

Spectrum Management System for Emergency Radio in Disaster Scenario (Implementation)

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Introduction



- Earthquake may damage any infrastructure in the disaster area
- Intensity of the damage depends on the magnitude and duration of the earthquake
- It also depends on the type of constructions of the area under the disaster
- Prediction beforehand is very difficult

Developed System

- Implemented a cooperative spectrum sensing system using USRP and GNU radio
- Integrated the automatic modulation recognition system with the sensing system
- Implemented the identification and database maintenance system using the PHP and MySQL.
- A web interface displays active emitter information
- Raytracing simulation results for disaster environment in Ookayama, Tokyo area using "Wireless Insite" from "Remcom"
- AOA based geolocation simulation results with multipath effect reduction

- Raytracing simulator "Wireless Insite" by Remcom is used to simulate the disaster channel
- 3D data of Ookayama, Tokyo, area in DXF format was imported to create .city file (a 3D city)
- To create destroyed area
 - Some houses were removed randomly (completely destroyed house)
 - Height of some houses were decreased randomly (collapse of floor)
 - Some houses were tilted randomly
 - Faces of some houses were removed
- AOA of each path is used to calculate the geolocation error for the area

Approach

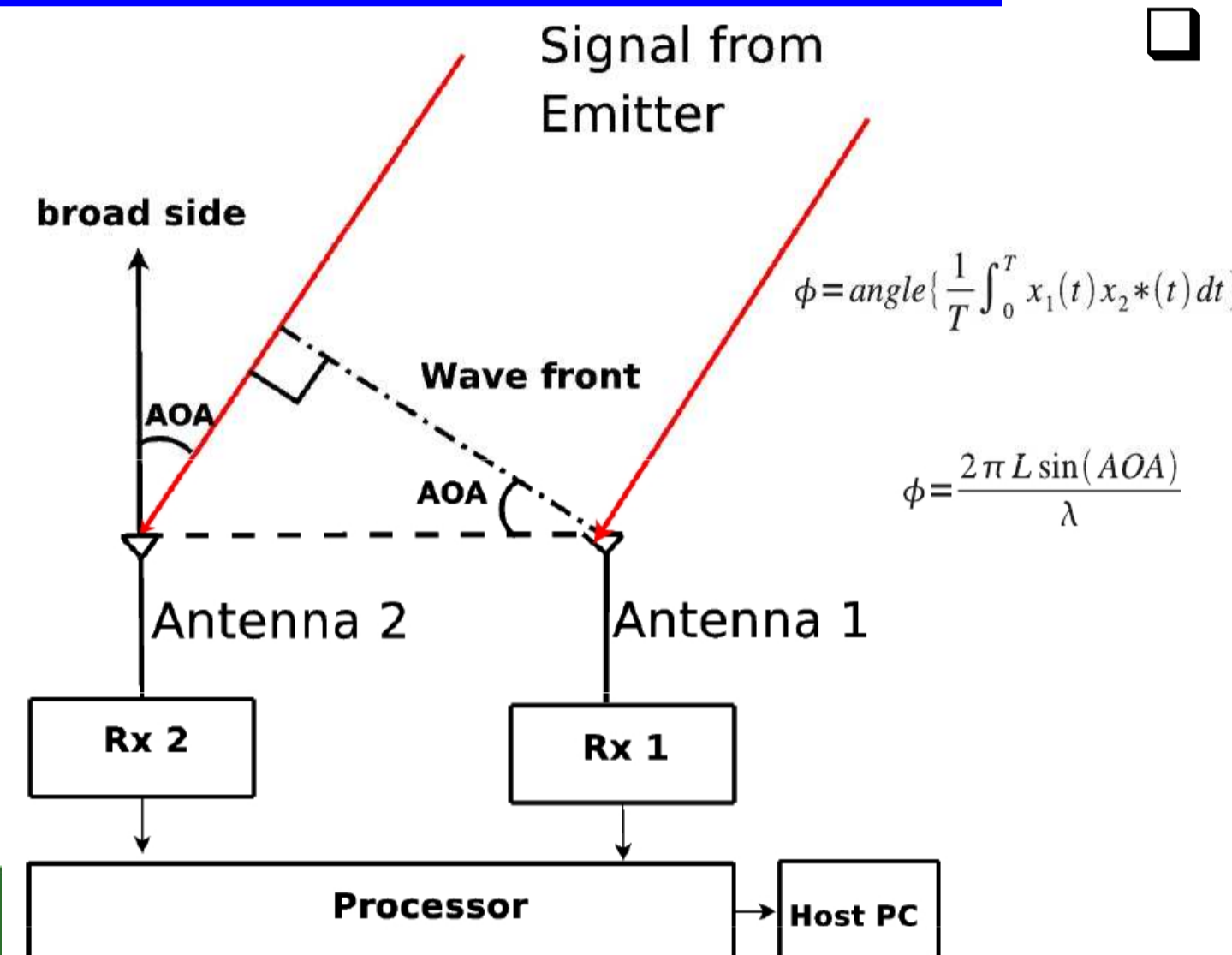


Fig. 2 : AOA based Interferometry

Table 1 : Channel model parameters

Antenna Type	Omnidirectional	Pulse Shape	Sinusoidal
Polarization	Vertical	Pulse Width	1 μs
Gain (dBi)	3	Carrier Frequency	800 MHz
VSWR	1	Bandwidth	25 kHz
Receiver Threshold (dBm)	-98		
Transmitter height (m)	1.5		
Sensor height (m)	15		

Assumptions

- Foliage, Objects like electric poles and vehicles and human movements are not considered
- Terrain is assumed to be flat

- DC spike on the center frequency of the USRP should be compensated
- Sensing time increases

