

SAFECAST

Innovative Engineering for Citizen-based Radiation Measurement

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SAFECAST:

Tool for public information
and engagement during and
after nuclear emergencies

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BRDO Castle, Slovenia
June 15, 2015



March 11, 2011

From the point of view of average citizens:

After March 11, 2011:

- Fear, need to decide soon whether to flee
- Information vacuum
- Official sources deemed untrustworthy
- Social media paints more dire picture
- Even knowledgeable people can't find enough reliable and useful data

In Response:

- We developed devices**
- We made a mapping system**
- We built a community of motivated citizen-scientists who want to measure radiation.**



Evolving according to needs:

Early Phase: “Reality Check”

Transitional Phase: “Enablement”

Long-term: “Alternatives”

SAFECAST today:

- International, ad-hoc volunteer network
- Non-hierarchical (but with “centers of gravity”)
- Includes radiation experts, hardware designers, software designers, academics, tinkerers, hackers, entrepreneurs, housewives, drivers, students, etc.
- “Brain Trust” : Leaders in their fields
- We are neither pro- nor anti-nuclear.

We are Pro-Data !

Funding:

- Individual donations
- Crowdfunding: Global Giving
- Kickstarter campaigns
- Support from private foundations
- In-kind support from manufacturers, etc.
- Most importantly, people donate their time

- Topic 1: The technical side
- Topic 2: The human side



Our first systems were bulky, but worked.



Current workhorse:

bGeigie Nano

- 7th-generation mobile detector
- Rugged
- Arduino-based
- GPS and data-logging
- LND 7317 2" pancake sensor
- OLED display
- Bluetooth and WiFi capable
- Open-source, open hardware, open data
- Designed to be sold as a kit, anyone can build it and upload data

Devices:

- Primarily mobile to maximize coverage
- New fixed sensor network to log changes over time
- Iterative design, “agile and lean” development
- Open-source, open hardware, open data
- 7+ generations of devices in 2 1/2 years
- GPS, data-logging, tied to our API
- Emphasize ease of use, consistency, ruggedness, speed of deployment, cost-effectiveness
- Industry-standard 2” pancake GM tube (LND 7317) in most devices

Deployment



Automobile



Bicycle

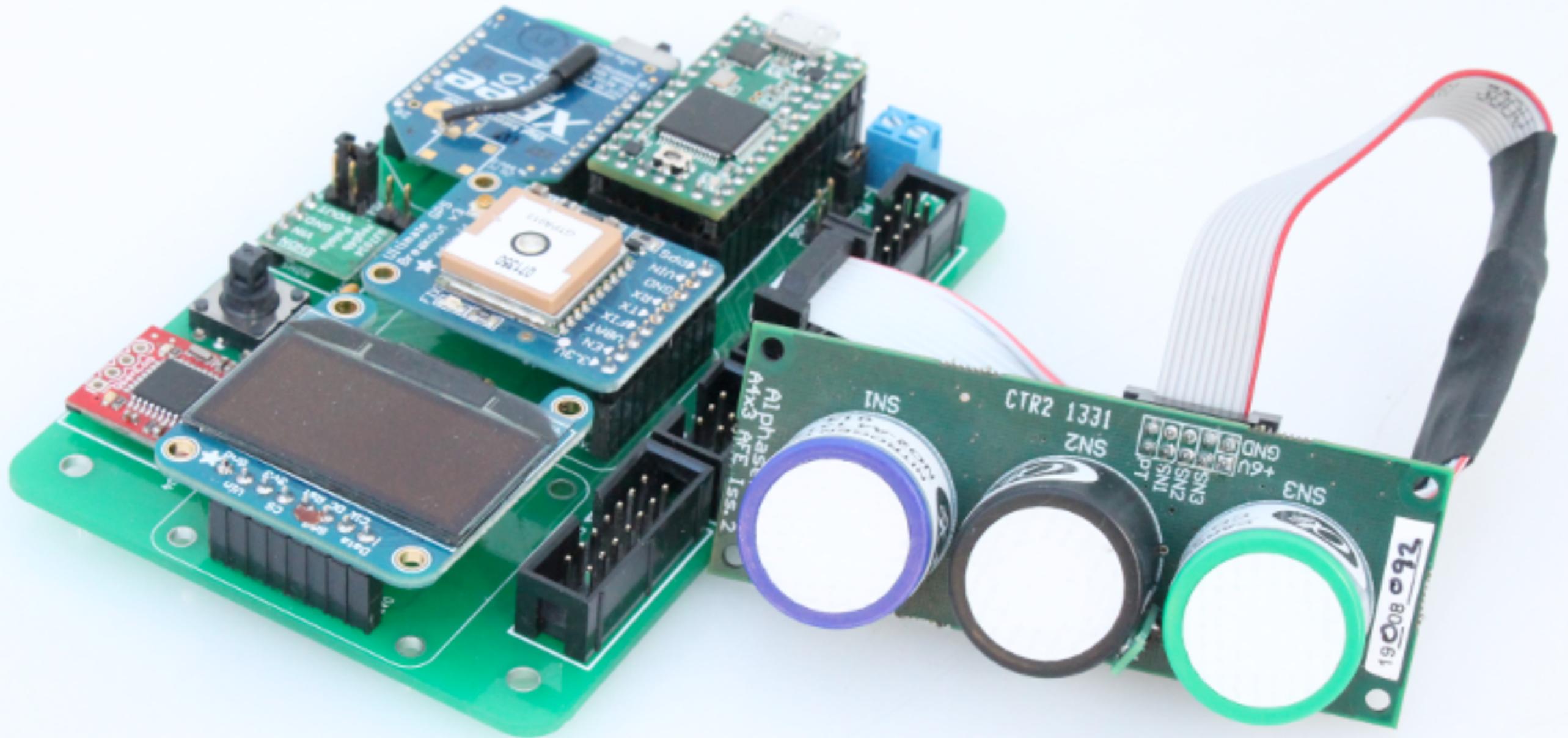


Hand-carry



Aerial drone
(under development)

