

First Russian 220 kV superconducting fault current limiter for application in city grid

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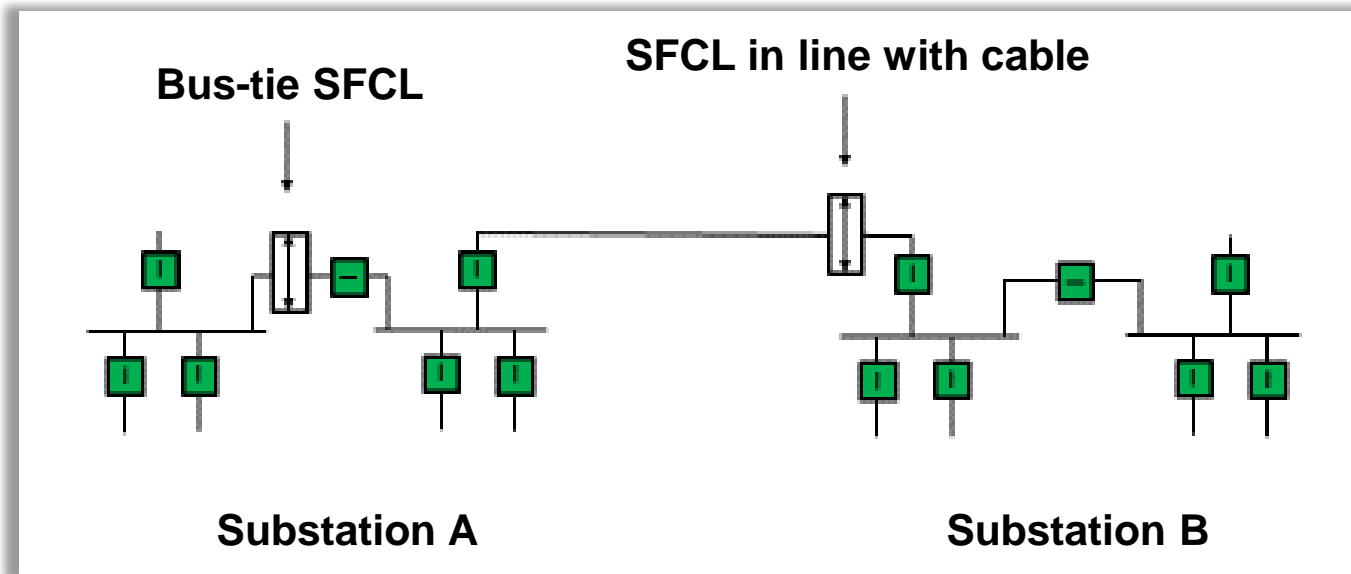
SFCL technology

Operation principle

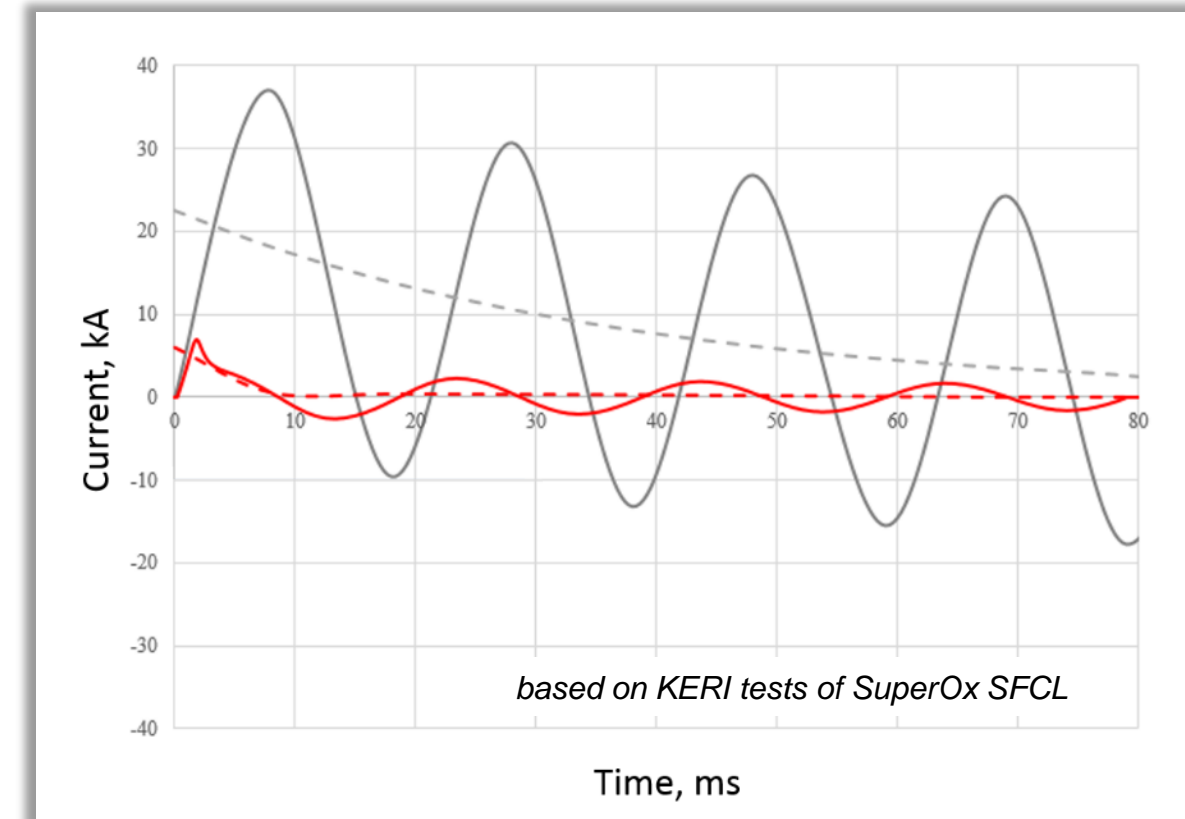
Current: **nominal** ($\sim 1\text{ kA}$)  SFCL: **no resistance**

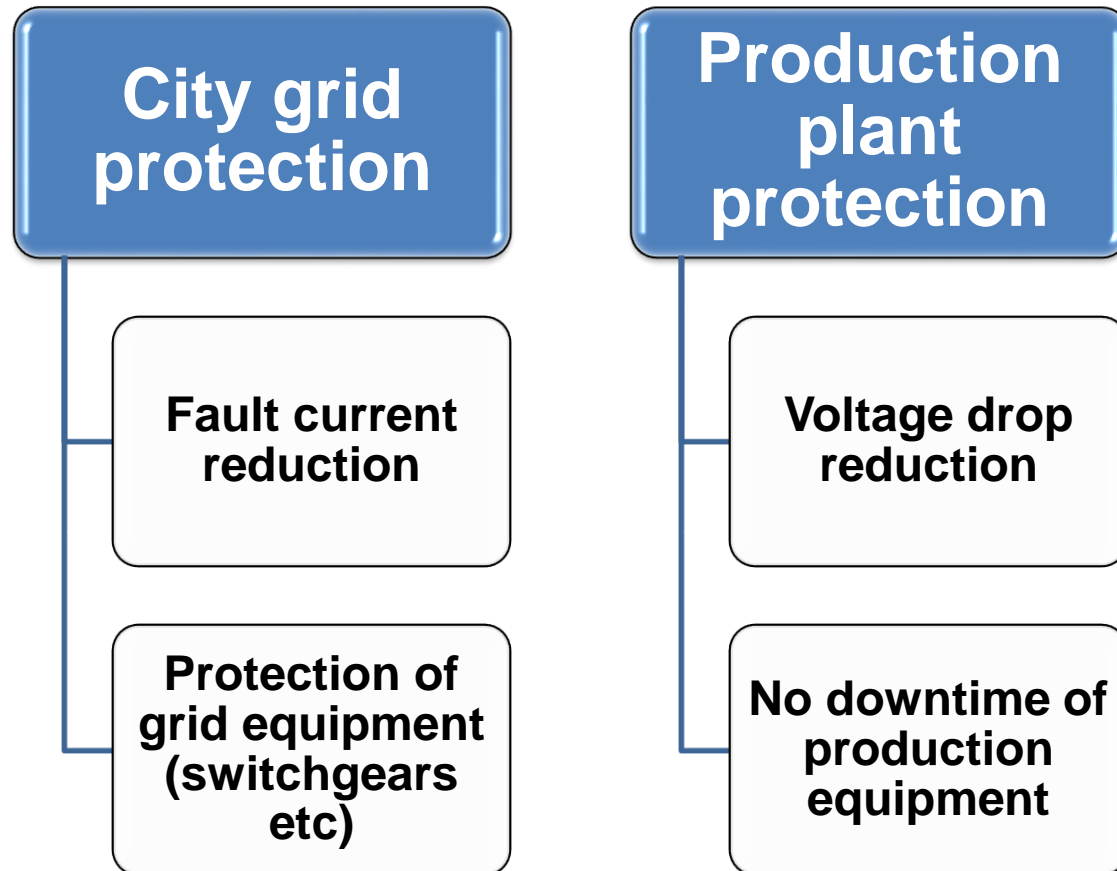
Current: **fault** (up to $60+\text{ kA}$)  SFCL: **20-50 Ohm**

Positioning SFCL in electrical grid



— Current without SFCL
- - - DC component without SFCL
— Current with SFCL
- - - DC component with SFCL

