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INTELLIGENT PREDICTIVE CONTROL OF A PUMP-HEAT COMBINED CYCLE

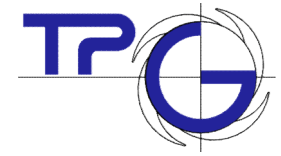
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Motivations and Background



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MOTIVATIONS

- Improving power plant flexibility is a key change in the near-mid term energy environment
- The Pump-Heat Combined Cycle (PHCC) aims to improve flexibility of existing power plant by coupling the GTCC with a HP plus a storage
- To control such complex system a multi-level control logics have been developed

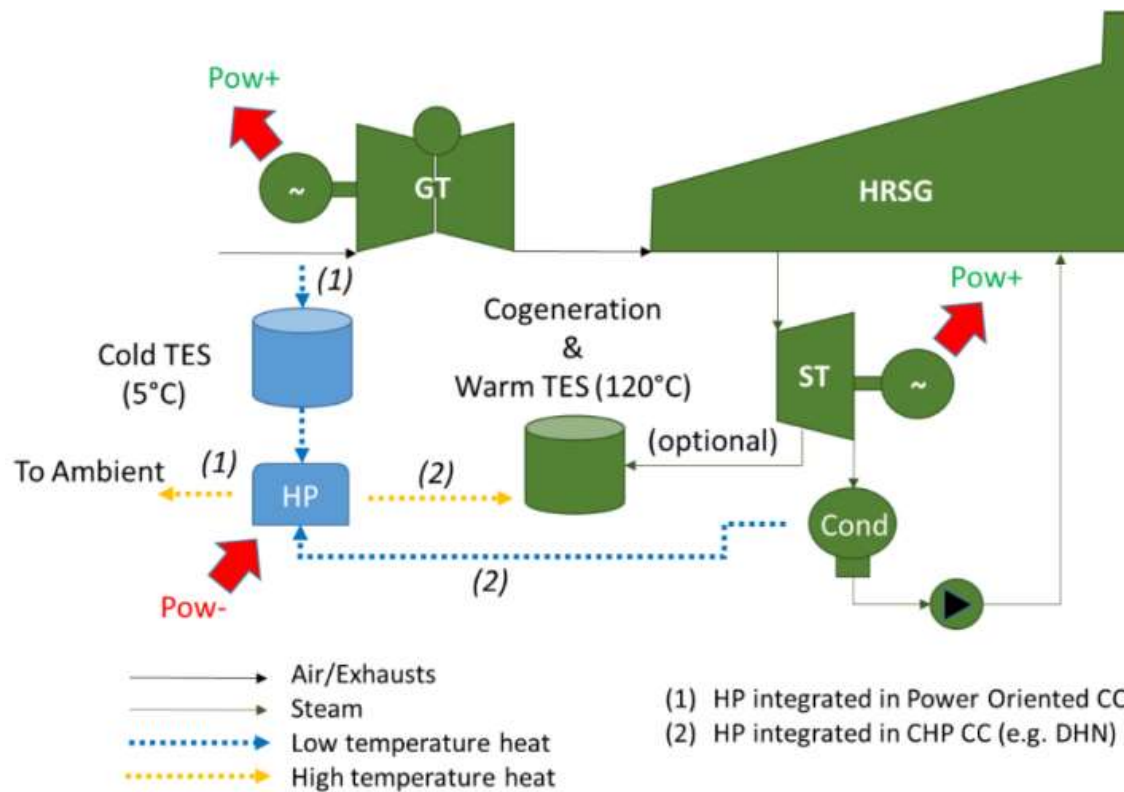
BACKGROUND

- Analysis of performance impact of HP on GTCC has been carried out beforehand
- Off-design analysis gave light to a precise hierarchy in system response to enhance global efficiency

