

# Outline of Road Infrastructure Monitoring System (RIMS)

## Features

- ◆ 24 hours monitoring by newly developed compact, low cost, and innovative sensors
- ◆ Total maintenance of road infrastructure ( bridge, road equipment and slope)
- ◆ Applying to expressways and expanding to general roads

## Background and Objectives

### ● Bridge :

#### ■ “Aging” is serious problem

○ 43% of 16,112 bridges managed by NEXCO are older than 30 years.

<10years	10-20years	20-30years	30-40years	40-50years	50years<
10%	22%	25%	25%	16%	2%

○ 500,000 bridges (longer than 2m) are managed by municipality.

Administrator	Nation	Prefectures	Ordinance-designated cities	Cities, towns and villages	Expressway companies
Percentage	4%	19%	7%	68%	2%
Ave. age	35years	38years	35years	35years	29years

○ Close visual inspections is required once in 5 years for all bridge according to the uniform national standard.

■ Necessity of 24-hour low cost quantitative monitoring system for bridge damage

### ● Road Equipment :

#### ■ Increase of the traffic volume

○ Possibility of lack of life cycle of road equipment “on the bridge” due to the hard vibration

○ 1,000 equip. over 14,500 managed by NEXCO are on the bridge.

■ Necessity of 24-hour monitoring of unexpected load and deterioration

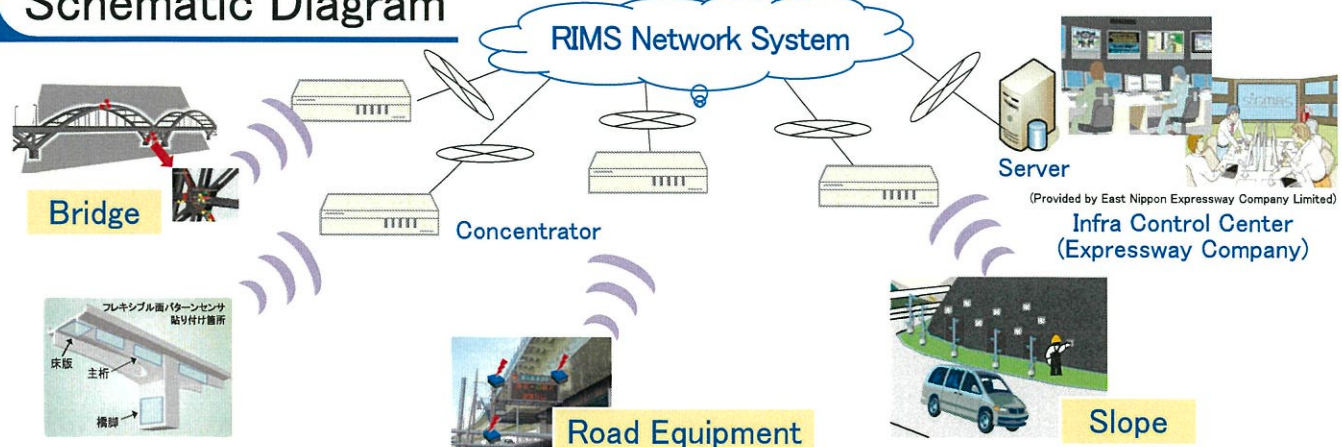
### ● Slope :

■ Number of slope in need of monitoring increased double in the past 10 years due to unpredictable cloudburst (guerrilla rainstorm)

○ 2500 slopes require caution and 117606 slopes need repair.

■ Necessity of 24-hour low cost monitoring system

## Schematic Diagram





# Research and Development System of RIMS

## Research & Development Scheme

### (1) R&D of sensor terminals and monitoring systems

#### (1-1) Bridge

(1-1-1) Super Acoustic Sensor  
(Vibration)  
(Toshiba, U.Tokyo, Kyoto U.)

(1-1-2) 2D-Strain-Pattern  
Sensor Sheet  
(Strain)  
(AIST, DNP)

#### (1-2) Road Equipment

Tilt-Multi-Sensor  
(Fuji Electric)

#### (1-3) Slope

Radio Wave  
Displacement  
Sensor  
(Mitsubishi Electric)

### (2) R&D of the fundamental technology of sensing system

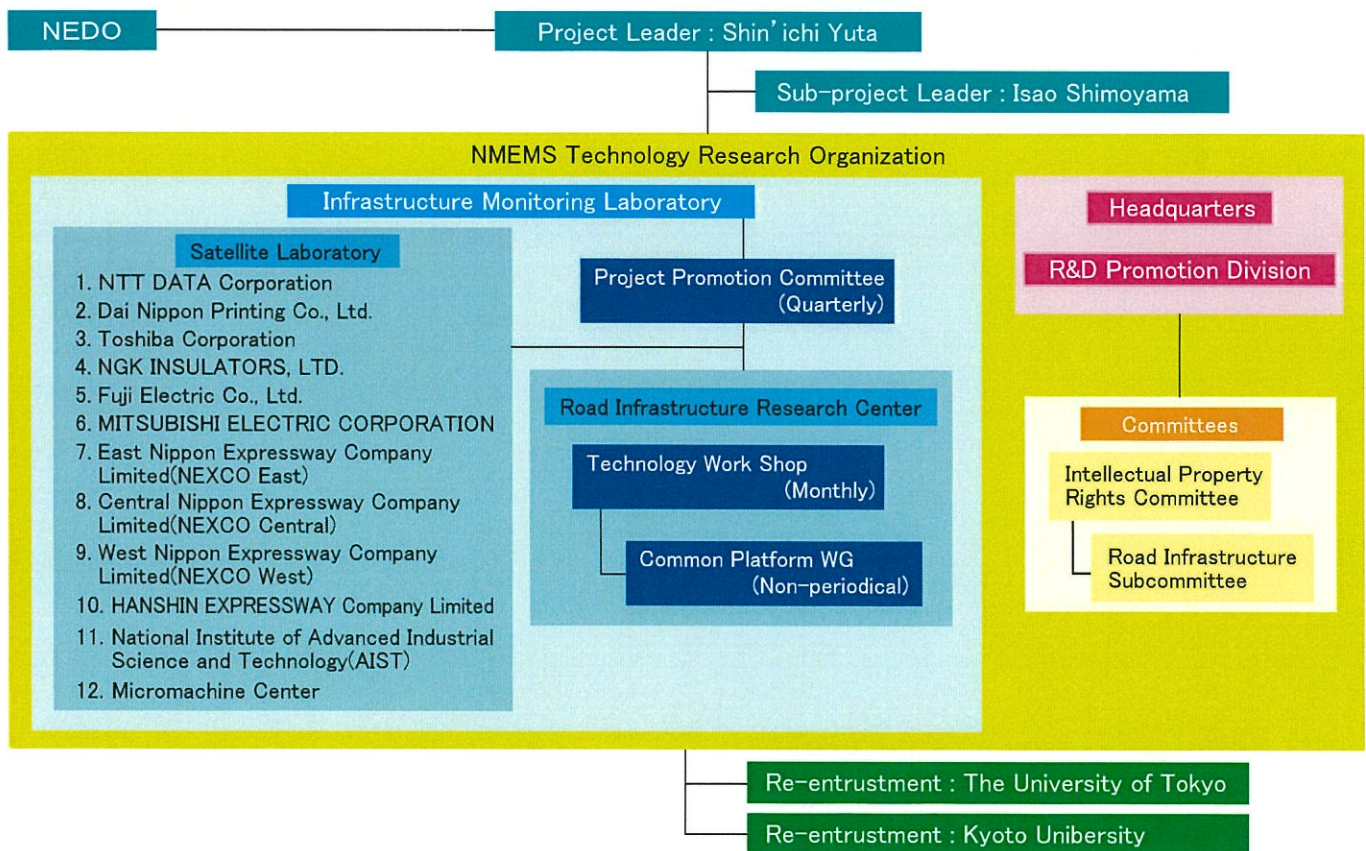
(2-1) Common Platform for the Wireless & Secure Network (NTT-data)

