

Design and Field Test Results of High Renewable Penetration at a Korean Island Remote MicroGrid

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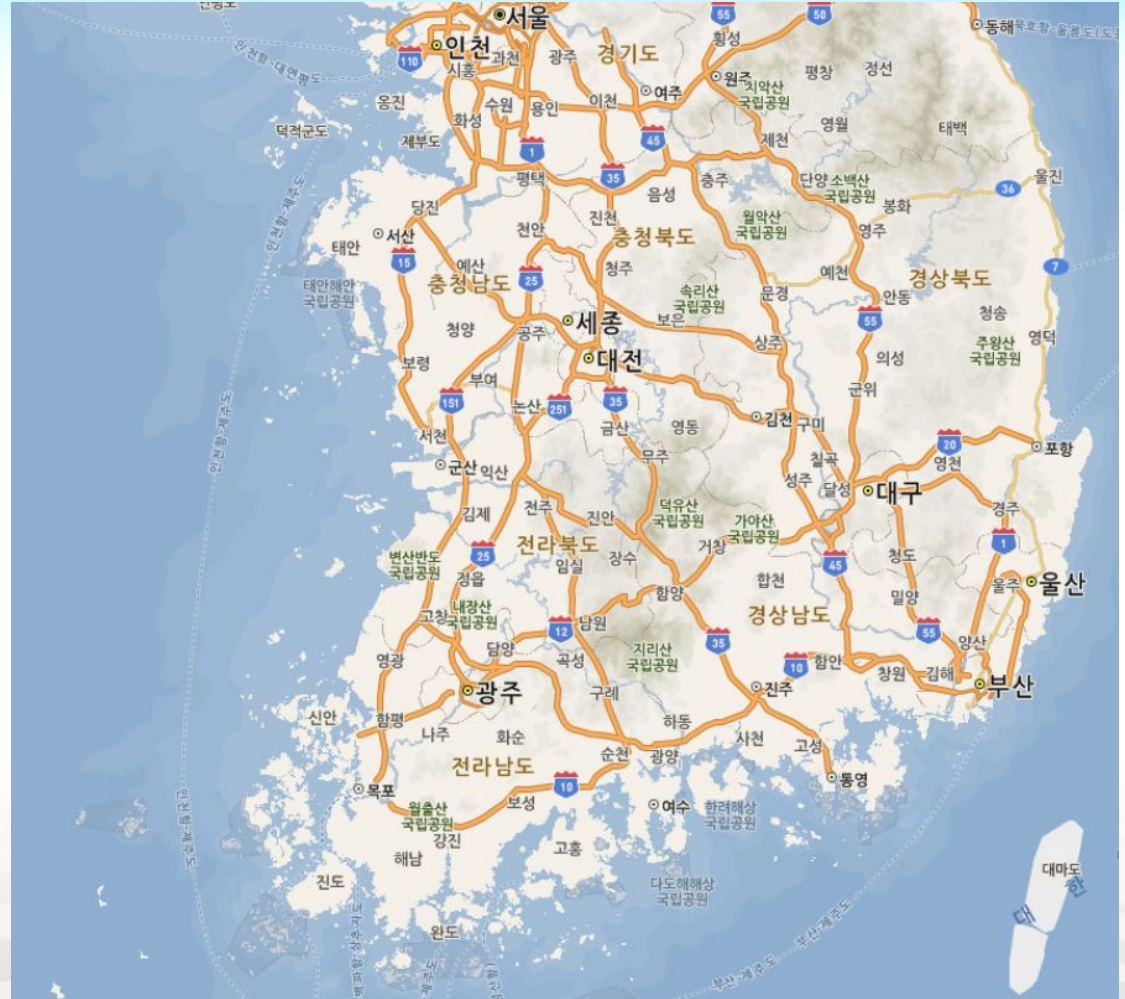
1. Motivations

- 127 diesel power plants's life will be ended within few years

Owner	Number of Plants
KEPCO	63
Local Gov.	22
Inhabitants	42
Total	127



[Typical Power Plant of Korea]



[Many island in Korea]

Cost of Energy in Korea

0.142 vs 0.587
\$/kWh \$/kWh

COE in Mainland
(2014 year)

Source : KEPCO

COE in Island
(2014 year)

Source : KEPCO

Project

2. Project Overview

Goal

Secure **MicroGrid Total Solution** for KEPCO's island & business

Team

KEPCO Research Institute(PJ Owner), Jeonnam TP, KESRI, KIER

Budget

10M\$(Govern.5.8M, KEPCO3.6, Local Govern.0.6M), '12.10~'15.10(36M)

What to develop

Develop engineering process♪

- optimal combination of DG and evaluation of economic feasibility
- system analysis and optimal location of DG

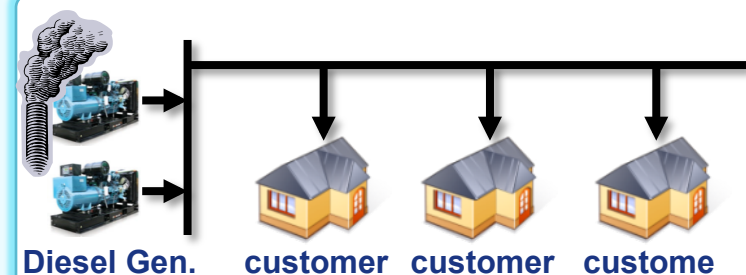
Develop EMS and operating technology ♪

- generation control, emergency control, load control, etc.
- operation manual, emergency operation manual

