



Expected Technology for Mobile eHealth

< User-oriented technology development of in-ambulance devices >

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Today's Focus Point

User-oriented technology development related in-ambulance devices

Merits

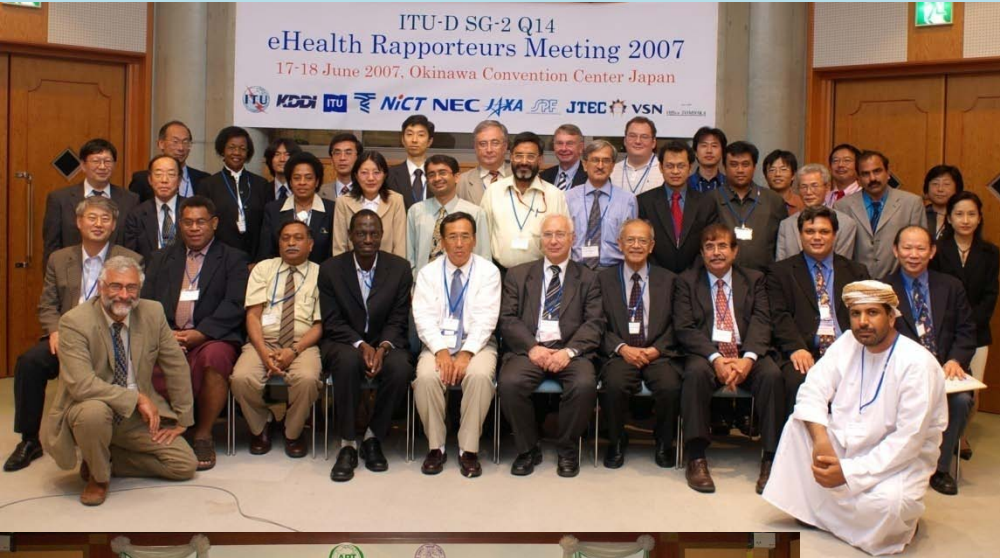
- 1. These advanced technology will bring new solution of ambulatory system, performing triage and pre-hospital-care on the road.**
- 2. Patients' outcome will be improved.**
- 3. Reduce the medical expense.**

Unsolved problems

- 1. Lack of the policy like Homeland Security of the U.S.**
- 2. Lack of the nationwide broadband wireless telecommunication infrastructure for moving vehicles**



Who we are; Tokai University : ITU-D Sector member Isao Nakajima: Vice Rapporteur for eHealth of ITU-D





ITU eHealth Expert Training Course

Tokai University

The Telemedicine Expert Training Course, jointly launched by the ITU/BDT and Tokai University in Japan, offers an excellent opportunity for medical and health care workers from developing countries to understand the current trends and technologies in telemedicine and e-health. It provides the foundation to introduce telemedicine in developing countries.



Tokai University Shonan Campus
Hiratsuka Kanagawa Japan



Tokai University Hospital
Isehara Kanagawa Japan



EMS at Tokai University Hospital

Doctor Heli: 400/y flights, Ambulances: 7000/y



4Ts in the field of emergency medicine

Telecommunications

Transportation

Triage

early Treatment



Classification of mobile eHealth

- Mobile eHealth is often used to describe telemedicine solutions that are wirelessly connected, and thus not fixed in place, either at the point of patient interface or at the point of provider interface.
1. Vehicle Application
 - Ambulance, Caravan style mobile hospital,
Mobile specialty vehicles
 2. Specialists application
 - PDA for EMTs, mobile phone for physicians (Pocket MIMAS II)
 3. Telehomecare application
 - Long term monitoring system by Registered Nurses



Investigations

There is increasing need to transmit medical data (including video) from moving ambulances. This information facilitates and improves pre-hospital care for the patients. To implement this vital medical care service, we have studied two options: building nationwide the 3G(3rd-Generation) on the ground, and launching three HEOs satellites over Japan.



