



# Recent Progress and Research Activities on HTS Power Cable Application in KEPCO



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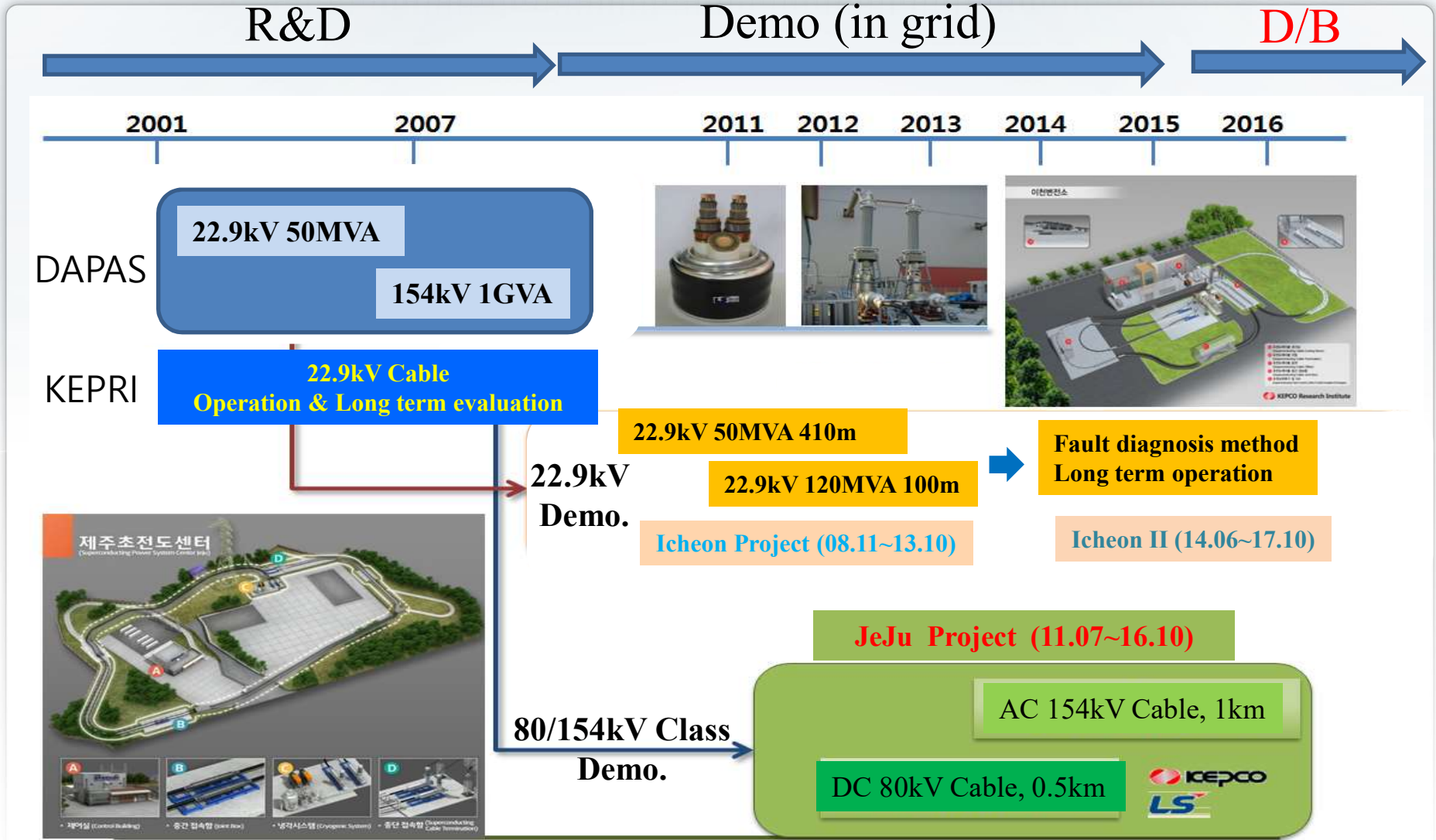
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# History of HTS Cable Projects





# 23kV HTS Cable Demonstration in Icheon



Icheon Substation  
 AC : 22.9kV, Capacity: 50MVA, Length : 410m



Control Center



SFCL



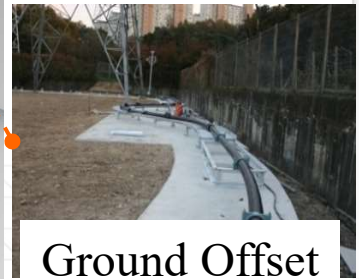
Joint



Termination



Cooling System



Ground Offset

Snake Installation





## 154kV HTS Cable Demonstration in Jeju

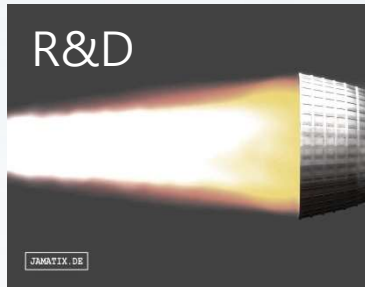
- The demonstration project to install 154kV HTS cables was conducted at Jeju HVDC and Superconductivity Test Center.
- DC 80kV HTS cable was also installed to test the performance on the same place.



Jeju Island  
Hawaii of  
S.Korea



# Development of HTS Cable Cooling System



3kW@66.4K,  
2006~2008

Decompression  
System

- Icheon 22.9kV  
50MVA
- (6.5kW@69K,  
2011)

6kW@66.4K,  
2008~2012

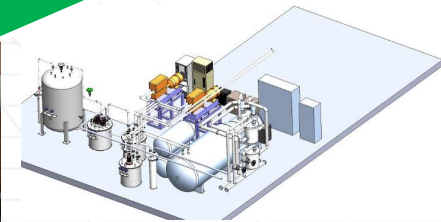
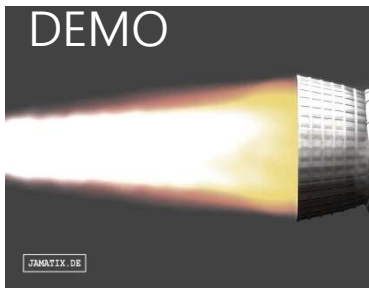
Decomp.+  
Stirling System

- Icheon 22.9kV  
120MVA
- (6kW@69K, 2013)

[DC] 3kW@69K  
2008~2012  
[AC] 12kW@69K  
2013~2016

Stirling +  
Brayton Sys.

