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Approaches to Prioritizing Decontamination Strategies on External Radiation Doses in Fukushima

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Our Previous Works

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Environmental risk evaluation of chemicals: achievements
of the project and seeds for future—development of
metrics for evaluating risks

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Risk Assessment Documents



25 Chemicals

From emission to exposure, hazard, risk
And cost effectiveness

Our Previous Works

Ranking Risks

| Risk Factors | Loss of Life Expectancy (days) |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Smoking (All Causes of death) | >1000 |
| Smoking (lung cancer) | 370 |
| Passive Smoking (ischemic heart disease) | 120 |
| Diesel Particles (upper bound) | 58 |
| Diesel Particles | 14 |
| Passive Smoking (lung Cancer) | 12 |
| Radon | 9.9 |
| Formaldehyde | 4.1 |
| Dioxins | 1.3 |
| Cadmium | 0.87 |
| Arsenic | 0.62 |
| Toluene | 0.31 |
| Chlorpyrifos (treated houses) | 0.29 |
| Benzene | 0.16 |
| Methylmercury | 0.12 |
| Xylene | 0.075 |
| DDTs | 0.016 |
| Chlordane | 0.009 |

12 major
environmental
pollutants in Japan
(Gamo et al. 2003)

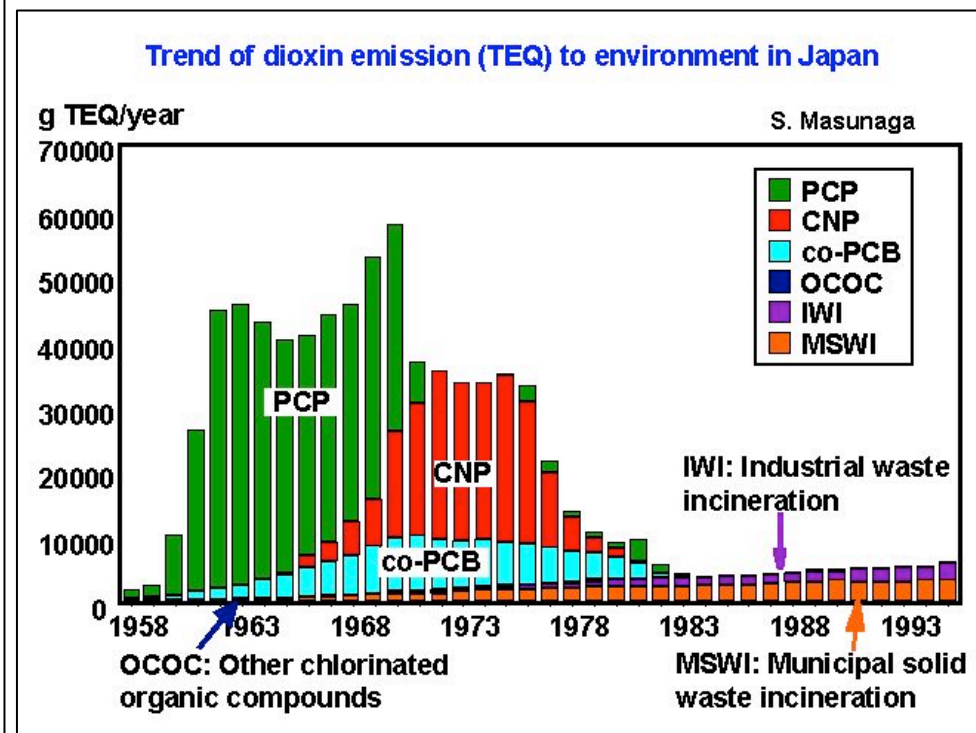
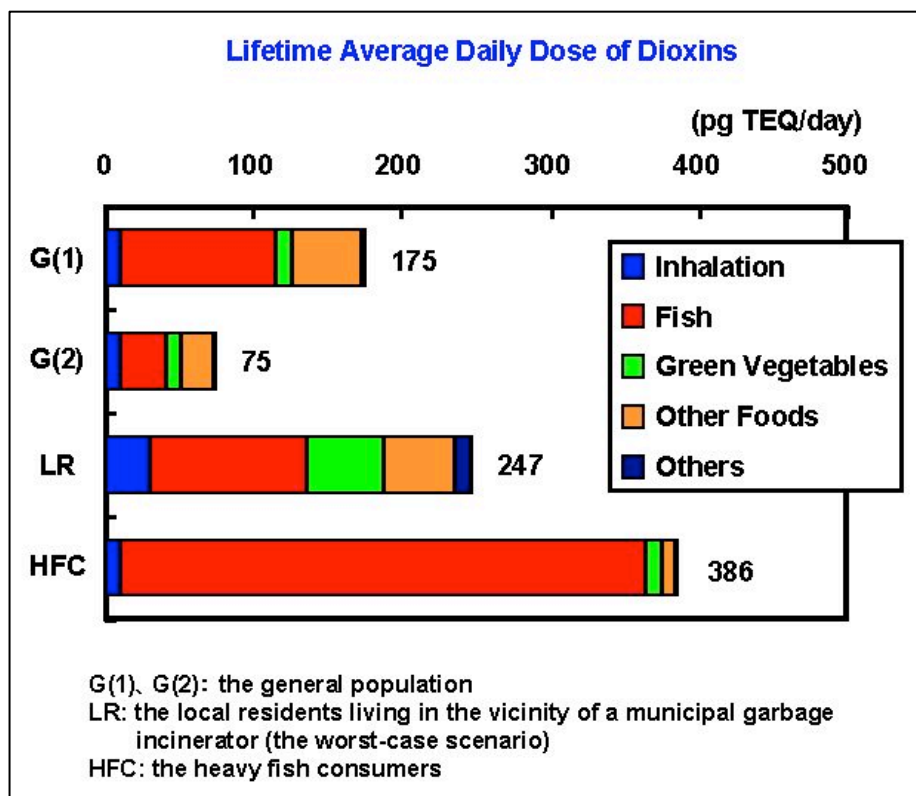
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Diesel Particle
and Smoking

Adapted from Gamo (2003)

Our Previous Works

Dioxin Risk Assessment



Nakanishi (1999)

Cost Effectiveness (Cost per Life Year Saved)

CPLYS (Cost per Life Year Saved) in chemical risk control policies

Oka et al. 2003

| Policy programme | CPLYS (million yen) | Sources |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| prohibition of chlordane | 45 | Oka et al. (1997) |
| mercury regulation in caustic soda production | 570 | Nakanishi et al.(1998) |
| mercury removal from dry batteries | 22 | Nakanishi (1995) |
| regulation of benzene in gasoline | 230 | Kajihara et al. (1999) |
| dioxin control (emergency countermeasures) | 7.9 | Kishimoto et al. (2001) |
| dioxin control (long-term countermeasures) | 150 | Kishimoto et al. (2001) |
| regulation of NOx for automobiles | 86 | Oka (1996) |

Gamo (2006)

Outline

1. Background and Purpose
2. Cost-Effectiveness Analysis(CEA) of Decontamination Options in Fukushima
3. Incorporation of “Return Ratio” into CEA
4. Summary

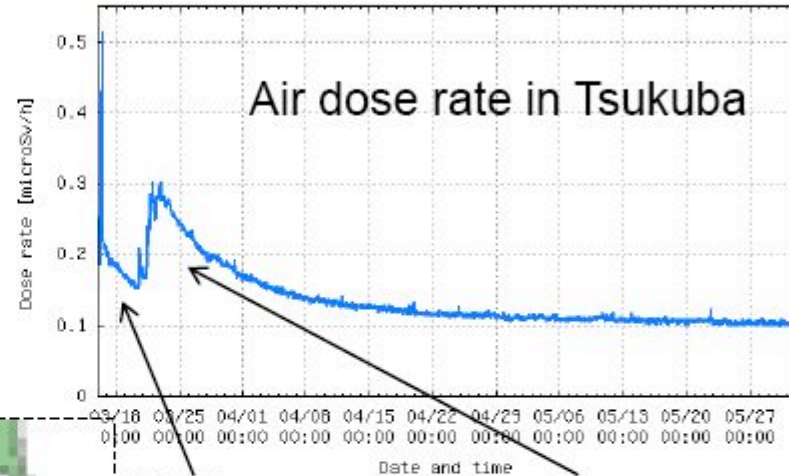
Personal experience in March 2011

March 11th, 2011

The day of Emergency Drill for Earthquake
13:30 -14:30

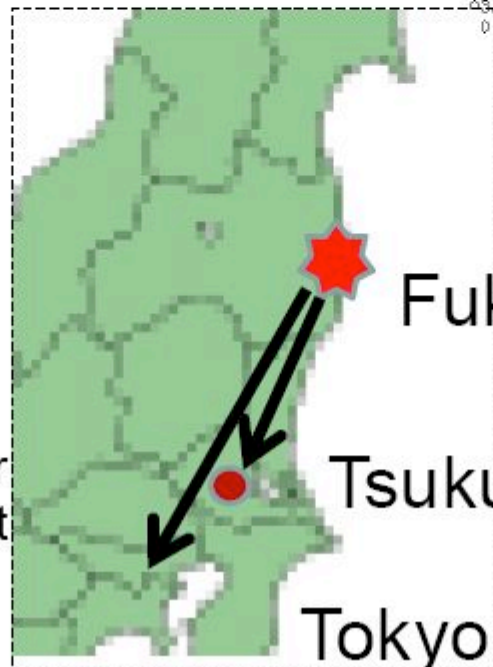


Earthquake
Epicenter



Hydrogen
explosions
(12-15 March)

Rainfall
(21 March)