Air way



Light reflex



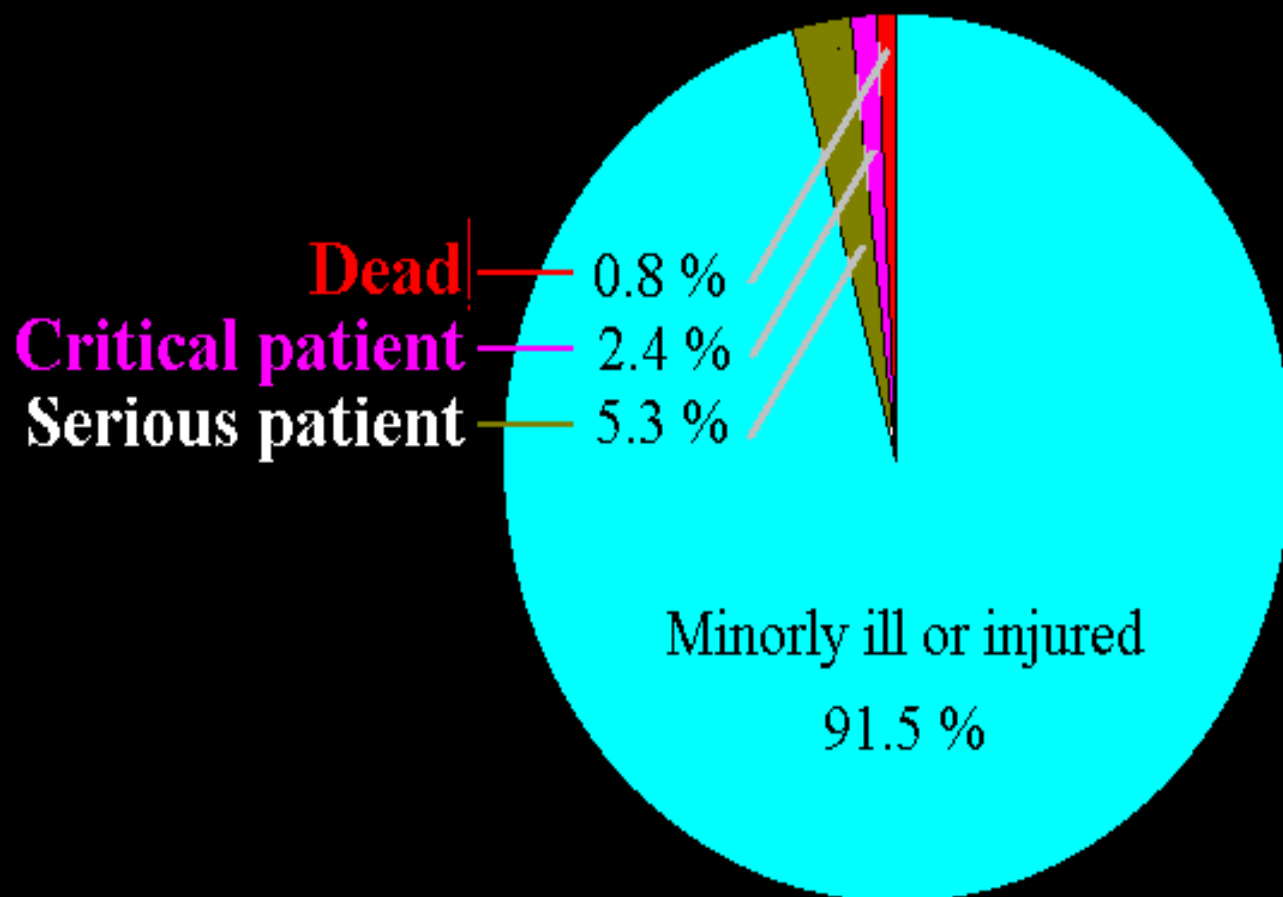
ECG monitor



Abd. Echo

Serious medical conditions

8.5%

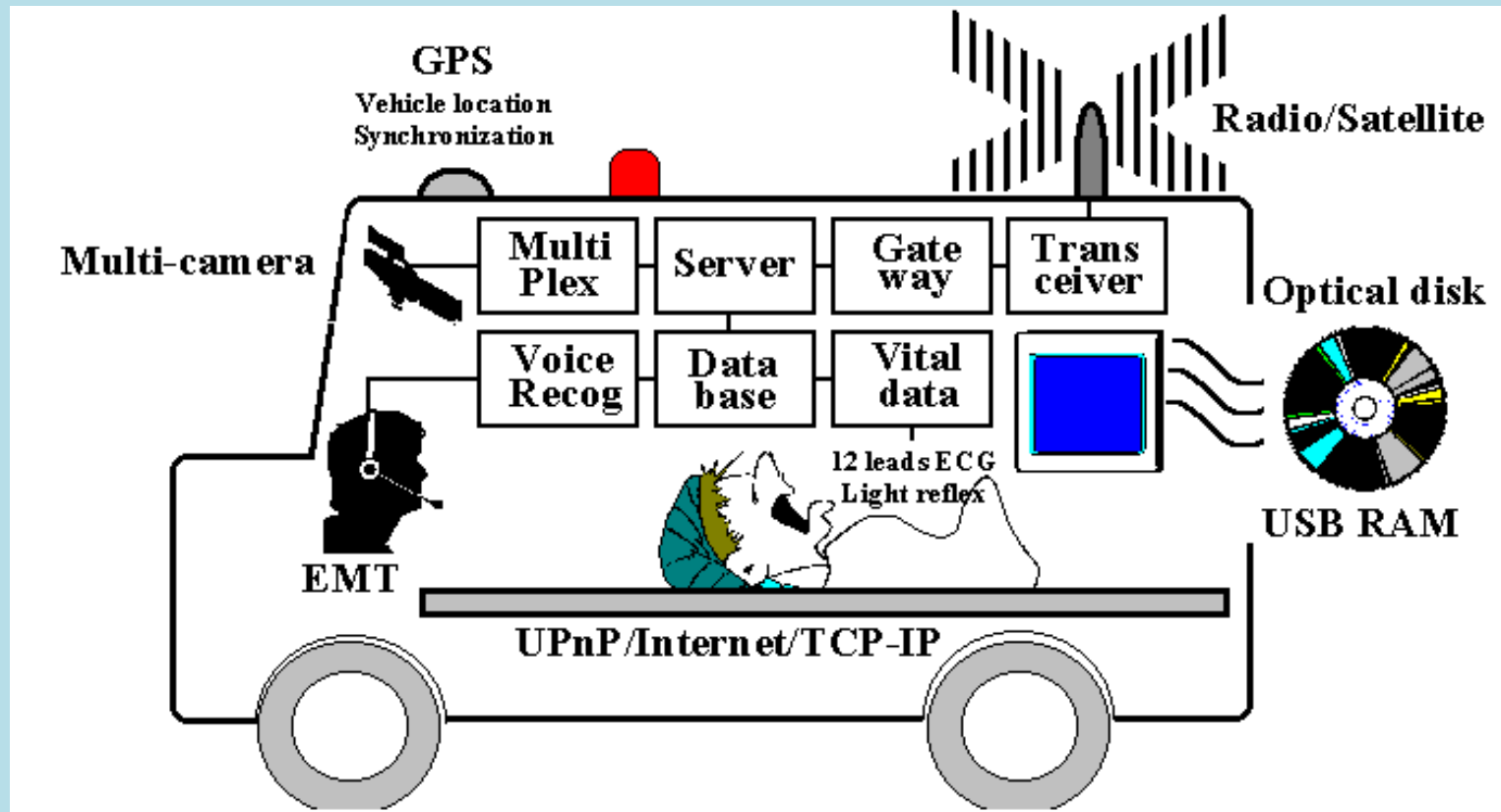


Emergency trips

434,206 patients/year

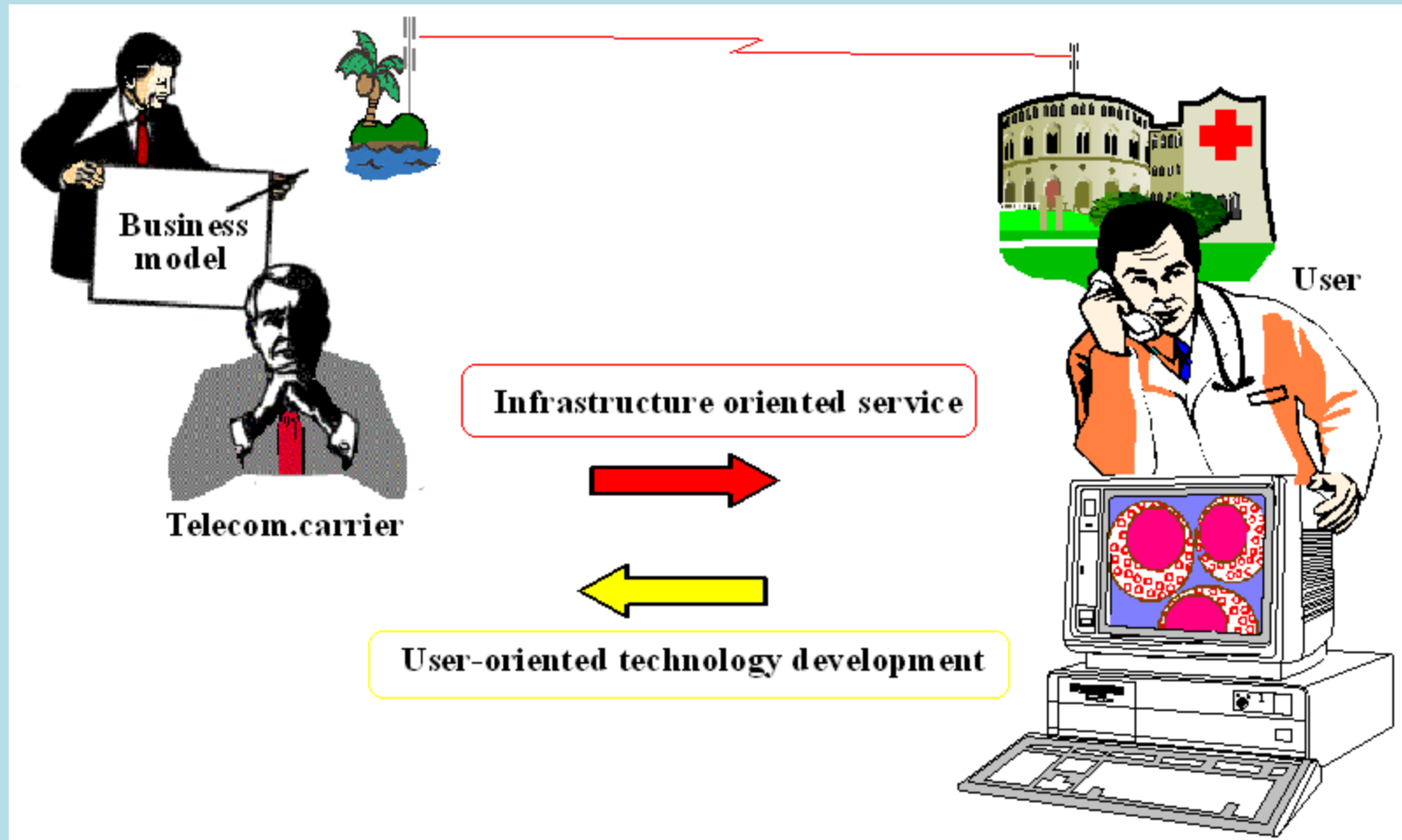


Advanced ambulance





Don't you misunderstanding eHealth ?





