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## Overview of Smart System Research Facility (FREA-G) Fukushima Renewable Energy Institute, AIST

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## AIST - Overview



- AIST is a national research institute with
  - 2300 scientists, 100B yen/ year
  - 10 sites all over Japan
  - work with industry, universities, internationally



### **FREA**

## FREA: Fukushima Renewable Energy Institute, AIST

### Missions

- International R&D base for renewable energy
- New industry promotion in damaged area

#### Location

Koriyama, Fukushima

### Schedule

2013,Oct. organization founded 2014, Apr. open in Koriyama

### Budget

10 billion yen for start up(land, buildings, equipment)3 billion yen/y, 400 people and more





## **Total View of FREA**







# Our Smart System R&D Test Platform called FREA-G

- Open in April 2016 at FREA
- Operating by AIST as a user's facility
- Subsidy from METI: 73 million U.S. dollars
- Maximum Test Capabilities
  EUTs (DERs): Up to 3 MW
  DC power source (PV Simulator): 3.3 MW
  AC power source (Grid Simulator): 5.0 MVA
  Environmental chamber: -40 to 85 degree in C
  EMC testing room

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## FREA-G Concept



• Substantially expand the aforementioned FREA facility to build the world's most advanced test facility.

#### A. Grid Connection Test Bed

- Conduct required tests to secure power quality for the grid connection of distributed generations.
- Conduct various PCS tests (anti-islanding test, FRT test, etc.)
- Maximum capacity of AC simulator: 5MVA.
- Maximum capacity of EUT: 3MW.

#### B. Safety Test Bed

Conduct high-temperature acceleration and heat cycle tests with PCS where real environment is simulated to evaluate long-term reliability, and also safety-related tests including surge voltage test.

#### C. EMC Test Bed

Conduct tests to measure electromagnetic radiation from PCS and to check if PCS's functions and behavior would be inhibited by external electromagnetic wave.

#### D. System Performance Test Bed

Evaluate different capabilities (e.g. automatic control function to maximize output depending on the weather) of distributed generations (PV, batteries, etc.) and PCS as one single system.





## Achievements in the first half-year

- The first tests were successfully completed in all test rooms (grid-connection test, environment test and EMC test).
- Cooperation with JET (Japan Electrical Safety & Environment Technology Laboratories) has been efficient to meet various test requirements from manufactures.
- Data for certification tests were provided to a few certification bodies to get their certification.
  - e.g. Thai PEA (Provincial Electricity Authority) added one Japanese PV inverter in their certified inverter list based on our data in June 2016.







## Smart System R&D Test Platform





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- Since FREA-G was open in April 2016, following 12 projects have already been carried out (some of them are still in progress)
- FREA-G has capabilities of testing for certifications in various regions such as Asia, U.S. and Europe and various standards such as UL, VDE, IEC and CEC.

Objective	Standard	Testing item
Test for Thailand certification	IEC	Anti-islanding ; tested by JET
	IEC	Low Voltage Ride Through (LVRT) ; tested by JET
1,500V PV inverter test for U.S. certification	UL1741	Anti-islanding
	UL1741	Low Voltage Ride Through (LVRT)
	CEC	CEC efficiency
1,500V PV inverter test for Europe certification (TBD)	VDE	Low Voltage Ride Through (LVRT)
	VDE	Anti-islanding
Developing test	-	Low temperature operation test
	-	Reliability test (damp heat test)
Proposal for new standard	IEC NP	Energy efficiency evaluation for grid connected PV inverter
	IEC NP	Basic requirement of AC simulator for PV inverter testing
	IEC NP	Basic requirement of DC simulator for PV inverter testing

#### Achievements of FREA-G (Since April this year)

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#### ●FREA 系統連系試験室(L) Grid Connection Test Lab. L