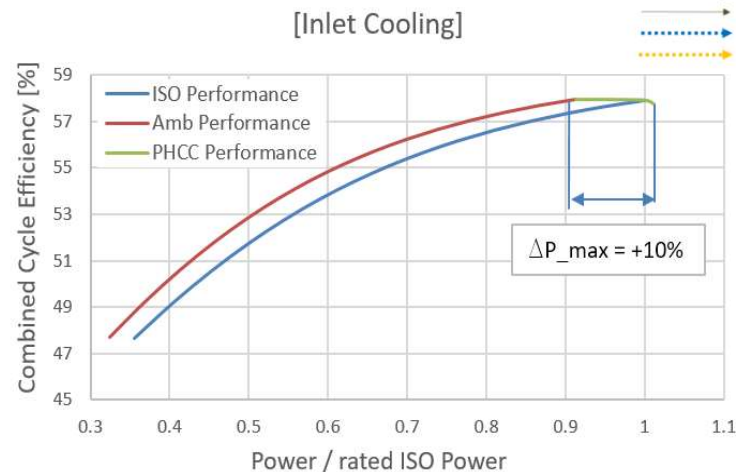
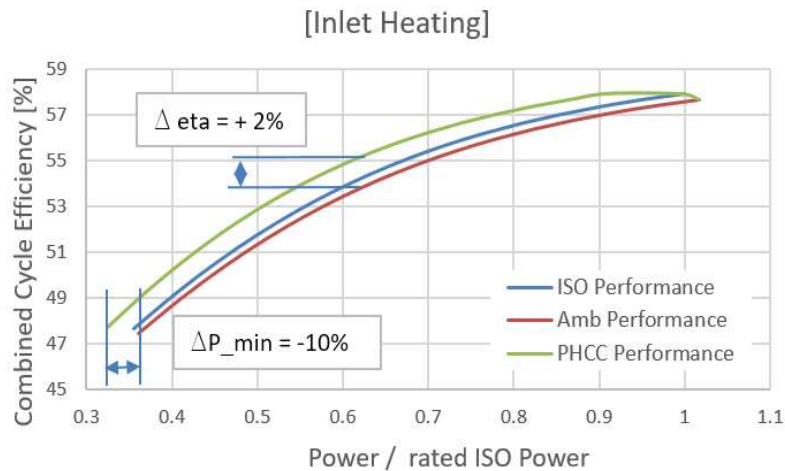
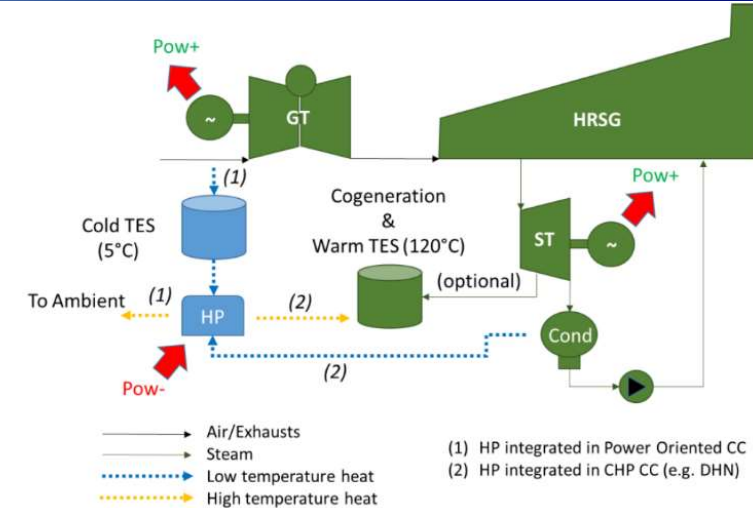
- Two different layouts have been developed: Power Oriented (PO) and Cogenerative (CHP)

