



Evolution of Infrastructure in Korea

- High Voltage Engineering Technology -

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Comments on the title

Korea is a latecomer to the global movement to electrify industrial activities.

- **Its businesses & universities have long been followers rather than leaders.**

Given this history

The resulting shortage of leading-edge knowledge and experience among the related institutions

- **Preparing a memorial lecture on the subject has proven to be difficult.**

Short-Bio of Prof. Emeritus J.Y. KOO

■ Activities in Korean Society

- 1988.03 – 2016.02: Professor at Hanyang University (Prof. Emeritus)
- 2014.09 – 2018.02: Outside Board member of KEPCO
- 2013.02 – 2017.01: Chairman of Korean National Committee of CIGRE
- 2012.01 – 2012.12: President of Korean Institute of Electrical Engineers
- 2010.06 – 2013.06: Chairman of KOREC (Korean Electricity Regulatory Commission)

■ International Contributions

- ELECTRA Editor (since October 2022)
- Chair of ISTC of 2019 Jicable (International Conference on Insulated Power Cable)
- CMD 2014 Chairman (International Conference on Condition Monitoring and Diagnosis)
- ISH 2013 Chairman (International Symposium on High Voltage Engineering)

■ Activities within CIGRE

- Awardee of 2021 CIGRE Honorary Member (2021 August)
- 2020.08 – Present: CIGRE Technical Committee Elected Member
- 2004.08 – Present: CIGRE Administrative Council Member
- 2014.08 – 2006.07: CIGRE Steering Committee Elected Member
- 2004.08 – CIGRE Distinguished Member Award
- 2004.08 – 2006.07: CIGRE Technical Committee Elected Member
- 2004.08 – 2006.07: AORC-CIGRE Chairman
- 2000.08 – 2008.07: Regular Member of SC-D1
- 1988.08 – 2000.07: Regular Member of SC-21
- 1986.08 ~ 1988.07: Observer Member of SC-21 & SC-15



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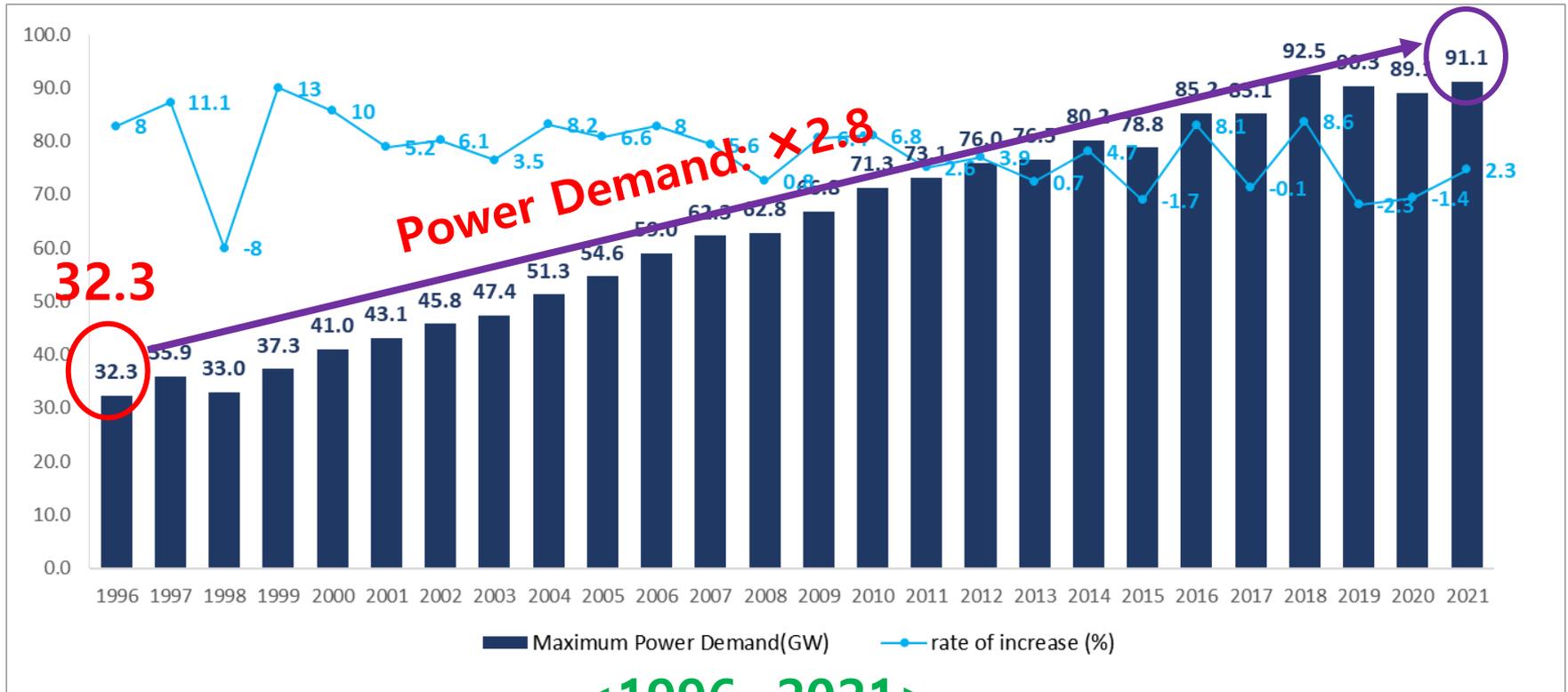
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KEPCO Research Institute (KEPRI)

- KEPCO Power Testing Center at Gochang -

Why Large-scale Transmission in Korea?

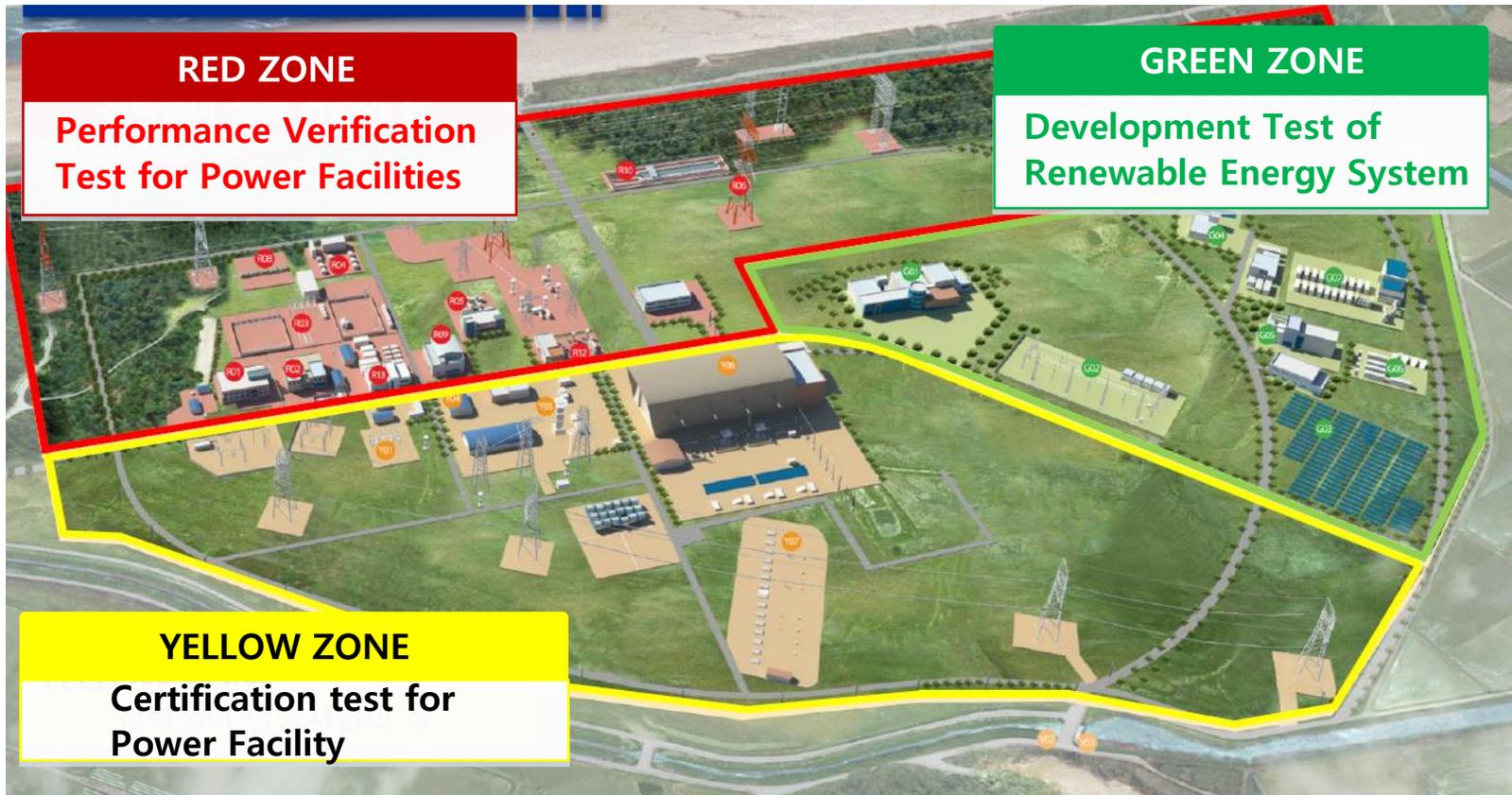
■ Evolution of annually consumed electricity in Korea 91.3



*Korea Power Exchange

☑ High voltage and Large current technology are required to cope with the rapid expansion of the Korean energy market. ➔ **765kV T/L**

Purpose of Gochang Testing Center



- ☑ To verify the specification and standards related to the power apparatus operating at 765kV transmission line
- ☑ To resolve local complaint caused by the transmission line in HVAC & HVDC