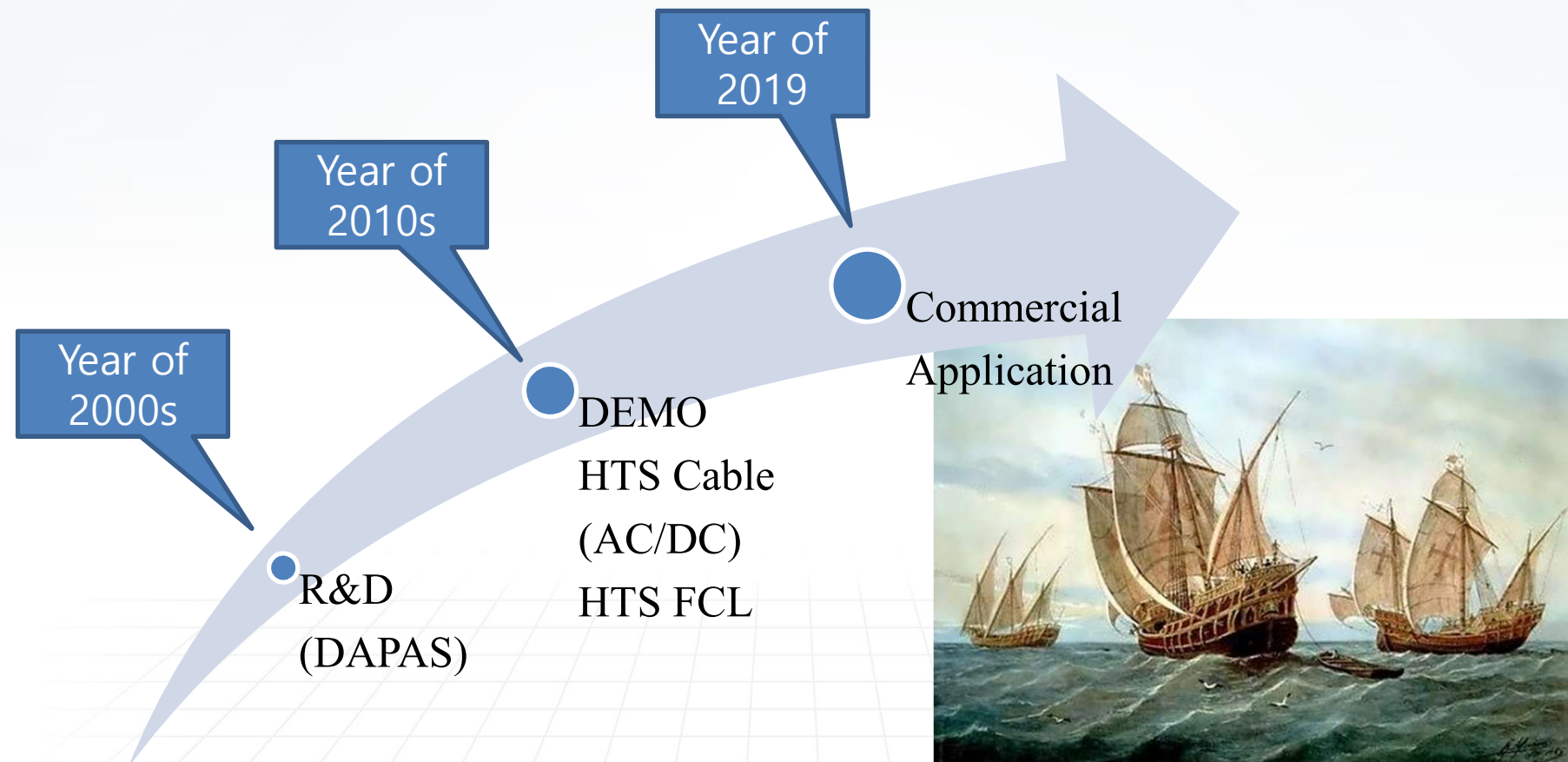
- JeJu DC80kV  
(6kW@69K, 2014)
- JeJu AC154kV  
600MVA  
(12kW@69K,  
2016)





# History of HTS Cable Projects in KOREA

- Korea began research on the development of superconducting cables in the early 2000s.
- The development and verification tests of the HTS cables for AC and DC from 23kV to 154kV have been very successful through the various demonstration projects.



[Ref. <http://Landoflegendslv.com>]





# Opening Ceremony for the HTS Industrialization

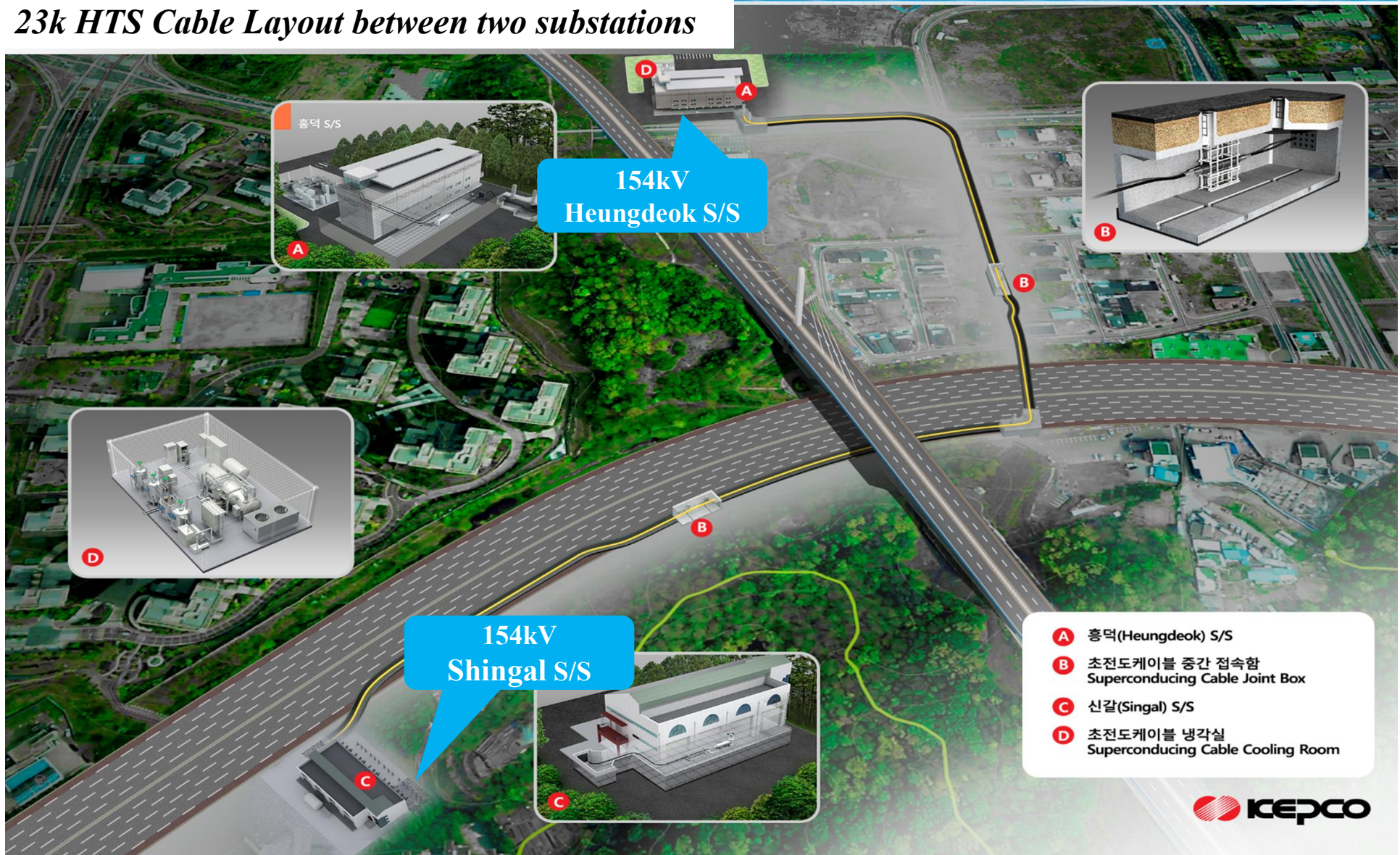
- KEPCO declared to lead the industrialization of HTS in an opening ceremony in Mar. 2016.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> commercial application of HTS cables, “SHINGAL Project” was developed with the support of high executive levels.