POWER ORIENTED

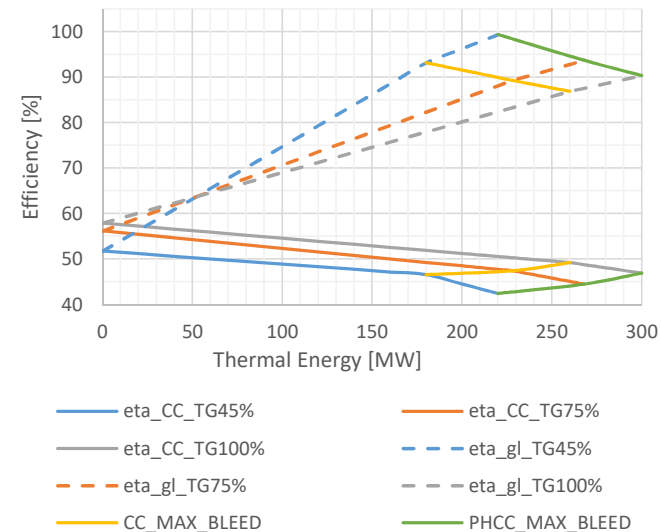
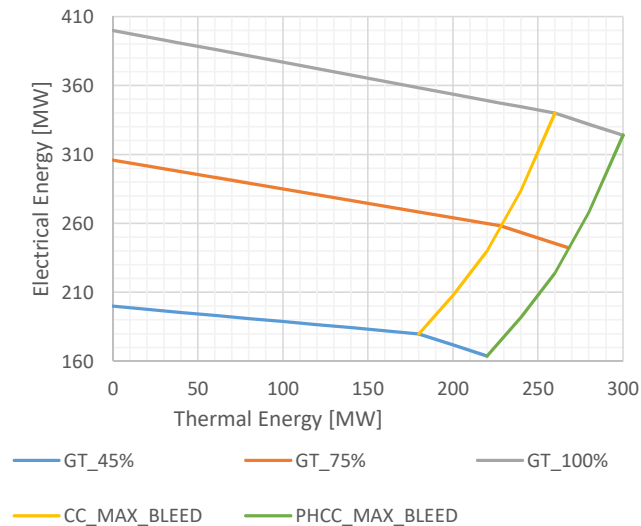
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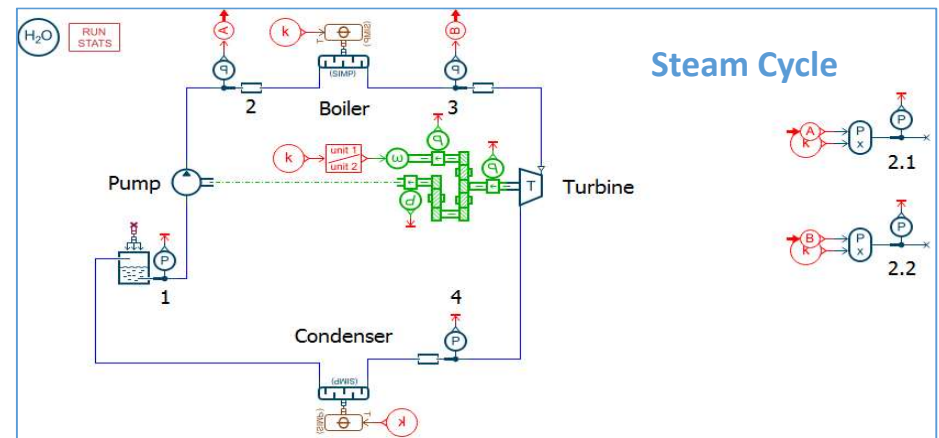
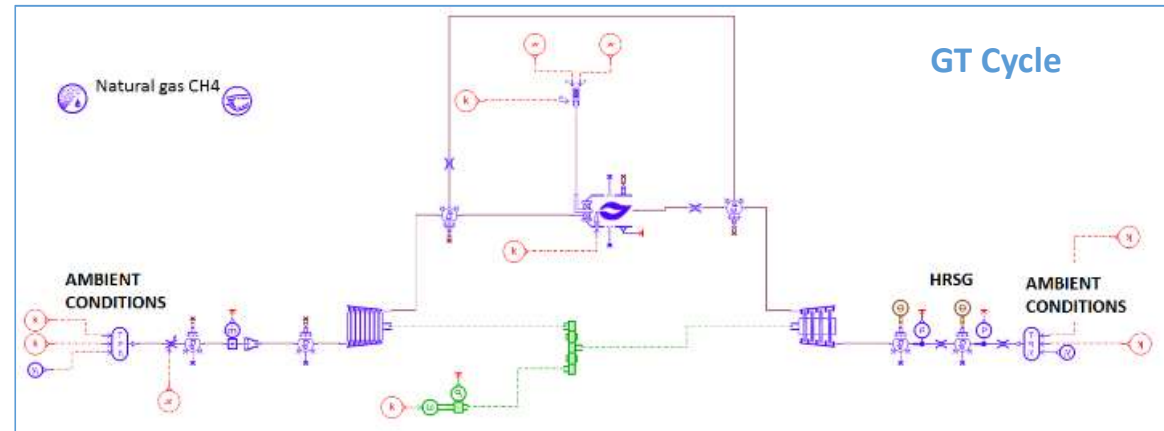
- PO is devoted to production of electric energy and heat pump is used to influence compressor intake temperature
- Here off-design results for PO are reported
- In the project, the PO demo will be held at laboratory scale through T100 micro gas turbine