SAFECAST Air



Prototype, 2015

iOS



OS X

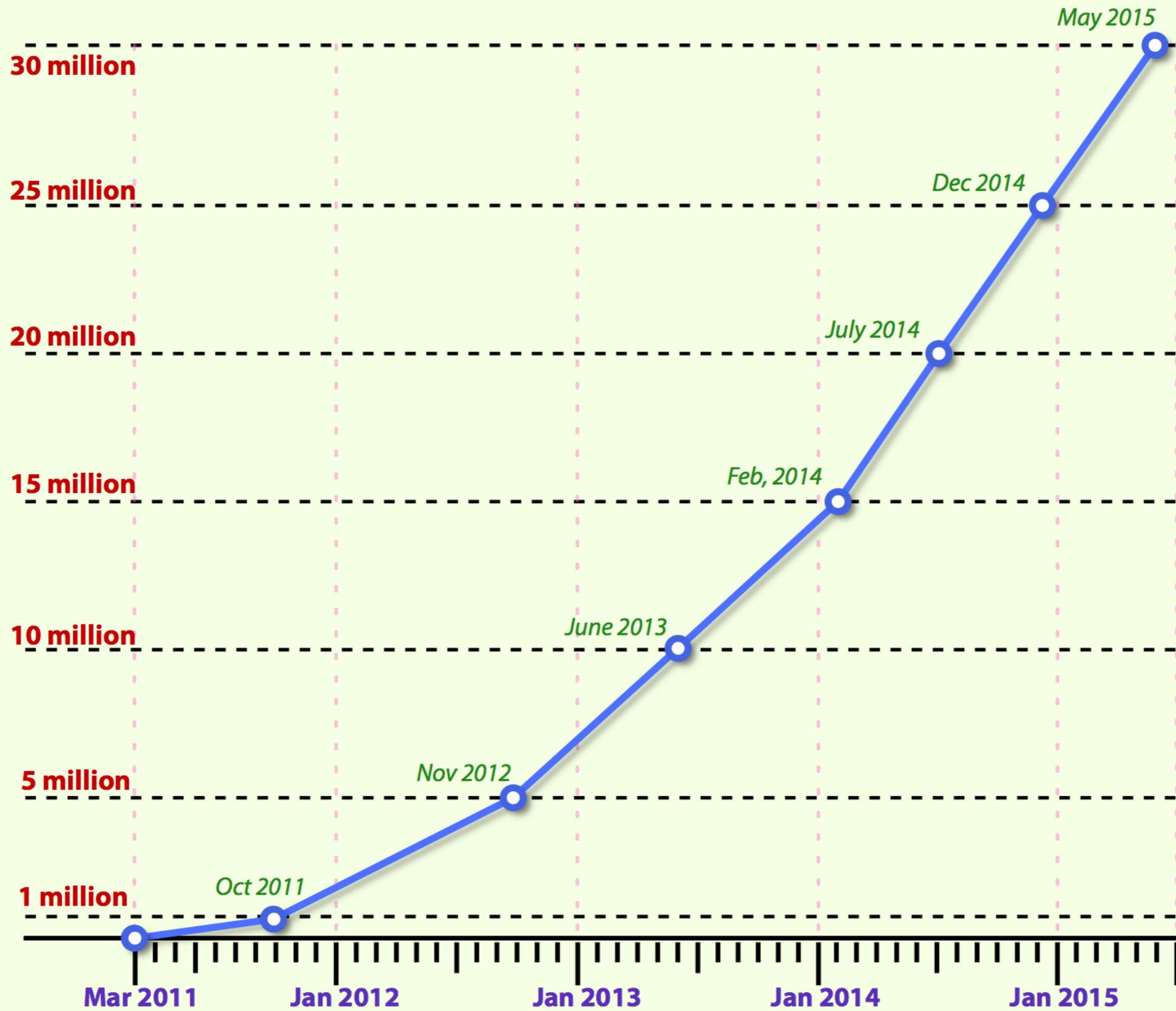


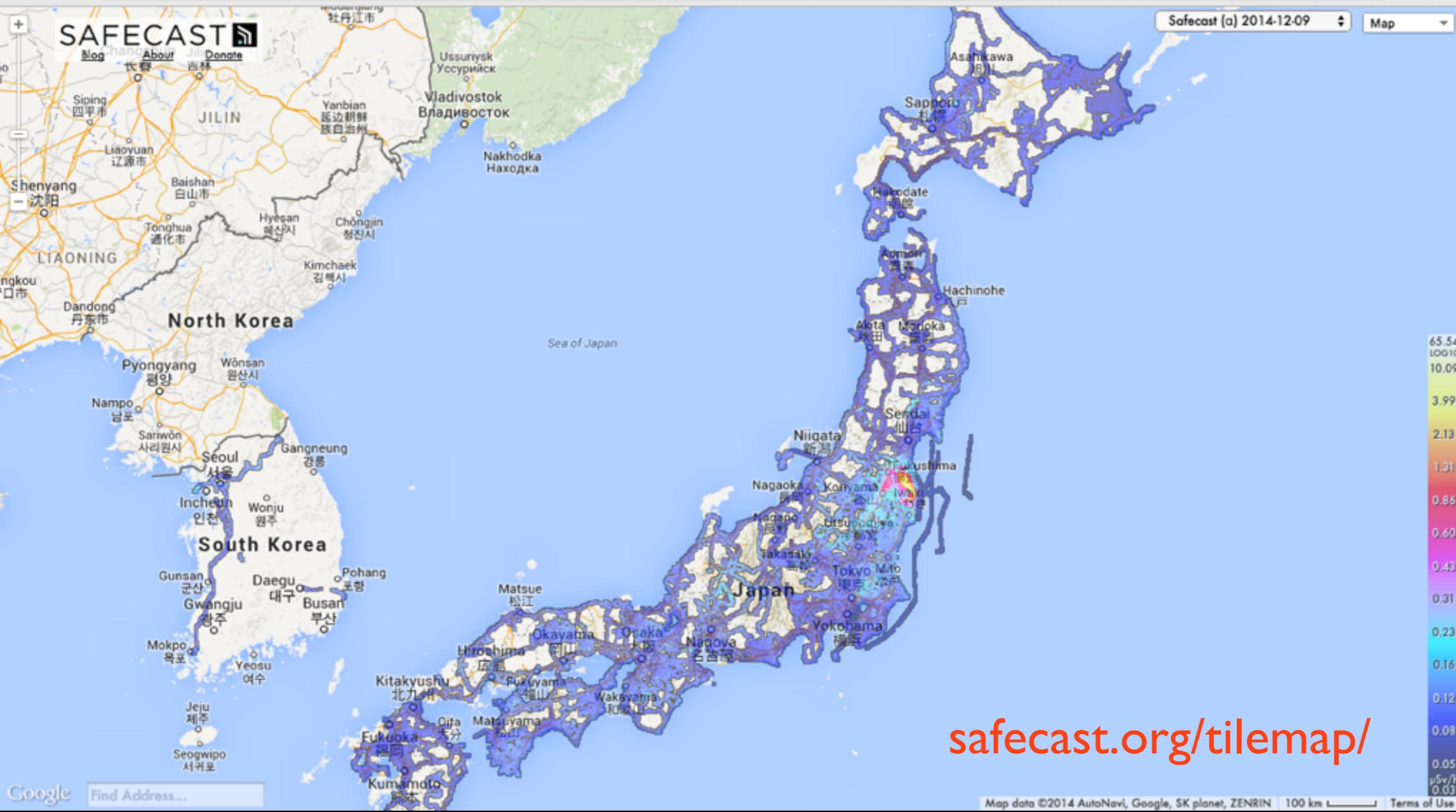
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Map system:

- Database updated daily, now approx 10GB
- Both server-fed webmaps and smart-client iOS and OSX apps
- API with query/filtering by time, location, device, etc.
- Approx 360 volunteers have uploaded data.
But 90% is contributed by the most active 10%.
- Data and system are open-source (Creative Commons CC0 license). Anyone can download the data, and we encourage independent efforts based on our dataset.