(2-2) Common Platform of the Highly Durable Packaging Technology (MMC, NGK, DNP)

### (3) Common Platform of System Evaluation & Feasibility Study

(NEXCO East, Central, West, Hanshin Expressway, and Other members)

## Research Organization





# RIMS Today and Future

## Schedule

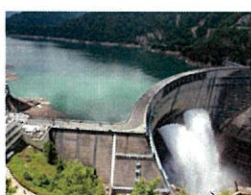
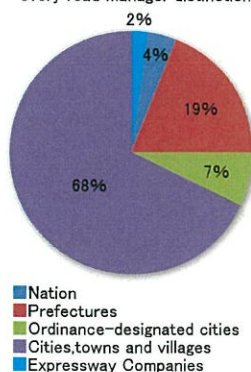
● Project Period: 2014/7/3 ~ 2019/3/20

Theme	FY2014	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018
(1) R&D of sensor terminals and monitoring systems					
(1-1) Bridge monitoring system using "Super Acoustic Sensor"(Vibration)	Completion of new monitoring system by 3 years			Demonstration, evaluation and practical use study	
(1-2) Bridge monitoring system using 2D-Strain-Pattern Sensor Sheet (Strain)					
(1-3) Road equipment monitoring system using tilt-multi-sensor					
(1-4) Slope displacement monitoring system using radio wave sensor					
(2) R&D of the fundamental technology					
(2-1) Common platform for wireless communication network	Completion of common platform			Evaluation and database construction	
(2-2) Common platform of the highly durable packaging technology					
(3) Demonstration and evaluation of RIMS	Preparation of demonstration			Proof experiment and data accumulation	

## Future Works

- ◆ Expansion to national road and local public entity management road
- ◆ Expansion to other society infrastructure (Energy-related facilities, Railroad, Port facilities)
- ◆ Overseas business development

The number of the facilities every road manager distinction



Energy-related facilities



Railroad









Port facilities



# Bridge Inspection of the Expressway

## Present Conventional Inspections

Visual inspection and hammering test from inspection passage	Visual inspection under the road	Inspection using high elevation work vehicle under the road
		
Inspection using high elevation work vehicle from main line	Inspection using bridge inspection vehicle from main line (1)	Inspection using bridge inspection vehicle from main line (2)
		

## Examples of Degradation & Deformation





# Inspection of Expressway Equipment

## Present Conventional Inspections



Structural examination of tunnel ventilation facility



Structural examination of lighting facility

Visual inspection	Magnetic particle examination
◇道路照明設備の支柱、灯具の構造検査を、目視、触手、簡易な計器を用いて行うものである	◇道路照明設備の支柱の構造検査を、磁粉探傷器を用いて行うものである
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●支柱・基礎・灯具の発錆・腐食しやすい部分（アダプター部、メカニカルジョイント部、開口部、地盤部等）の検査</li> <li>●ガタつき、損傷、腐食等を五感、ハンマー等で確認</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●支柱の亀裂・損傷等が発生しやすい部分（アダプター部、メカニカルジョイント部、開口部、地盤部等）の検査</li> <li>●磁粉探傷装置で亀裂・損傷等を検査（検査部にスプレーで磁粉を塗布し、ブラックライトをあてながら磁界を発生させる装置をあてがうと、亀裂等の溝がある場合はその部分が浮かび上がって見える）</li> </ul>

Ultrasonic thickness measurement	Fiberscope measurement
◇道路照明設備の支柱の構造検査を、超音波厚さ計を用いて行うものである	◇道路照明設備の基礎の構造検査を、ファイバースコープを用いて行うものである
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Detailed inspection manual ~ (Example) Lighting facility of road ~

## Examples of Degradation & Deformation



Corrosion of base metal



Corrosion and thinning of anchor bolt



# Slope Inspection of the Expressway

## Present Conventional Inspections

Visual inspection of ground anchor



Visual inspection from berm of slope



Visual inspection of excavation slope



Visual inspection of slope gradient



Visual inspection of embankment slope



## Examples of Degradation & Deformation

Fallen tree of excavation slope



Spring water from toe of slope



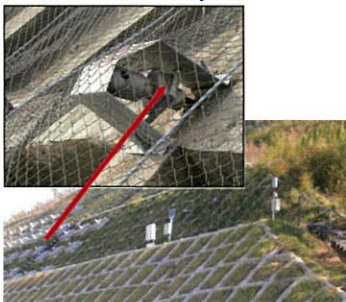
Sediment deposit in drain ditch



Crack and gap of concrete block structure



Projection of ground anchor of excavation slope



Slope protection subsidence



Slope collapse of embankment slope





# Innovative Bridge Sensing System using Super Acoustic Sensor (1)

## Features

- ◆ New development of wide-band vibration sensor “Super Acoustic(SA) sensor”
- ◆ Comprehensiveness of SA sensor to any stage of bridge degradation
- ◆ Remote monitoring with palm-sized wireless sensing units

## Background and Objectives

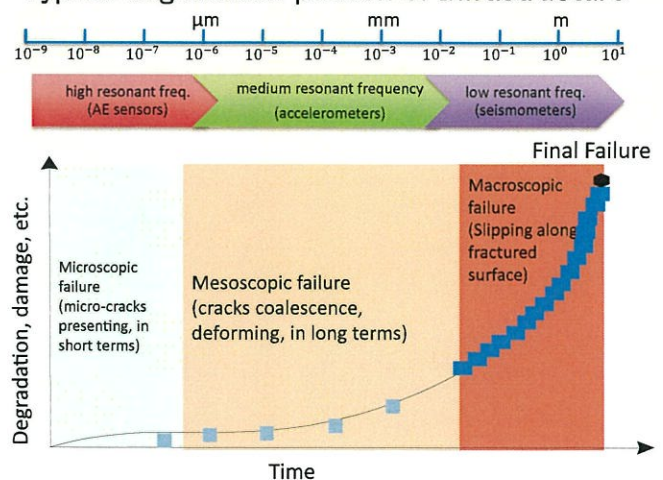
○ A wide-band sensor from 1 Hz to MHz order sensitivity are demanded in order to apply any degradation stage of bridges.

○ To develop a sensor system with single sensor covering the following degradation stages :

From initial stage to initiation stage  
(microscopic failure : 10kHz~1MHz)  
Propagation to acceleration stage  
(mesoscopic failure : several 100 Hz)  
Deterioration stage  
(macroscopic failure : several Hz)

○ SA sensors are expected to be applied to various materials such as soils, rocks, assembled structures, concrete, copper, composite materials, etc., and to various structures as well as bridges as a structure stethoscope.