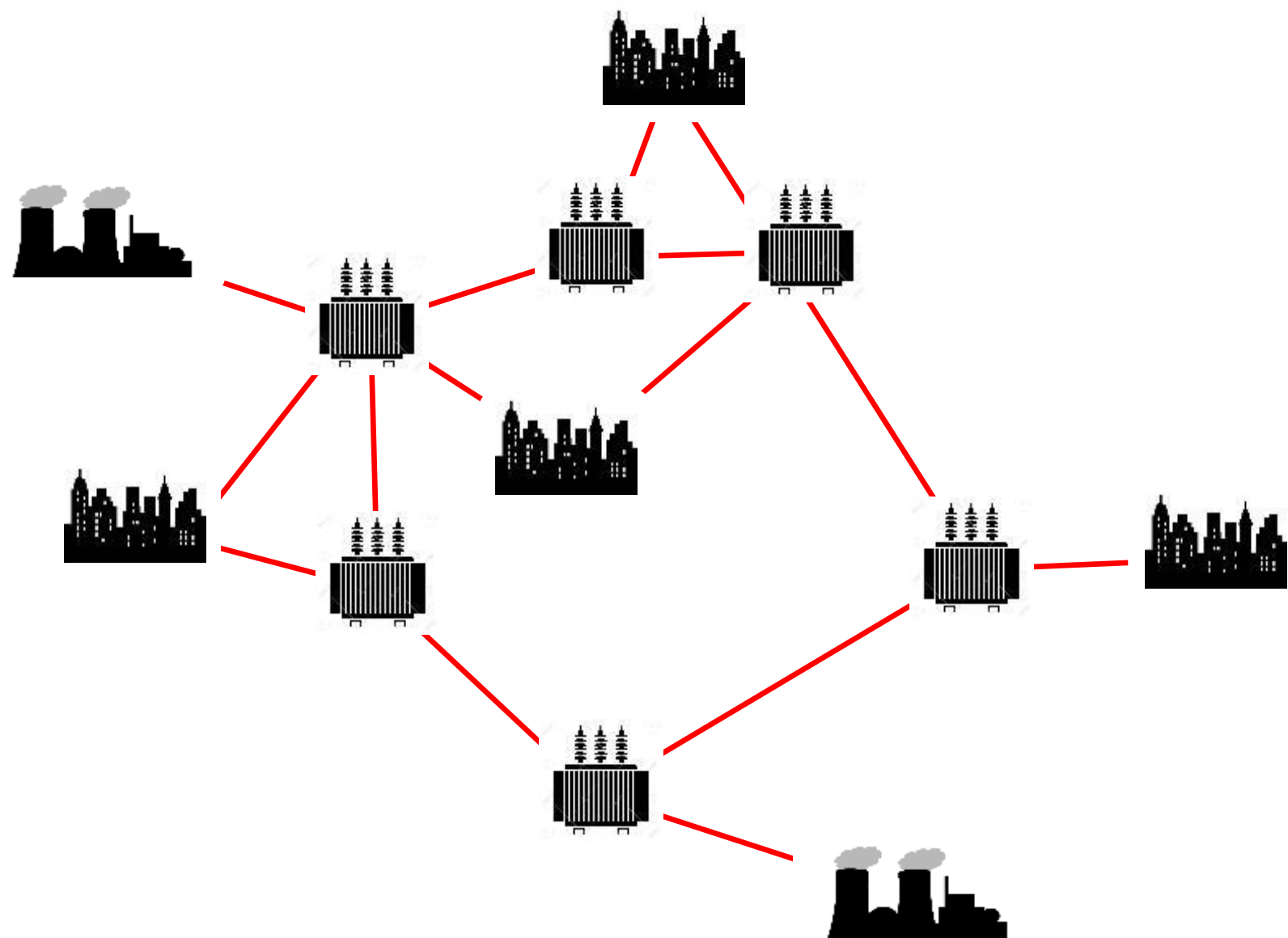




SFCL technology enables:

- ☐ Increased grid capacity
- ☐ Reduced number of sectioning points
- ☐ Reduced damage from fault currents
- ☐ Reduced cost of grid equipment
- ☐ Extended lifetime of grid equipment
- ☐ Improved fire safety
- ☐ Reduced losses
- ☐ Improved quality of power supply

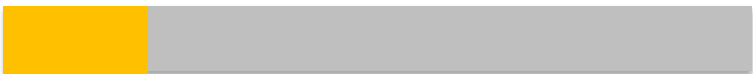
Electrical grid of megapolices



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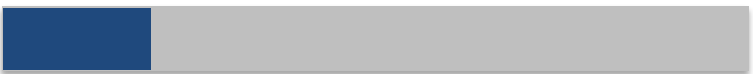
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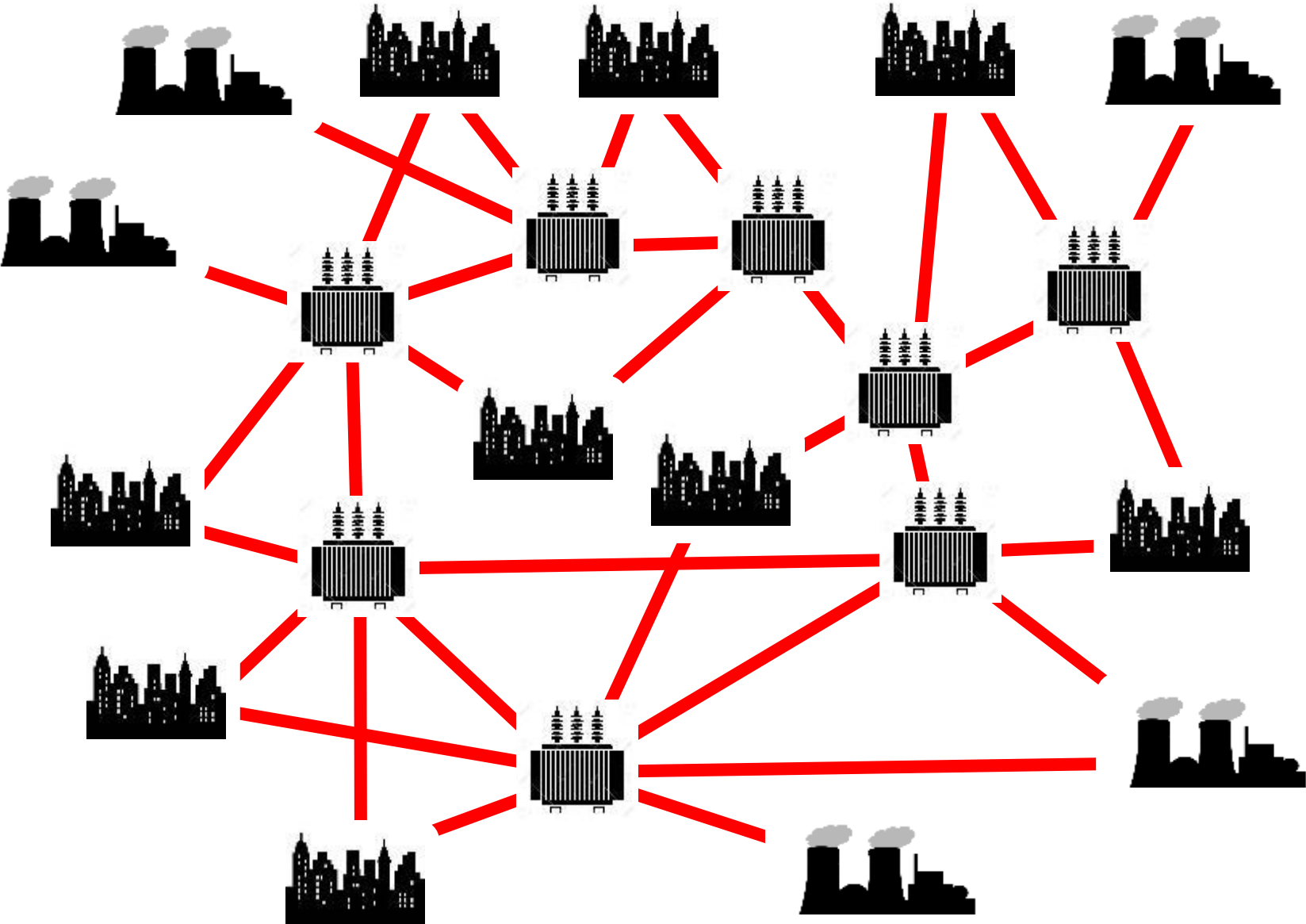
Fault currents



SAIDI/SAIFI/Losses



Electrical grid of megapolices – fault currents grow with grid



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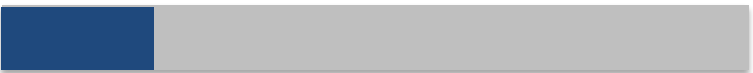
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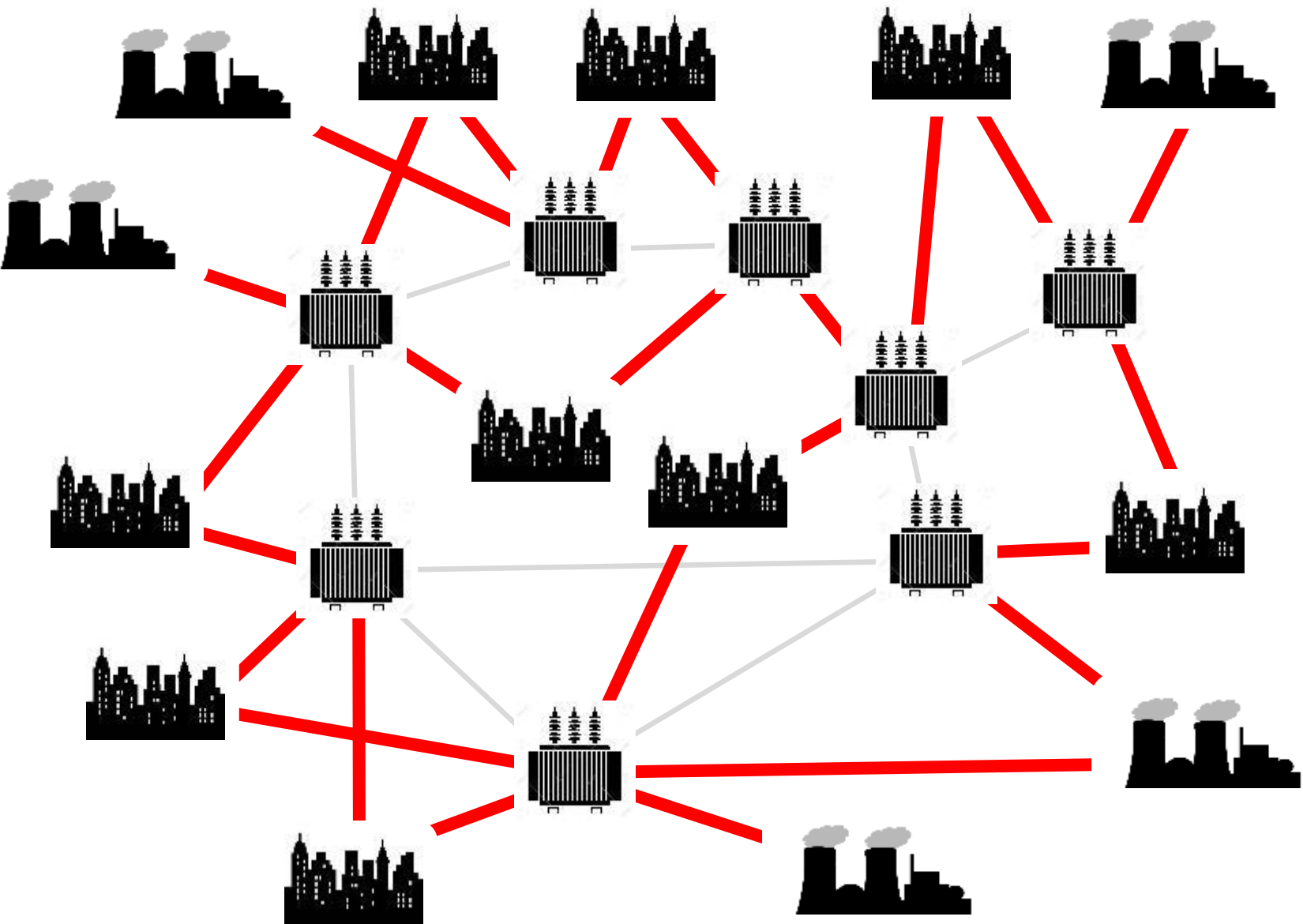
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Electrical grid of megapolices – mitigating FCs via sectioning SuperOx