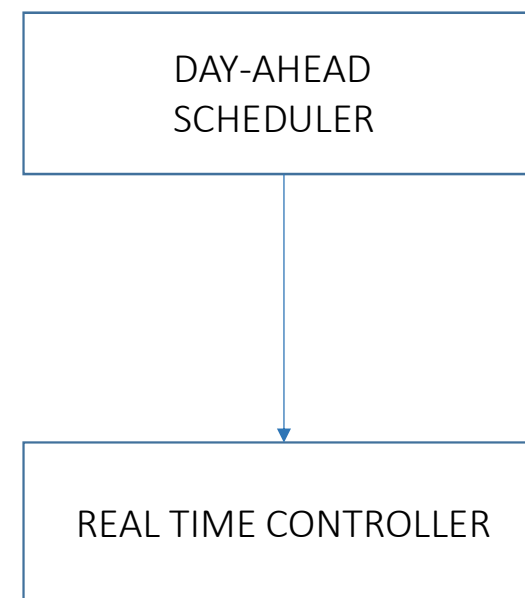
- CHP is devoted to production of electrical and thermal energy
- Here the heat pump is used to enhance the flexibility of GTCC by improving heat prediction
- Iren Energia Moncalieri GTCC 370MW power plant will be the demo site for the CHP configuration



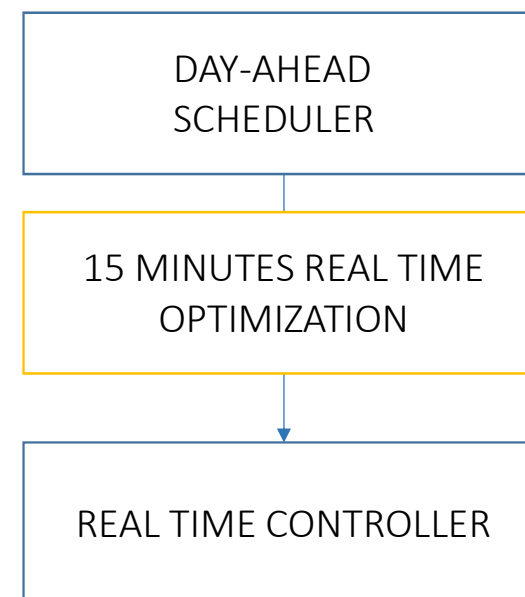
- Development of control goes alongside with development of plant model
- The control will be verified in model-in-the-loop configuration before installation on power plant
- The model is developed within Amesim Center and includes
 - Gas Turbine system
 - Steam cycle
 - Thermal storage
 - DHN
 - Heat Pump



