

The development of EEWS in China since the Wenchuan earthquake

--Initiated by the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake and tested by over 1500 quakes

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Background

Avoid this tragedy !

- ▶ 2008 WenChuan
- ▶ Near 70,000 people died



Earthquake Early Warning System !



EEWs has already been used in Japan Successfully

- ▶ In 2011 March 11th quake, all trains on Shengaxen were stopped timely
- ▶ Warning messages were delivered to Public, gaining warning with up to tens of seconds in advance



**It has been estimated that if there were
EEWs in Wenchuan.....**

- ▶ 20,000~30,000 or more people can live



So, the leaders and civilians of China have been aggressively calling for EEWS since then



The EEW on the “4.20” LuShan earthquake



The response of EEWs for the LuShan earthquake on April 20

- ▶ Gave 28 seconds of warning time for Chengdu “quake is occurring in Lushan”
- ▶ Gave 21 seconds of warning time to Chengdu “estimated seismic intensity 4.5”
- ▶ When the countdown is finished, the Chengdu is strongly shaken
- ▶ Gave 5 seconds of warning time for Ya’An



The mitigation by the EEWs

- ▶ Students and teachers evacuated according to prescribed rules
- ▶ Cell phone users evacuated as well
- ▶ People in Wenchuan received warning from TV



EEW for 6 destructive quakes

- ▶ Feb.19, QiaoJia of YunNan province, Magnitude 4.9
- ▶ April 17, Dali of YunNan province, Magnitude 5.0
- ▶ April 20, Lushan of SiChuan province, Magnitude 7.0
- ▶ April 25, YiBin of Sichuan province, Magnitude 4.8
- ▶ Nov. 16, Dongchuan of Yunnan province, Magnitude 4.5
- ▶ Nov. 28, Dali of Yunnan province, Magnitude 4.6

(The above are all the destructive quakes in the covered area by ICL EEWS)



ICL EEWS has been publically tested by over 3000 quakes



The area covered by EEW sensors

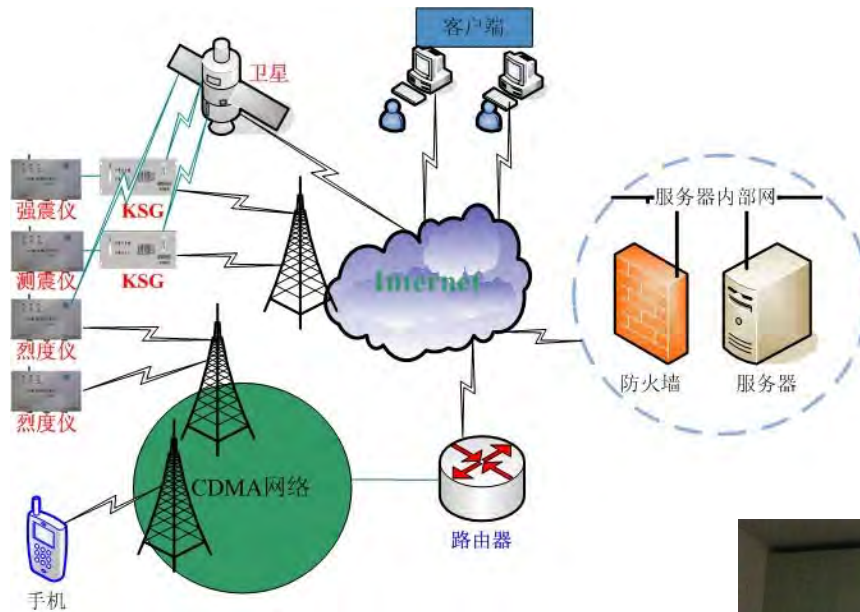
- ▶ Over 570,000 square kilometers covered
- ▶ 1700 sensor (marked by green dots)



The EEWS by ICL



The Schematic of the ICL EEWs



- ▶ It covers all EEW steps (from sensing to application of EEW messages)
- ▶ Developed creative algorithm to suppress false alarm, to reduce blind zone, to get more accurate parameters...

