
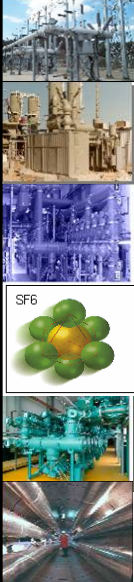



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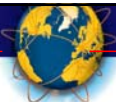
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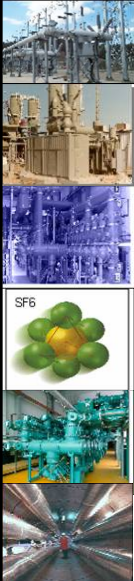
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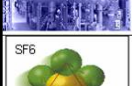


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## Introduction to GIL

### 420 kV Above Ground Installation

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Cumulated Length 17 km - PP9 Saudi Arabia  
Longest 420 kV GIL Installed in the World

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## Introduction to GIL 300 kV Tunnel Installation












System Length 1 km - Palexpo, Switzerland  
Underground Part of a GIL/Overhead Line

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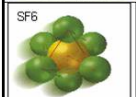


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## Introduction to GIL GIL Units



Only 4 GIL units are needed to build a transmission line:

- Straight unit
- Angle unit
- Disconnecter unit
- Compensator unit

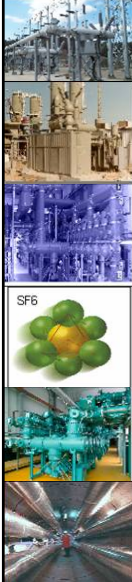







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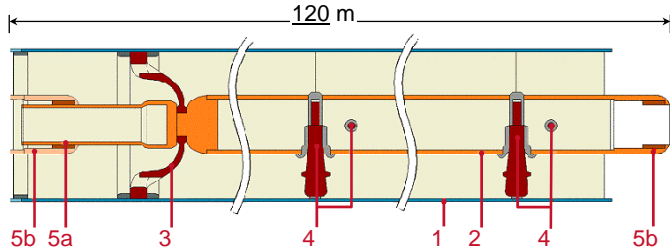



## Introduction to GIL Straight Unit





- Typical length of 120 m
- Bending radius down to 400 m

- 1 enclosure
- 2 inner conductor
- 3 conical insulator
- 4 support insulator
- 5a male sliding contact
- 5b female sliding contact

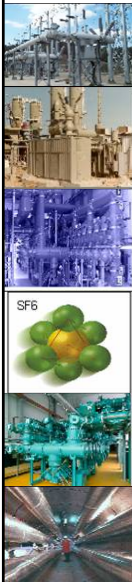


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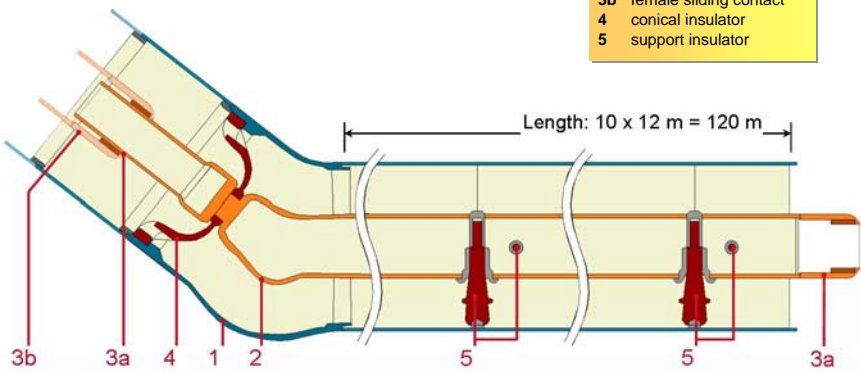



## Introduction to GIL Angle Unit





- For directional changes
- Flexible angle from 4° to 90°

- 1 enclosure
- 2 inner conductor
- 3a male sliding contact
- 3b female sliding contact
- 4 conical insulator
- 5 support insulator