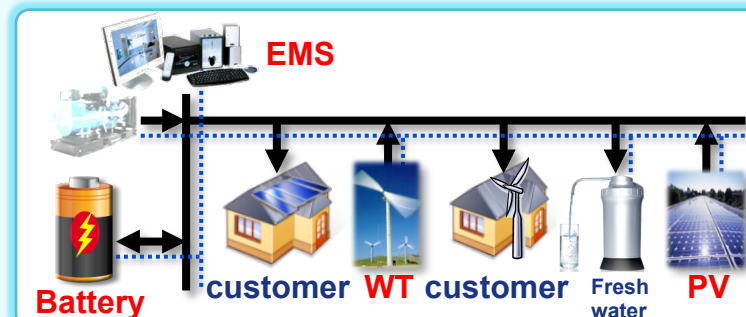
Demonstrate and secure Track Record ♪

- verify technology based on DG capacity combination
- Build infrastructure for commercialization through site optimization

Concept diagram



[Before applying remote MG technology]



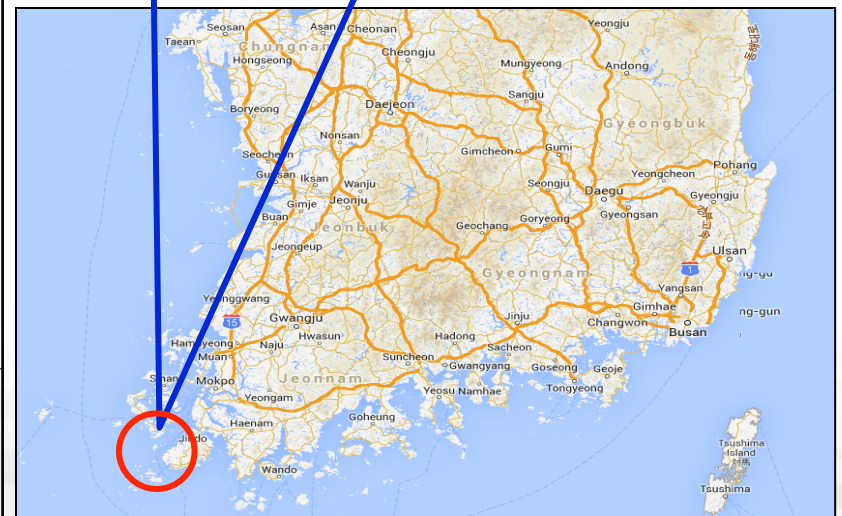
[After applying remote MG technology]

Test Island

2. Project Overview

● Test Island : Gasado(southern side of Korea)

	Contents
Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern part of South Korea • Distance from main land : 6km • Area : 6.4km²
Electrical System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genset : 100kW×3 (1993) • D/L : 2 line(total length : 8km)
Load	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customer : 168house(286person) • Average Load : 96kW (Peak : 173kW, Min : 61kW) • Main Load : Radar, Lighting house Water supply
Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% : Owned by local government • 50% : Private owned



