



**TURBODEN**  
**GAS EXPANDER**

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DON'T WASTE THE POWER OF GAS PRESSURE REDUCTION



## WHY EXPANDERS?

Confident in our know-how, we aim to provide cutting-edge technologies to enhance the adoption of decarbonisation initiatives in the natural gas sector.

# INTRODUCTION

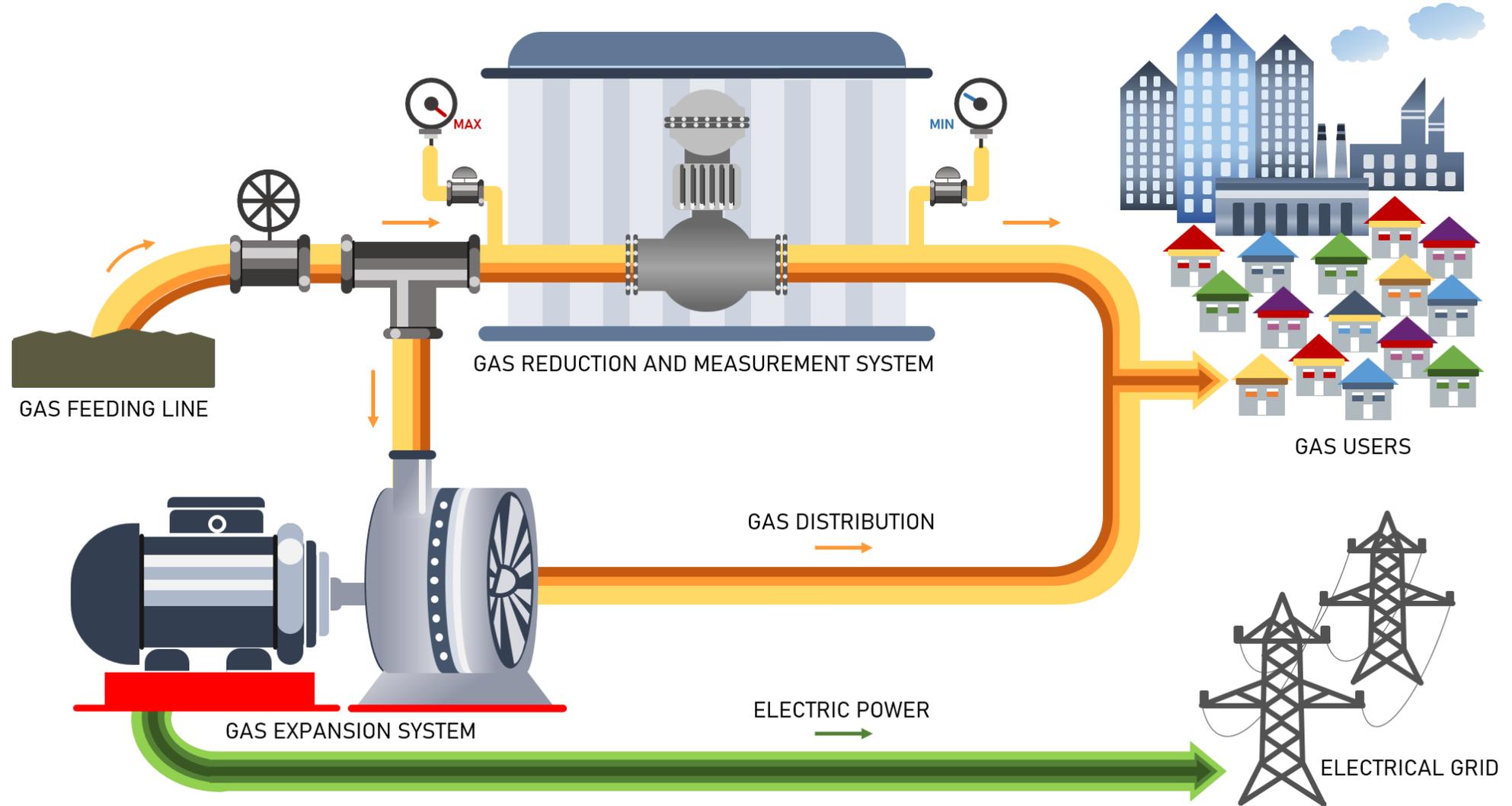


Turboden gas expander is a solution to enhance the energy efficiency of a natural gas network infrastructure, producing electricity by taking advantage of the reduction of gas pressure from the delivery level to the one required by users, be they residential or industrial.

