



# Development and application of **gravity**-based population allocation model

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Spatially explicit residential and working population assumptions for projecting and assessing natural capital and ecosystem services in Japan

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# Data requirement for our gravity-based population allocation model

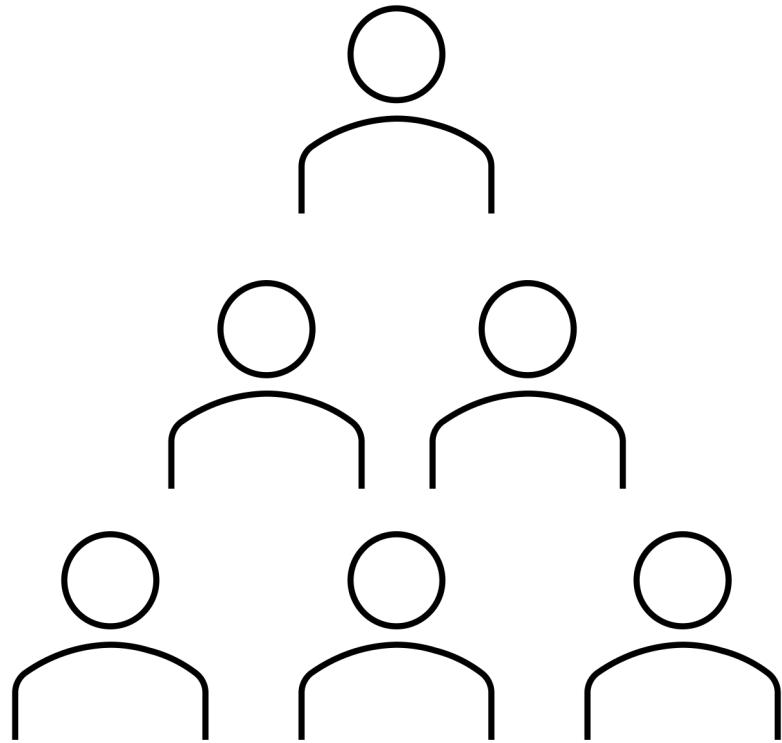
## Gridded population data

- Current
- Future (Business as Usual)

<- Ask your government or SSP scenario researchers!