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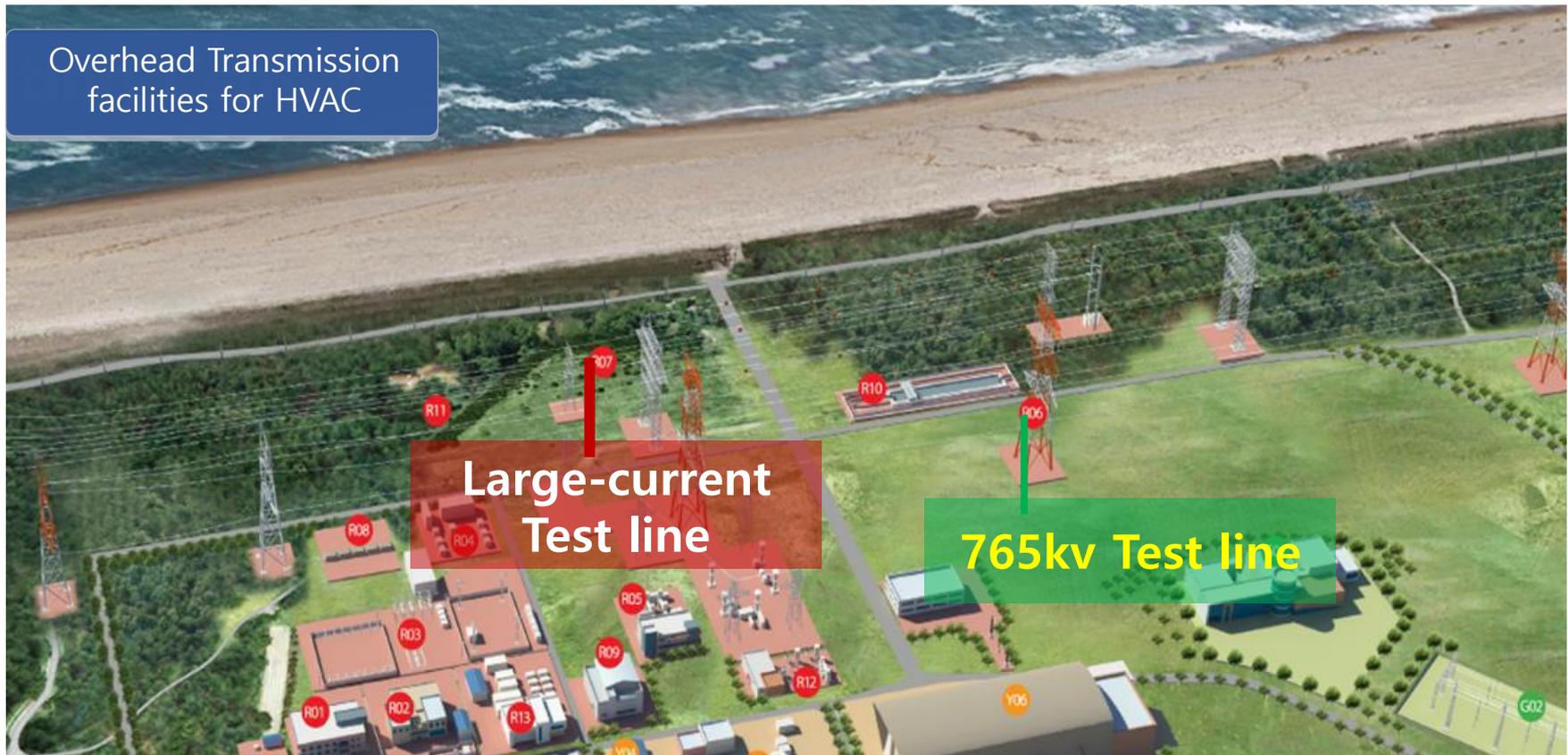
HVAC Test Facilities

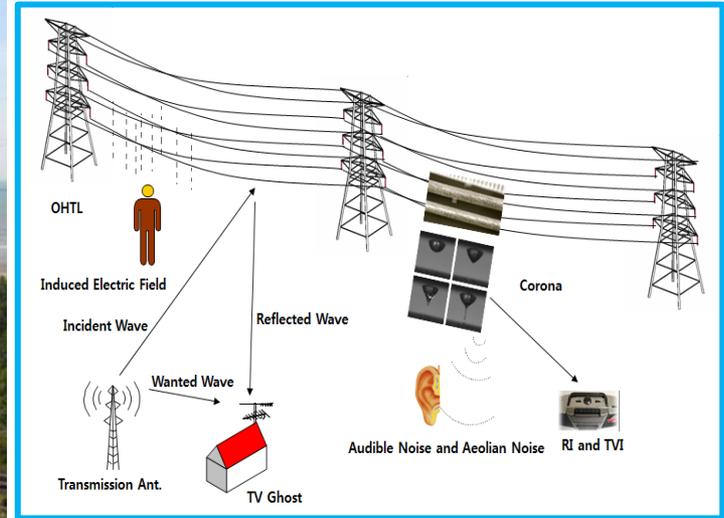
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AC Overhead Line Test

Test Line & Facilities for 765kV Overhead T/L

- 765kV Vertical Double Circuit Test **(August, 1993)**
- Large Current Test using AC 6,500A Generator **(July, 2002)**





- ☑ Localization and commercialization of power equipment
- ☑ Long-term aging test for Transmission insulator under the cooperation with EPRI, ESKOM
- ☑ Live line maintenance technology
- ☑ Assessment on the electrical safety and environmental effects under 765kV Transmission Line

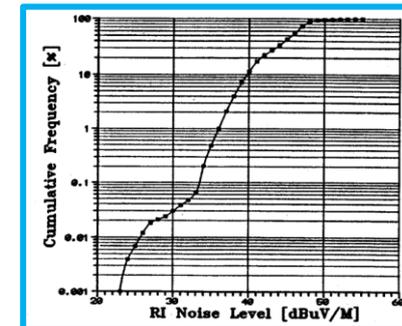
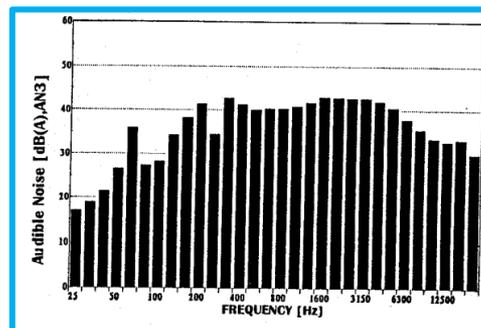
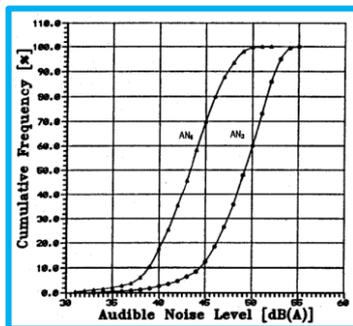
Investigation: Radio Interferences & Electric field

Long term test at Live line (16 months)

- RI(L50)** measured in foul weather: 45.7 dB(μ V/m)
 - **1.3 dB(μ V /m) lower** than Korean requirement
- Electric Field at 28m under the live line:
 - International specification: 5kV/m.
 - Our measurement: 3.5kV/m

The results (AN, RI, Electric field) show **suitability**

6-Cardinal Bundle Conductor for 765kV Double Circuit T/L



Remark: Safety for Workers

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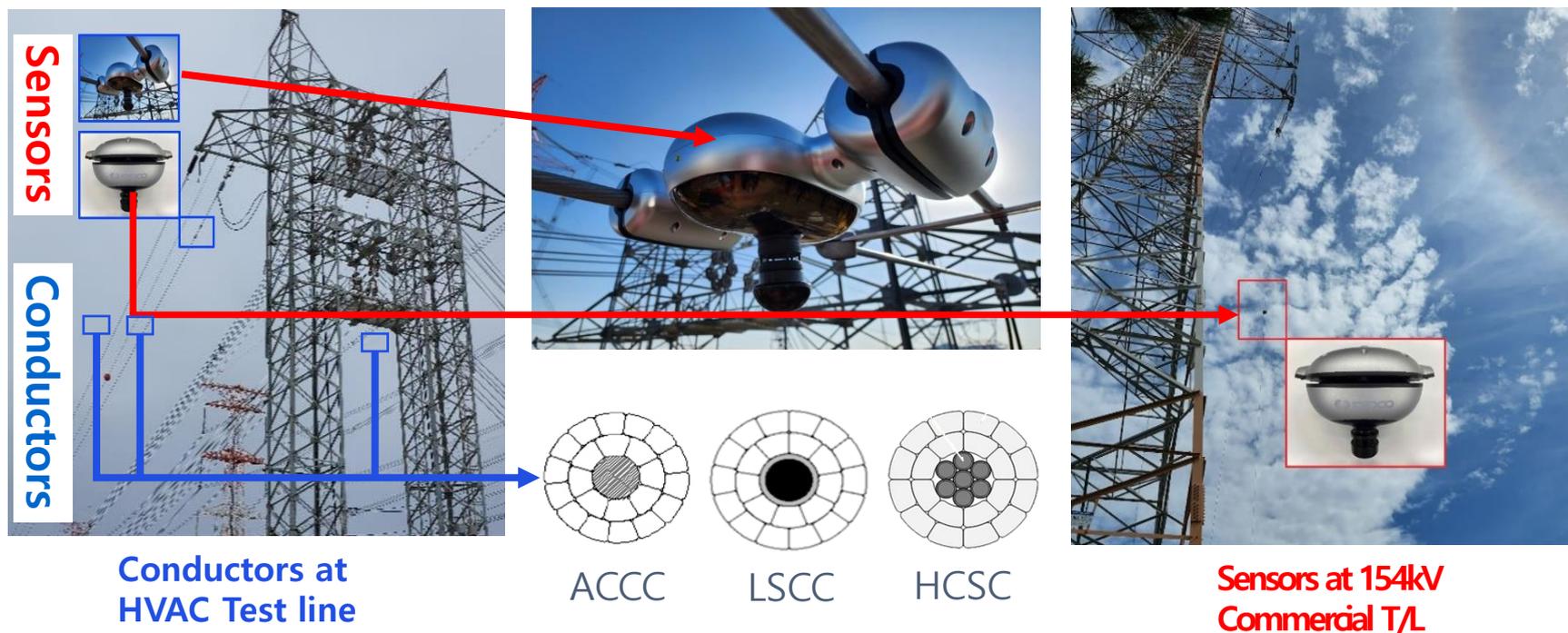
■ To secure work safety for live line workers

- ☑ Investigation on the Flashover path
- ☑ Necessary tools by our design for double circuit line
 - ➔ Applicable also to single circuit live line



Remark: Long term Investigation for Line rating increase

Novel Conductor & Sensor Development



- ☑ Investigation on the effect of large current and tensile characteristics
 - ➔ Novel conductor is chosen to avoid new T/L construction
- ☑ Development of sensor for FDLR (Forecasted Dynamic Line-Rating)
 - ➔ Commercial service in 2024

765kV Double Circuit T/L using 6-Cardinal Bundle conductor

→ Transmission capacity up to 12GW

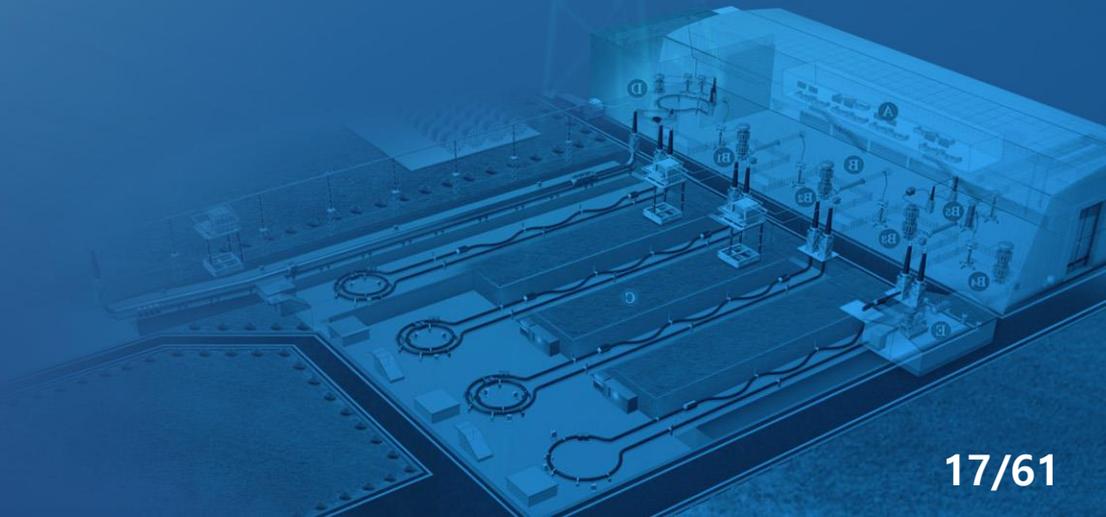
→ World's First commercial service in 2003