Don't you misunderstand the EMTs?

Users

The EMTs are indifferent to medical matter

1. Survival rate & pt's outcome
2. Advanced physical examinations
3. Medical cost

My personal opinion:

**EMTs can't make a revolution for the prehospital care.
Only EMS doctors know the new solution!**



Don't you misunderstanding eHealth ?

Problems of public mobile phone

- **Frequency selective fading => suitable for data transmission from moving vehicle?**
- **Coverage => nationwide ?**
- **Call congestion after major disaster
=>Independent circuit from the viewpoint of
Homeland Security**



Frequency selective fading

S-band (2.4GHz propagation of suburban area)



X: frequency(Width:20MHz) Y: receiving power

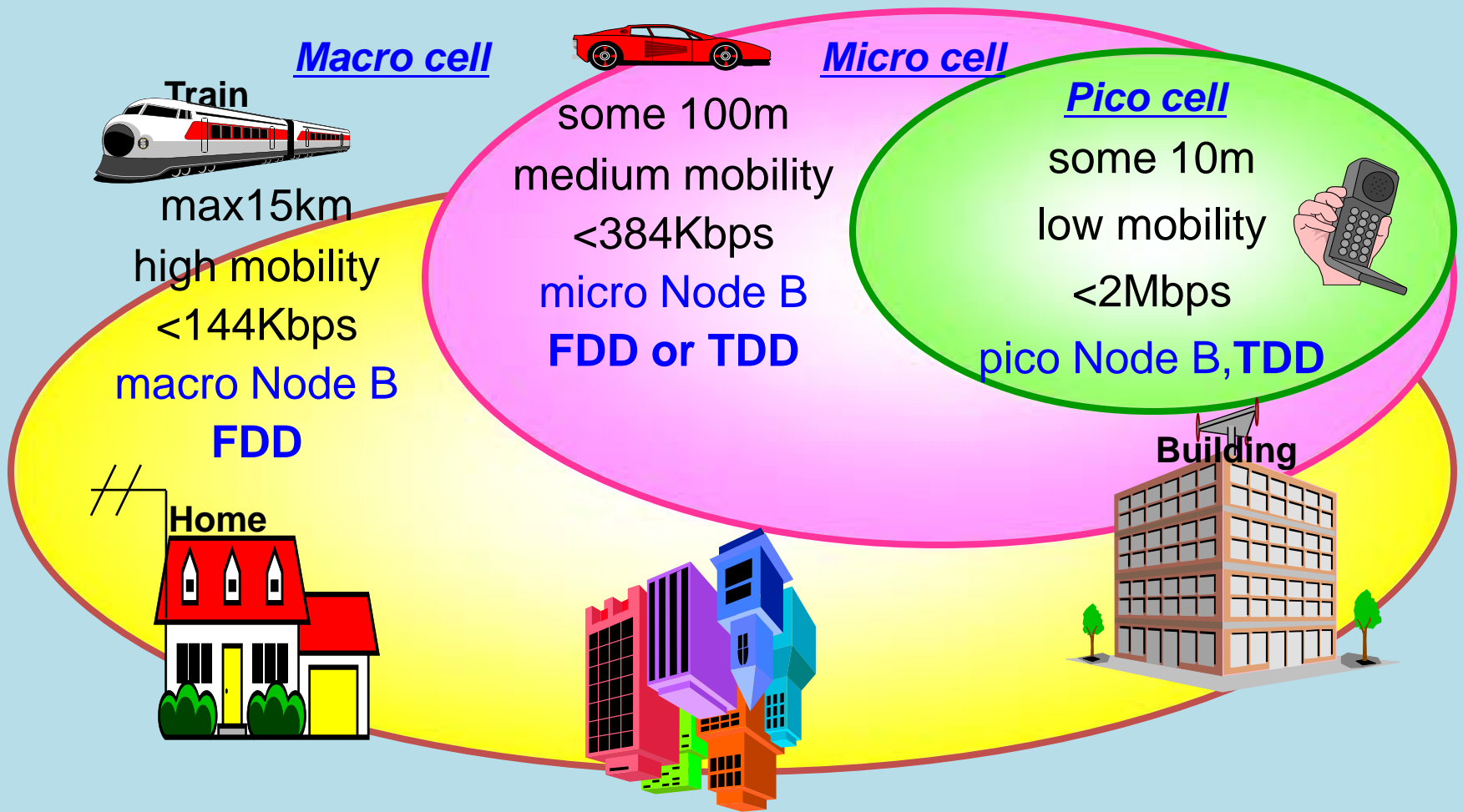
GPS data: N36.47360 E137.03308 Takaoka City Toyama

Direction of the vehicle 7 degree. On board antenna: Helical antenna



The 3G(IMT2000)

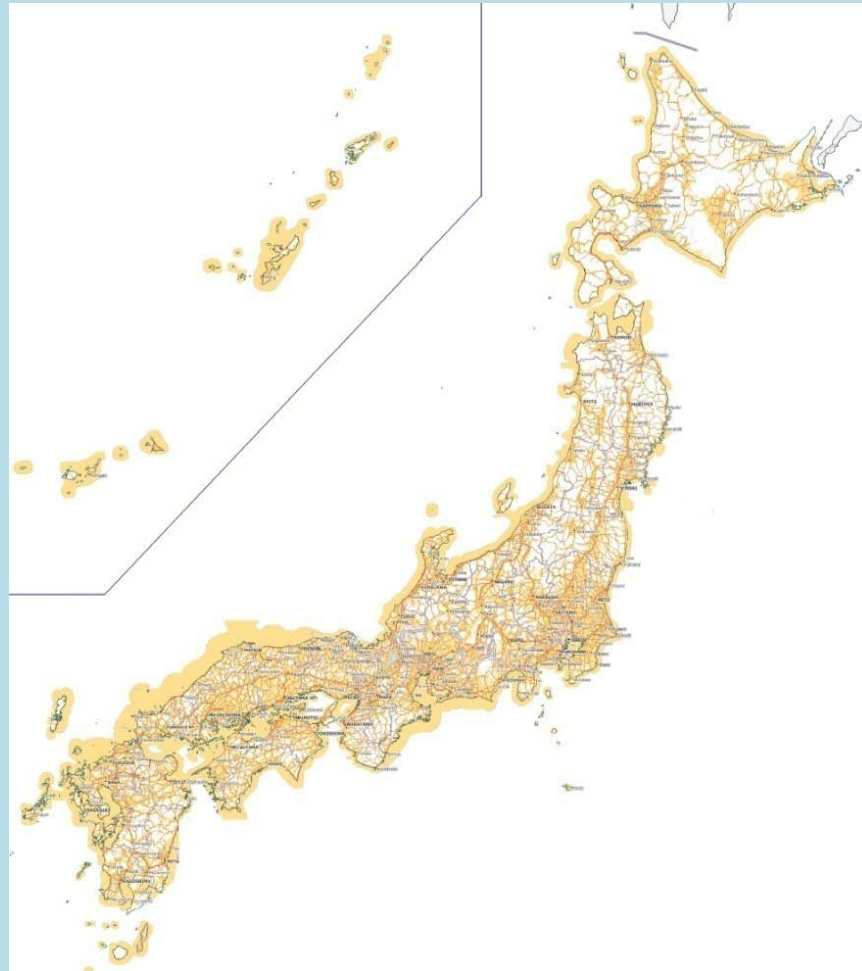
Data transmission at 2Mbps from moving cars is impossible with IMT2000 public lines. Then we assumed that 14x144kbps (FDD) lines will serve as the dedicated line of 2Mbps from ambulance. However, usually 256 kbps-terminal are provided.