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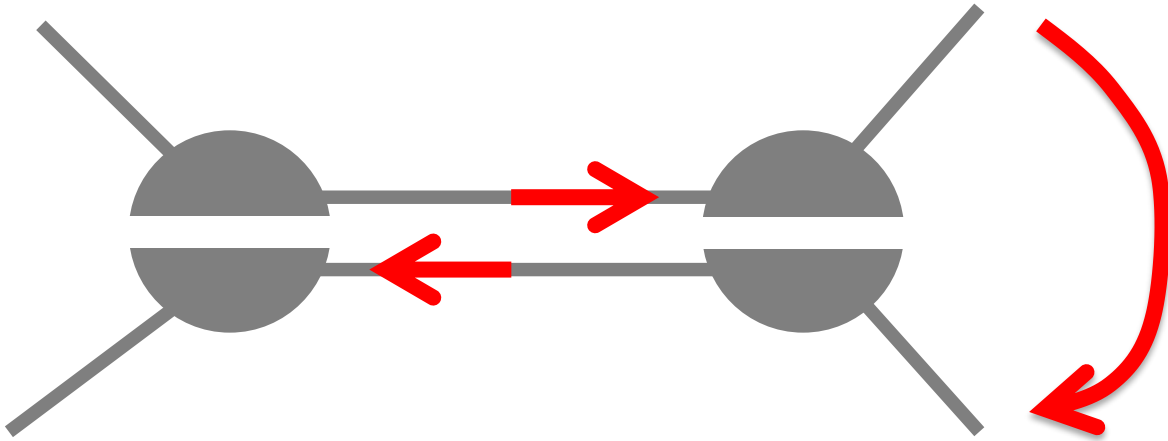


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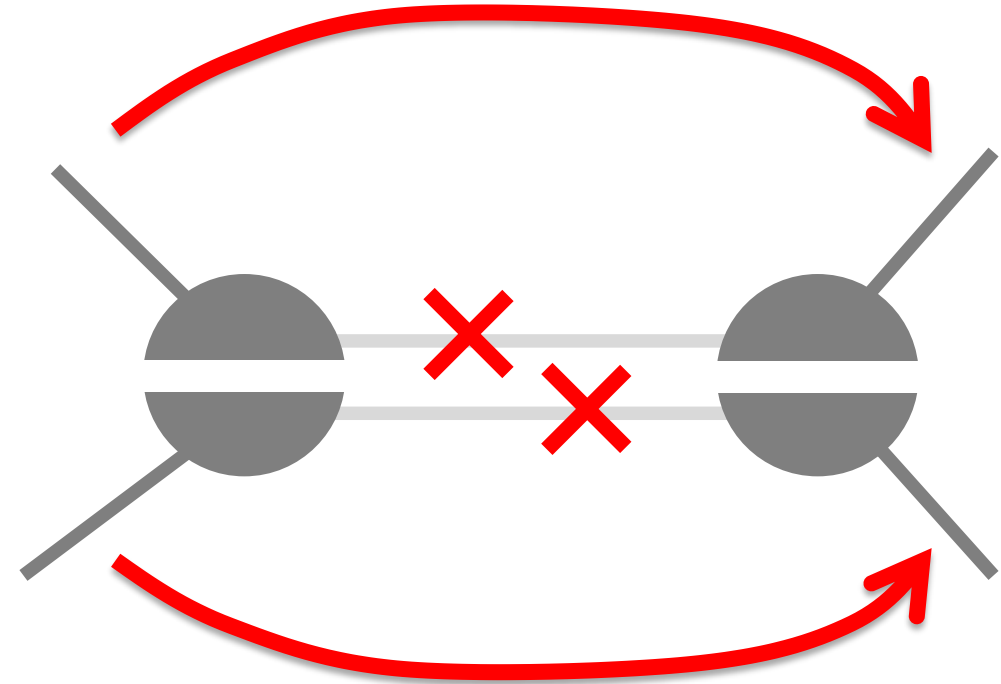


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**Grid sectioning affects
the reliability of supply**

Consequences of sectioning the grid



Bus bar sectioned:
power flows in opposite directions



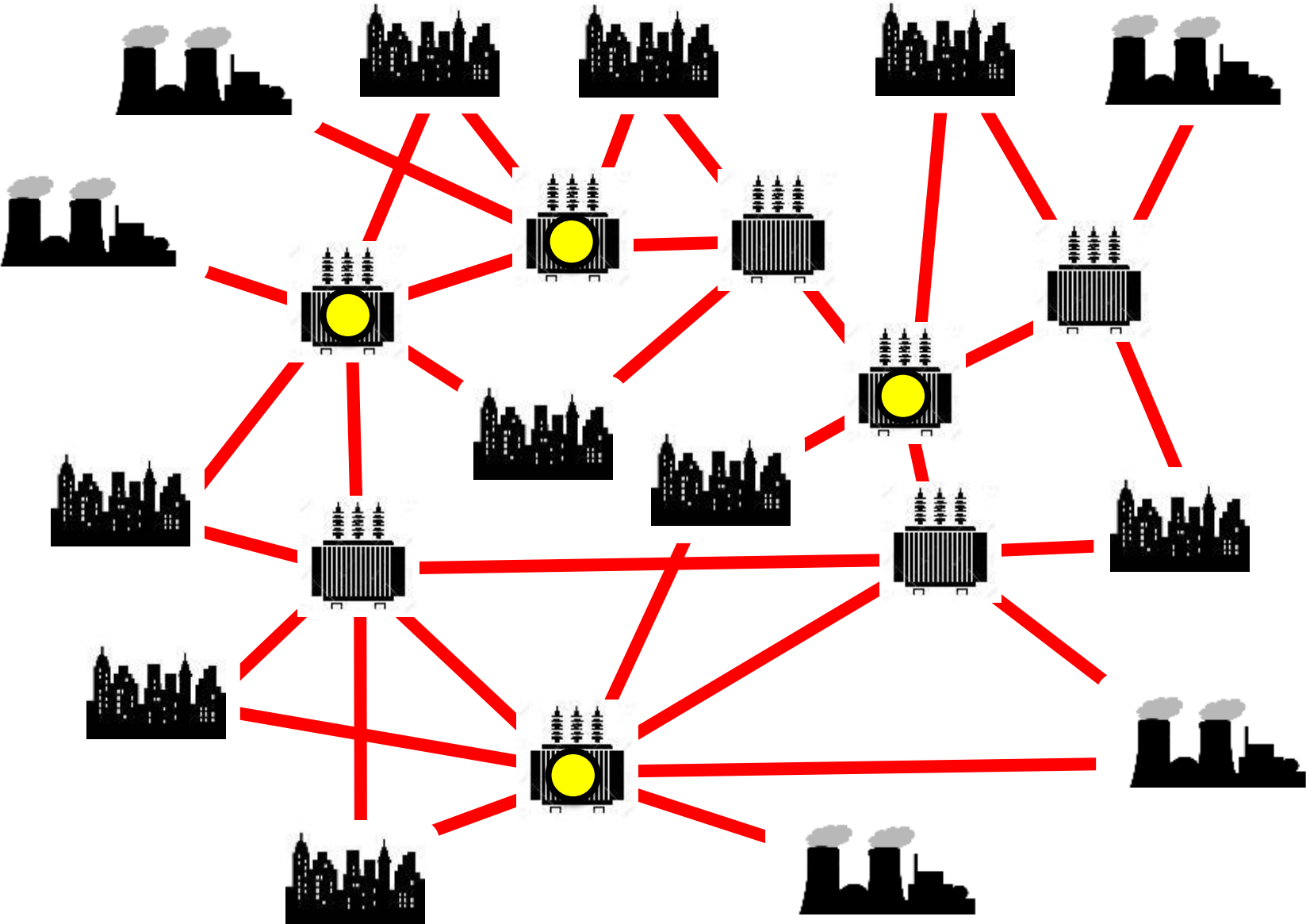
Cables lines sectioned:
transmission is impossible

Growth of fault currents presents a big and costly problem for large grids.

Fortunately, SFCL can often help.

It's an opportunity for HTS to penetrate electric power market.