Our design, today

Recognized as an **excellent choice** for other utilities facing:

- ☑ **The challenges** caused by long - standing social grievances
- ☑ **Limited ROW** available for new transmission lines

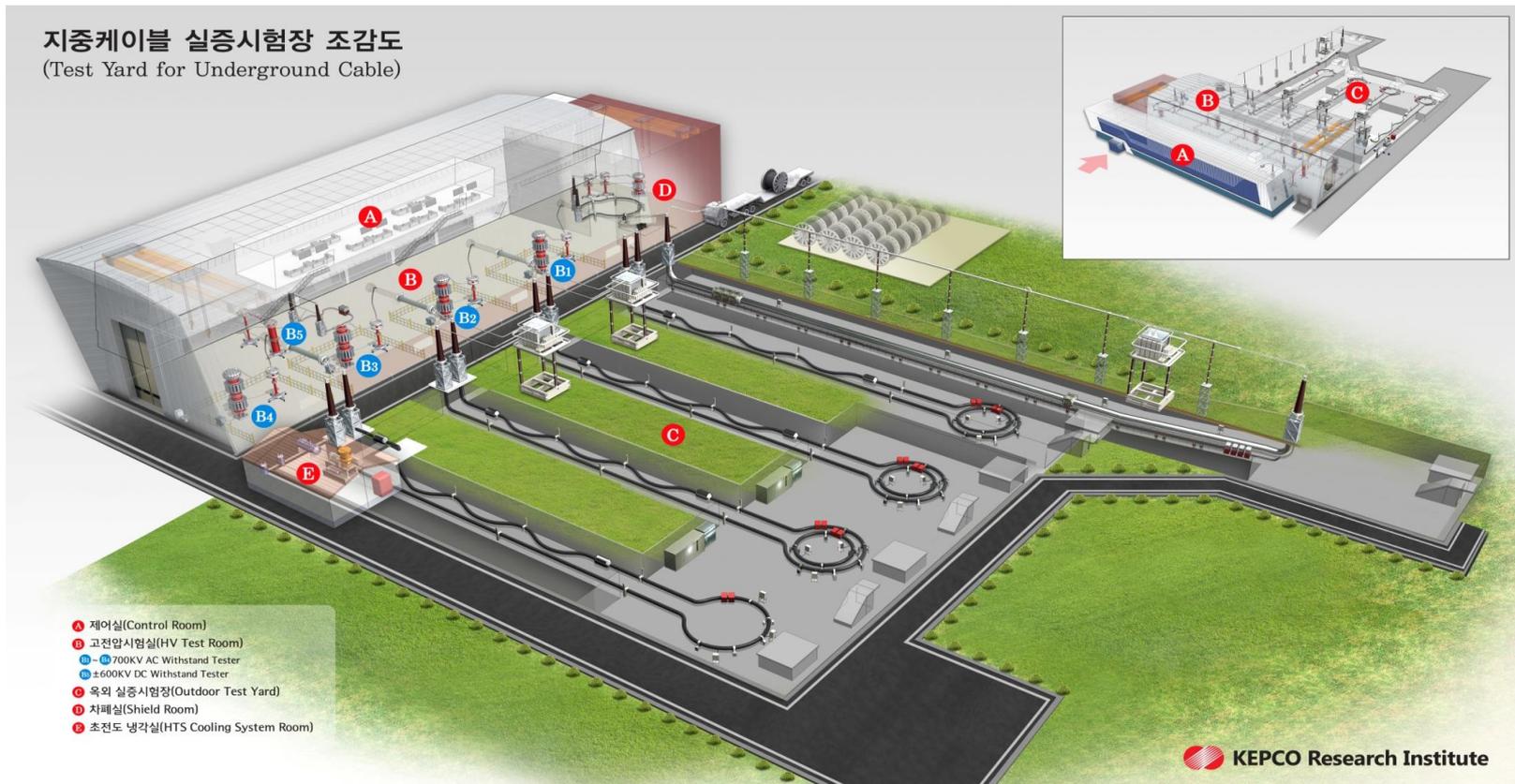
AC Underground & Submarine Cable Test



Overview of Test Laboratory (June 2010)

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- ☑ Control Room (L×W×H=72m×10m×14m)
- ☑ HV Test hall (L×W×H=86m×35m×25m)
- ☑ Outdoor Test Yard (5 test tunnels : length 310m)



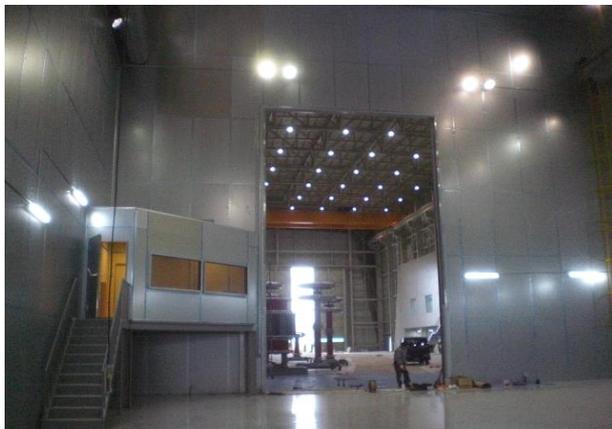
Main Facilities



[Overview of Test Hall]



[Test hall]



[Shield room]



[Test tunnel]



[Control room]

Core Testing Equipment



**700kV 14A Generator
(Resonance type)**



**700kV 6A Generator
(Resonance type)**



**800kV 10A Generator
(Winding type)**



**4MV Impulse
Generator**



**6kA AC current
source**



**Shield Room
<1pC**

Related Specification



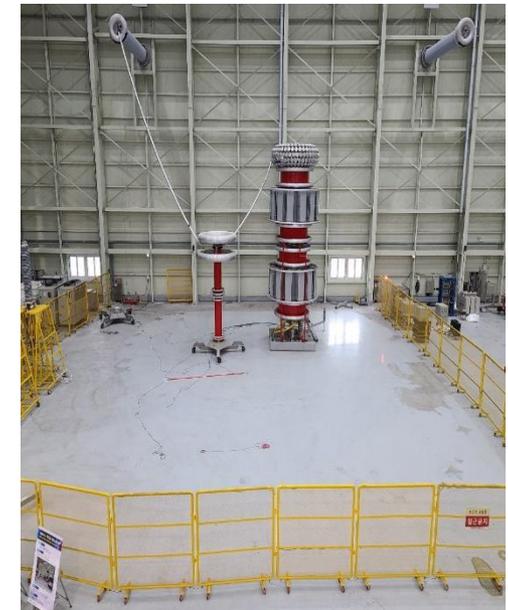
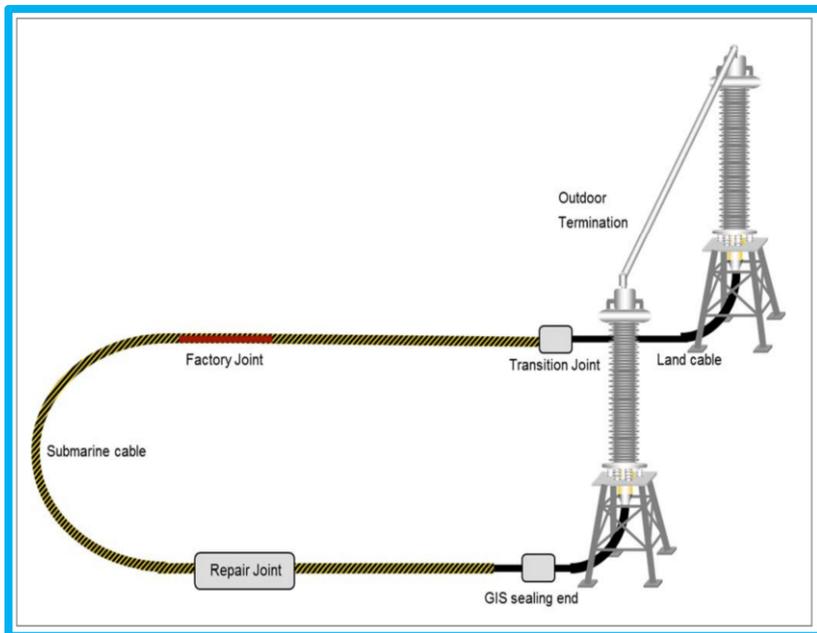
Equipment	EA	Specification
HVDC Voltage generator (resonance type)	2	700kV, 14A 700kV, 6A
HVDC Voltage generator (winding type)	1	800kV, 10A
Impulse generator	1	4MV
AC current source	5	6kA
Wall Bushing	4	LI 800kVp
Water Termination System	1	600kV
DAS & Morning System	1	-
Faraday(shield) Room	1	Background noise $\leq 1\mu\text{C}$

Remark: AC 400kV Submarine cable system

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■ Pre-qualification test (CIGRE TB 490 /18 months)

- ☑ AC 400kV XLPE 1C x 2,500mm² cable 110m,
Transition Joint (TJ), Repair Joint (RJ), Factory Joint (FJ), EBG, EBA
- ➔ Successfully completed and Certified by KEMA (August 2022)



The background of the slide is a photograph of a high-voltage power line tower in a green field at dusk. The sky is a deep blue, and the mountains in the distance are silhouetted against the twilight. The tower is a lattice structure with multiple cross-arms supporting the power lines. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the ambient light of the sunset or sunrise.

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HVDC Test Facilities

DC Overhead Line Test

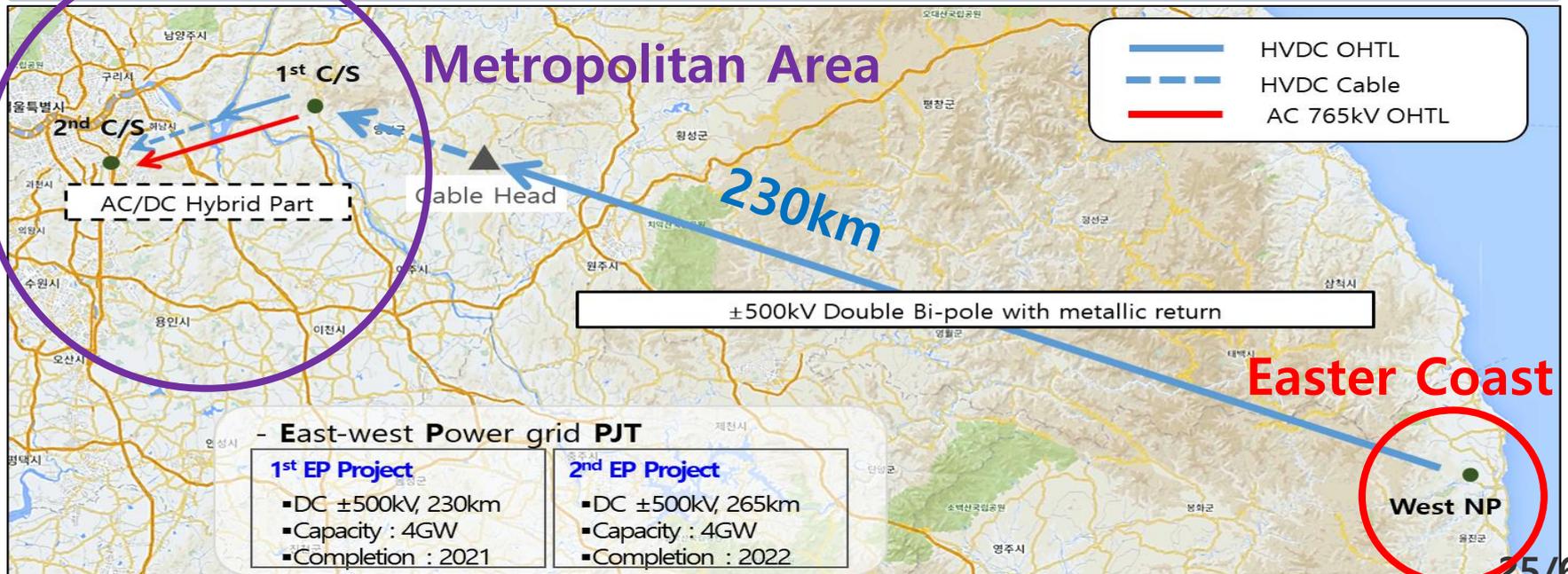


HVDC Overhead Transmission line in Korea

East-West Power Grid Project (8GW)