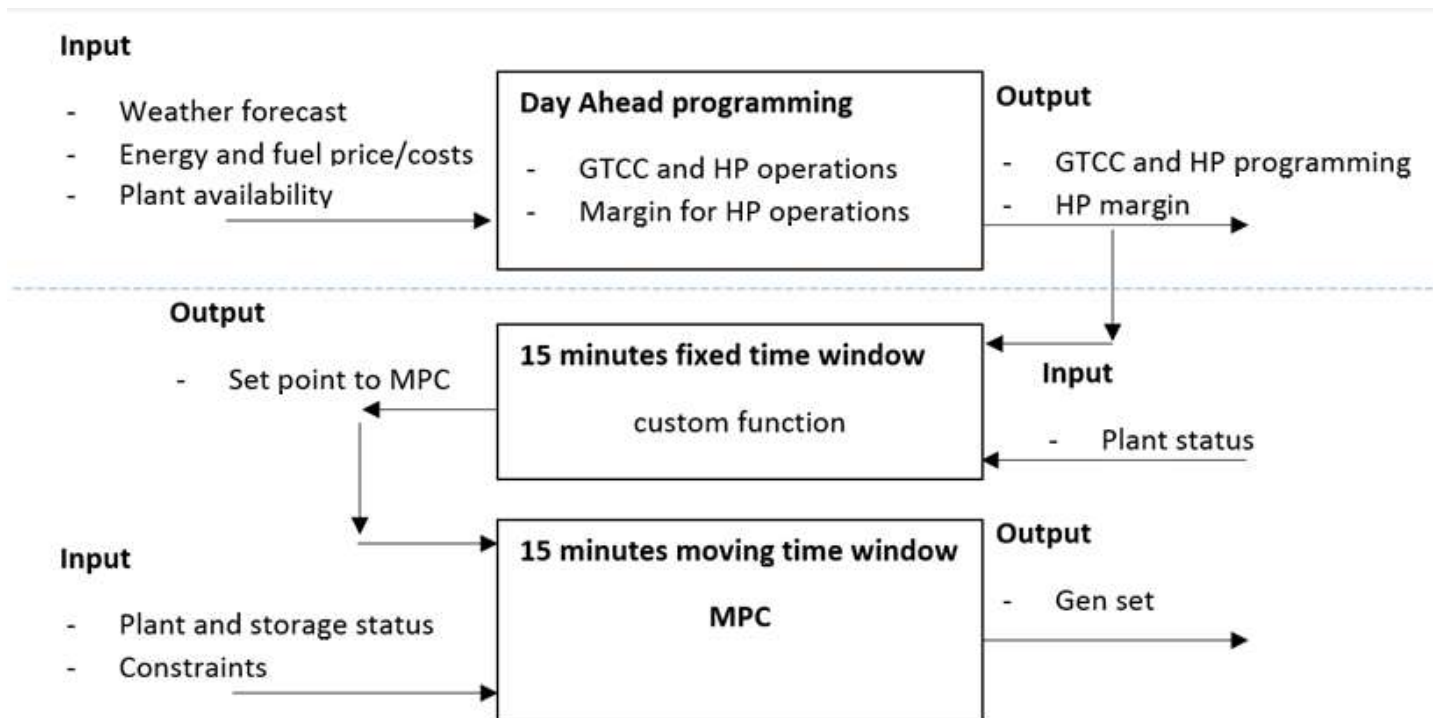
- The implementation must face several constraints and must embed the developed control logics
- The control system hardware should be integrated with the existing hardware
- The goal is to use properly the HP in order to improve the GTCC efficiency and productivity
- Currently in the power plants, a day-ahead programmer plans the next 24 hours
- A controller governs the system consistently
- In the PHCC control architecture a new level has been placed in between the two, looking at the 15 minute interval