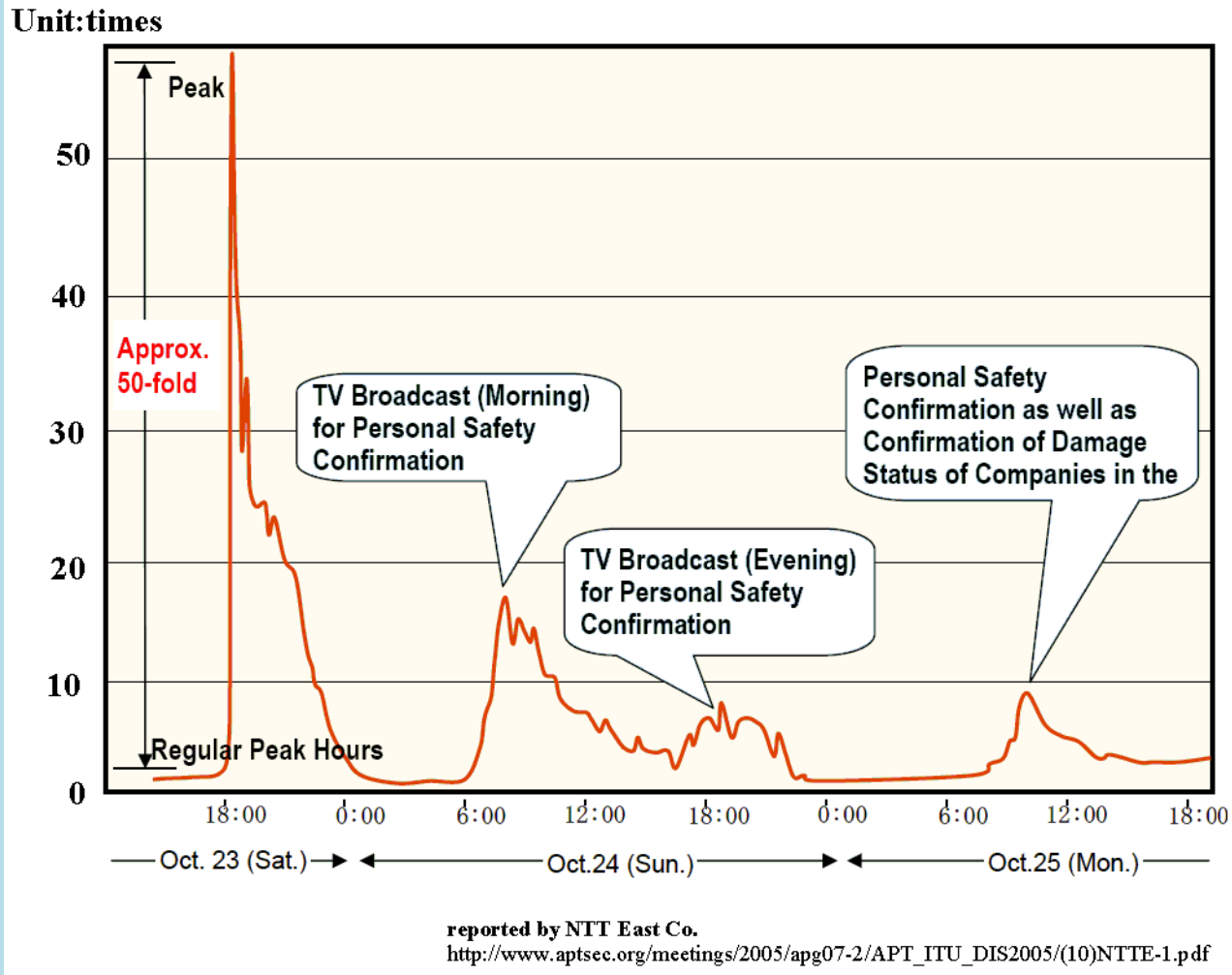
The coverage of 3G(FOMA) 2009

With this, 98% of Japan's population was covered by the service at the end of December 2003. According to NTT DoCoMo North, NTT DoCoMo Hokkaido has achieved 100% **population coverage**.



