

1. Outline of the great japan east earthquake and Fukushima first nuclear power accidents



Sendai station just after the earthquake



Our university was damaged very much.



3 buildings of departments of electric engineering, architecture and civil engineering, and materials science and engineering were broken and now renewed.



40 minutes after the earthquake, the big tsunami hit the northeast coast of Japan.



Tsunami destroyed all.



Area hit by the Tsunami of 11 March 2011, Northeast Japan



death: 18,131 (Miyagi 10,365. Iwate 4,976. Fukushima 2,68 missing: 2,829 (Miyagi 1,394. Iwate 1205. Fukushima 226) complete destruction: 129,391 half destruction: 265,096 partial destruction:743,298 evacuees : 69,891 as of 28 September , 2012





March 14, 11:00 No.3 reactor building hydrogen-exploded. (From Fukushima central television)

Present status of Fukushima nuclear power plants







Now, we can visit the site and see many people who are working on clean up the nuclear plants. It is now carried out in a hurry but its accomplishment is considered to be after several ten years.



March 12 2011, 15:00 No.1 reactor building hydrogen-exploded. (From Fukushima central television)

4 reactor buildings carried out hydrogen explosion.





March 14, 11:00 No.3 reactor





March 15, 9:00 , March 5:00, No.4 reactor

(From Fukushima central television)

2. Outline of radioactive pollution due to Fukushima nuclear accident





Radio 1. Cs-137	isotopes half life	detected b 30 years	by Ge detector β-rays, γ-rays
2. Cs-134	half life	2 years	β-rays, γ-rays
3 . Te-132	half life	3 days	β-rays, γ-rays
4. I-131	half life	8 days	β-rays, γ-rays

I-131 of short life was a main component of space dose at the beginning, but, now, Cs is main.

On the other hand, Sr-90 and Sr-89 were also generated by the nuclear reactor, but they do not emit gamma rays, therefore can not be identified. It seems that Sr-atoms were not released since this element has the high evaporating point.

According to the measurement of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Sr were detected a little.

	Sr-90 (half life 27.7years)	Sr-89 (half life 50days)
	(Bq/kg)	(Bq/kg)
Fukushima C	ity 77	54
Iidate-mura	120	1100









How was Fukushima contaminated ?



A fuel rod is uranium oxide (UO_2) . When uranium fissions and cesium is made, cesium deoxidizes uranium oxide and turns into cesium oxide (Cs_2O) . When fuel rods broke (namely meltdown), cesium oxide turned into cesium hydroxide (CsOH), and began to solve into water. From the nuclear reactors, they were splashed and dried, they became particulates, and diffused in the atmosphere. Cesium hydroxide turned into cesium carbonate (Cs₂CO₃) with carbon dioxide during drifting in the atmosphere. And they fell on towns in Fukushima in the evening of 15 March, 2011.



Character of the cesium fixed to clay

- 1. It does not dissolve in water.
 - Cesium is not contained in the tap water obtained by purifying the water of river
- 2. It does not dissolve into an acid or alkaline solution.

From Japanese Society of Soil Science and Plant Nutrition

- → It is not absorbed in the body even if we eat Cs-clay. → It is excreted from the body with excrement.
- 3. Cesium atoms fixed to clay are not absorbed into the plant.



Radioactivity is almost distributed over a thickness of about 5mm from the surface. Distribution is decreasing by the exponential function of the distance from the surface (expected theoretically.).



Distance (cm) from the surface

Therefore, most radioactive cesium atoms which fell on the ground, were adsorbed in clay.

Space dose will decrease if the soil on the surface of ground is removed.





Decay of activity of ¹³⁴Cs





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Gamma rays from natural radioisotopes

- 1. 40 K 12.5 × 10⁸ years 1460 keV
- 2. From daughter nuclides of ²³²Th 140×10⁸years
 ²⁰⁸Tl 3 minutes 583keV,2610keV
 ²¹²Pb 10 hours 239keV
- From daughter nuclides of ²³⁸U 44×10⁸years
 ²¹⁴Pb 26 minutes 352keV
 - ²¹⁴Bi 20 minutes 609keV,1120keV,1764keV

Gamma rays from radioactive cesium nuclides

- 1. ¹³⁷Cs 30years 661keV
- 2. ¹³⁴Cs 2years 605keV,796keV

Comparison of the amount of natural radiation(µSv/h) in the world (from the 1993 U.N. National Science Board report etc.) (Guarapari Kerala 1982 report, Ramsar 1997)

Country Name	Average value (µSv/h)	Peak value (µSv/h)
Japan	0.049	0.14
China	0.062	0.342
Yangjiang	0.400	0.616
Hong Kongs	0.076	0.114
India	0.055	1.10
Kerala	0.433	4.00
Ramsar	1.16	29.7
Austria	0.042	0.152
Italy	0.057	0.500
Germany	0.054	0.433
Denmark	0.037	0.051
France	0.068	0.251
Ireland	0.041	0.180
Norway	0.072	1.20
USA	0.045	0.100
Guarapari	0.627	4.00

Affect of low dose exposure for health

The International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) assumes "The effect of radiation exposure is deterministic or stochastic, therefore there is always a probability to get cancer and hereditary influence in proportion to exposure dose even any low doses (Linear-Non Threshold hypothesis : LNT)".