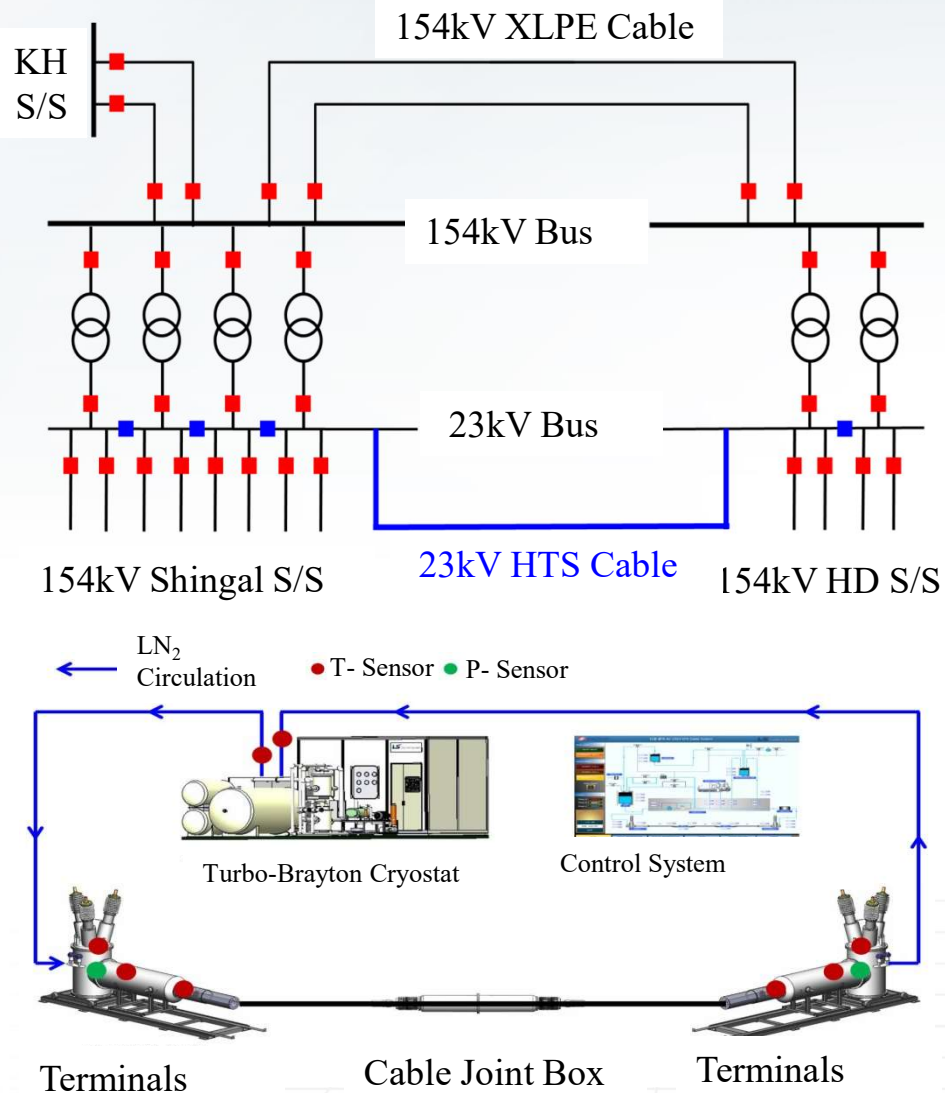
# “Shingal” Project : 23kV HTS Cable Installation

## 23k HTS Cable Layout between two substations





# “Shingal” Project : 23kV HTS Cable Installation



Period : Nov. 2016 ~ Jun. 2019

System : AC HTS 23kV 50MVA 1km-cct

Cooling : 7.5kW @69K

- LN<sub>2</sub> Circulation cooled by  
Turbo-brayton Cryo-cooler and  
Decompression type refrigerator

Budget : USD 15M (100% funded by  
KEPCO)

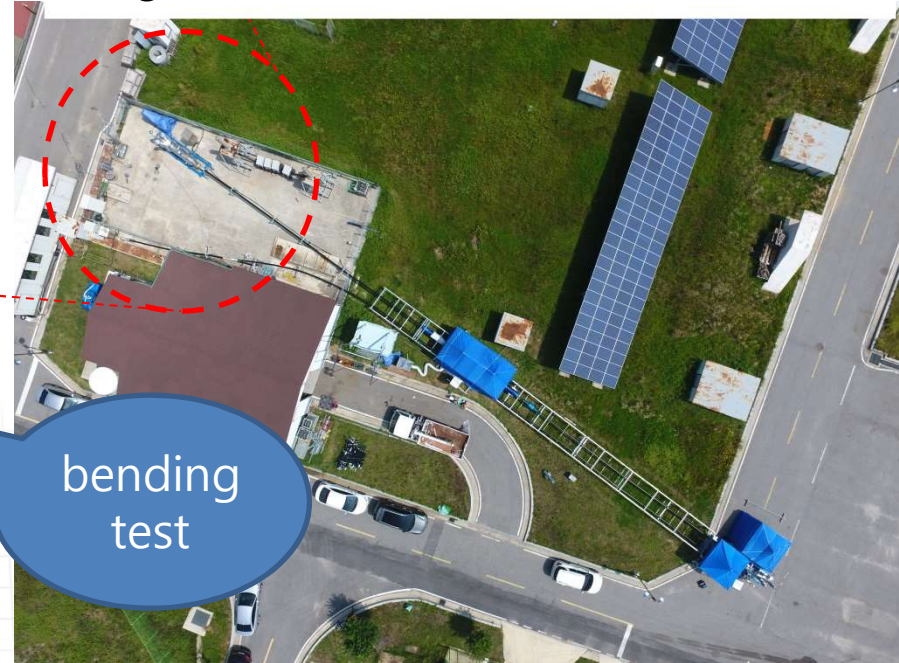
Purpose : Sharing power supply capacity  
by connecting 23kV HTS cable  
between two substations



