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### **Fukushima Accident**

### **8 years after**

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#### March 11, 2011 14:46 JST



#### Death toll

#### as of March 2019, 8 years after the earthquake

	Earthquake & Tsunami Death (+missing)	Disaster- related Death	Death due to radiation
Iwate 1.3M	5788	467	0
Miyagi 2.3M	10761	928	0
Fukushima 2M	1810	2268	0

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- No past experience in radiation protection, nor risk communication
- Work on Fukushima-related problems not in my job description

I am here today because of



#### One of my first tweets: Mar 13, 2011, 07:49

# Dose rate at the front gate of FDNPP (curiosity-driven)





#### The number of my twitter followers



#### Top 100 scientists on twitter

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20. Steven Pinker, Cognitive scientist
145,000 followers @sapinker (http://twitter.com/@sapinker)
Citations: 49,933 K-index: 105
Total number of tweets: 1,674
Harvard University, United States



#### **21. Richard Wiseman, Psychologist** 135,000 followers <u>@RichardWiseman (http://twitter.com/@RichardWiseman)</u> Citations: 4,687 K-index: 209 Total number of tweets: 22,600 *University of Hertfordshire, United Kingdom*



22. Ryugo Hayano, Nuclear physicist

124,000 followers <u>@hayano (http://twitter.com/@hayano)</u> Citations: 956 K-index: 319 7 Total number of tweets: 56,500 *University of Tokyo, Japan* 



### **Cloud funding**

My Fukushima-related work has been funded entirely by donations (which I didn't ask for) from my twitter followers

(total ~ 200,000 € equivalent)

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#### We Want to Know

A conversation about radiation and its effects in the aftermath of Japan's worst nuclear accident

Ryugo Hayano Shigesato Itoi

#### Out of stock?

### Earthquake → Tsunami → Disaster

External power line destroyed by earthquake but diesel generators turned on

40 minutes later ... Tsunami flooded diesel generators → total station blackout



### Boiling Water Reactor "Mark-1"



### Meltdown, Hydrogen explosion

No electricity, no cooling, core temperature >2500 °C Fuel rods melted down, hydrogen explosion, → release of radioactive substances



Date (March 11-18, 2011)

#### Evacuation



Evacuation order 3km - March 11 21:23 10km - March 12 5:44 20km - March 12 18:25 (~165k people)

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#### **Radiation exposure pathways**



### We are all exposed to natural radiation

Source of exposure		Annual effective dose (mSv)			
		Agerage	Typical range		
Extornal	Cosmic	0.39	0.3-1.0		
External	Terrestrial	0.48	0.3-1.0		
	Inhalation	1.26	0.2-10		
Internal	Ingestion	0.29	0.2-1.0		
Total		2.4	1.0-13		

Compiled by <u>world-nuclear.org</u>, based on "2008 United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation Report to the General Assembly, Sources and Effects of Ionizing Radiation"

### Is this familiar to you?



### This you can find in Ogród Profesorski

Dopuszczalne roczne normy dla:

promieniowania kosmicznego 334/min

promieniowania gamma 102/s

Safe annual radiation levels for:

cosmic rays 334/min

gamma rays 102/s



1 - Liczba cząstek / minutę promieniowania kosmicznego padającego pionowo

2 - Liczba cząstek / minutę promieniowania kosmicznego padającego *poziomo* 

3 - Liczba kwantów gamma / sekundę

Number of horizontal cosmic rays / minute
 Number of vertical cosmic rays / minute
 Number of gamma rays / second

# Internal exposures (Food safety)

Note: 1 mSv ↑↓ 70,000 Bq of <sup>137</sup>Cs





Chernobyl studies, i.e., soil→food→people infer:

average internal dose of e.g., Fukushima city residents ~ 5 mSv/y (initial estimate)



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### Food, water, milk ... regulatory criteria

#### Was this necessary?

#### 2011 Mar 17 ~

#### Provisional regulation values for radioactive cesium<sup>1</sup>

Category	Limit
Drinking water	200
Milk, dairy products	200
Vegetables	
Grains	500
Meat, eggs, fish, etc.	