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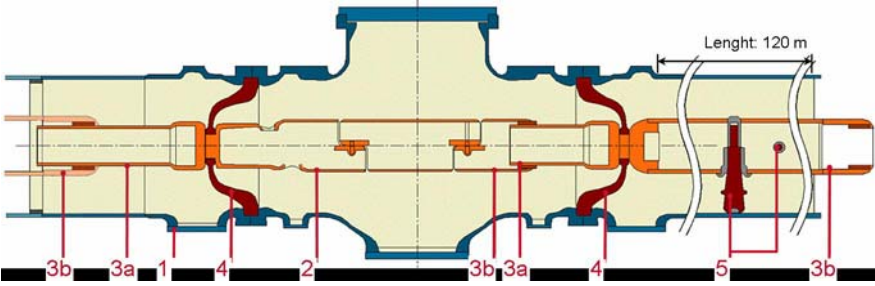
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## Introduction to GIL Disconnecter Unit



- Separation of gas compartments
- Connection point for sectional commissioning of the GIL
- Location of the decentralized monitoring units

- 1 enclosure
- 2 inner conductor
- 3a male sliding contact
- 3b female sliding contact
- 4 conical insulator
- 5 support insulator



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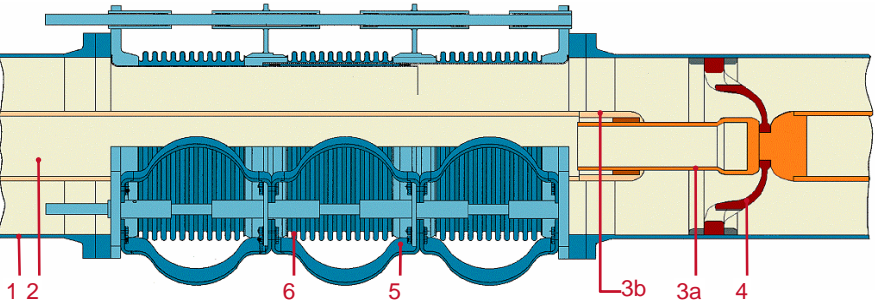
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## Introduction to GIL Compensation Unit

- Compensation for the thermal expansion of the enclosure
- Flexible connectors are leading the current


- 1 enclosure
- 2 inner conductor
- 3a male sliding contact
- 3b female sliding contact
- 4 conical insulator
- 5 flexible connector
- 6 compensator below









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## Introduction to GIL


### Advantages

- 30 years of experience with gas-insulated systems
- High reliability and high safety because of the metallic enclosure
- Low operating costs: resistive and capacitive
- Practically no ageing because of insulating gas
- Very low electromagnetic fields
- No external influence in the case of an internal failure (low fire risk)
- Operates like an overhead line, with autoreclosure


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## Introduction to GIL

### Cumulated Length of GIL World-wide



Ur kV	Cumulated length m
1200	420
800	1200
550	52.650
420	63.600
362	10.107
242/300	32.900
72/145/172	37.100
73 to 1200	198.000

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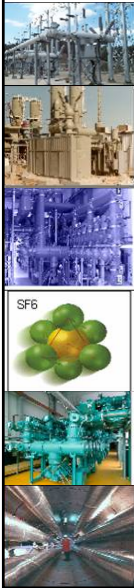
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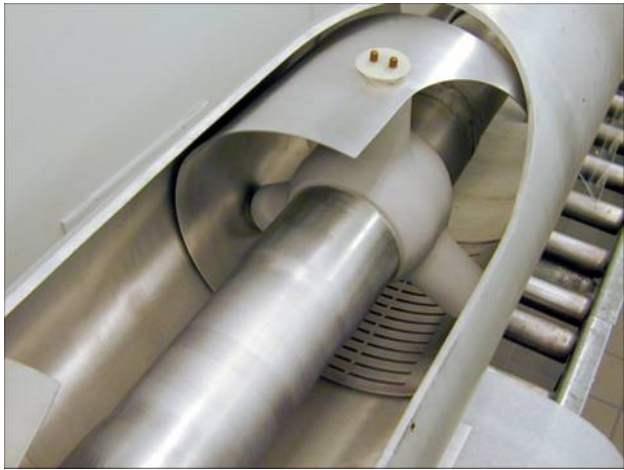
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## Design Features of GIL GIS Tri-Post Support Insulator (Particle Trap)