## KEY POINTS

- Design based on 40+ years of experience, leveraging Mitsubishi Heavy Industries support
- Long experience in the energy efficiency sector
- Profit generation while reducing the gas pressure
- Solution for natural gas network decarbonisation
- Unmanned installations, thanks to specific technology features
- Turn-key equipment capabilities
- Over 60 Turboden turbine models within the 400 power plants fleet

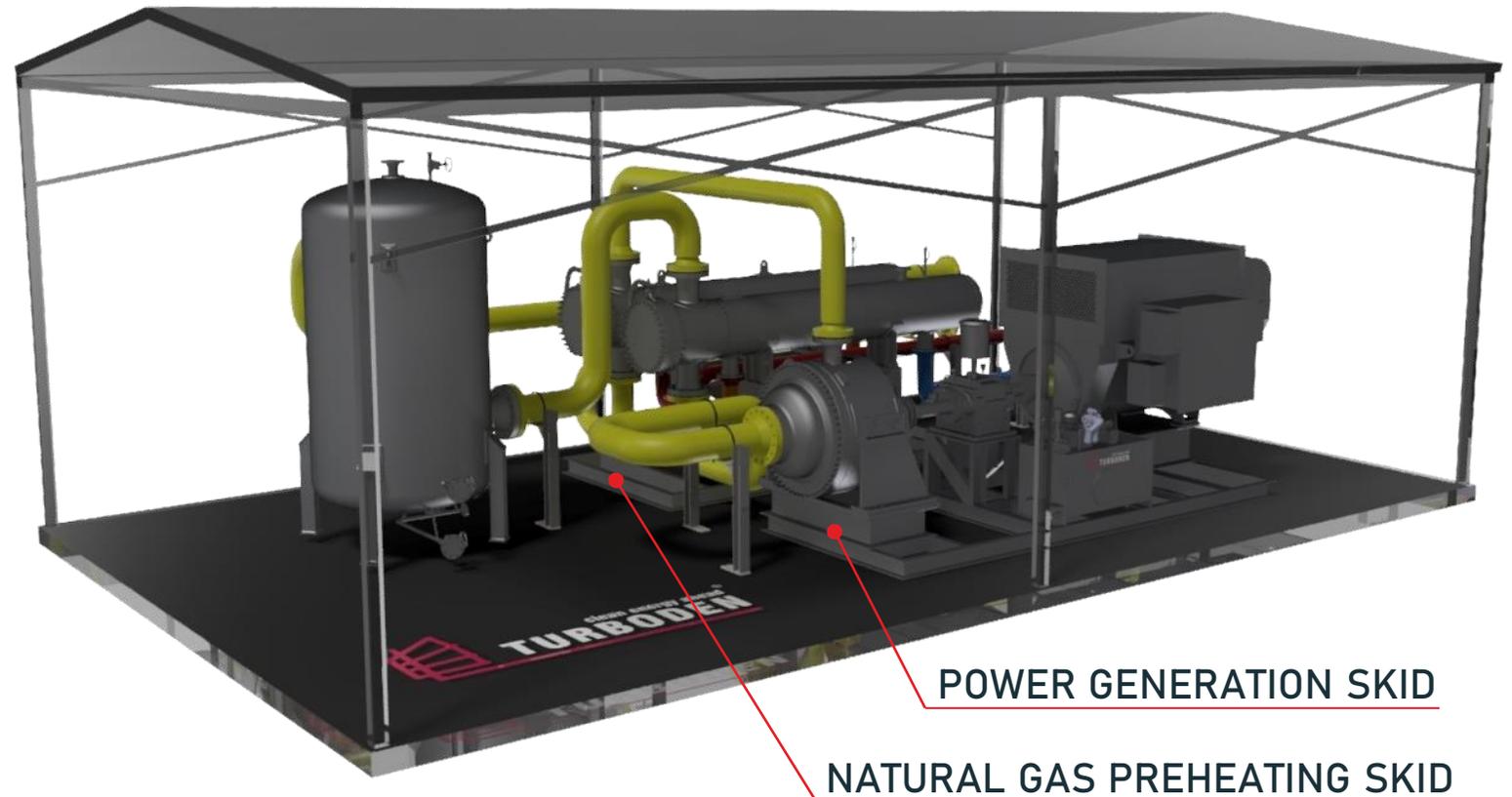
# THE CONFIGURATION



# THE SOLUTION

Natural gas turboexpanders **reduce gas pressure** from the delivery level to the one required by users, be they residential or industrial.

Unlike common pressure regulators (still present in by-pass to the turboexpander, for safety reasons, as a redundant system), the turboexpanders exploit the pressure drop to **produce electricity, improving the energy efficiency** of the entire gas distribution system.



POWER GENERATION SKID

NATURAL GAS PREHEATING SKID

# FEATURES



## Simplicity

- ✓ Skidded solution of the complete expansion system
- ✓ Simple and robust power set with proven track record
- ✓ No major overhaul



## Flexibility

- ✓ Wide range of solutions, starting from 100 kWe
- ✓ Ease of integration into existing gas network facilities
- ✓ Simple and automatic handling of partial loads



## Experience

- ✓ Over 60 Turboden turbine models within the 400 power plants fleet
- ✓ 40+ years in the design and production of turbomachinery
- ✓ Long experience in the energy efficiency sector