Design Target

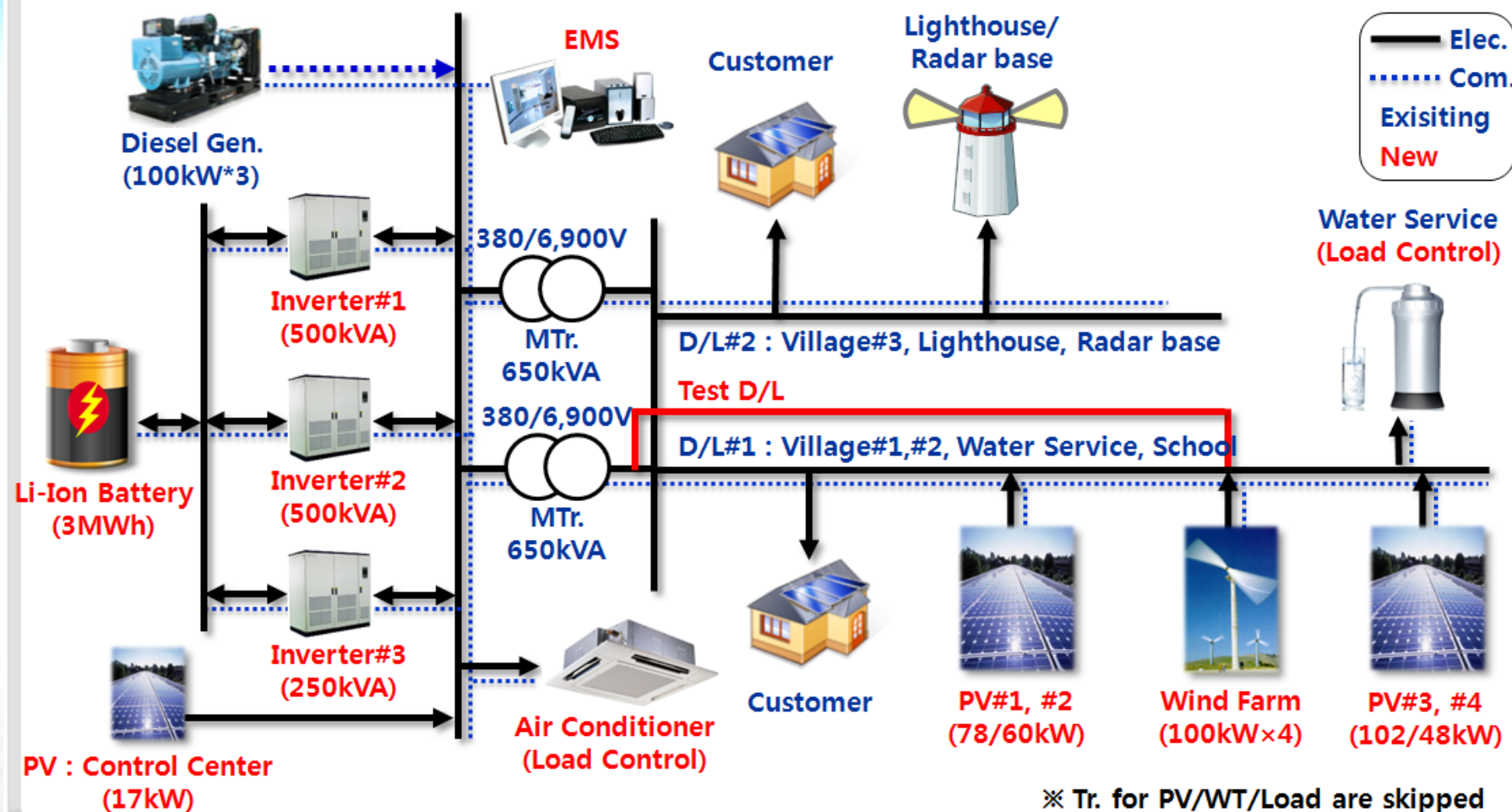
3. Design

- MicroGrid system supplied with 99% renewable energy

Classification	Contents	Note
Energy	99% renewable energy	Energy independent
No Wind/Sun	1 day	Battery size, Economical
Emergency	Using diesel generator	WT/PV fault No wind/sun
For field test	Renewable Capacity divided Exclusive line for test	Renewable mix test No outage at the village
EMS	Automatic control	System efficiency
Plug & Play	No communication for small PV	Economical
Site for WT/PV	Idle site, Roof, Reservoir	Water floating PV

System Architecture

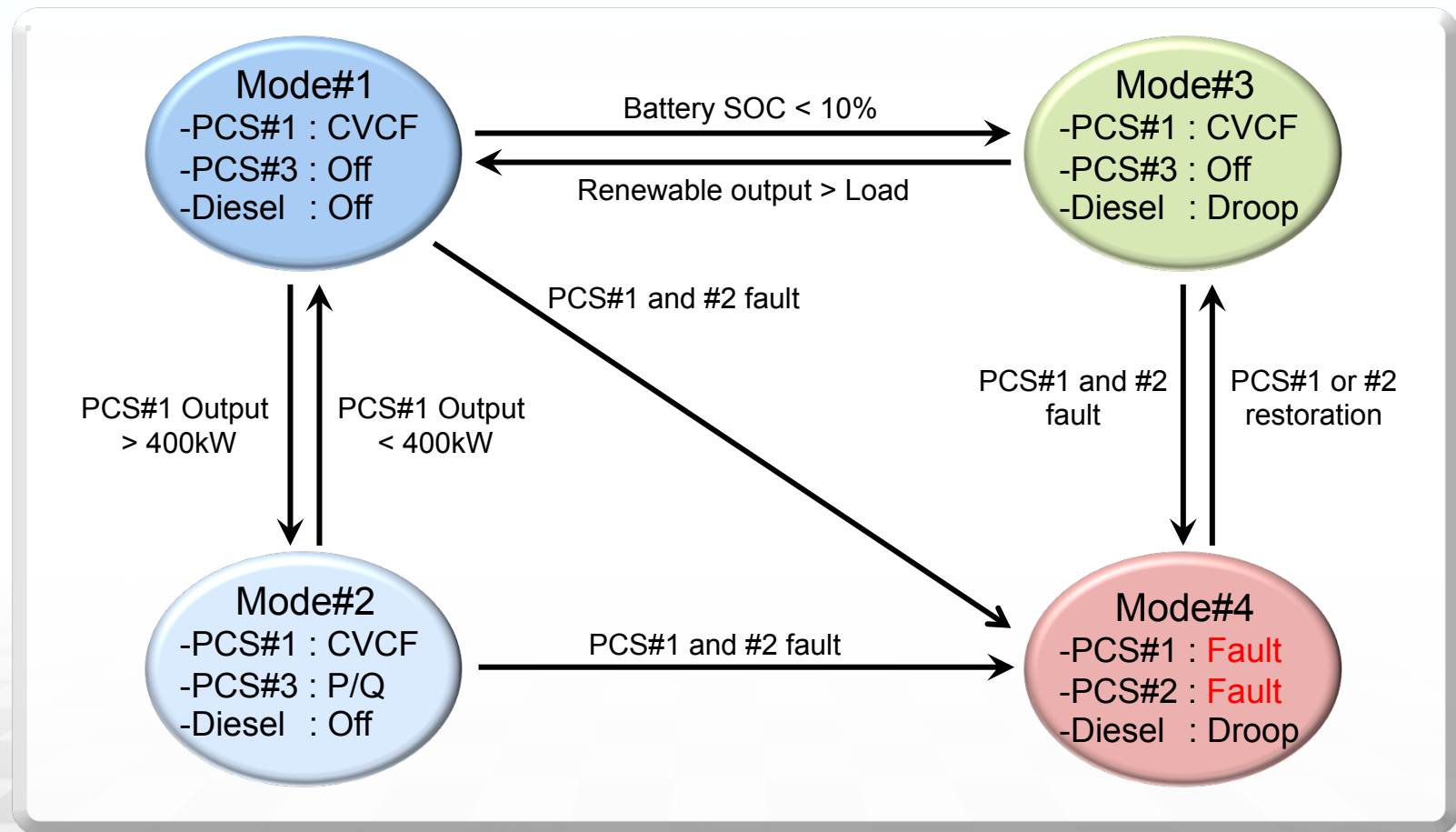
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Operation Mode

3. Design

- ❖ Transition between mode#1, #2, #3 is done by EMS.
- ❖ Transition from/to mode#4 is done by operator after fault clearing



Main Equipment

4. Construction



[Monitoring & Control]



[Water Floating PV system : 48kW]



[Wind($100\text{kW} \times 4$) & Solar Farm(total:314kW)]



[Li-ion Battery : 3MWh]