Fukushima nuclear plant

Tsukuba 170km

Tokyo 230km

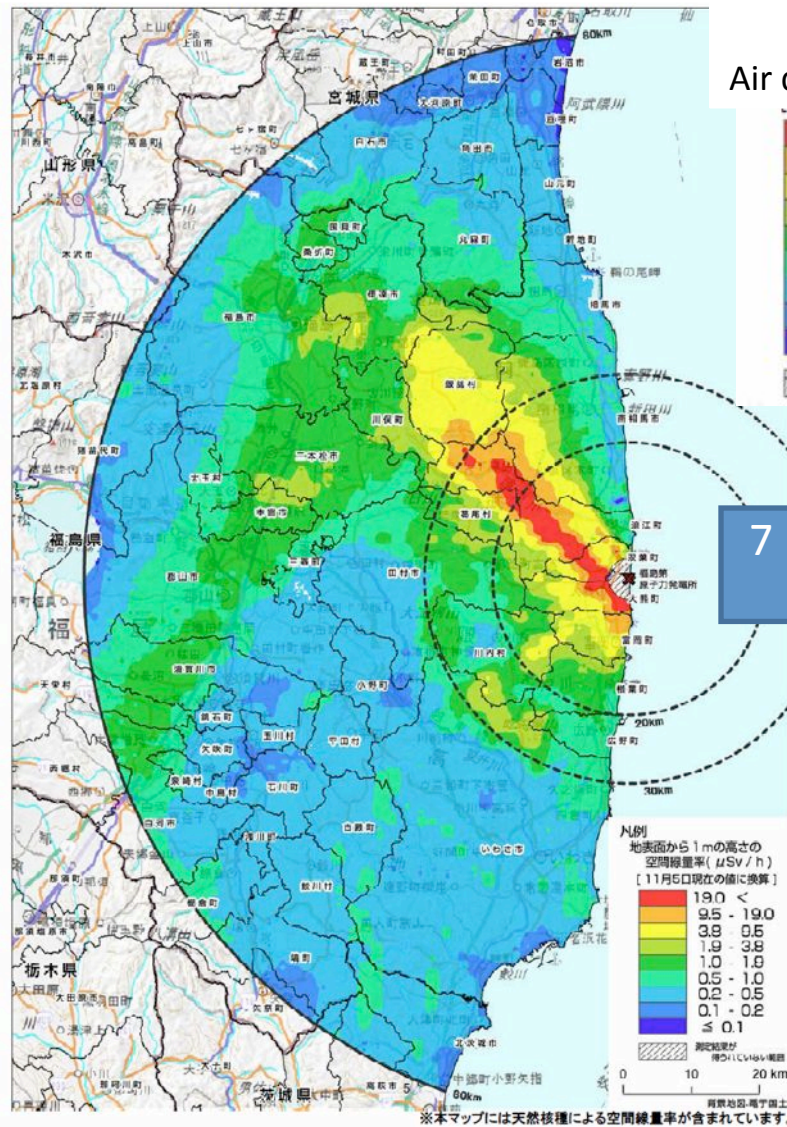


- Strong and long-continued quakes
- three days without tap water
- Real-time risk management

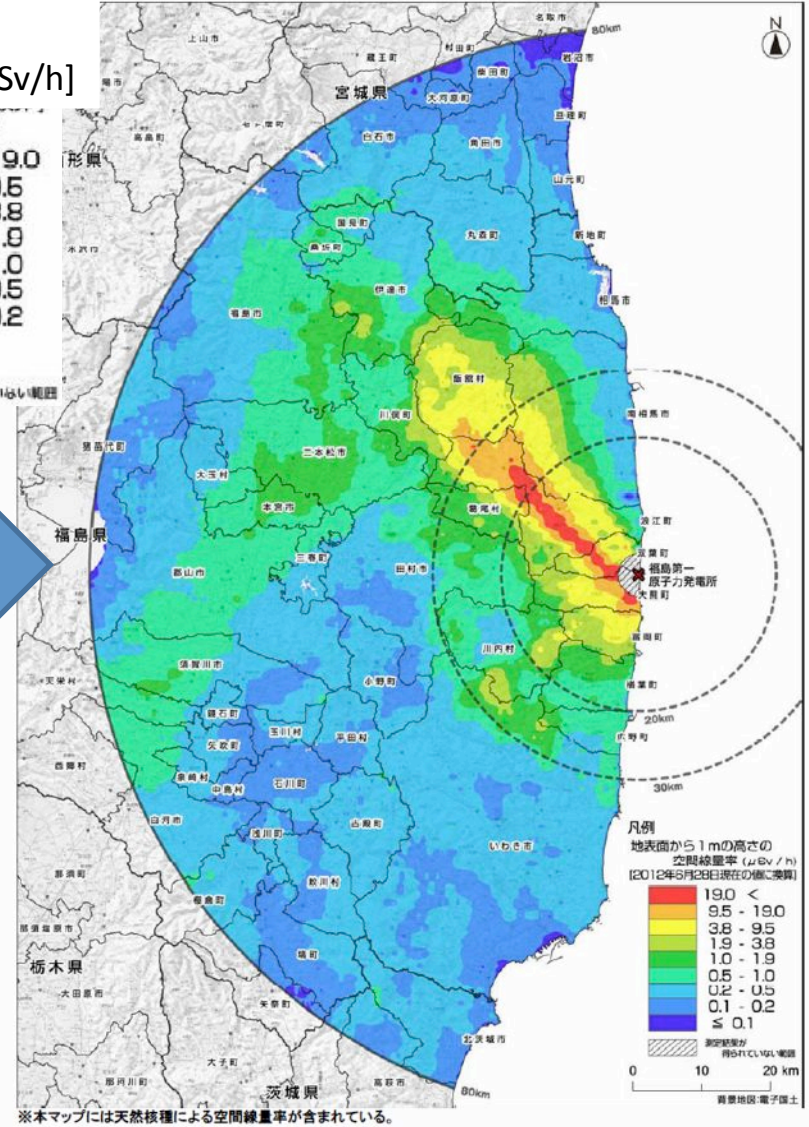
Radionuclides associated with the accident of FNPP1 spread widely and the high dose rate regions are found in the North-West of the plant.

Air dose rate [$\mu\text{Sv/h}$] based on aircraft monitoring survey by MEXT as of **Nov.5th, 2011**

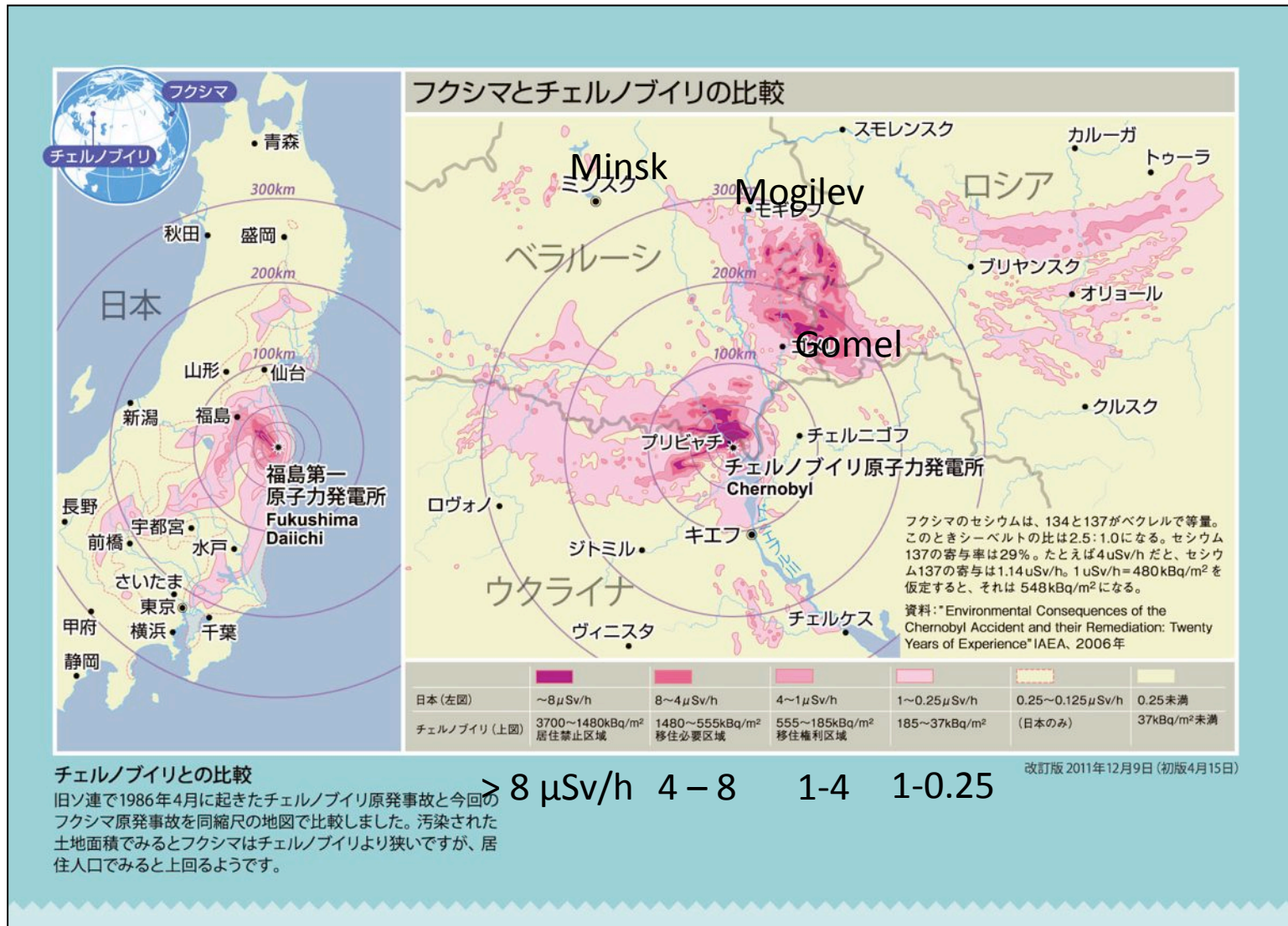
June 28th, 2012



7 months later



Comparison of Fukushima and Chernobyl



Yukio Hayakawa (2012)