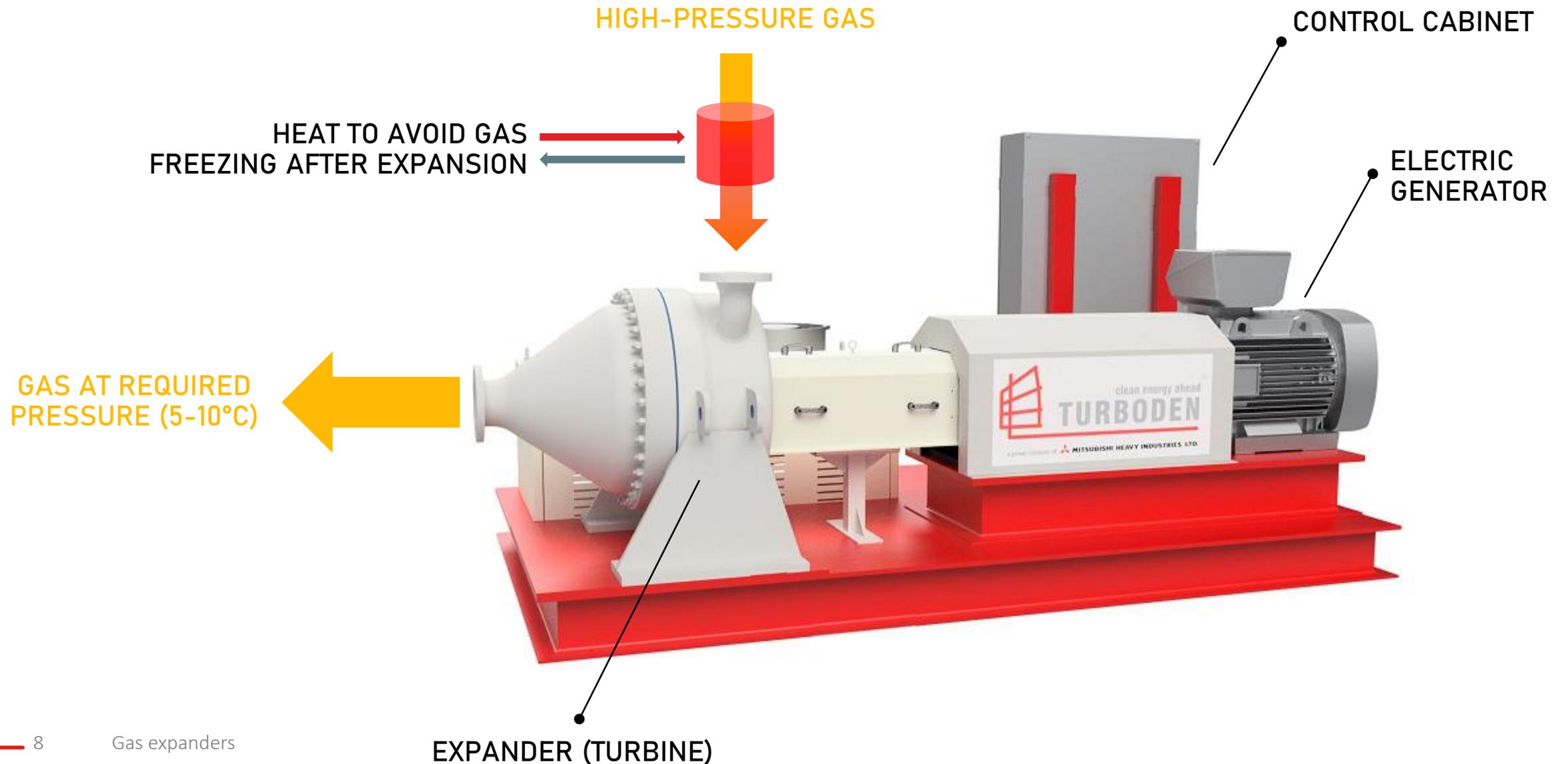
## Operation & Service

- ✓ High availability
- ✓ Designed to last over time (> 20 years)
- ✓ Structured after sales team, prompt assistance, personalized services

# TURBODEN RATING

EXPANDERS SIZES	EXP 300	EXP 600	EXP 900	EXP > 1 MW
✓ Turbine stages/admission	Single stage radial turbine	Multi stages axial turbine		
✓ Flow rate	>5000 Sm <sup>3</sup> /h	20,000 – 100,000+ Sm <sup>3</sup> /h		
✓ In - out gas pressure range	50 - 1 bar(g)			
✓ Bearings	Self-lubricated rolling bearings	Rolling bearings		
✓ Seals	Single tight casing for impeller and generator	Double mechanical		
✓ Generator	Permanent Magnet Generator	A/Synchronous LV - Eff. 97%		
✓ Containerization	Sandwich panel REI 120 if 10m gate distance possible; or concrete if 2m gate distance possible. Necessary to segregate electrical panel and hot water boiler.			
