

OPEN RADIATION: a collaborative project for radioactivity measurement in the environment by the public.

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Abstract. After the Fukushima accident, initiatives emerged from the public to carry out themselves measurements of the radioactivity in the environment with various devices, among which smartphones, and to share data and experiences through collaborative tools and social networks. Such measurements have two major interests, on the one hand, to enable each individual of the public to assess his own risk regarding the radioactivity and, on the other hand, to provide “real time” data from the field at various locations, especially in the early phase of an emergency situation, which could be very useful for the emergency management.

The objective of the OPENRADIATION project is to offer to the public the opportunity to be an actor for measurements of the radioactivity in the environment using connected dosimetric applications on smartphones. The challenge is to operate such a system on a sustainable basis in peaceful time and be useful in case of emergency. In “peaceful situation”, this project is based on a collaborative approach with the aim to get complementary data to the existing ones, to consolidate the radiation background, to generate alerts in case of problem and to provide education & training and enhanced pedagogical approaches for a clear understanding of measures for the public. In case of emergency situation, data will be available “spontaneously” from the field in “real time” providing an opportunity for the emergency management and the communication with the public. ...

The practical objective is i) to develop a website centralising data from various systems/dosimeters, providing dose maps with raw and filtered data and creating dedicated areas for specific initiatives and exchanges of data and ii) to develop a data acquisition protocol and a dosimetric application using a connected dosimeter with a bluetooth connection.

This project is conducted within a partnership between organisms’ representative of the scientific community and associations to create links with the public.

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“Radiation dose to researchers:

- *a quantitative value of the physical agent*

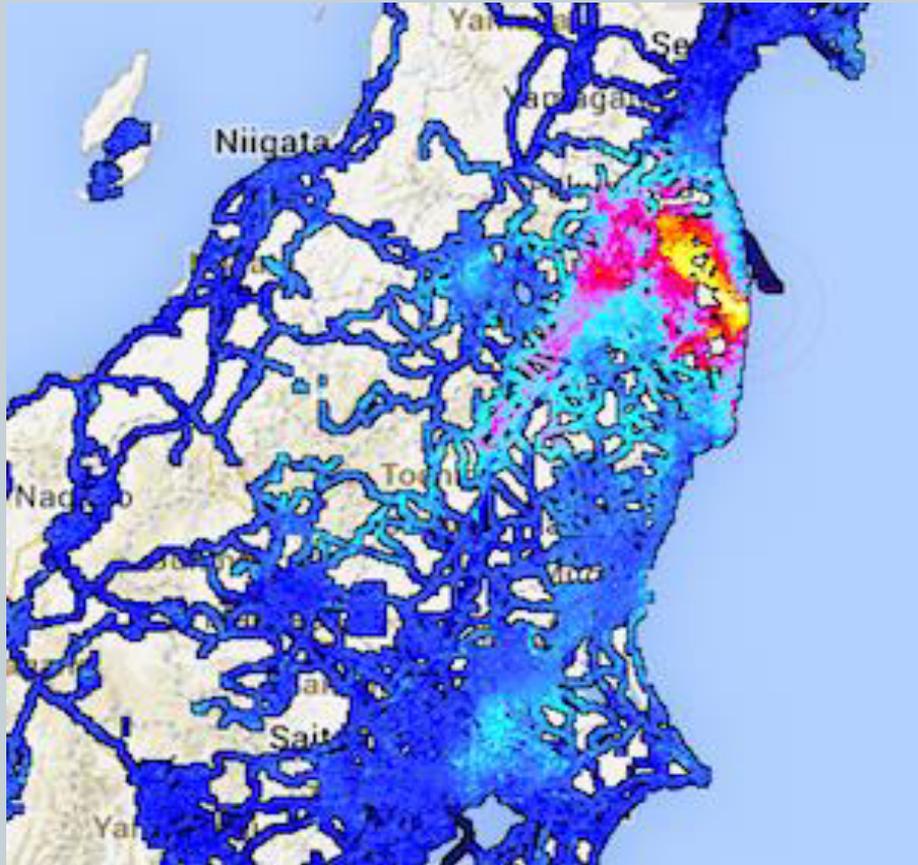
Radiation dose to residents:

- *a quantitative value of their everyday life*

- Working together to support their self-help actions is the only way to help them to gain self confidence. Only then science has some meaning to people
- Provide the most accessible information
- Offer the possibility to each person to assess his own risk by doing himself measurements”

Prof. O. Niwa

The context...