- ▶ Single station data processed on-site !



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- ▶ EEW time: for 50 Km, EEW time 10 Second; for 100 Km, EEW time 22 Second



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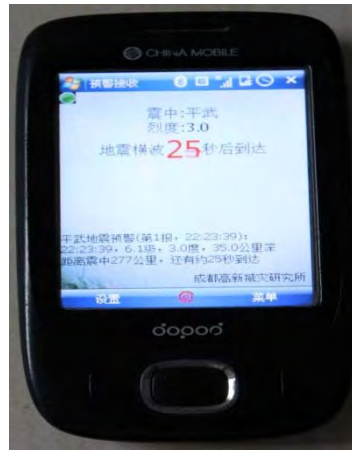


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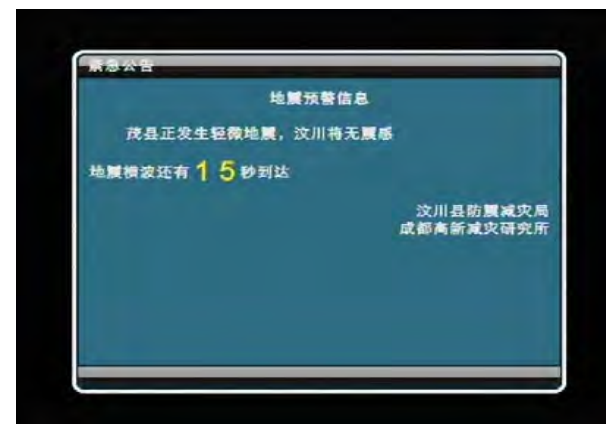


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Television EEW is used in Wenchuan county



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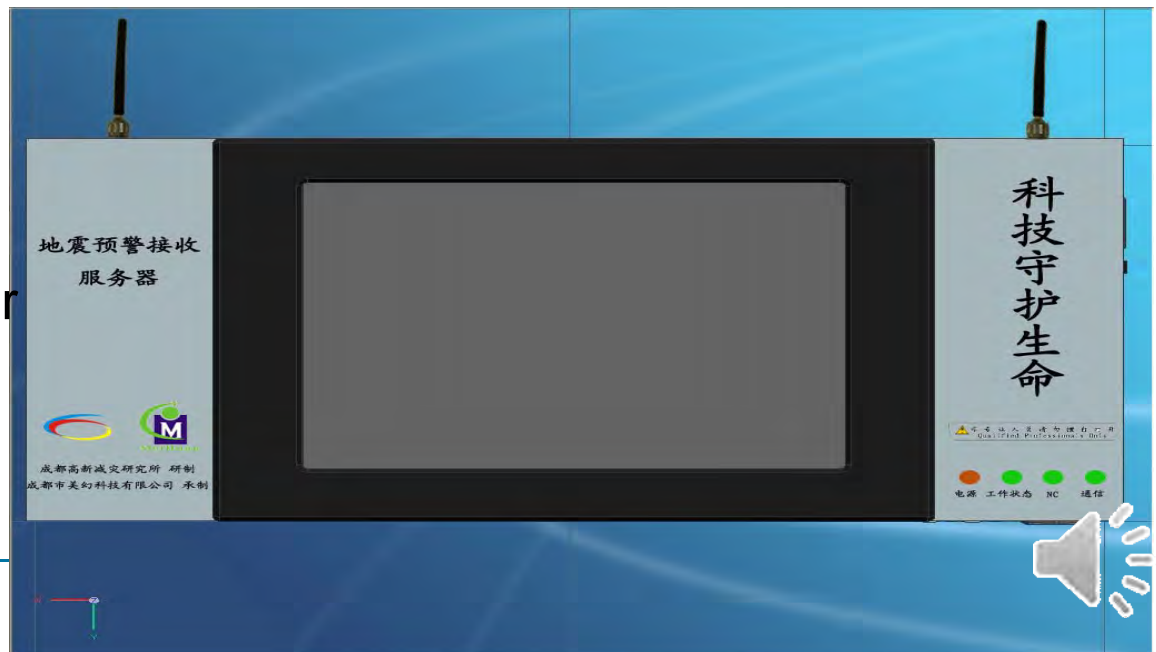
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Special receivers for schools (and other places with dense population)