## Population scenario narratives

# Gravity-based population allocation?

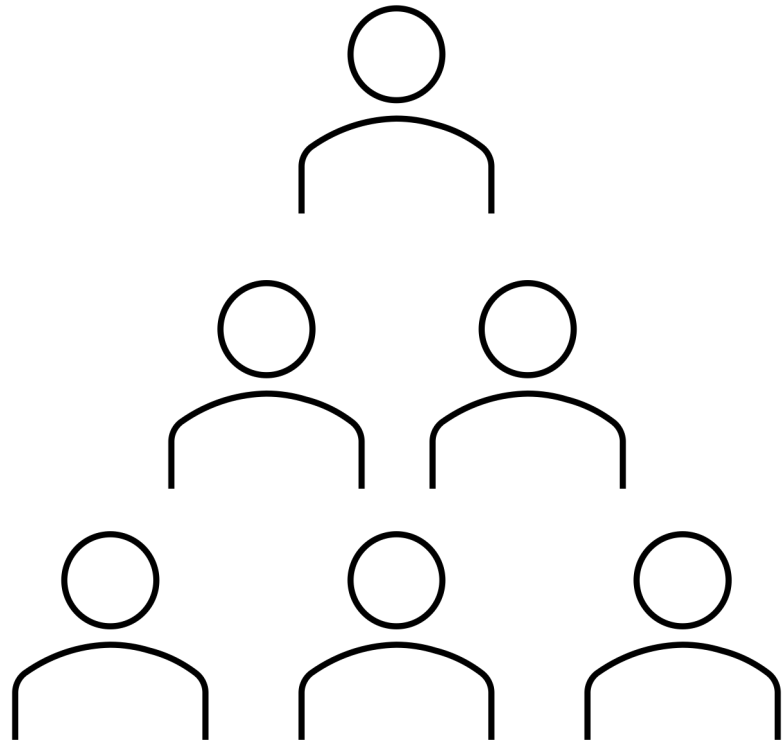


6 people will be allocated

20	10
0	30

Four grids with different population

# Gravity-based population allocation?



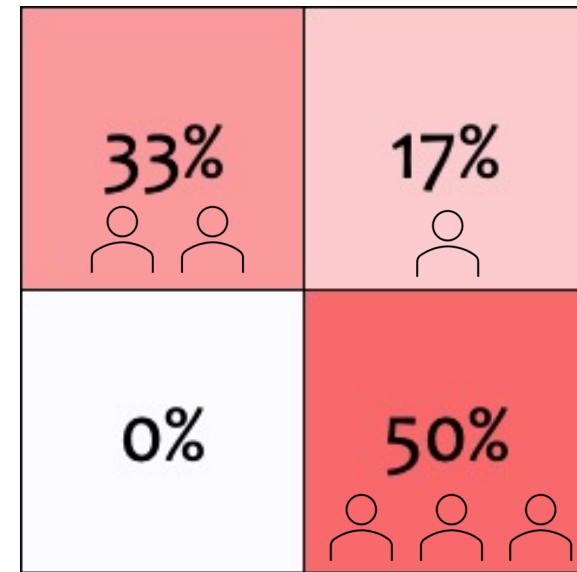
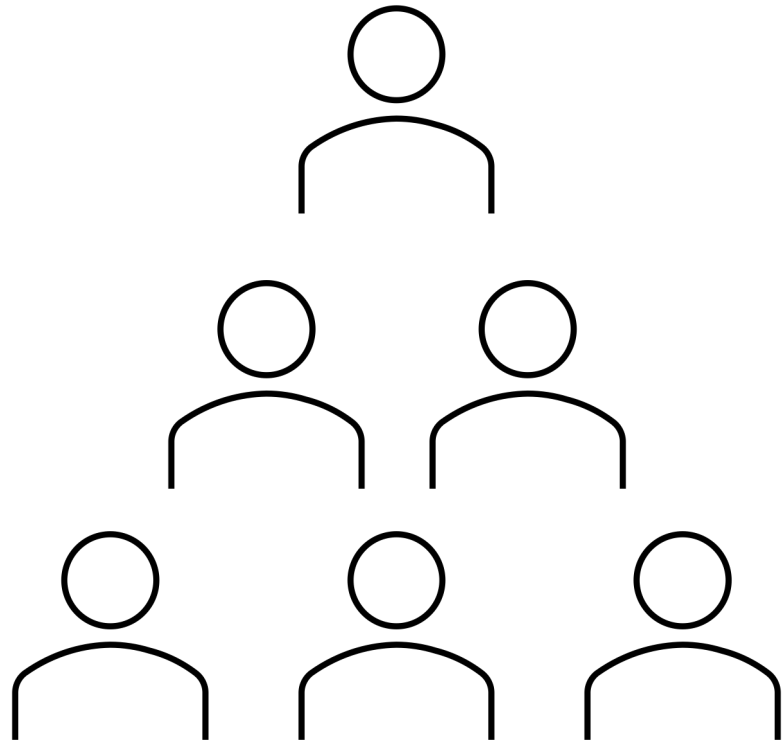
6 people will be allocated