☑ To transport electricity generated at Shinhanul NP from the east coast area to the metropolitan area through a new overhead transmission line **by 2025**

2 HVDC $\pm 500\text{kV}$ Bi-pole , T/L 230km, Metallic return (Tower 440)



± 500kV HVDC Full Scale Test Line

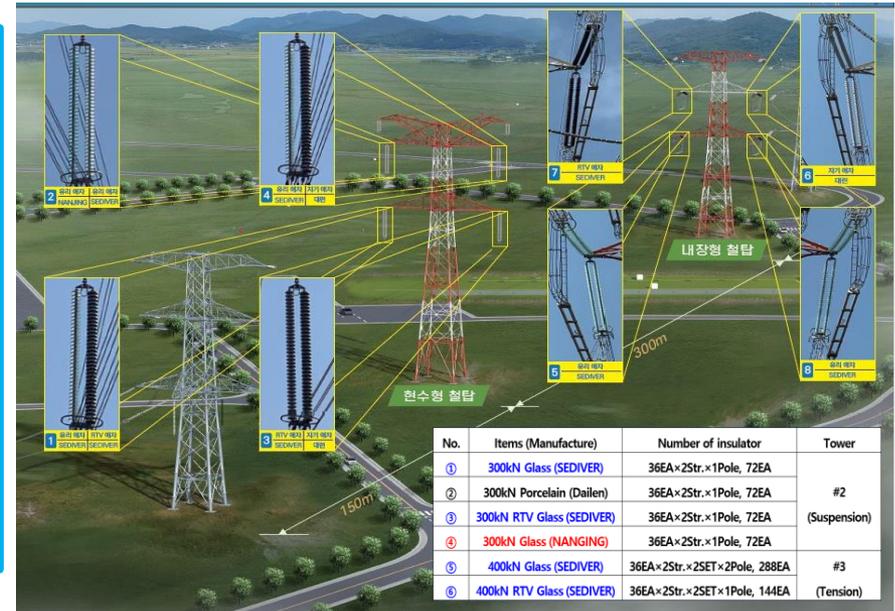
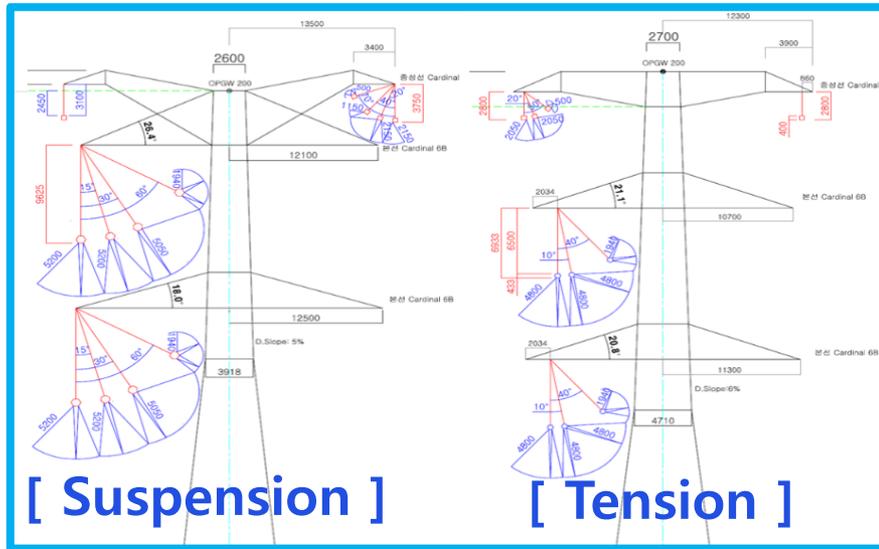
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■ Purpose

- ☑ To determine HVDC insulation coordination relevant to actual tower configuration
- ☑ To analyze the environmental effect of Double Bi-pole T/L prior to commercialization
- ☑ To develop relevant accessories and maintenance technologies

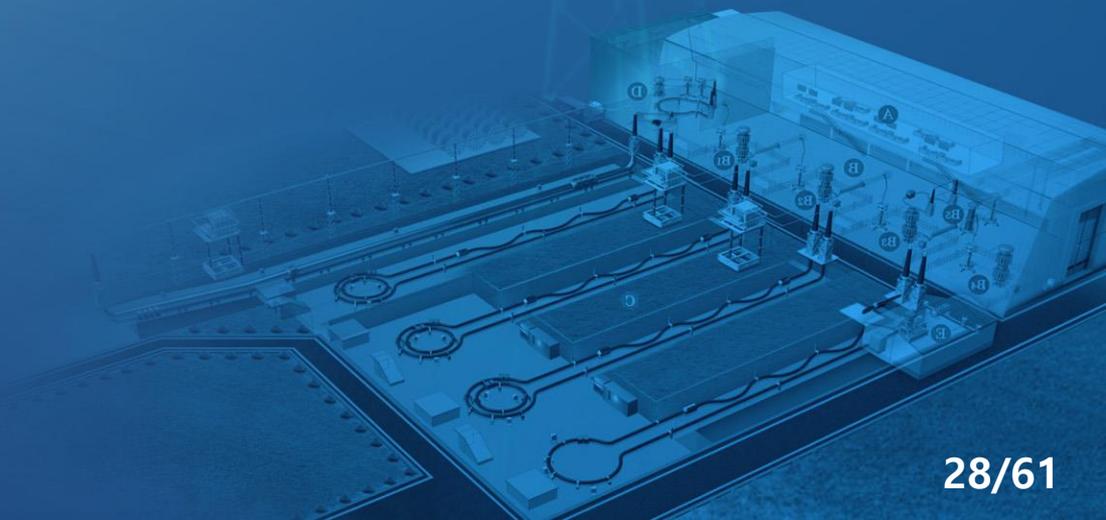


■ HVDC Towers (2 Tower types)



- ☑ To investigate Electromagnetic field intensity & Corona noise
 - ➔ Domestic electrical environment requirements are verified
- ☑ To evaluate the performance and reliability for both Glass and RTV Silicon coating insulators to replace porcelain insulators

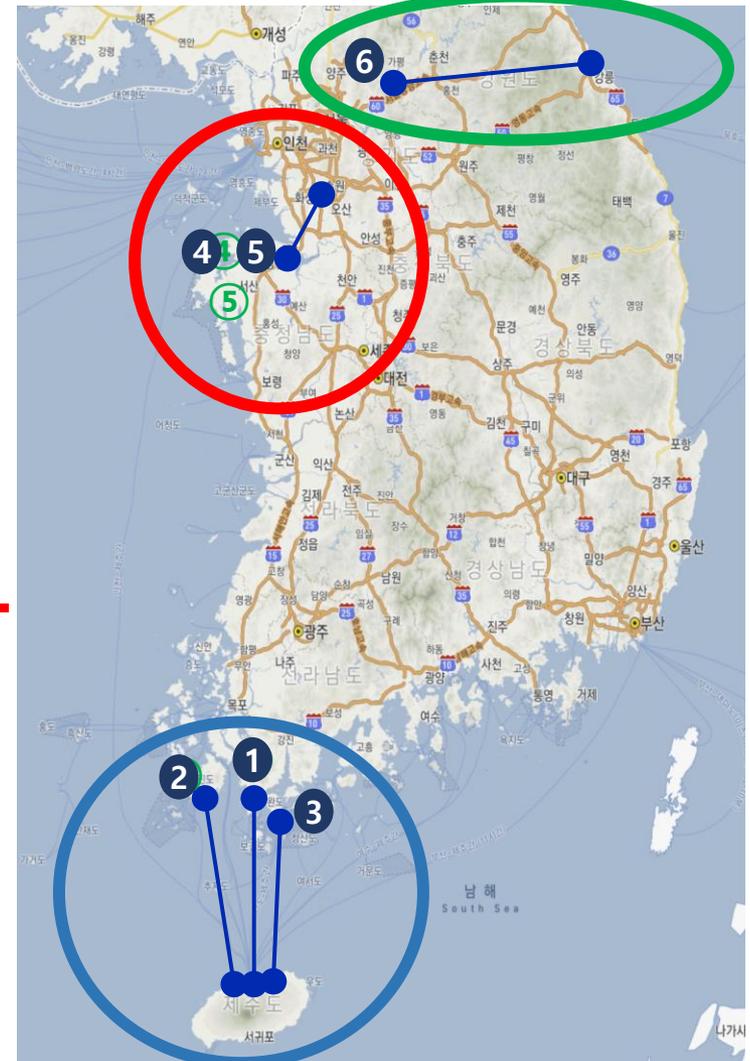
DC Underground Cable Test



HVDC Cable Projects in Korea



- 1 **±180kV** HVDC Jeju-Haenam (since 1998)
MI cable, **150MW x 2pole**, 101km
- 2 **±250kV** HVDC Jeju-Jindo (since 2013)
MI cable, **200MW x 2pole**, 113km
- 3 **±150kV** HVDC Jeju-Wando (2023 ~)
XLPE cable, **100MW x2pole**, 89km
- 4 **±500kV** Bukdanjin-Godeok HVDC (#1, 2020 ~)
MI PPLP cable, **1.5GW x 1pole**, 34.2km
- 5 **±500kV** Bukdanjin-Godeok HVDC (#2, 2023~)
MI PPLP cable, **1.5GW x 1pole**, 34.2km
- 6 **±500kV** HVDC (to be completed: 2026)
XLPE cable + Overhead transmission
2GW x 4pole, 230km from the East Coast

