network or an industrial process.



### Highly efficient

Electrically driven based on turbo compressor technology



### Large-scale

Output from 3 MWth to 30 MWth per single unit



### High lift

Up to more than 100°C, possible thanks to custom design



### High temperature

Output up to 200°C with the possibility to generate steam



### Environment-friendly

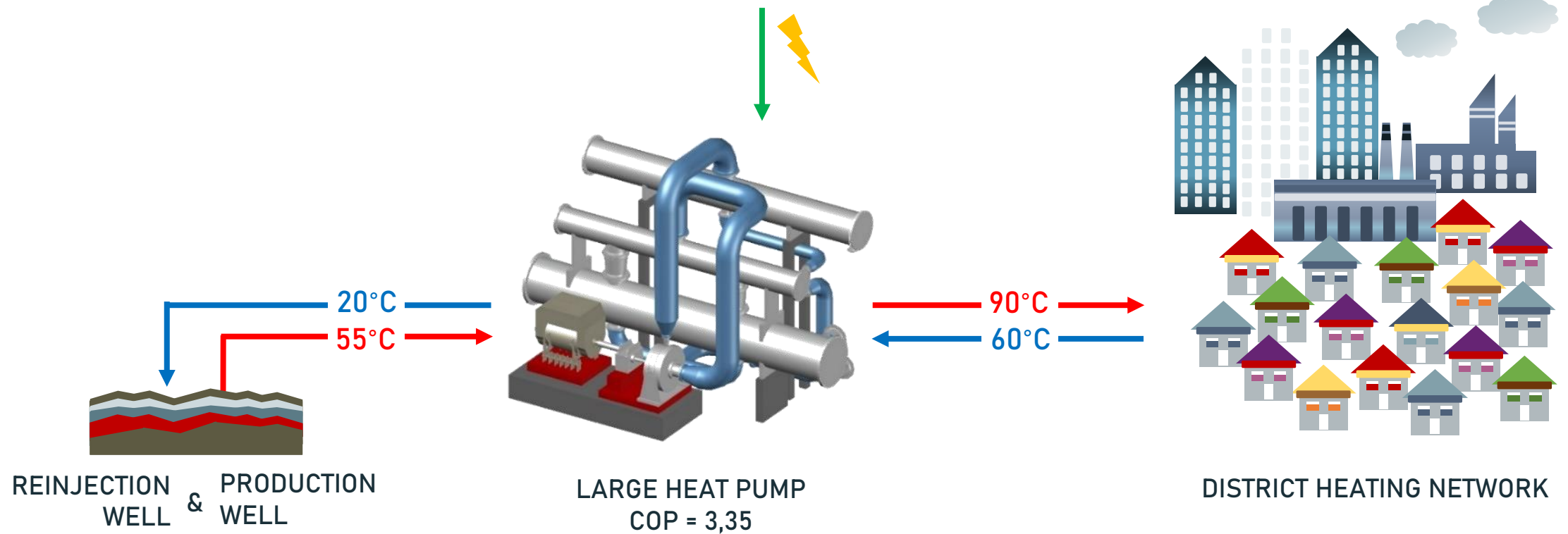
Experience with 10+ different working fluids with low GWP and low ODP