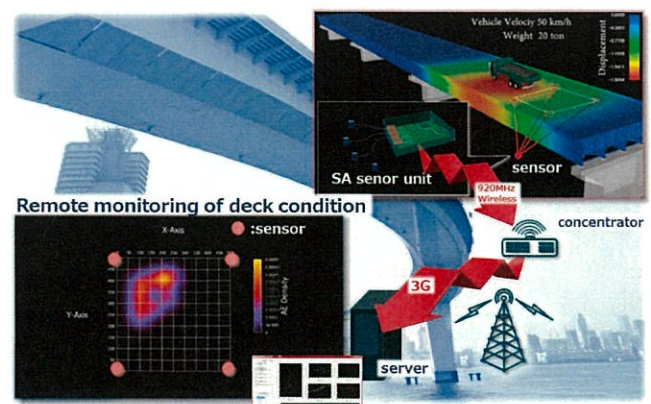
Typical degradation pattern of Infrastructure



## Schematic Diagram

○ Basic concept of bridge sensing system with SA sensors

- ▶ SA sensor unit...Palm-sized, energy harvesting, wireless data transfer. Installation of any target point of bridges
- ▶ Wireless data correction from the sensor unit
- ▶ Remote sensing of the bridge degradation based on analysis results in a distant server



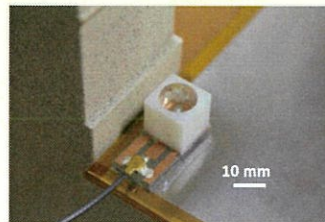
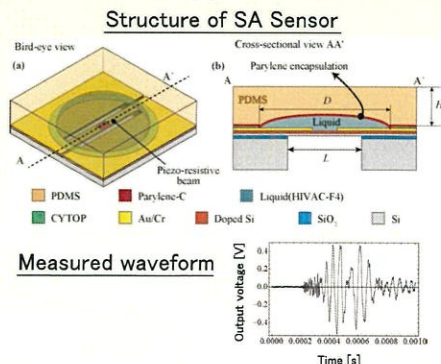


# Innovative Bridge Sensing System using Super Acoustic Sensor (2)

## Achievement (2014~)

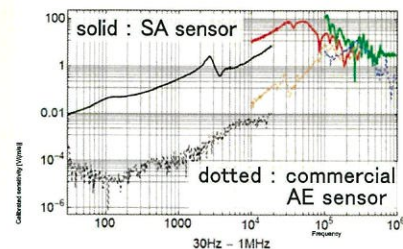
### Outline of SA Sensor Device

- Prototype of SA sensor developed. Wide-band response was obtained.



Prototype

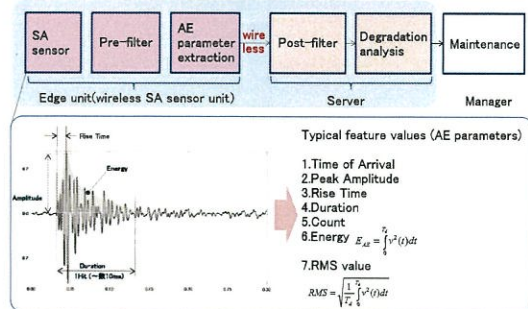
### Frequency characteristics



## Development of Palm-sized Sensor Unit and Applicability Demonstration

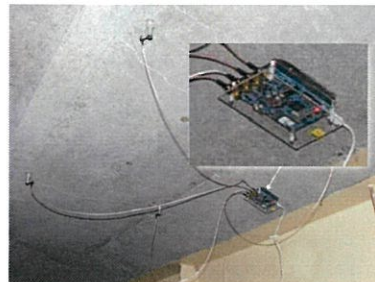
- Achievement of energy harvesting, wireless and palm-sized unit

### Block diagram of the system



### Wireless SA sensor unit

- Palm-size (100mm × 70mm)
- 4ch SA sensor connectivity
- FPGA for edge computation
- 920MHz-band wireless module
- Energy harvesting module



Attached sensor unit on surface of concrete deck

## Quantitative Health Monitoring System for Bridge Structures

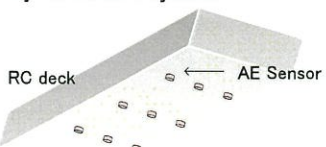
- Visualization of internal cracks in concrete bridge-deck by innovative method

### ① Target bridge

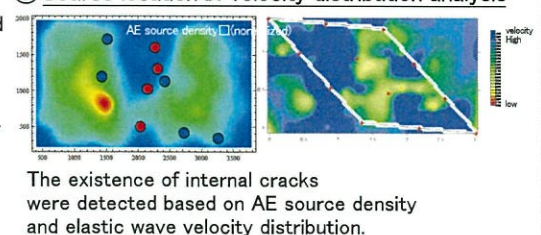


### ② Sensor installation

Data from RC deck were collected by AE sensors system.



### ③ Source location & velocity distribution analysis



### ④ Validity confirmation





## Flexible 2D-strain-pattern Sensor Sheet (1)

### Features

- ◆ Highly sensitive ultrathin silicon strain sensor array and low cost printed strain sensor array
- ◆ Crack observation, detection, and prediction of steel bridge by 2D-strain-pattern
- ◆ Long time durability with UV-cut barrier layer and easy attachment by adhesive sheet

### Background and Objectives

#### Crack on Steel Bridge :

##### ■ Formed near weld portion

○ Visual inspection

→ Crack search by magnetic particle flaw detection in case of confirmed coating crack near the weld portion

○ Repair & Reinforcement

→ Monitoring after stop hole perforation and/or welding



Crack near weld portion



Stop hole

#### Objective

Development of 2D strain sensor array for crack propagation detection



Crack detection by strain sensor array

#### 2D Strain Sensor Array :

○ Conventional strain sensor : Large power consumption, Difficult installation, Complex wiring



→ Integration of piezoelectric MEMS strain sensor array on flexible substrate, Application by adhesive sheet, Wireless data transfer

○ Highway bridge : Dynamic strain derived from running automobiles



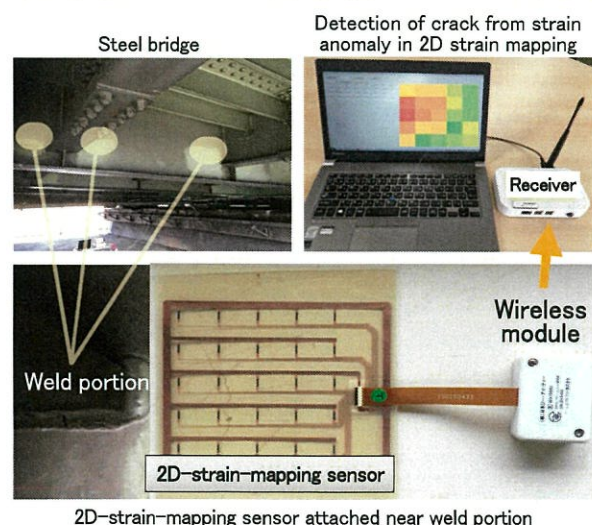
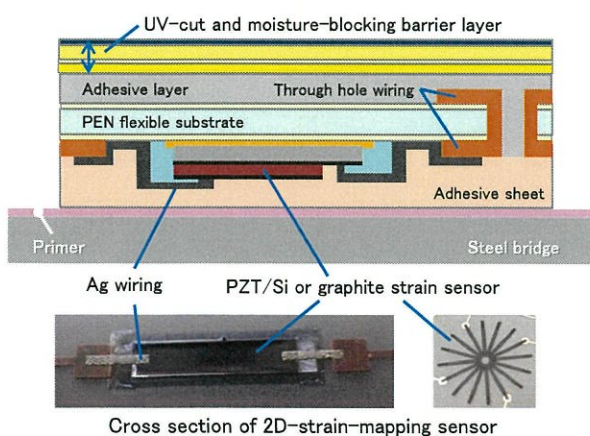
→ Crack propagation detection by strain anomaly in 2D dynamic strain mapping