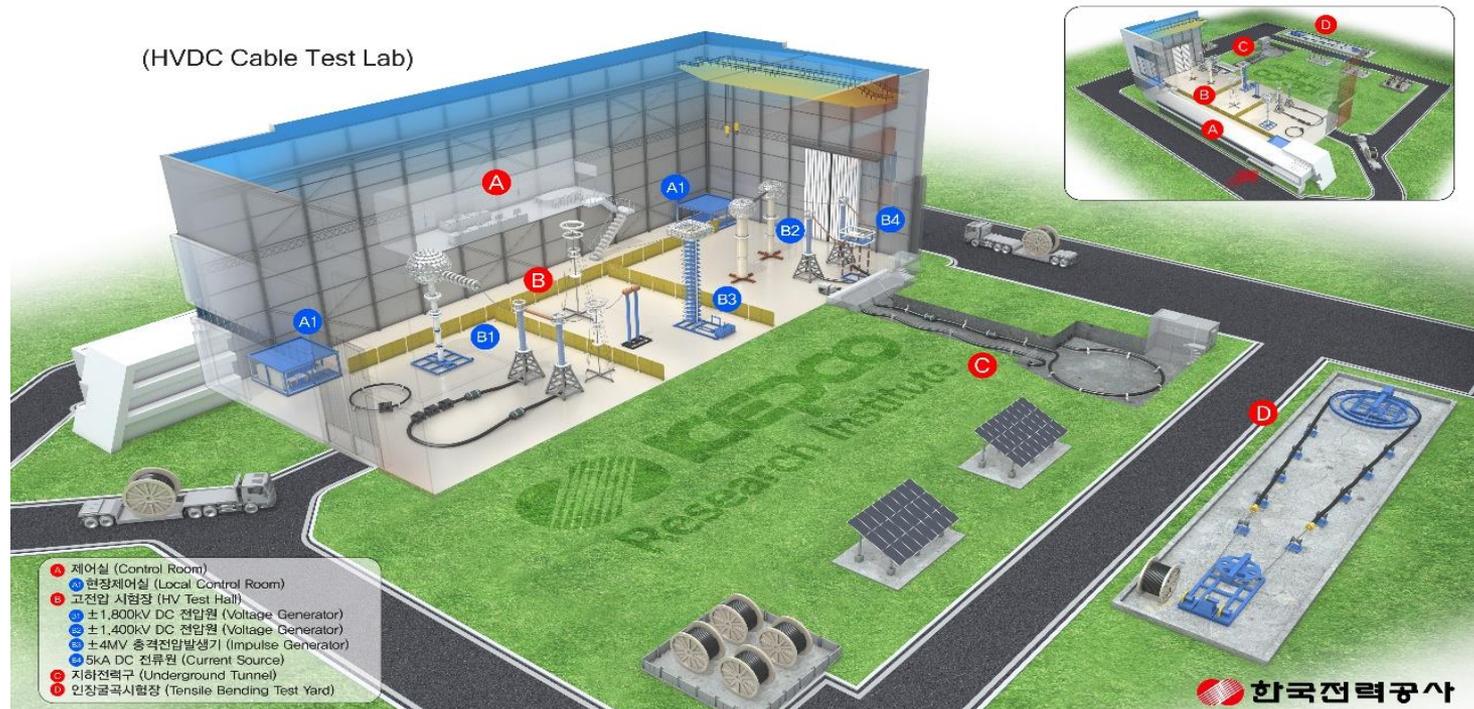


HVDC Cable Test Laboratory (2021 October)

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Overview

- ☑ Main control room, 2 Local control room
- ☑ HV Test hall (3 test sections, test tunnel, ducts) / 80m×50m×38m
- ☑ Outdoor tensile bending test yard (length 45m)



Core equipment for testing HVDC cable



$\pm 1800\text{kV}$ DC Generator



$\pm 1400\text{kV}$ DC Generator



$\pm 600\text{kV}$ DC Generator



4MV Impulse generator



Local control room



6kA AC current source

Related specification



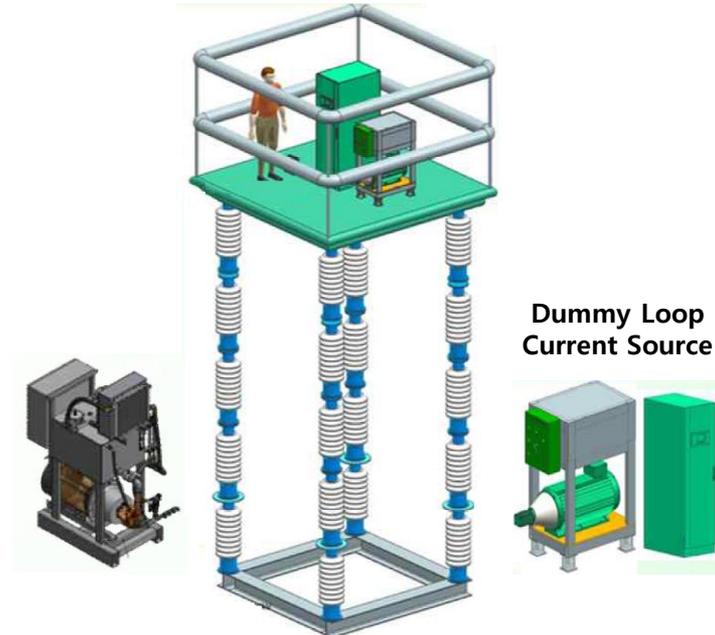
Equipment	EA	Specification
HVDC Voltage generator	3	$\pm 1,800\text{kV}$ 10mA $\pm 1,400\text{kV}$ 20mA $\pm 600\text{kV}$, 50mA
Impulse generator	1	4MV 600kJ
DC current source	1	5kA 6V
AC current source	2	6kA 20V
Shielding curtain	1	-
Tensile bending test equipment	1	100ton
DAS	1	-

Additional facility: DC Current source

- ☑ Direct application of DC current instead of induction current
- ☑ Possible to ensure the required reliable performance during test



Test Loop Current Source



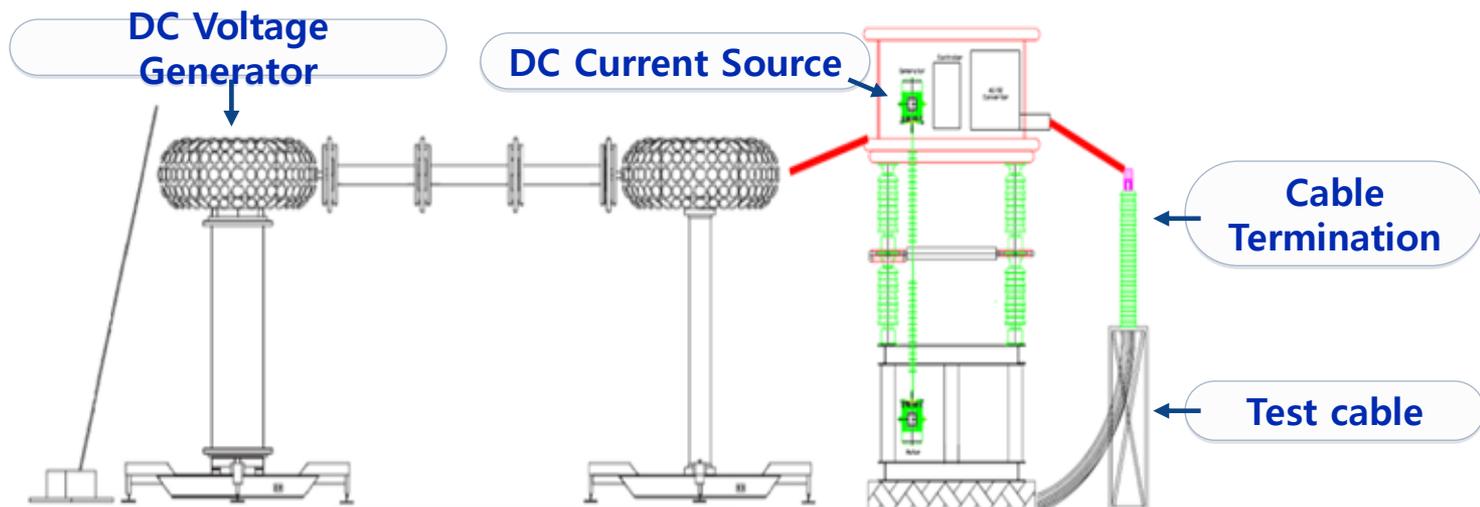
■ HVDC Submarine cable (CIGRE TB 496)

✓ Conventional method

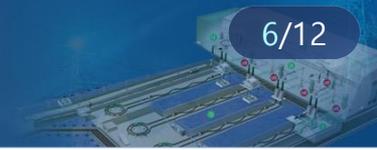
- **Induction current** is used for load current in HVDC cable Type and PQ test
- ➔ Temperature control of the cable conductor is difficult due to the induction of the armor layer. Therefore, **the armor layer must be removed.**

✓ KEPRI's method

- **Direct current application** to cable conductor **using DC current source.**
- ➔ Easy control of conductor temperature without removing armor layer.
- ➔ **Possible** to put the complete submarine cable **with armor** into test.



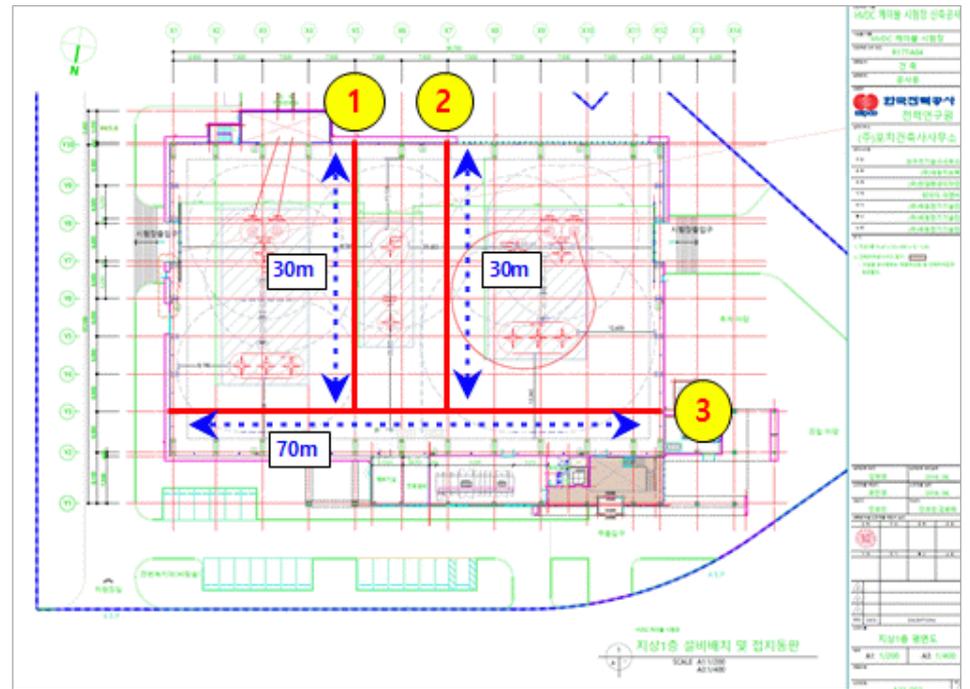
Additional facility: Shielding Curtain



- ☑ **Easily separate** test hall into three parts
- ➔ Possible to run **two tests at the same time**



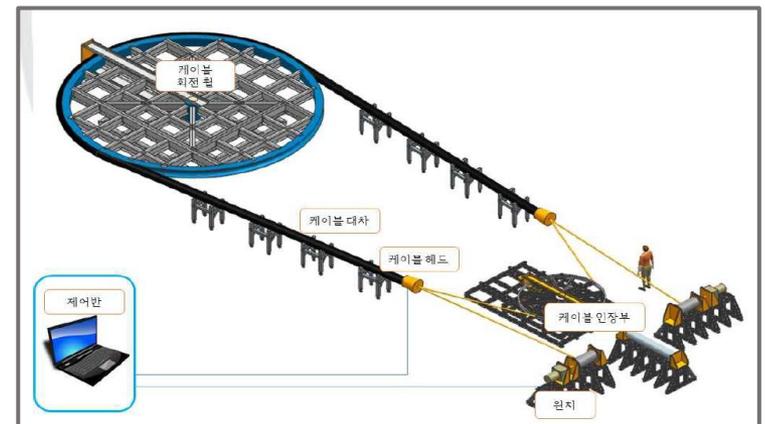
① ② ③ Shielding Curtain



Additional facility: Tensile Bending equipment

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☑ Weights of **up to 100 tons** using three types of wheels