33%	17%
0%	50%

Step 1

Compute proportion for each grid == gravity

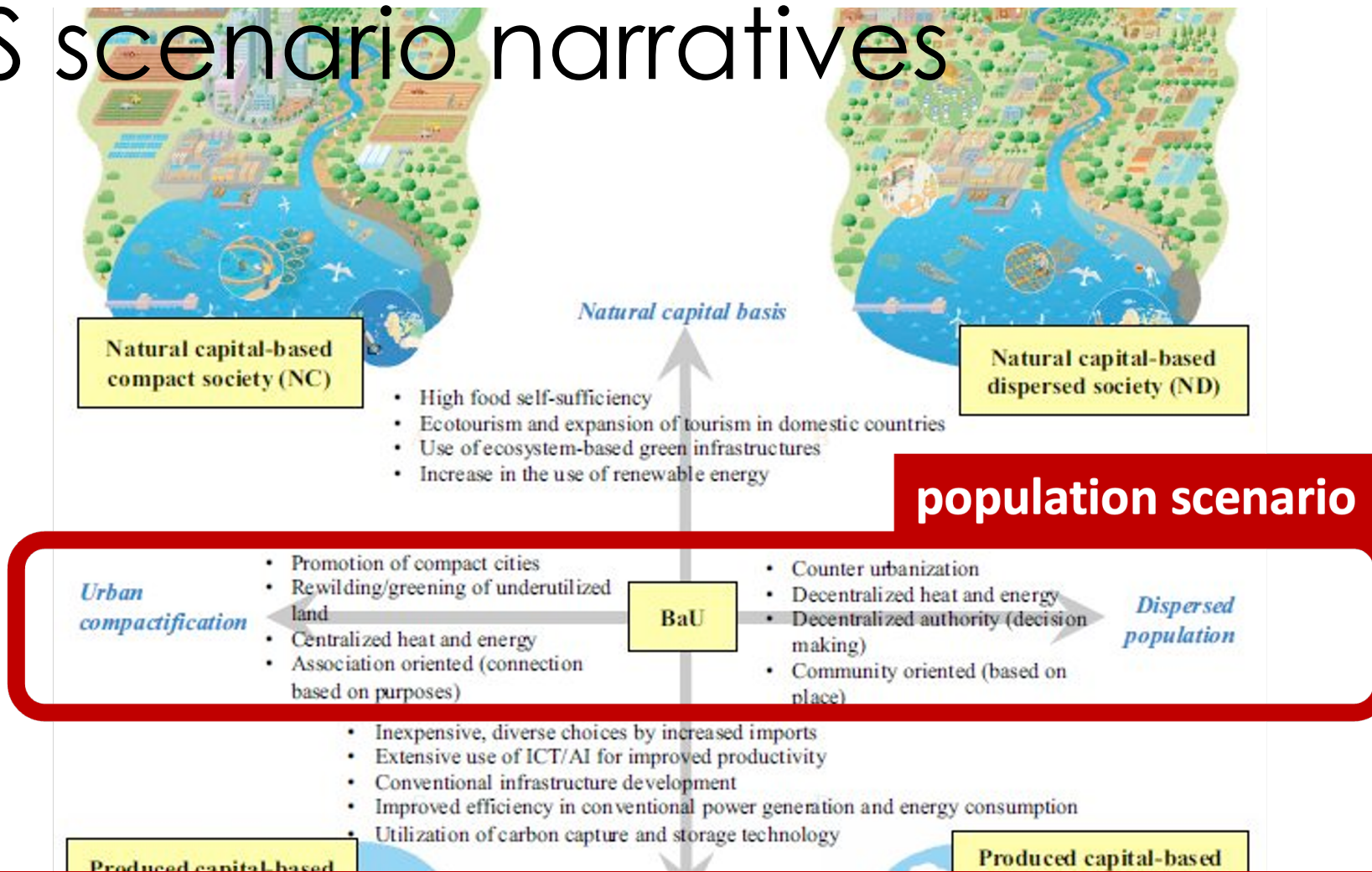
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Step 2

6 people are allocated according to the percentage

# PANCES scenario narratives



## Assumption of our gravity-based population allocation model

- Total population sizes are the same
- Population distributions are different in response to each storylines
- Consider migration only within each administrative boundary

# Algorithm 1. Urban Compactification

People are assumed to abandon rural areas and move to the centers of cities

Total = **54**

Zero pop grids = **8**

1	1	0	0	1
1	3	7	7	1
0	1	8	10	1
0	2	4	4	0
1	1	0	0	0

BaU  
in 2050



1	1	0	0	1
1	3	7	7	1
0	1	8	10	1
0	2	4	4	0
1	1	0	0	0

Select grids to  
be 0

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0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	1	0
0	0	1	2	0
0	0	1	1	0
0	0	0	0	0

Allocate eight  
people

to centers of cities



0	0	0	0	0
0	4	8	8	0
0	1	9	12	0
0	2	5	5	0
0	0	0	0	0

Compact  
in 2050

Total = **54**

Zero pop grids = **16**

# Algorithm 2. Dispersed population

People are assumed to remain in the rural area to manage natural areas

Total = **54**

Zero pop grids = **8**

1	1	0	0	1
1	3	7	7	1
0	1	8	10	1
0	2	4	4	0
1	1	0	0	0

BaU  
in 2050



1	1	0	0	1
1	3	7	7	1
0	1	8	10	1
0	2	4	4	0
1	1	0	0	0

Select grids  
to preserve at  
the 2010 level

(in yellow grids, 13 people lived in 2010)



0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
0.2	0.7	1.7	1.7	0.2
0.0	0.2	1.9	2.4	0.2
0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.0
0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

