

Presentation 3

Emergency Warning Broadcast System

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1. Outline of the Emergency Warning Broadcast System (EWS)



What's the EWS? (I)



- The emergency warning broadcast system is •••
 - •EWS is a remote activation system for Radio & TV.
 - -EWS transmits alert/warning information to viewers and listeners about disasters.
 - -EWS has been operating since September 1985 in Japan.
 - Test signals/programs are broadcast monthly in Japan (every 1st day)
 - •EWS is operated in response to large-scale earthquake warnings, Tsunami Alerts and broadcast requests from local governors



What's the EWS? (II)



- Is it possible to do remote activation by not only broadcasting but also communication ?
 - Yes, it is. However, they both have merits and demerits, and the system should be designed to make the best use of these merits.
- Remote activation by communication (telephone)
 - Merits : possible to control individual receivers
 - Demerits: In case of a large scale disaster, traffic congestion is very likely.
- Remote activation by broadcasting
 - Merits : possible to quickly activate many receivers simultaneously
 - Demerits: difficult to customize activation control for individual receivers
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Remote activation by communication (email, etc.)

Reliability

In case of disasters, congestion is very likely.

Speed

Need more time to inform a huge number of people

Locality

Possible to control activation in local area



Communication (1) Remote activation by mai

2 Remote activation by

Emergency warning broadcast



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Remote activation by EWS

Reliability

No traffic congestion, anybody can receive it in the broadcasting area.

Broadcasters offer reliable news by filtering information.

Speed

Possible to inform an extremely large number of people simultaneously.

Locality

The system used in Japan is controlled by prefectural area.

Broadcasting is an ideal media to deliver disaster information



)))))))) Broadcasting Remote activation and emergency warning broadcast reception by EWS



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The history of EWB

EWB: Emergency Warning Broadcast

- Around 1980 NHK STRL launched EWS study
- Sep. 1,1985 EWB operation start in Japan
- Mar.18,1987 First EWB operation for tsunami alert
- Jan.13,2007 Most recent EWB operation for tsunami alert
- Up to now EWB has operated 15 times during 21 years
- Test broadcasting takes place on 1st of every month at noon
- shipment of receivers : about 550,000

*reference:

On Sep.1st,1923, a large scale earthquake attacked Tokyo area and more than 100,000 people died. It became a trigger to start radio broadcasting in Japan. Sep.1st is the day of disaster prevention in Japan.



Operation records of EWB

(Every case was Tsunami warning by earthquake)

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- Miyazaki prefecture offshore earthquake (March 18th, 1988)
- Sanriku offshore earthquake (November 2nd, 1989)
- Hokkaido south-west offshore earthquake (July 12th, 1993)
- Hokkaido east offshore earthquake (April 10th, 1994)
- Sanriku far offshore earthquake (December 28th, 1994)
- Amami Oshima near offshore earthquake (October 19th, 1995)
- New Guinea earthquake (February 17th, 1996)
- The Sea of Hyuga earthquake (October 19th, 1996)
- Okinawa-Ishigaki south offshore earthquake (May 4th, 1998) (March 26th, 2002)
- An earthquake at Taiwan (March 31th, 2002)
- Hokkaido Kushiro offshore earthquake (September 26th, 2003)

ISDB-T commenced in Japan (December 1st, 2003)

- Tokai offshore earthquake (September 5th, 2004)
- Hokkaido east earthquake (November 15th, 2006) (January 13th, 2007)

NHK broadcasts EWS test program every month.



List of Recent Significant Earthquakes (from December 2004)

Date	Place	Fatalities	Magnitude
Dec. 26, 2004	Off northwest coast of Sumatra, Indonesia	300,000	9.3
Feb. 22, 2005	Zarand, Iran	Over 500	6.4
Mar. 28, 2005	Northern Sumatra, Indonesia	1,000-2,000	8.7
Oct. 8, 2005	Kashmir, Pakistan	100,000 (estimated)	7.6
May. 26, 2006	Java, Indonesia	Over 6,000	6.3
July. 17, 2006	Java, Indonesia	Over 500	7.7





Conditions for operation of EWB in Japan

- In Japan, EWB broadcasts only in three cases where there is great risk to human lives and property,
- When a precautionary declaration of a large-scale earthquake such as the Tokai earthquake is issued, (First-class nationwide)
- When a Tsunami (tidal wave) alert is given , (Second-class nationwide, prefecture wide)
- When the local governor requests an emergency warning broadcast (First-class nationwide)





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2. Analog EWS



ISDB-T, the Digital Television for the Philippines **Analog EWS** transmission and reception block diagram







Connection of Emergency Information





Analog EWS Control signal







Analog EWB conventional receivers

Receiver with

Power on switch



Receiver with a Clock







Analog EWB New Receivers (New development)

(1) New receiver for EWS

(2) Onboard EWS decoder



A new algorithm capable of running on a multipurpose processor IC integrated in home electronics has been developed





3. Digital EWS and ISDB-T





ISDB-T (Integrated service digital broadcasting terrestrial)