Electrical grid of megapolices (+SFCL ☉)



Consumption



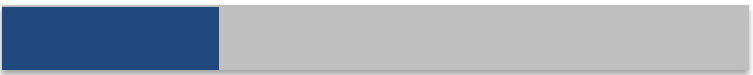
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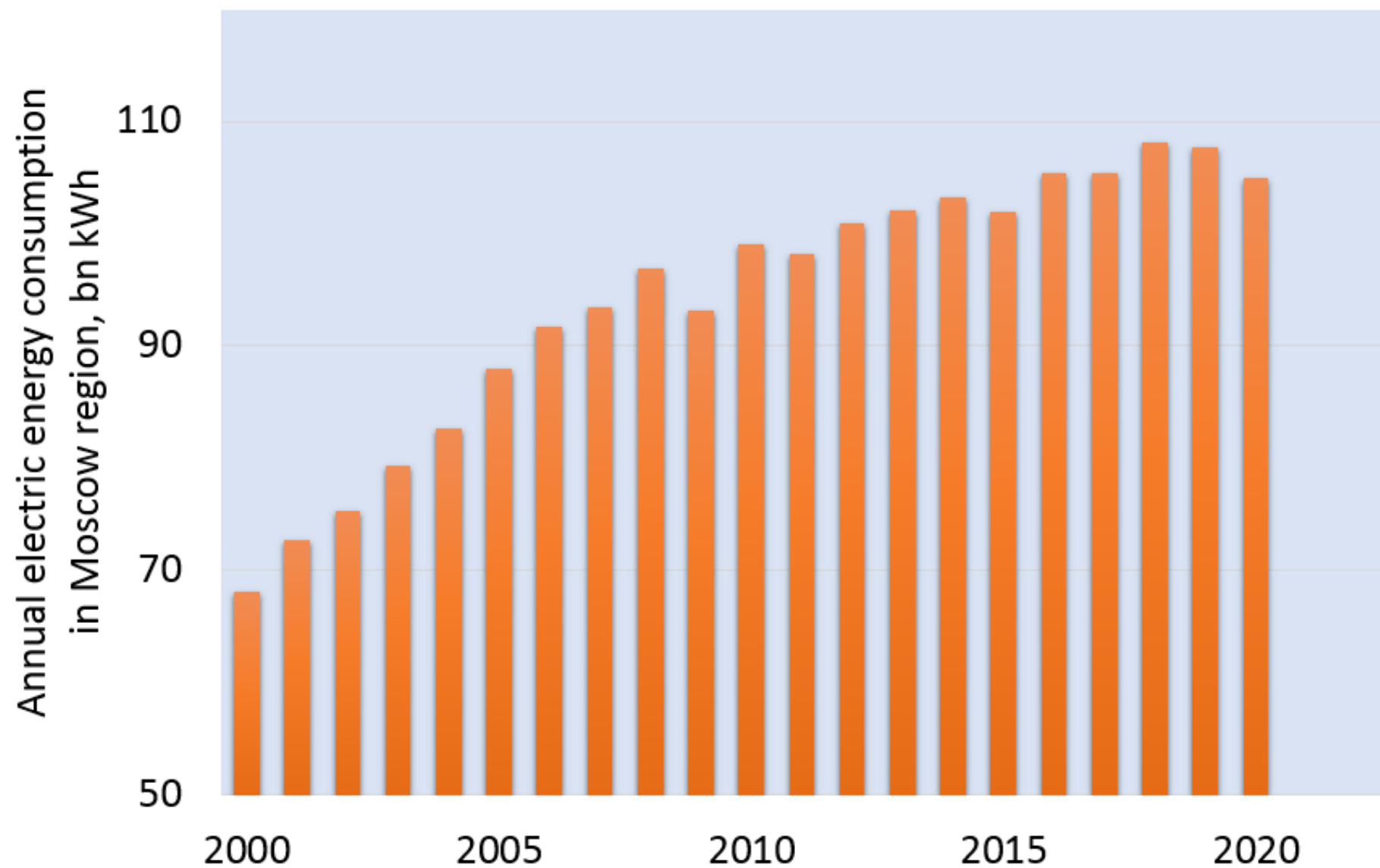


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Electrical grid parameters	Russia	Moscow
Installed generation capacity	246 GW	17 GW
Electricity consumption	1059 TWh / year	108 TWh / year
Consumption growth rate	+23% / 20 years	+ 59% / 20 years

Rapid growth of consumption

Generation located inside the city

Short distance transmission

Cables instead of overhead lines



Growth of fault currents

Sectioning the grid

→ Grid redundancy suffers
More complicated to operate

Install air core reactors

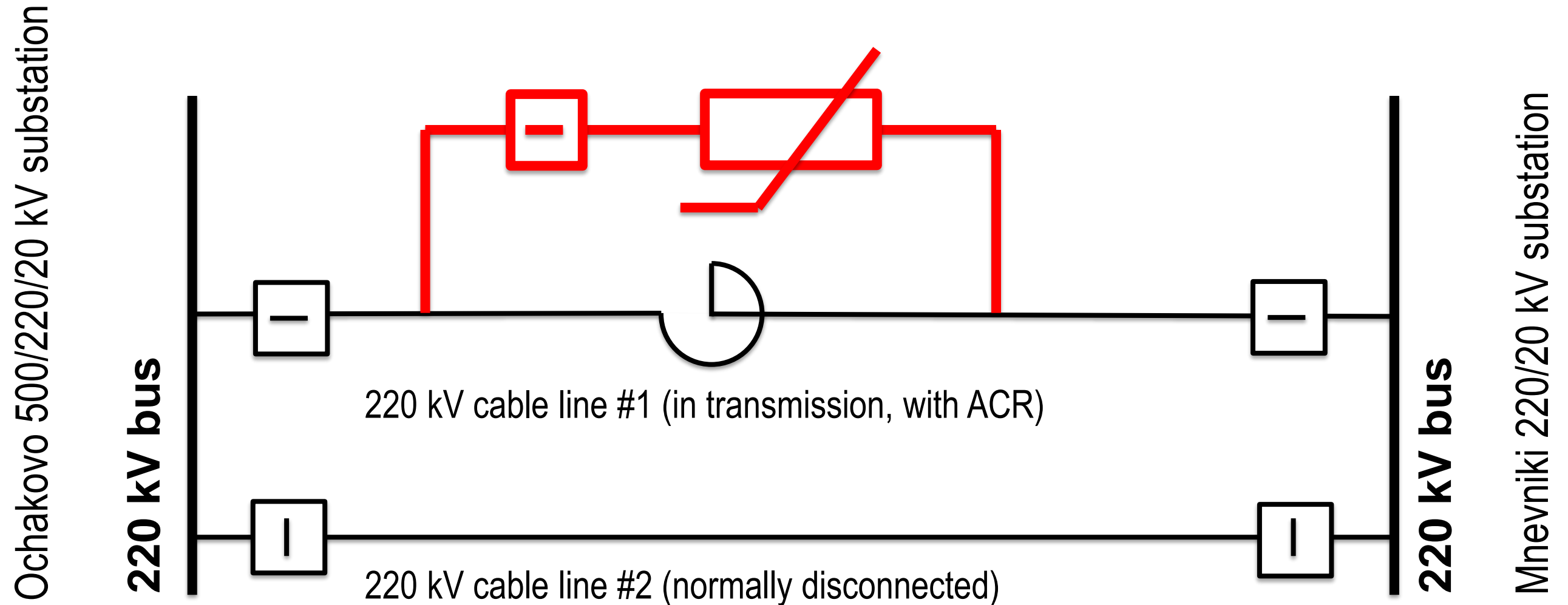
→ Losses
More impedance needed

Install superconducting fault current limiters

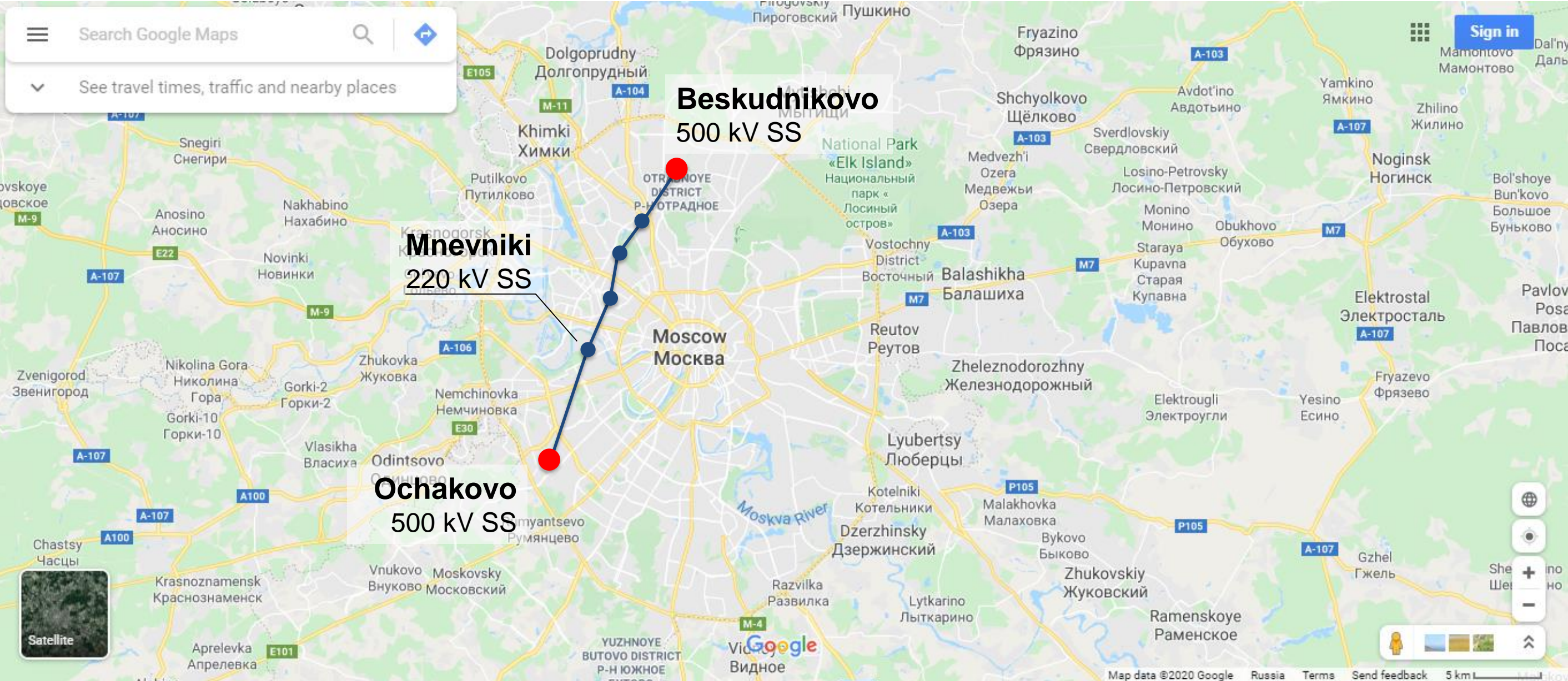
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A pilot project – 220 kV SFCL for Mnevniki substation (UNECO) **SuperOx**