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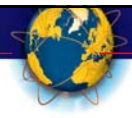
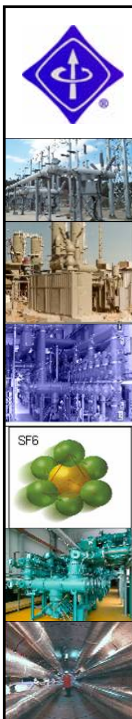


## Design Features of GIL Four Examples

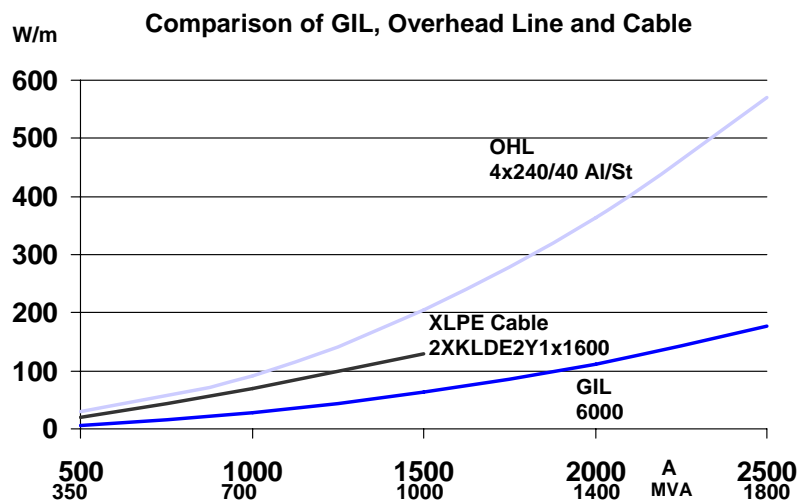
- **Low transmission losses and investment costs**
- Low electromagnetic fields
- High quality automated welding
- No external impact due to internal failure.

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## Design Features of GIL Transmission Losses



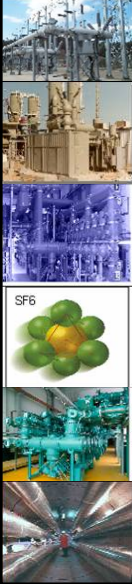
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## Design Features of GIL Transmission Losses

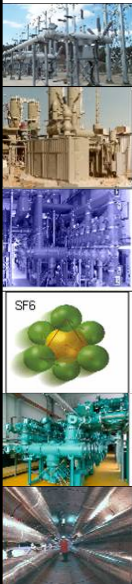


Comparison of Overhead Line (OHL) with GIL  
Cost of Losses

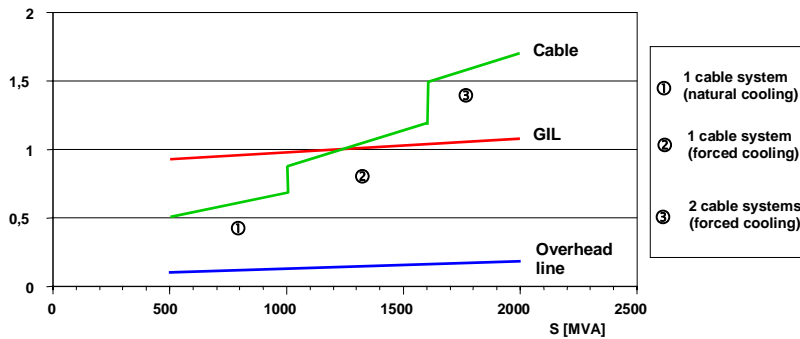
		OHL	GIL
Transmission power	MW	1400	1400
Losses per system meter	W/m	580	180
Losses per 32 system kilometer (20 miles)	MW	18.56	5.76
Difference between GIL and OHL	MW	Δ 12.80	
Additional Losses of the OHL per year	USD	10,908,000.-	
(Energy cost: \$0.10/kWh x 8,600 h x 12,800 kW)			



## Design Features of GIL Cost Comparison of 420 kV Cable, OHL and GIL

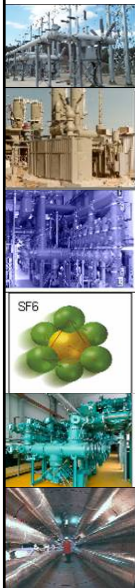


Cost Factor





## Design Features of GIL Example Two



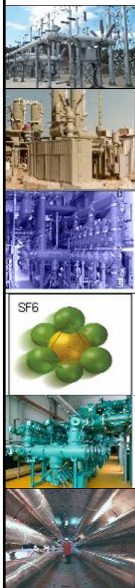
- Low transmission losses
- **Low electromagnetic fields**
- High quality automated welding
- No external impact due to internal failure