Growth of SAFECAST dataset



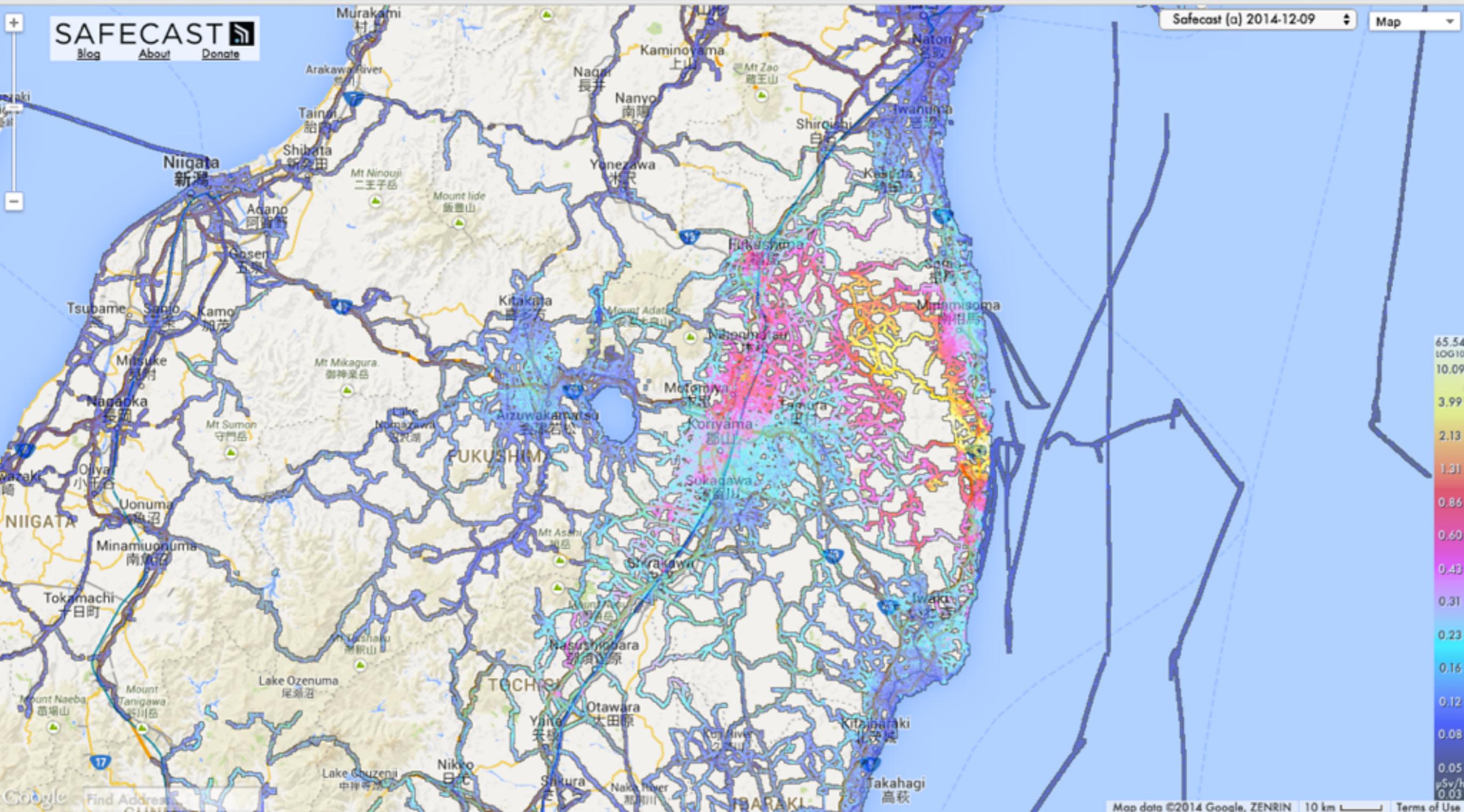


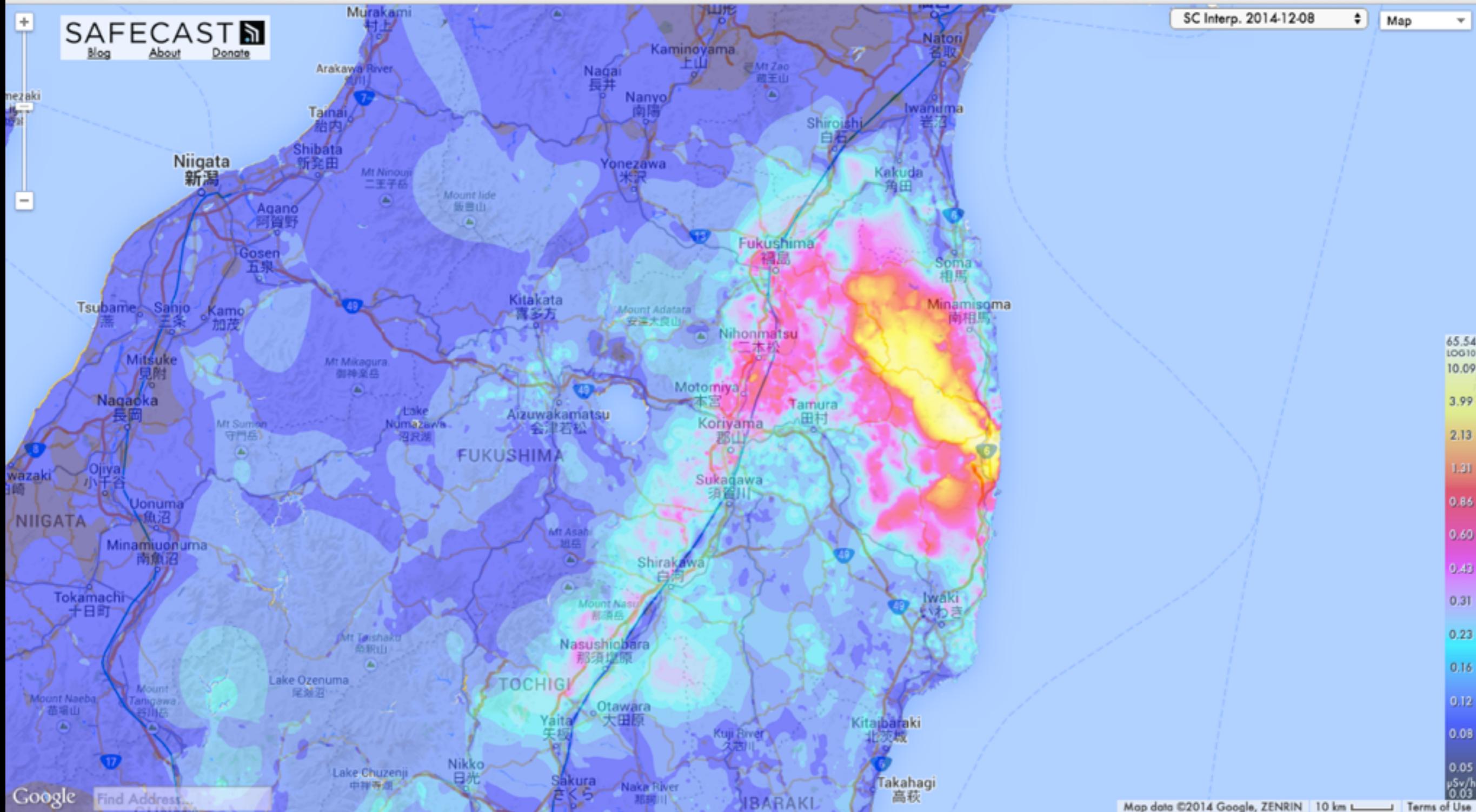
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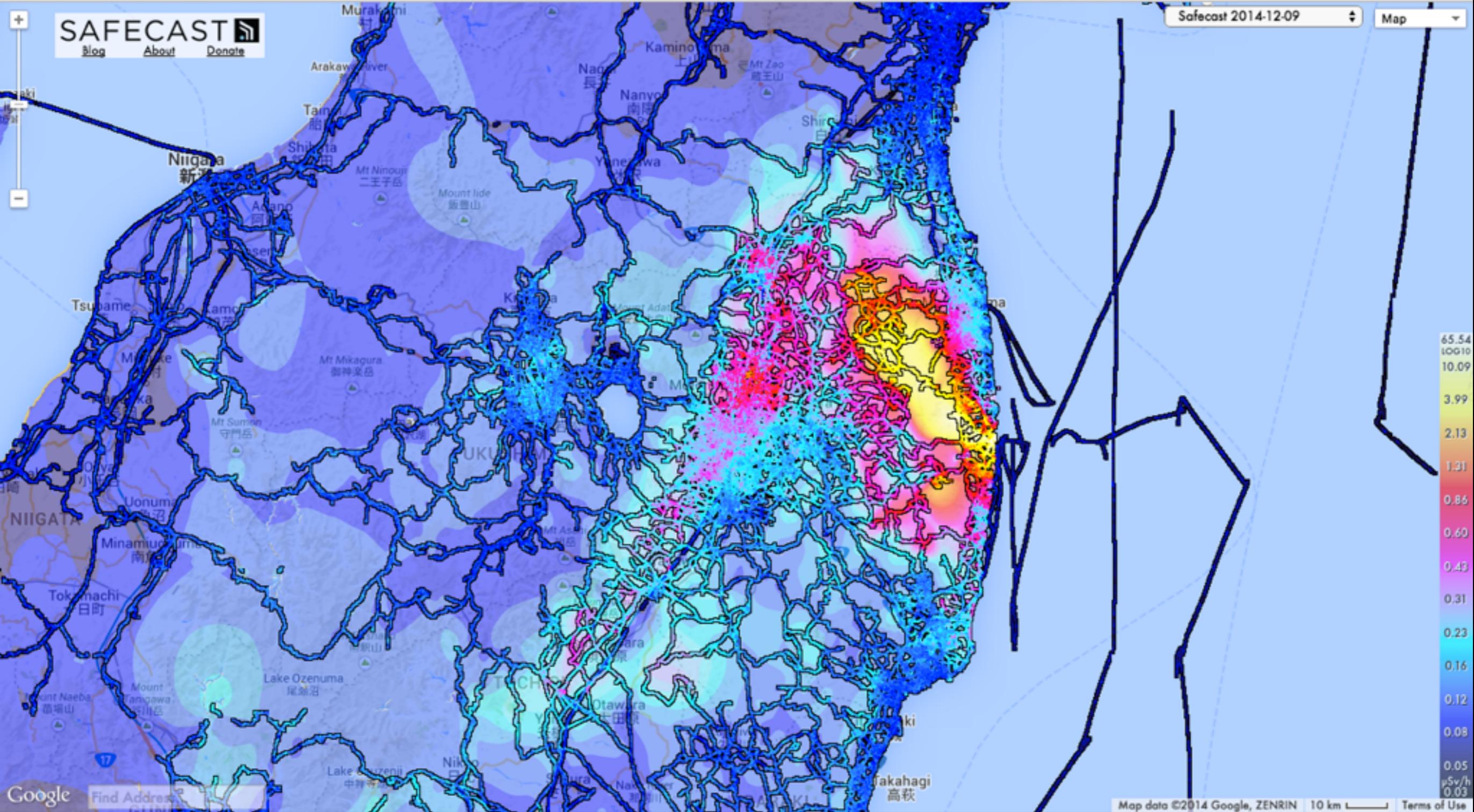
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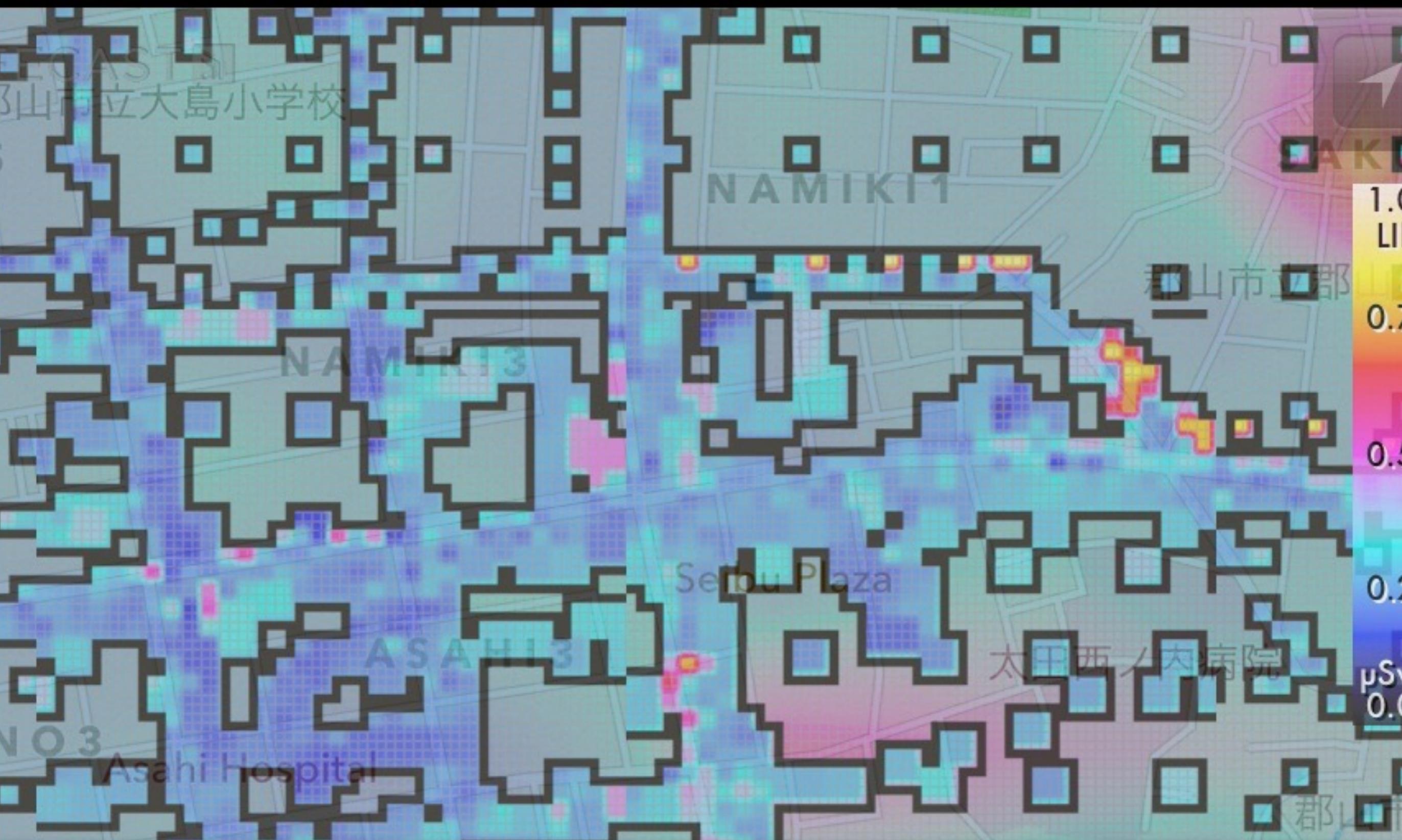
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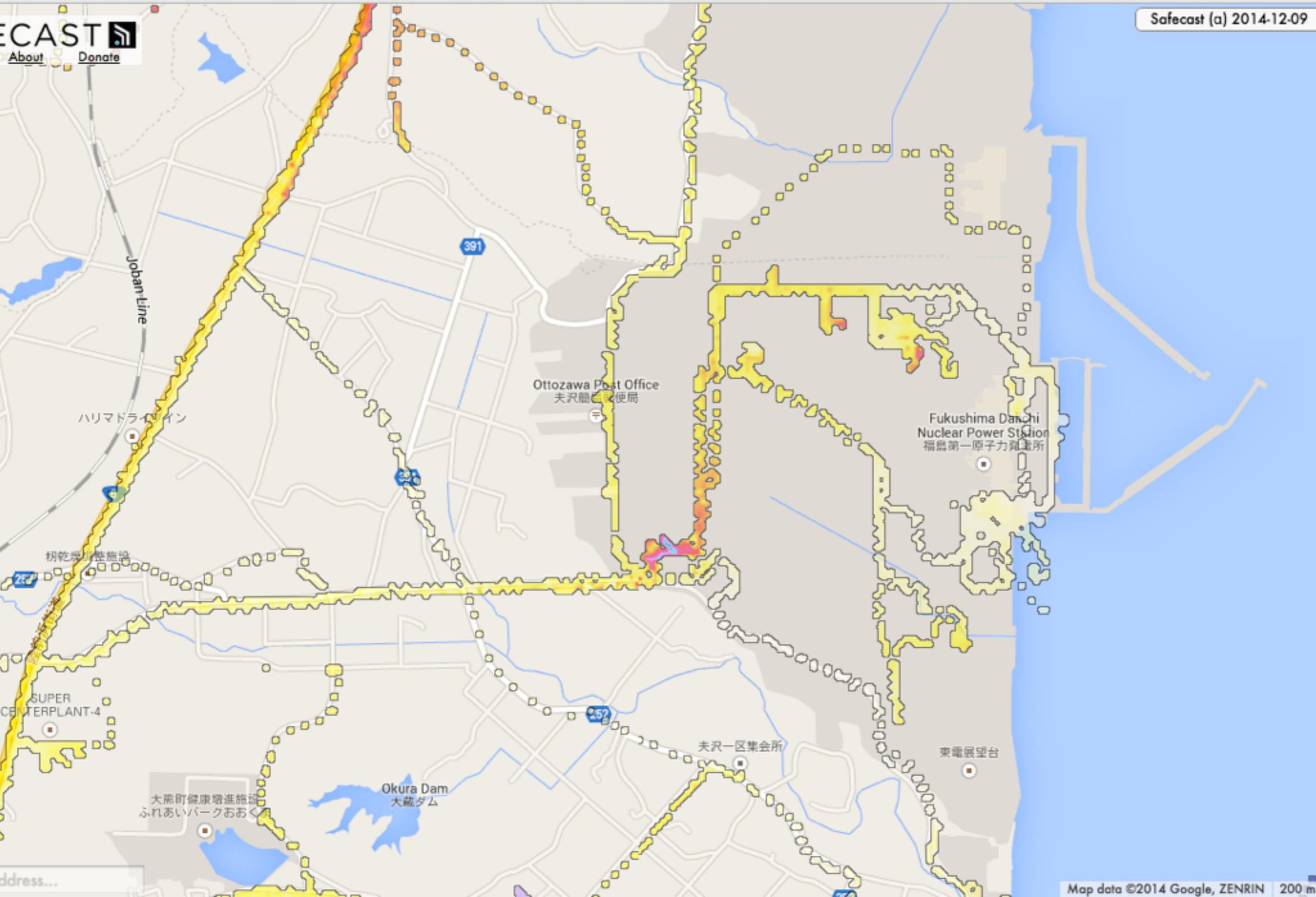




