



# Master Degree in Innovative Technologies in Energy Efficient Buildings for Russian & Armenian Universities and Stakeholders

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- Research group

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- ✓ Website: [www.tpg.unige.it](http://www.tpg.unige.it)

- ✓ Research topics: advanced energy systems (fuel cells, renewable energy)



## TPG overall data (established in 1998)

People: 25 (staff, post doc, ph.d. students)

(6 permanent staff; 4 chairs sponsored by Rolls-Royce UK)

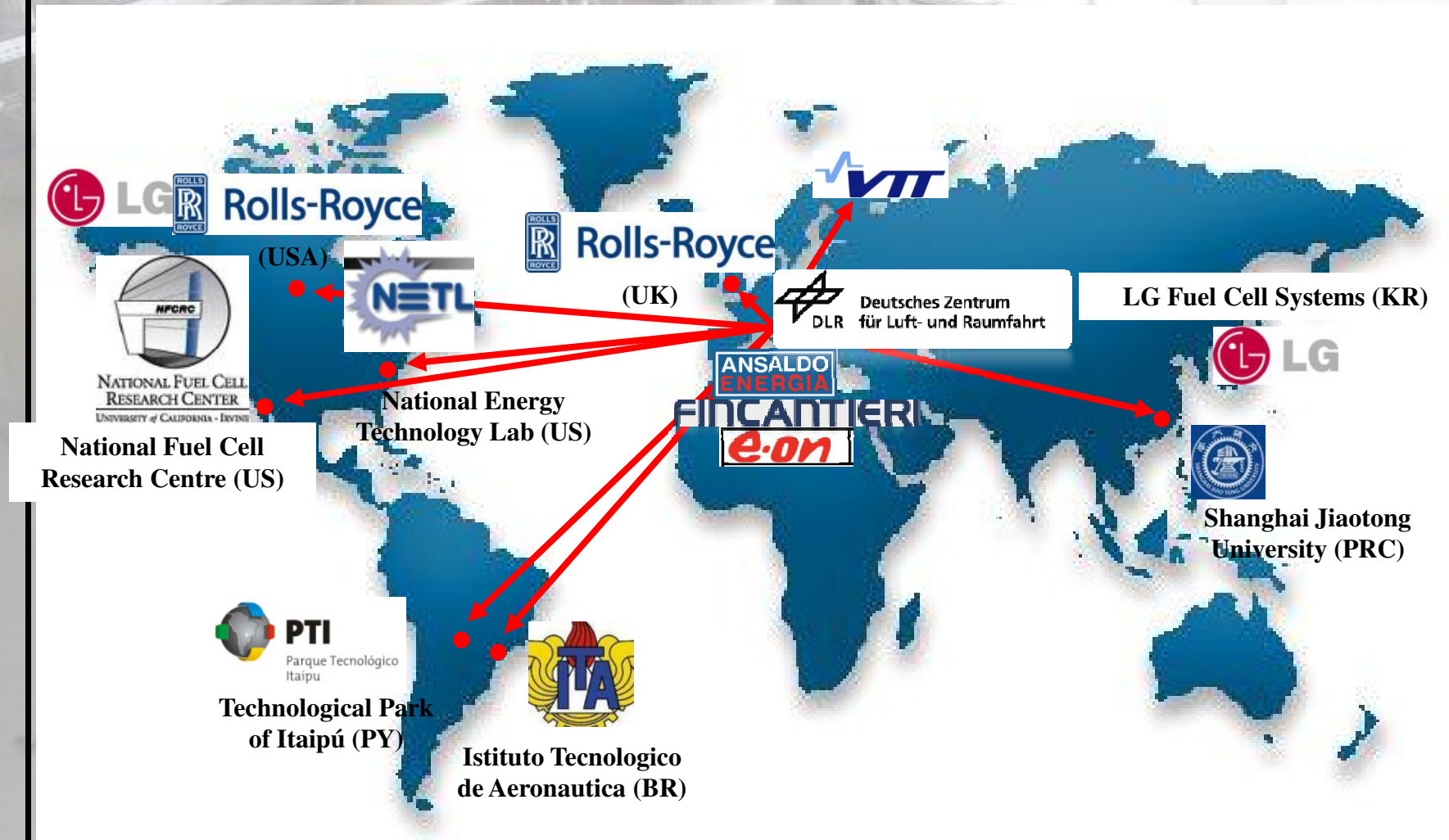
## Publications, awards, patents

- 230 International Papers (160 Journals 1998-2015)
  - 16 International Awards (1998-2015)
    - 10 patents (2000-2014);
    - 1 spin off (H2boat)