- ▶ 1. When quake, turn on the power of a broadcasting system, broadcast the EEW messages
- ▶ 2. Earthquake Drills (Educate how to respond)

- ▶ Photo of a Special Receiver



Earthquake Drills (7 seven schools over 10,000 students from three provinces at one time)

Ex: A middle school from JiangYou, Sichuan



It started an real evacuation for a real quake

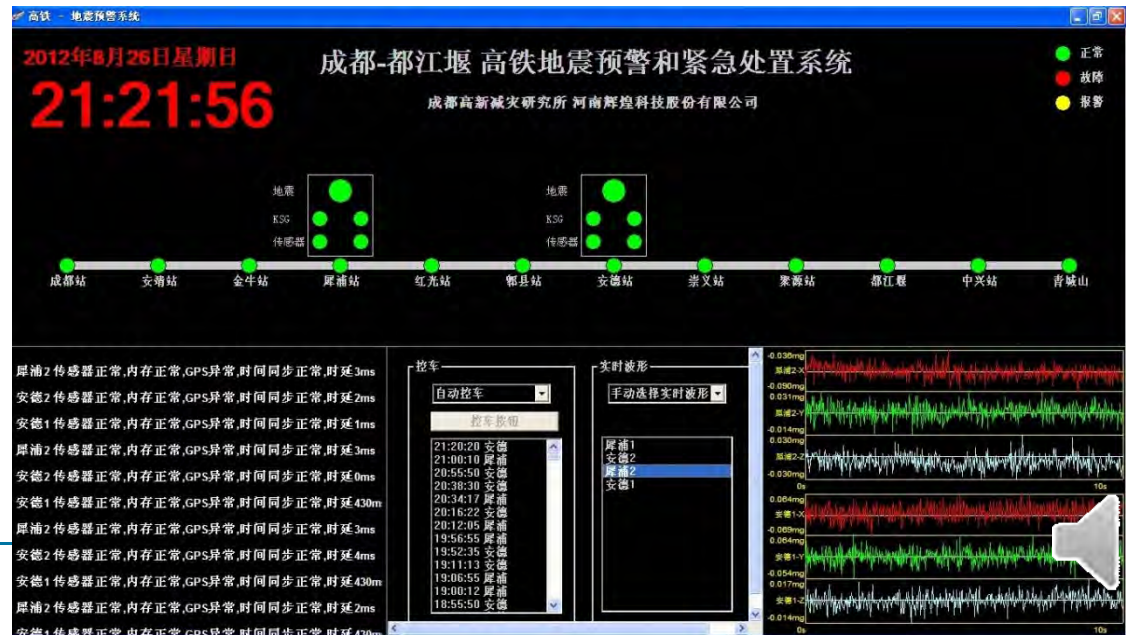


**The school in JiangYou
on 2011/12/6, one month
after the drill**



Developing EEW for high speed trains

- ▶ Provide the quake emergent control system for Harbin-Dalian high speed railway
- ▶ Provide the quake emergent control system for HeFei-Bongbu high speed railway
- ▶ ...