<http://kipuka.blog70.fc2.com/blog-entry-535.html>

Area of Radionuclides Deposition Level

Chernobyl

| Contamination Level (kBq/m ²) | Area km ² |
|---|----------------------|
| 37-185 | 162,160 |
| 185-555 | 19,100 |
| 555-1480 | 7,200 |
| >1480 | 3,100 |

Fukushima

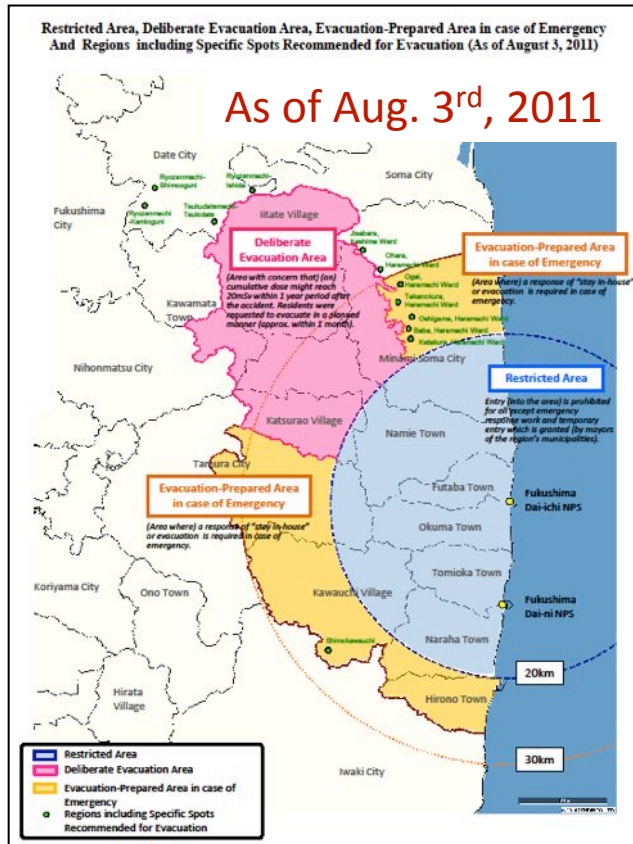
| Contamination Level (kBq/m ²) | Area km ² |
|---|----------------------|
| ----- | ----- |
| 300-600 | 500 |
| 600-1000 | 200 |
| 1000-3000 | 400 |
| 3000-14,710 | 200 |

The evacuation area is contaminating to dose level with a dose of 20 mSv/year and greater.

20 mSv/year \doteq 3.8 μ Sv/h \doteq 993 (kBq/m²)

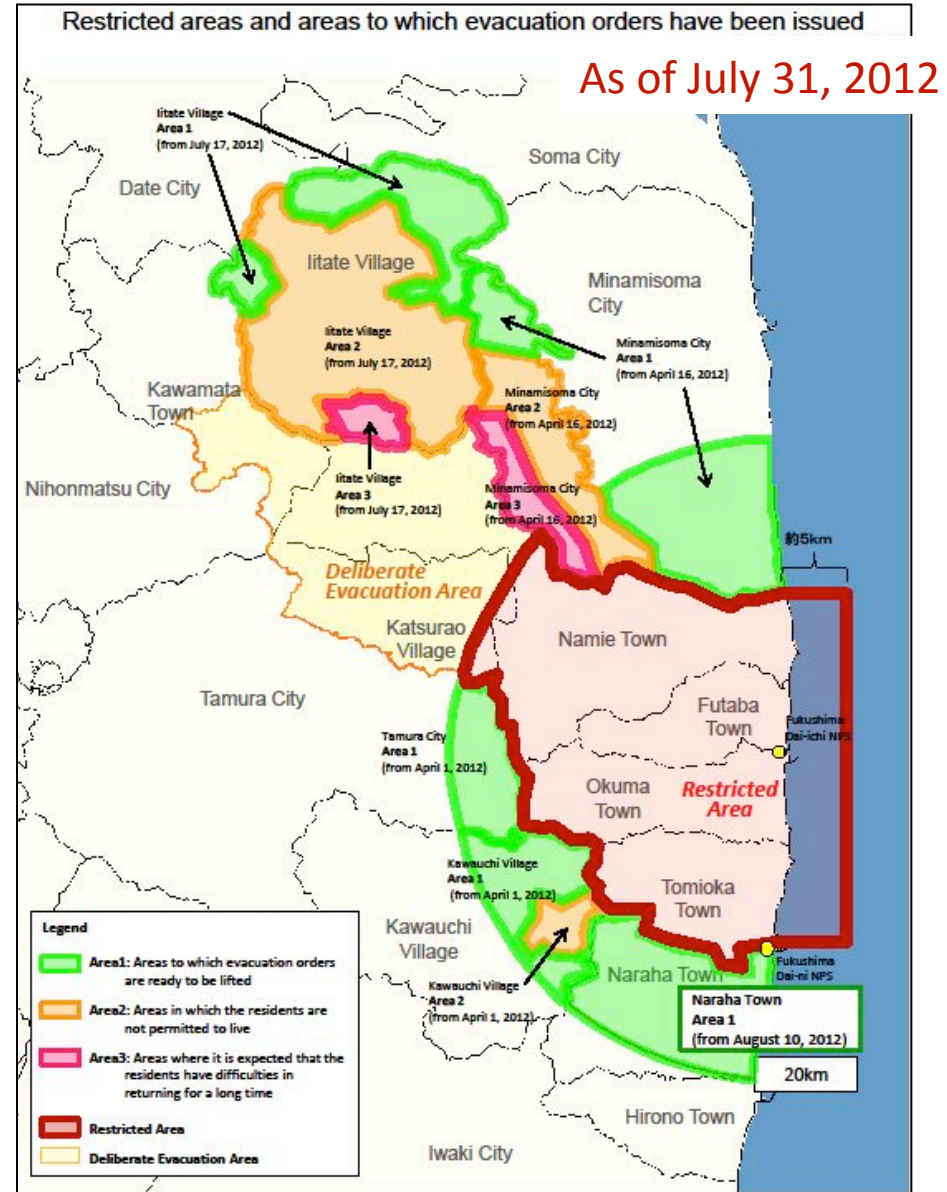
Nakanishi (2012)

Evacuation



http://www.meti.go.jp/english/earthquake/nuclear/roadmap/pdf/20120731_01.pdf

| Area | Pop. (thousand) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Restricted Area | 77 |
| Deliberate Evacuation Area | 10 |
| Emergency Evacuation Preparation Area | 59 |



http://www.meti.go.jp/english/earthquake/nuclear/roadmap/pdf/evacuation_map_a.pdf

Legal Framework

Act on Special Measures concerning the Handling of Radioactive Pollution

Promulgated: at the end of August 2011, Fully came into force: January 1, 2012

Basic Principles of the Act

-Decided by the Cabinet: November 11, 2011

The Order and Ordinance

-Promulgated: December 14, 2011

Decontamination-related regulations:

Standards for decontamination, standards for collection and transfer, storage standards for the removed soil, etc.

Designation of the target areas: December 28, 2011

Special Decontamination Areas: 11 municipalities*
(20km radius from NPP + area with 20 mSv of annual cumulative dose)

Intensive Contamination Survey Areas: 104 municipalities
(area with 1-20 mSv annual cumulative dose)

Waste-related regulations:

Designation standards for Designated Waste, collection and transfer standards, storage standards and final disposal standards for decontaminated waste, etc.



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Basic Concept for Pushing Ahead with Decontamination Work

Vertical axis Annual dose
[mSv/y]

Principles set by ICRP

Emergency exposure situation [Planned evacuation zone, Restricted zone]

Those when require emergency activities such as nuclear accident.

Aiming to reduce exposure dose to 20 mSv/y or less.