○ Flexible substrates : Poor durability



→ UV-cut and moisture-blocking barrier layer using organic/inorganic hybrid material

### Schematic Diagram

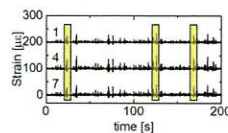
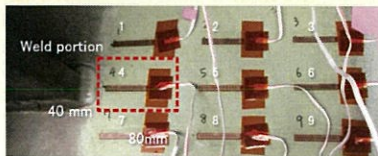




## Flexible 2D-strain-pattern Sensor Sheet (2)

## Achievement (2014 ~ )

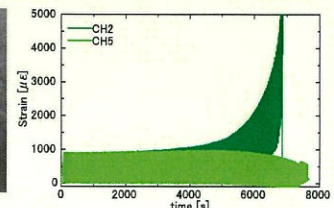
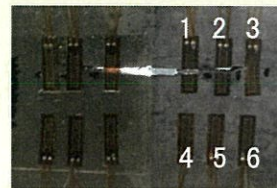
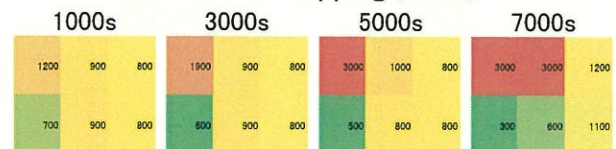
## 2D-strain-mapping of Steel Bridge

2D-strain-mapping ( $\times 10^{-6}$ )

t=24s			t=126s			t=185s		
23	28	29	31	39	39	29	36	37
34	30	32	49	43	43	45	39	39
29	31	31	40	44	43	37	41	40

- $10 \sim 100 \mu\epsilon$  of dynamic strain by automobiles
- Strain depends on weight of automobiles, but 2D-strain-mapping is similar  $\rightarrow$  stress concentration at weld portion

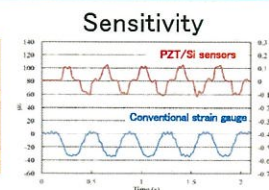
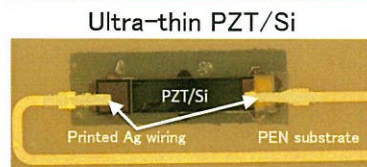
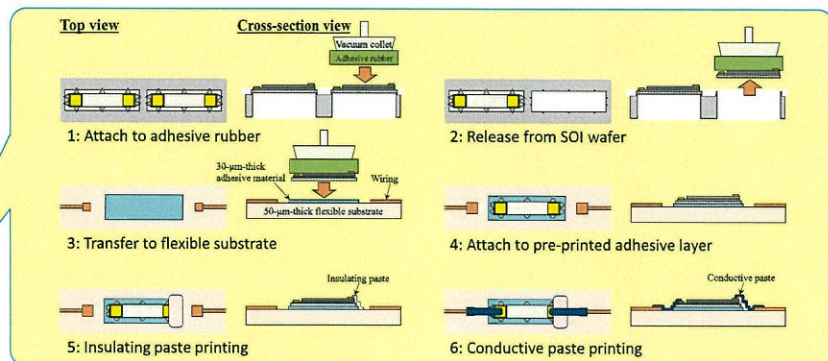
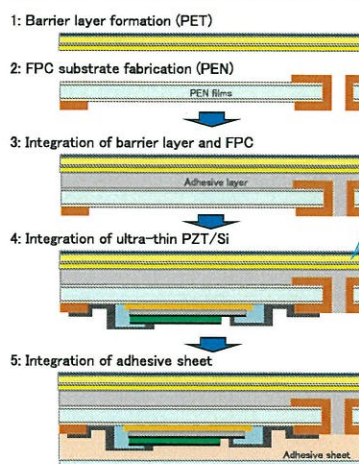
## Strain Anomaly on Crack Propagation

2D-strain-mapping ( $\times 10^{-6}$ )

- More than  $1000 \mu\epsilon$  of dynamic strain by crack formation

## Fabrication Process of 2D-strain-mapping Sensor Sheet with PZT/Si Array

## Integration of barrier layer, sensor array and adhesive sheet



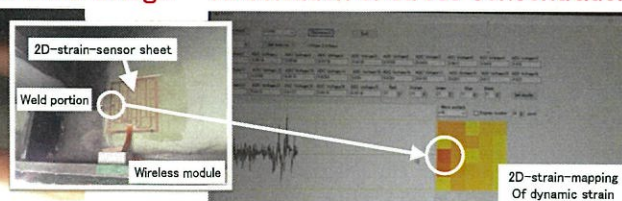
Sufficient sensitivity for dynamic strain of bridge

## Installation of Sensor Sheet onto Steel Bridges

## Easy installation onto steel bridge



## Visualisation of stress concentration



## Power consumption of Wireless module

Power	Active	Sleep
Amp, ADC	11.84mW	0mW
MCU, RFIC	111mW	0.037mW



# Road Information Board Monitoring using Tilt-multi-sensor (1)

## Features

- ◆ Tilt-multi-sensor using MEMS sensor device
- ◆ Low power consumption and high speed wireless communication
- ◆ Field trial on an expressway (actual field)

## Background and Objectives

### ■ Present issues of inspections : ageing of road equipment and shortage of technicians

- Increase in over 50 years old facilities in the next 20 years  
Increase repair/renewal cost (Financial problems)
- Lack of maintenance technicians due to the declining birthrate and aging population (Human resource problem)
- Inspections are conducted visually, judgment is highly dependent on knowledge of technicians, experience and feeling

### ■ Approach to issues : Improve inspection efficiency and quantification of judgement results

- Detect and quantify structural changes and variations, and aim for support and efficiency improvement of inspection work based on quantitative results



Current inspection (Image)

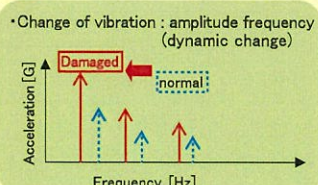
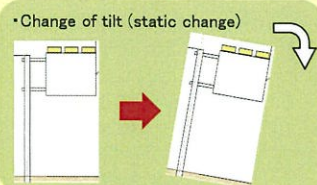
## Schematic Diagram

### Basic principle

- Corrosion reduction and cracks
- Looseness of bolt fastening part
- Variation of base or deformation during disaster