## Funding (period 2000 – 2015)

• International 65 % (35% EU); National 35 %

# Some TPG International partners (2015)



# Fuel Cell Systems University Technology Centre

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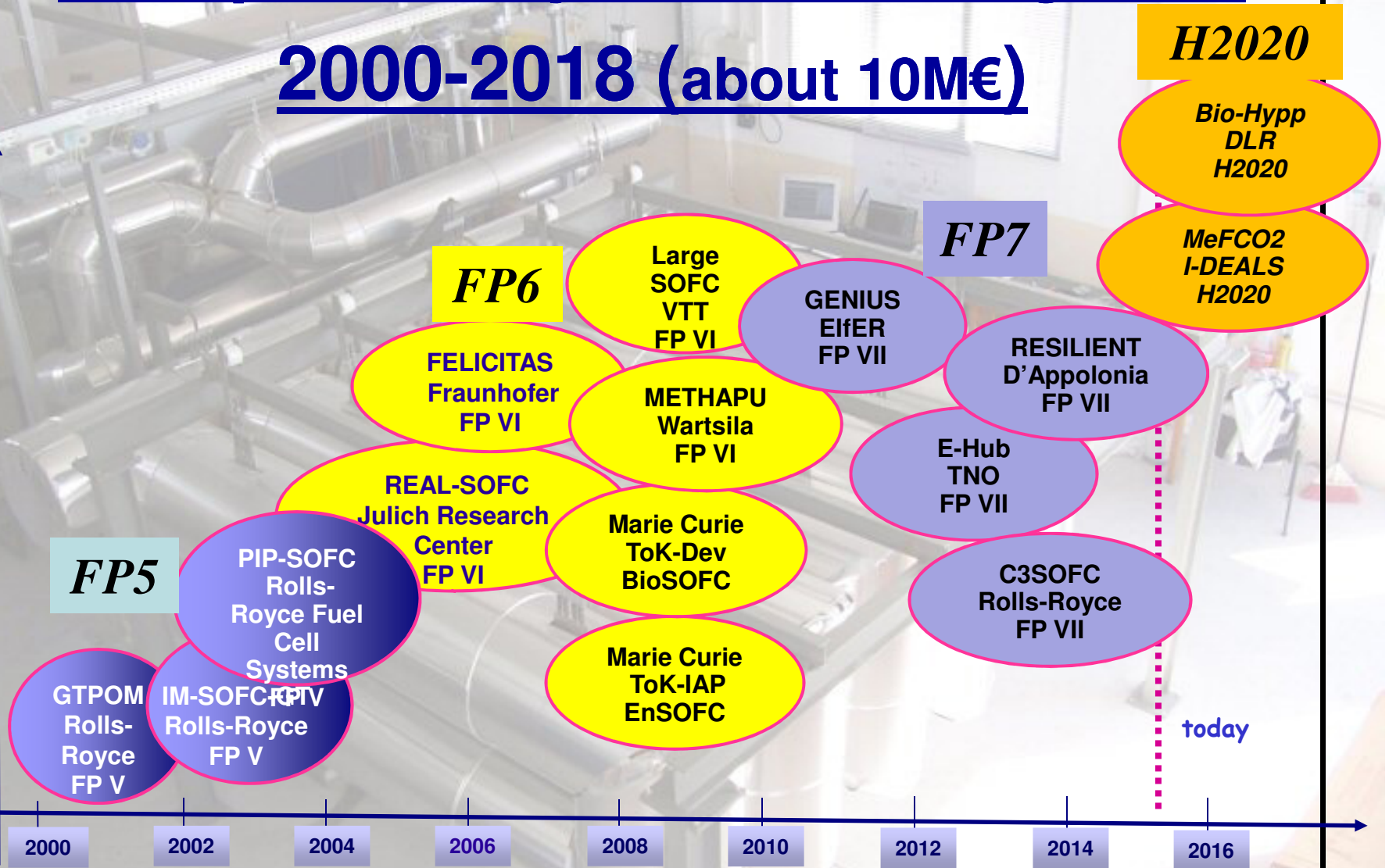
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# European Projects involving TPG

