



Flexible Machinery Solutions in Geothermal

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Atlas Copco Gas and Process



This is Atlas Copco



Customers in **180** countries



53 000 employees in **71** countries



Established in **1873** Stockholm, Sweden



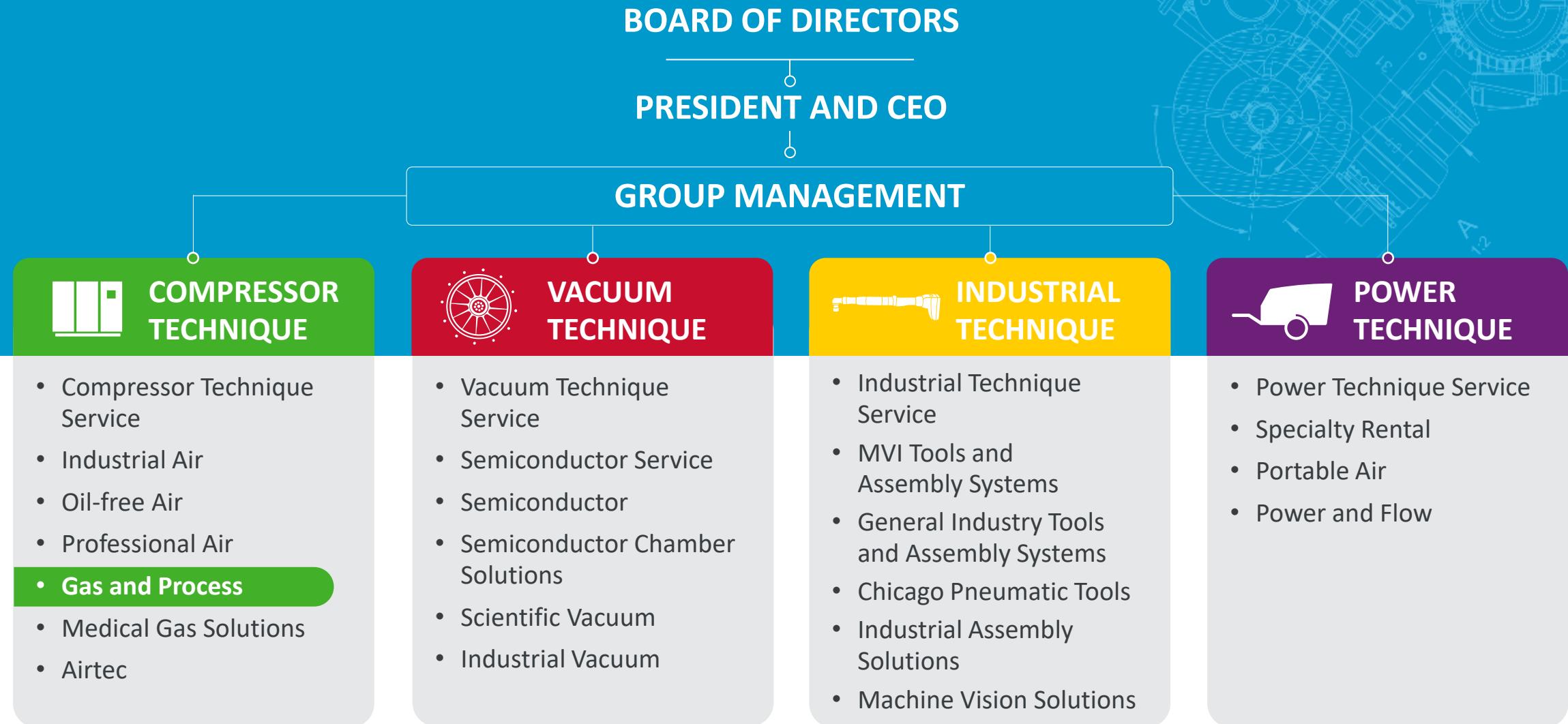
Turnover of nearly **173** BSEK / **15** BEUR*



Operating margin of **21.5%**

*Based on the average exchange rate in 2023.