✓ Gas pre-heating	Custom based on project specific features (e.g. gas fired boilers, waste heat, heat pump...)			

# CORE COMPONENTS



# REFERENCES



**CUSTOMER:** Italgas, Italy

**CONFIGURATION:** power generation from gas pressure reduction in the natural gas network infrastructure of Rome

**EXP POWER:** 1.3 MWe (2 gas expanders, 650 kWe each)

**KEY FEATURE:** 2 x 80,000 Sm<sup>3</sup>/h @ 50 - 24 barg

**HIGHLIGHTS:** high efficiency project, electrified by two turboexpanders and two cogenerative gas engines



**CUSTOMER:** A2A, Italy

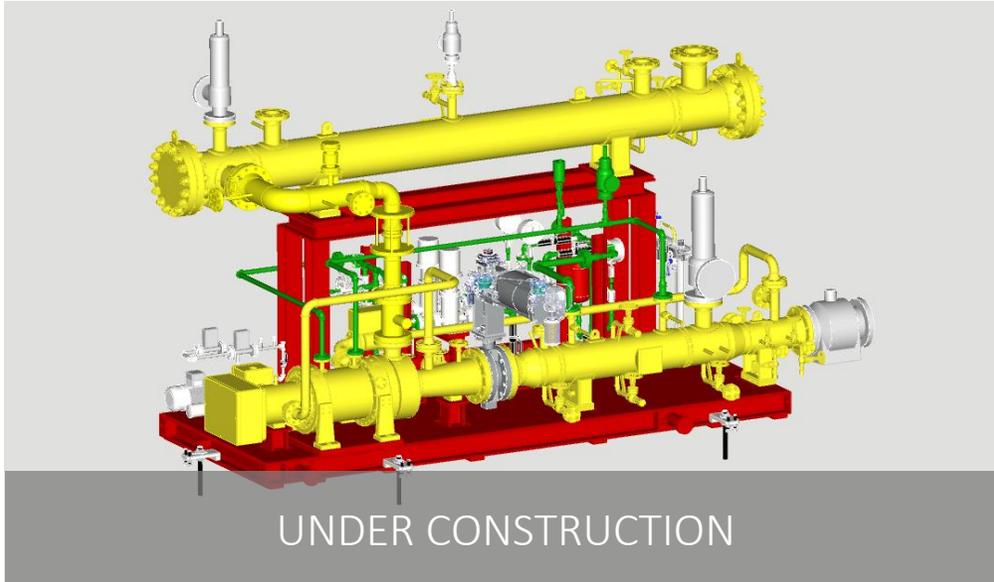
**CONFIGURATION:** power generation from gas pressure reduction within Brescia's natural gas network infrastructure