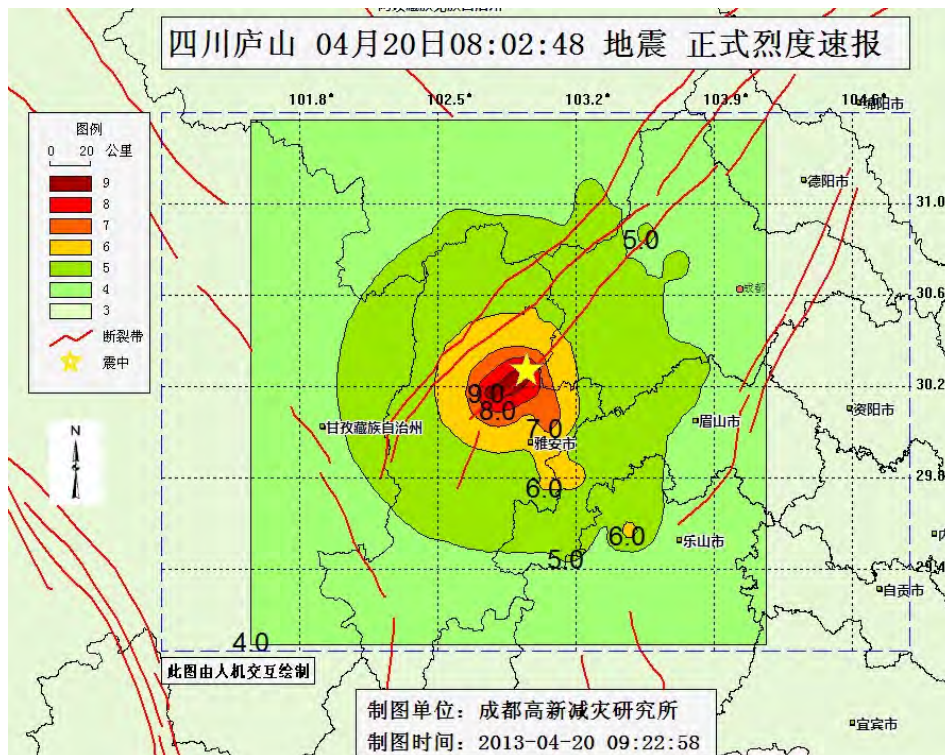


EEW on gas-lines (with YunNan institute of disaster-prevention)

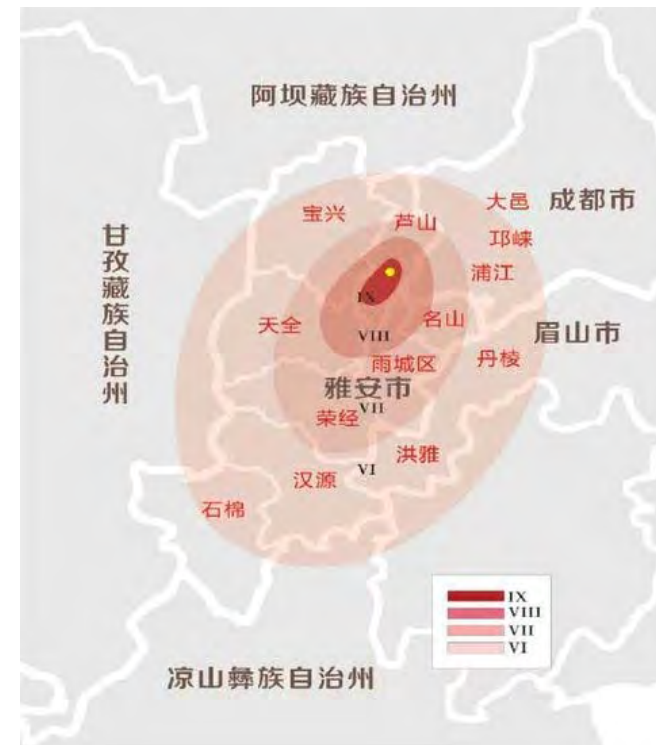
- ▶ With an electrical valve, a gas line in YunNan earthquake administration is controlled by EEW.