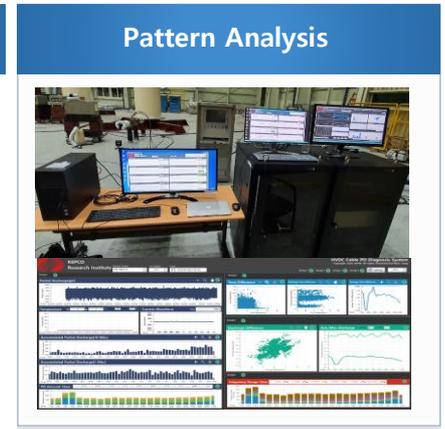


Achievement: Real-time PD Diagnosis system

■ Mi-PPLP HVDC Land Cable ($\pm 500\text{kV DC}$)

☑ **World's First commercial application**

➔ Land HVDC Cable installation (Duct & Tunnel)



Achievement: Real Time Fault Location System

Application to HVDC Submarine & Land Cable in Korea

2 Independent & Complementary functions

- ▶ **Trigger monitoring**: **Abnormal signals** from the weak spots → When they are above the trigger level, corresponding to fault current, sensors installed at both end of cable detect them..
- ▶ **Real Time monitoring**: **DC load current & Fault current** are detected by the sensors simultaneously → Fault location is recognized when these signals are above the trigger level respectively

Commercial service at 3 long distance HVDC Line

- ▶ **±180kV** HVDC submarine cable, **October 2017**
- ▶ **±500kV** HVDC land cable , **March 2020**
- ▶ **±250kV** HVDC submarine cable, **2023**

No faults till now



[Real Time Fault Location System S/W]



[Application of Real Time Fault Location]

Accredited Laboratory for Cable Testing

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CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

Name of Laboratory : KEPCO Research Institute

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Address of Laboratory : 105, Moonji-Ro, Yusong-Gu, Daejeon, Korea

Duration : April. 4, 2009 ~ April, 3, 2013

Scope of Accreditation
(Scope of Accreditation is described in the accompanying Annex)

This testing laboratory is accredited in accordance with the recognized International Standard ISO/IEC 17025 : 2005. This accreditation demonstrates technical competence for a defined scope and the operation of a laboratory quality management system (refer to joint ISO-ILAC-IAF Communique dated 8 January 2009).

March 2, 2011

Administrator,
Korea Laboratory Accreditation Scheme(KOLAS)

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Standards & Accredited Tests by KEPRI

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Standards	Subject	Accredited Tests
IEC 60230	Impulse Tests on Cables and their Accessories	Switching/Lighting Impulse
IEC 60885-3	Electrical Test Methods for Electric Cables	Partial Discharge measurement under AC
IEC 60840	Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages above 30 kV ($U_m = 36$ kV) up to 150 kV ($U_m = 170$ kV) –Test methods and requirements	HVAC Cable Type & PQ Test
IEC 62067	Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages above 150kV ($U_m = 170$ kV) up to 550 kV ($U_m = 550$ kV) –Test methods and requirements	HVAC Cable Type & PQ Test
CIGRE TB 852 (TB 496)	Recommendations for Testing DC Extruded Cable Systems for Power Transmission at a Rated Voltage up to 800kV	HVDC Cable testing

Remark: Support for domestic manufactures

■ HVDC XLPE Land cables

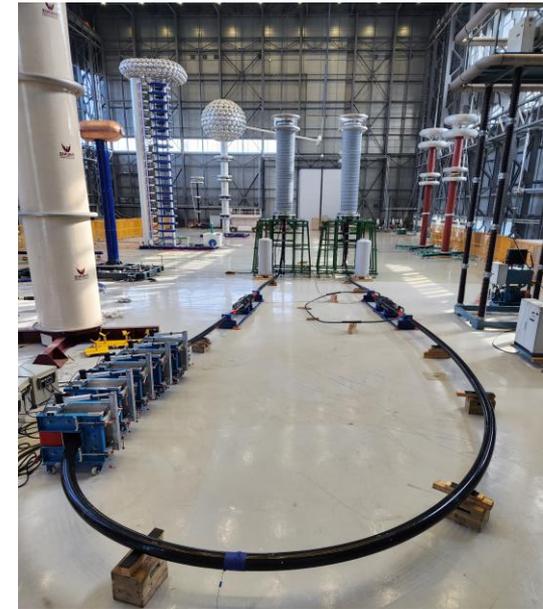
- ✓ **±500kV** HVDC LCC XLPE Land Cable
- ✓ **±525kV** HVDC VSC XLPE Land Cable
- ✓ **±320kV** HVDC VSC XLPE Land Cable



±500kV LCC



±525kV VSC



±320kV VSC

Part 1.3

Concluding Remarks

Envisaged activities for HVDC cable system

I Standardization of Space Charge Measurement

- ☑ Space charge accumulation in the insulation of XLPE HVDC cables
 - ➔ Shorten equipment lifespans or cause breakdown
 - ➔ **Space charge measurement system** & **Certification test techniques** will be standardized for commercial services.

I Real Time Fault location detecting system

- ☑ Upgraded system will be integrated to **HVDC line (Overhead + XLPE cable/ 230km)** ➔ This will transport **8GW** from the Ester coast to Metropolitan area **in 2026**.

Part 2

Korea Electrotechnology Research Institute (KERI) at Changwon

About KERI

Founded in 1976

Non-profit independent organization

- ☑ To promote domestic electrical engineering
- ☑ To serve international testing and certification



10th STL member (since 2011)

Short-circuit Testing Liaison (STL)



Establishment (1976)



1st and 2nd research building construction

HP & HV testing facility(1982)



HP & HV testing facilities and started testing & certification service

Voltage source for 3 phase synthetic tests(1992)

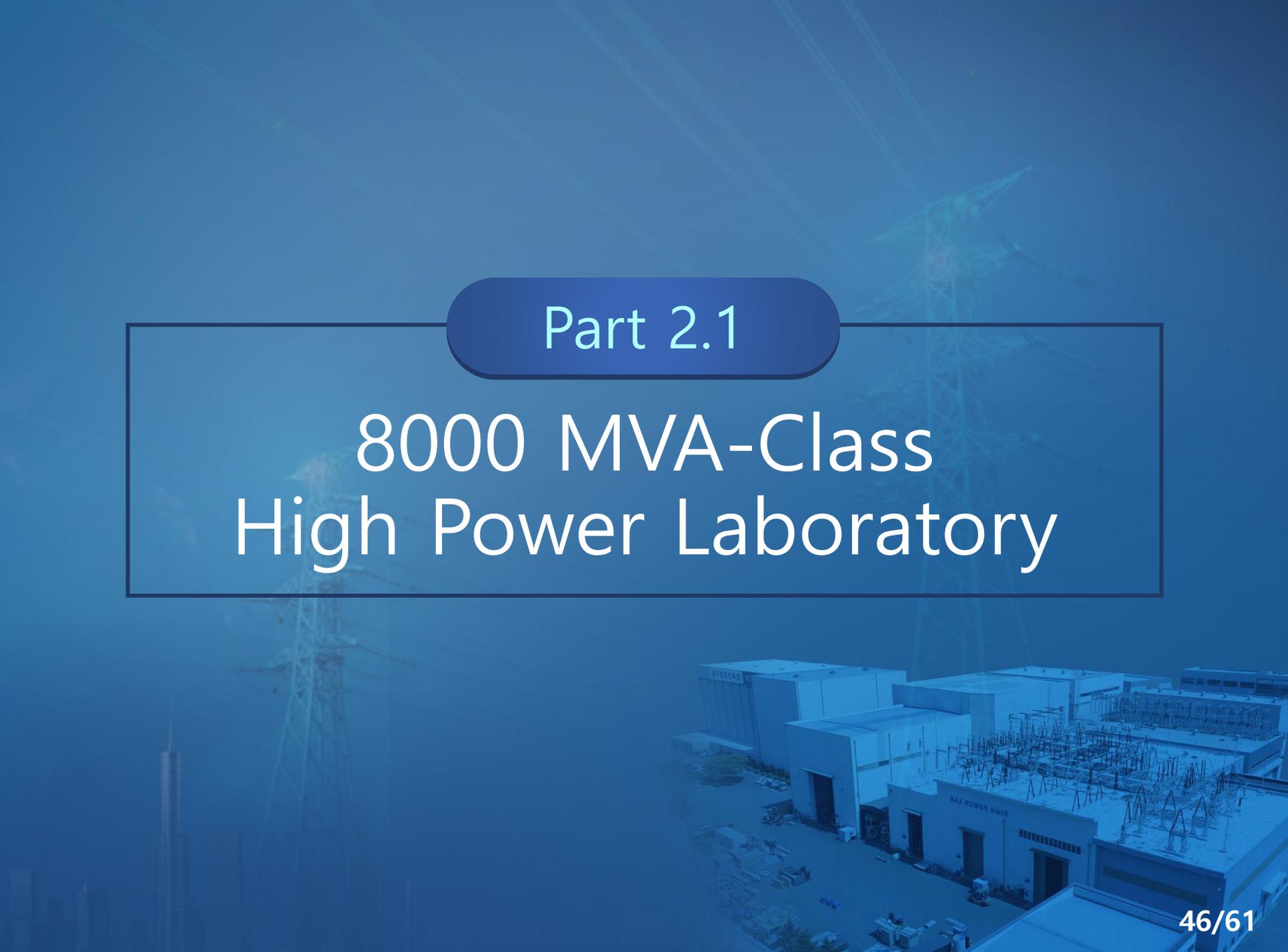


First- upgrade of HP & HV testing facilities

Testing Infra for Heavy electrical equipment (1992)



The second-upgrade of HP & HV testing facilities



Part 2.1

8000 MVA-Class High Power Laboratory

Construction of HPL (4000 MVA/ 1982~2005)

<Initial Facility>

■ 4000 MVA-class HPL (1982)

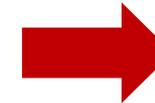
- ☑ Short-circuit generator & Short-circuit transformer
→ **Single-phase synthetic** testing facility and others



< Improvement >

■ 3-Phase Synthetic testing facility

- ☑ New construction (1992)
- ☑ Upgrade testing voltage and power capacity (2005)