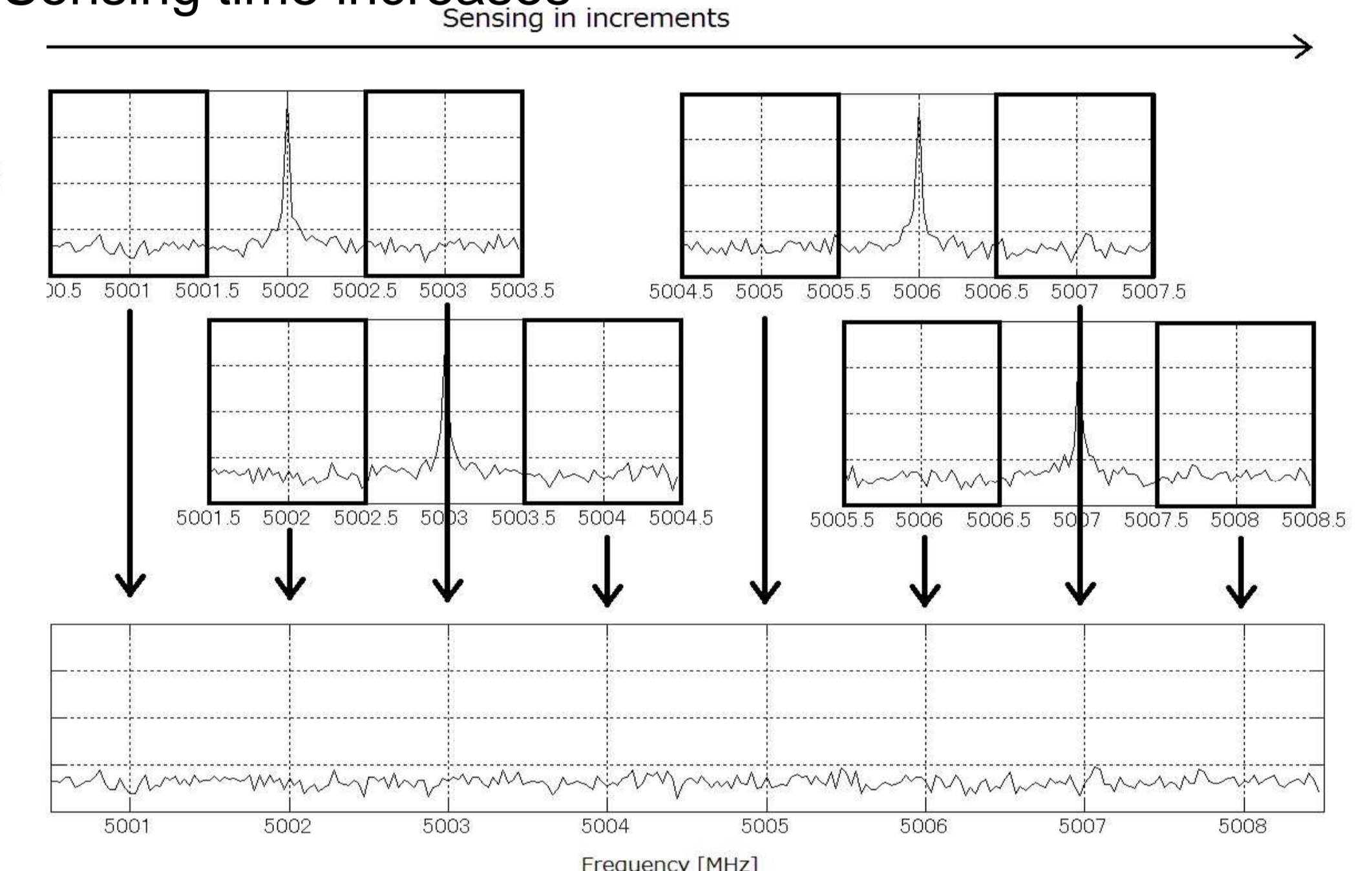


Fig. 3 : DC spike compensation



Fig. 1: Propagation paths from Tx. 1

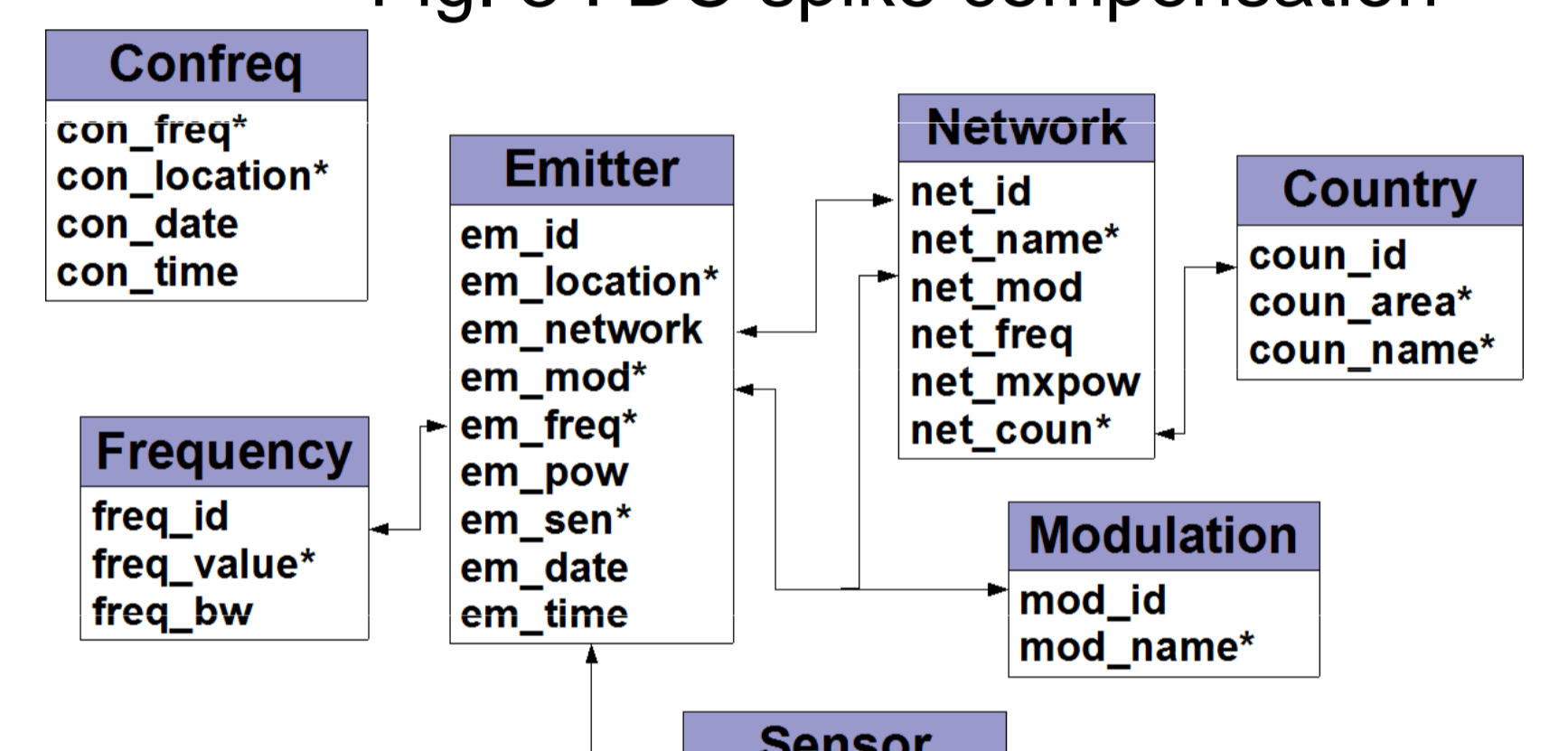
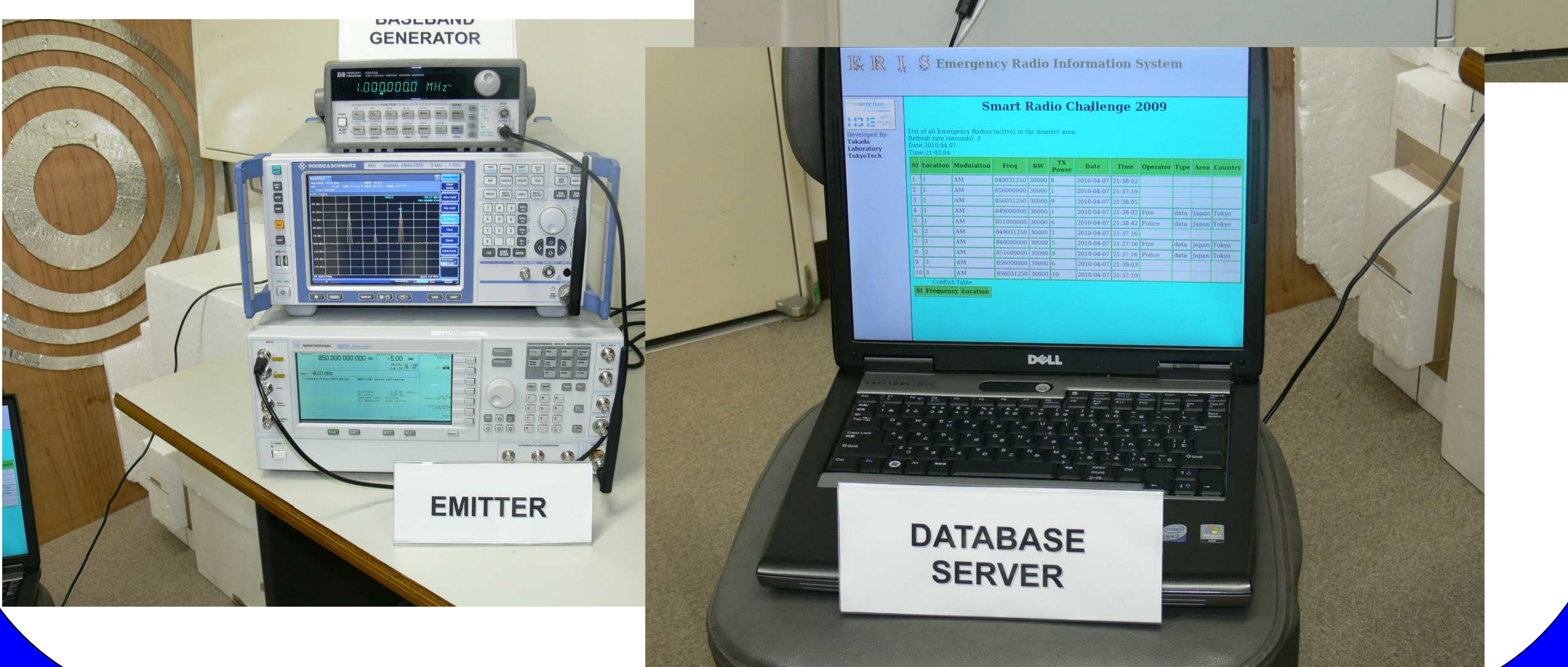


Fig. 4 : Database design

Demonstration

- Head node sends sensing time to sensor nodes
- Sensor nodes scan the spectrum simultaneously
- Sensor nodes send FFT data to head node
- Head node checks for FFT bins above threshold
- For each of those FFT bins, head node chooses the sensor node with highest SNR
- Head node sends command to sensor nodes
- Sensor nodes send time domain samples to head node
- Head node determines modulation type etc.
- Head node sends text file to database



Conclusion

- Raytracing simulation is used as a preliminary study for the disaster scenario
- Positioning of the sensor nodes has some significant impact on the sensing performance
- Geolocation calculation is limited by the accuracy of the AOA and antenna synchronization
- The system can not track a specific emitter in the disaster area
- Geolocation calculation is not yet implemented in the demonstration

Future Studies

- Raytracing simulation with scatterers (e.g. vehicles, human etc.)
- Incorporate the real terrain profile of the disaster area and study the effect of terrain on propagation
- Perform cooperative sensing simulation
- Finding a way to dissipate the sensed data toward the emergency emitters
- Improvement of the identification algorithm to identify a specific emitter
- Optimize the performance of each subsystem