From Safecast

- After the Fukushima accident, **dosimetric applications** dedicated to the **public** appeared to realise **geo-localised measurements** of the **radioactivity** in the environment
- Today, such systems are used at a relatively large scale, in particular by the Japanese population, providing an interesting feedback

... the context



In case of emergency situation: data from the population using various dosimetric applications

- 😊 Data coming from the field in “real time”
- 😊 Data provided in mass...
- 😞 ... but with a confident level not always very high!
- 😞 **Important solicitation** of authorities/experts by the population foreseen

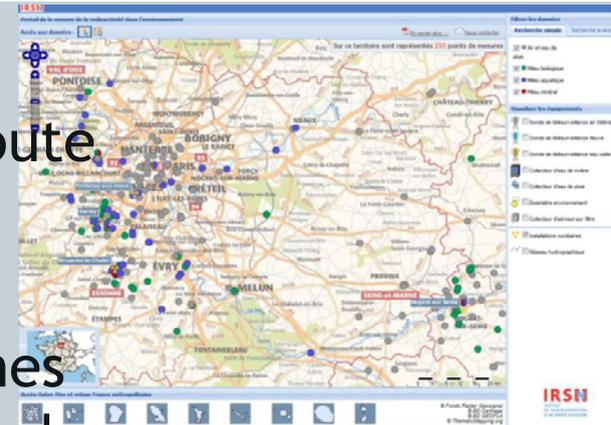
In « peaceful time »: data provided by the public in the frame of a collaborative approach & citizen science

- 😊 Data coming mainly from a “**motivated**” public: few% of the general population interesting by the topic, specific projects/studies (students, associations...)
- 😞 Data with a confident level to be checked
- 😞 **False alarms** may be generated

What is the interest for the scientific community?

“Peaceful time”

- Offer to the public the possibility to contribute to a **citizen science** project on the **radioactivity measurement**
- Get **complementary data** to the existing ones and consolidate the background reference values
- Provide alerts in case of problem



Emergency situation

- Get data contributing to the **management of emergency situations** (decision making, complementary to the existing measurements and the dispersion models...)
- Provide an **opportunity to communicate with the public**



What is the interest for the public?



Collective use: “I perform measurements and send data for a collective use and to exchange information”

- *In normal situation*, by participating to a **collaborative project / citizen science**
- *In case of emergency*, by providing **spontaneously** data useful for the **stakeholders** involved in the **crisis management** and the **population**

Personal use: “I perform measurements to assess my own risk, especially in case of emergency situation”



These different modes have to be taken into account to develop an application for the public

What are the challenges?

Operate the system on a sustainable basis in peaceful time and useful in case of emergency situations

“Peaceful time”

- Set up a **pedagogic and sustainable system** used by the public
- Get data **robust enough in complement to the background reference values**
- Manage **alerts** in case of positive measurements
- Operate a **collaborative website**

Emergency situation

- Get data **robust enough to contribute to the management of emergency situations (decision making...)**
- Communicate with the **public**
- Operate the **website in “crisis” mode**

The OPENRADIATION project



Collaborative project (open data & source) to measure the radioactivity in the environment involving the **public** and using **connected dosimetric applications** on smartphones

Develop an internet site

- Centralise data from various systems/dosimeters
- Provide dose maps with raw and “filtered” data
- Create **dedicated areas** for projects and information exchange

Develop a dosimetric application

- Develop a **connected dosimeter** using bluetooth (GM...)
- Develop a **smartphone application** to collect and transmit data

An open partnership



*Institute for
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and Nuclear Safety*