*GWP: Global Warming Potential  
ODP: Ozone Depletion Potential*



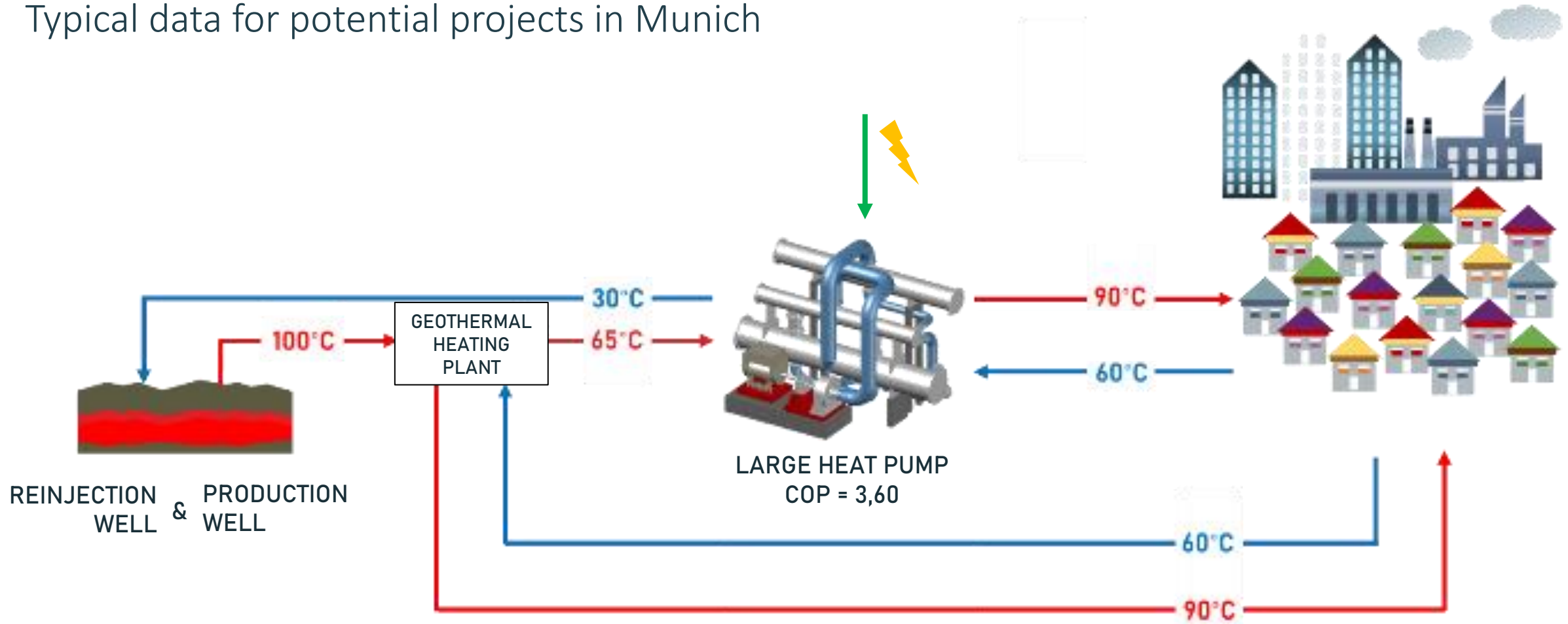
### 3. TURBODEN LHP: CASE STUDY 1

Typical data for potential projects north of Munich



### 3. TURBODEN LHP: CASE STUDY 2

Typical data for potential projects in Munich





## 4. REFERENCES: ORC GEOTHERMAL



Site: Dürrnhaar, Germany

Customer: SWM - StadtWerke München

Configuration: power only

ORC power: 5.6 MWe

Liquid brine: 138 °C



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Site: Kirchstockach, Germany