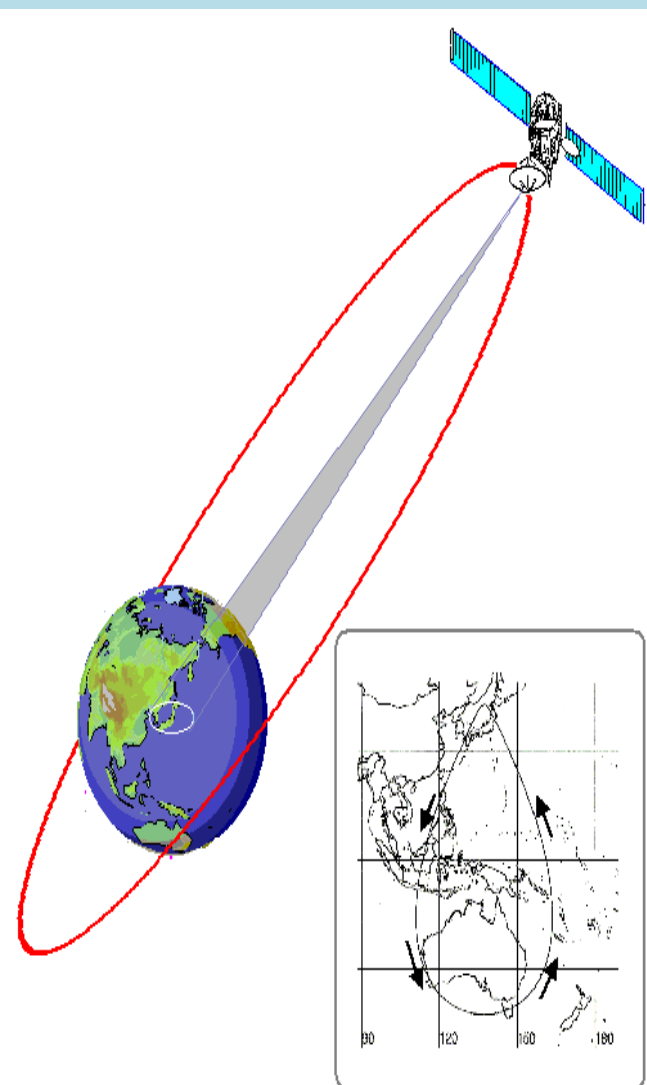


Traffic congestion after major disaster





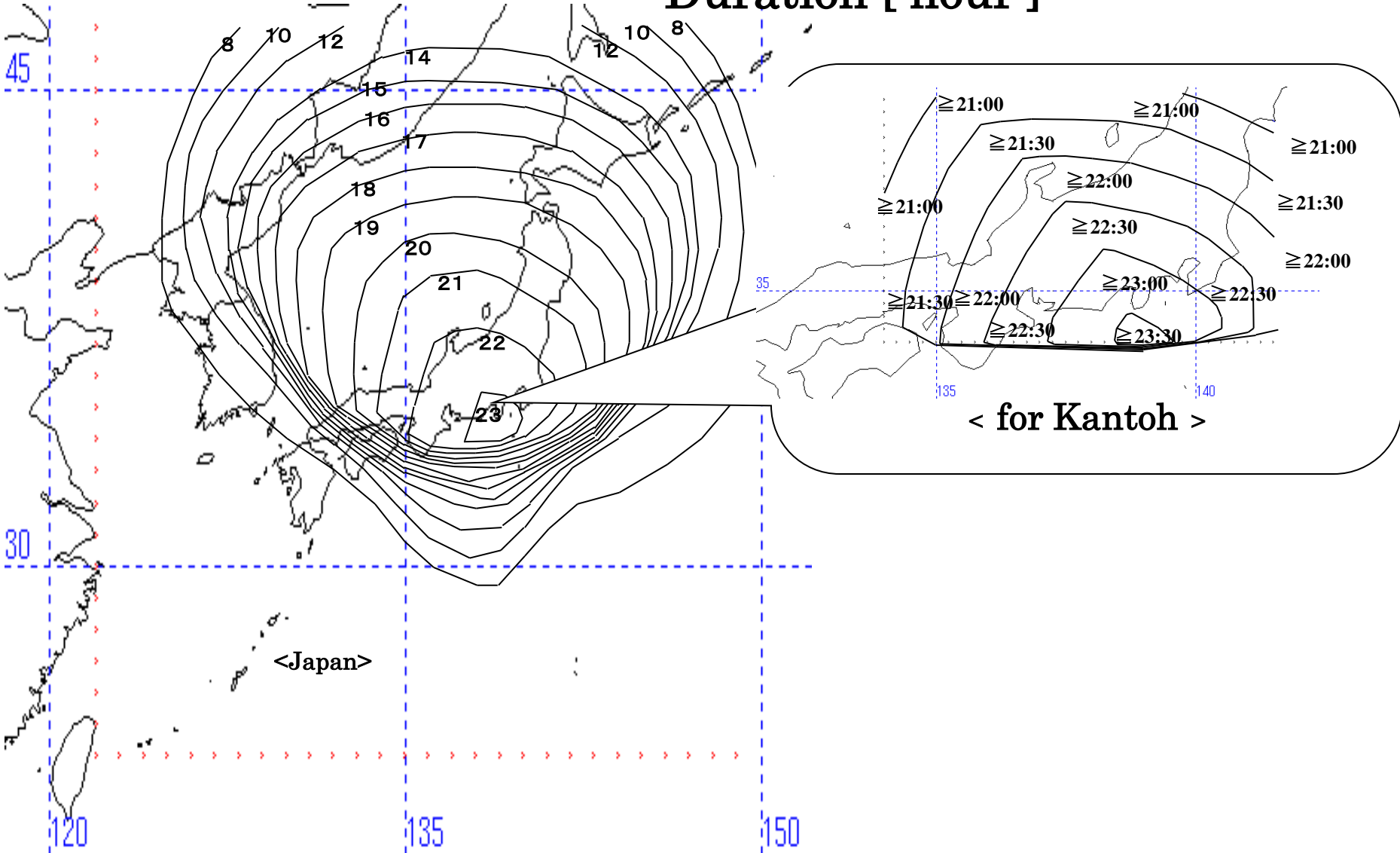
HEO tracking system on ambulance





GEO tracking from moving vehicle 80-100km/h

Elevation > 80 deg. Duration [hour]





User-oriented technology development < in-ambulance devices >

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B: Light reflex image (Pupillometer)