A decentralized Group



Markets Served by Gas and Process Division

Energy Transition Applications

Hydrocarbons



Air Separation



Power Generation



New Energy



Emerging Markets



Midstream



LNG



Olefins /
Polyolefins



Chemicals /
Petrochemicals



Refinery



Fuel Gas
Boosting



Thermal Energy
Storage



sCO₂ /
Renewables



Industrial Heat
Pumps



CCUS



Hydrogen

Global Climate and Human Health Protection

Turbomachinery is required to support new, emerging and sustainable energy sources

Increased amount of H_2 , CO_2 , electrification and energy conversion related projects

Expanders / Compressors in H_2 Liquefaction and BOG



Expanders / Compressors in CCUS and sCO2



Steam Compressors / MVR & Heat Pumps



Expanders / Compressors in ORC / WH2P / LDES



Atlas Copco Expanders in ORC

Decades of Experience in Binary ORC Plants



Single-stage Expander EG10
10MW, i-Butane, USA, 1982



Single-stage Expander EGI8
15MW, i-Butane, USA, 2007



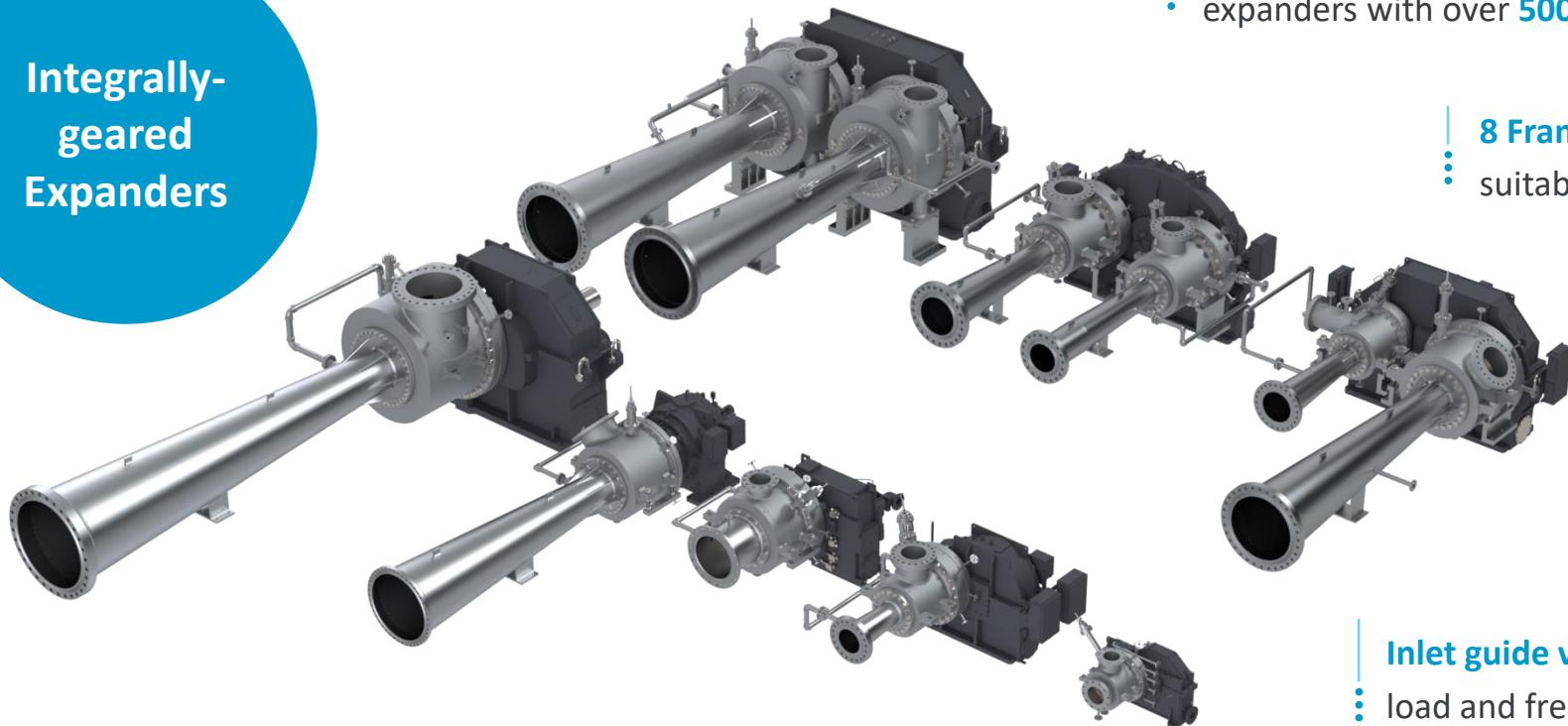
Two-stage HP/LP Expander EEGI4/6
7.3MW, n-Butane, Canada, 2013