Customer: SWM - StadtWerke München

Configuration: power only

ORC power: 5.6 MWe

Liquid brine: 138 °C



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Site: Sauerlach, Germany

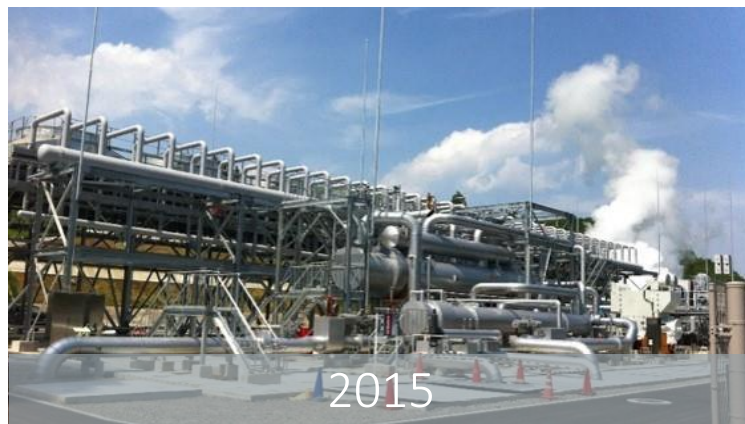
Customer: SWM - StadtWerke München

Configuration: power & heat

ORC power: 5 MWe + 4MWth

Liquid brine: 140 °C

## 4. REFERENCES: ORC GEOTHERMAL



Site: Sugawara, Japan  
Customer: Kyushu Electric  
Configuration: power only  
ORC power: 5 MWe  
Liquid brine + steam: 140 °C



Site: Traunreut, Germany  
Customer: GKT Traunreut  
Configuration: heat & power  
ORC power: 4.1 MWe + 12 MWth  
Liquid brine: 118 °C



Site: Soultz-sous-Forêts, France  
Customer: GEIE  
Configuration: power only  
ORC power: 1.7 MWe  
Liquid brine: 170 °C

## 4. REFERENCES: ORC GEOTHERMAL



Site: Velika Ciglena, Croatia

Customer: Geo Power Energy development d.o.o.

Configuration: power only

ORC power: 17.5 MWe

Liquid brine + steam: 171 °C



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Site: Lightning Dock, USA

Customer: Cyrg

Configuration: power only

ORC power: 14 MWe

Liquid brine: 155 °C



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Site: Holzkirchen, Germany

Customer: Holzkirchen GmbH

Configuration: power & heat

ORC power: 3.4 MWe + 10 MWth

Liquid brine: 152 °C



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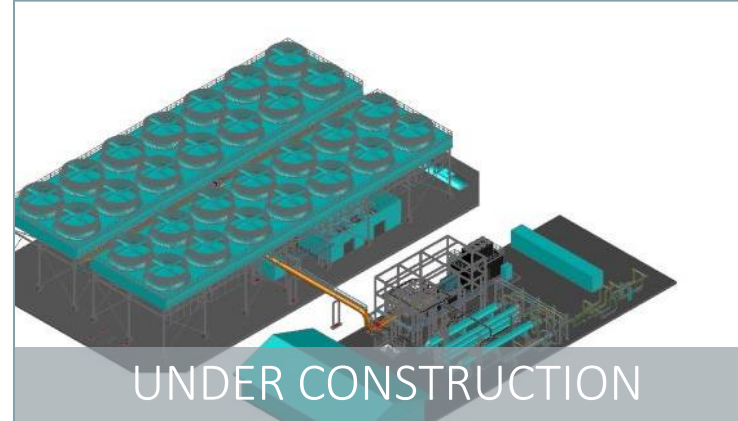
Site: Berlin, El Salvador

Customer: LaGeo

Configuration: bottoming plant

ORC power: 8 MWe

Liquid brine: 172 °C



Site: Kirchweidach, Germany

Customer: EON

Configuration: power & heat

ORC power: 3.7 MWe

Liquid brine: 122 °C



Site: Palayan, Bac-Man, the Philippines

Customer: Energy Development Corp.