100 mSv/y

20 mSv/y

Existing exposure situations

Long-term exposure after emergency situation

Long-term goal

Reducing additional exposure dose 1 mSv/y a year

1 mSv/y

Basic Concept for Pushing Ahead with Decontamination Work (August 26, 2011, Decision by the Nuclear Emergency Response HQs)

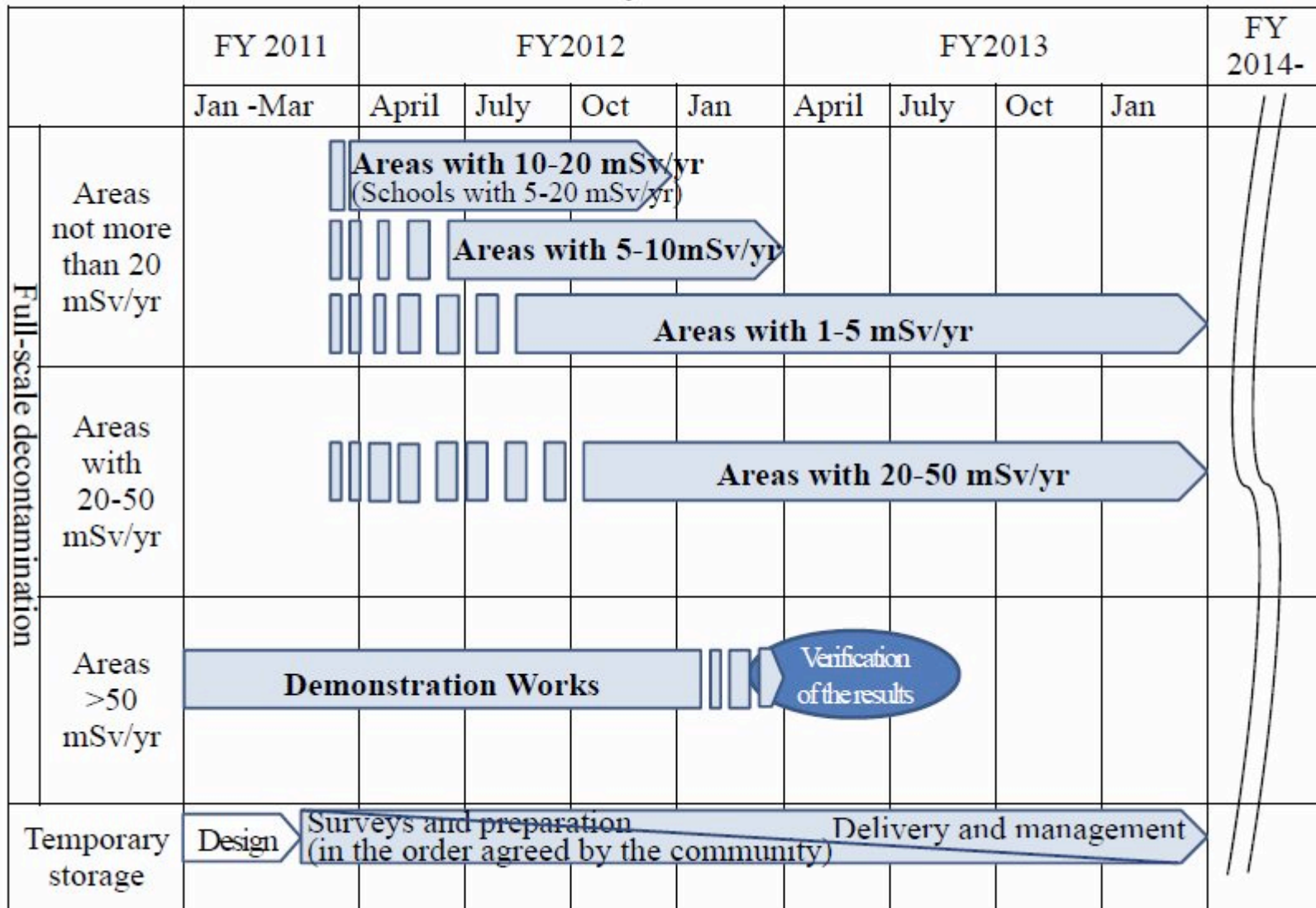
- The national government will take the initiative in decontamination work until local resident return home

[Higher dose]
Require area decontamination associated with large scale works.

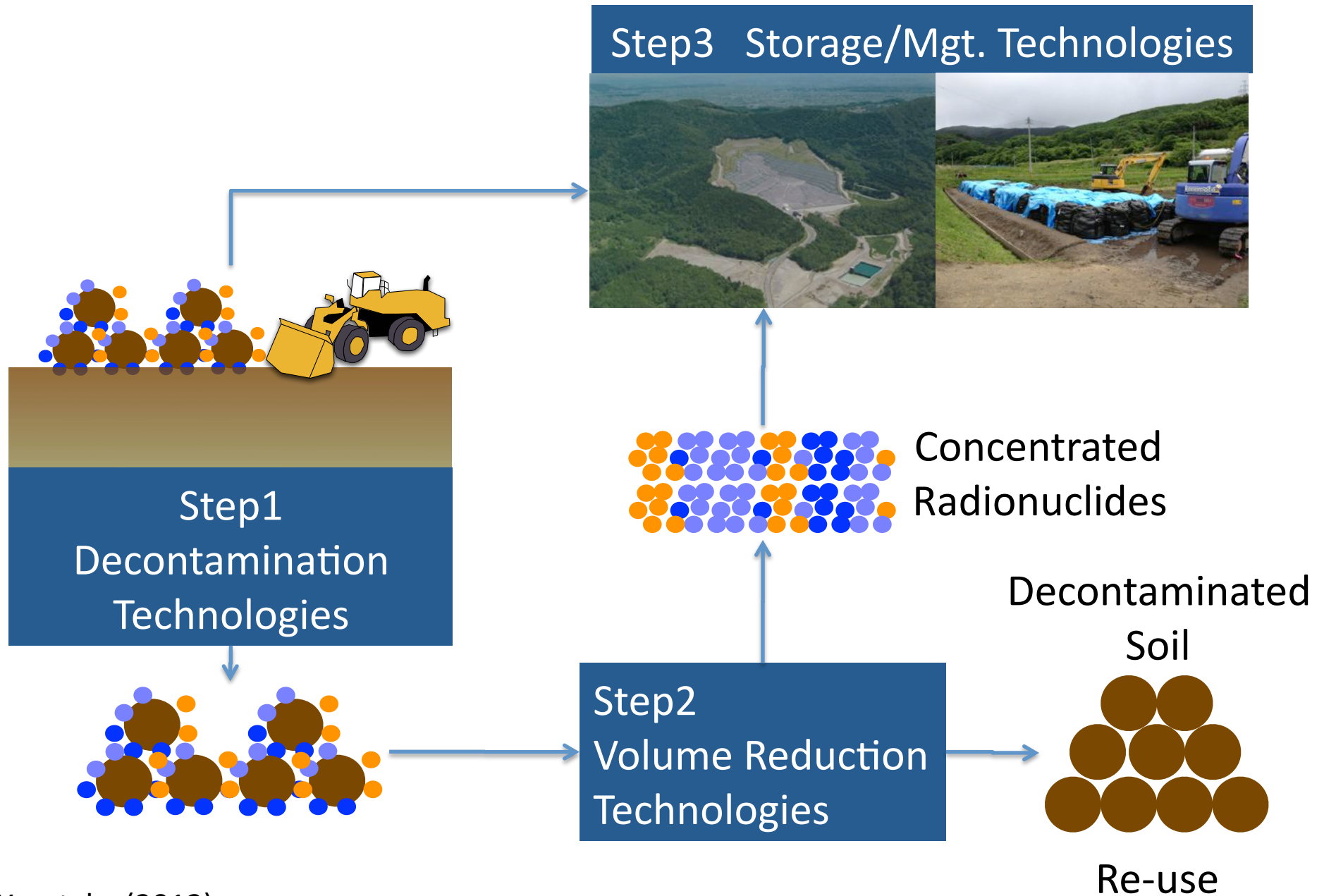
[Lower dose]
Decontamination focused on rainwater gutter and side gutters

- Municipalities develop and conduct decontamination plans
- The national government sends experts and provides fiscal support for more effective decontamination work.

Decontamination Policy for New Evacuation Zones



Decontamination Process



Decontamination Process

- 1. To remove the contaminated soil, stone, and various materials**
- 2. To pack the contaminated disposal in the Frecon Pack (Flexible Containers)**
- 3. To move the Frecon packs to a tentative-tentative neighborhood refuge dump and keep them for a while**
- 4. To move the Frecon packs from the tentative-tentative refuge dump to a tentative city refuge dump made for radioactive refuge and keep them for 30 years.**
- 5. To move them to the final dump**

Problems of the ongoing decontamination

Technical problem

Effectiveness of risk reduction is unclear

Limited stockyard spaces for contaminated soil

The dose level attained by the decontamination is much higher than those are acceptable by the residents and the Government has made public commit to attain.

The Government has promised the two goal dose levels:

- 1) 1mSv/year (final goal), and
- 2) to reduce doses by 50% by Summer of 2013 .

In Intensive Contamination Survey Areas

How safe is safe enough?

Based on Yasutaka (2012) and Nakanishi (2012)

Problems of the decontamination

Social Problem

Does people really return home after decontamination completed?

-- As for elderly people, Yes, but as for younger with children, No (?). How many of them return?

Decontamination Cost

Huge cost (more than 4 billion Euro/ yr)!? How long ? Who pays the cost?

The Government does not prioritize the areas according to "Effectiveness"

A scenic landscape photograph showing rolling green hills under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the foreground, there is a field of tall green grass and some white and pink flowers. A small wooden shed is visible on the left side of the middle ground. In the background, there are more hills and some utility poles. A large blue arrow points downwards from the text above towards the landscape.

Decontamination is going on...

▪ "Restoring the original state" is the fundamental philosophy
However, ...

Evacuation Area about 30km From F1

1.5 μ Sv/h

Photo by Tetsuo Yasutaka

After Decontamination.....

Dose level was reduced, but what extent?

Photo by Tetsuo Yasutaka



Decontamination is going on..



In-Situ or Temporary Storage → Interim Storage → Final Disposal Site

Photo by Tetsuo Yasutaka

Prioritization for decontamination is
necessary, but how?