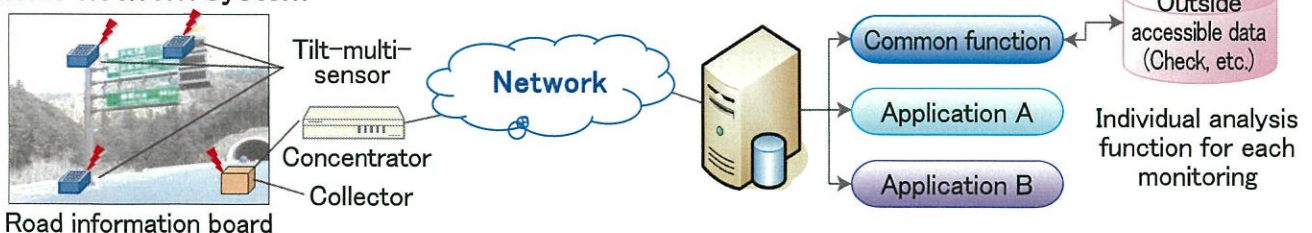
The source: Appendix (signs, lighting facilities, etc.)  
Inspection Procedure (draft) December 2010 Ministry  
of Land Infrastructure Transport and Tourism



- Simultaneous sensing of static change (tilt) and dynamic change (vibration) of road equipment (information board etc.)
- \* Development of tilt-multi-sensor

- Construct sensor network system and realize constant monitoring
- \* Development of sensor network system

### Sensor network system





# Road Information Board Monitoring using Tilt-multi-sensor (2)

## Achievement (2014 ~ )

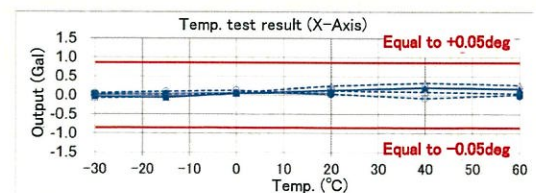
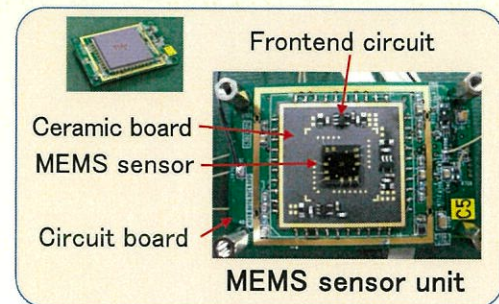
### ○Development of MEMS Sensor Device (Capacitive Acceleration Sensor Device)

Development target :

- ① Output stability of tilt measurement :  
0.05deg (0.855Gal)
- ② Resolution of vibration measurement : 0.1Gal

<Results summary>

- Temperature stability 0.05 deg achieved with principle prototype
- Unit structured evaluation in progress



Temp. stability test result of principle prototype

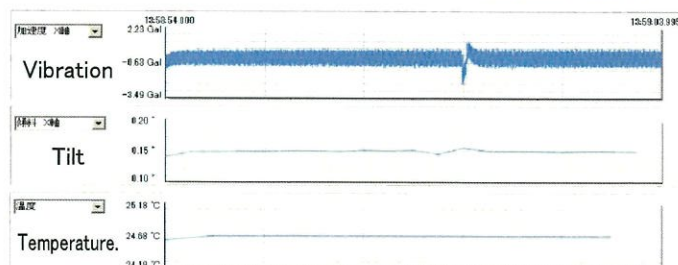
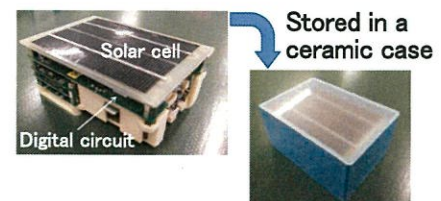
### ○Development of Tilt-multi-sensor

Development target :

- ① Concurrent measurement of tilt, vibration, and temperature
- ② Autonomous power supply by solar cell
- ③ Time synchronization ( $\pm 1$  msec) between multiple sensors
- ④ Wireless transmission of large amount of data (900kB/3min) with an average of 0.5 mW

<Results summary>

- Completion of structure design of sensor terminal and manufacture
- Concurrent measurement confirmation of tilt, vibration, and temperature
- Confirmation of wireless communication at real information board



Tilt-multi-sensor output example

### ○System Construction and Field Test

- Preliminary field test (using existing sensors)  
Monitoring of tilt, vibration, and temperature with information board
- Development of the collector  
Design and production completed and operation test in progress



<Road width direction tilt>

<Road direction tilt>

<Pillar temperature>

Azumayama tunnel entrance information board (2015.12.16~)



# High Data Rate, All Weather, and 3D Slope Displacement Detection (1)

## Features

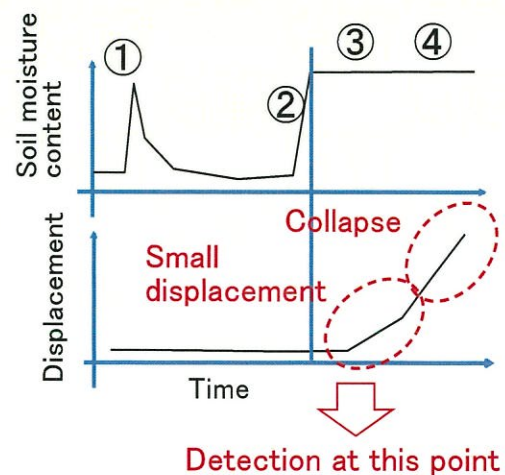
- ◆ All-weather, high-data rate, high-precision 3D displacement sensing using radio signal phase differences
- ◆ Wide-area monitoring on a slope by a wireless mesh network
- ◆ Long-lasting sensor device operating in all weather and day-and-night

## Background and Objectives

### Mechanism of Slope Collapse [1]

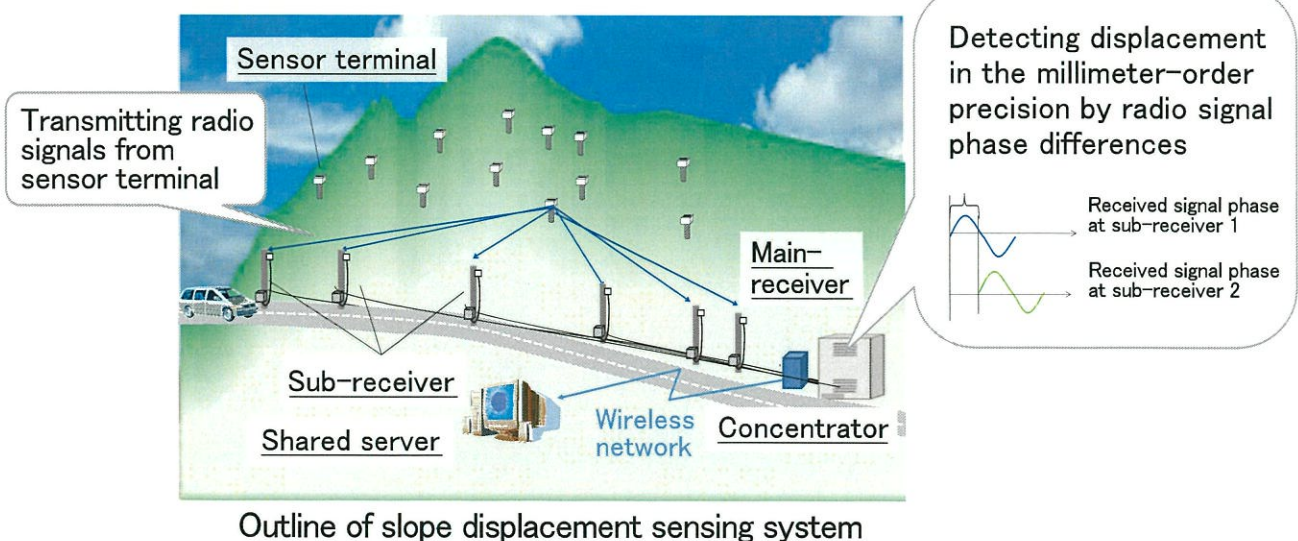
- ① Rainfall absorption into the ground
- ② Decreasing of soil shear strength
- ③ Occurrence of small displacement
- ④ Slope collapse