Installation of 40 Ohm SFCL in parallel to existing 3.0 Ohm ACR



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Timeline of the 220 kV SFCL project

2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019

Project (first phase)

State expertize

Project (second phase)

Start to build equipment

Start of civil construction
Start to install equipment

Comissioning & tests

Fully operational

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Specifications of 220 kV SFCL

Property	Value
Nominal voltage	220 kV rms
Maximum operation voltage	252 kV rms
BIL test voltage	950 kV
AC withstand voltage	440 kV rms
Nominal frequency	50 Hz
Nominal current	1200 A rms
Critical current	3400 A peak
Nominal operational resistance	< 0,01 Ohm
Fault current limiting resistance	> 40 Ohm
Transition time	< 2 ms
Type of placement	Open
Climate requirements	-45 deg C ... +40 deg C
Size of 1 phase (LxWxH)	5500 x 2850 x 6500 mm
Weight of 1 phase (dry / with nitrogen)	16/27 ton

Full development cycle – from HTS wire to power system

- Superconductor wire development and production
- High current conductor design and production
- Superconductor module and assembly engineering and production
- Corona rings system HV engineering and production
- Solid state bushings engineering and production
- Closed cycle cryogenic system design and production
- Assembly of SFCL phases, logistics to test sites
- High voltage and power tests
- Logistics of equipment to substation
- Civil engineering work at substation
- Electrical, magnetic, thermophysical, mechanical modelling
- State expertise (price and technical inspection)
- Regulatory paperwork (relay protection, technical regulations, etc.)



Component engineering

SuperOx

Solid state cryogenic bushings (950 kV BIL tested)

Cryostat with two manholes (15 bar tested)

HV coordination (1 min @ 440 kV rms tested)

Superconductor assembly (HV and Power tested)

Composite mechanical support (HV and load tested)



HTS part of SFCL phase

2G HTS wire width:	12,0 mm
2G HTS wire stabilization:	Ag/Cu (few micrometers)
Min wire I_c (77K, s.f.):	~ 500 A
Length of 2G HTS wire per phase:	~ 10 km
Resistance @ 77K	$< 0,01$ Ohm
Resistance @ RT	~ 50 Ohm

Component testing

Each component of 220 kV SFCL was rigorously tested in leading world labs

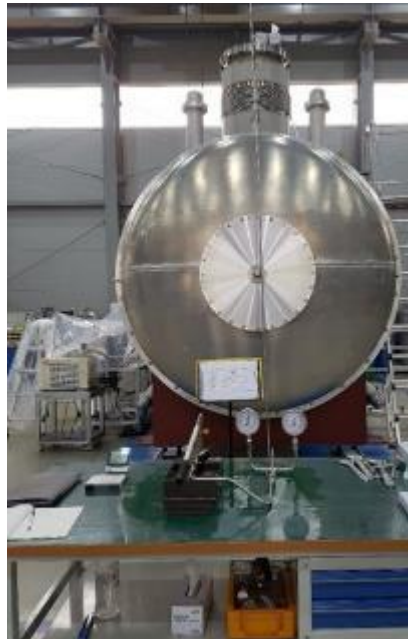
Engineering was refined until all the components passed strict technical requirements



HTS modules
Russia



Current leads
Russia



Cryostats
Korea



Cryocoolers
Japan



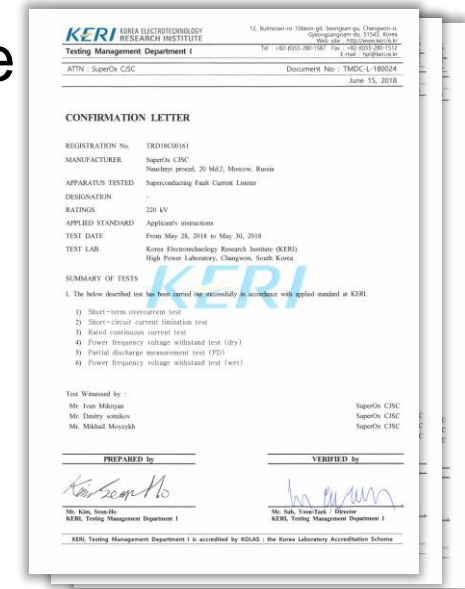
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Korea



HTS modules
Russia

System testing

- Three phases of 220 kV SFCL were tested after IEEE C37.302-2015 guide
- Test program developed jointly by SuperOx and UNECO
- A number of successful tests completed :
 - Acceptance tests of each phase of the device in KERI (Korea)
 - Operational tests at substation (HV, EMI, cooling system, automation)
 - Real time digital simulation (RTDS) tests of relay protection systems



HV and power tests of 220 kV SFCL

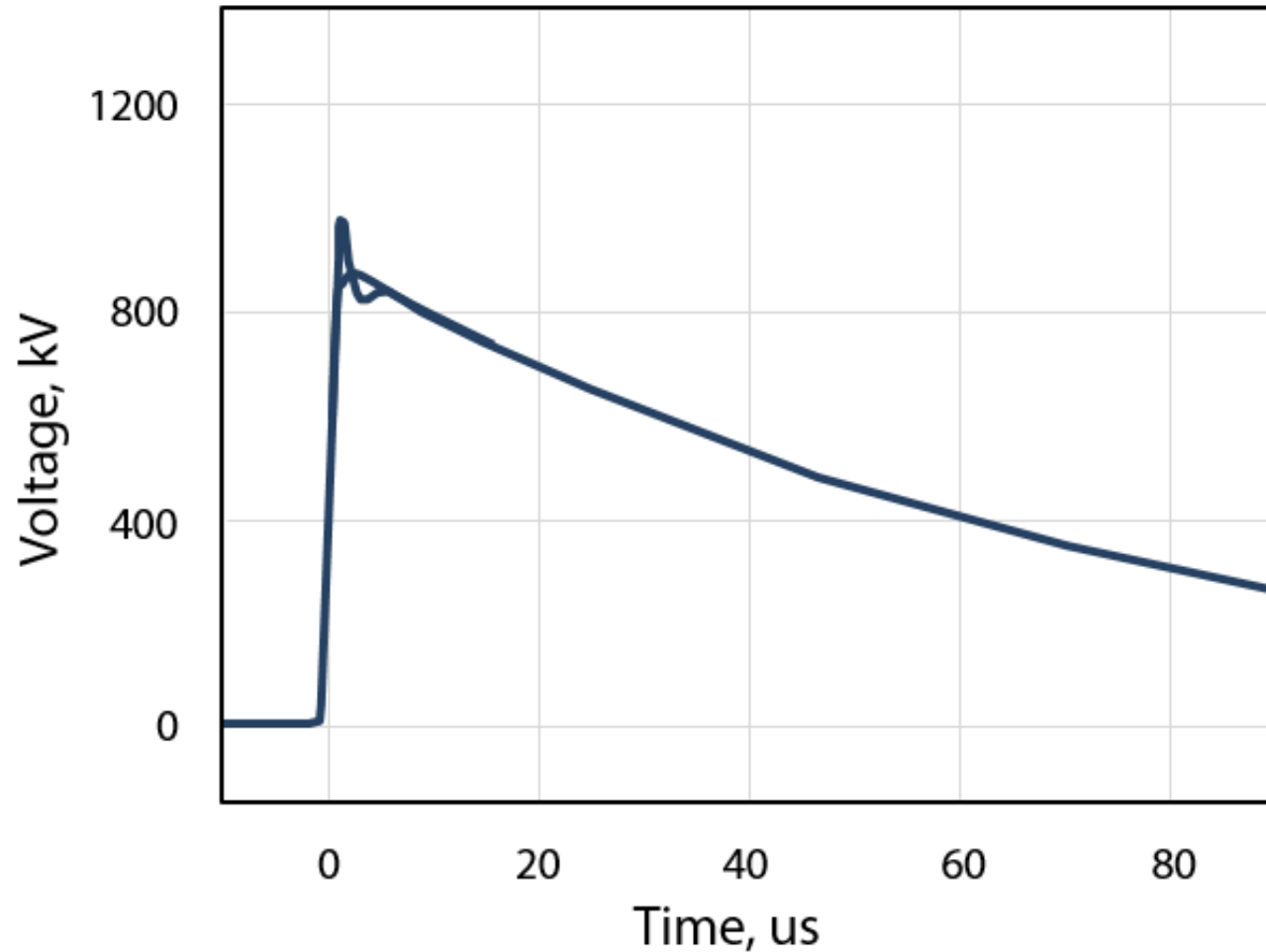
Power record of current limiting:

2000 MW → 300 MW

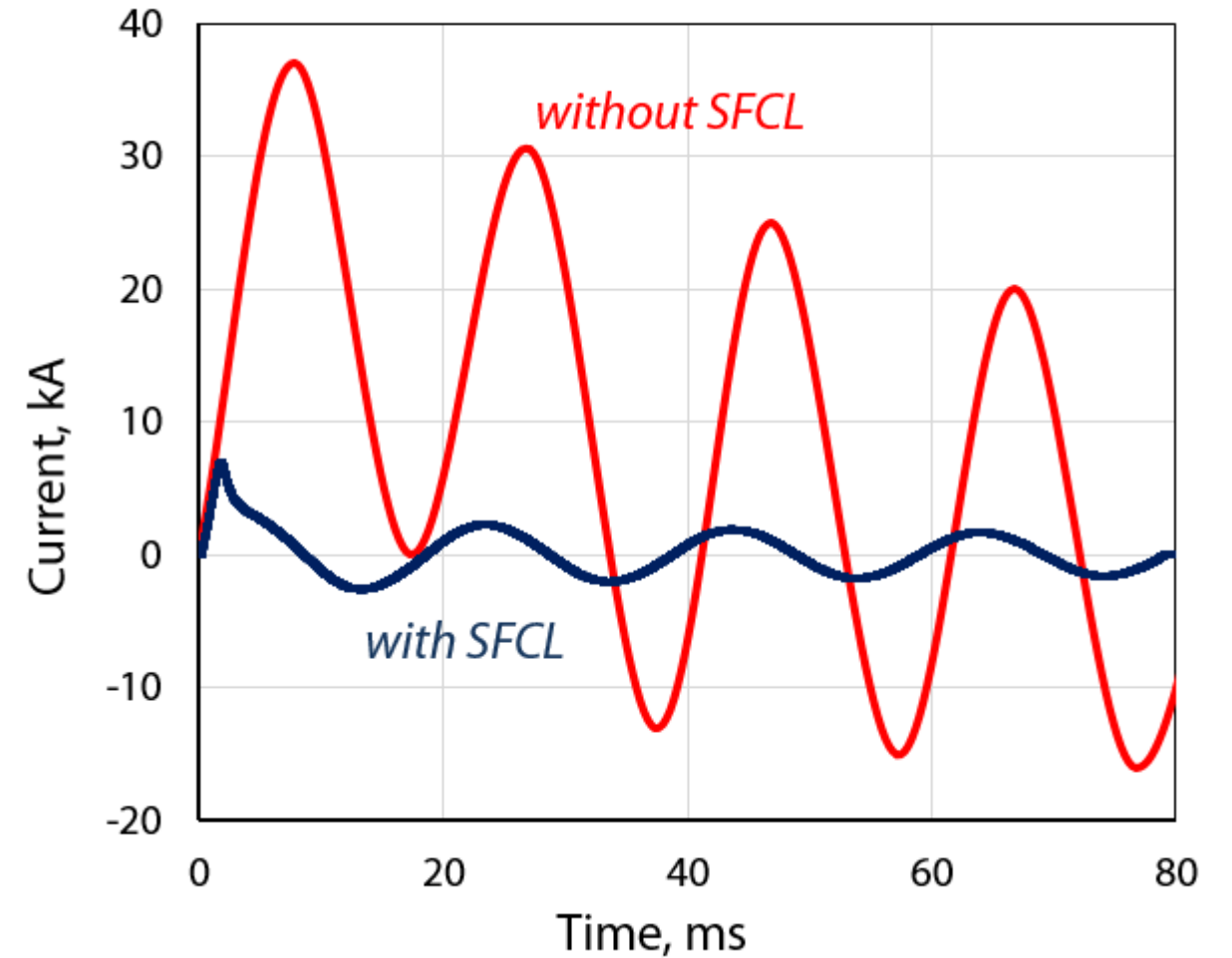
Name of the test	Value confirmed
Lightning impulse	950 kV, 1.5/50 us
Power frequency overvoltage withstand	440 kV, 1 min
Partial discharge	Less than 25 pC
Rated current	1200 A, 1 h
Short-term overcurrent	2000 A, 400 ms
Short-circuit current	38 kA → 6.8 kA



220 kV SFCL phase at the test site in KERI (Korea)



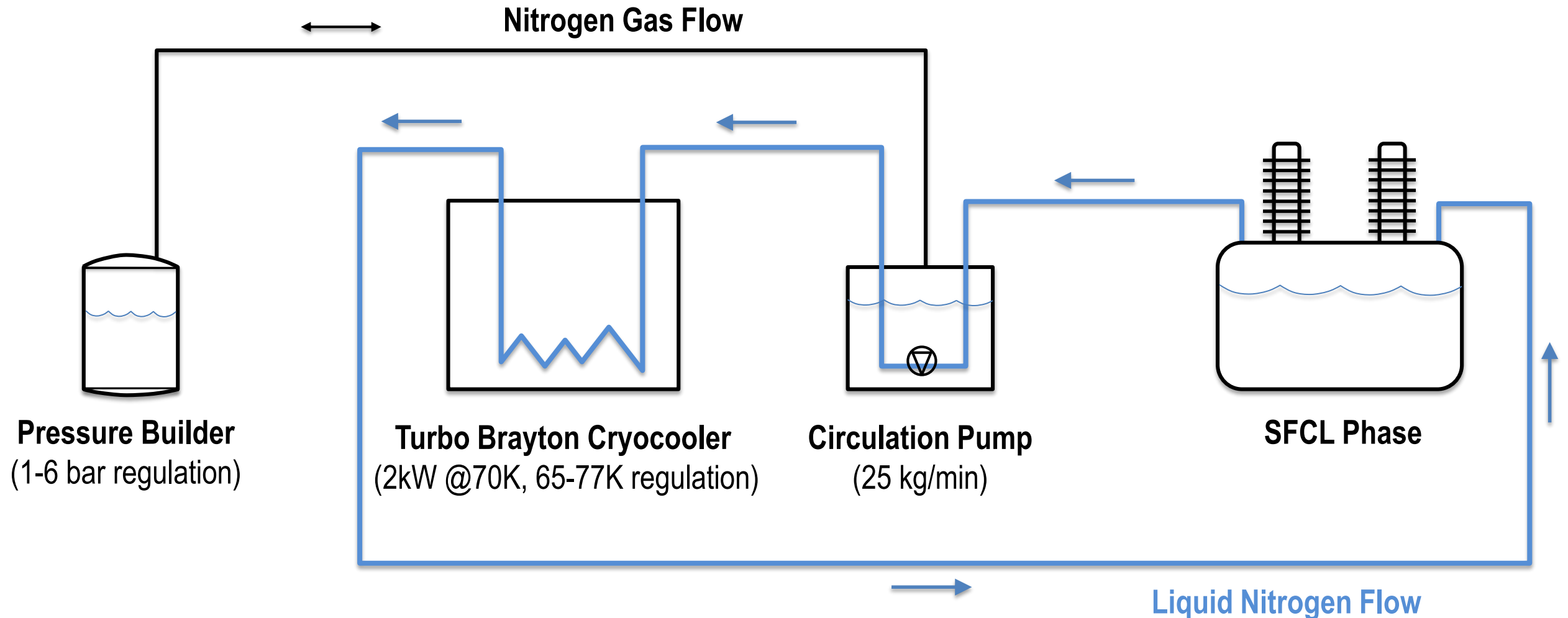
950 kV lightning impulse test



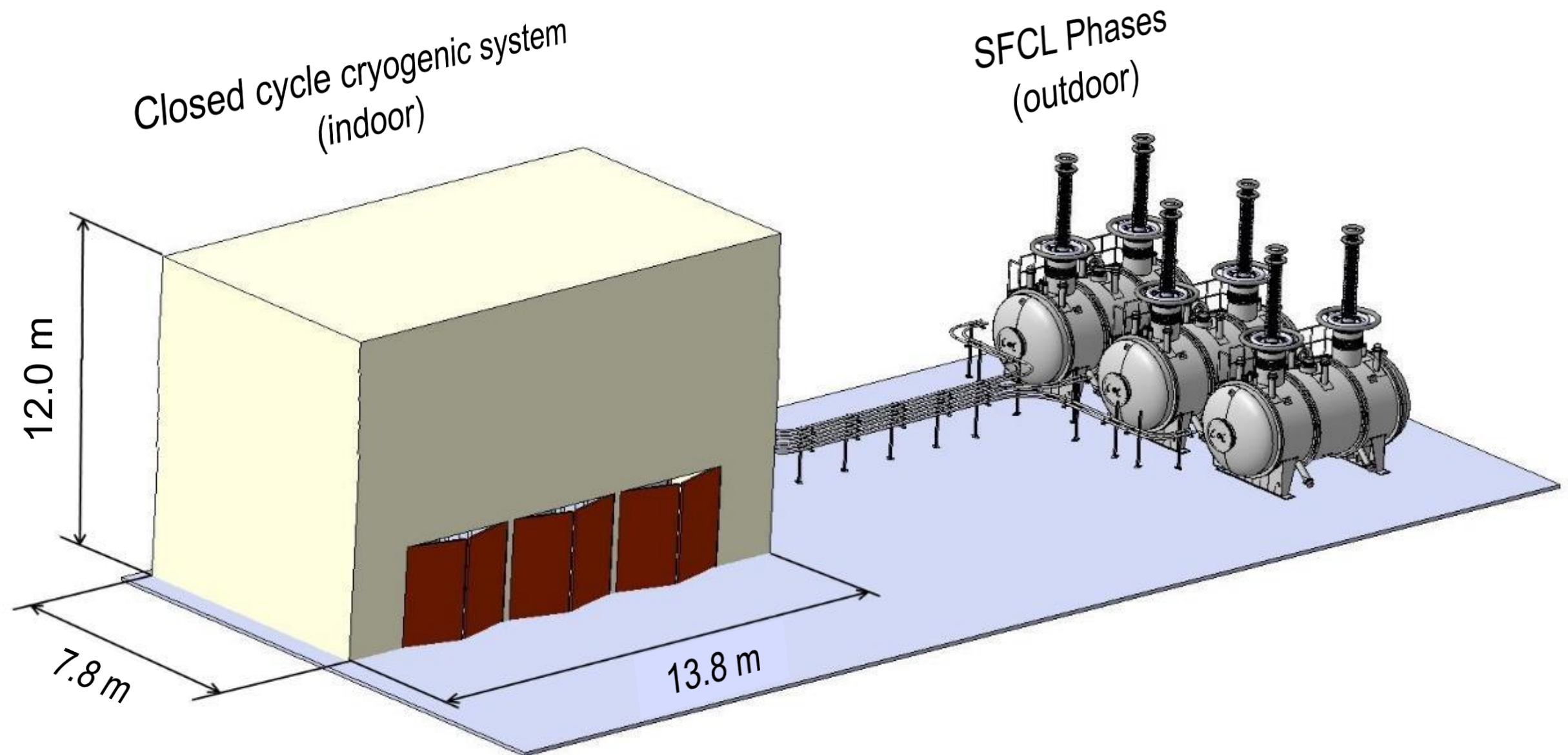
High power test

Cryogenic system design

Each SFCL phase is equipped with its cooling sub-system. By-passes between phases provide redundancy to the whole system.