Dual-stage Expander EEGI8
27MW, n-Butane, Turkey, 2018

Atlas Copco Expanders in ORC

Integrally-geared
Expanders



Atlas Copco is an EPC-independent major brand for ORC expanders with over **500MW** in more than **40** installations

8 Frame Sizes cover power range from **5 to 30+MW**, suitable for small demo plants to full commercial scale

Integrally geared design allows compact and flexible multistage units (parallel, HP/LP etc)

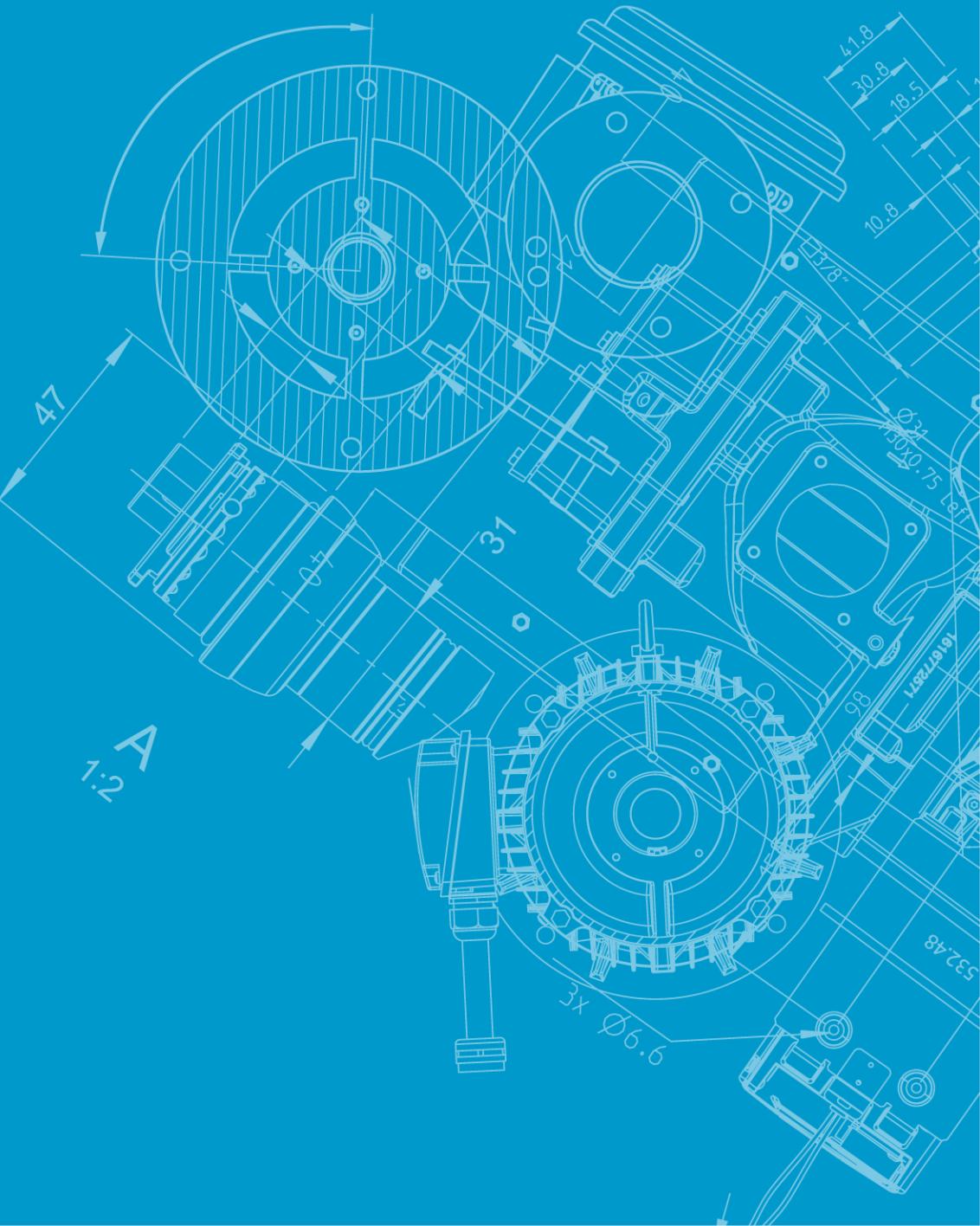
Zero leakage configurations possible, sealing options include oil, dry gas, and labyrinth