Our Challenging project

Background and Purpose

- For the implementation of effective and efficient risk reduction measures, we need to set different risk reduction options, and assess risk, cost and effectiveness of each option.
- Even though clean-up (decontamination) costs are enormous, almost **no quantitative discussion** has been conducted on how much risks would be reduced by different risk reduction options.
- In the radiation problems in Fukushima, it is **important to consider social, psychological and ethical aspects of evacuation or resettlement.**

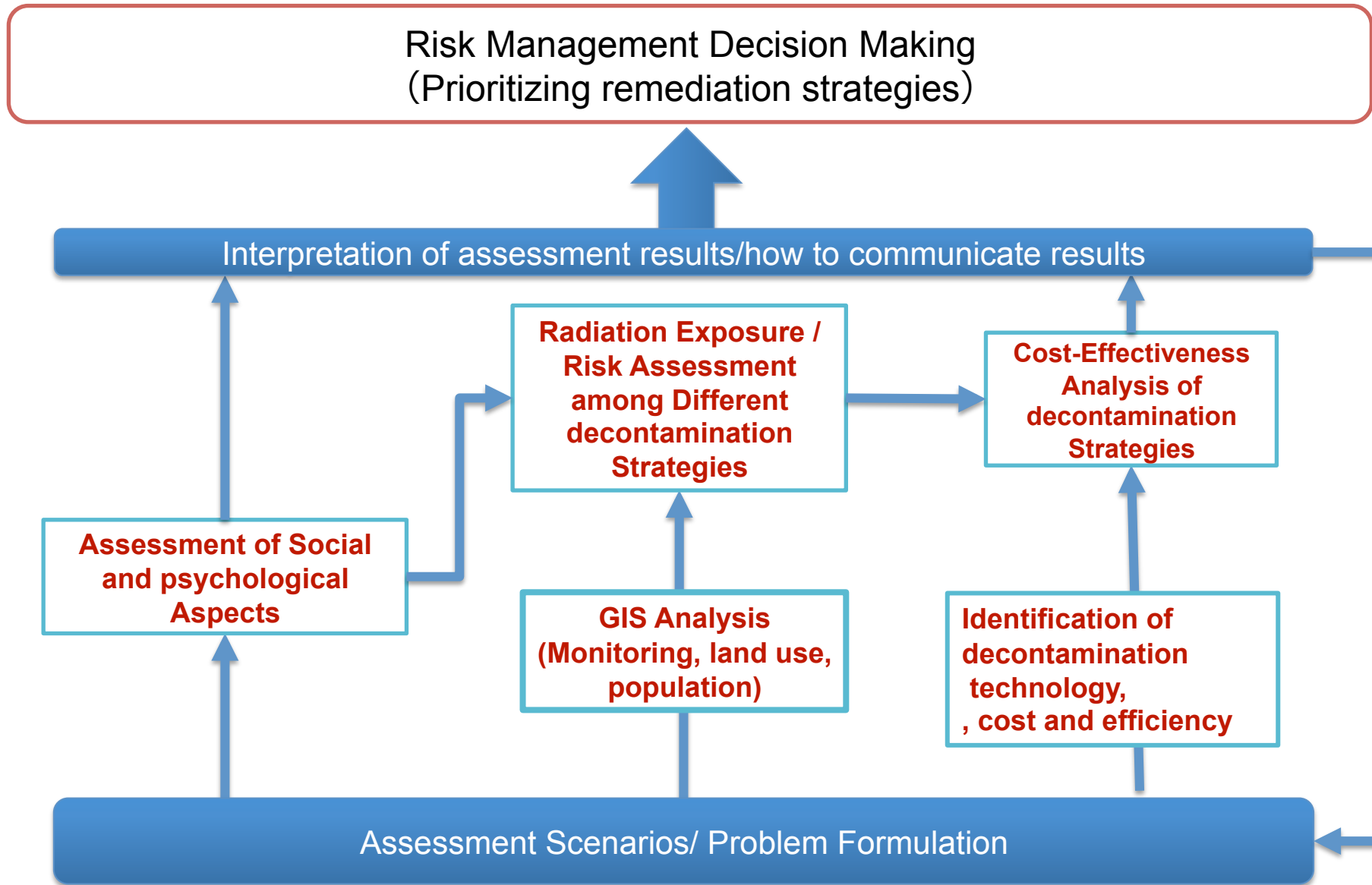
The aim of the project is to **develop remediation strategies (Prioritization) for radiation contaminated areas Fukushima based on cost-effectiveness analyses including social and psychological aspects of evacuation or resettlement.**

Project of prioritization on decontamination based on cost-effectiveness analysis

Research steps including

- 1) Estimation of dose (and risk) reduction, using site-specific land use/soil property and population data
- 2) Estimation of costs, using realistic unit costs corresponding to several decontamination options
- 3) Evaluation of happiness on resettlement or return home, comparing to previous case studies e.g. evacuation on air pollution due to volcano explosion

Research Framework



Our three potential approaches

First: The ΔB greater, the more preferable;

$$\Delta B = \{R(\text{contaminated}) - R(\text{Decontaminated})\} \\ \times \{\text{People returning}\} / \text{Cost}$$

Second : The greater ΔB is, the more preferable;

$$\Delta B = \{(\text{Benefit of returning home}) \\ - \Delta R(\text{Increase in risk associated returning home}) * \} \\ \times (\text{People returning}) / (\text{Cost})$$

Third: Under the premise that the dose for life span should not exceed 100mSv/for approx. 10 to 20 years , the greater ΔB is, the more preferable.

$$\Delta B = (\text{People returning}) / (\text{Cost})$$

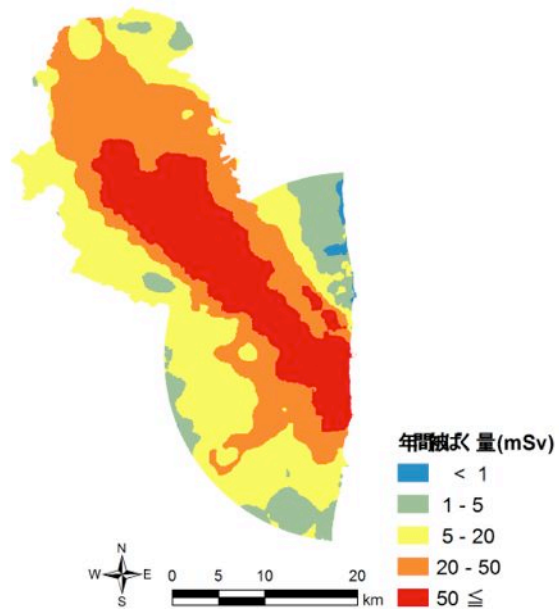
Nakanishi (2012)

R: Human health risk (mainly cancer risk)

Tentative Results

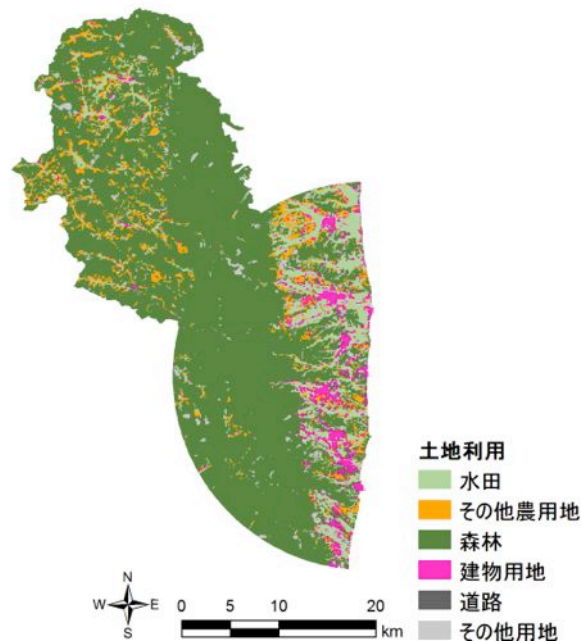
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GIS data



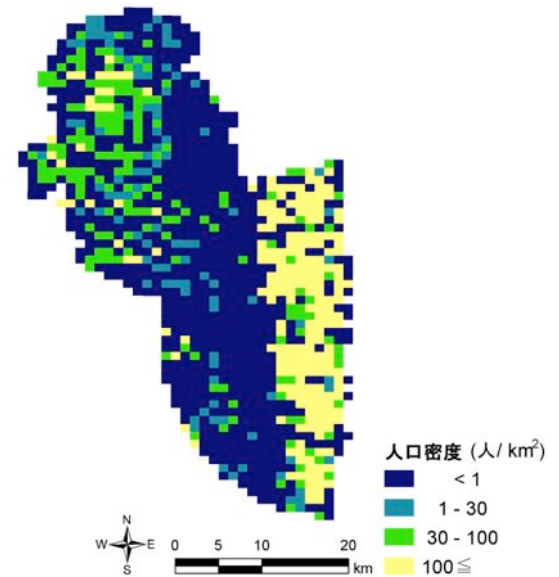
Air Dose Rate

MEXT (2011), METI(2012)



Land Use Data

MLIT(2009)

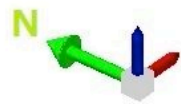


Population Density

MLIT(2005)

Yasutaka et al. (2012)