# “Shingal” Project : 23kV HTS Cable Installation



- The type test of the 23 kV HTS cable system is underway at the Gochang test center of KEPCO
  - Duration : Aug. 2018 ~ Nov. 2018
- Based on CIGRE TB 538 (2013), IEC 60840, and IEC 61462, KEPCO has established its own type test guidelines; KEPCO GS 6145-0088

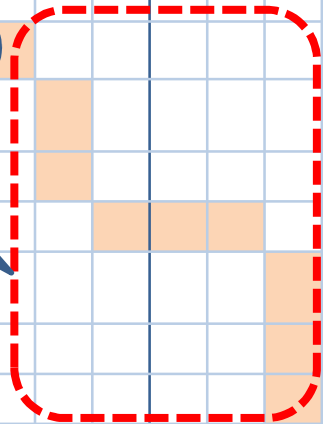




# “Shingal” Project : Type Test

Items		July				August				September				October				November				Remarks
		1wk	2wk	3wk	4wk	1wk	2wk	3wk	4wk	1wk	2wk	3wk	4wk	1wk	2wk	3wk	4wk	1wk	2wk	3wk	4wk	
Pre	Cable housing	█																				
	Assemble		█	█	█	█																
	Vacuum				█	█	█		█	█												
Type	Pressure Test and Cool-down							█														
	Pressure Down and loss Measurement								█													
	Load Cycle Voltage Test									█	█	█										
	AC Voltage Test Lightning Impulse Partial Discharge Test											█										
Test	Thermal Cycle Test	Warm-up													█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
		1 <sup>st</sup> Cool Down														█	█	█	█	█	█	
		1 <sup>st</sup> Load Cycle																				
		Warm-up															█	█	█	█	█	█
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Cool Down																				
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Load Cycle																				
		Warm-up																				
		Visual Inspection																				

Currently, The thermal cycle test is underway





## *Paradigm Change of Power System*



# Which came first?



Less  
expensive  
HTS first

# or

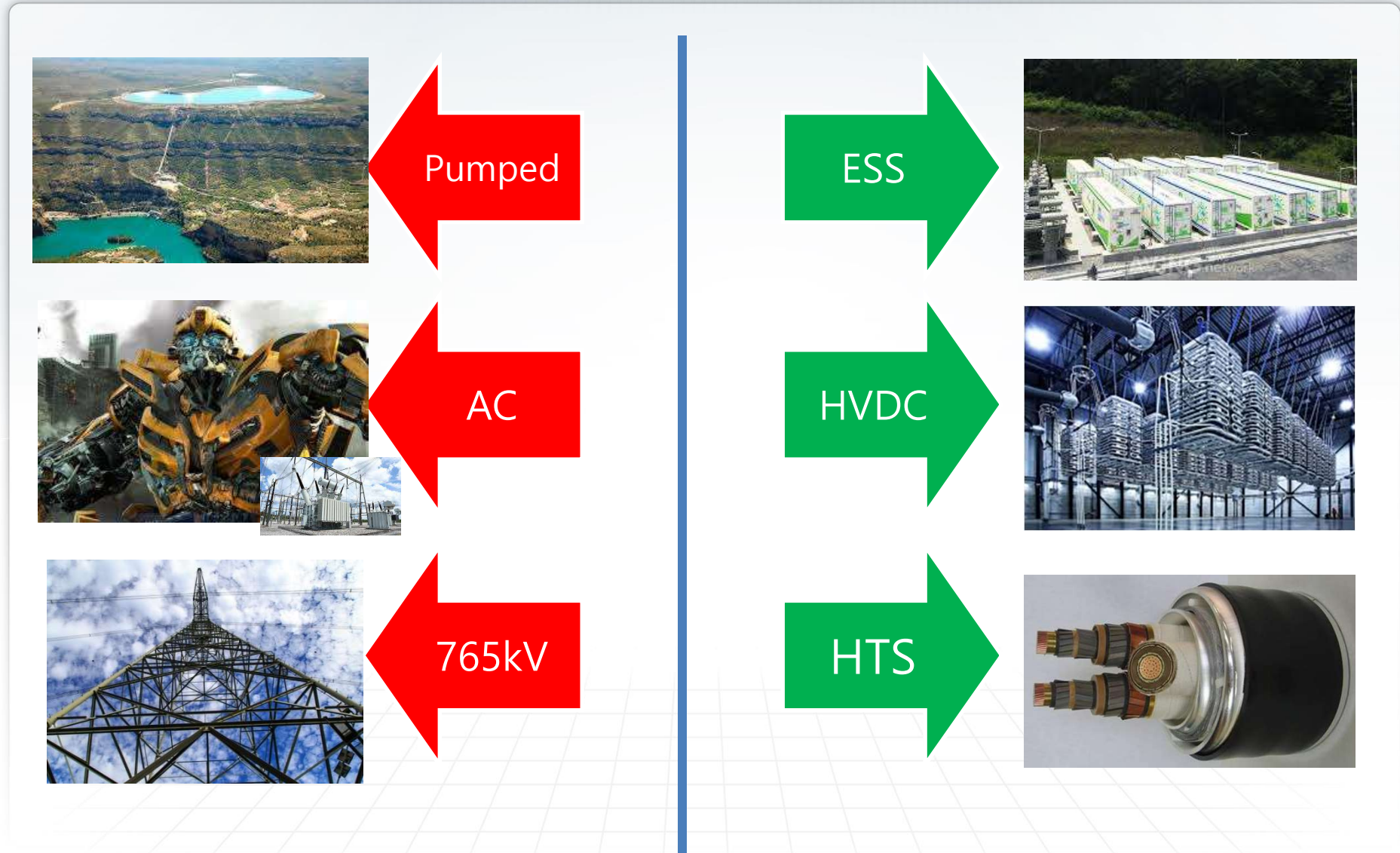


HTS  
Market  
First

Ref. : [Hashtag3r.com](https://www.hashtag3r.com)



# Paradigm Change of Power System





# Paradigm Change of Power System

- The HVDC connection with North Korea will be necessary considering the national security and the reliability of power system issues among others.
- This peaceful scenario will be able to envision a Super Grid which connects Korea with its neighboring big countries, such as China, Russia, and Japan.