## 2000-2018 (about 10M€)

Budget, Knowledge, People



TPG: is one of the  
 “best six research groups”  
 at University of Genoa  
 (external independent evaluation carried out in 2014)

**LIBRO BIANCO DELLE ECCELLENZE**

**Giudizi di eccellenza 3 su 3**

COORDINATORI	SSD	AREA	TITOLO LINEA DI RICERCA
Ferrando Riccardo	FIS/03		
Sassetti Maura	FIS/03	02	Sistemi quantistici alle scale microscopiche, nanoscopiche e macroscopiche: aspetti fondamentali e applicativi
Zanghì Pierantonio	FIS/02		
Ottonello Giulio Armando	GEO/08	04	Reattività dei materiali geologici
Piccardo G. Battista			
Rampone Elisabetta	GEO/07	04	Petrologia e dinamica terrestre: markers mineralogici, chimici e isotopici
Scambelluri Marco			
Blondeaux Paolo	ICAR/01	08	Applicazioni idrodinamiche, geofisiche e biologiche della meccanica dei fluidi
Seminara Giovanni			
Massardo Aristide	ING-IND/09	09	Analisi e ottimizzazione termoeconomica di sistemi e tecnologie innovative per la conversione di energia da fonti tradizionali e rinnovabili
Montanari Franco	L-FIL-LET/02	10	Filologia, interpretazione dei testi, erudizione, grammatica e lessicografia nella civiltà letteraria della Grecia antica

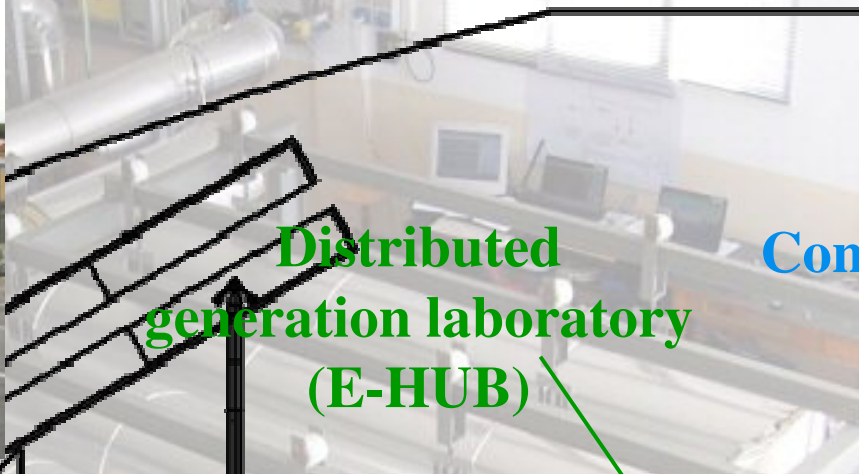
TPG e RR UTC laboratory - Genova and Savona

1. Fuel Cells and Renewables Energy Storage (FCH2) lab.
2. Energy HUB and Smart Polygeneration lab.
3. Hybrid system Emulator lab. including Cathodic and Anodic sides.
4. Direct contact Condenser test rig.
5. Micro Gas Turbine (100 kW) rig for Distributed generation.
6. Hybrid System Start-up test rig.
7. Saturator test rig for Humid Air Turbine applications (HAT)
8. Wave flume for Seaspoon patent validation lab.
9. On site TPG lab. At Valle Stura Biomass District Heating plants.
10. On site TPG lab. At Agrienergia Valle Pesio (Cn) Biogas plant.