Allocate  
13 people  
from the surrounding grid



1	1	3	2	1
1	2	5	5	1
1	1	6	8	1
1	2	3	3	2
1	1	1	2	1

Dispersed  
in 2050

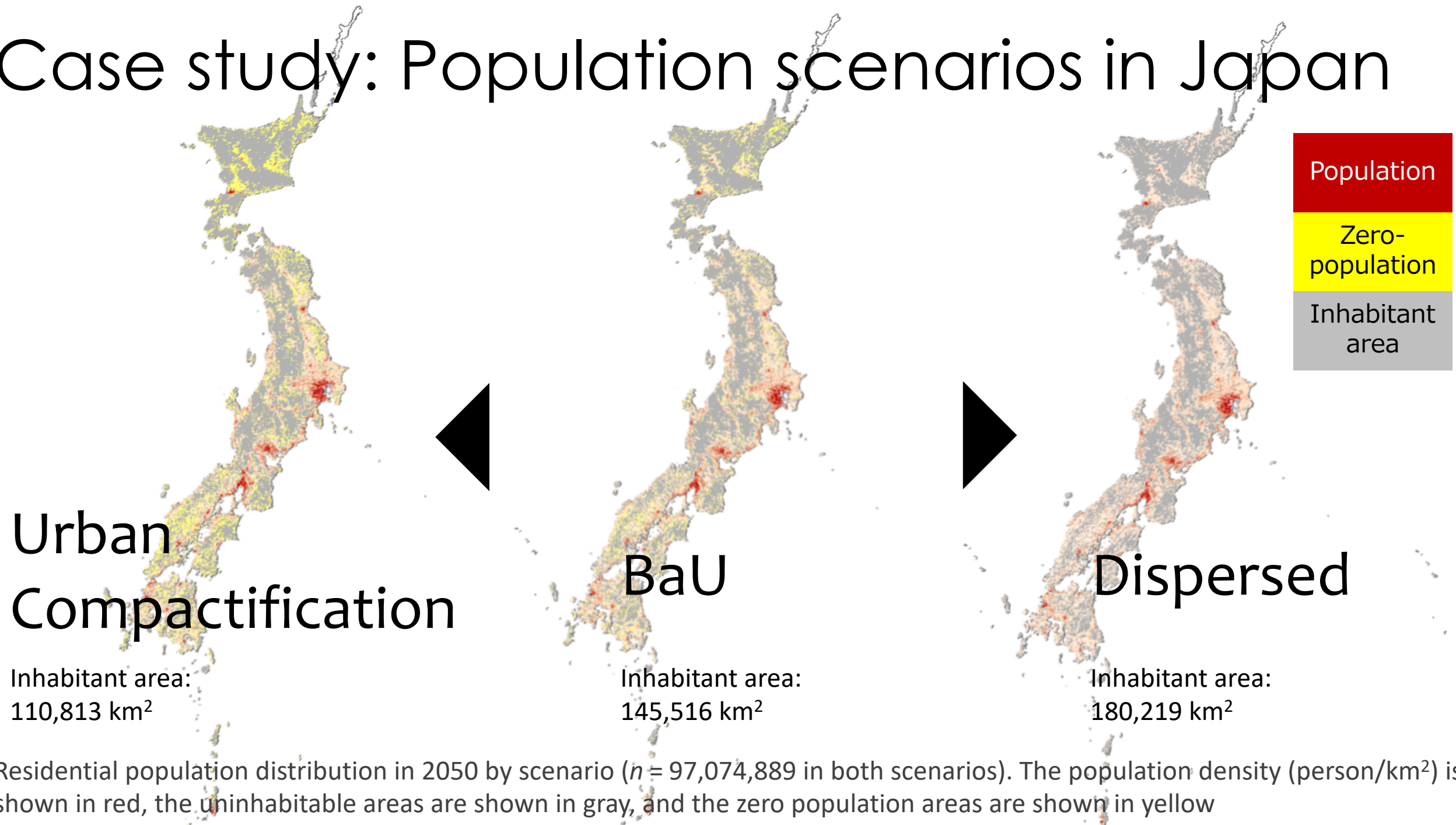