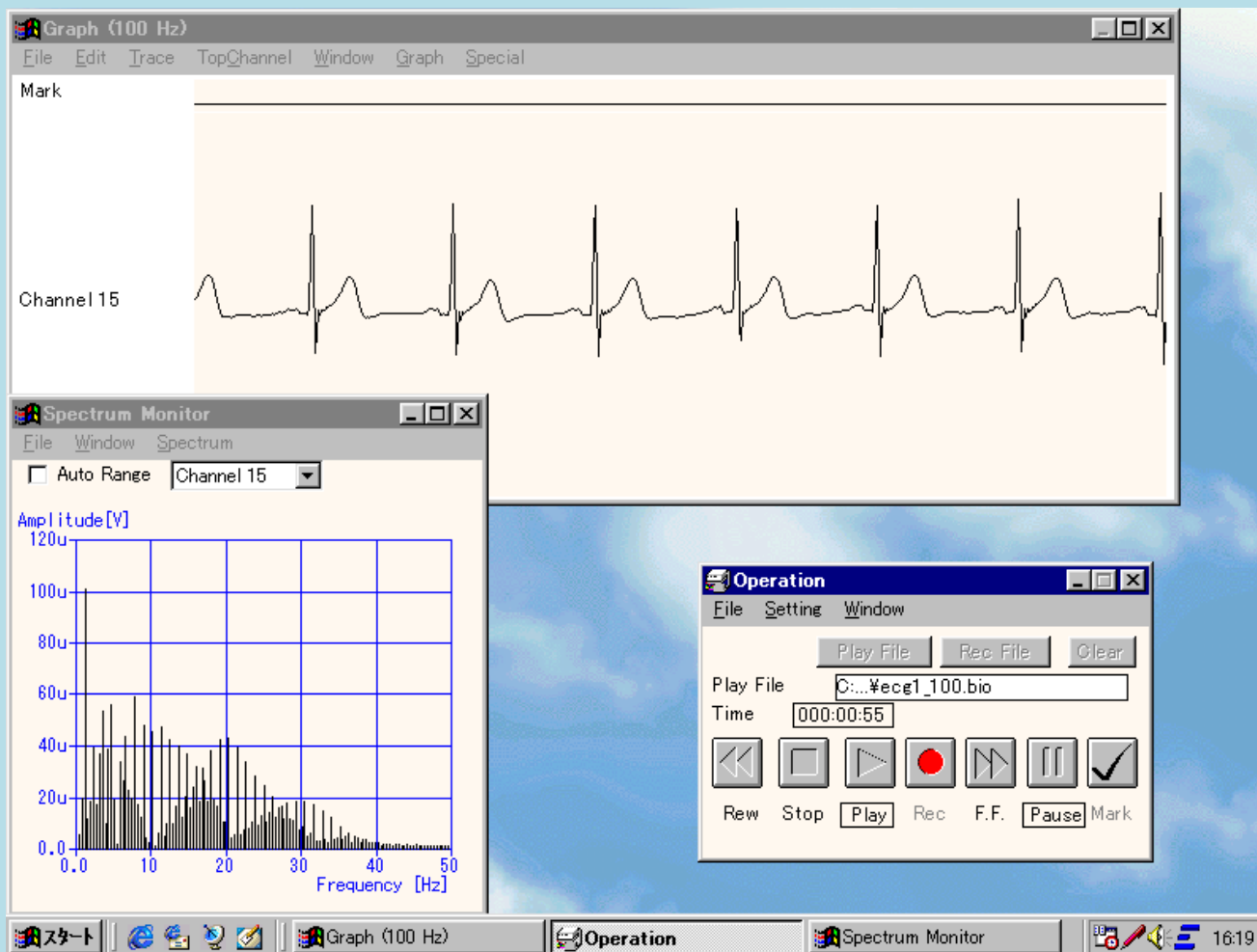
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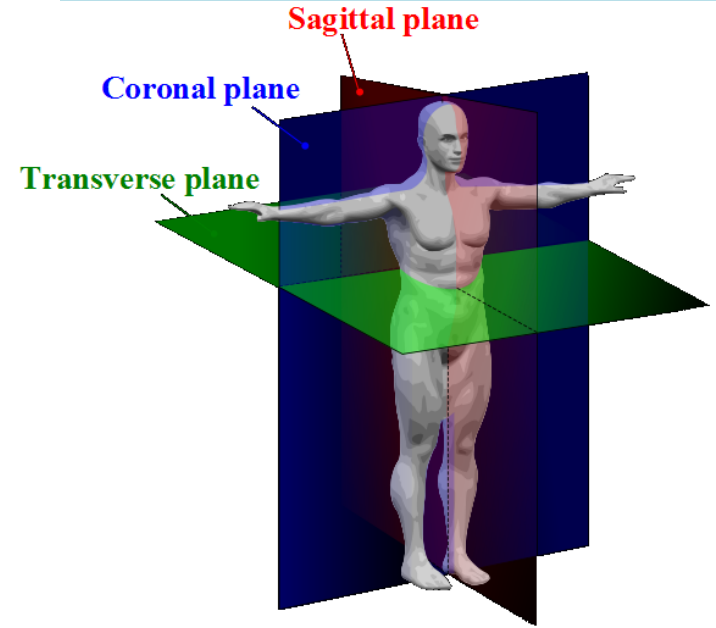
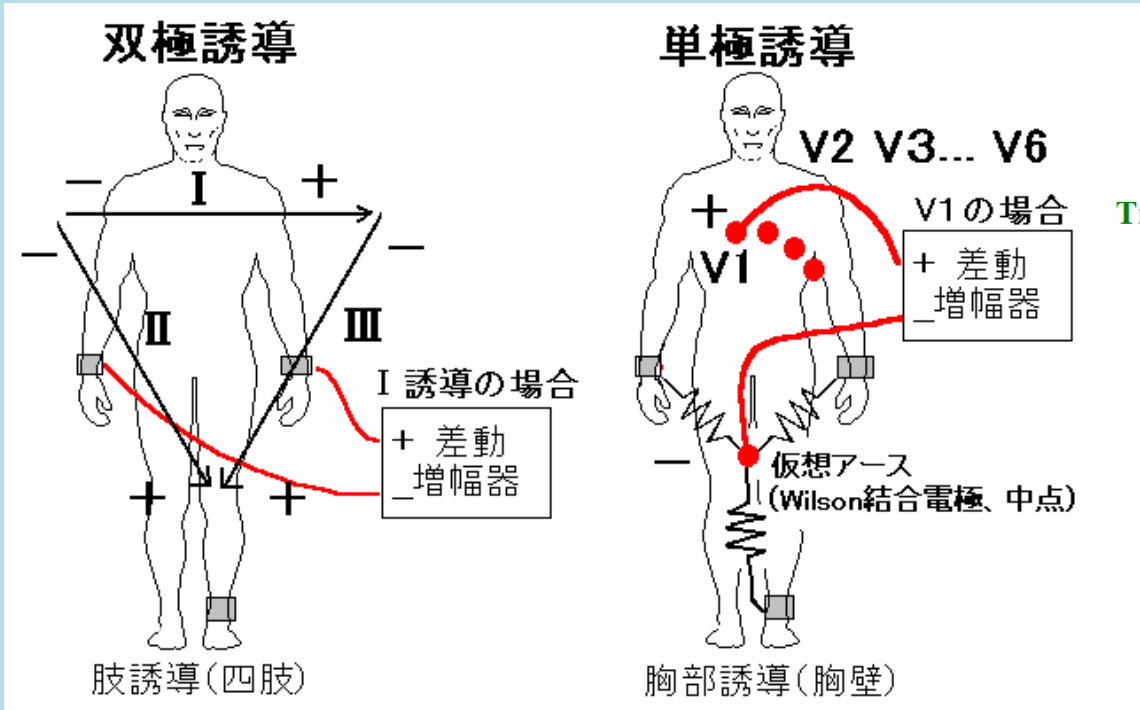