Ref. <http://www.vox.com>

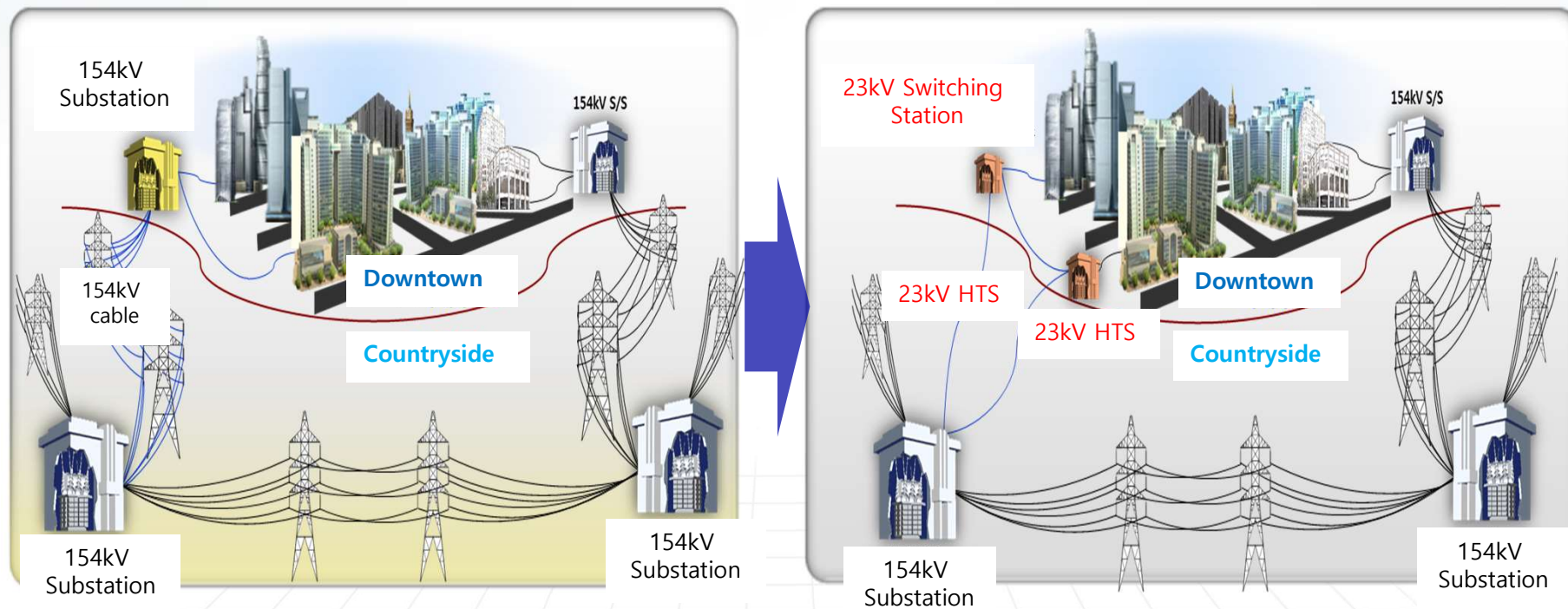


Ref. <http://www.toonpool.com>



# Paradigm Change of Power System

- The left figure shows the conventional method used to install substations in urban areas, and the right figure illustrates the concept of a hybrid power system combined with 23kV HTS power cables.
- The 23kV switching stations linked with HTS cables can perform the same tasks rather than constructing new substations that require a large-scale space.







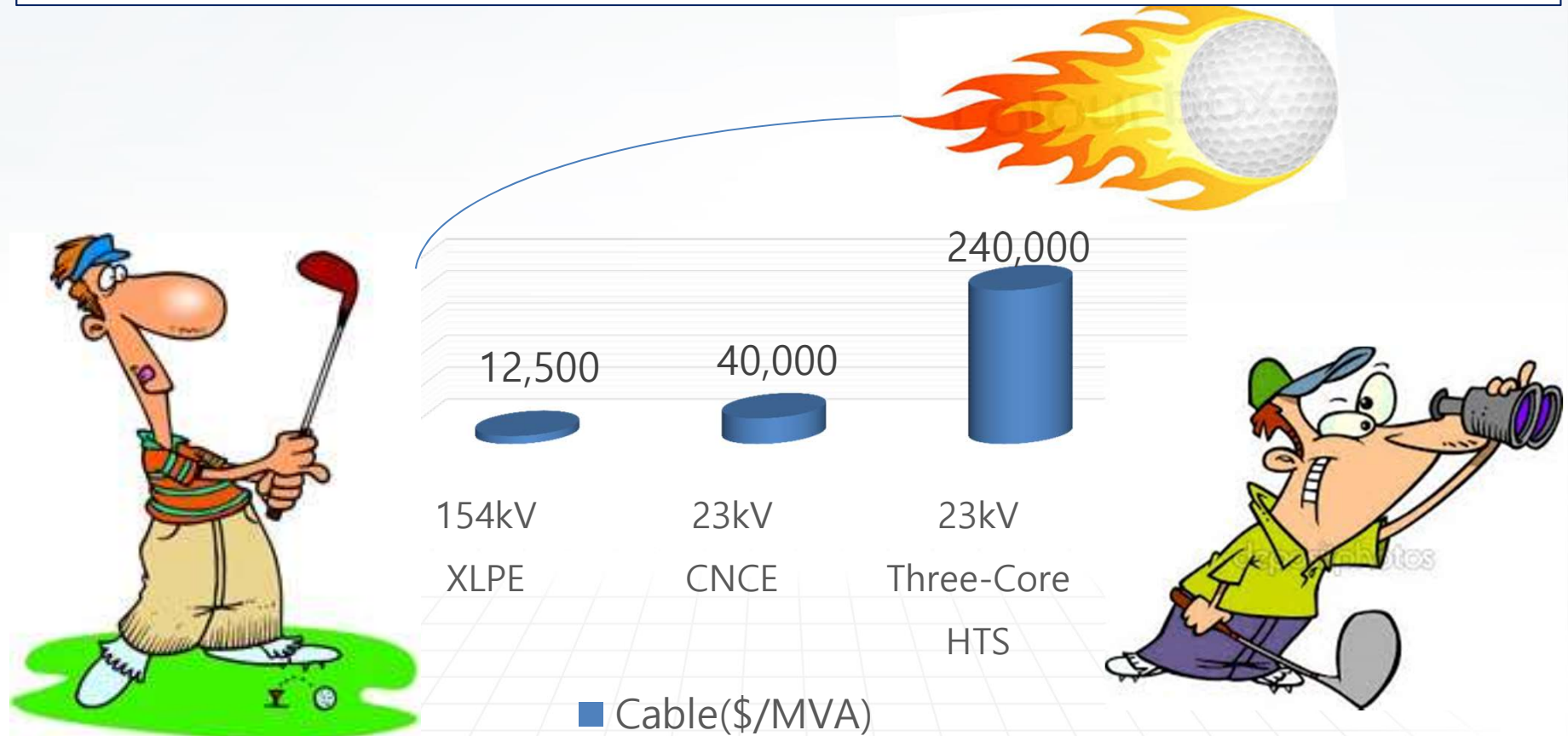
# Paradigm Change of Power System

No more High Voltage Cables  
No more EMF



# The HTS Cable is Ready? How Economical?

- From a view point of transmission planning, we have two issues for the broader application of the HTS cables to power systems.
- One is the price reduction of HTS cables and the other one is the length of them.