- ◆ Assistance of earlier decision to close the road by detecting small displacement



[1] Koizumi et al., "Development of multipoint landslide disaster prediction system by wireless sensor networks (in Japanese)", Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism, National Land Technology Workshop, 2012

## Schematic Diagram

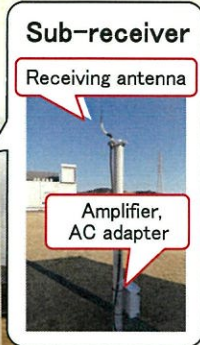
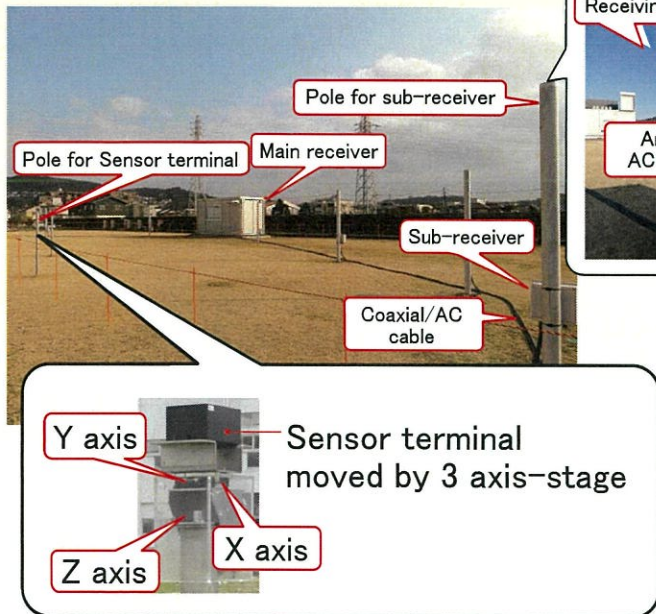




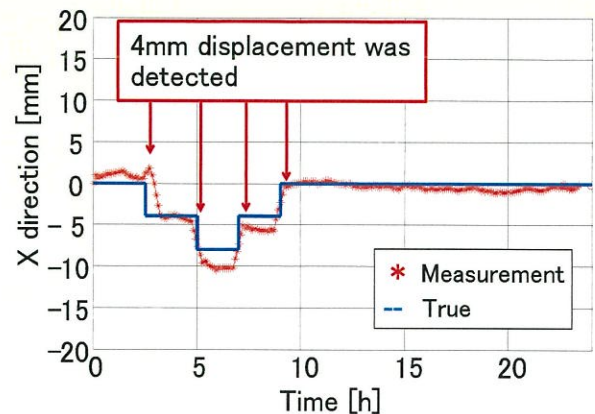
# High Data Rate, All Weather, and 3D Slope Displacement Detection (2)

## Achievement(2014~)

### Proof Experiment



- 8 sub-receivers and 6 sensor terminals were located
- 4 mm\*1 displacement was detected using 920MHz low power radio waves

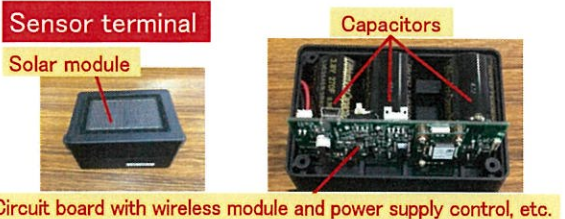


\*1 : An example of control standard value for slope maintenance

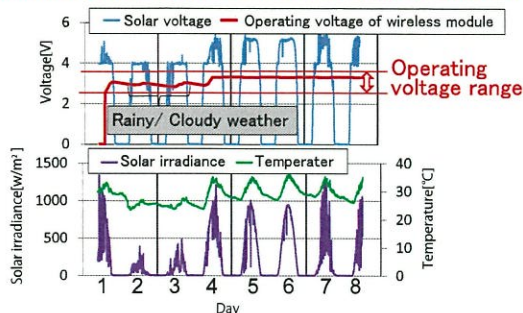
### Prototype of Terminal and Receivers

#### Sensor terminal

- Demonstrated continuous operation in rainy/cloudy weather



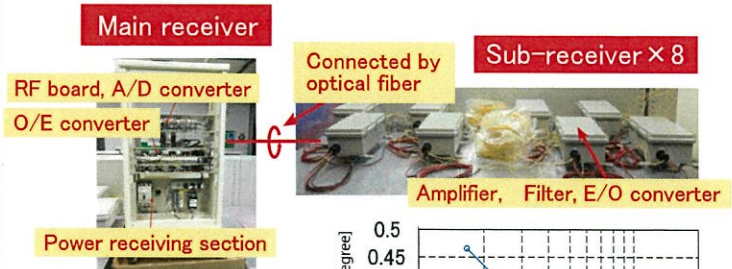
Circuit board with wireless module and power supply control, etc.



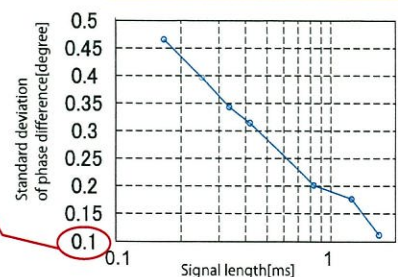
Measurement results of operating voltage of wireless module

#### Main / Sub-receiver

- Sufficient phase accuracy to achieve 4mm/h displacement in stand-alone unit



Sufficient phase accuracy of 0.1deg ( $\approx 0.1\text{mm}$ ) in stand-alone unit



Phase measurement accuracy (2.5m distance between sensor terminal and sub-receiver)



# Network Communications Infrastructure Corresponding to a Wide Variety of Sensors (1)

## Features

- ◆ Communication specification that absorbs various data formats and interface differences
- ◆ Coordinated communication between concentrators, for easiness of installation and for cost reduction
- ◆ Secure information gathering

## Background and Objectives

- Due to the aging of road infrastructure and renewal of periodical inspection procedures, as various sensors are installed in road infrastructure, inefficiency due to duplication of communication infrastructure is a matter of concern.