Inlet guide vane technology allows precise and fast load and frequency control including “island mode”

Mature technology with documented **availability >98% p.a.**, due to continuous design improvement and implementation of “lessons learned”

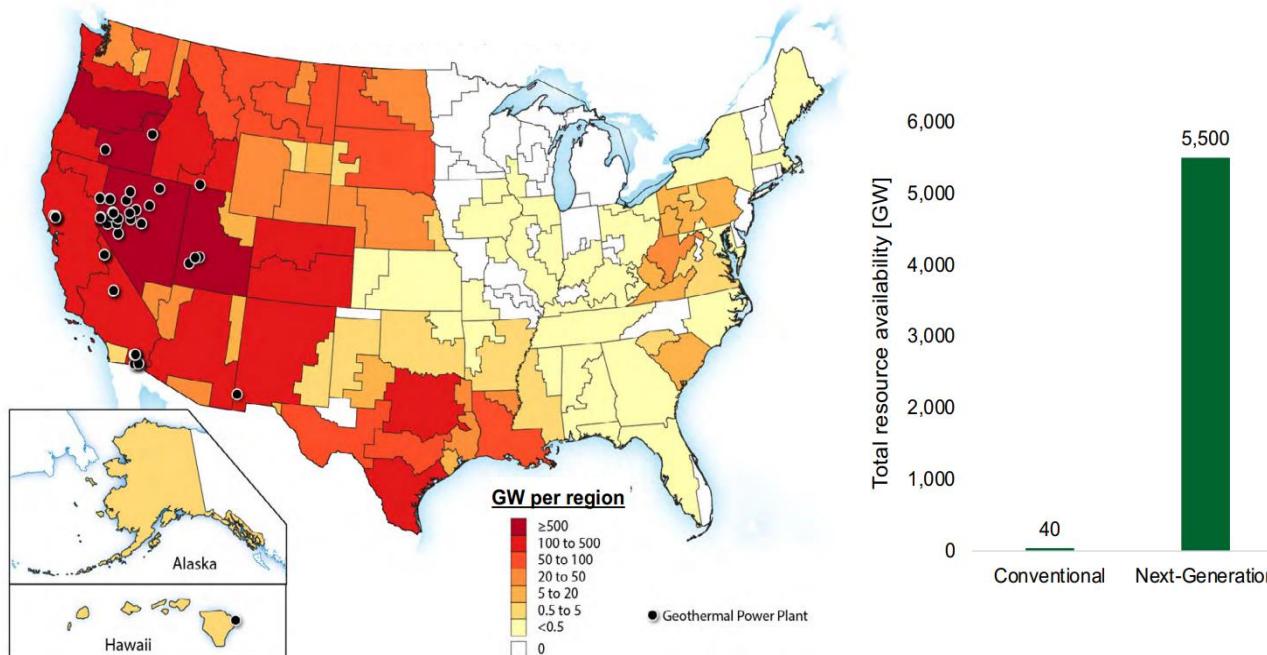