Configuration: bottoming plant

ORC power: 29 MWe

Liquid brine: 171 °C

# 4. REFERENCES: LHP FOR DISTRICT HEATING

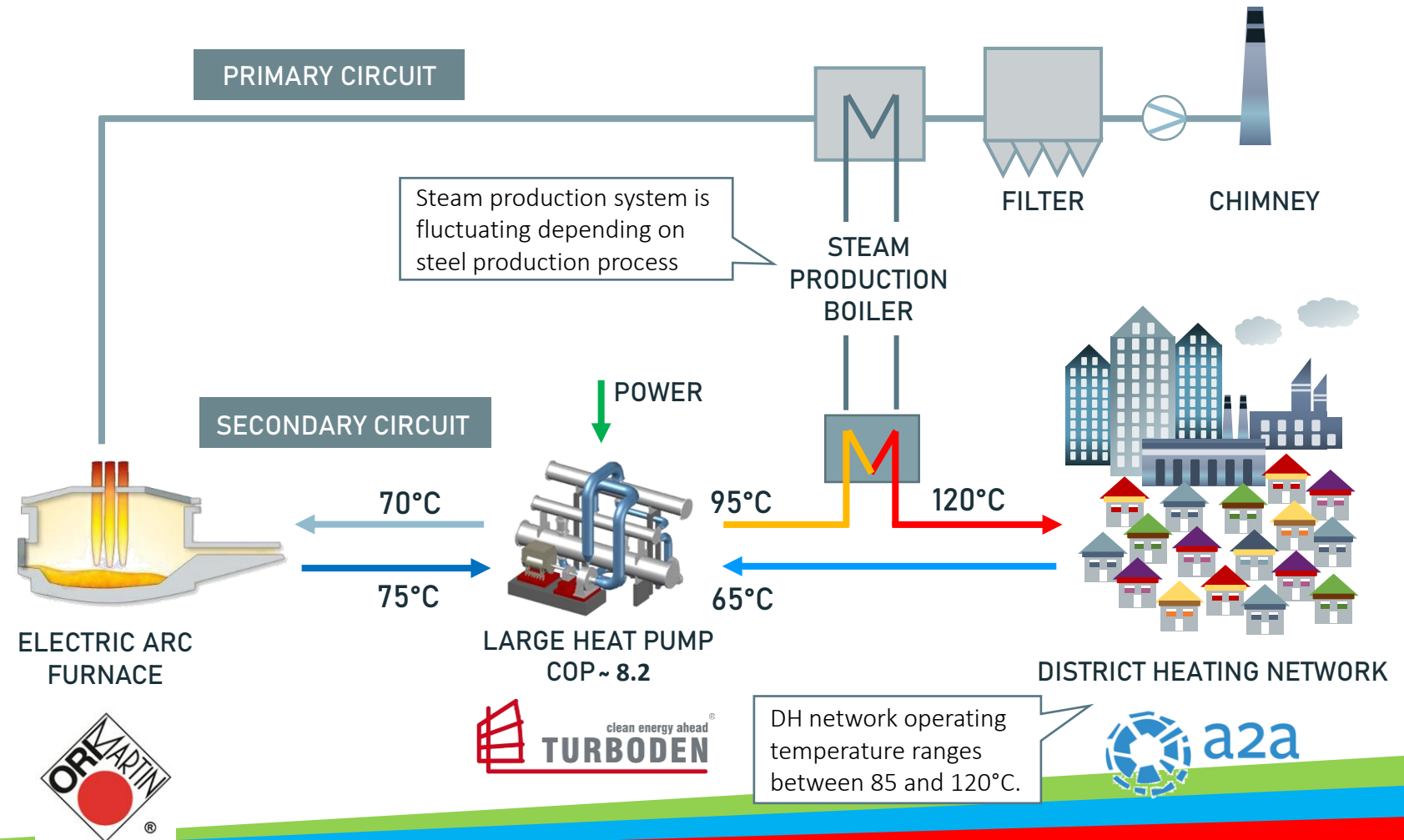


Heat from the cooling of the steelmaking process can be upgraded through a LHP and used for district heating instead of being wasted, i.e. dissipated through cooling towers.

**LHP TECHNICAL FEATURES**

Main technical features of LHP:

- **6 MWth** design heat delivered with output temperature up to **120°C**
- Full **integration** with DH network. Control system designed to be highly flexible depending on:
  - DH network operating temperature
  - Steam production boiler heat production
- **High flexibility** with 2 compression stages and variable frequency driver (due to a very variable process)
- Working fluid: Low GWP HFO, R1233ZD
- **Start-up February 2023**





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