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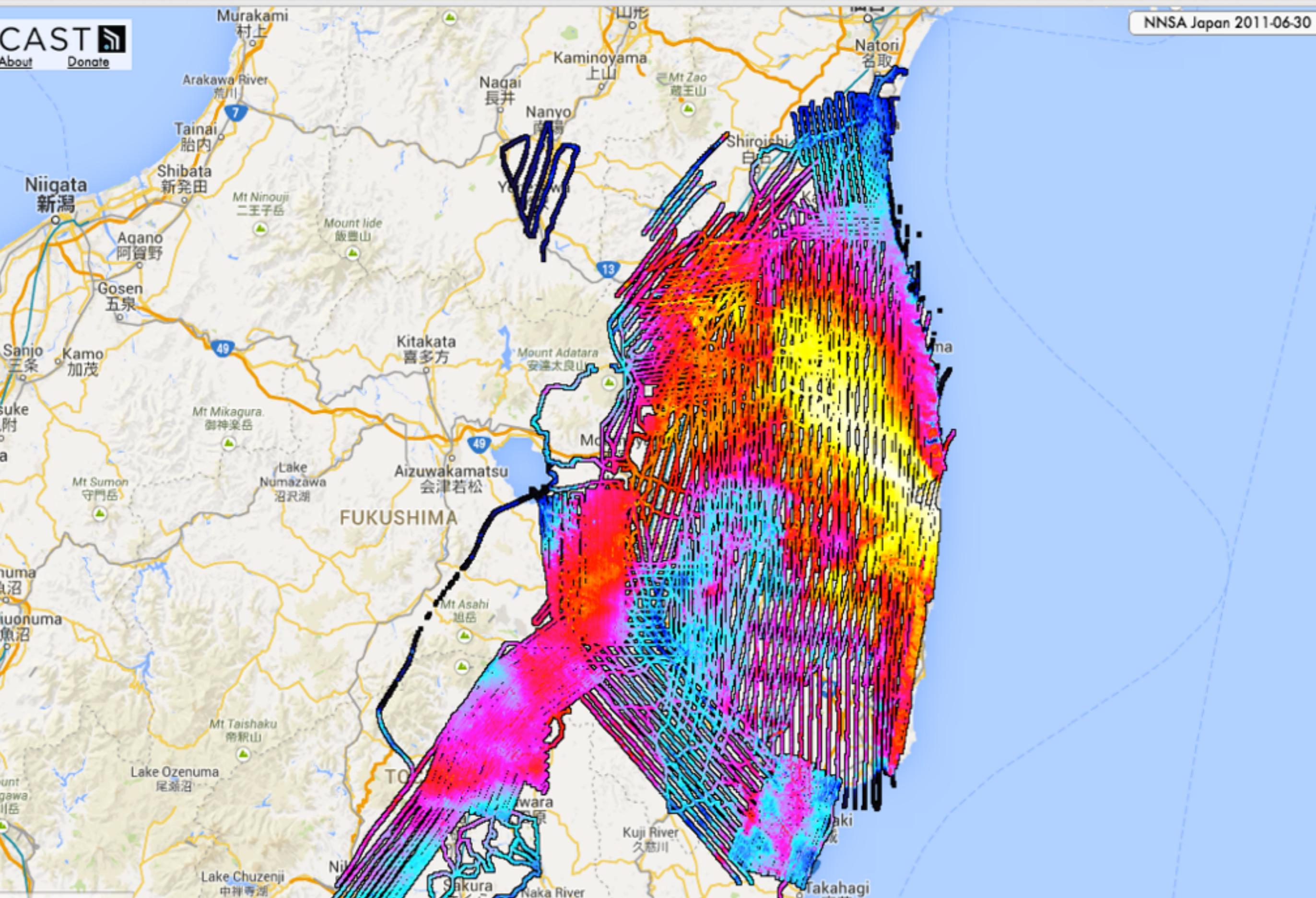
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NNSA Japan 2011-06-30



Dashboard

Safecast Api

Users

Measurements

bGeigle Imports

Devices

The Safecast API

Query and add to the Safecast dataset with your own application.

API Endpoint

<https://api.safecast.org/en-US>

GET <https://api.safecast.org/.json>

JSON

HTML

Available Resources

- [Users](#) Add and view user accounts
- [Measurements](#) Add and view measurements
- [bGeigle Imports](#) Add and view bGeigle Imports
- [Devices](#) Add and view Devices

Users

- Get a list of Safecast users [GET /users.json](#)
- Add a new user [POST /users.json](#)
- View a user [GET /users/334.json](#)

Measurements

- Get a list of Measurements [GET /measurements.json](#)
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Number Of Lines
6079

Number Of Measurements
6079

Metadata

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Description	Route 6 Return difficult district
Credits	Aizu radioactivity information center
Height	1.3m
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Cities	Koriyama,Hirata,Ono,Iwaki,Hirono, Naraha,Tomioka,Okuma,Futaba,Namie Minamisoma,Iitate,Kawamata,Fukushimaa, Nihonmatsu,Motomiya,Inawashiro,Aizuwakamatsu