Installation site planning



Mathematical model of SFCL for relay protection coordination SuperOx

System Operator regulation rules have been developed for operation of SFCL in grid

1

Power grid with SFCL is modelled

2

SFCL resistance vs time is calculated with a verified mathematical model

3

РЕЗУЛЬТАТЫ РАСЧЕТА на уровне Ом			
1-Пояс	Наименование	3х-фазное КЗ	
Узла	Узла	I1 (мод/фаза)	
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0,8	Общая нейтраль	0	0
21411,1	ОЧАКОВО	9460	90
21467,66	ОЧАКОВО АТ	3745	95
85726,1	НИКУЛИНО 2С	0	91
С2536,3	ТЭЦ-25	3425	90
М0926	МНЕВНИКИ	9	134
М8126	СОВОС	11234	92
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21411,1	ОЧАКОВО	2355	91
21421,2	ОЧАКОВО	3049	91
21430,3	ОЧАКОВО	3204	91
21444,44		2716	91
С2518,7	ТЭЦ-25	1495	90
С2528,8	ТЭЦ-25	2132	90
С2618	ТЭЦ-26	15689	91
М8418	ПП ОЧАКОВО	11853	93

Grid operation determined:

- Switchgear capacity verification
- Relay protection setup
- Real time digital simulation

Regulatory paperwork made – to enable commercialization

- High voltage and power SFCL test program based on IEEE C37.302-2015 guide
- SFCL model user manual for relay protection coordination calculations
- Methodology for calculating compatibility of switchgear in the grid with SFCL
- Test program for relay protection devices for RTDS test bench for grids with SFCL
- Methodology for calculating relay protection devices in grids with SFCL
- Instruction manual for substation duty personnel in relation to SFCL
- SFCL user manual
- Program for taking SFCL in grid operation
- General Technical requirements for 220 and 110 kV SFCL at substation
- Draft of national standard for high voltage SFCL



Results of SFCL operation

- SFCL at substation is daily under load since December 2019
- Several cryogenic cooler stops observed – without interrupting power flow through SFCL
- Total electricity transferred by October 2020: 80 million kWh
- SFCL successfully limits faults and continues to operate normally after fault events

Date	Fault type	Current limitation	Cooling system operation	Relay protection operation
2020-04-16	single phase	Yes	All nominal ($T < 2$ K, no p and L variations)	correct
2020-07-14	two phase	No*		correct
2020-10-12	three phase	No*		correct

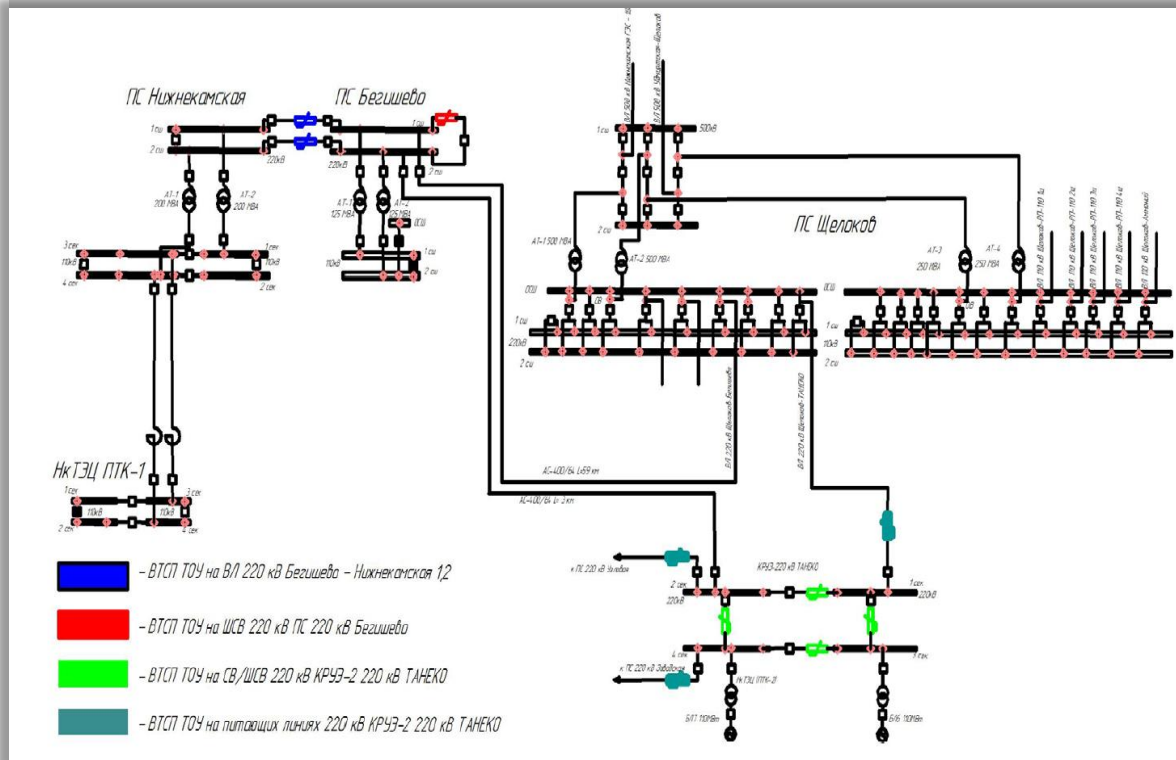
* - fault current was less than switching current (3400 A)

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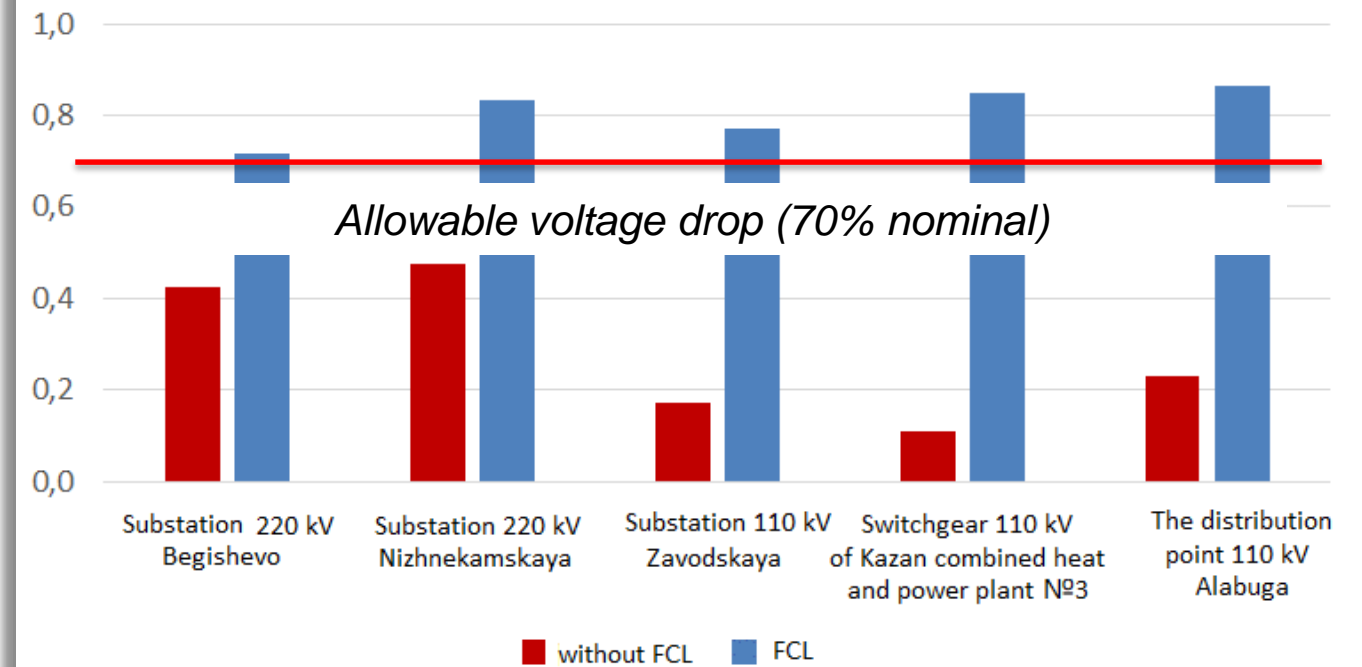
5 SFCLs in industrial region – protection of refineries / chemical plants

- Less voltage drop
- No downtime
- Continuous production

SFCL keeps voltage stable at production plant during faults, ensuring no downtime