Total = **54**

Zero pop grids = **0**

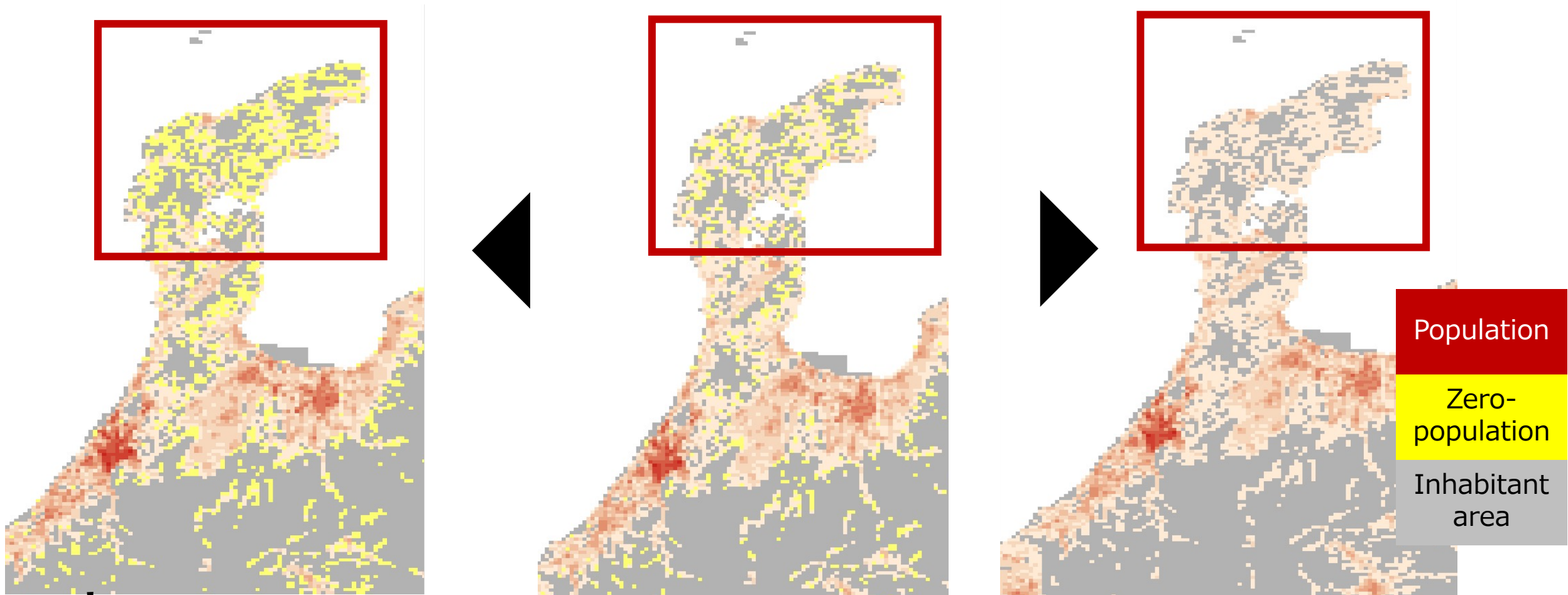
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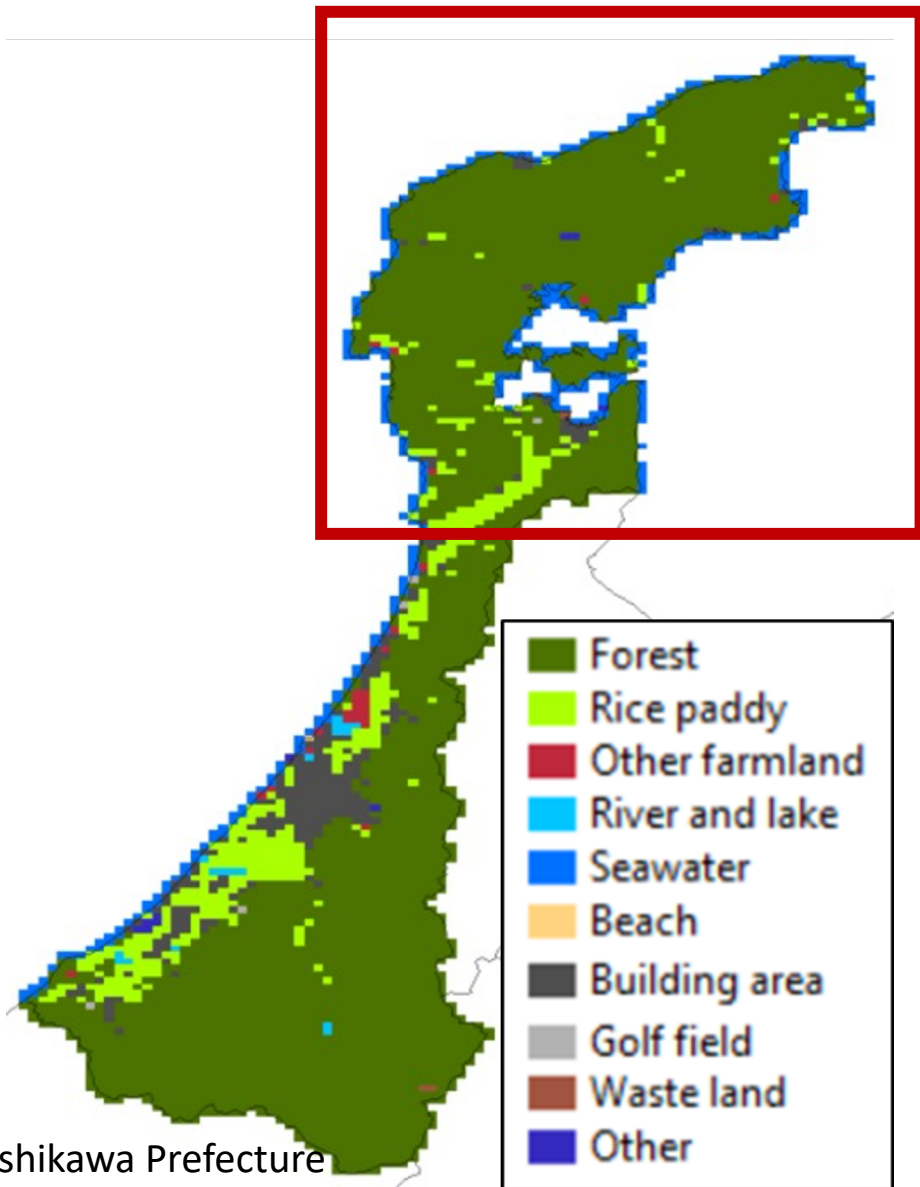