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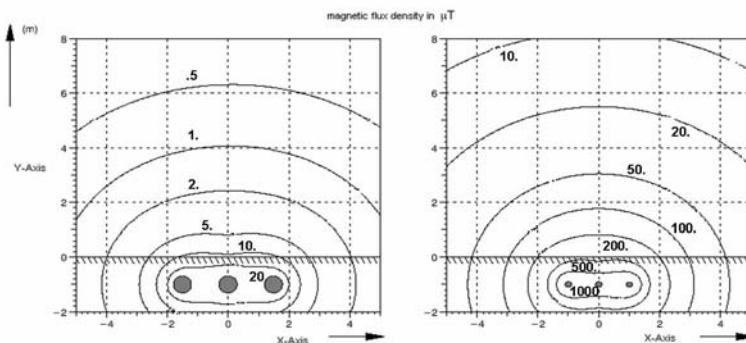
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## Design Features of GIL Low Electromagnetic Fields



- Rated Current: 2500 A  
Magnetic Flux Density Calculated GIL and Cable



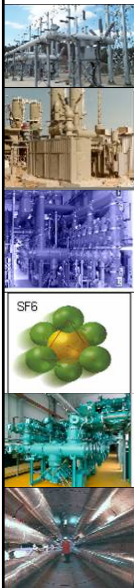
400 - kV - GIL, compared to 400 kV - cable (cross-bonding)  
magnetic flux density at a rated current of 2500 A

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## Design Features of GIL Example Three



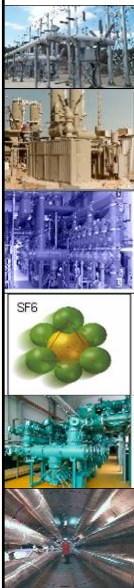
- Low transmission losses combined with low electromagnetic fields
- Low electromagnetic fields
- **High quality automated welding**
- No external impact due to internal failure

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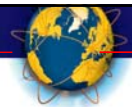


## Design Features of GIL High Quality Automated Welding



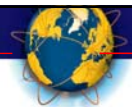
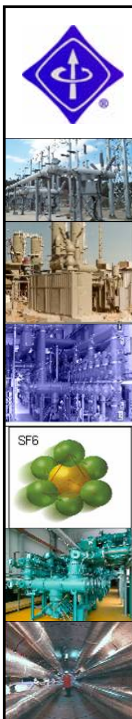
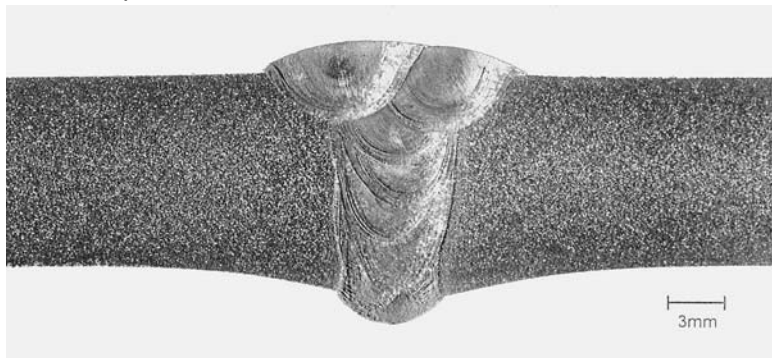
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## Design Features of GIL High Quality Automated Welding