### ○ Inefficiency of data collection

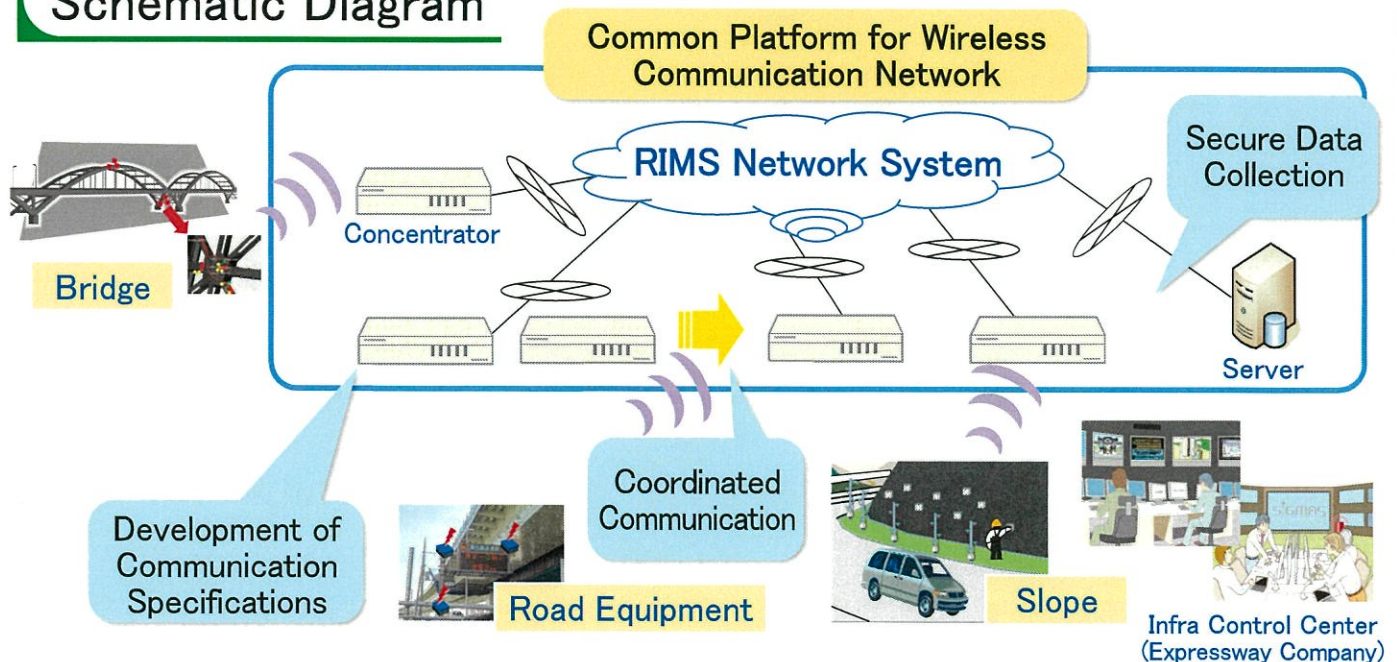
In conjunction with the development and spread of sensors and monitoring, it is necessary to build dedicated equipment and systems tailored to each unique method.

### ○ Inefficient use of data

Because the commonality of data formats is poor, it is difficult to use data acquired from various sensors in an integrated manner.

There is a need for an open network communication infrastructure that supports a wide variety of sensors, manufacturers, and monitoring purposes. Absorption of differences is implemented mainly by developing communication specifications of concentrators.

## Schematic Diagram



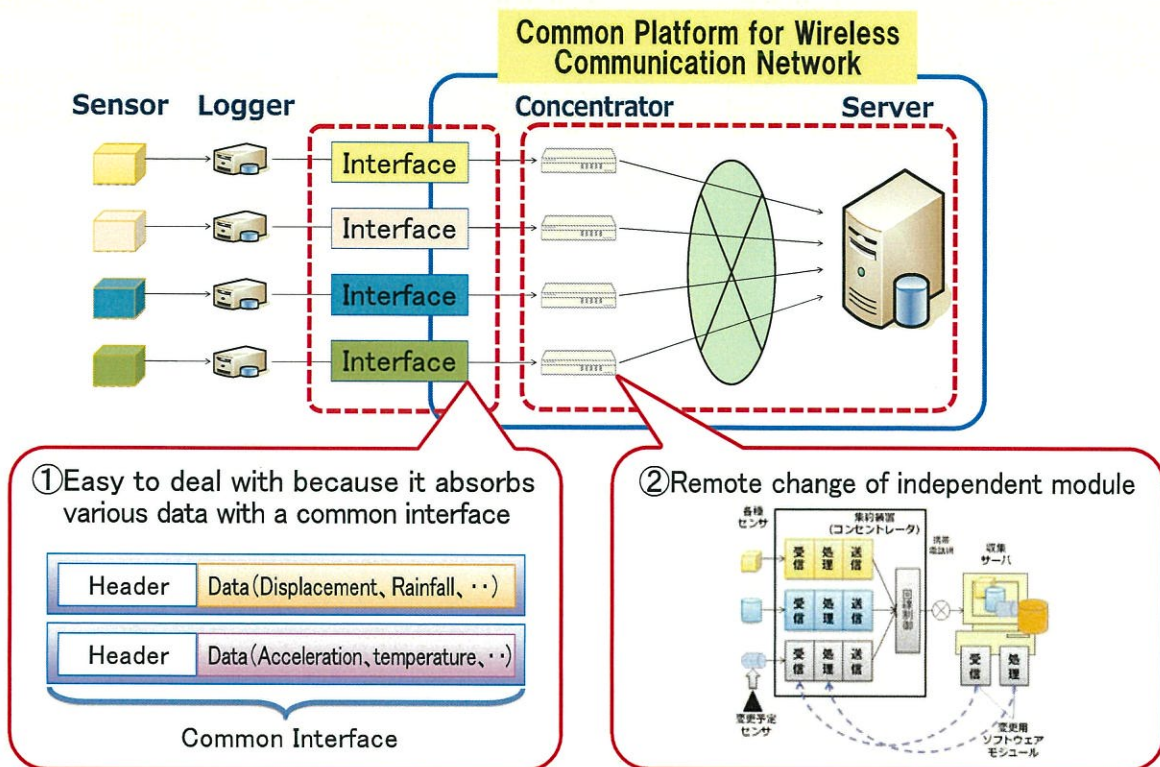


# Network Communications Infrastructure Corresponding to a Wide Variety of Sensors (2)

## Achievement (2014~)

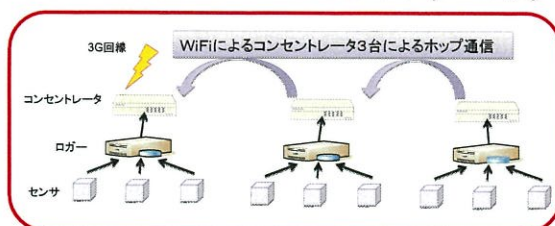
### Development of Communication Specifications for a Wide Variety of Sensors

- ① Established data format and communication specification of each company based on common interface  
Confirmed that there is no problem with the method by cooperation test
- ② Validated that receiving module can be changed independently and remotely



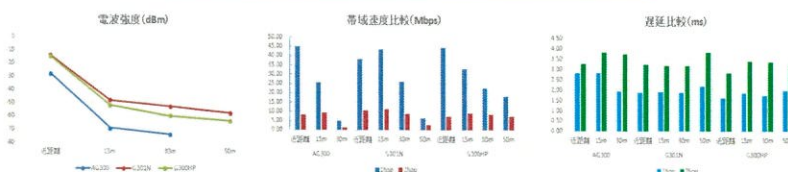
### Coordinated Communication between Concentrators

A coordinated communication was confirmed up to 3 hops.