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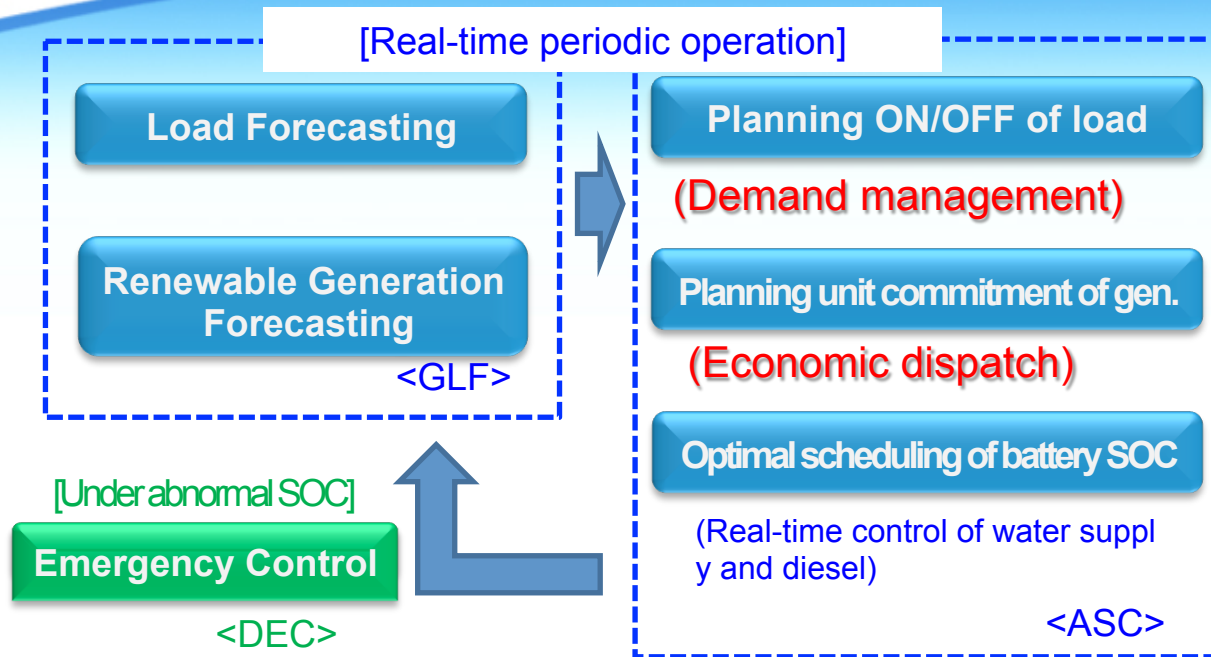
4. Construction

	Specification	Function & Feature
EMS	SCADA + Application	Battery SOC management, Forecasting of load & renewable energy, Direct load control, Automation
GFI (Grid Forming Inverter)	500kVA*2, 250kVA*1	Frequency & voltage control, P/Q control 500kVA #2 : Backup, 250kVA : for shortage of rating
Battery	3MWh, Li-ion	Electrical energy storage, 1C-rate, NMC type 3 GFIs are connected to 3MWh in parallel.
WT	100kW*4	PMSG+Full converter, Power limitation, Power factor & Voltage control, LVRT, FRT
PV	314kW(8ea)	Power limitation, Monitoring of each module, Water floating PV system for limited site
Diesel Gen.	100kW*3	Droop control, Remote on/off
Load	Water pump Air conditioner	Water tank is used to energy storage. Battery room temp. control using surplus energy.

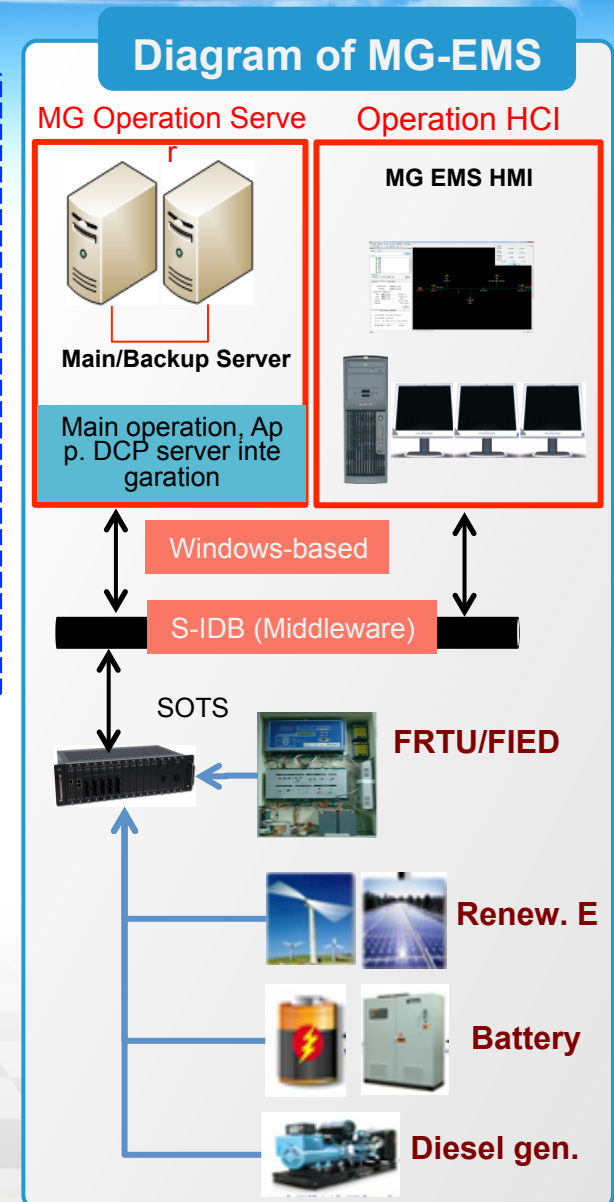
- ❖ Inverter-based power system
 - ✓ Inverter maintains voltage/frequency and battery SOC.
- ❖ Renewable energy penetration rate of world class level
 - ✓ Penetration rate : 400%(of peak load)
- ❖ Automatic operation by EMS
 - ✓ Automatic control depending on battery SOC
: PV / WT / Diesel / Water supply / Air conditioner
- ❖ Usable both as commercial operation and as test site
 - ✓ Various tests are available without outage.
- ❖ Demand side management
 - ✓ water tank, air conditioner of battery room
- ❖ Design considering growth of Gasa Island
 - ✓ Site selection of WT & PV farm considering tourism resources
 - ✓ Water floating PV : Consideration for limited site of island