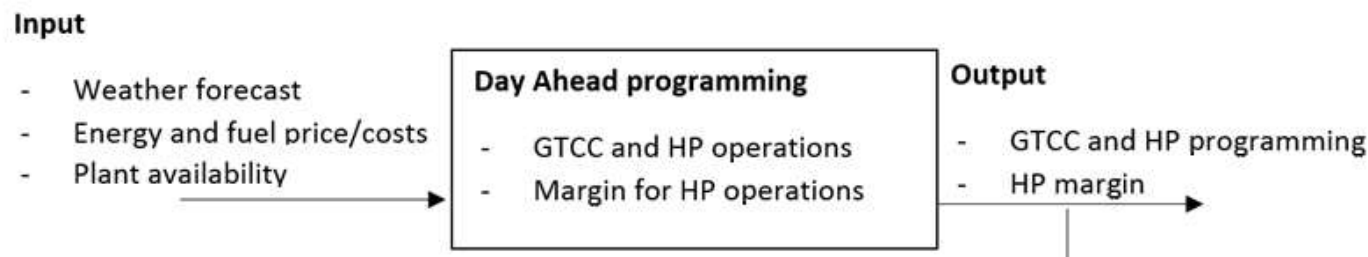


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- The control structure is based on a multi-level approach
- Decisions are taken considering different time horizons
- The architecture can be applied both to PO and CHP with marginal adjustments
- It starts with the day-ahead programmer



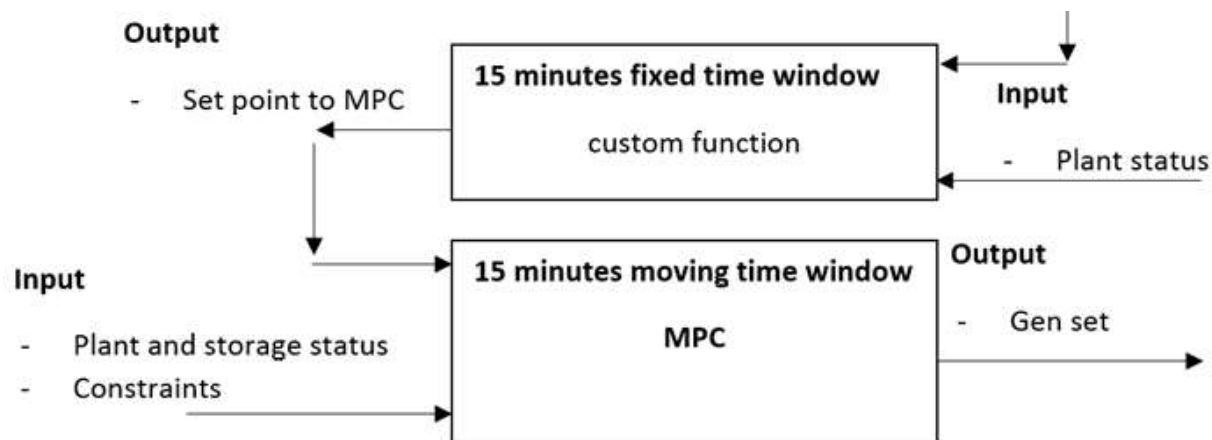


- The day-ahed programming determines the load profile for both GTCC and HP
- The HP programming should include a margin for operation i.e. a degree of freedom for controller

- A margin for the HP means the lower levels have degree of freedom in the control process
- Optimization defines the plant status and operation every 15 minutes

- No margin for HP: this implies lower level can intervene only on rapid regulation (frequency)
- In this way the day-ahead plan is followed with less initiatives

- This is the real time controller, which is based on a hierarchical approach
- The approach is based on a higher function which determines an optimal trajectory for the MPC
- The MPC intervenes consequently and tracks the demands
- The function of the MPC is to operate within the bounds



- The control system will be developed and implemented on the test rigs
- First implementation will be held for the PO demo, after which will be the turn of the CHP