*University Pierre
and Marie Curie*



*Association
involved in E&T
for crisis
management*

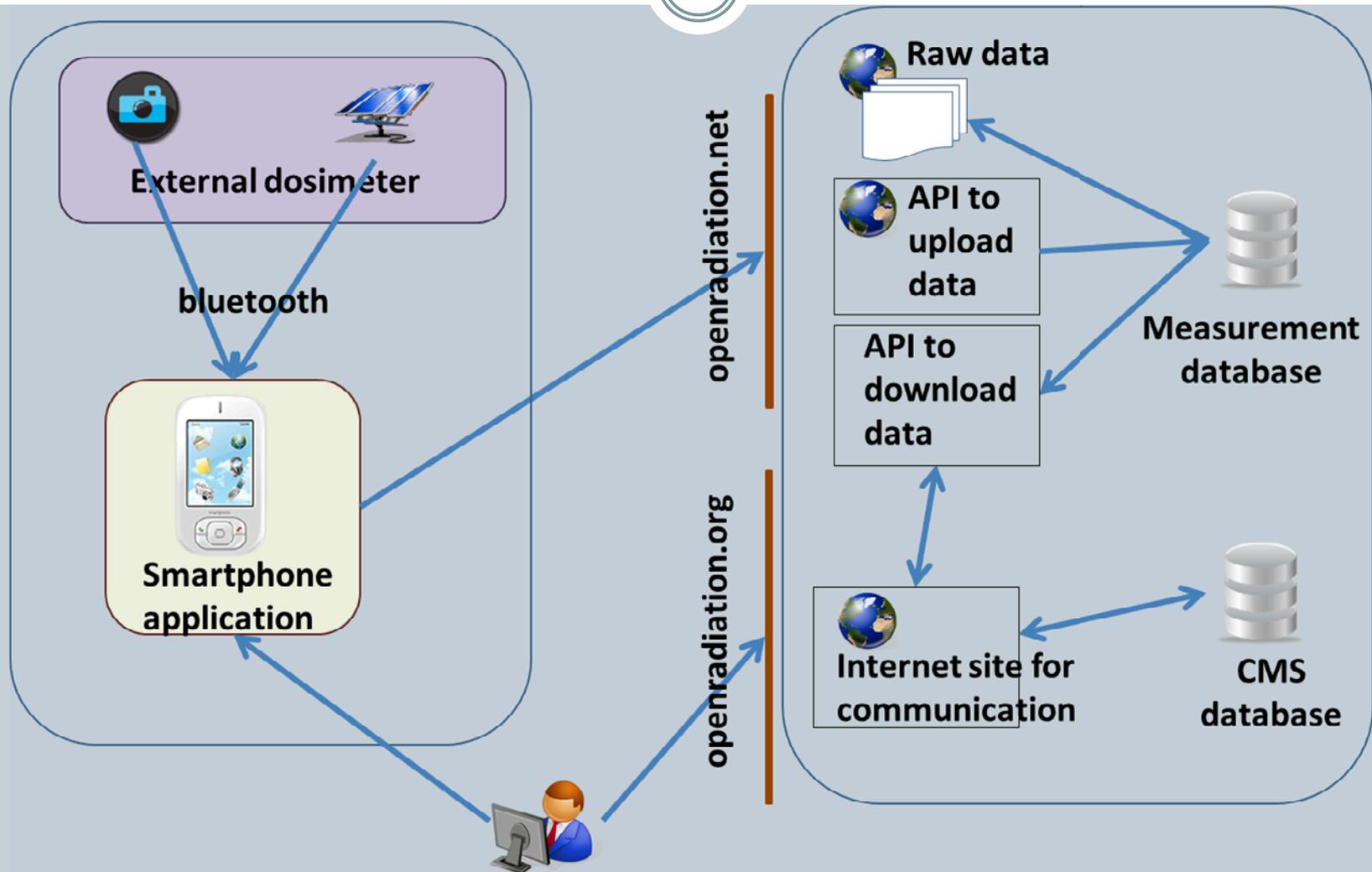


*Association involved
citizen science for
young people*

To be enlarged in the future:

Associations, academic partnerships, public representatives...

