

Citizen Science, Open Science & scientific publication

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Citizen Science (OED 2014)

citizen science n. scientific work undertaken by members of the general public, often in collaboration with or under the direction of professional scientists and scientific institutions. citizen scientist n. (a) a scientist whose work is characterized by a sense of responsibility to serve the best interests of the wider community (now rare); (b) a member of the general public who engages in scientific work, often in collaboration with or under the direction of professional scientists and scientific institutions; an amateur scientist.





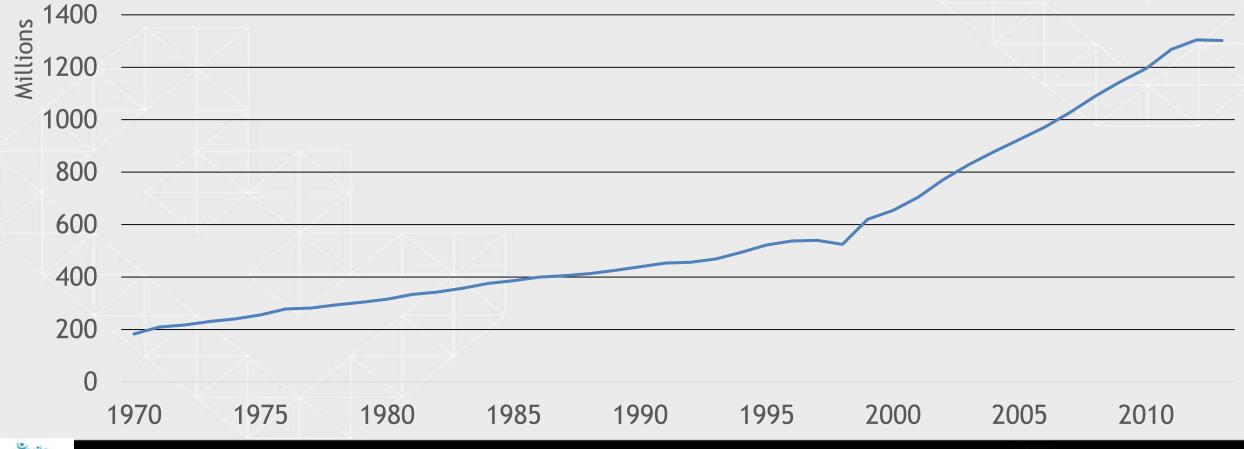
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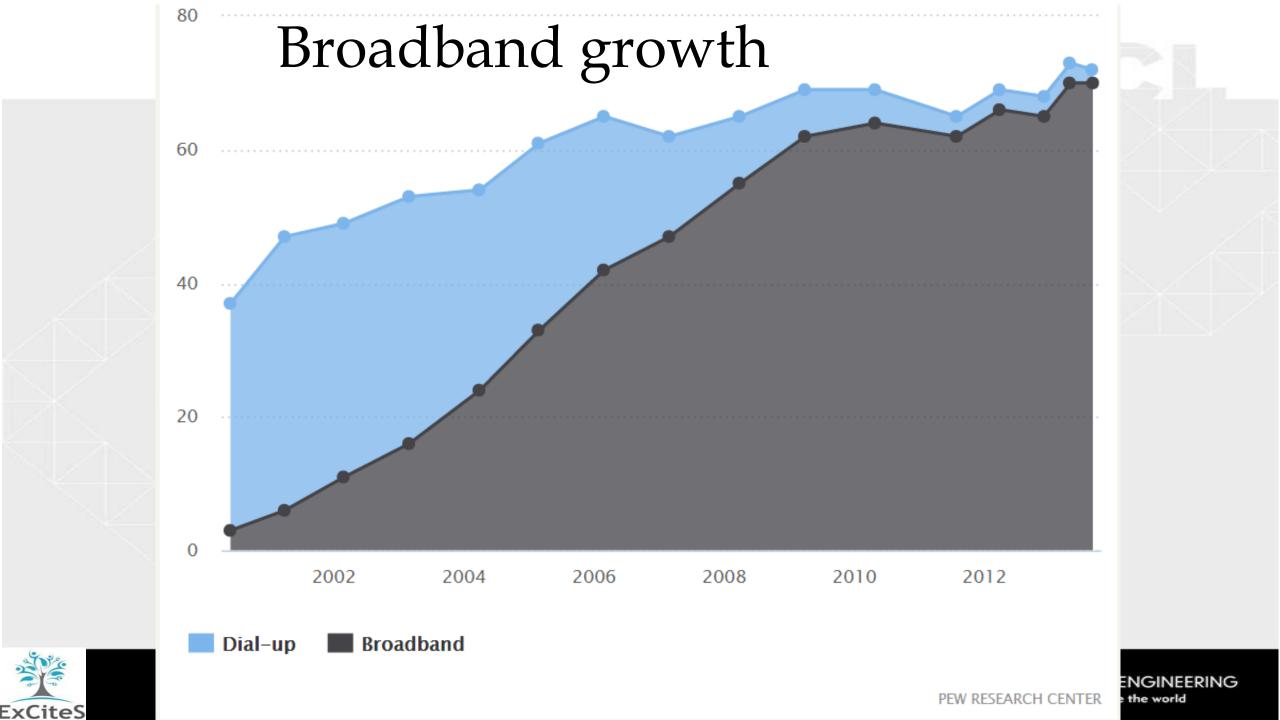
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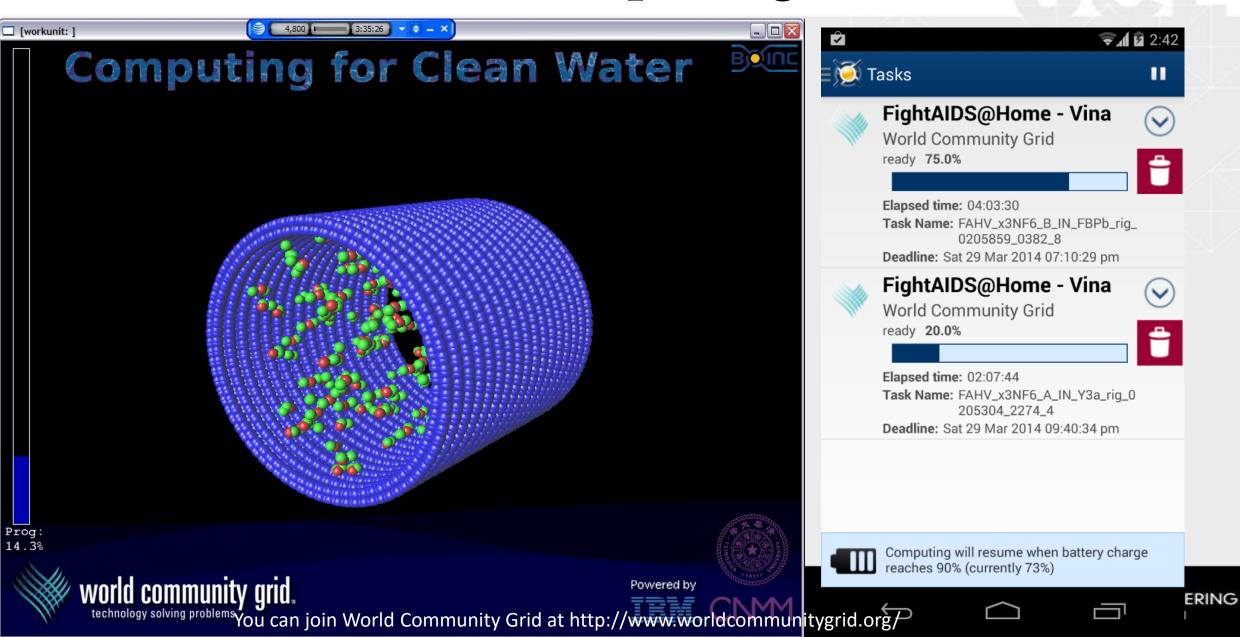