**EXP POWER:** 0.3 MWe

**KEY FEATURE:** 25,000 Sm<sup>3</sup>/h @ 12 - 6 barg

**HIGHLIGHTS :** smart city project – expansion of the natural gas entering the Brescia's gas distribution network, exploiting the district heating for the natural gas pre-heating

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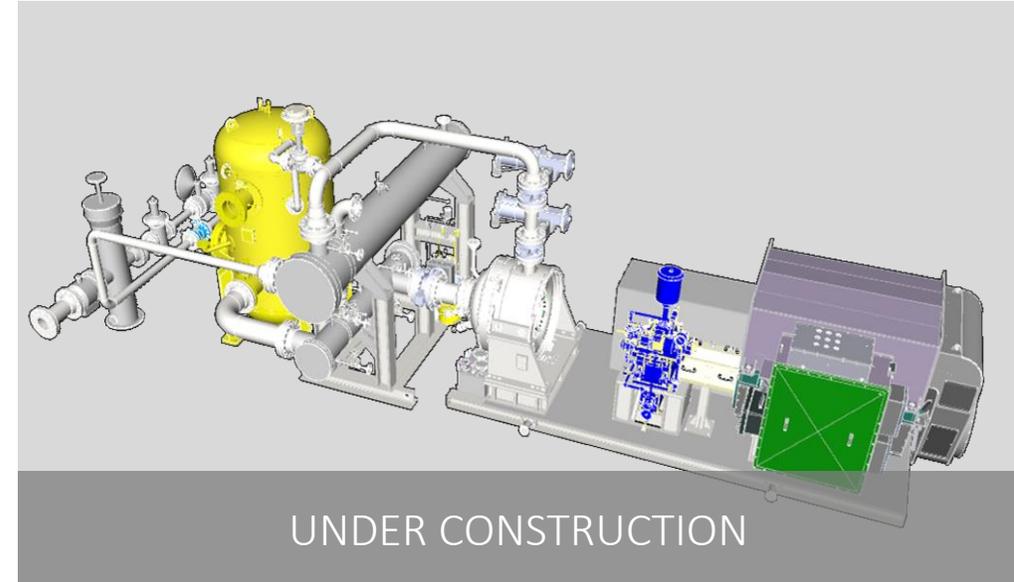
**CUSTOMER:** Pietro Fiorentini/Italgas, Italy

**CONFIGURATION:** power generation from gas pressure reduction in the natural gas network infrastructure of Turin

**ORC POWER:** 0.3 MWe

**KEY FEATURE:** 9,000 Sm<sup>3</sup>/h @ 24 - 6 barg

**HIGHLIGHTS:** power generation from gas pressure reduction implemented in one of the reduction and measurement station of Turin natural gas distribution network



**CUSTOMER:** HERAtech, Italy

**CONFIGURATION:** power generation from gas pressure reduction in the Ravenna natural gas network infrastructure

**ORC POWER:** 0.7 MWe

**KEY FEATURE:** 25,000 Sm<sup>3</sup>/h @ 45 - 5 barg

**HIGHLIGHTS:** high efficiency expansion system to exploit the natural gas expansion at one of the main gate of Ravenna natural gas distribution network

# TURBODEN MILESTONES

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

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Turboden becomes leader in Europe with its biomass plants.