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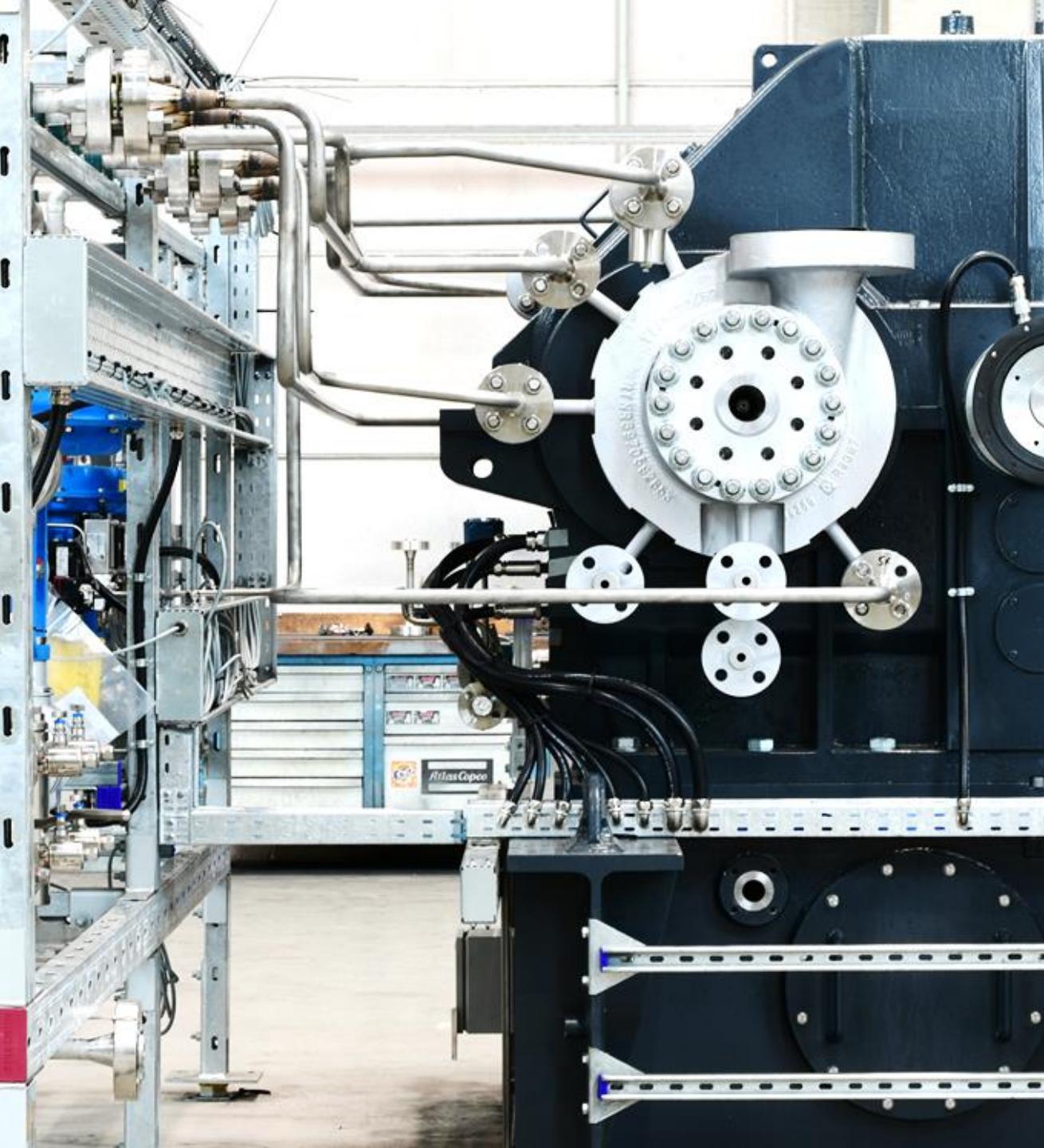
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The Role of Flexible Machinery in Next-Gen Geothermal Integration



Source: *Pathways to Commercial Liftoff: Next-Generation Geothermal Power*, DOE, March 2024