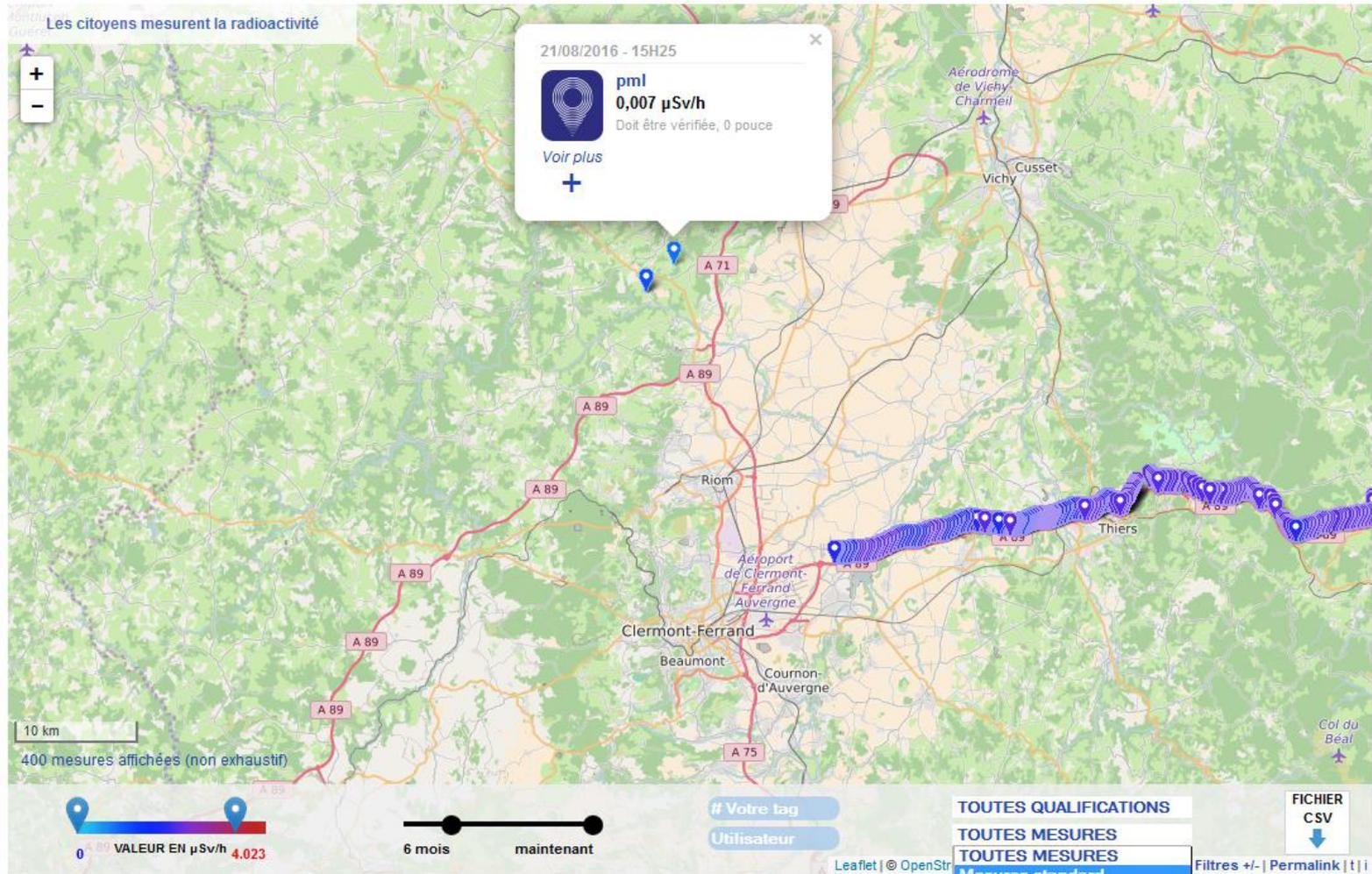
The website... his architecture



The website... under commissioning

The screenshot displays the Open Radiation website interface. At the top, the logo "open radiation" is on the left, and a navigation menu includes "LE PROJET", "LA CARTE DES MESURES", "TOUT SAVOIR", "LA COMMUNAUTÉ", and "LES MISSIONS". Language options "EN" and "FR" are in the top right. The main content area features a map of France with several blue location pins indicating measurement points. A legend below the map shows a color scale for radiation levels in $\mu\text{Sv/h}$, ranging from 0 to 1000, with a "maintenant" (now) indicator. A text box above the map states "Les citoyens mesurent la radioactivité". To the right of the map, there is a registration form with fields for "Nom d'utilisateur" and "Mot de passe", and buttons for "S'INSCRIRE" and "SE CONNECTER". Below the form are links for "FABRIQUER SON CAPTEUR" and "TÉLÉCHARGER L'APPLICATION". A "NEWS" section shows a date "17/05/2016" and the title "Ouverture du site openradiation". At the bottom, there are four columns of links: "LE PROJET" (QUI SOMMES-NOUS, LE CONTEXTE, CONTACT, REVUE DE PRESSE), "LA CARTE DES MESURES" (AFFICHER LA CARTE, LES DONNÉES, MESURES LES PLUS COMMENTÉES), "TOUT SAVOIR" (POURQUOI FAIRE DES MESURES?, COMMENT FAIT-ON DES MESURES?, TOUT SAVOIR SUR LA RADIOACTIVITÉ, SUPPORTS PÉDAGOGIQUES, GLOSSAIRE), and "LA COMMUNAUTÉ" (POURQUOI REJOINDRE LA COMMUNAUTÉ?, COMMENT SE PROCURER UN CAPTEUR?, COMMENT PARTICIPER?, DÉVELOPPEURS, FORUM, CONDITIONS D'UTILISATION). A "CONTACT" section includes the address "12, rue de Paris 75012 - PARIS France". A "SUIVEZ NOUS" section has social media icons for Twitter and Facebook. The footer contains the "open radiation" logo.