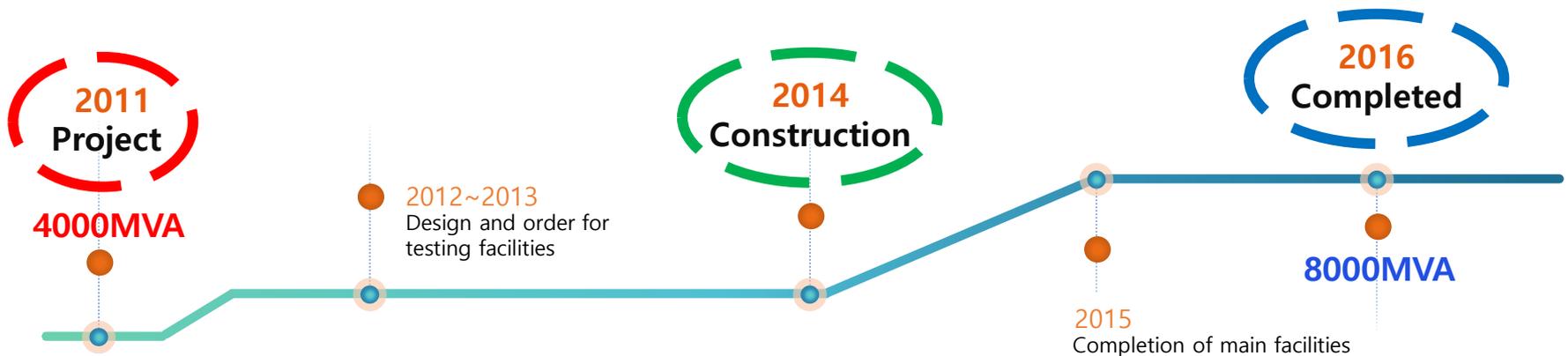
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■ Short-circuit breaking Test

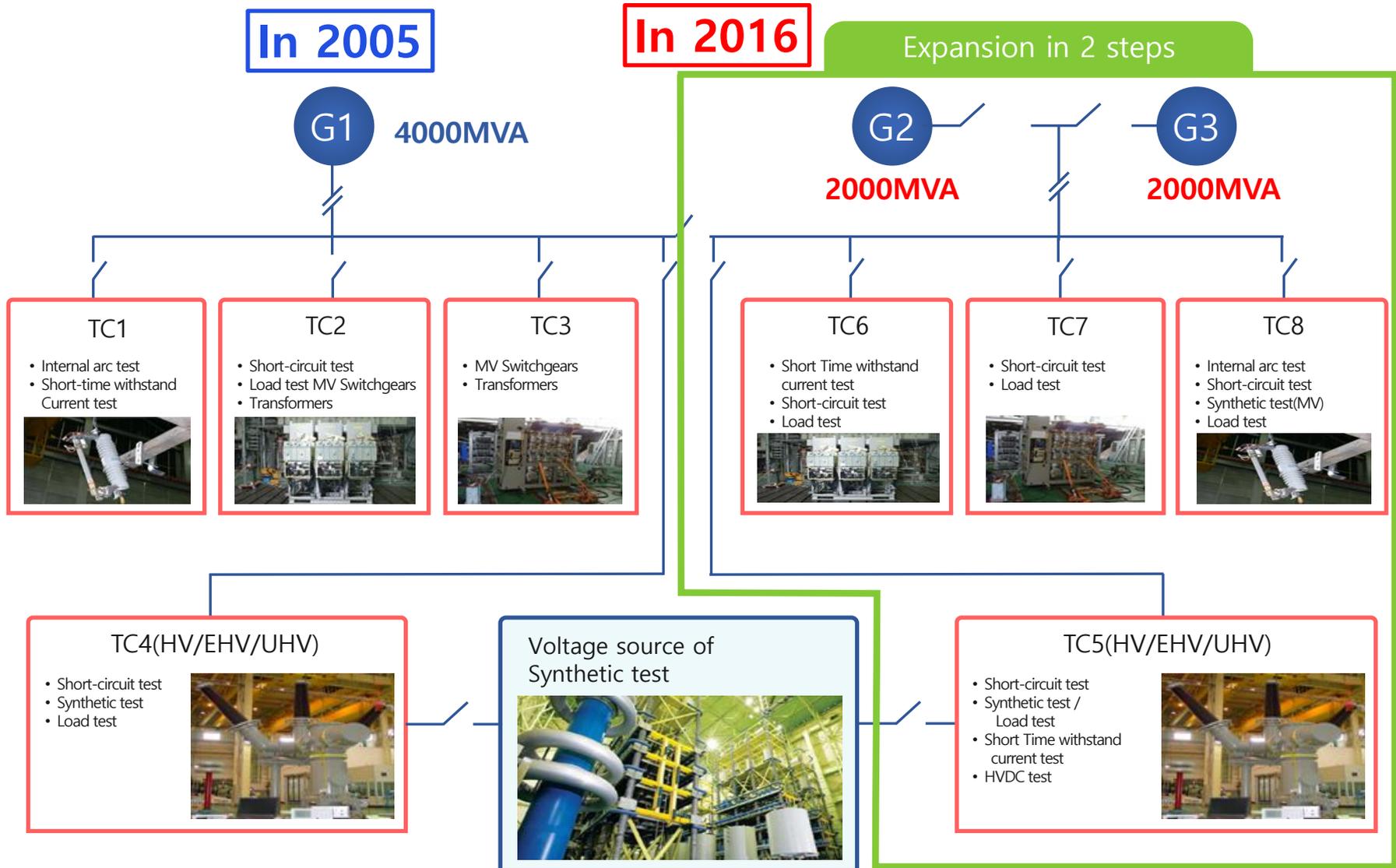
- ☑ **Three-phase** circuit breaker (170 kV, 50 kA) (1993)
- ☑ Gas-insulated high-voltage **half-pole** circuit breaker (800kV, 50kA) (1998)
- ☑ Gas-insulated high-voltage **full-pole** circuit breaker (800kV, 50kA) (2005)

Expansion of HPL (8000MVA/ 2011~2016)

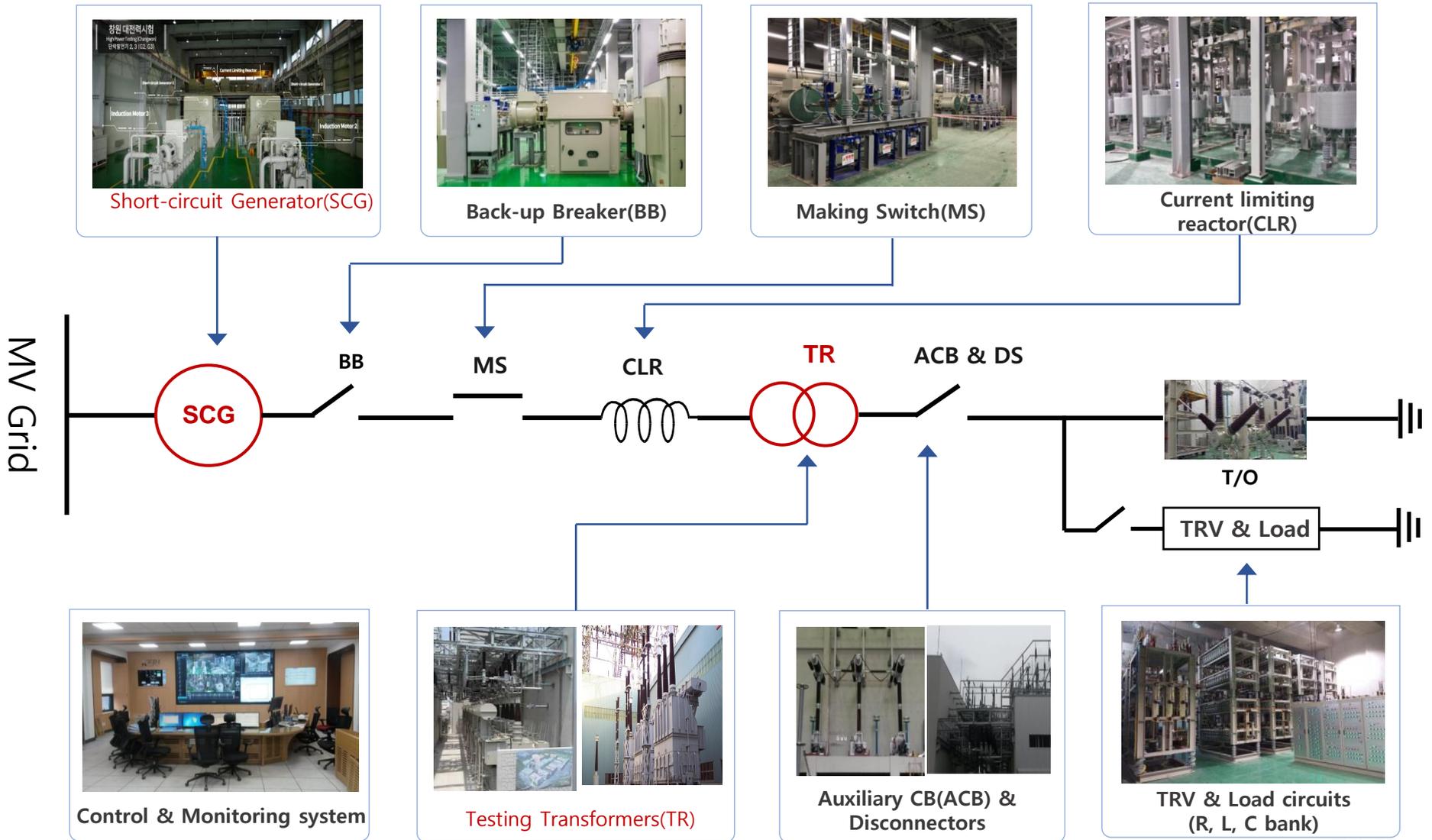
- To meet the domestic growing demand of short-circuit testing
 - ☑ **2 Short circuit generators** are constructed (**4000 MVA & 150 M USD**)
 - ➔ **8000 MVA** are available to test breaker (800kV, 80kA) (**since 2016**)



Schematic of HPL (8000MVA)



Overview of Test Facilities



Components of Short-circuit generator (SCG)



4000 MVA(G1), 1 unit



2000 MVA(G2 & G3), 2 Units



Back-up Breaker for SCG



Driving motor system (V.V.F)



Excitation system

Testing Transformers (TR)