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MEASUREMENT

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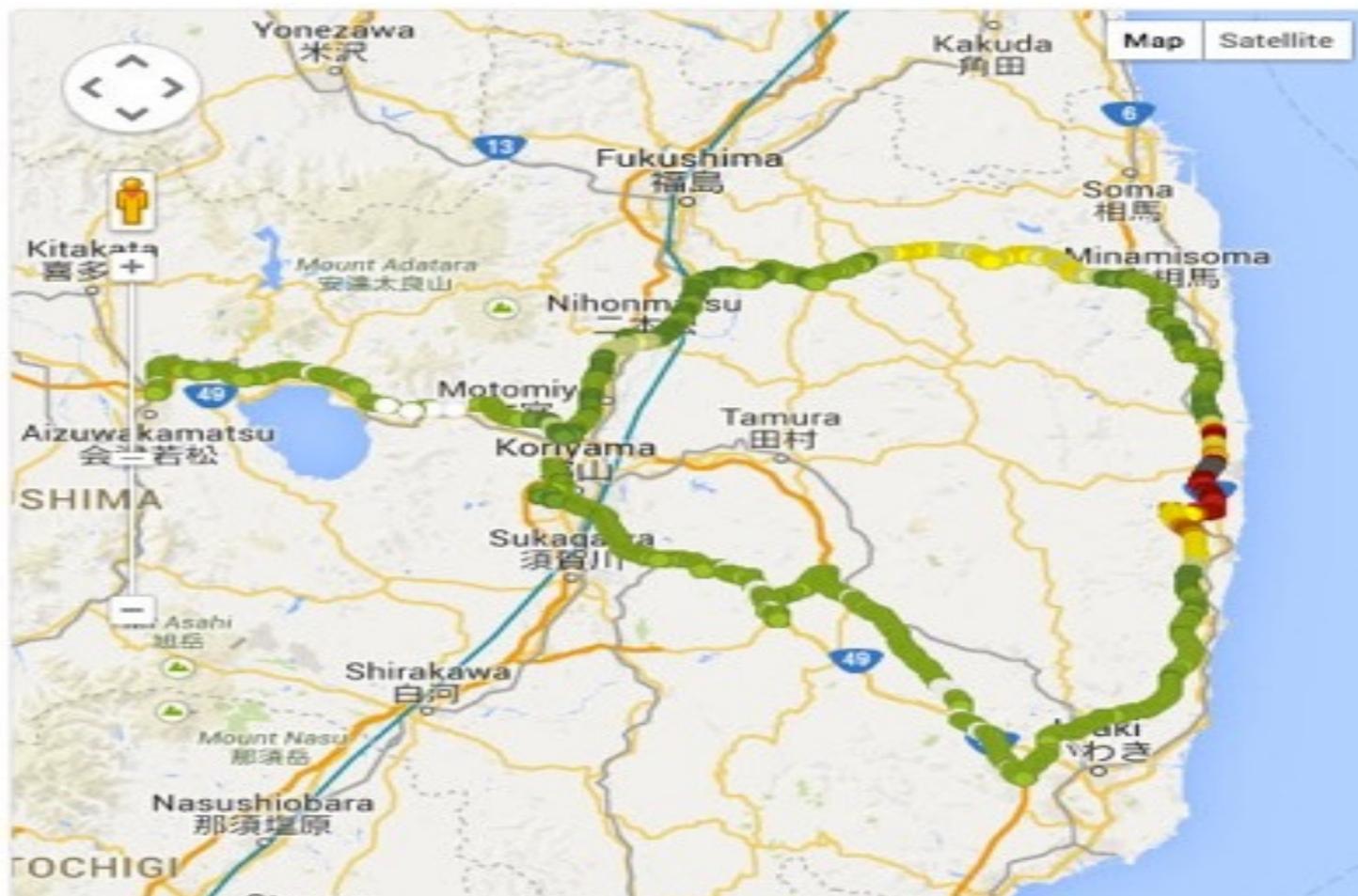
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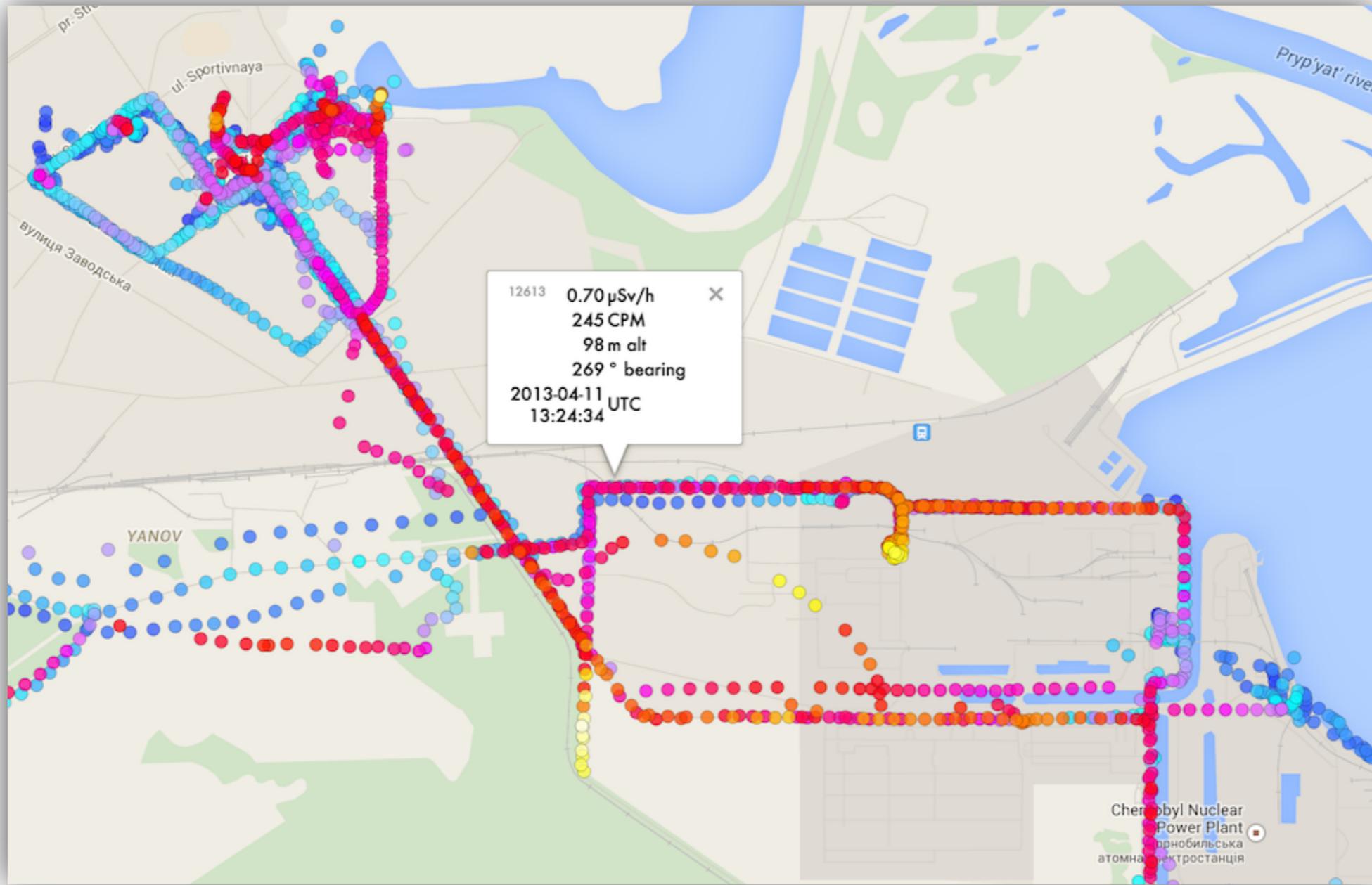
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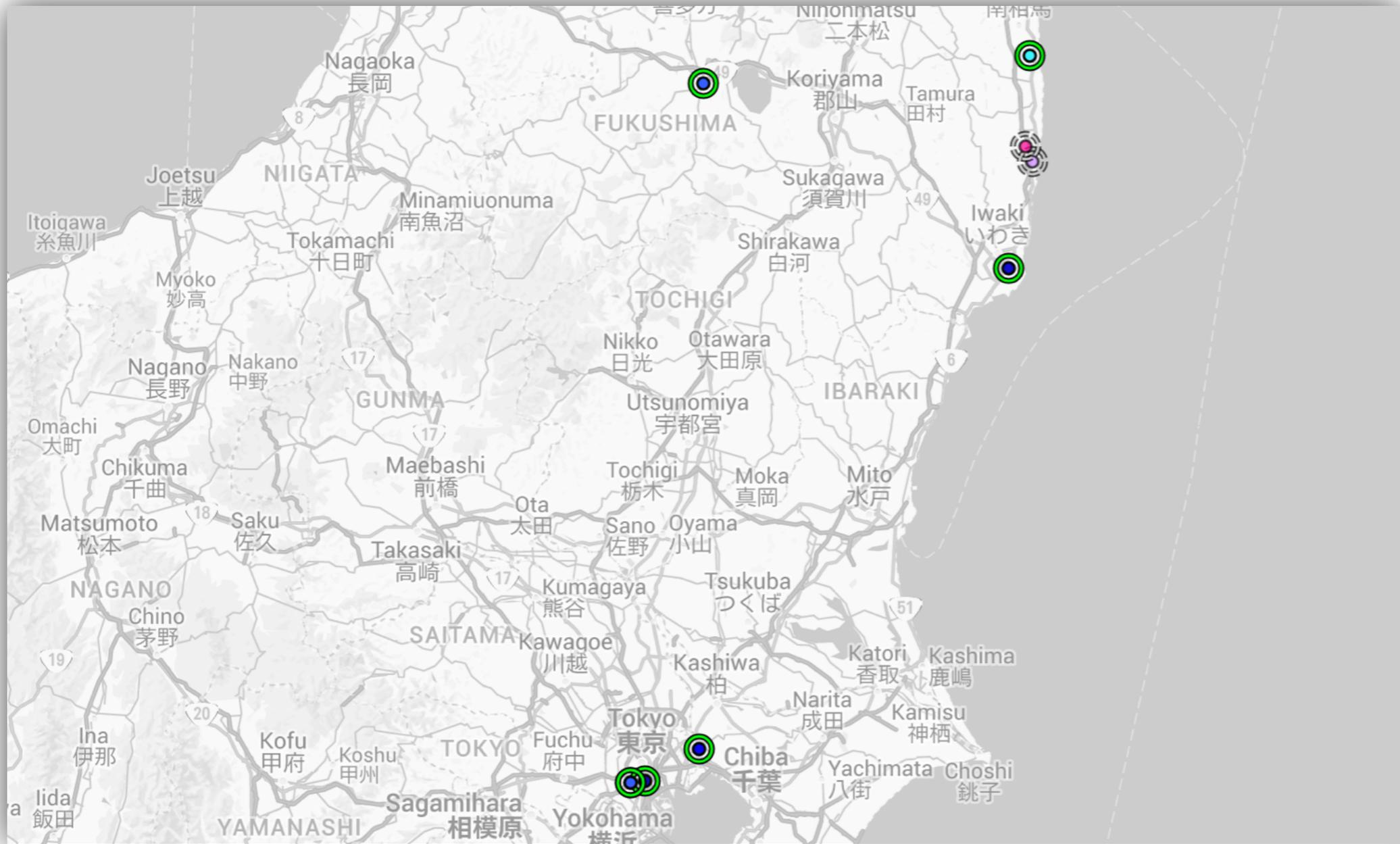
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**We think it's very important
to keep humans in the loop!**



bGeigie Log Viewer



Realtime Sensors



Expanding network, new hardware deployment.

Japan, Fukushima, Iwaki (sensor 41)