Energy Management System

4. Construction



- **Surplus power** : Real-time optimal **demand management**
 - Unit commitment and control of water supply
- **Power shortage** : **Economic dispatch** of diesel gen.
 - Unit commitment and control of diesel gen.
- **Abnormal Battery SOC** : **Emergency control**
 - Load control : ON/OFF control of air con. and dummy load
 - Generation control : ON/OFF and generation control of PV and WT



4. Construction

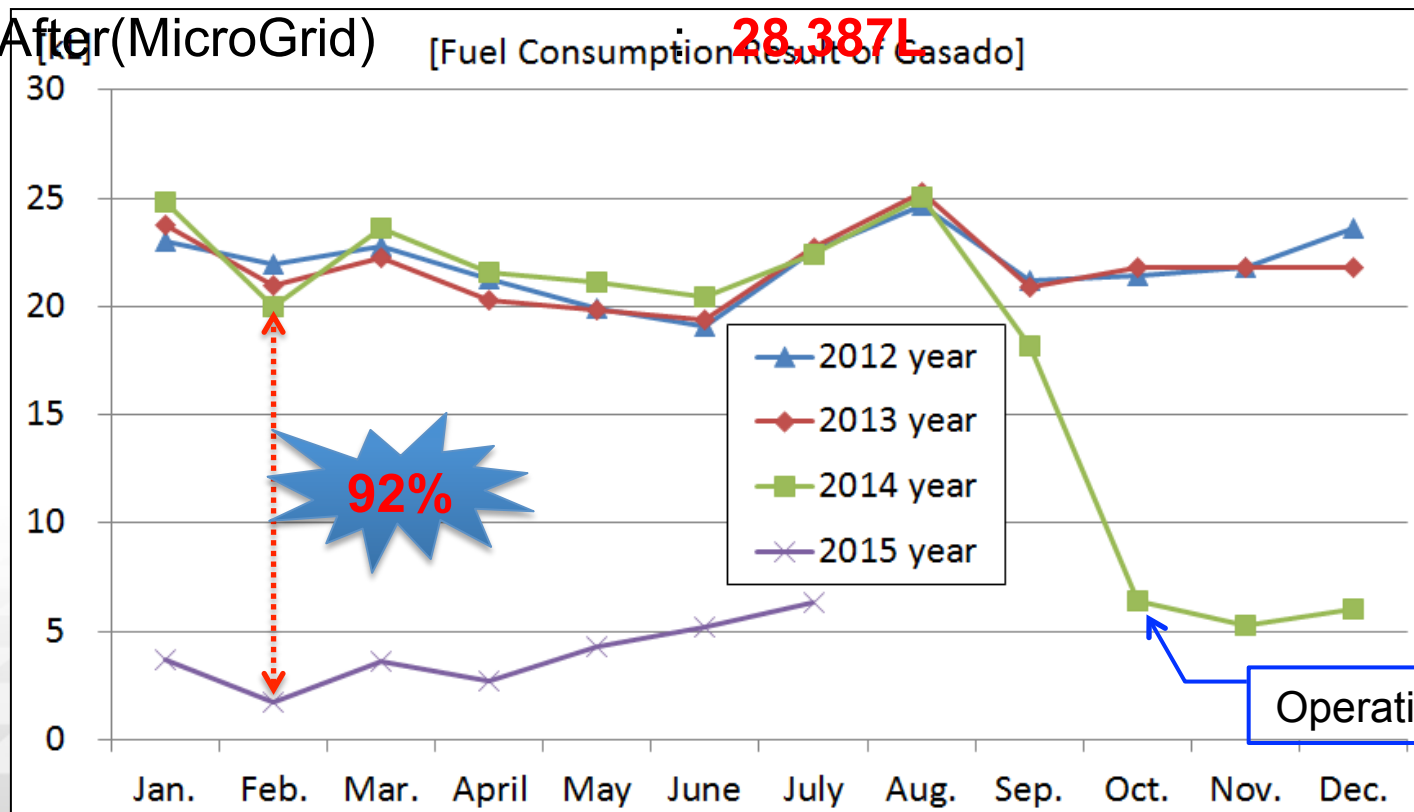


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Fuel Saving

5. Operation Results

- ❖ Commercial operation from tape cutting ceremony(Oct. 2nd, 2015)
- ❖ Fuel saving results(compare to 2014 year) : **79.4%**
 - ✓ Before(Diesel power plant) : **155,511L**
 - ✓ After(MicroGrid) : **28,387L**



- ❖ Fuel efficiency of the gen set was improved by 14.2% using GFI (grid forming inverter).
 - ✓ Get set can be operated at the highest efficient region because GFI control the frequency.
- ❖ But, battery system's round-trip efficiency is usually 90~95%.
- ❖ So, gen set should be run in the highest efficiency section.