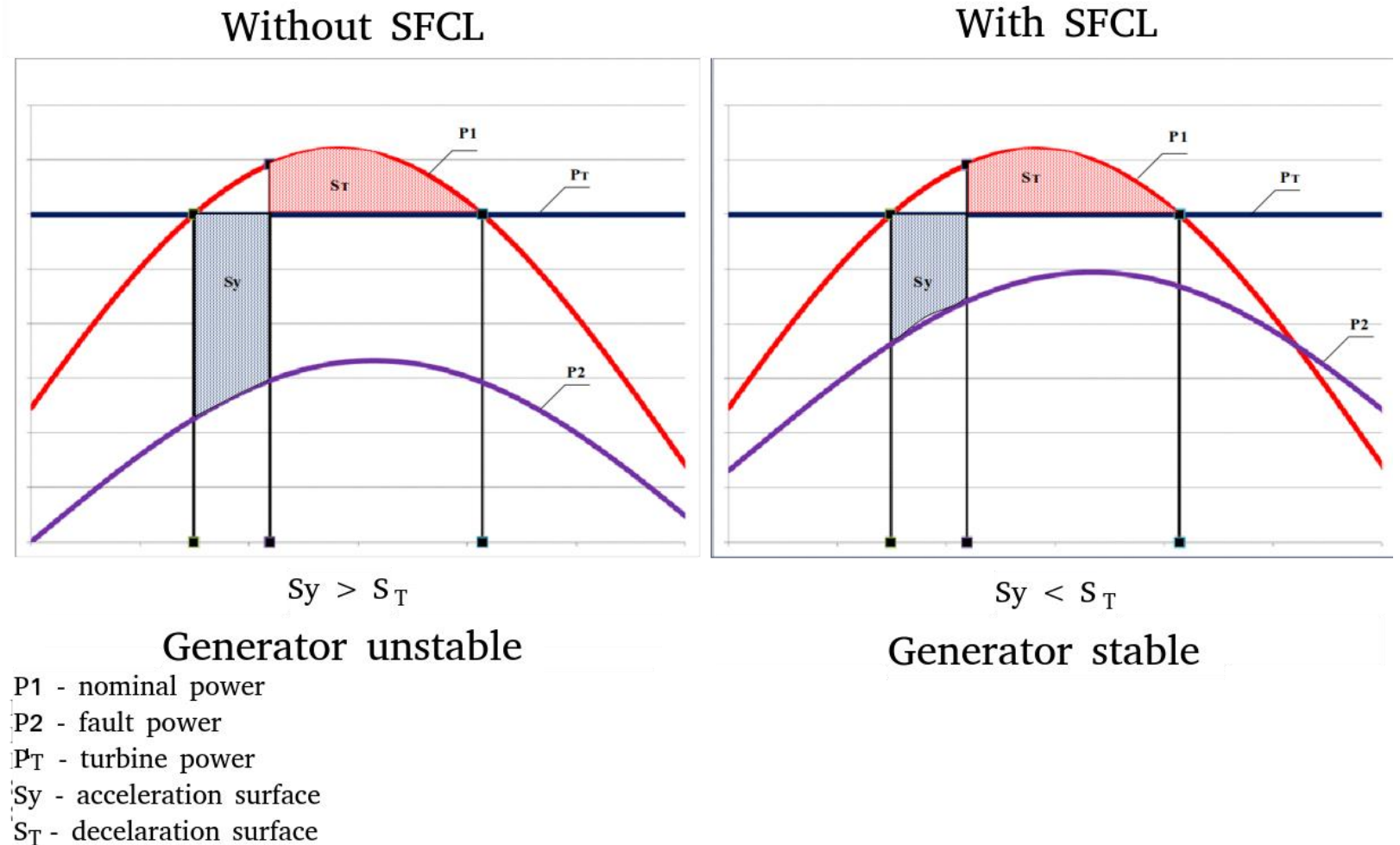


200-500 MW Consumers



SFCL installed in-line with generator significantly increases generator stability in case of remote faults

- Transient regime studies of generator stability with and without SFCL
- ETAP-analog software
- Carried out by Russian power sector project institute



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SuperOx

220/20 kV electrical substation

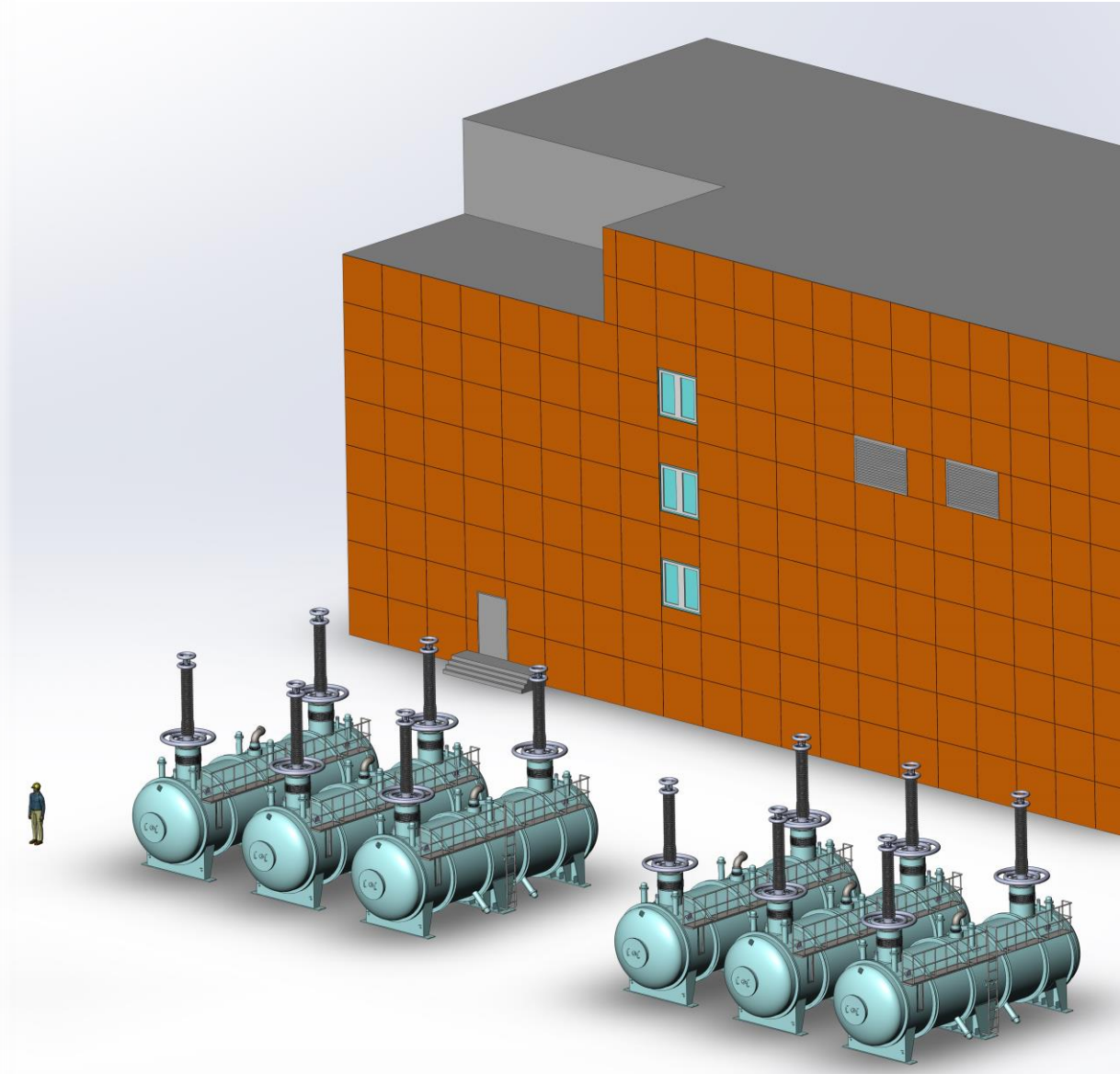
Commissioned in 2014

300 MW transformer capacity



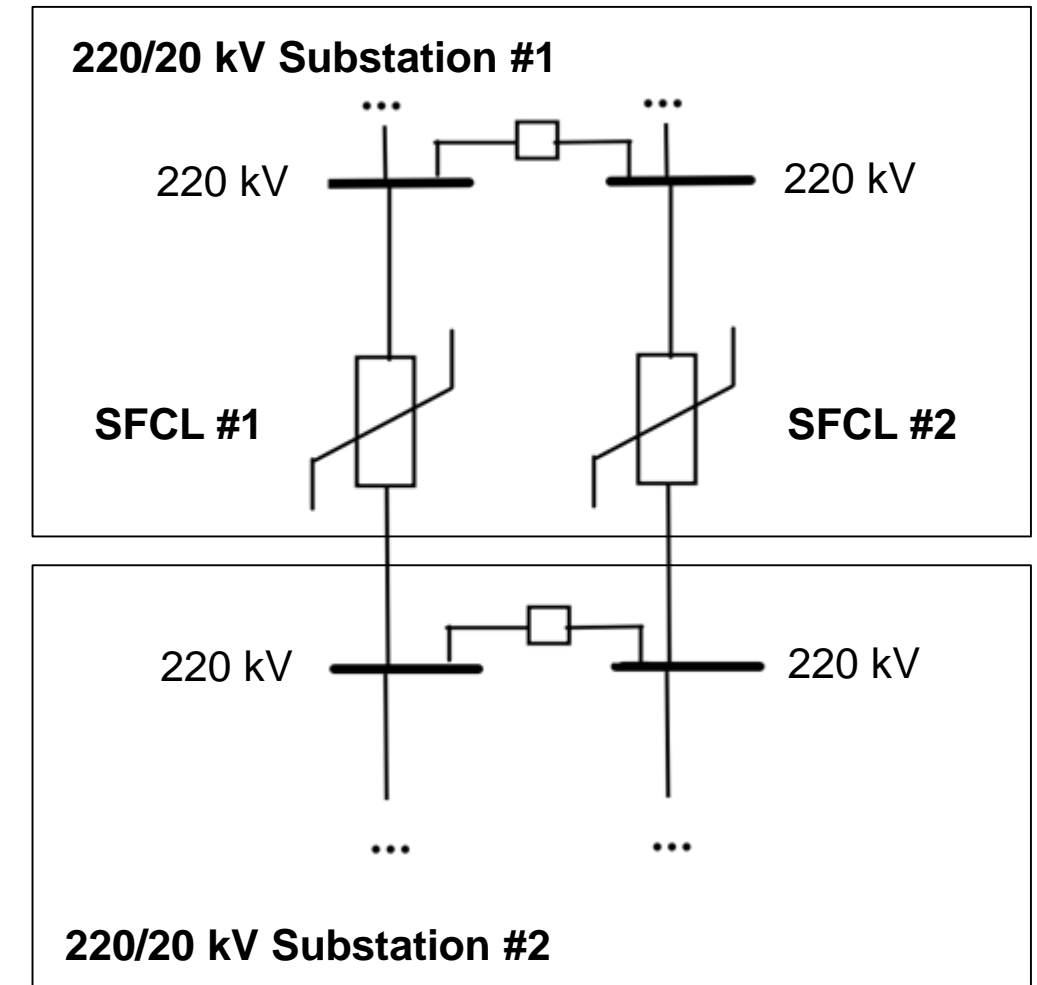
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Nominal operational resistance	< 0,1 Ohm
Fault current limiting resistance	> 40 Ohm
Transition time	< 4 ms
Type of placement	Outdoor
Climate requirements	-45 deg C ... +40 deg C



SuperOx is about to start work on next two 220 kV SFCLs

- SFCL installation without ACRs
- Two SFCLs in two parallel cable lines (~12 km)
- High ability to withstand fault currents:
 - Up to 6 seconds at remote fault
 - Up to 1 second at SFCL bushing fault
- Recovery-under-load capability necessary (no SFCL disconnection during remote fault)
- SFCL resistance sensing relay protection integrated with adjacent grid



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- ❑ SuperOx developed a full scale technology of high voltage SFCL using 2G HTS wire
- ❑ 220 kV SFCL was built and extensively tested after IEEE C37.302-2015 guide
- ❑ The closed cycle turbo Brayton cryogenic system was developed and used in SFCL project
- ❑ Solid-insulation current leads / bushings were developed and used in SFCL project
- ❑ First 220 kV SFCL at 220/20 kV substation in Moscow was energized in December 2019
- ❑ Engineering stage for 2 SFCLs is about to start with projected delivery of devices in 2022

Acknowledgement to the SuperOx SFCL Team



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Thank you!

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