... the website



... the website



LE PROJET

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LA COMMUNAUTÉ

LES MISSIONS

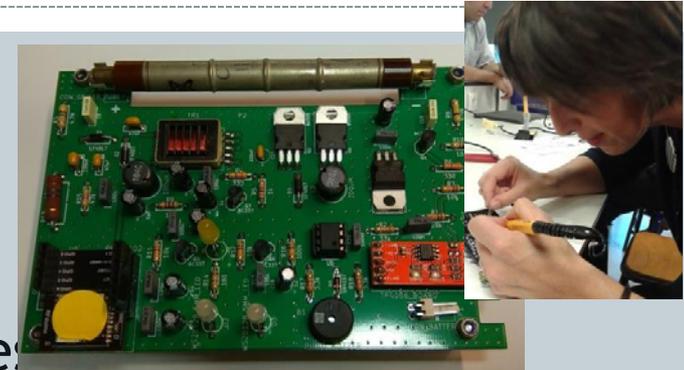
LES MISSIONS EN COURS

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Mission	Chef de mission	Date de fin	Adhésion
 La radioactivité en Auvergne Dans le cadre d'un TPE, utiliser un radiamètre, comprendre l'unité de mesure, découvrir le fond radiologique local et émettre des hypothèses sur l'origine de la radioactivité ambiante.	root-user	06/06/2016	S'abonner au groupe
 Du radon dans ma maison ? Appréhender la mesure de la radioactivité à partir d'un cheminement pédagogique sur le Radon et en utilisant le dosimètre canary.		17/06/2016	S'abonner au groupe
 Atom'Investigation Intégrer la mesure dans une démarche pédagogique sur la radioactivité, qui se décline selon quatre entrées : - faune/flore, - activité nucléaire, - mémoire, - vivre à proximité. Placer les jeunes dans une situation d'investigation sur la radioactivité. Dans un travail d'enquête, mobiliser des ressources variées : interview d'acteurs, articles de presse, ressources internet etc..... Comprendre et contribuer à une cartographie de la radioactivité dans l'environnement	root-user	30/06/2017	S'abonner au groupe

The Open Geiger dosimeter

- GM counter (silicon diode in the future)
- Bluetooth connection
- Application on iPhone, Android and tablet
- Collaboration UPMC/IRSN/Planète Sciences
- 2 versions: “kit” and “packaged”