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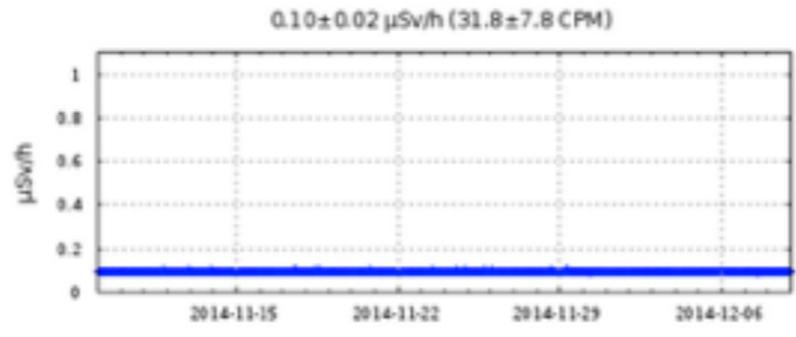
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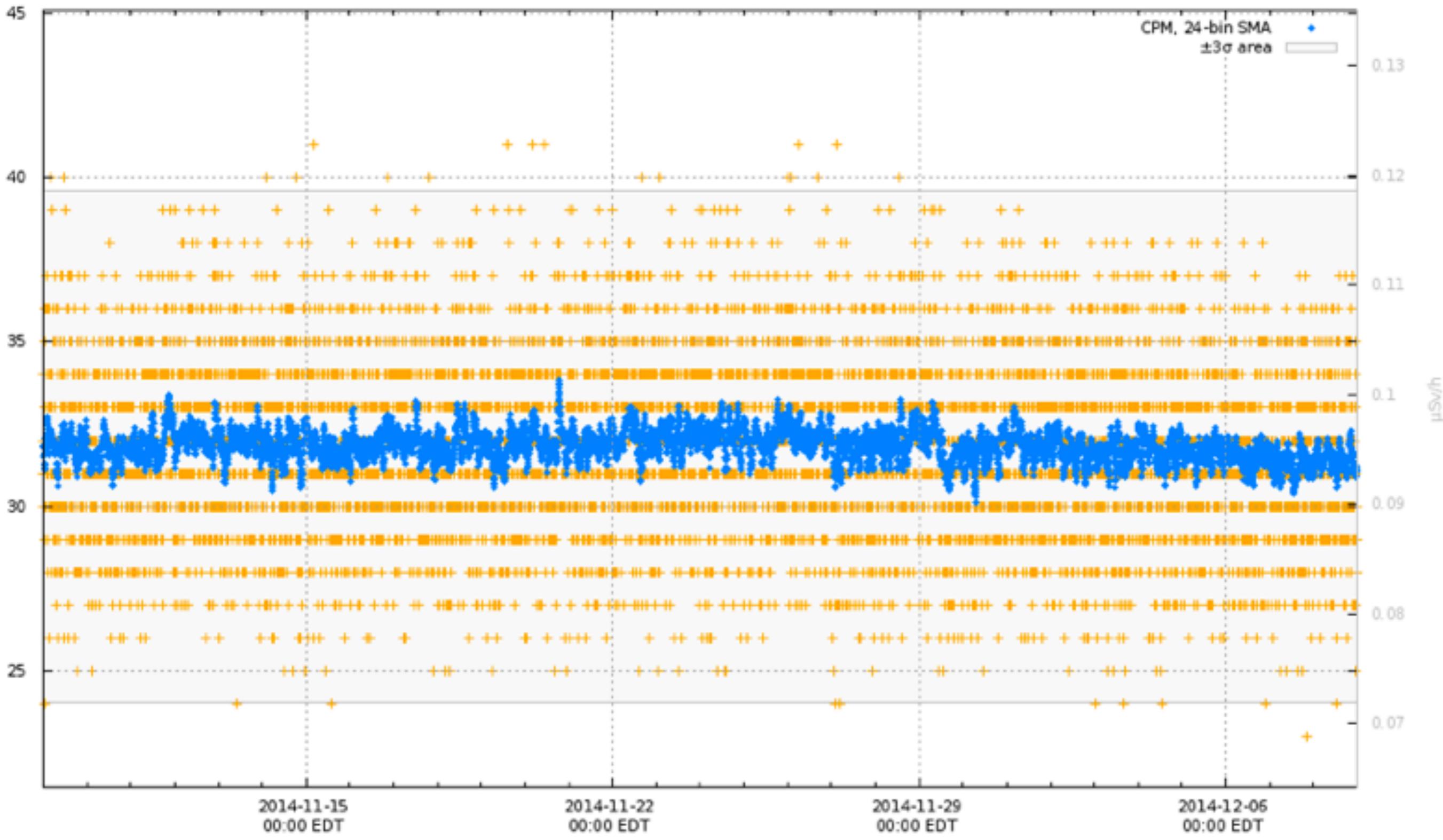
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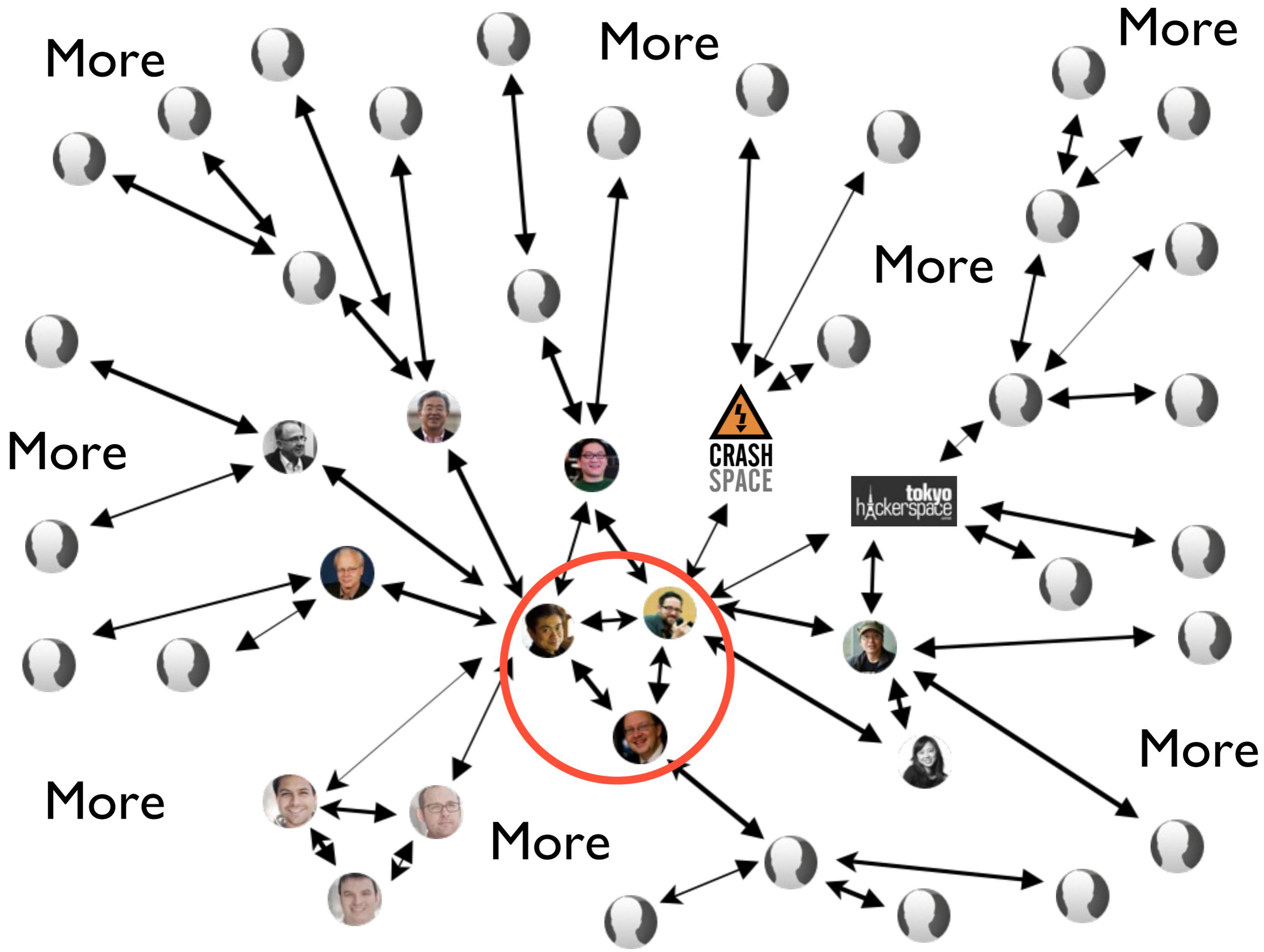
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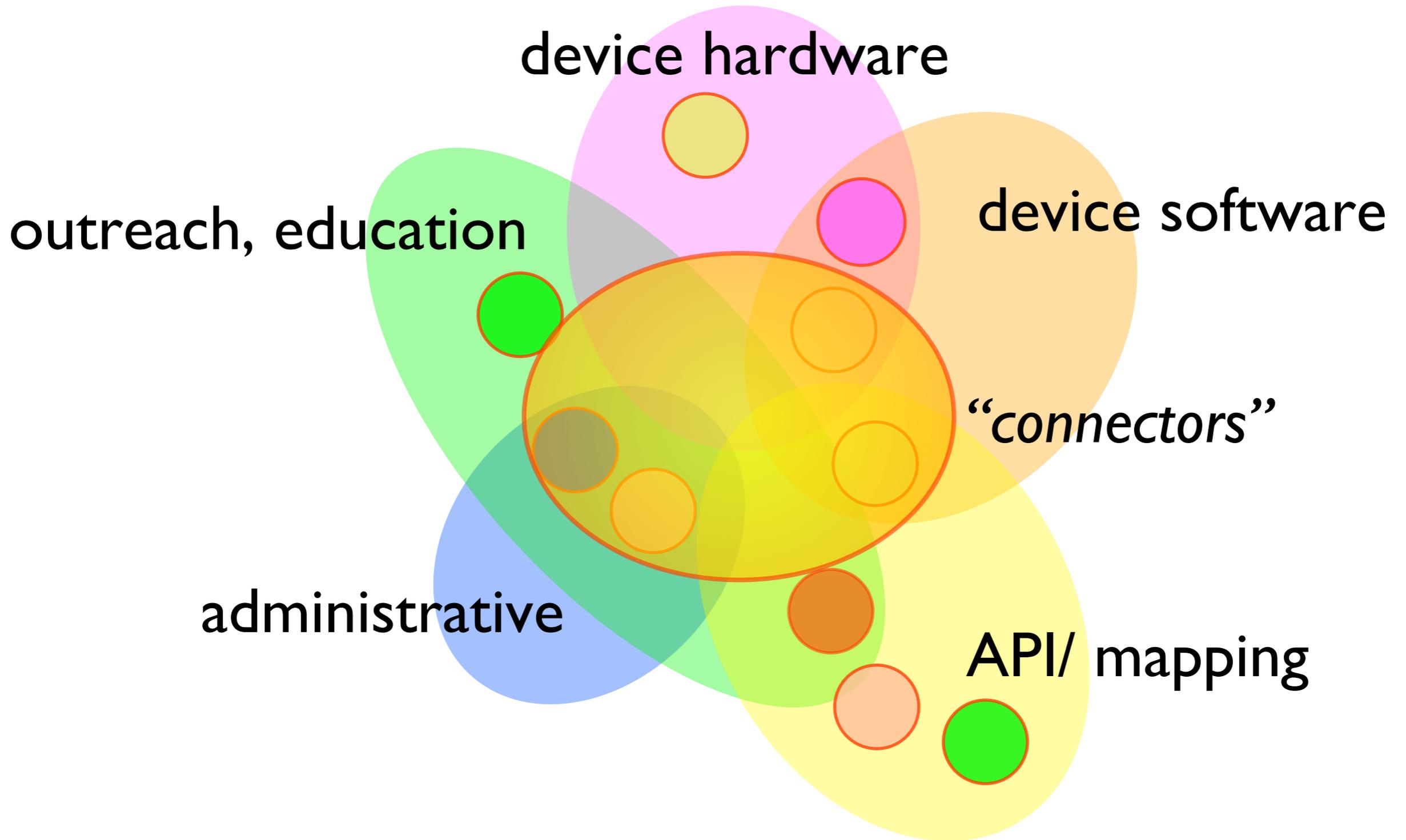
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People



Our Teams



Lots of multitasking, multi-competence



Building Community

We want to encourage people to get involved.

This requires skills in education and media.

- Safecast blog, discussion, Facebook, Twitter, etc
- Geiger-counter building workshops
- Talks and presentations
- Media interviews



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ABOUT SAFECAST

Safecast is a global project to empower people with data, primarily by mapping radiation levels and building a sensor network, enabling

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OUR PROJECTS

Safecast is a global sensor network for collecting and sharing radiation measurements to empower people with data about their environments.

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(日本語) BGEIGIE NANOの使用説明-YOUTUBE動画

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HELLO BIKINI !