- **Next-generation geothermal** technologies unlock resources in common environments, increasing accessibility and commercial potential
- **Flexibility in surface machinery** is essential for integrating next-generation geothermal power into the **modern grid**
- Transitioning from conventional to next-generation geothermal requires flexible solutions in **design**, **supply**, and **operation**



Advancing Geothermal Power

Flexibility in Design

Conventional Approach

- Well Established ORC Designs and Working Fluids
- Modular Steam and Binary Arrangements

Next-Generation Needs

- Advanced Designs / Working Fluids for higher temperature and performance
- A balance between modularity and scale

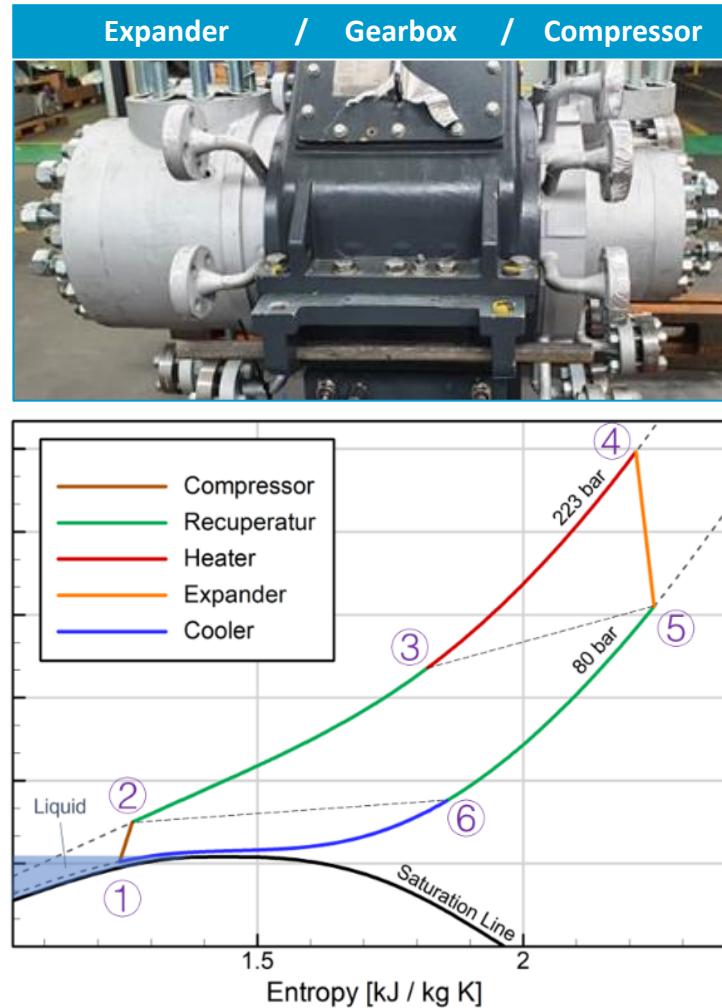
A Way Forward

- Continuous improvement of surface equipment through proven ETO to CTO process
- More power-dense direct or indirect cycles

Compander for sCO₂ Power Plant

Flexible Design Example

- Request received for **custom compander design** for sCO₂ power cycle
- Unique compressor design included **liquid suction** and operation near critical point
- Design was tested on **in house, high pressure sCO₂ loop** in 2021
- Approximately **10-times higher power density** compared to typical ORC expander
- Design can be **freely modified** for severe fluid / corrosion requirements of direct cycles



	Compressor	Expander
Shaft Sealing	Dry Gas Seal	
Speed	38 000 RPM	
Mass Flow	174 600 kg/h / 385 000 lb/hr	
Impeller Dia	104 mm / 4.1"	150 mm / 6.0"
Inlet Pressure	80 bara	223 bara
Inlet Temp	28°C / 82°F	275°C / 530°F
Power	2 MW net	



Advancing Geothermal Power

Flexibility in Supply

Conventional Approach

- Available geothermal resources restricted to select locations
- Surface equipment deployment benefits from a vertically integrated structure

Next-Generation Needs

- Expanded geothermal accessibility across diverse regions
- Decentralized supply chains with options for local manufacturing