Microscopic View of the Weld



## Design Features of GIL Example Four

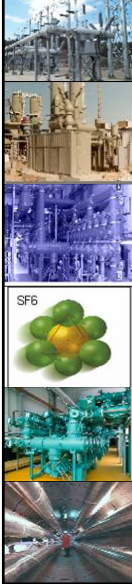
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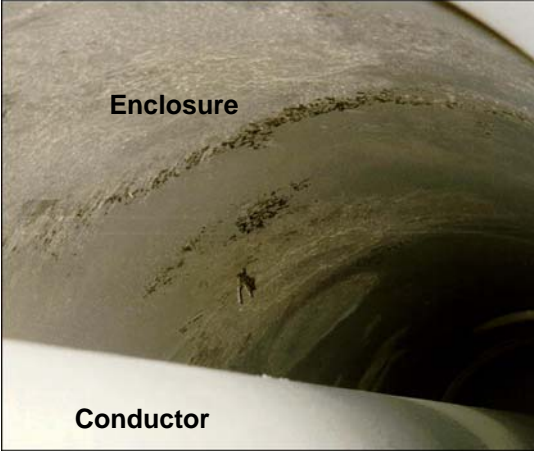



## Design Features of GIL No External Impact Due to Internal Failure

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View inside the GIL. Test Conditions: 63 kA, 500 ms



- No external impact
- Low pressure increase
- Operation similar to over head lines

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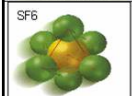


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## Development and Manufacturing Steps of Development

More than 40 years of experience in gas insulated technology



- 1960 : Start of fundamental studies in research and development of SF<sub>6</sub>-technology
- 1968 : Delivery of first GIS
- 1974 : Delivery of first 420 kV GIL
- 1976 : Delivery of first Directly Buried GIL
- 1985 : Delivery of 550 KV and 8000 A High Power GIL
- 2001 : First Gasmixture GIL of 300 kV installed in Geneva, Switzerland
- 2007 : Delivery of first 800 kV, 4000 A GIL

more than 190 km in more than 100 projects installed world-wide




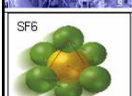


more than 5700 km-years of operation

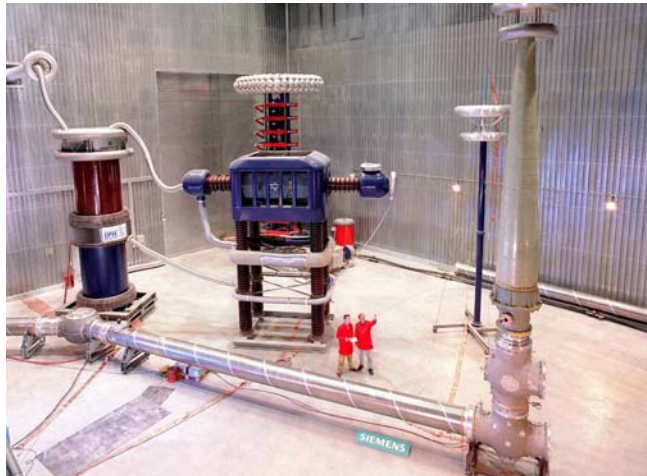
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## Development and Manufacturing High Voltage Test – 420 kV/3150 A GIL

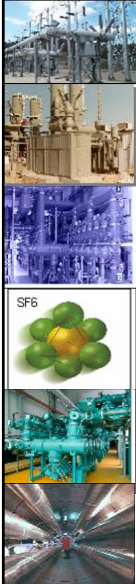



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## Development and Manufacturing Short Circuit Current Test – 63 kA



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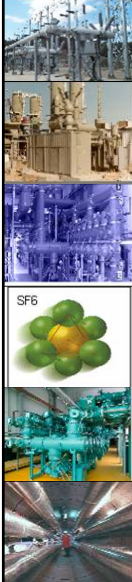
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## Typical GIL Layout Arrangement in a Tunnel





SF<sub>6</sub>



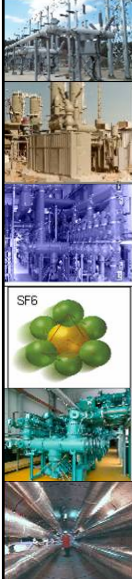
Two Three Phase Systems  
 $U_N = 420/550 \text{ kV}$   
 $I_N = 3150 \text{ A}$   
Tunnel Diameter 3 m