### Secure Information Gathering

Communication by data proprietary encryption method, and remote change of internal module SSL communication method were implemented.  
→ Security verification planned for FY2016





# Robust Package for Environment Stress of Road Infrastructure (1)

## Features

- ◆ Packaging technology to guarantee monitoring in harsh environment for a long time
- ◆ All-in-one packaging with self-energy harvester, wireless module and sensors
- ◆ Easy installation technology to structure with strong adhesion

## Background and Objectives

### Higher Durability

#### Environment of the sensor nodes

- More severe stress than indoor
- Need to guarantee the stable operation of sensing, signal processing and wireless communication even in anywhere
- Long life and high reliability request to sensor nodes from users such as NEXCO and Hanshin Expressway

#### Requirement

- 10 years guarantee in maintenance of function of sensors on road infrastructures where any severe environmental condition may happen

### All-in-one Packaging

#### Providing to keep performance of terminals which include power generators, storage batteries, sensors, MPU, radio circuit modules

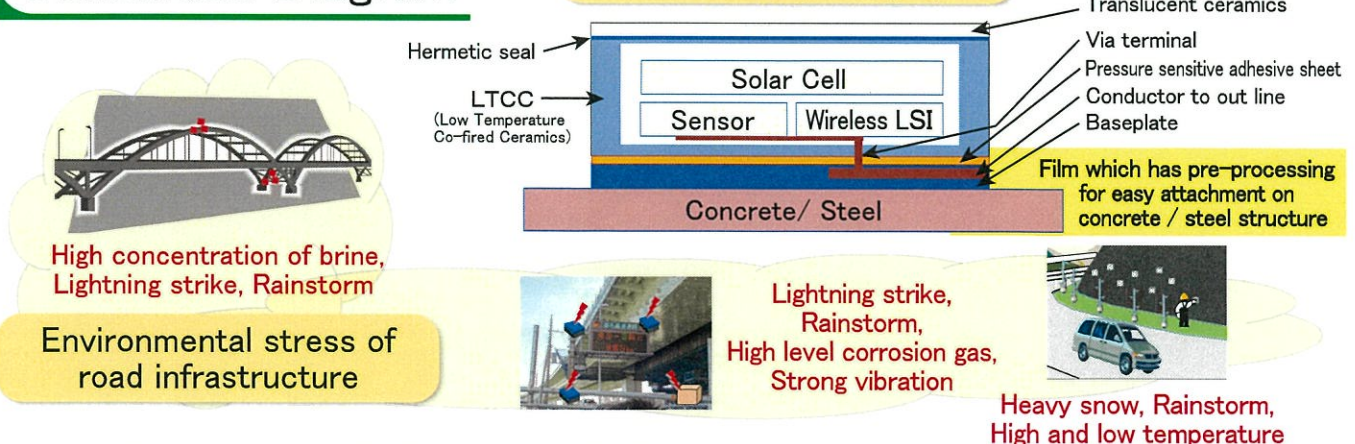
- Ceramic packages must be able to protect all components of terminals from mechanical stress, electrical breakdown and to provide optical transparency, making good propagation of characteristic in electromagnetic wave and vibration.

### Easy Installation

#### Requesting workability and maintenance as well as strong bonding to structures

- Direct bonding sheets including sensors to concrete/steel structures

## Schematic Diagram



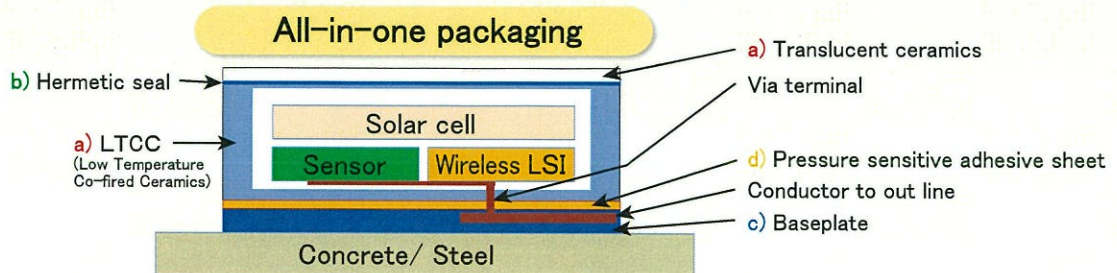


# Robust Package for Environment Stress of Road Infrastructure (2)

## Achievement(2014 ~ )

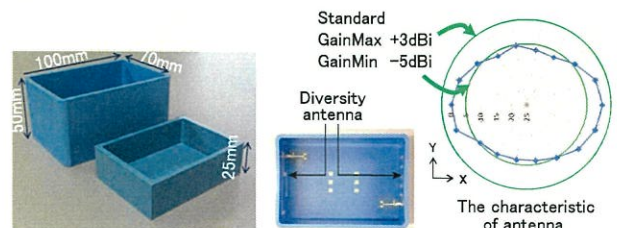
### Final Goal

The Size of Package : 7cmx10cmx5cm Durability : 10 years or more



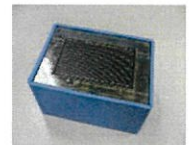
### a) Upsizing technology of LTCC substrate within antenna and translucent ceramic substrate (NGK)

Upsizing to the size of 7cmx10cmx5cm, prototyping of LTCC substrates with diversity antenna for low directivity



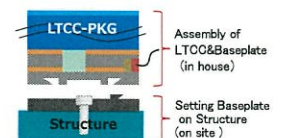
### b) Hermetic sealing technology to use low temperature bonding material (MMC)

Developed hybrid material mixed inorganic-organic, and also developed hermetic sealing technology to bond translucent ceramic substrate on LTCC with low temperature. To meet the standard of Weathering test(500 Hr), PCT(Pressure Cooker Test) and Heat Cycle test (-40°C↔85°C, 200 cycles)



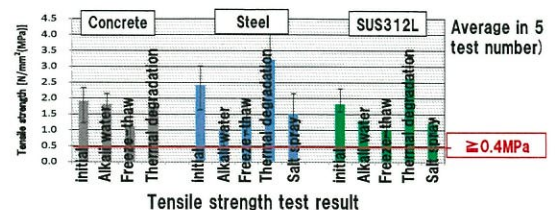
### c) Designed and prototyped the baseplate for easy attachment on concrete / steel structure (DNP)

Baseplate Material→SUS312L



### d) Developed direct bonding technology to use original epoxy resin sheets (DNP)

Passed durability acceleration test (JISA5557) in the condition of severity of 1.5 times to use test pieces of Concrete, Steel, SUS312. Tensile strength is more than 0.4 MPa



### e) Developed remote evaluation test method (MMC, AIST)

Durability acceleration test results can be acquired from remote areas. Can be used for the site test such as Houenzaka Bridge of Hanshin Expressway, Nishiandobashi Bridge of West Nippon Expressway.



Nishiandobashi Bridge



Tranceiver system