Air Dose Rate and Population Density in the affected area in Fukushima

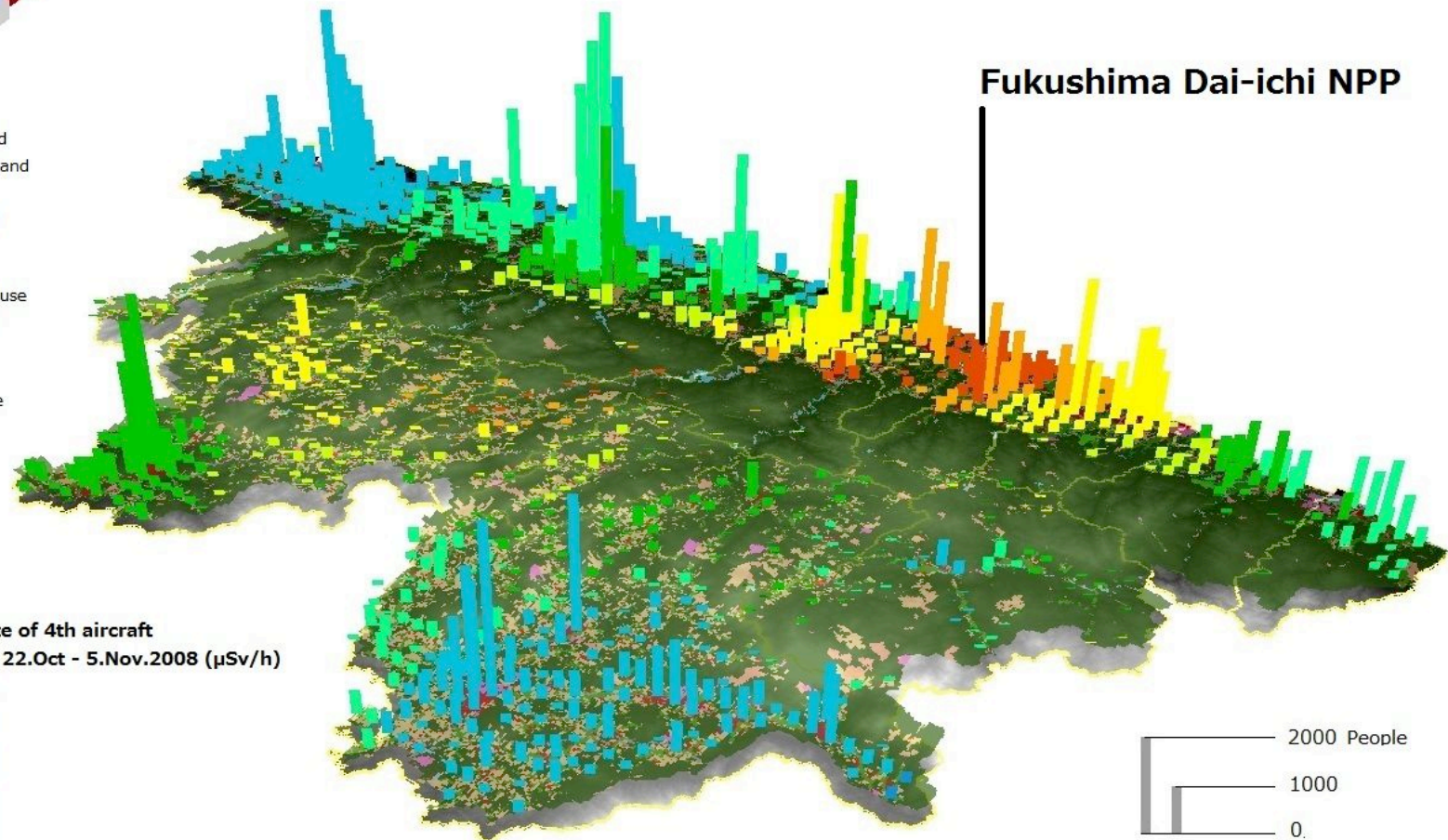


Land use

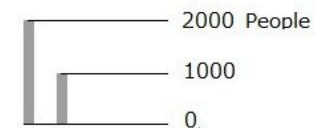
- Paddy Field
- Other farmland
- Forest
- Wasteland
- Building
- Road
- Other landuse
- River/lake
- Beach
- Sea
- Golf course

Air dose rate of 4th aircraft monitoring 22.Oct - 5.Nov.2008 ($\mu\text{Sv/h}$)

- 0.15 - 0.20
- 0.21 - 0.50
- 0.51 - 1.00
- 1.01 - 1.90
- 1.91 - 3.80
- 3.81 - 9.50
- 9.51 - 19.00
- 19.01 -



Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP

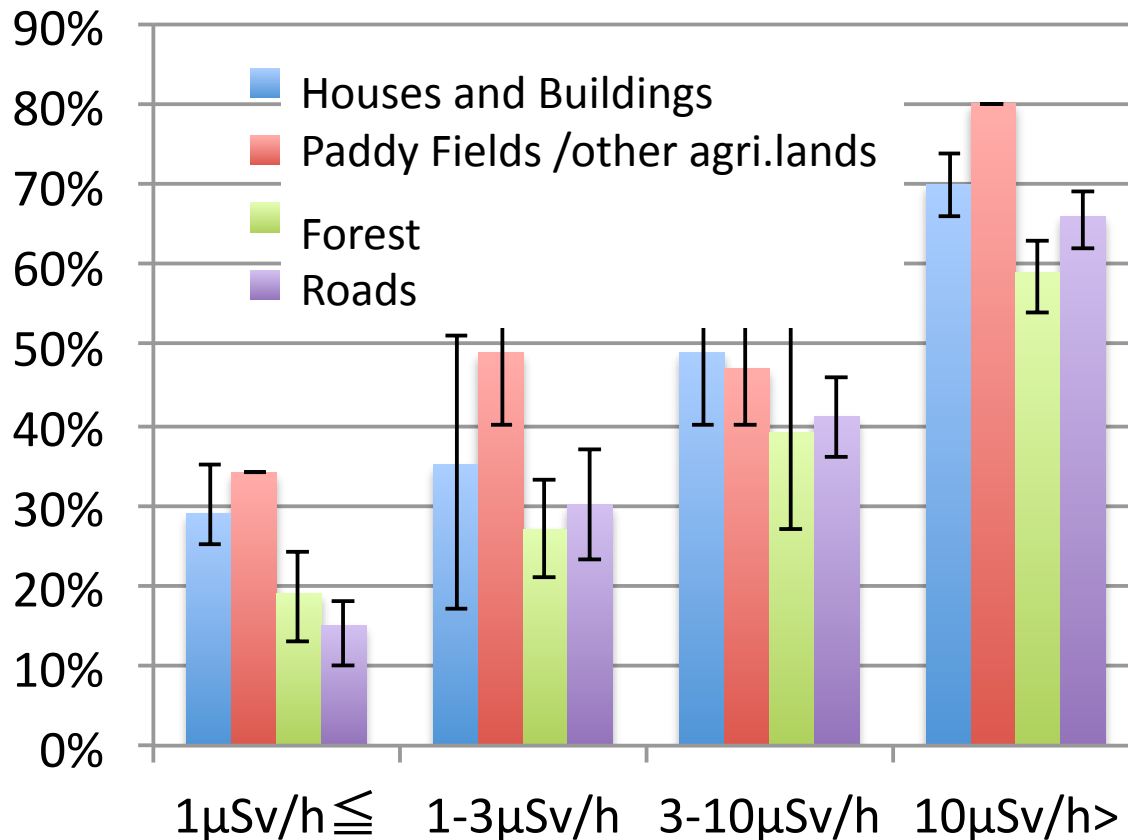


Pop. Data as of 2006

Efficiency of Decontamination

Efficiency of decontamination increases as air dose rates increase

Fraction of reduction
in air dose rate



Decontamination options

Houses and Buildings

high-pressure washing and brushing, cleaning gutter, topsoil removal and vegetation removal at yard.