Based on the data of the survivors of the atomic bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima (The probability to get cancer for the exposure dose of 1 Sv was 1/20.), as the additional exposure dose , ICRP advised a limit of 20mSv/y for the pursuer to not exceed the probability of 1/1000 par year and a limit of 1mSv/y for general public to not exceed 1/10000 par year.

There is no distinction between chronic exposure and momentary exposure in the LNT model. The affect by chronic exposure is smaller than by momentary exposure. When cells get damaged, they are restored by enzymes. Even if cancer cells are made, surrounding cells may disappear them. When a cell is damaged by *radiation*, it can send signals to bystander cells, which are the cells near the "hit" cell. The signals sent by the damaged cell may disrupt the normal function of it's neighboring cells (Bystander effect). Some people consider that there is a threshold value of around 100mSv for the stochastic effect. Furthermore, there is the hyposis of Prof. T.D.Luckey that small amount of the radioaction exposure promotes the health of a human body rather(the radiation hormesis effect).

These effects prevent the development of cancer cells.

We consider that the effect of low dose exposure will not be so serious.

Impact of radiation on the human Body

7000~10000 : 100% fatality rate if entire body exposed

- 1000 : Acute disorders such as vomiting and nausea, and clouding of vision
- 500 : Depletion of lymphocytes in peripheral blood
- 200 : Clinical symptoms have not been checked in a dose lower than this value.
- 100 : Lowest level at which health disorders have been attested
- 10 :Natural background radiation (annually) at Guarapari, Brazil
- 6.9 : Full-body CT scan

mSv/v

- 2.4 : Natural background radiation exposure per person (annual global average) (Radioactivity from space 0.39, radioactivity from the ground 0.48, radioactivity from food 0.29, Radon exposure from the air 1.26)
 - radioactivity from food 0.29, Kadon exposure from the air 1.20)
- 1 : Maximum annual exposure for general public(excluding medical procedures)
- 0.6 : Stomach X-ray
- 0.2 :Tokyo-New York round-trip airplane travel 0.05 :Chest X-ray
- Targeted annual radiation level for areas near light-water nuclear reactors

This 10 mSv / year can be considered as a safe and safty standard.

Source:"Genshi-ryoku 2010" (Nuclear Energy 2010) issued by the Japanese Agency for Natural Resources and Energy, and other materials



We measured here.

Guarapari Brazil













So many contaminated soil in Fukushima.

How to reduce the volume of contaminated soil.



4. Development of soil decontamination

technology



We washed the soil with the water and after 30 seconds took out it. We carried out this process three times. The activity of soil decreased 1/25.









Washed soil



Practice of our decontamination method

From June 29 to July 14

The schoolyards of two elementary schools in Marumoricho and two nursery schools were decontaminated by our method.

School name Hippo elementary school Hippo nursery school Koya elementary school Koya nursery Schoolyard area 3,500m 400 m 2,500m 400m





Processing of Muddy water





After 15-minute, muddy water separates into water and clay. Radioactivity was not contained in the supernatant liquid which clay precipitated and was separated.







Clay is extracted from muddy water and is classified according to particle diameter with a centrifuge.

Rb 0.008% i and Al are main elements. → clay

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To develop the decontamination technique of soil, we research structures of contamination of Cs in silt or clay . we make samples of soils contaminated with natural cesium solving cesium carbonate into muddy water. And we investigate Cs distribution in the silt less than 60µm width with Micro-PIXE analysis.





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The specific activity depends

on the diameter of particle.

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200 800 diameter r (µm)

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Silt of Mountain PIXE Image obtained by TOHOKU Proton 3 MeV Range:92 um 50 um * 50 um 1.1 uC



EPMA-EDXRF Beam Energy : 15 keV Scanned Area : 128 um * 96 um





5. Contamination of foods in Fukushima





According to the conversion coefficient from Bq to Sv for 134,137 Cs and 40 K, the affect of 10 ~ 185 Bq/kg of 134,137 Cs to the health corresponds to that of 20 ~ 370 Bq/kg of 40 K.

Radioactivity can be condensed by performing surface exfoliation of clay.





A method of surface exfoliation of clay is now in progress.

Natural radioisotopes in Food



Concentration of ⁴⁰K in foods

 $^{40}\mathrm{K}$: Half life 12.8 $\times\,10^8$ years, 1.31 MeV $\beta\text{-rays}\,(89\%),\,1.46$ MeV $\gamma\text{-rays}(11\%)$

Contamination by eating foods containing 40K is estimated 0.18 mSv/year.