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ISDB-T services example





Features of ISDB-T system

- HDTV or multi-SD and mobile service can be transmitted simultaneously by BST-OFDM, economical system.
 - **One-Seg service** for handheld receivers
- ISDB-T has technological advantages in mobile reception because of time interleaving technology
- ISDB-T promises flexible broadcasting services through hierarchical transmission
- Multimedia Services
 - Data broadcasting: Regional information service
 - Interaction: Quizzes, questionnaires, requests, voting
 - Combined with communication services
- Automotive HDTV system using diversity reception technology
 - The same HDTV broadcasted for fixed receiver can be viewed in motor vehicle
- **EWS** (Emergency Warning System)
 - Handheld receivers woken up by EWS signal alerts the user quickly of earthquake and tsunami warnings
- **SFN** for effective frequency utilization





Outline of ISDB-T transmission scheme

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Item			Contents	DIJA		
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	Video coding		MPEG-2 Video (ISO/IEC 13818-2)	STD-B32	B1.1208	
	Audio coding		MPEG-2 AAC (ISO/IEC 13818-7)	STD-B33	BS.1115	
	Data broadcasting		BML(XHTML), ECMA Script	STD-B24	BT.1699	
	Multiplex		MPEG-2 Systems (ISO/IEC 13818-1)	STD-B10, STD-B32	BT.1300, BT.1209	
	Conditional access		Multi 2	STD-B25		
	Transmission		ISDB-T transmission			
	Channel Bandwidth		6MHz, 7MHz, 8MHz			
	Modulation		Segmented OFDM (13 segment/ch)			
	Mode, Guard		Mode: 1, 2, 3 Guard Interval Ratio: 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32			
	Carrier Modulation		QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, DQPSK			
ſ	Error correction	Inner	Convolutional code (Coding rate: 1/2 2/3 3/4 5/6 7/8)	STD-B31	BT.1306 System C	
		Outer	(204, 188) Reed-Solomon code			
	Interleave		Frequency and Time Interleave Time Interleave : 0 - 0.5 sec			
	Information bit rate (depend on parameters)		6MHz : 3.7 - 23.2 Mbit/s 7MHz : 4.3 - 27.1 Mbit/s 8MHz : 4.9 - 31.0 Mbit/s			
	Receiver		ISDB-T receiver	STD-B21		
	👝 Operational guideline		ISDB-T broadcasting operation	TR-B14		

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ISDB-T One-Seg receivers

Number of shipments as of Jul 2008: Over 39,000,000 (JEITA statistics)





ISDB-T mobile receivers

Number of shipments as of Aug 2008: about 1,860,000 (JEITA statistics)





From each company's web site

ISDB-T, the Digital Television for the Philippines Shipments of ISDB-T Home-use (Stationary) Receivers in STRL Japan



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Shipments of ISDB-T One-Seg cellular phones in Japan





ISDB-T Transmitter block diagram





EWB Descriptor (ISDB-T)





Arrangement of TMCC in mode 3





4. Automatic activation of One-Seg handheld receivers by EWS



Possibility of EWS and One-Seg service

- One-Seg service commenced on April 2006
 - One-Seg service is capable of transmitting EWBS
- Most people carry mobile phones in Japan



Broadcast studio

A huge number of people can get disaster information quickly in the field if the One-Seg receiver can receive EWB





Automatic activation of One-Seg receivers





To automatically activate One-Seg receivers by EWS

- EWS receivers need to monitor the EWB activation signal on the TMCC carriers continuously
- Continuous operation of the receiver circuit causes wasting of the battery



Power-saving of receiver circuit is indispensable!

- The characteristics of a trial receiver circuit have been tested which demodulates only four TMCC carriers and uses diversity combining technologies
- The activation signal is received intermittently in synchronization with the timing of the activation signal transmission format



Arrangement of TMCC Carriers (Mode 3)





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Block diagram of EWS One-Seg receiver



- When the handheld receiver is in stand-by mode, only the One-Seg tuner and activation signal detector are working
- The activation signal detector uses a simple circuit without FFT
- When the activation signal is active, the demodulator and display are started, the One-Seg tuner operates continuously and the emergency warning broadcast is displayed.





Control power switching interval of One-Seg tuner



Control power switching intermittently to save the power consumption





Activation signal detector for One-Seg



Prototype activation signal detector



The Activation signal detector connected to a cellular phone





Usage for EWS

Not only

- Earthquake forecast
- Tsunami forecast

But also

- Hurricane forecast
- Flood warning
- Eruption warning
- Fire warning
- Other warning





Conclusion

- Broadcasting is an ideal media to deliver disaster information
- EWS is a broadcasting system which remotely activates radio & TV in the case of emergency alerts.
- EWS for analog AM/FM radio , analog and digital TV has already commenced operation in Japan
- Research and development of an EWB receiver for One-Seg
 - Automatic activation of handheld receiver by EWS is very effective
 - Power consumption saving is required while EWB is in stand-by





EWS introduction DVD





Please visit the EWS demonstration!

































Thank you for your attention ! NHK STRL http://www.nhk.or.jp/strl/english/index.html



References





Fixed and mobile receivers examples



Sony's products "Bravia" X7000 series, X5050 series, X5000 series and W5000 series

 The screen changes when EWS is detected !!

 Image: Comparison of the screen changes when EWS is detected !!

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Panasonic's Car Navigation & AV System "Strada".