# Development of Tri-axial HTS Cable

## ○ Research Project Overview

- Title : Development of 23kV Tri-axial Cable System and Business Model
- Period : Mar. 2017 ~ Feb. 2022 (5 years)
- Budget : \$ 26 M ( Funded by KEPCO)
- Target : (Before) 60 MVA 3 km (Present) **120 MVA 3 km**




한국전력공사  
KOREA ELECTRIC POWER CORPORATION

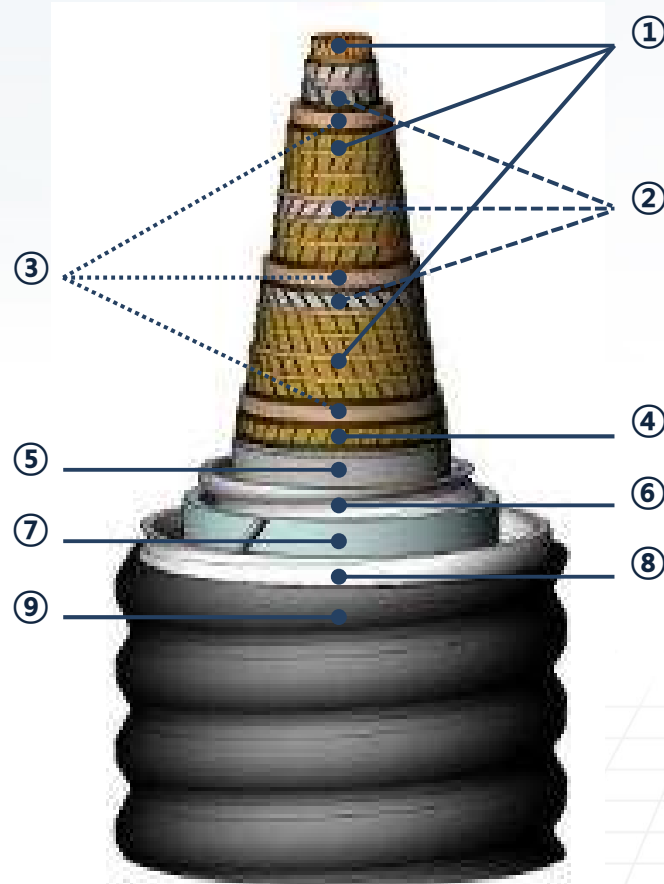






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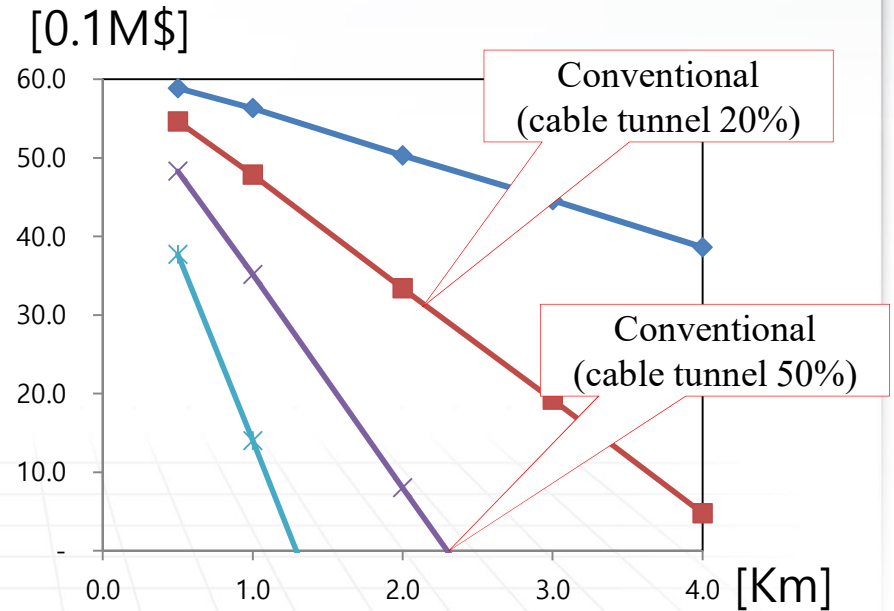
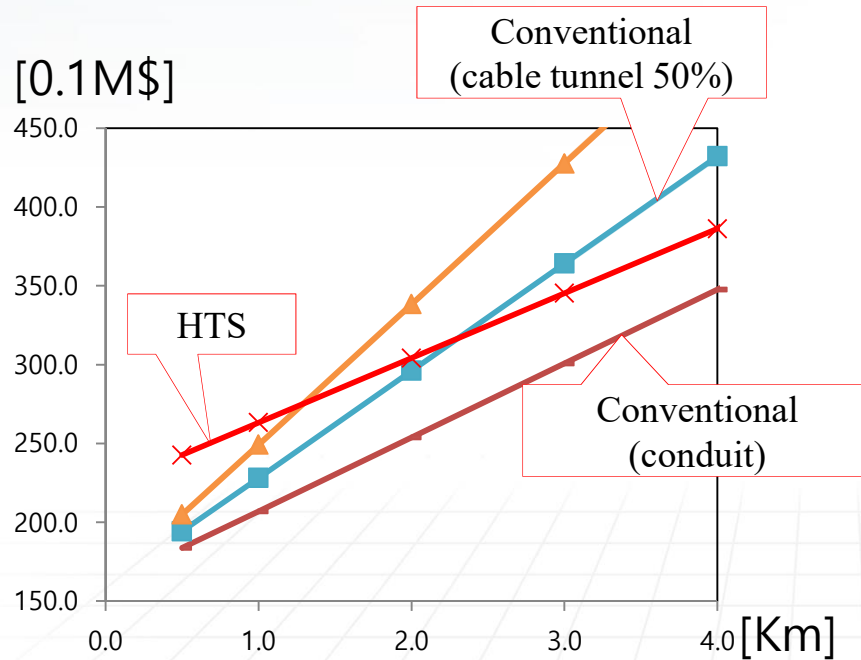
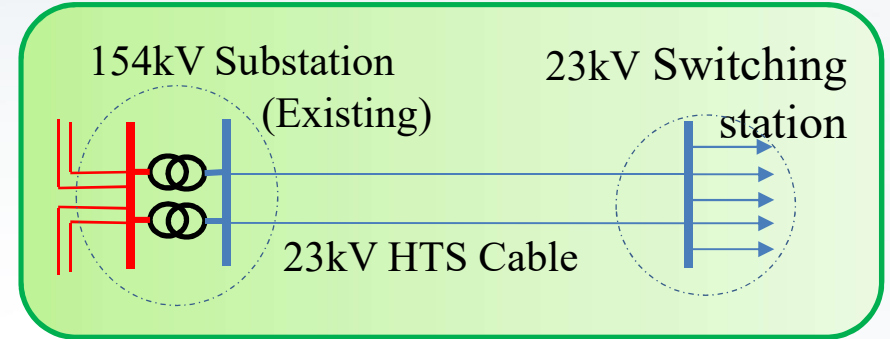
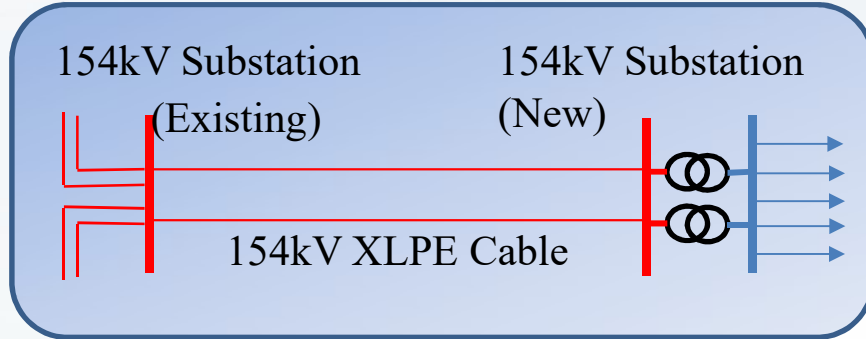
 The main feature is that the LN<sub>2</sub> return path is configured separately to increase the length of the HTS cable up to 3 km.