Short Circuit Current

Short-Circuit Transformers



Primary voltage : 18 kV
Secondary voltage : 24 ~ 96 kV



Primary voltage : 15 / 18 kV
Secondary voltage : 4 ~ 48 kV

Short time & Peak Current

LVHC Transformers

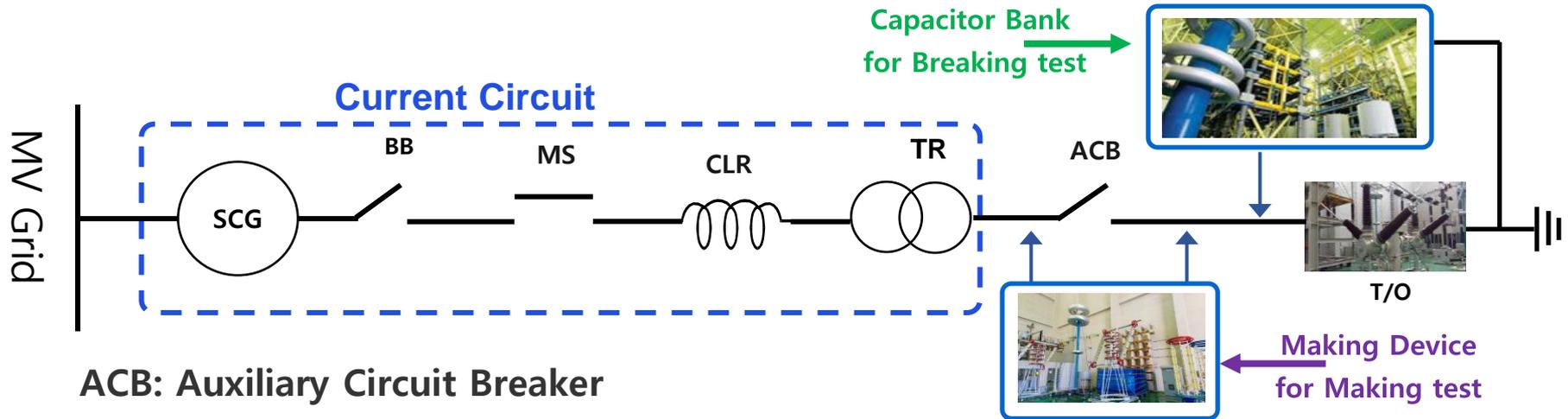


	LVHC1	LVHC2
Pri. Voltage	18 kV	18 kV
Sec. voltage	250~1000 V	500~1000 V

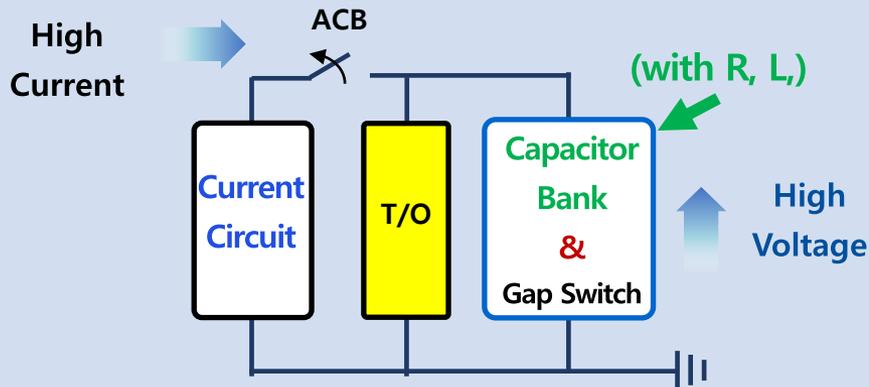


Primary voltage : 18 kV
Secondary voltage : 500 V ~ 1 000 V

Synthetic Test: Breaking & Making test for CB



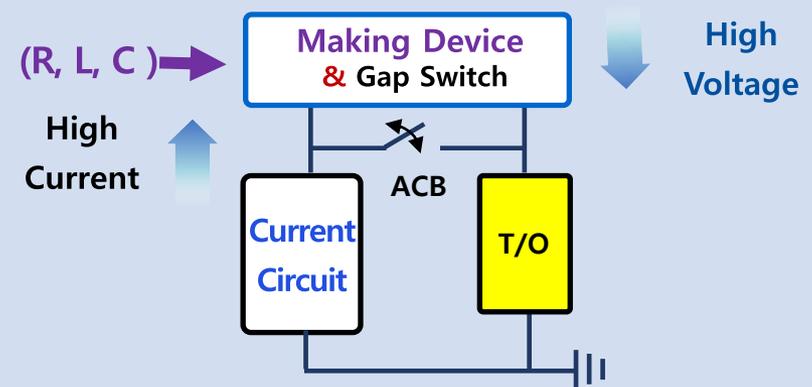
T/O: Breaking test



- ① Interruption of T/O during short-circuit
- ② Capacitor bank operates
- ③ C Bank Voltage applied across on T/O
- ④ ACB opening

Operation Sequence

T/O: Making test

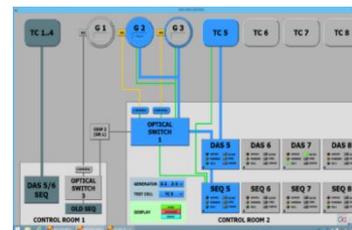
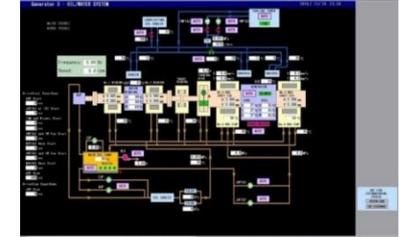


- ① Voltage of MD applied on T/O during closing operation
- ② Pre-arcing across the contact gap of T/O
- ③ Making device operates and Current circuit connects
- ④ ACB closing

Operating system for High Power Test

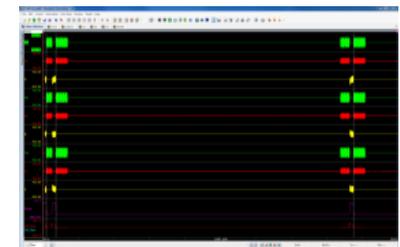
Electrical Control & Monitoring System (ECMS)

- ☑ Short-circuit generators
- ☑ Testing circuits
- ☑ Test bay



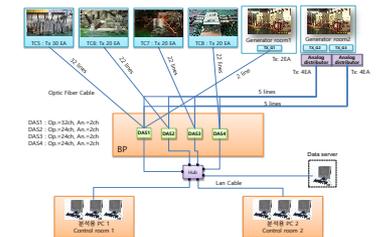
Data Acquisition System (DAS)

- ☑ Signal transmission through optical fibers
- ☑ High sampling rate for TRV



Other auxiliary System

- ☑ 128 Ch. of CCTV system & High Speed Cameras



Control Rooms & Test bays

I 3 Control Rooms

I 8 Test Bays

- ☑ 2 Test Bays for HV & UHV
- ☑ 6 Test Bays for MV
- ☑ Reinforced Concrete

I 9 Assembly Halls



HV & UHV Test

Bay

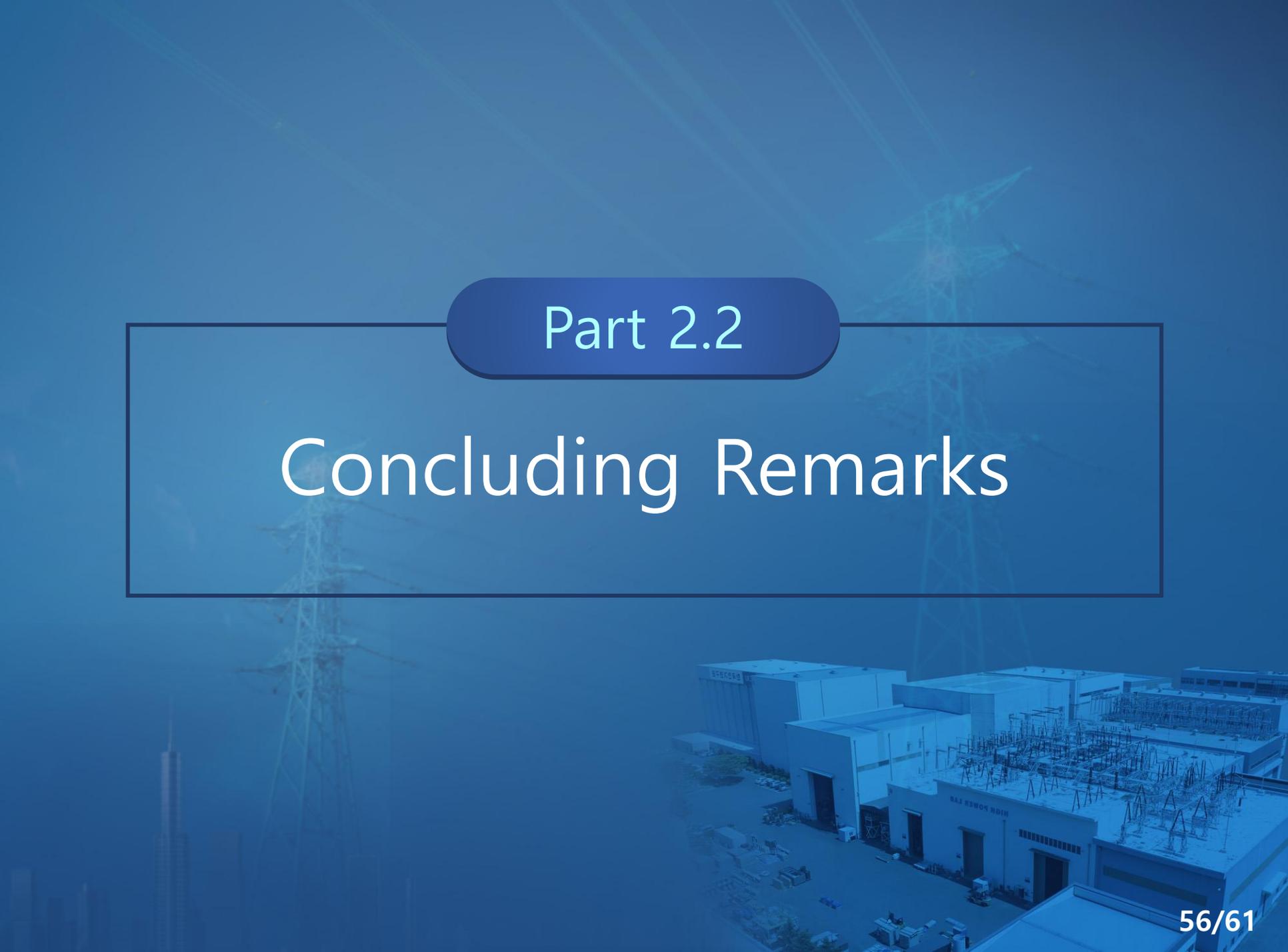


MV Test bays



Assembly Halls





Part 2.2

Concluding Remarks

Key roles: Testing & Certification



Independent third party

- ✓ Testing services in compliance with ISO/IEC 17025.
- ✓ High-quality, reliable, and impartial testing services.
- ✓ Accredited institute by ACCREDIA, KOLAS
- ✓ STL type test certificates in compliance with recognized international standards and STL guides
- ✓ Overseas agents : Japan, Thailand, China, Russia, Taiwan, India, Indonesia and Vietnam
- ✓ Upgrade of relevant testing facilities for High Voltage and High-power equipment
- ✓ International collaboration among testing organizations through global forums : Task force, technical committee, management committee, and working group



Type Test Certificate



Test Report



Report of Performance

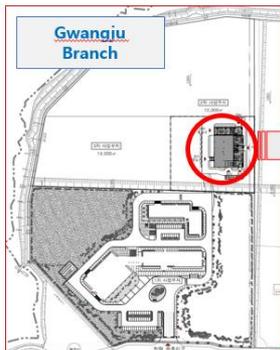
Core activities in the Future

Future projects

- ☑ HVDC cables testing
- ☑ Secondary energy-storage technologies: Redox flow batteries (RFB)
- ☑ Leading-edge testing services beyond high-power and high-voltage equipment.

Battery testing

Construction of T&C Infrastructure for Redox Flow Battery testing



High Voltage Laboratories, Gwangju Branch



KERI will provide RFB & Li-on battery testing services for Performance test (1MWpeak) and Stability test (100 kW level).

Project period :
2019 ~ 2022

HVDC cable testing

CONSTRUCTION OF T&C INFRASTRUCTURE FOR HV-CLASS DC POWER APPARATUS



High Voltage Laboratories, Changwon



KERI will provide electrical equipment certification services for HVDC Cable type test and PQ test (500 kV level).

PROJECT PERIOD :
2020 ~ 2023

Conclusion

- **VISION in Korea** -

HV & HP Technology

Vision of H.V. Engineering in Korea

☑ **A leading partner** enabling to conduct relevant tests and investigations on the futuristic apparatus to be operated in distribution and transmission grid.

☑ **A provider** enabling to propose any cutting-edge design for UHV apparatus to be operated in the future AC and DC grid by reinforcing test infrastructure.

☑ **A promising contributor** to the global carbon neutrality goal by providing novel technology employable to the renewable energy engineering.

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