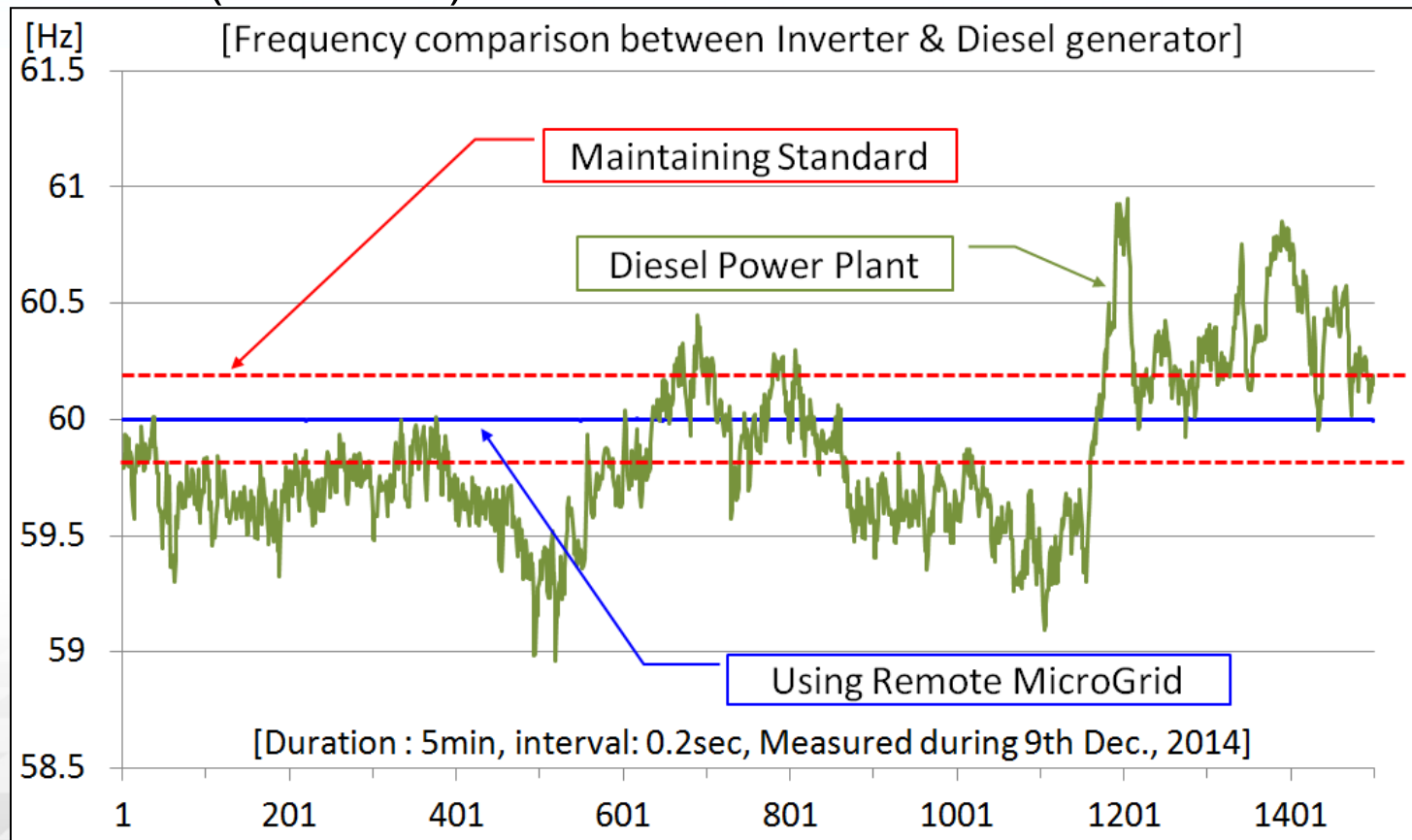
[Fuel consumption comparison of a diesel generator]

Operation Type	At Diesel Power Plant	At Remote Microgrid
	2 gen-set in parallel during 24Hours	one gen-set with grid forming inverter (GFI) during 24Hours
Fuel Consumption	766.2 L/24 h	562.7 L/24 h
Total Production	2319.3 kWh	1946.2 kWh
Average Power	96.6 kW	81 kW
Energy per Fuel	3.02 kWh/L	3.45 kWh/L
Fuel per Energy	0.3304 L/kWh	0.2892 L/kWh

❖ Frequency maintain ratio(0.2sec sampling)

✓ Previous(Diesel power plant) : **57%**

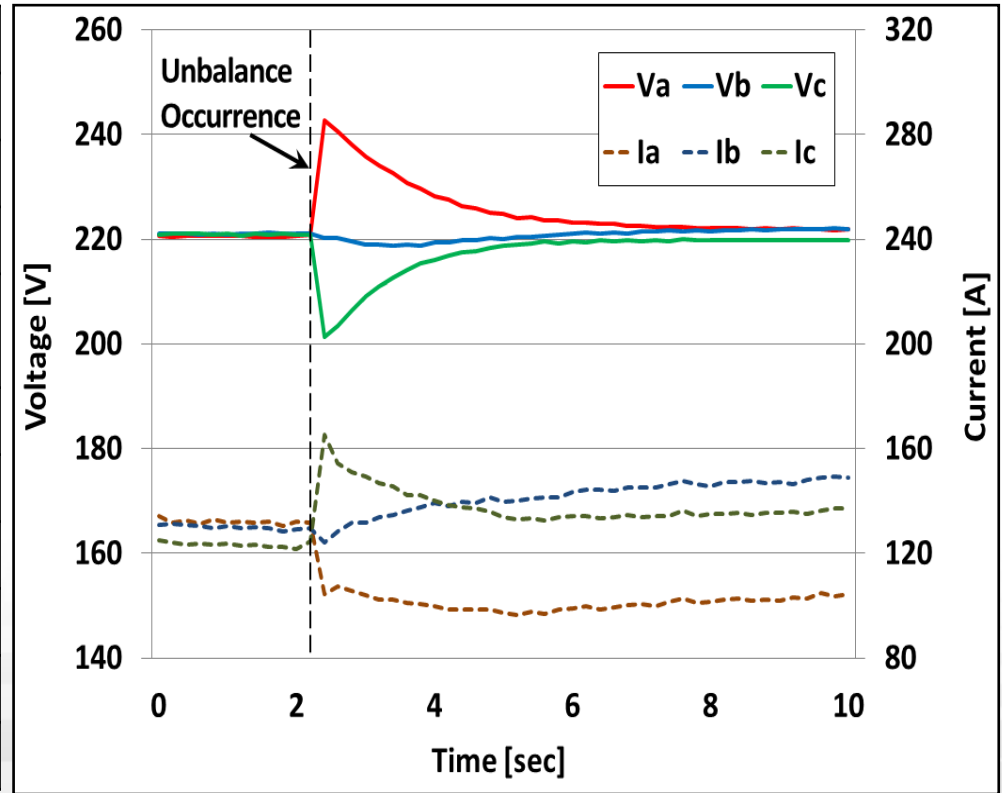
✓ Present(MicroGrid) : **100%**



❖ Unbalanced voltage restoration test

- ✓ Under unbalanced load, inverter restores unbalanced voltage to the balanced state.