# *Innovative Energy Systems Laboratory*



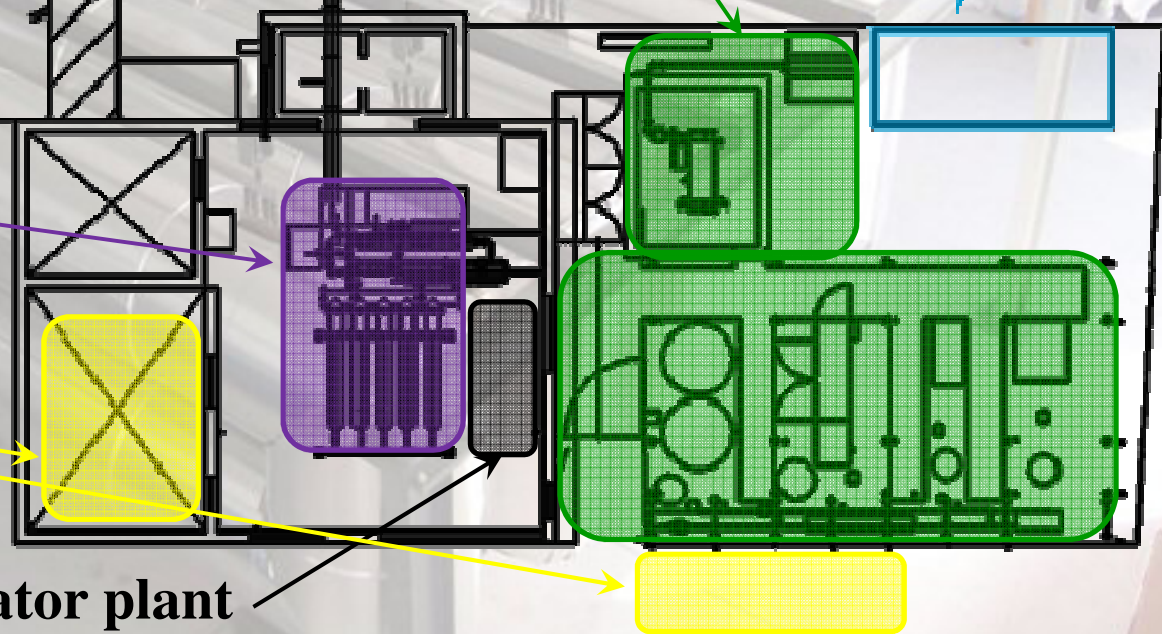
Hybrid system emulator

Hydrogen laboratory

CSP emulator plant

Distributed generation laboratory (E-HUB)

Control room



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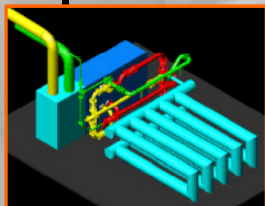
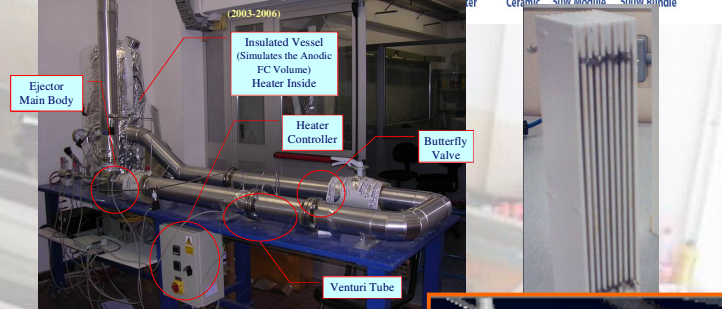
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Cell Systems  
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Pressurised  
Integrated Planar  
SOFC



PIP-SOFC: Pressurised Integrated Planar SOFC



Component  
and System  
Modelling

Test Rigs



## SOFC Power Plant Components



A photograph of a laboratory or industrial setting. In the foreground, there is a large, complex piece of machinery with multiple horizontal cylindrical components, possibly a heat exchanger or a testing rig, supported by a metal frame. In the background, there are desks with laptops and other equipment, and a window with blinds. The overall scene is brightly lit.

## Innovative Energy Systems

## *Fossil fuel based plants*

- Advanced systems based on gas turbines
  - ✓ Advanced layout systems based on one-fluid
  - ✓ Humid gas turbines (STIG, RWI, HAT)
- Ultrasupercritical steam plants
- Integrated Gasification Combined Cycles (IGCCs)
- Generation IV nuclear systems
- Stirling engines
- Fuel cell based systems
  - ✓ Stand-alone fuel cells
  - ✓ Hybrid systems

## *Renewable source based plants*

- Solar plants
  - ✓ Photovoltaic systems
  - ✓ Concentrated solar power plants
- Wind plants
- Biomass fueled systems
- Geothermal systems
- Plants based on sea energy
  - ✓ Tide energy converters
  - ✓ Wave energy converters
- Plants based on energy gradients
- Other