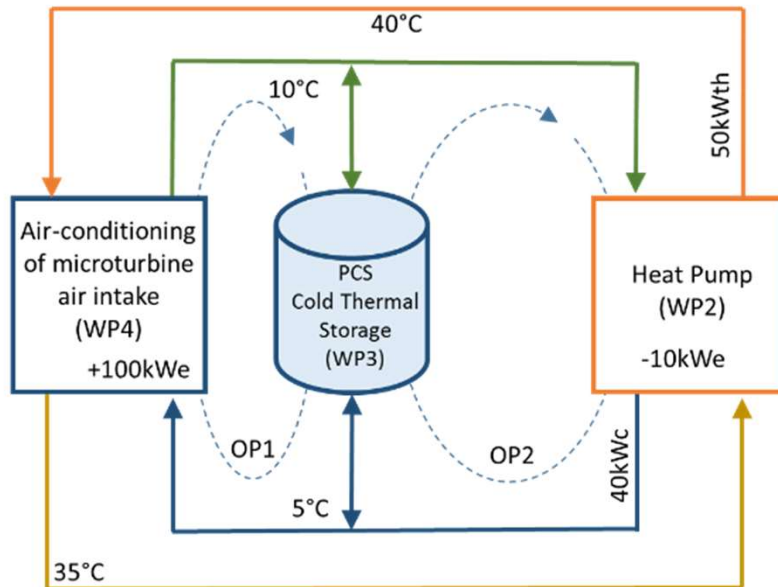
- Basically the system consider:

- Interface existing plant control system
- Interface with heat pump and TES
- Implement the MPC
- Produce HMI for control of heat pump and TES
- Store and show results into a specific control



- A multi-purpose computer integrating

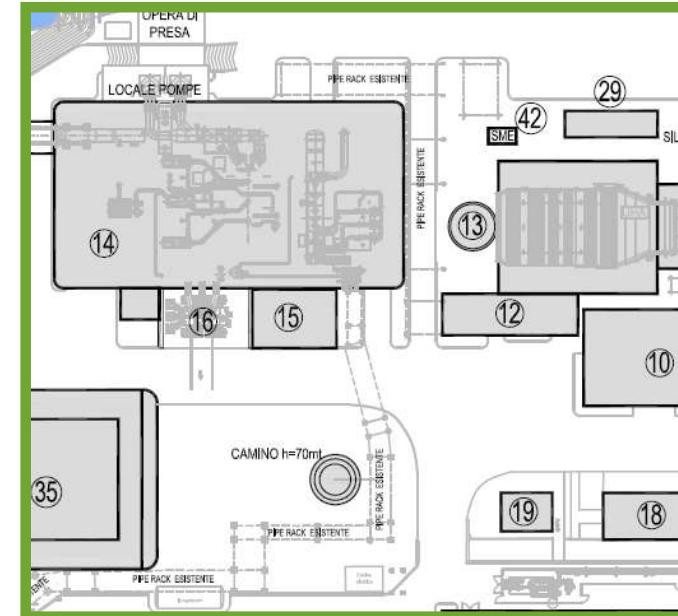
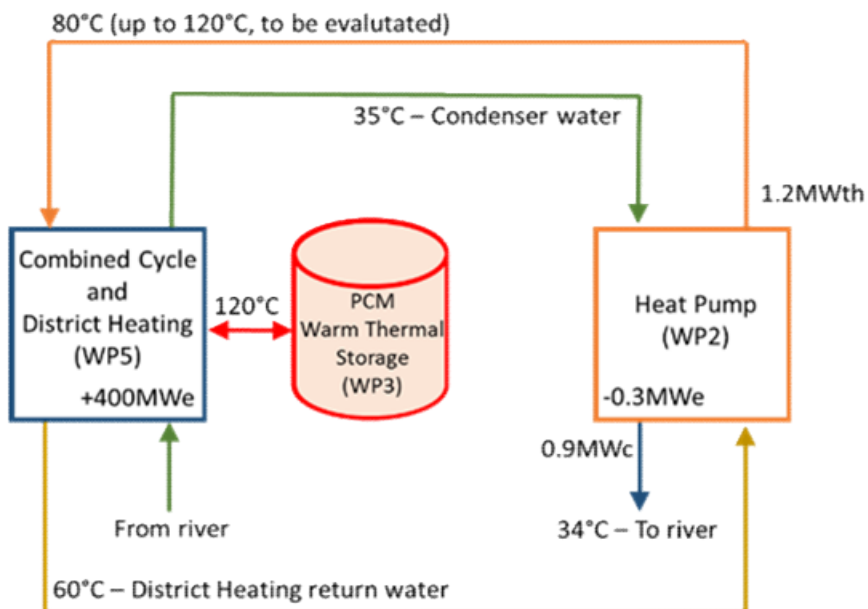
- I/O for interfaces, PLC-types
- Double network attachment
- One CPU per running code, HMI server, storage...