Paddy Fields/Agri.lands

topsoil removal

Forest

Remove fallen leaves and litter layer of 20% area of each 100m-mesh

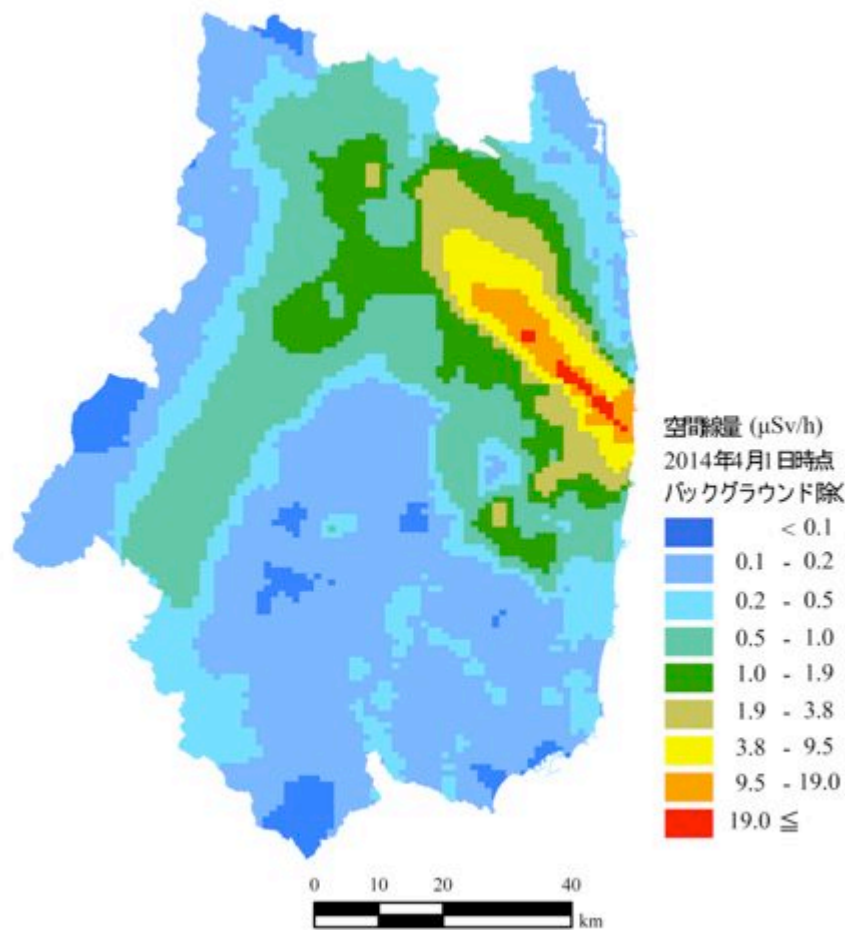
Roads

high-pressure washing or shot-blasting, clean gutters

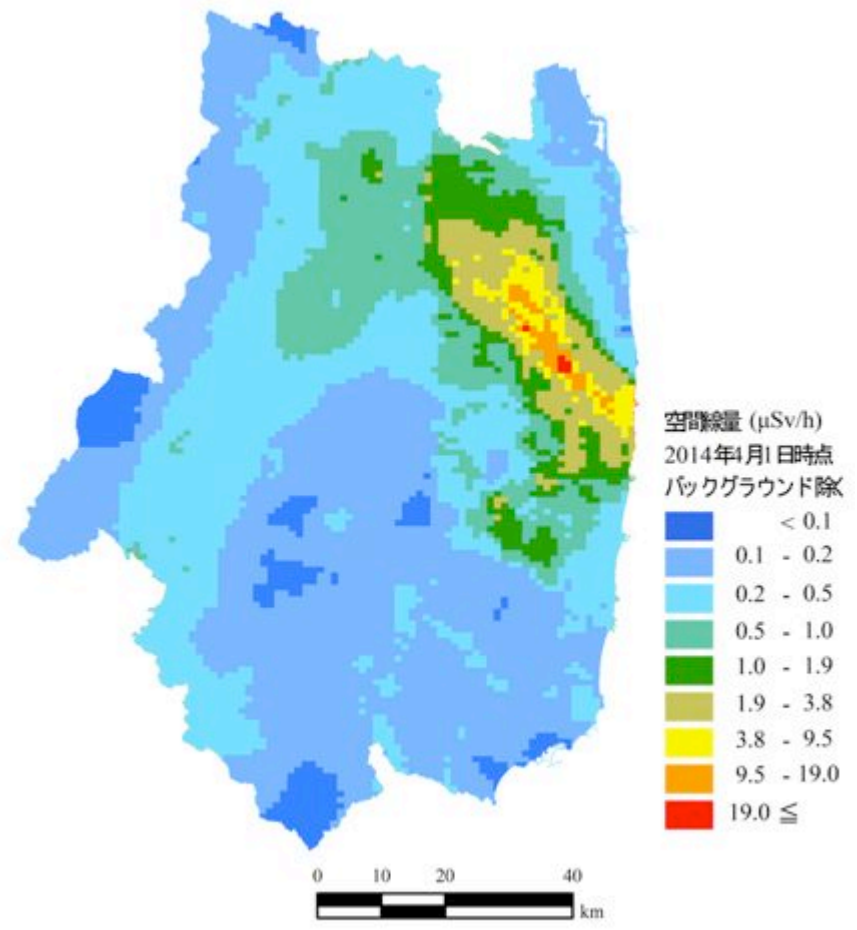
Original Data from JAEA (2012) Report

Yasutaka et al. (In Preparation)

Differences in air dose rate between with or without decontamination



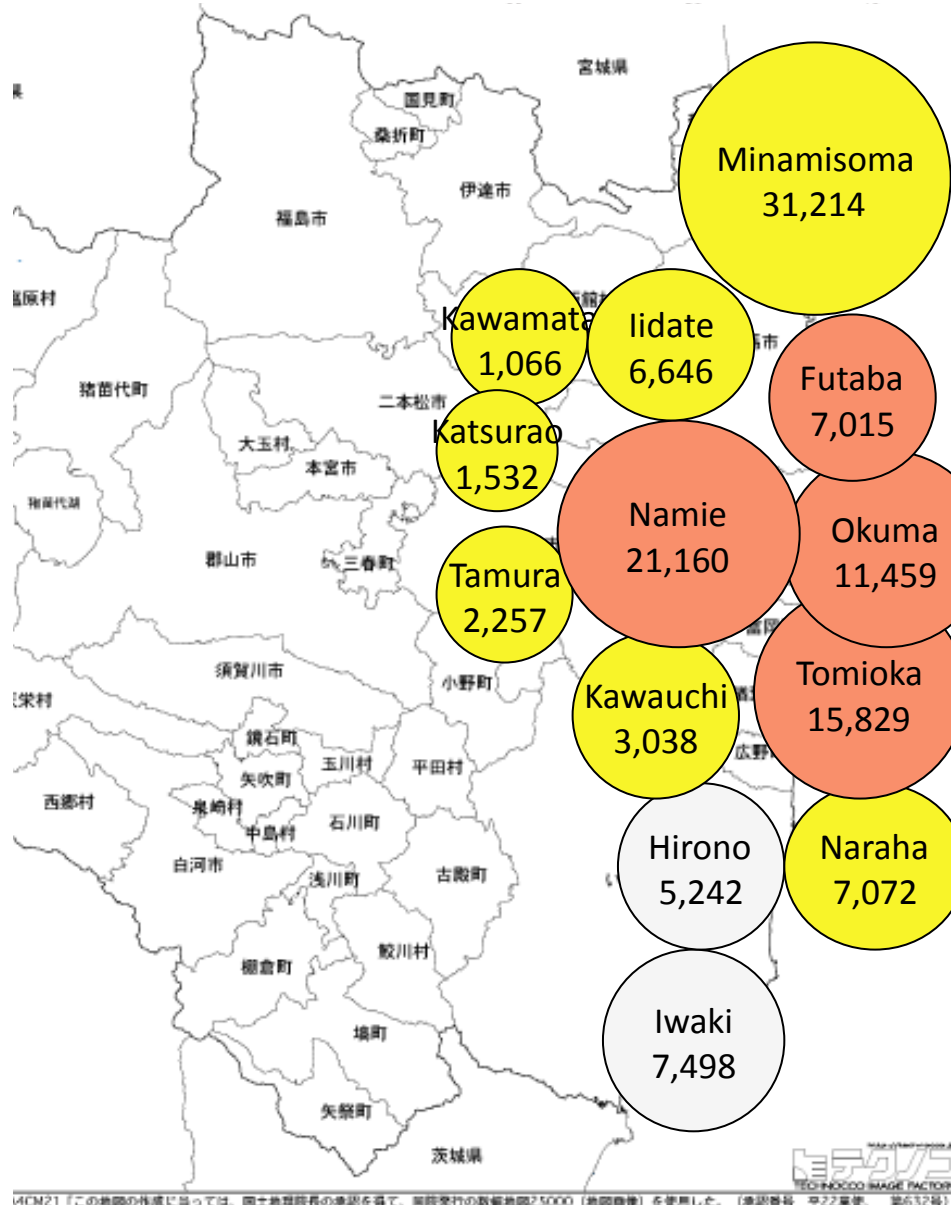
Without Decontamination
Prospective air dose rate as of Apr. 1st, 2014



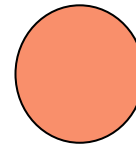
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Concept of Return Ratio

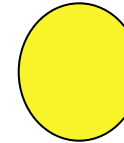
Number of Evacuees (2012.Feb.12)



※Value in the circle represents population



Municipalities including Restricted Area



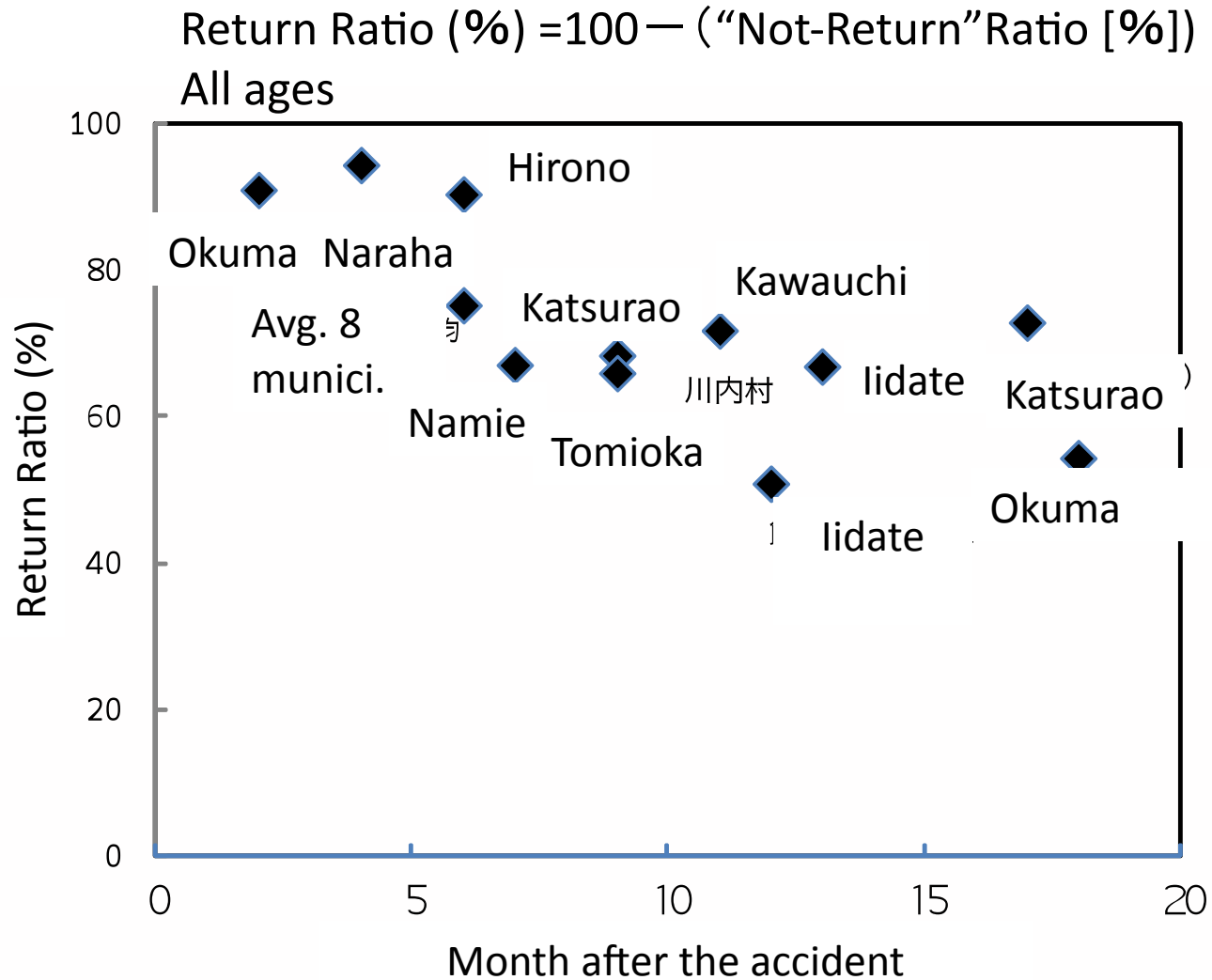
Municipalities including Planned Evacuation Area (As of 2012 Aug.)