A Way Forward

- Diversity in equipment suppliers with global reach



Flexible Supply Example

Atlas Copco Gas and Process Division Global Structure



Flexible Supply Example

Atlas Copco Gas and Process Division Global Structure



US Turbomachinery
Factory



German Turbomachinery
Factory



Local Manufacturing in Turkey





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Flexibility in Operation

Conventional Approach

- Baseload power with high utilization
- Operation optimized for single point efficiency

Next-Generation

- Dispatchable power that complements other renewables
- Operation optimized for broader conditions to support grid balancing and stability

A Way Forward

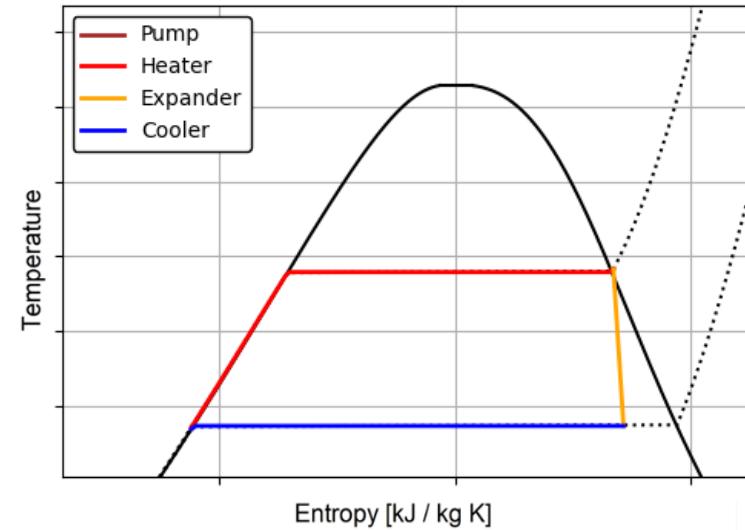
- Dynamic processes and equipment responsive to daily/yearly weather patterns, grid demand, etc.