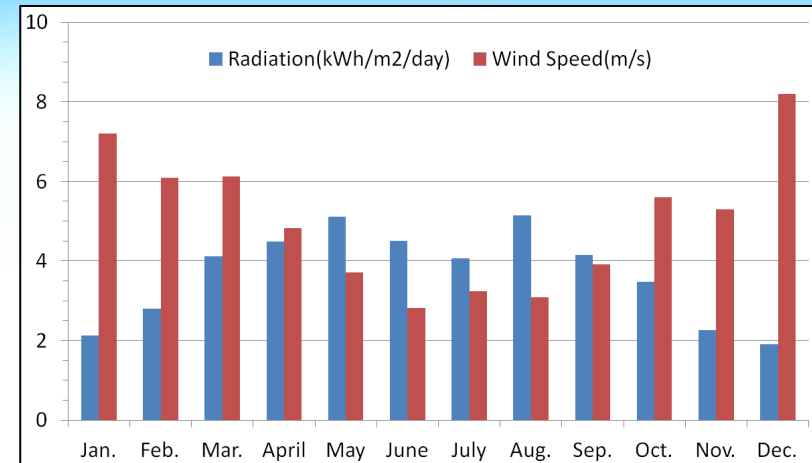
Test line	BESS mode		CVCF
	PV Output		85kW
	Dummy load		A/B/C : 80/80/80 kW
Measure point			Inverter output
Unbalance occurrence (Dummy load)			A/B/C : 0/80/80 kW
Voltage	Before Unbalance Load	A	220.7 V
		B	221.1 V
		C	221.0 V
	After Restoration	A	221.9 V
		B	222.1 V
		C	220.0 V



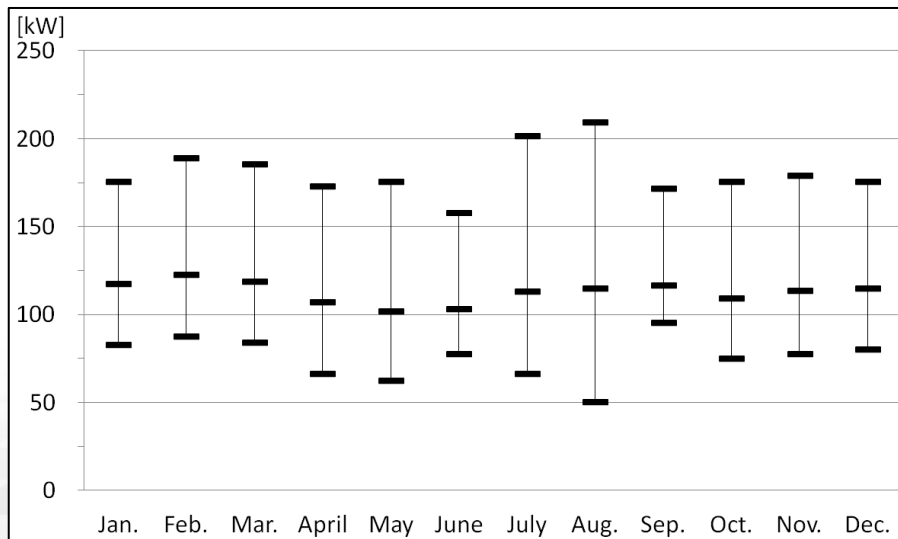
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5. Operation Results

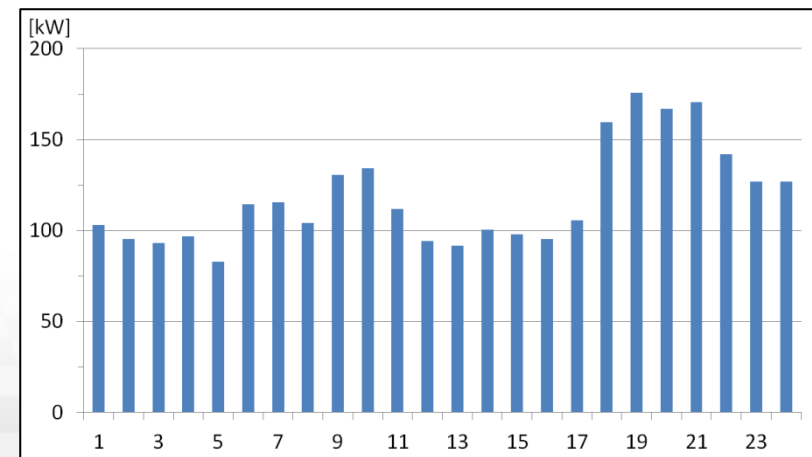
- ❖ Radiation : 3.68kWh/m²/day
- ❖ Wind Speed : 5.0m/s @ 30m
- ❖ Temperature : 13.4°C
- ❖ Average Load : 100kW
- ❖ Fuel Price : 0.912\$/L
- ❖ Real Interest Rate : 2.98%



[Yearly Weather Profile]



[Yearly Load Profile]



[Daily Load Profile]

- ❖ There are some difference between expected and operation results for PV and fuel consumption.
- ❖ But, there is much difference for WT due to
 - ✓ Frequent stop or output restriction of WT in winter season
 - ✓ Lower average wind speed compared to collected wind speed data