#### FREA 系統連系試験室(M) Grid Connection Test Lab. M



#### FREA 系統連系試験室(S) Grid Connection Test Lab. S



#### ●FREA 電波暗室 Radio-wave Darkroom



#### ●FREA 環境試験用恒温恒湿室 Environmental Test Lab.

✓ 大空間:5.5m(縦)×12.5m(横)×4.6m(高さ)

✓ 温度範囲(-40~+85℃)

- ✓ 湿度範囲(30~90%RH)
- ✓ 高性能(高速な室内温度変化)
- ✓ 最大電力(3メガワット)
- ✓ 搬入口有効開口:6.5m(幅)×4.1m(高さ)
- ✓ 砂漠地、高温湿潤地、極寒地での使用を想定した温湿度サイクル試験等が可能

- $\checkmark$  Large space : 5.5m (D) $\times$ 12.5m (W) $\times$ 4.6m (H)
- ✓ Temperature range  $(-40 ~ +85^{\circ}C)$
- ✓ Humidity range (30 ~ 90%RH)
- ✓ High performance (High ramp rate)
- ✓ Maximum power (3 megawatt)
- ✓ Size of carry-in entrance: 6.5m (W)×4.1m (H)
- Variety of temperature and humidity cycle test for desert, tropical or cold area

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- electric power systems in the world
- ✓ Use for Fault Ride Through (FRT) test

Single Unit: 1670 kilowatt Possible to run 3 units in parallel

#### ●FREA 太陽電池模擬電源 PV Array Simulator



#### ●FREA 実験用模擬負荷 RLC Load Simulator





## SIRFN Smart Grid Collaboration





- **Primary goal**: Develop and demonstrate a consensus-based interoperability certification standard for advanced Distributed Energy Resources (DERs).
  - Design and compare advanced interoperability test-beds.
  - Perform round-robin testing of advanced DER.
  - Compare test results, communications methods, and automation procedures.
  - Gradually improve draft test procedures for advanced DER with the goal of becoming an internationally-accepted standard.



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## Execution of draft protocol to ESS: SIRFN Testing Laboratories



*Team members at* AIT Smart Electricity Systems and Technologies (SmartEST) PV inverter test laboratory



Team members at FREA Smart DER Research Facility



Team Members at RSE Distributed Energy Resource (DER) Test Facility



Team Members at Sandia's Distributed Energy Technology Lab (DETL)



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### **BESS Test Protocol Lab Requirements**

The four laboratories in the Smart Grid International Research Facility Network (SIRFN) have been formulating evaluation and certification protocol for BESS interoperability and functionality.

- Tested interoperability functions defined in IEC TR 61850-90-7
  - Commanded Power Factor(INV3)
  - Request Active Power(INV4)
  - Var-Priority Volt-Var(VV12)
  - Request Reactive Power(VV13)
  - Frequency support by Active Power (FW)



Be harmonized and inclusive with existing international standards, International requirements and National Grid Codes



BESS interoperability test protocols Published from IEA ISGAN (http://www.iea-isgan.org)





Review Data and Refine Protocols: Commanded Power Factor





## Review Data and Refine Protocols: Commanded Active Power





## Activity and Capability of FREA-G in 2016

- Open in April 2016 and conduct total 20 tests in last year
- We keep upgrade this facility to adapt advanced functionality such as advanced inverter, HIL testing etc.

### Capability

- Up to 3MW EUT can test at FREA-G
- First 2.7MW/1500V EUT was tested in 2016 Dec.
- Capable to test Large capacity EUT for Interconnection test, Reliability test and EMC test

## Largest EMC testing facility in Japan 2016 Dec.

### International

- Capability to test IEC standard and others
- First interconnect test for Thailand was tested and accepted by PEA (Thailand)
- JET accelerate international certification by using our facility



### Domestic

- JET start inverter certification for Japanese Grid code at FREA-G
- Seven units has been tested by this scheme

### Other

- PV system EMS testing was conducted at FREA-G
- Cutting edge new FACT equipment was tested (EMC, Reliability and Performance)





# Thank you!

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