ShakeMap: for seismic Intensity fast evaluation



Shakemap after 1.2 hours of the Lushan quake by the EEW system



Shakemap after 6 days of the Lushan quake by expert investigation

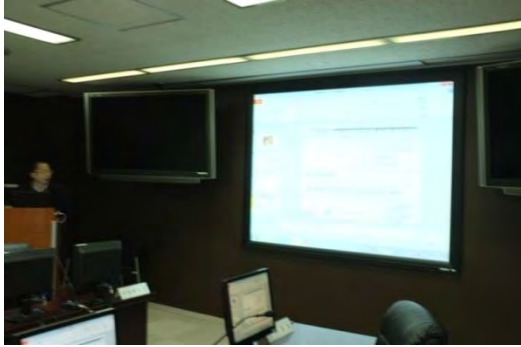


Summary of key parameters

- ▶ 1) No false triggers, No miss alarm for quakes of magnitude over 2.7
- ▶ 2) EEW messages have already been sent via computers, cell phones, television, special receivers



International exchange of ideas



Dr. Wang in JMA, Japan (2011)



Dr. Wang in CalTech. (2012)



Dr. Wang in MIT (2012)

Dr. Wang is the first one from PRC to give EEW presentation in any one of the above institute.



News reports.....

我国公众将首次体验地震预警

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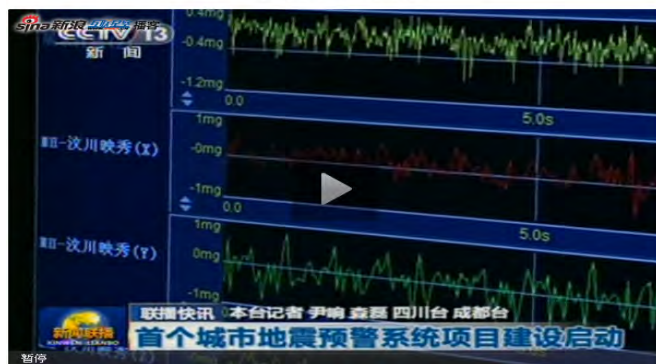
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地震电视预警给生命更多呵护



The progress on EEW catches the attention of Chinese Prime Minister



- ▶ Tun Wang reported the progresses of EEW to Wen Jiabao, the PM of China (2012/7/14 ChengDu)



EEWS for more part of China

中国地震局：计划用五年时间建设国家地震预警系统

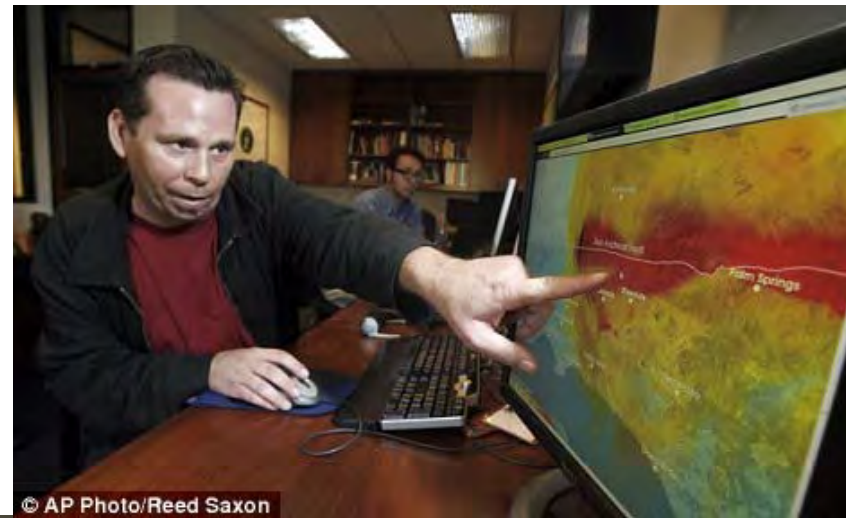
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Chinese government plans to construct EEWS in the next 5 years