Generator		Unit	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Ave.
Wind Turbine	Expected	MWh	67.8	72.0	146.9	123.3	83.6	88.4	97.0
	Results	MWh	33.3	42.1	56.6	55.7	50.2	31.4	44.9
PV	Expected	MWh	32.8	21.9	20.4	23.6	25.3	36.4	26.8
	Results	MWh	27.7	23.5	15.0	21.1	23.7	35.9	24.5
Diesel Generator	Expected	MWh	17.0	20.4	8.1	5.9	13.0	5.0	11.6
	Results	MWh	20.3	16.8	21.1	12.7	6.2	13.5	15.1
Total Production	Expected	MWh	117.5	114.3	175.4	152.8	121.9	129.8	135.3
	Results	MWh	81.3	82.5	92.6	89.4	80.1	80.9	84.5
Renewable Fraction	Expected	%	86	82	95	96	89	96	91
	Results	%	75	80	77	86	92	83	82
Fuel Consumption	Before	kL	21.8	21.8	21.8	24.8	20.0	23.6	22.3
	Expected	kL	5.1	6.1	2.5	1.8	3.9	1.5	3.5
	Results	kL	6.4	5.3	6.0	3.7	1.7	3.6	4.5

Challenges to Project

6. Conclusion

- ❖ Advanced system configuration in Korea
- ❖ Vague worrying about WT's noise from the residents
- ❖ Graveyard moving
- ❖ 200 ton installation crane delivery and concrete dispatch
- ❖ Typhoon & Heavy rain
- ❖ Steep ground & slope of PV/WT site
- ❖ Overnight test for no interruption of electric power



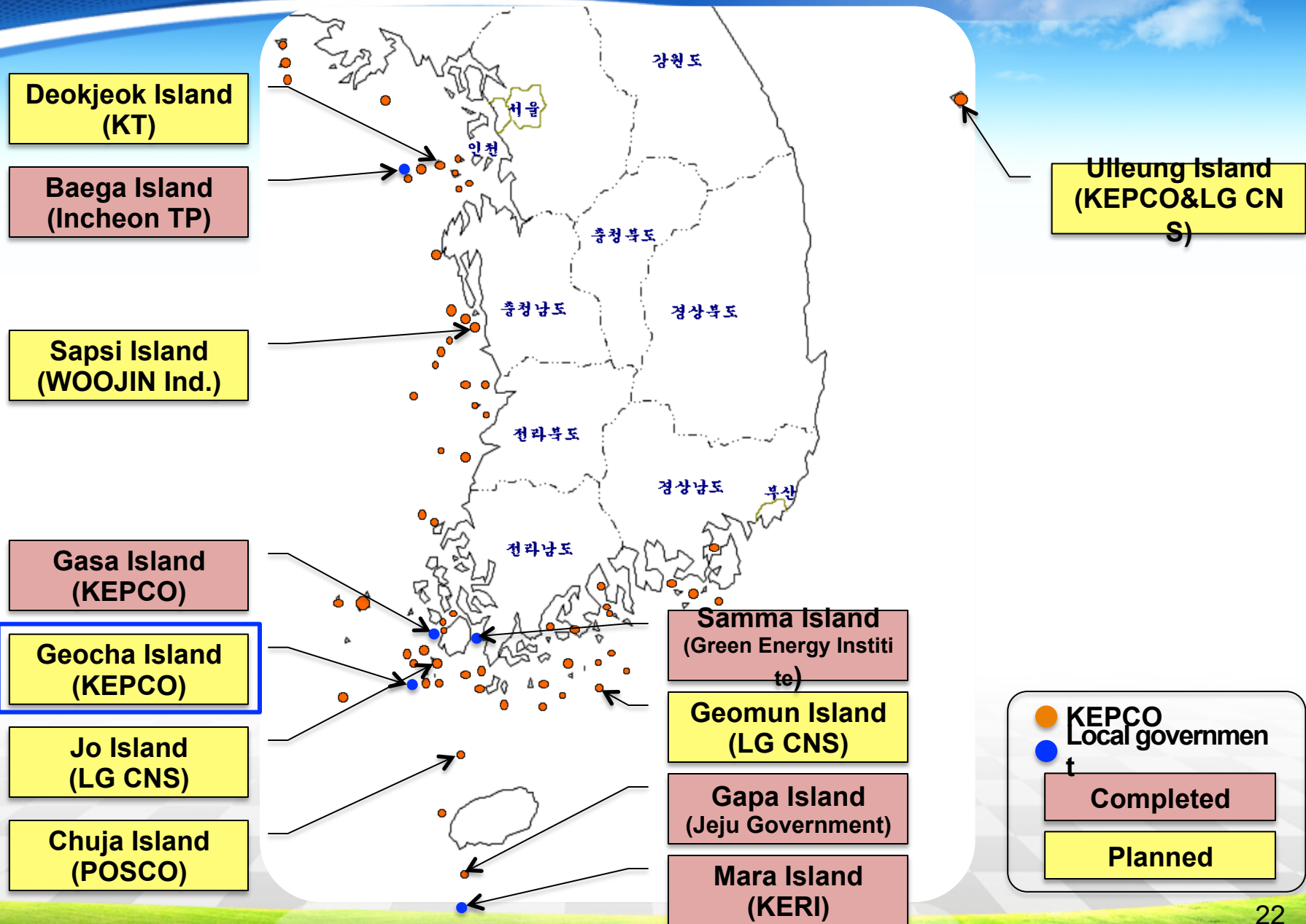
[Foudation of PV at the sloped site]



[Concrete mixing at the island]

More Plan in Korea

6. Conclusion



- ❖ KEPCO developed **high penetrated remote Micorgird** with EMS
 - ✓ There is no problem to operate the high penetrated remote Micorgird using large battery system.
- ❖ Mismatch between expected and operation results
 - ✓ Stop or output restriction of WT in winter season
 - ✓ Lower wind speed compared to collected wind speed data
- ❖ Too much dumped energy in winter season
 - ✓ Due to **high wind speed in winter season** in Korea
 - ✓ We should develop another load(thermal) or storage system.
- ❖ **Power quality of remote MG is better** than the diesel power plant.
- ❖ **The gen set could be run in the highest efficiency region** using the battery system.

※ More reading : Wookyu Chae, Design and Field Tests of an Inverted Based Remote MicroGrid on a Korean Island, *Energies* 2015, 8, 8193-8210, Wookyu Chae

MicroGrid, Light the World

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