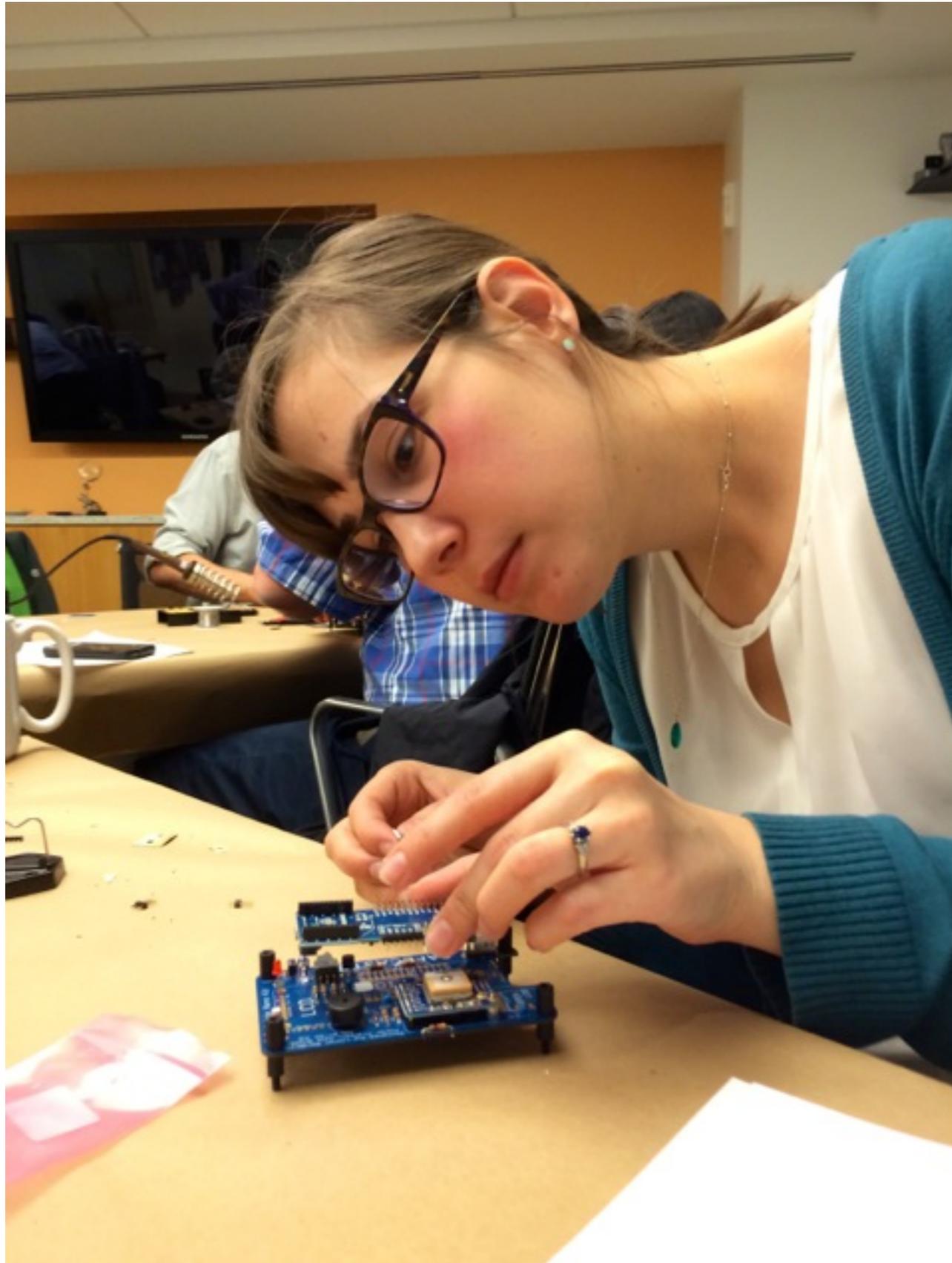
Above: Dr. Buesseler on the beach at Bikini. We recently got some unique uploads from Bikini and Enewetak Atolls, courtesy of Dr. Ken Buesseler, of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). Dr.

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Build your own bGeigie Nano





Recent workshops in:

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Fukushima

Kobe

Strasbourg

Taipei

Hong Kong

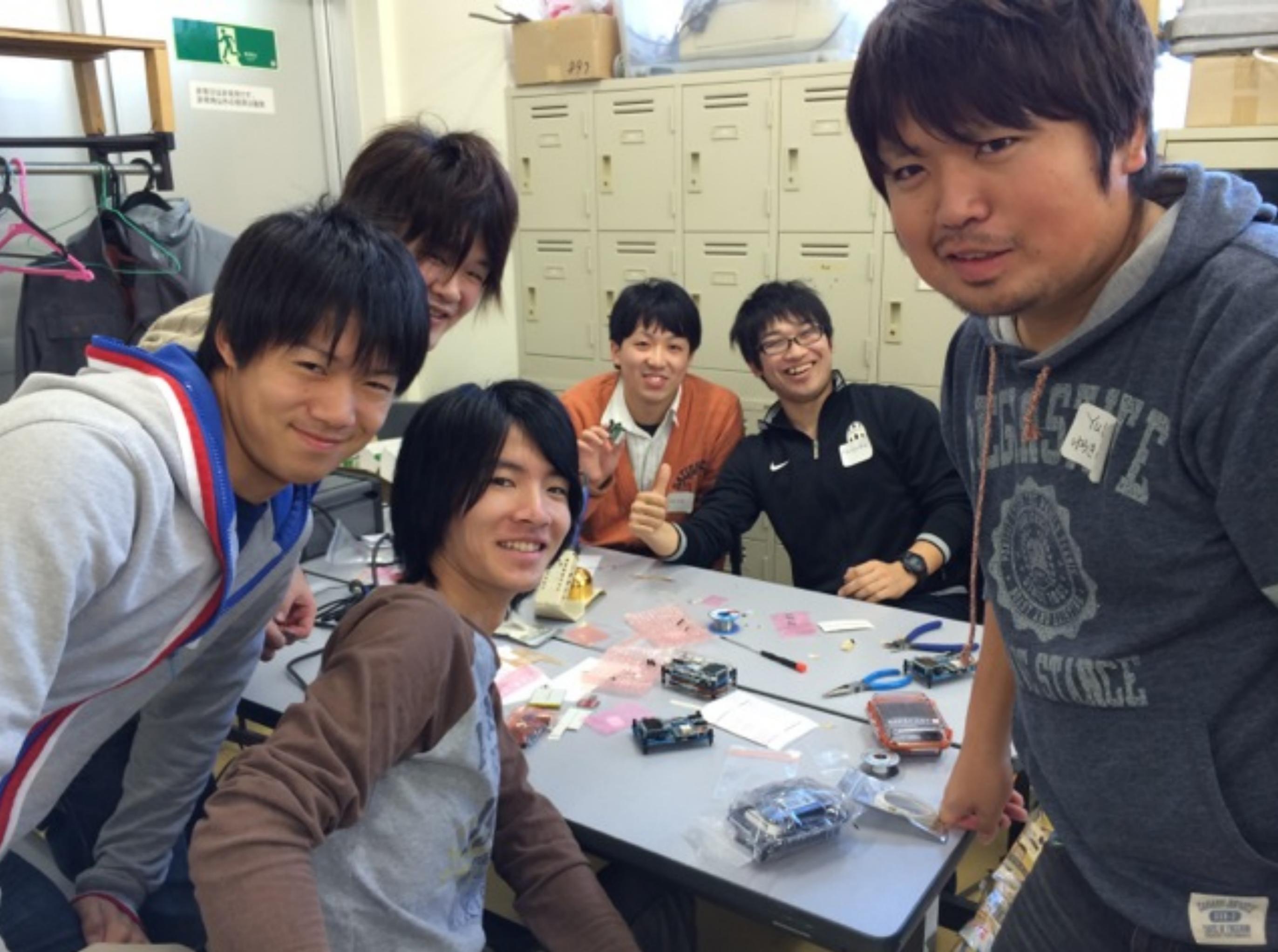
Upcoming workshops:

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Trieste

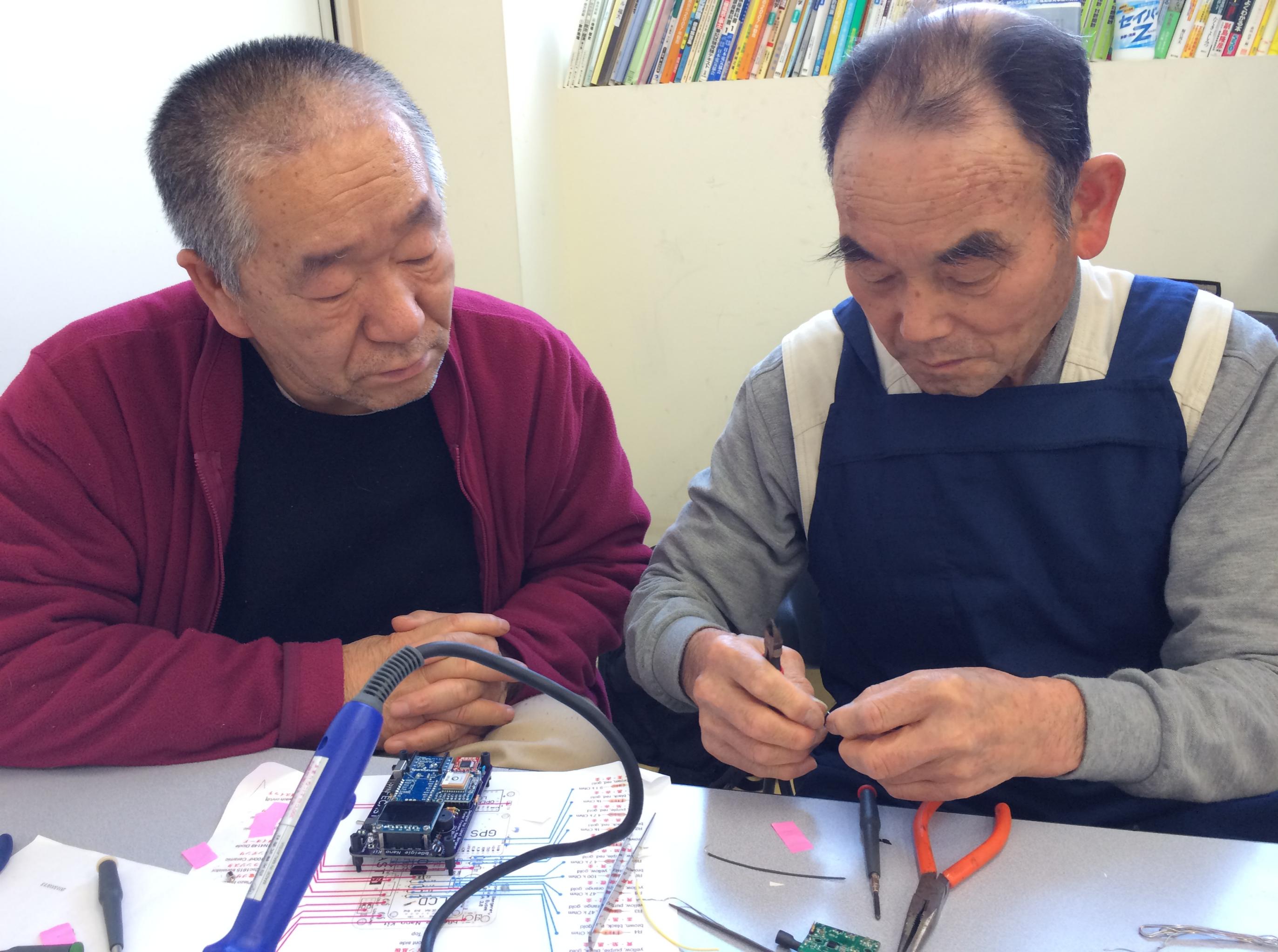


Workshop with college students in Koriyama





Testing 12 newly-built bGeigie Nanos in a nearby park.