*Image courtesy of
RayGen*

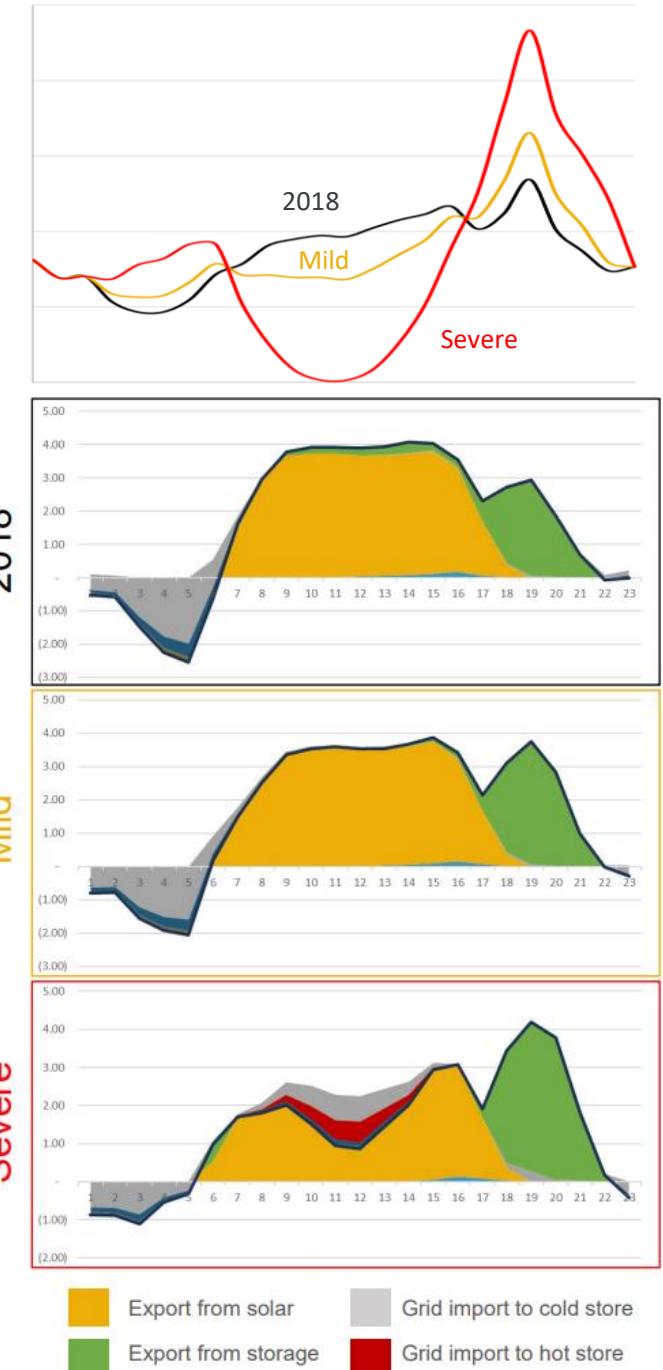
Expander in Thermal Energy Storage ORC

Flexible Operation Example

- Project partner sought to de-risk pilot thermal energy storage project by using proven tech from binary ORCs
- Design utilized low enthalpy ammonia ORC with **two-phase expander discharge**
- Daily start-stop with efficient performance over wide range of flows and enthalpy required **robust variable inlet guide vane assembly**
- Machine was **successfully commissioned and performance validated** in 2023, paving way for commercial scale

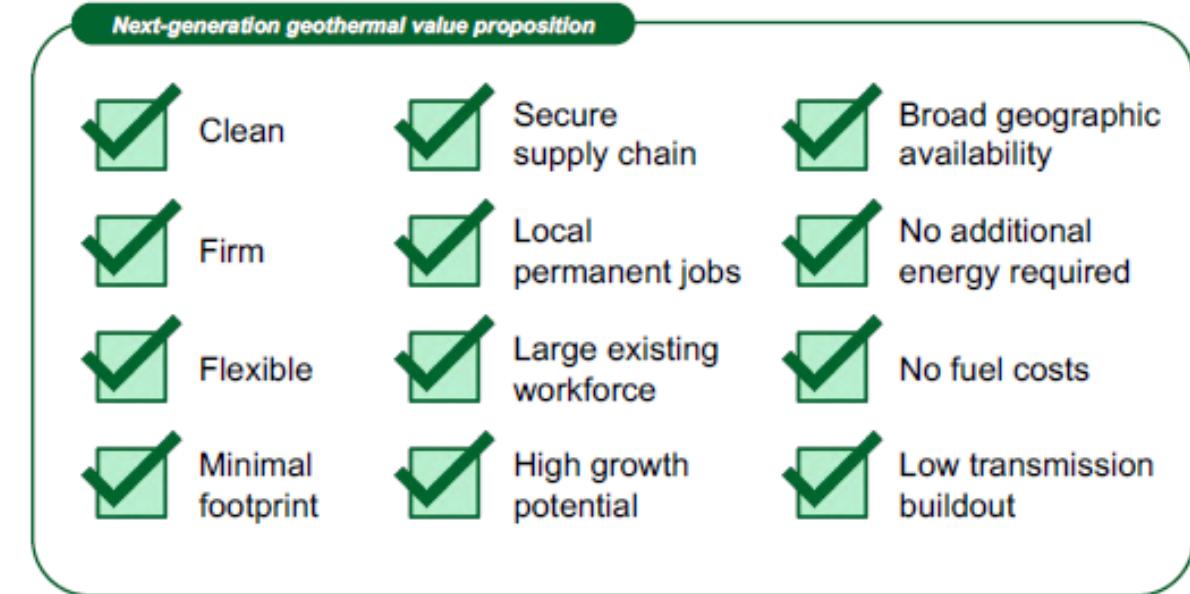


Source: RayGen Commercial Assessment Report,
ARENA, May 2021



Conclusions

- **Flexibility in surface machinery** is essential for integrating next-generation geothermal power into the **modern grid**
- Established machinery suppliers offer flexibility in **design, supply**, and **operation** for next-generation geothermal deployment
- **Partnership** between machinery suppliers and plant builders offer a **low-risk path forward** for next-generation geothermal scale out



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