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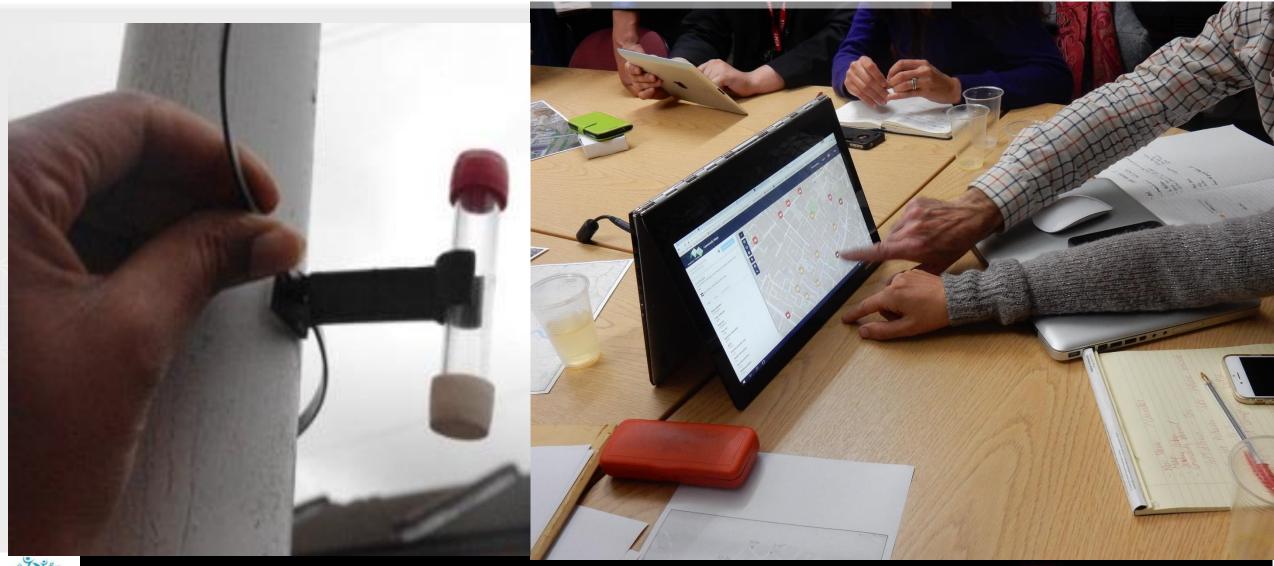


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Citizen Science & Open Science

- Participants are well educated & contributing to science is known to be a core motivator
- Provided free labour or resources, and more want to see outputs used openly
- Have the right to read about the research they've done
- It's necessary to keep motivation & feedback
- Participants can also analyse the data and might have their own analysis, visualisation and conclusions. Open source tools make this possible.





Citizen Science & Scientific Publication

- Strong support for Open Access
- Reluctance to engage / open criticism for engagement with some publishers
- Creative solutions to open access to data & publications emerge



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