OP1: Air intake cooling (HP is off) – Max net power output
 OP2: Air intake heating (HP is on) – Min net power output

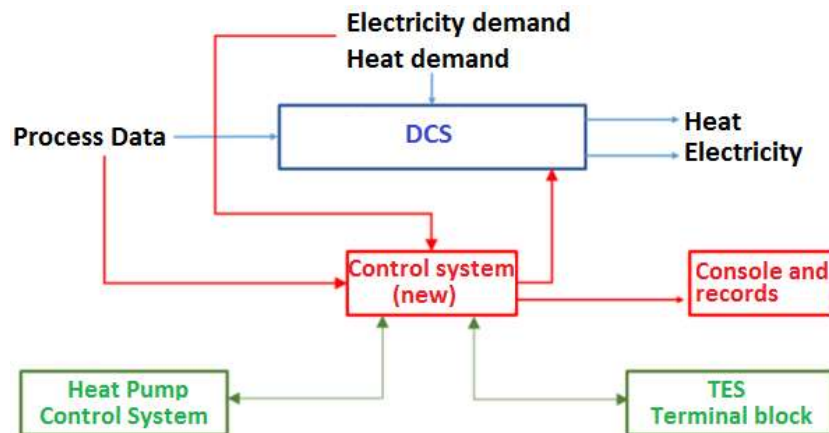
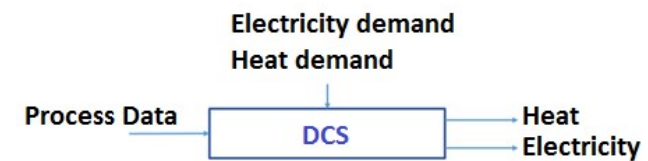


The validation phase will require the installation of cold thermal storage, fast-response HP (10 kWe), and compressor inlet heat exchangers arranged as in the picture to realize an Integrated Inlet Conditioning System.

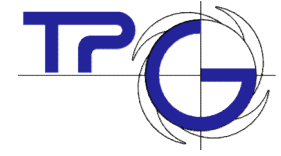


The testing site will be the power plant of Moncalieri, a 2x400 MW_e CC facility connected to the DH network of Turin IREN DHN is already equipped with 14.000 m³ heat storage capacity (and it is going to add additional 7.500 m³ in the next years)

- Most critical is installation on CHP demo as it is the real GTCC
- This means to interact with an existing DCS
- Current DCS configuration



- This system will be integrated with the new control system
- The control governs the HP only and the storage consequently
- No way for direct interaction with existing DCS



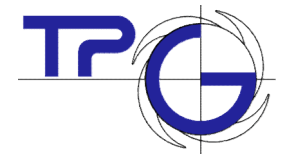
Conclusions



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- This work was focused on definition of control system architecture for the PHCC layouts
- The control takes into consideration the GTCC and governs a HP and a TES to enhance efficiency of power plant
- The core of the controller is based on velocity form of MPC
- Implementation of control will be held at software level through Amesin Center
- This first part of testing will give light to a control hardware governing the PO
- Then the controller for the CHP demo will be delivered and implemented

- The final goal is to create a controller able to exploit the advantage offered by the PHCC layouts
- The controller must be capable for integration into existing power plants DCS.



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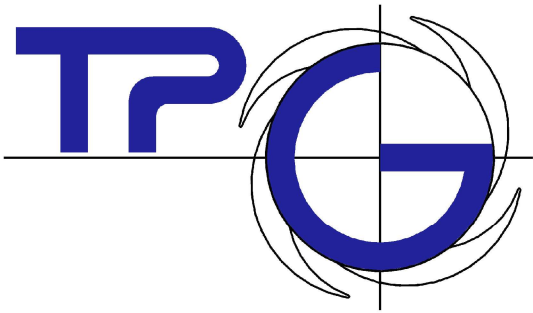
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