

Status of Superconducting cables and SFCLs in Korea

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Background



Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO)

- The sole distribution and transmission company in Korea (government-invested)
- 6 Brother companies: 5 thermal, and 1 nuclear and hydro generation company

Korean power systems

■ 765, 345, 154 kV systems for transmission, and 22.9 kV for distribution



Issue

- Power demand is increasing steadily
- → Increasing fault current : Exceeding the rating of CBs in some S/S's

Current measures

- Upgrading CBsProblem) Economically + technically not desirable
- Bus splitProblem) Degrades system stability
- Air-core reactorsProblem) Impedance during normal operation

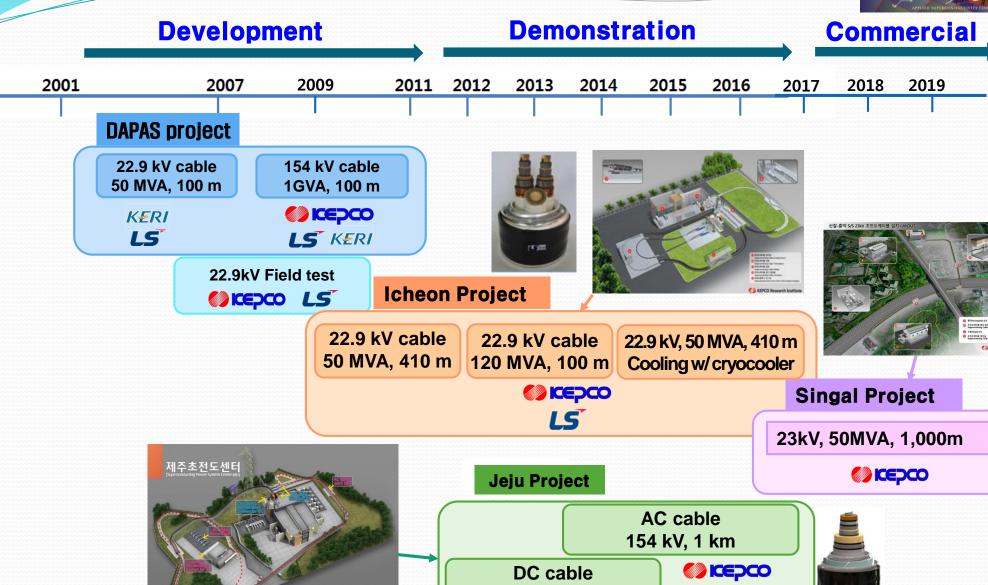
Needs alternatives

With SFCLs,

- No need to upgrade CBs
- Can re-connect buses
- Don't need reactors

Superconducting cables in Korea





80 kV, 500 m

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SFCLs in Korea