①	Former	- Frame for attaching optimal number of superconducting tapes for each phase - Fault current path for phase
②	Superconducting Conductor	- Rated current path for each phase
③	Electrical insulation	- Electrical insulation between phase-to-phase or phase-to-ground
④	Copper shield	- Shielding interior or exterior emission of electromagnetic field
⑤	Protective binder	- Binding and protecting cable core
⑥	LN <sub>2</sub> vessel	- Vessel for LN <sub>2</sub> flow
⑦	Thermal insulation	- Reducing radiation heat leak
⑧	Vacuum vessel	- Vessel for maintaining high vacuum in thermal insulation layer
⑨	Jacket	- Protecting the cable from external influences

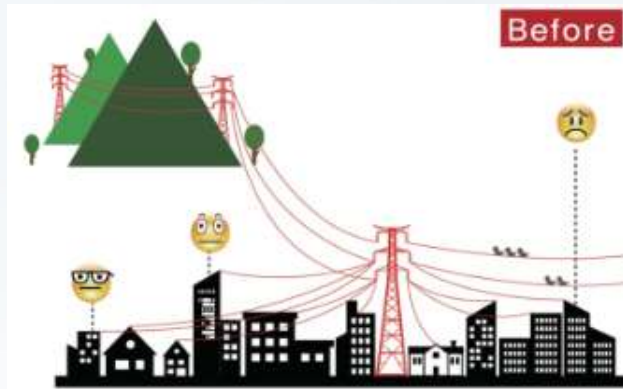


# Economics Evaluation of HTS Hybrid System





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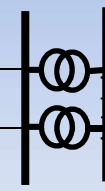
154kV  
Cable Head

154kV Substation  
(New)

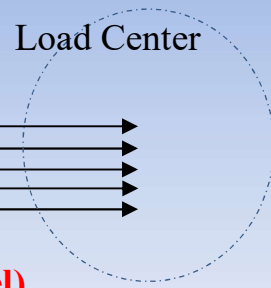
Load Center



154kV XLPE  
(Conduit)



23kV feeders  
(Cable Tunnel)



After

154kV  
Cable Head

154kV Substation  
(New)

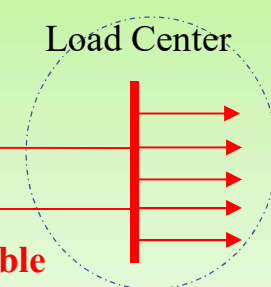
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154kV XLPE  
(Conduit)



23kV HTS Cable  
(Conduit)