Electrocardiogram of the limb-lead





12-lead ECG

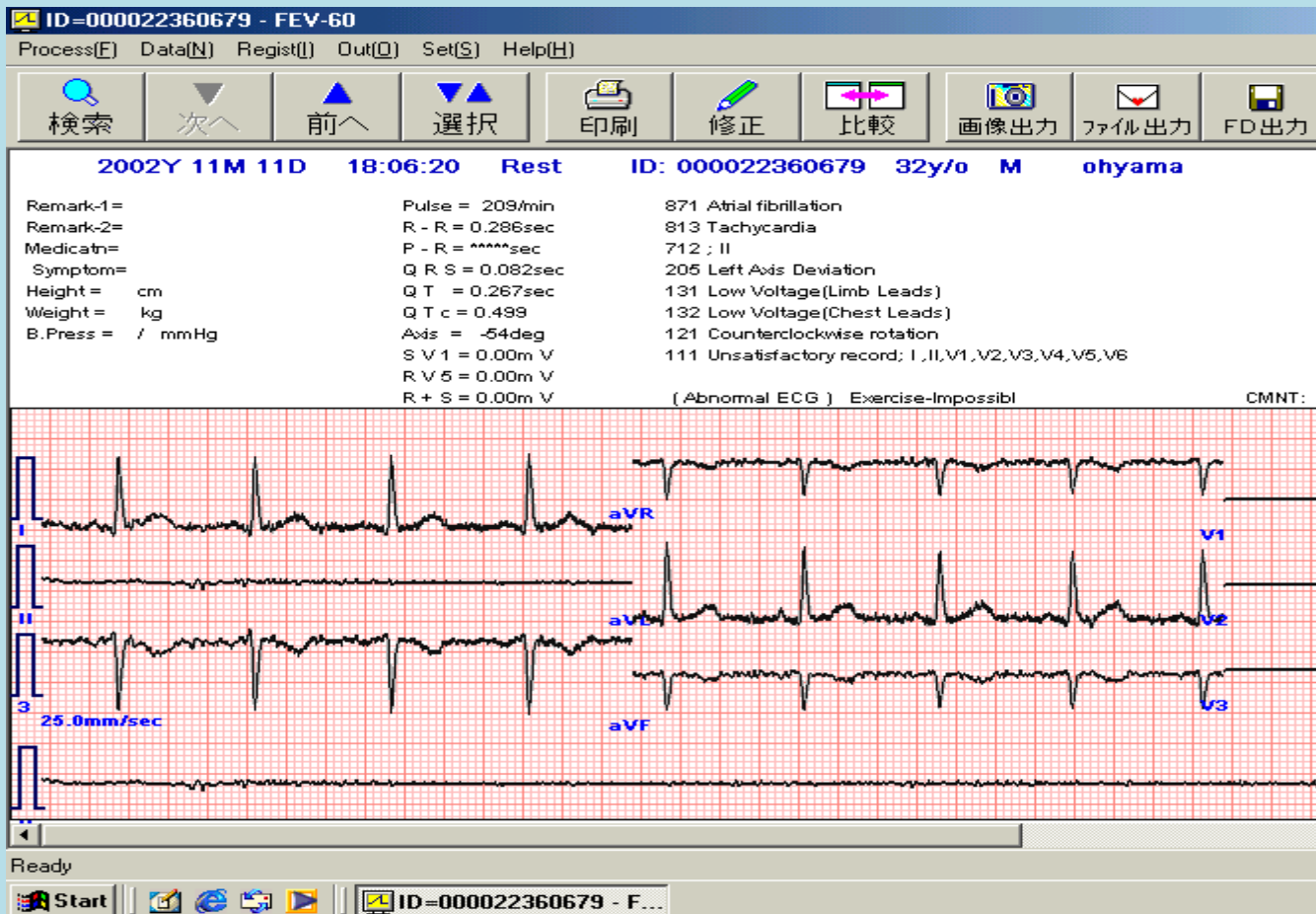


Coronal plane

Transverse plane

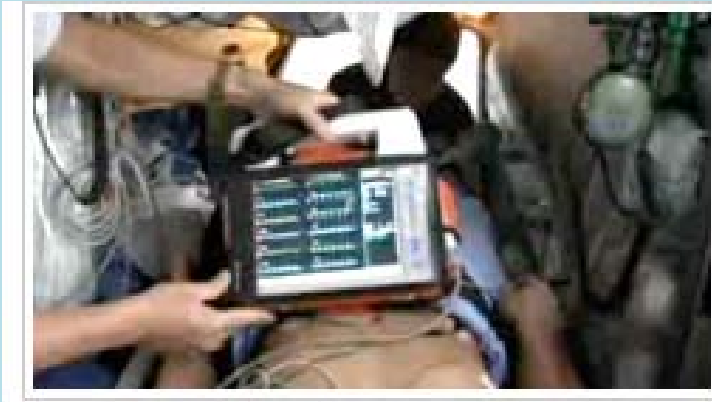


12-lead ECG





Radarcirc



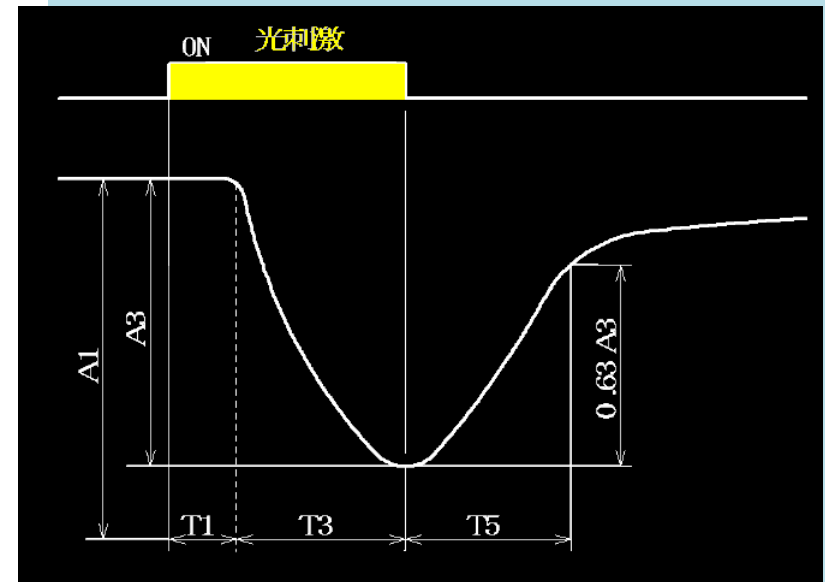
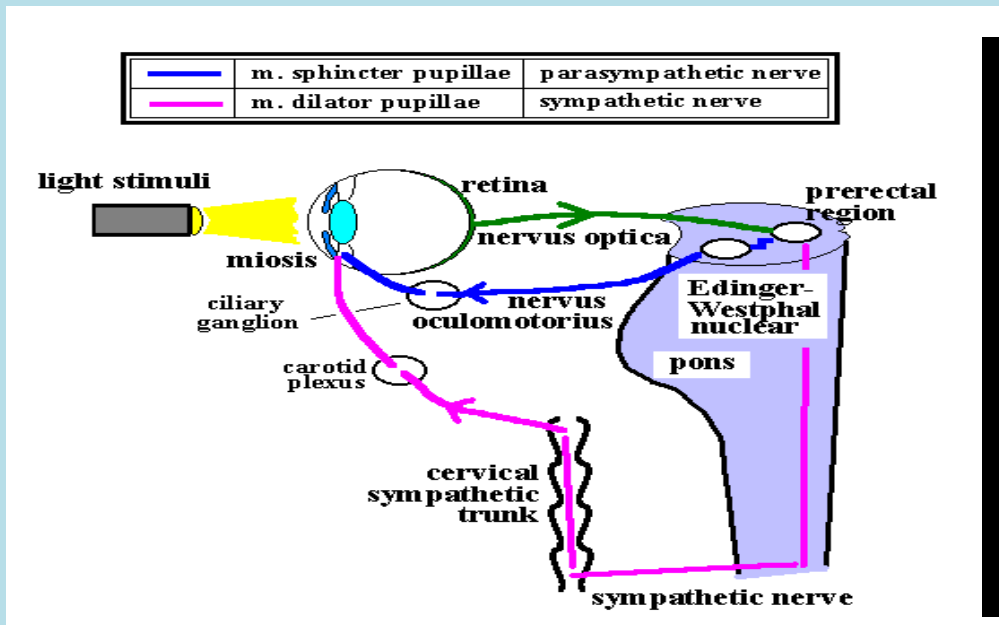


B: Light reflex image (Pupillometer)



Anatomy of the light reflexion

light stimulation and the shrinkage curve





Laplacian filter

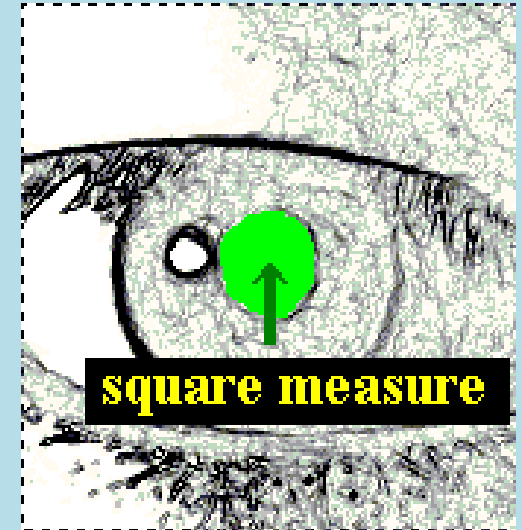
$$H(e^{j\omega_1}, e^{j\omega_2}) = 1 - H(e^{j\omega_1}, e^{j\omega_2})$$

$$H(n_1, n_2) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H(e^{j0}, e^{j0}) = 0$$

From the above, edge detection is possible.