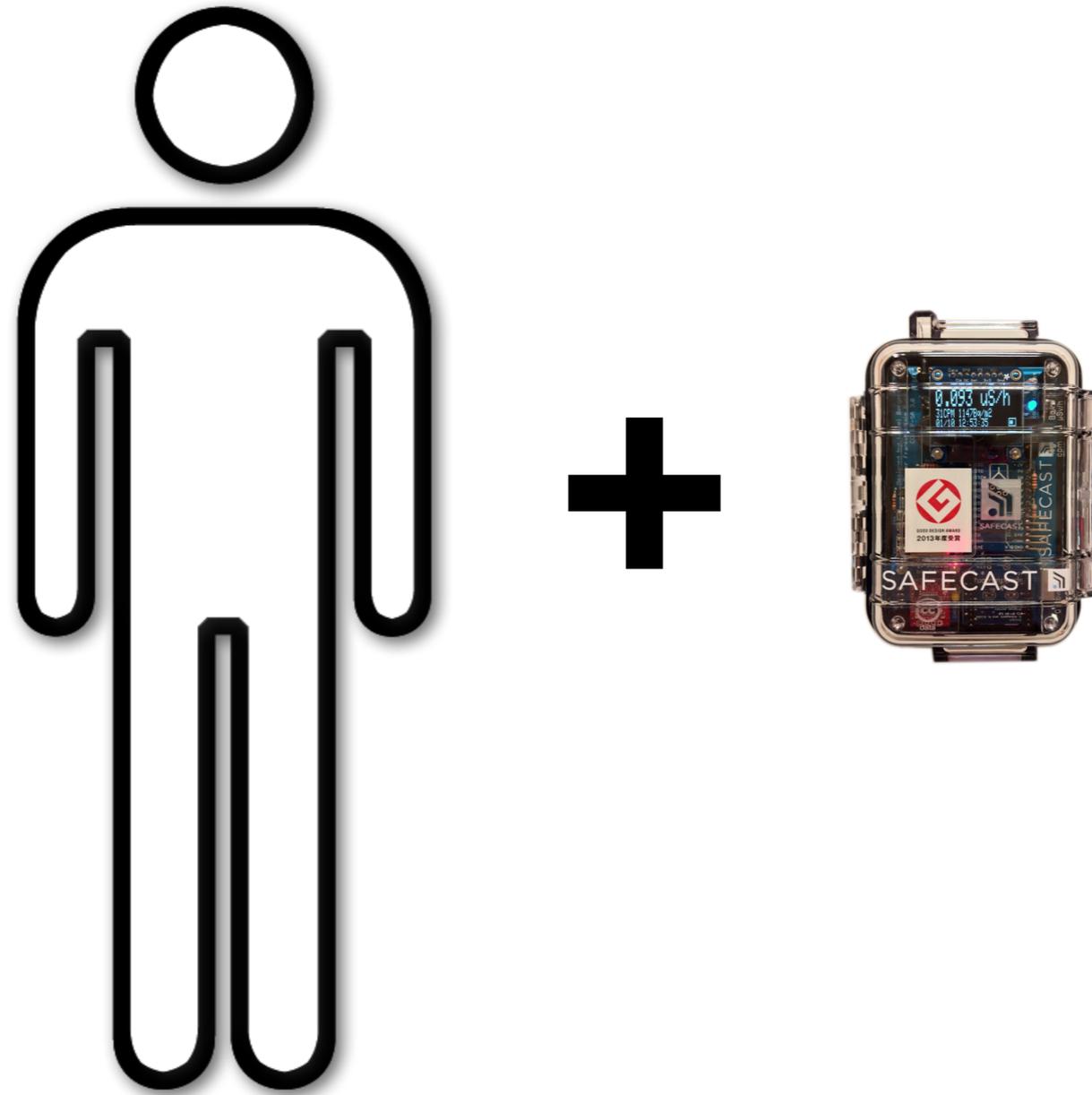
Safecast Volunteers and Koriyama City Officials



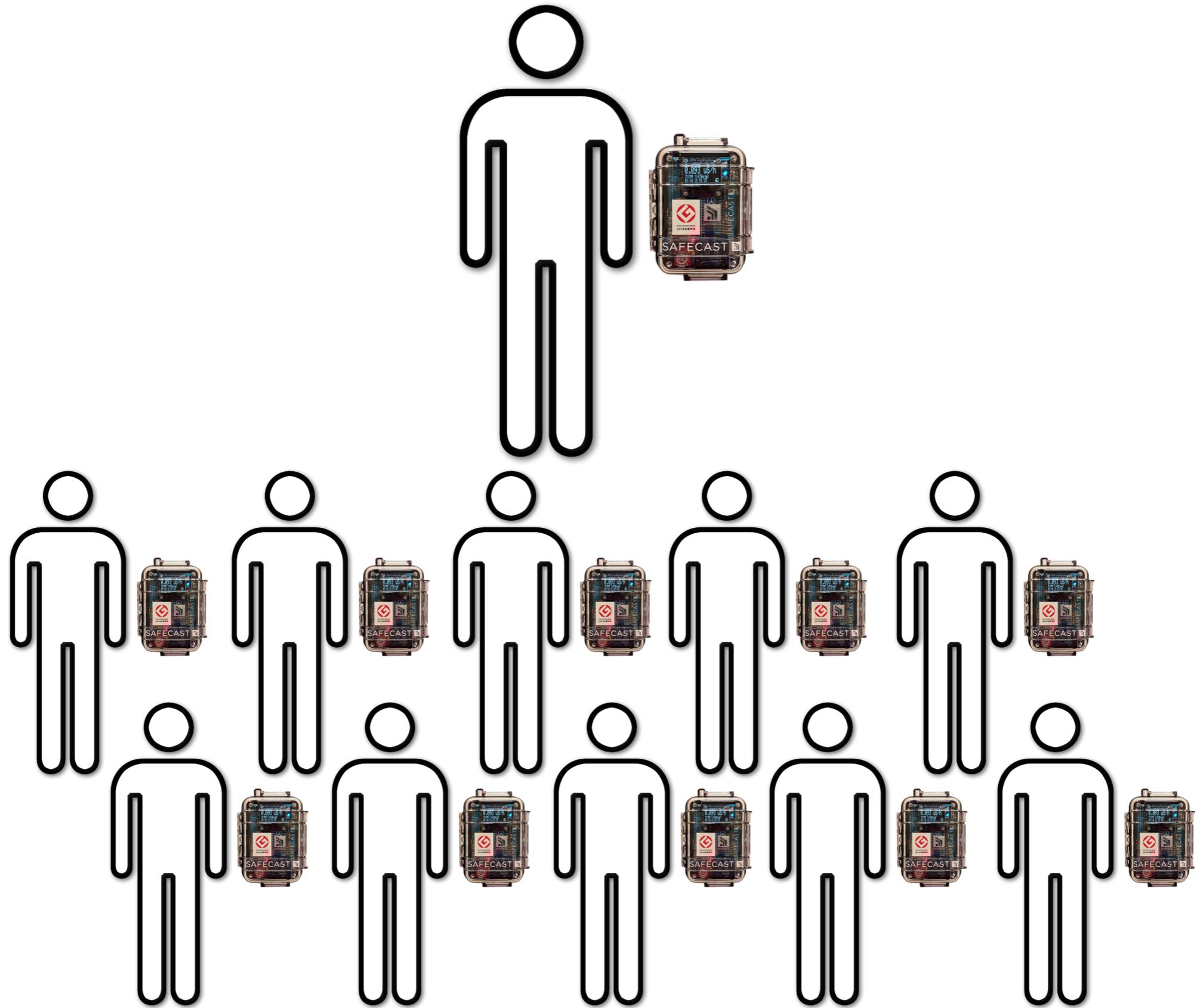
Ten bGeigies were delivered to Koriyama City



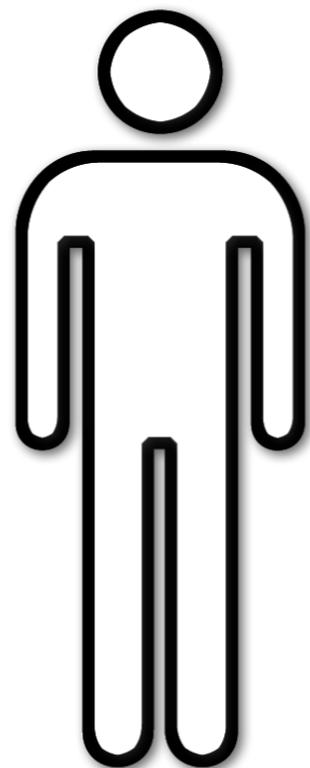
Mounted on postal delivery vehicles



Our experience after Fukushima suggests that in the event of another large radiation emergency additional manpower will be needed.



One person can quickly teach ten others.



We have prepared “airlift crates” of devices that can be quickly sent to emergency areas anywhere in the world.



We've found it's necessary to educate media as well.

THE SAFecast REPORT

VOLUME 1 - MARCH, 2015



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SUMMARY:

Everything we do has been enabled by open hardware and software, new DIY fab tools, and social media.

It required putting into practice agile development and iterative design - “Deploy or Die”

Managing human networks is harder than managing technical systems.

Our credibility depends on our openness.

Govt. agencies are accountable for people’s lives and well-being. We aren’t, and that makes our work easier than theirs.



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