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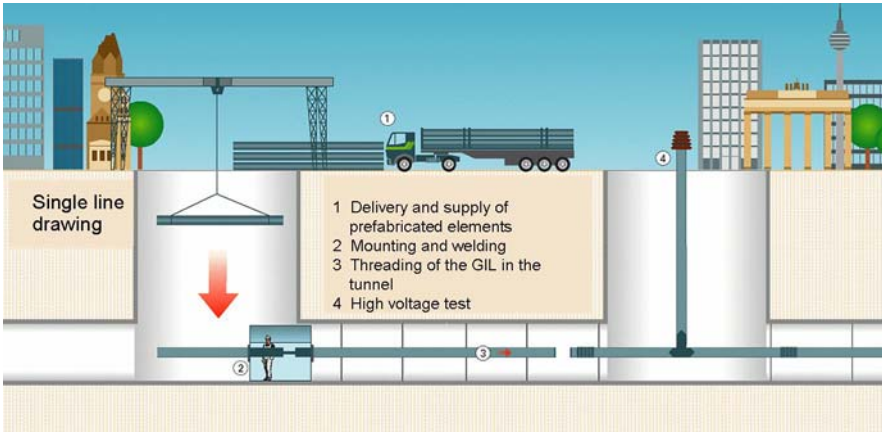
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## Typical GIL Layout Principle Tunnel Laying Process





SF<sub>6</sub>










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## Typical Layout Directly Buried (3)











Orbital Welding and Backfill in the Trench

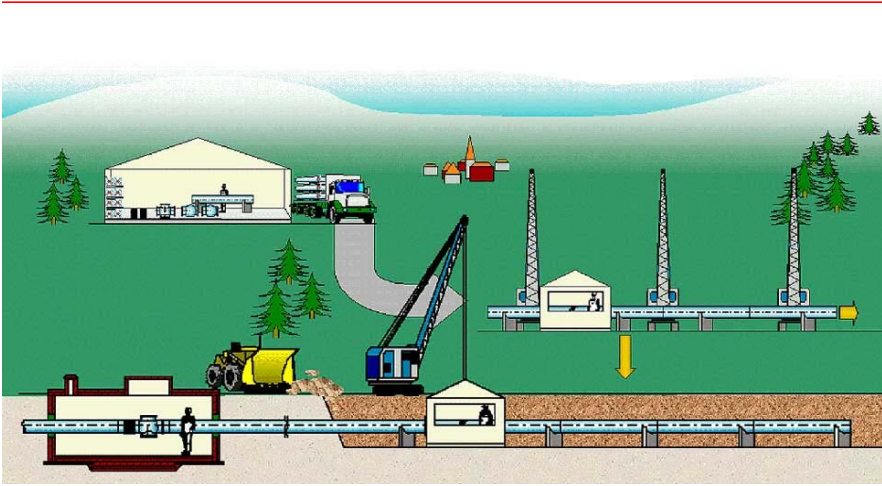



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## Typical GIL Layout Principle Tunnel Laying Process



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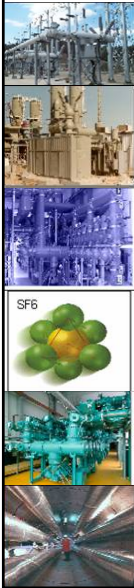
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## Testing High Voltage Testing


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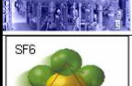


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### Shipping and Transportation

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## Delivery Transport Units



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## Installation and Commissioning Sequences of Erection

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### Contact System Connection



Corrosion protection on enclosure. Note no special protection from dirt trench or weather conditions during assembly.



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## Installation and Commissioning Sequences of Erection

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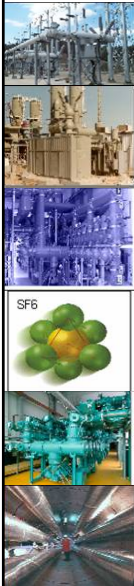
### Shaft Welding Tent in the Tunnel



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## Installation and Commissioning Sequences of Erection



### Flange Connection

- No special tools required
- No extensive protection from weather or dirt required
- Assembly is complete in about 15 minutes

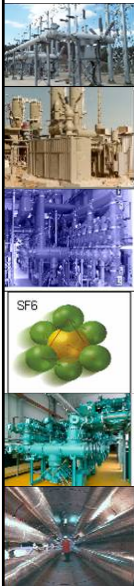


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## Installation and Commissioning On-Site Testing



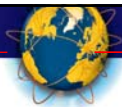
### Variable Frequency High Voltage Test Set



Designed to test long lengths of GIL and short lengths of conventional cable.

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