Urban  
Compactification

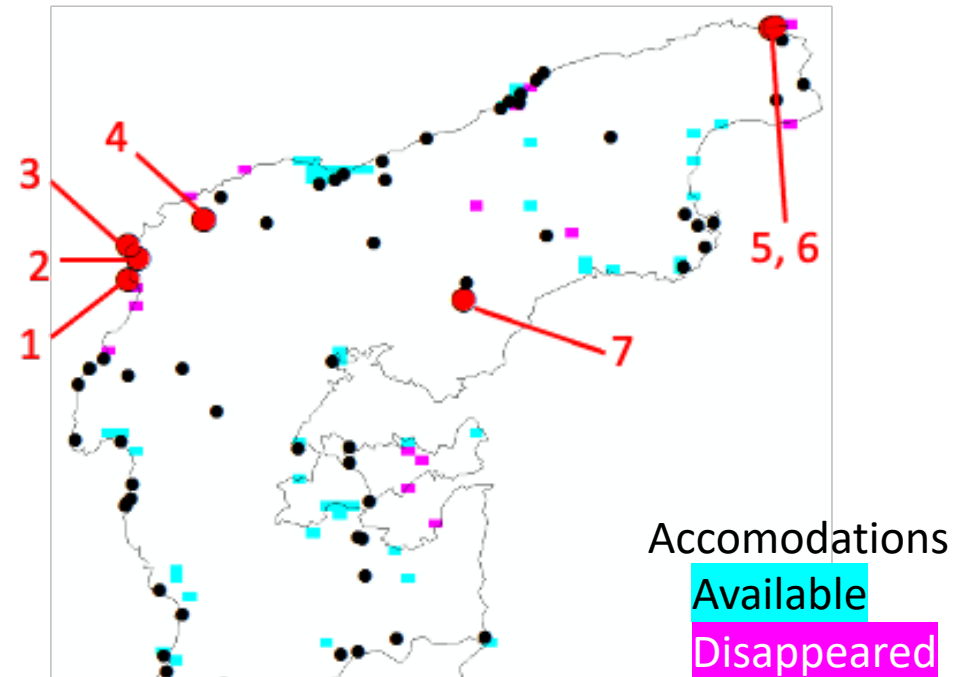
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Dispersed

# Application: Population vs. Natural Capital



**Fig 8**  
LULC of Ishikawa Prefecture



**Fig 10 b**  
Distribution of poorly accessible natural landscape resources in 2050 on the Noto Peninsula in the Ishikawa Prefecture. The black points indicate locations of natural landscape resources. The red points represent natural landscape resources where accommodations within a 10-km radius become difficult to maintain in 2050.

Summary:

# Development and application of **gravity**-based population allocation model

Data requirement:

- Current & future baseline gridded population
- Population scenario narratives

For more complex modeling → Next speaker

- Consider age – sex class cohort dynamics
- Migration beyond administrative boundaries
- Strength of compactification/dispersion

*Any questions or ideas?*