Further, we varied the threshold gradation to extract the optimal edge as desired.





prototype

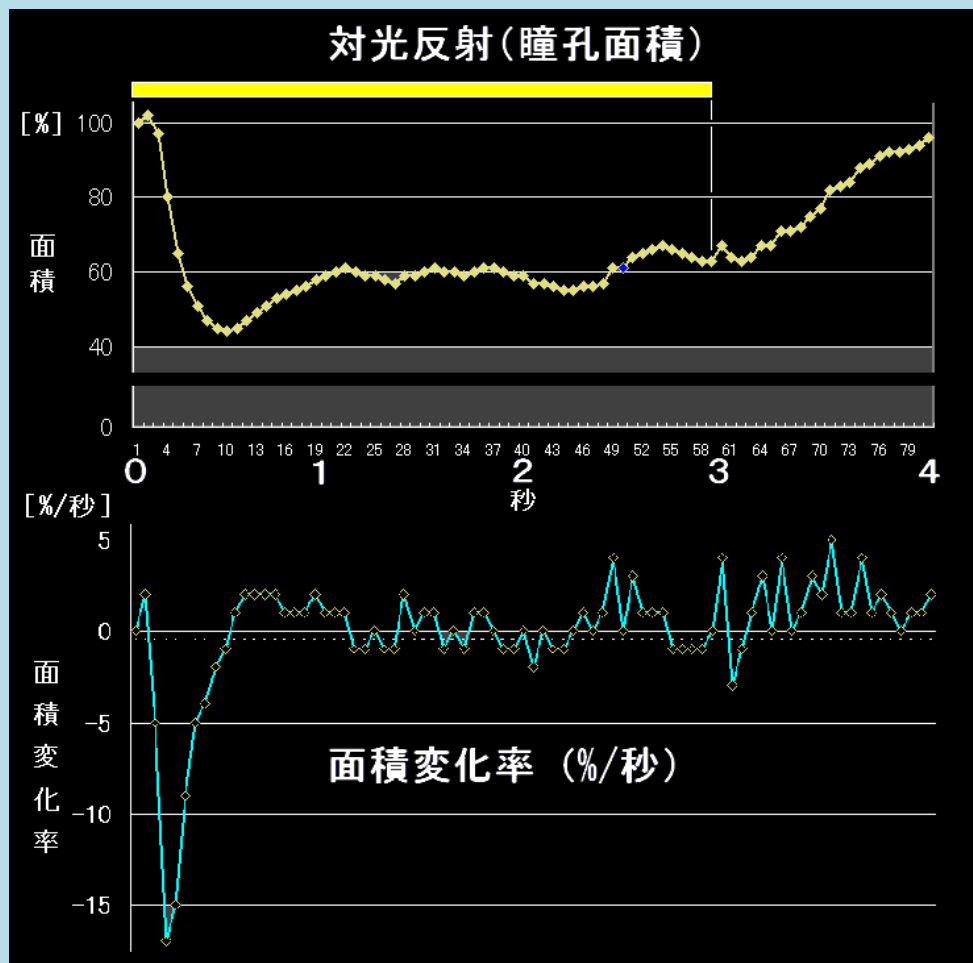
OS: Linux





measuring result

areal-velocity of the pupil



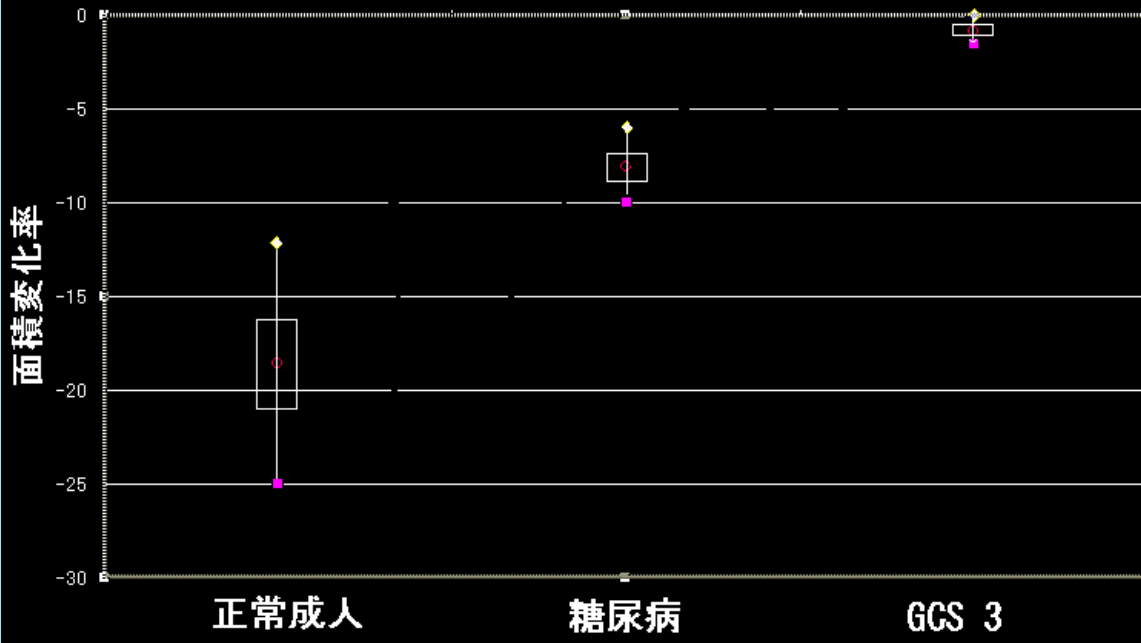


maximum velocity of change [%/sec.]

normal 20, DM 5, GCS3 5

面積変化率と疾病

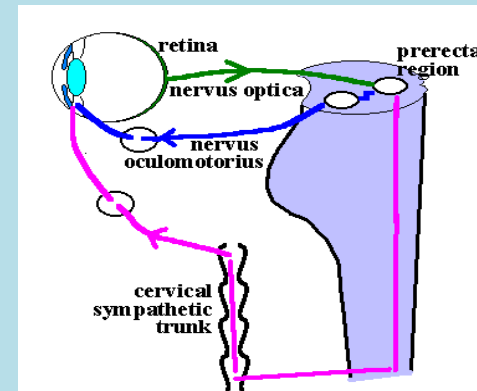
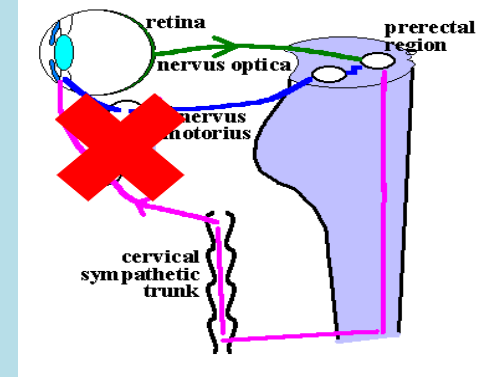
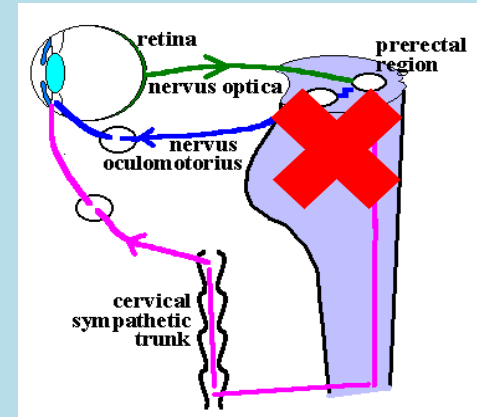
◆ 最大値
■ 最小値
◆ 平均値



normal

Diabetes Mellitus

GCS-3





**C: Macintosh with integrated type of CCD camera
(Pharyngoscope)**



PENTAX Airway Scope AWS-S100

- **Built-in LCD Monitoring Permits Fast and Accurate Tracheal Intubation**



output: NTSC



Considerations

1. Listed advanced technology (user-oriented technology development A,B,C) makes a revolution of pre-hospital care system, improves the outcome of patients, and reduce a medical expense as the result.

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2. Based on the policy of nationwide public service after major disaster(such as the Homeland Security of the U.S.), the suitable broadband wireless/satellite circuit shall be covered nationwide.