Turboden develops natural gas expansion technology. In 2019 first turboexpander.

'60-'70

1976

1980

1998

'90-2000

2000-2009

2013

2017

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 300 kW  
ORC PLANTS INSTALLED 1

1 - 2 - 4 MW  
100

5 - 8 - 10 MW  
220

20 MW  
400+

# WHY TURBODEN



## MITSUBISHI HEAVY INDUSTRIES GROUP

- Turboden fully embraces the values, philosophy and vision of its parent company MHI
- Turboden leverages the financial stability of its parent company and the technical support to satisfy customer needs



## CAPABILITIES & EXPERIENCE

- With 40 years of experience, Turboden holds the know-how of the ORC technology
- Excellence in R&D and turbine design
- Total capacity of 750+ MWe, 400+ plants, 50 countries
- Global presence

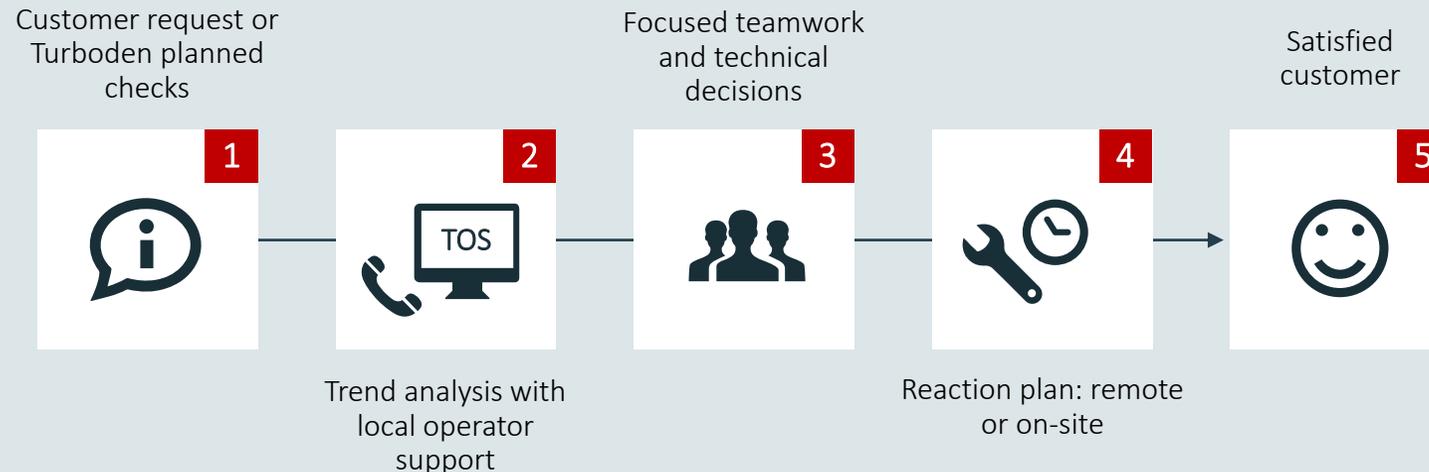


## CUSTOMER ORIENTATION

- Always dedicated to the success projects of the customers
- Prompt assistance and customized after-sales service
- Ready to provide optimized solutions for the clients
- High availability
- High customer satisfaction

# DEDICATED AFTER-SALES SERVICE

Qualified staff is exclusively dedicated to the customer assistance, both from remote and on-site, with the aim of optimizing the management of the plants. The customer can choose the most suitable service package thanks to the wide range of services offered.



## COVERAGE

2 service subsidiaries and 5 international service partner companies.

## ASSISTANCE

Turboden 24/7, the call center service h24, 7 days per week.

## CUSTOMISED SERVICES

- single contact for requests for support
- staff dedicated to on-site and remote technical support
- assistance of an international network of companies able to provide technical support
- wide range of services provided
- prompt assistance and customized after-sales services
- remote technical support using innovative tools (TOS – Turboden Online Service)
- dedicated spare parts warehouse



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