« kit » prototype



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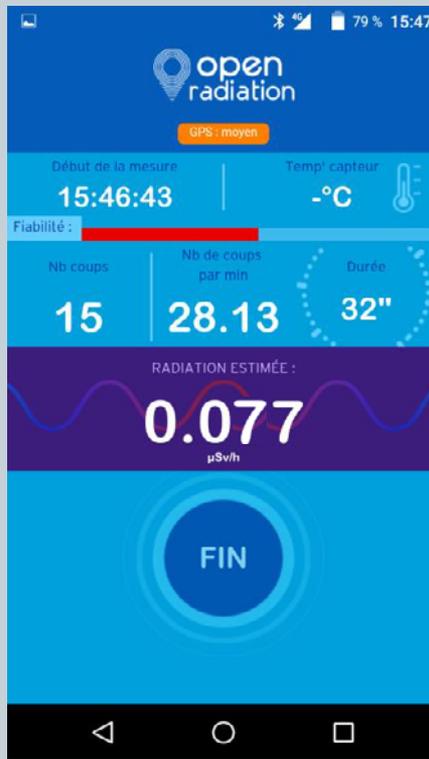
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The smartphone application

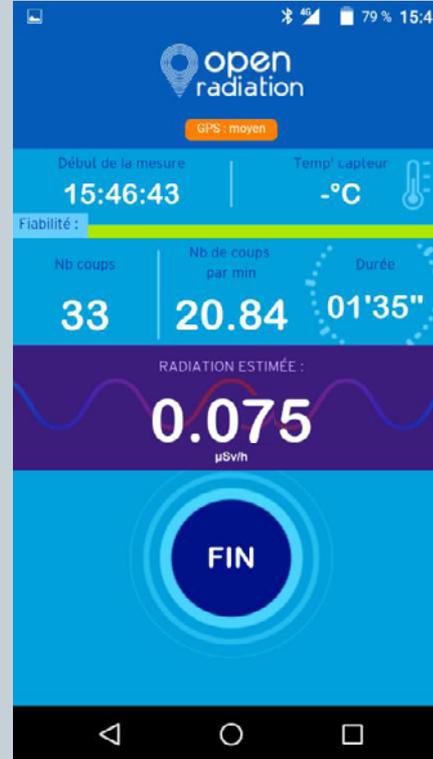


Home page

Measurement



*“Poor”
statistic*



*“Acceptable”
statistic*



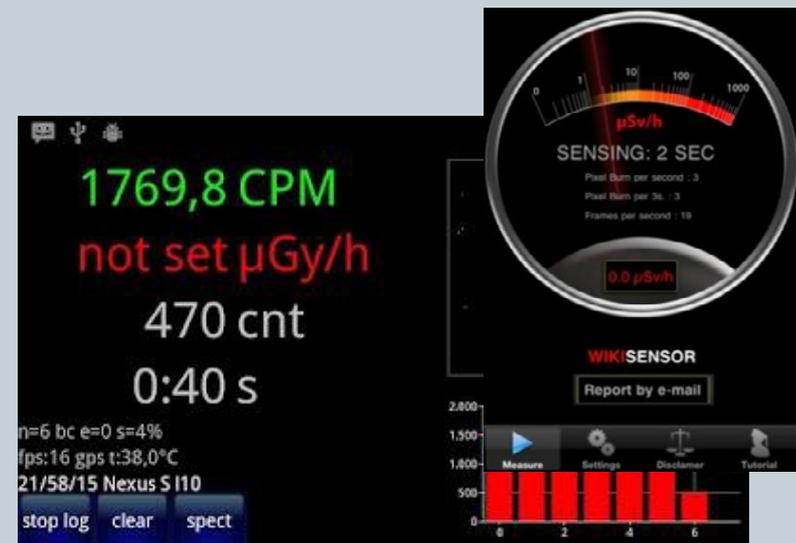
Metadata

Other dosimeters

Other dosimeters can be used using a specific interface or enter manually measurements



Specific interface: Safecast



Around the project today



- **Projects with students:** Measurements with high schools from *Vichy et Villeneuve-sur-Lot*, project « *Atom' investigation* » with high schools from *Perpignan et de Dieppe*, contact with *Fukushima high school*...
- **Contact with other collaborative projects:** *Safecast*, *D-Shuttle*...
- **Presentation of the project to potential users in France:** *ANCCLI (local committees)*, *Paris district*...

Milestones and futures actions



- **February 2017:** *beta version available*
- **May-June 2017:** *site and dosimetric application available for the public*
- **2017-2018:** *definition and implementation of protocols for data analysis*
- **2017-2018:** *development of an application using the CMOS camera*



Thank you for your attention

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