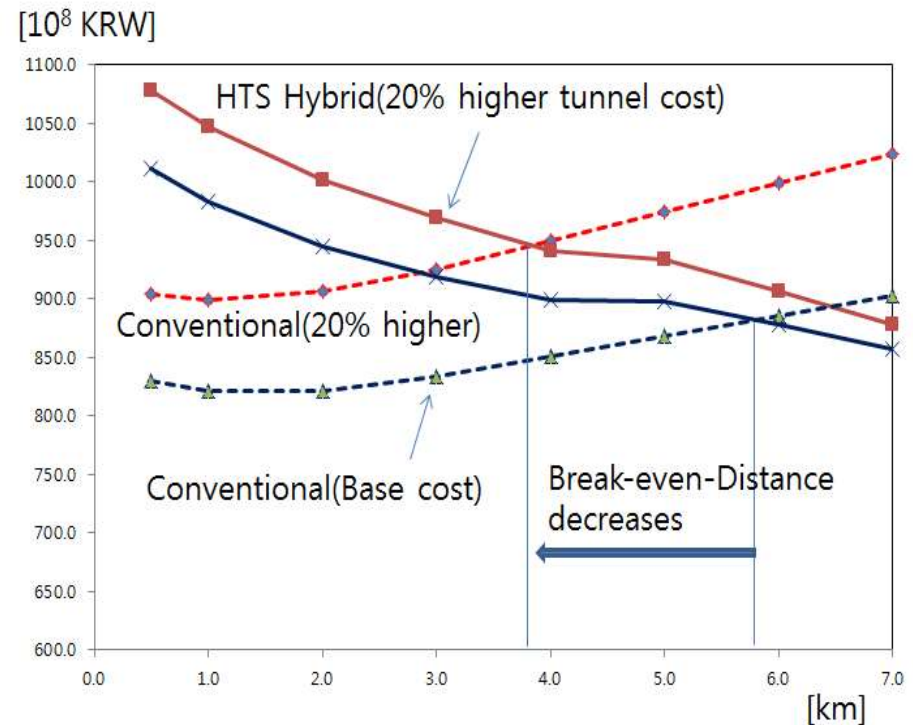
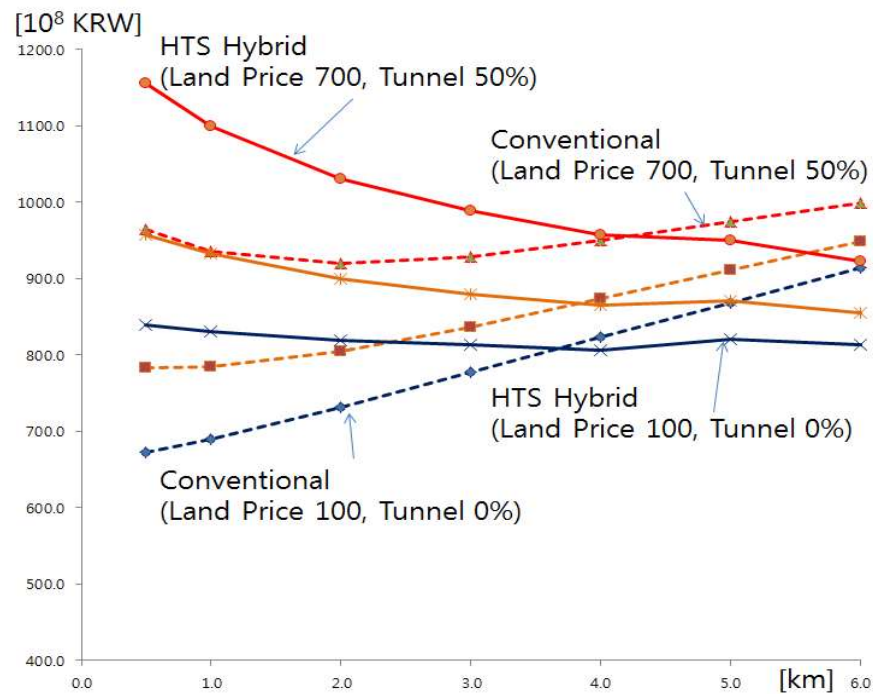


HTS  
cable



# Economics Evaluation of HTS Hybrid System

- Most importantly, there is a break-even distance even in this case where the investment costs of both conventional and the HTS hybrid method are the same.
- The high investment cost of HTS cables can be offset by the effects of land acquisition, the cable tunnel construction, and the price reduction of the tri-axial HTS cable.



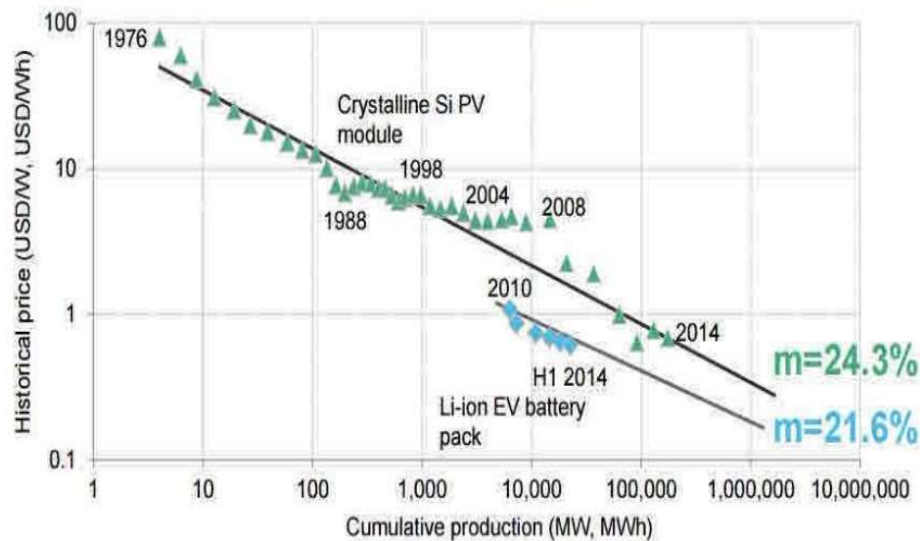


# Will Moore's law apply to HTS cables?

- Moore's law is the observation that # of transistors in IC doubles about every 2 years. Similarly, Swanson's law says the cost of solar panels drops 20% for every doubling of cumulative production.
- Why not to the HTS wires?**

LITHIUM-ION EV BATTERY EXPERIENCE CURVE COMPARED WITH SOLAR PV EXPERIENCE CURVE

Bloomberg  
NEW ENERGY FINANCE



Note: Prices are in real (2014) USD.

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Maycock, Battery University, MIT

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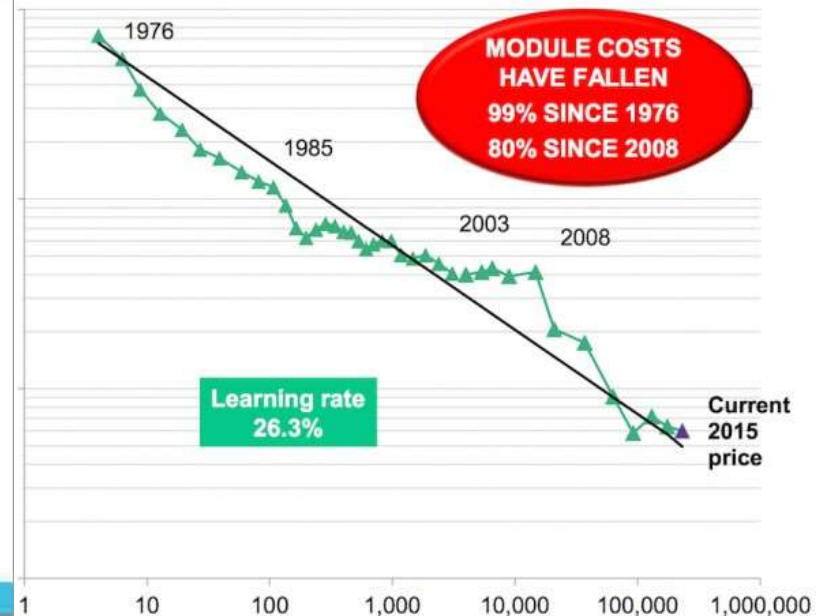
#BNEFSummit

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Source : Bloomberg New Energy Finance, Apr. 2015

## Beautiful Math of Solar Power

Every time the world's solar power doubles, the cost of panels falls 26%



Source : BNEF via Think Progress, Jul. 2016

## *Will Moore's law apply to HTS wires?*

*Thank You for your Attention*