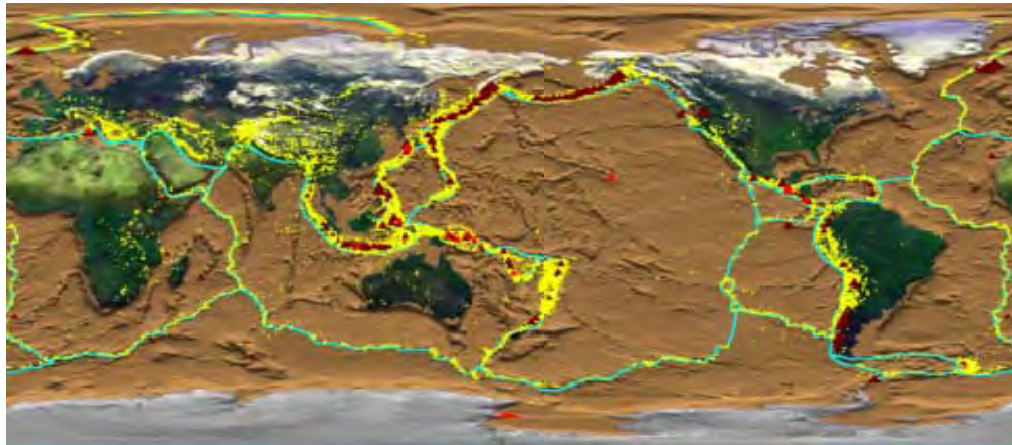


EEW in progress in Caltech as well

- ▶ On Sep. 27, 2011, A successful on-line test of EEWS in USA.
- ▶ Sep., 2013, proposal to build EEWS in California



EEWS for more places?



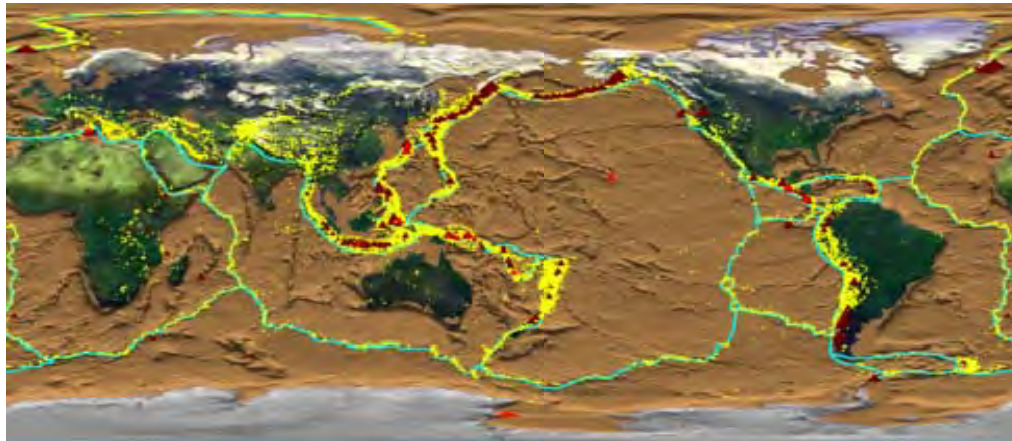
Conclusion and Outlook

- ▶ After 5 years of hard work:
- ▶ 1. Innovative solution on EEW, and already applied in 560,000 square km.
- ▶ 2. No false trigger, no miss alarm for 2.7 magnitude quakes inside EEW zone
- ▶ 3. Found a special way, i.e., through volunteers receiving EEW messages, for guiding the application of EEW to the Chinese public and government
- ▶ 4. Following Mexico and Japan, China becomes the 3rd country to have the technology capability of EEW for the public



Cooperation expected

- ▶ More promotion of EEW in countries by both experts, Journalists, and governments (experience in Indonesia)
- ▶ More cooperation between different countries

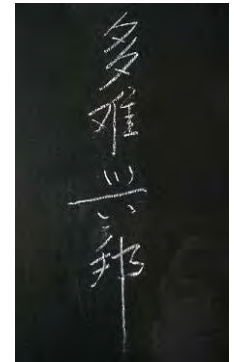


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For next big quake, the world has EEW !?



To memorize the dead



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