Bq/kg

#### 2012 Apr 1 ~

ONew standard limits for

radioactive cesium <sup>2</sup>	
Category	Limit
Drinking water	10
Milk	50
General Foods	100
Infant Foods	50
	Bq/kg

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#### Food Safety (School Lunch)

Summer, 2011 - Increasing number of mothers started to tweet: "school lunches safe to eat?"



### Food Safety (School Lunch)

I proposed to measure school lunch the government funded the project from 2012







### Food Safety (School Lunch)

#### Fukushima-city school lunch: free of radiocaesium

(results of other municipalities are similar)



### Food Safety (WBC)





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#### WBC measurements of some 30,000 residents in 2011-2012 The first actual data published in English

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Internal radiocesium contamination of adults and children in Fukushima 7 to 20 months after the Fukushima NPP accident as measured by extensive whole-body-counter surveys

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Internal exposure of Fukushima people surprisingly low

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### Food Safety (WBC)

<sup>137</sup>Cs in Japanese adult male in 1964 was much higher than in Fukushima 600 Bq ←<u>1964 ~ 550 Bq/body</u> 99% of Fukushima people were below this level (<0.01 mSv) 300 Bq already in 2012 0 1955 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995

### Why so low? favorable geological features, experts, government, farmers ...



### Food Safety (rice)

**Every** rice bag harvested in Fukushima, more than 10,000,000 (30 kg each), measured every year



The number of bags which exceeded the 100 Bq/kg limit

- 71 in 2012
- 28 in 2013
  - 2 in 2014
  - 0 in 2015
  - 0 in 2016
  - 0 in 2017
  - 0 in 2018

### Food Safety (Fish)

Fishery products monitoring results (Apr 2011 - Mar 2019)



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Internal exposure - negligible food - safe enough

However, parents were unconvinced

So, I made a special device called the "BABYSCAN"

#### BABYSCAN

#### As a detector, this works. but mothers would never like this



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#### **BABYSCAN - is a communication tool**



Courtesy, NHK World

#### BABYSCAN - Babies are "clean"

#### Detection limit < 30 Bq/body

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#### Whole-body counter surveys of over 2700 babies and small children in and around Fukushima Prefecture 33 to 49 months after the Fukushima Daiichi NPP accident

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# 2. External exposures

#### External exposures (school children data)

#### ~50% below 1mSv/y in winter 2011



#### External exposures (school children data)

#### Fukushima-city school children (below 15 yo) mean <u>"additional"</u> annual exposures - 7-year trend



Source: Fukushima City

#### The "D-shuttle" project

#### "D-shuttle", a personal dosimeter with 1-hour integrated-dose readout



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#### D-shuttle data:

8 students & 4 teachers came to Fukushima in 2015



### Visit "Tomioka" (in the evacuation zone)



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#### Fukushima students analyzed the data



## co-authored by 233 high school students, teachers, and experts from Japan, France, Poland and Belarus

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#### Measurement and comparison of individual external doses of high-school students living in Japan, France, Poland and Belarus—the 'D-shuttle' project—

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# 3. Psychosocial problems remain

### Hereditary effets in Fukushima?

Q: Do you think the radiation exposure in Fukushima will affect your descendants?

Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
likely + very likely	60%	48%	48%	38%	38%	36%
Questionnaire filled out by >40,000 Fukushima adults Source: Fukushima Medical University						

Year		Same	e quest	ion,	2017
likely + very likely		even	o resid worse	ents → ‼	50%
	Que	estionnaire	filled out b	y 1,000 To	kyo adults

Source: Mitsubishi Research Institute

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### Conclusions

- Normal life is returning to ~2 M Fukushima residents (although there are still ~41 k evacuees).
- Fukushima food: safe to eat,
   Fukushima is safe to live in.
- The risks due to internal/external exposures have been found to be small.
- However, psychosocial and economical problems still remain.
- Prolonged evacuation destroyed communities, families...