出典:原子放射線の影響に関する国連科学委員会報告(1982)など

Contamination of foods produced in East Japan

At the present, the control values of specific activity in Japan are 100Bq/kg for rice, vegetable, fishes and 50Bq/kg for water and milk. These values are just same as natural activity of K-40 in foods.

Tap water is below 1Bq/kg. Almost all vegetables are below 1Bq/kg. Almost all foods are below 100 Bq/kg.



However, foods exceeding 100Bq/kg are scarcely detected. For an example, it is rice. Rice is a main food in Japan. At the present, all sacks of rice are checked by radiation detectors and the rice exceeding 100Bq/kg are not shipped to markets.

Screening for rice in Fukushima

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2014 Year
 Total 10,837,380 sacks
10,835,473sacks (99.98 % ) <25Bq/kg
1,893sacks (0.02 % ) 25~50 Bq/kg
12sacks(0.0001 % ) 51~75 Bq/kg
                     2sacks(0.00002 % ) 76~100 Bq/kg
                                              >100Bq/kg
                                0%)
                    0sacks(
  2013 Year
  Total 11,006,534 sacks
10,999,206sacks ( 99.93% )
6,484sacks ( 0.06% )
                                                < 25Bq/kg
25~50 Bq/kg
51~75 Bq/kg
                    493sacks(
                                  0.004%)
                                  0.003%) 76~100 Bq/kg
0.0003%) >100Bq/kg
                    323sacks(
                     28sacks(
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Detection limit 25Bq/kg

1sack 30kg

Details

Agricultural products in Fukushima city April 2014 ~November 2014

Classification	Sampling	134,137Cs (Bq/kg)					
	number /Ratio	0~20	20.1~30	30.1~50	50.1~100	100.1~	total
Fruits	Sampling number	12,320	6	6	1	0	12,333
	Ratio	99.9%	0.05%	0.05%	0.01%	0%	100%
Vegetables	Sampling number	10,206	16	6	0	0	10,228
1 Ogo Cabico	Ratio	99.8%	0.2%	0.1%	0.00%	0%	100%
Mushroom	Sampling number	317	5	5	1	0	328
Wild grass	Ratio	96.6%	1.5%	1.5%	0.3%	0%	100%
total	Sampling number	22,843	27	17	2	0	22,889
	Ratio	99.8%	0.1%	0.1%	0.01%	0%	100%

Other foods in Fukushima Results of monitoring

	2011	2012	2013	2014
	>100Bq/kg/total	>100Bq/kg/total	>100Bq/kg/total	>100Bq/kg/total
Cereals	3/607	10/2169	55/4428	2/2049
Vegetable fruit	145/6010	7/7264	0/5806	0/5630
Original milk	15/651	0/441	0/405	0/304
meat	0/5001	0/6310	0/4888	0/3387
egg	0/221	0/144	0/133	0/105
Grass and forage crop	162/773	48/1664	19/2368	11/1510
Marine product	227/3330	879/6037	237/8282	69/7505
Wild grass mushroom	127/922	90/1090	80/1377	24/1415
others	2/51	1./68	0/63	0/67

http://www.pref.fukushima.lg.jp/sec/36021d/monthly-report.html









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2011	Sea urchin	river	Culture	Seaweed
2011	Sea cucumber	lake	Guiture	
Sampling number	38	289	130	30
>100Bq/kg	20	125	3	20
Sampling number/ >100Bq/kg	52%	43%	2.3%	66%
2012	Sea urchin Sea cucumber	river lake	Culture	Seaweed
Sampling number	68	542	177	29
>100Bq/kg	7	133	1	0
Sampling number/ >100Bq/kg	10%	24%	0.5%	0%
2012	Sea urchin	river	Culture	Saawaad
2013	Sea cucumber	lake	Culture	Seaweed
Sampling number	98	479	139	26
>100Bq/kg	0	55	0	0
Sampling number/ >100Bq/kg	0.0%	11%	0.0%	0%



Activity of foods produced in forest are generally high.

6. Development of radioactive inspection technology for contaminated foods

Usual method to examine the contamination in food







This system carries out at ten places in Fukushima Measuring time: 5minutes, Detection limit: 10Bq/kg



Now, it will produce commercially and sell by the company in Fukushima. (2.85 million Japanese yen) → It contributes to reviving radiation measurement industry to Fukushima.

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Continuous contamination monitoring system



Ishinomaki harbor

7. Conclusion:

For remediation of Fukushima, we are now developing the techniques of decontamination of soil, monitoring techniques for contaminated foods and seeking very low contaminated plants.

On the FIFA 2011 Women's World Cup Champions, Nadeshiko Japan taught us that, if we do our best without giving up, we can surely return Fukushima.