ふくしま連携復興センターのデータ
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 を小野が加工

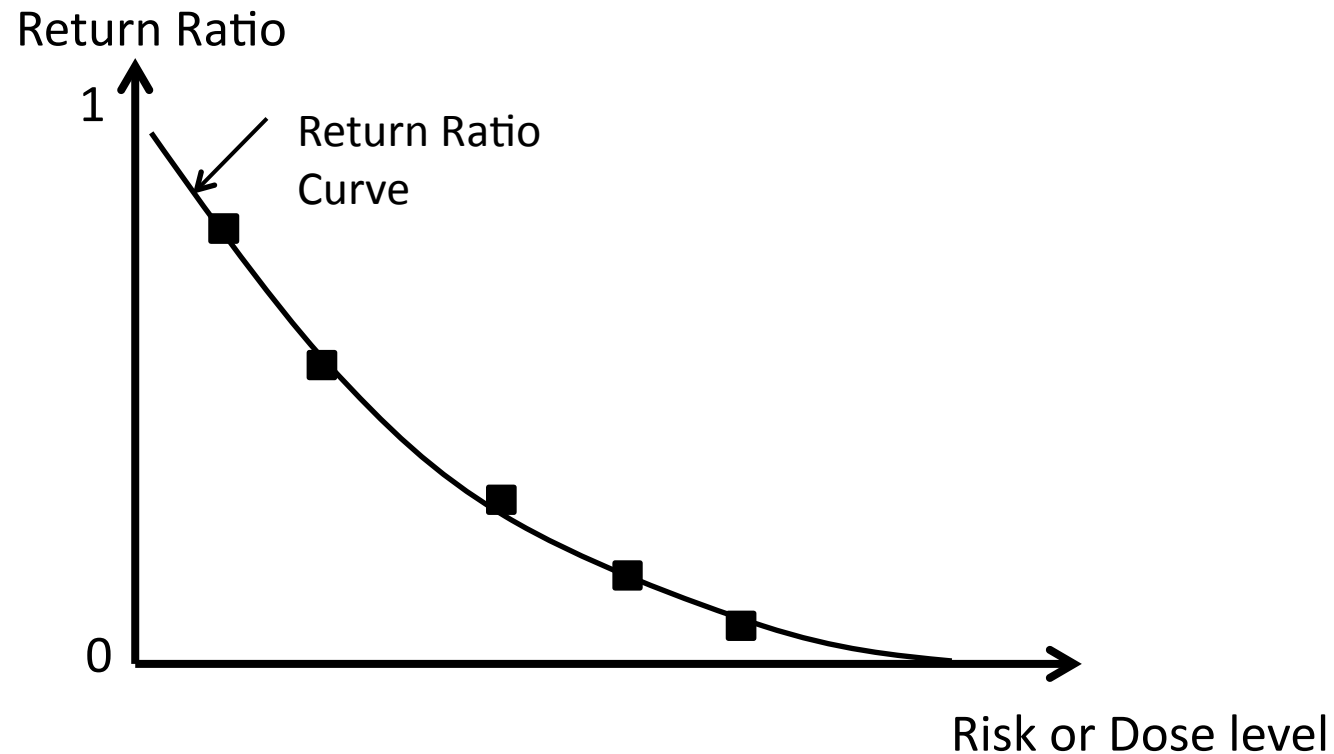
Adapted from Ono (2012)

Return Ratio based on Questionnaire surveys of the municipalities in the affected areas



Adapted from Ono (2012)

Concept of Return Ratio



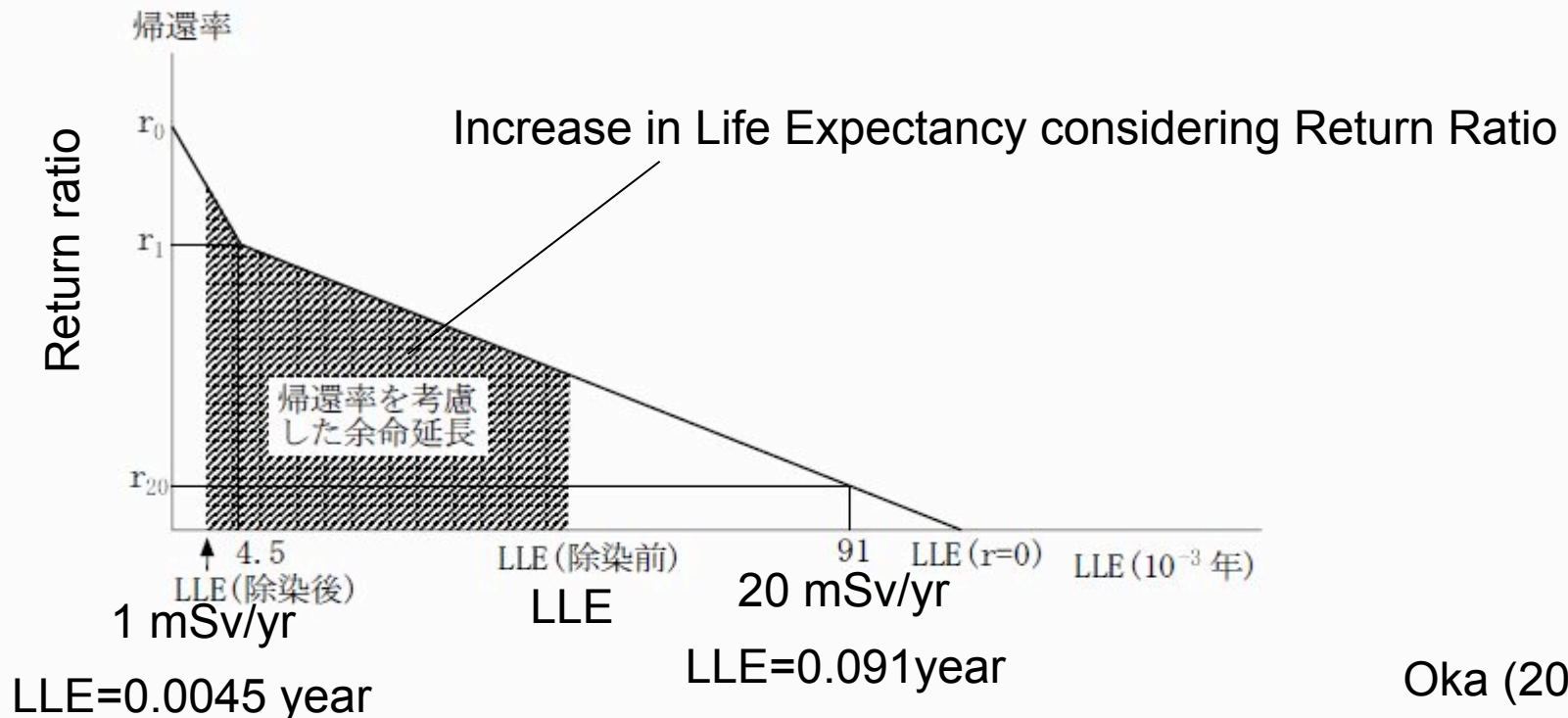
Preference of returning home of individuals (Return Ratio)
for risk or dose level after decontamination

Adapted from Ono (2012)

Return Ratio (Tentative)

- Return ratio and Loss of Life Expectancy (LLE) based on a questionnaire survey in Futaba area in Fukushima
 - ✓ LLE increase → Return ratio decrease

帰還率を考慮した余命延長



Oka (2012)

Summary

Quantifying risks and cost-effectiveness of decontamination strategies provide a common platform to discuss how we (stakeholders) deal with the problems related to the decontamination in the affected areas in Fukushima.

The effectiveness of decontamination varies depending on the method, land-use and air dose rate.

The concept of “return ratio” is incorporated into the cost-effective analysis of decontamination measures.

Reduction factor (Shielding/Occupancy Factor) , “return ratio” , air dose rate and population density can be important factors affecting the prioritization of decontamination strategies.

Thank you for your attention