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## Expert system for evaluating the Physical Protection System for nuclear and radioactive materials and associated facilities

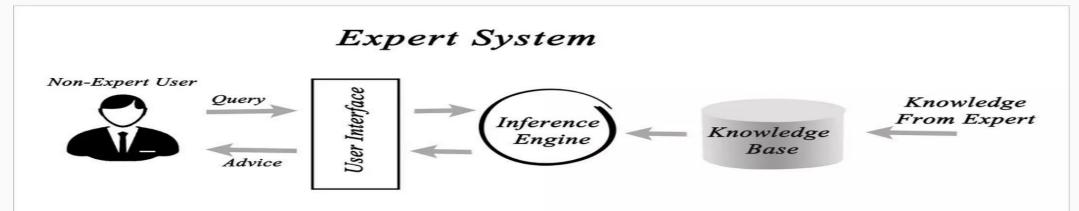
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**Introduction:** The physical protection of sites using nuclear or radioactive materials is a major issue for both safety and security. Evaluating these systems is often complex, requiring reliable, traceable, and site-adapted methods.

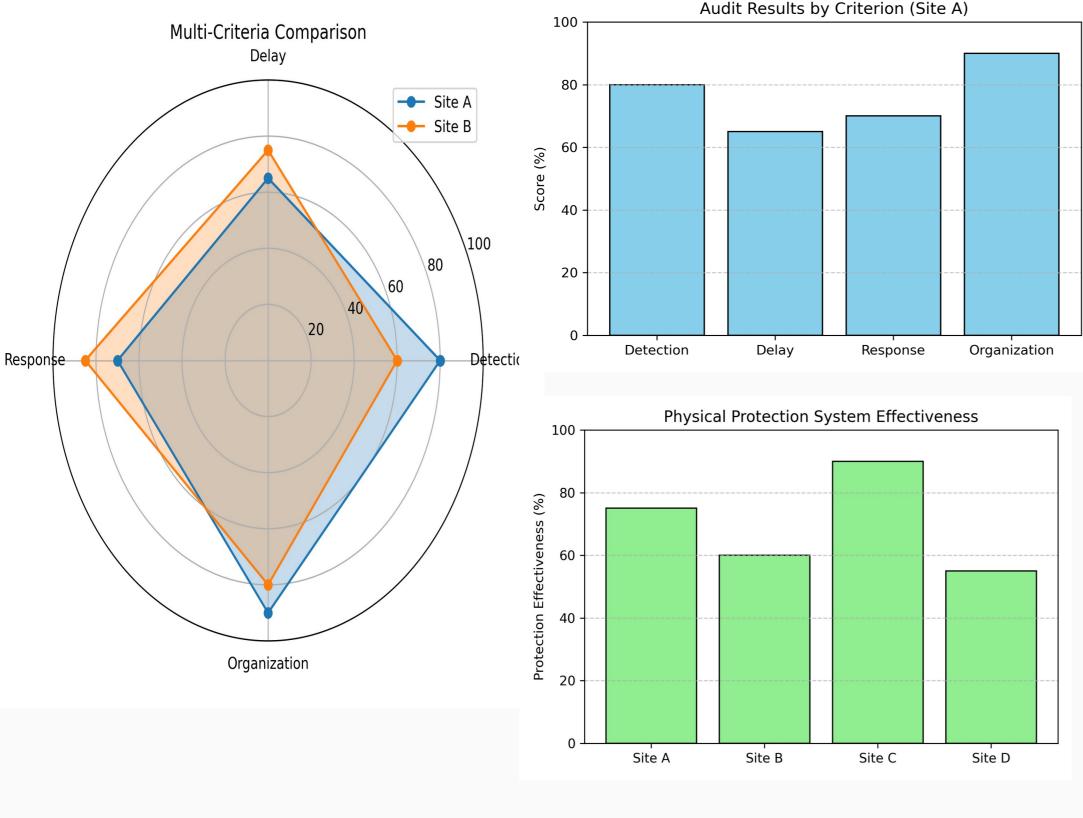
**Objective:** Develop and deploy an expert application designed to:

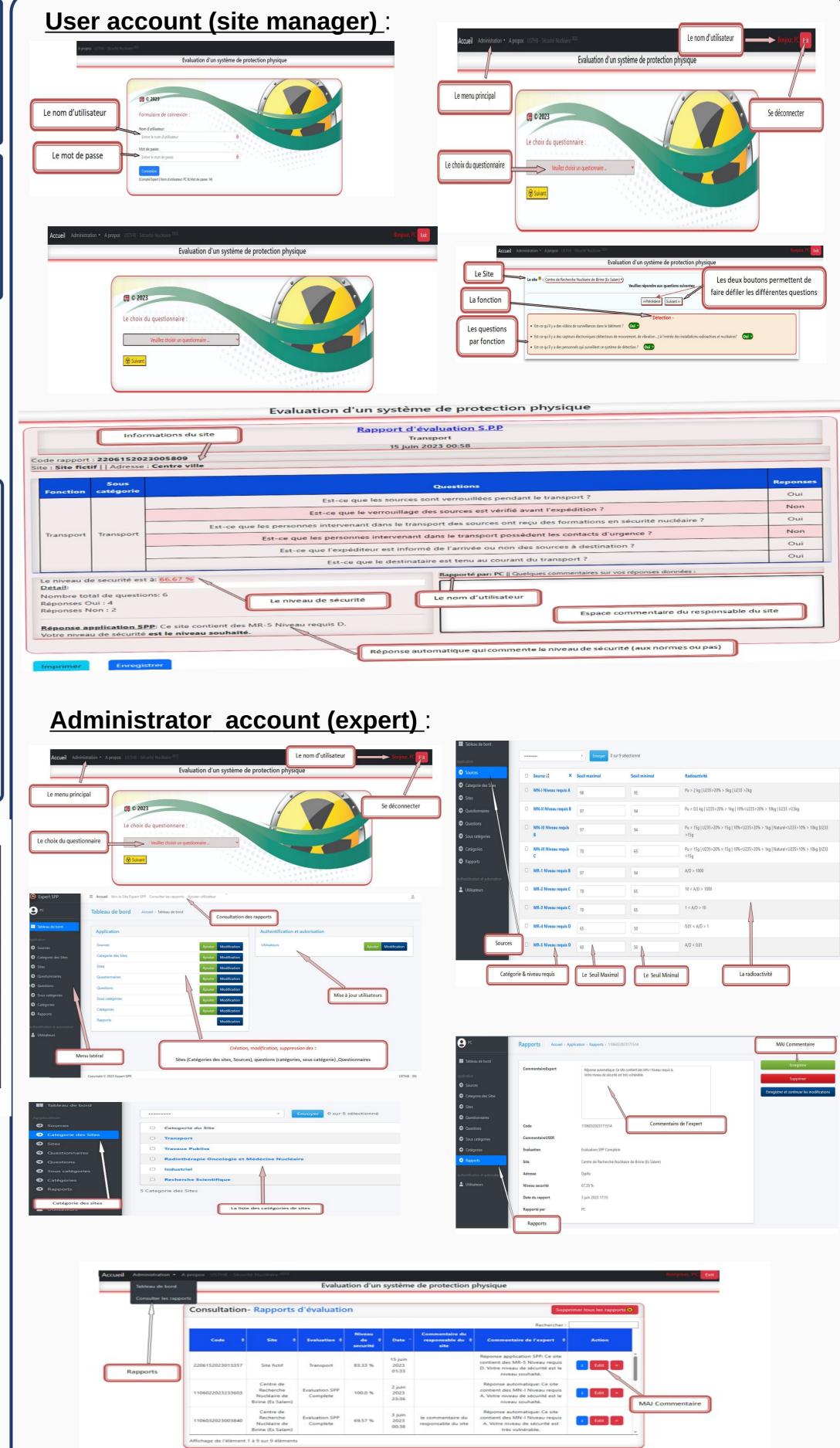
- Automatically audit sensitive sites
- Strengthen credibility and traceability of results
- Facilitate communication between experts and site managers



<u>Application Features:</u> This application serves as an audit tool for sensitive sites using nuclear or radioactive materials.

- **Expert Audit**: customized questionnaires depending on organization or facilities type
- User Management:
  - - Administrators (experts) with advanced privileges
  - - Site managers with standard access
- Automation: audits generated from site-provided data
- *Traceability*: secure storage of information and reports
- *Credibility*: critical attributes cannot be modified, ensuring objectivity





## **Conclusion:**

The expert system facilitates autonomous decision-making based on site-specific security needs, provides comprehensive risk assessment, clarifies appropriate security policies and procedures, and enables updates to adversary capabilities and preventive measures. Planned improvements include user self-registration for site specification and integration with other analysis tools for enhanced risk quantification.

It serves as a decision-support tool for authorities and operators, ensuring objectivity, traceability, and credibility.

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