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### THE AGREEABLE CALIBRATION OF CELLULAR AUTOMATA MODEL IN URBAN LAND USE SPRAWL SIMULATION: A REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

Norzailawati Mohd Noor & Mazlan Hashim

#### INTRODUCTION

Realistic high-resolution Cellular automata (CA) based models of urban and regional systems raise significant problems of calibration and validation. This paper examines the major philosophical and methodological issues involved in the validation of models that produce as output patterns that are complex but non-deterministic due to stochasticity and bifurcations. Cellular automata (CA) models for urban sprawl simulation have been increasingly used owing to their simplicity, flexibility and intuitiveness and particular because of their ability to incorporate the spatial and temporal dimensions of the processes. However, methods to determine a precision of calibration of CA have yet to be not fully established. Various empirical methods have been developed to overcome these drawbacks in aspect to achieve the reliable simulation particularly on dealing a factor of cell type or the stochastic components. Therefore, this work demonstrates empirical calibration of urban land use sprawl to acquire a new level of assessment to enable the reliability in CA simulations.

#### SPRAWL CHARACTERISTIC AND MODELING APPROACHES

Urban systems are evolving and emerging in suprising ways. This is particularly true in Malaysia recently, as its urban geography has essentially been re-drawn over the last fifty years. The phenomenon of urban land use sprawl is the poster-child for these kinds of transformation. Sprawl is a relatively new form of urbanization, falling somewhere between Ebenezer Howard's ideas for Garden Cities and Le Corbusier's notion of ubiquitous urban form, yet altogether different- a geography nowhere as referred by Kunstler (1993). In regards to simulation as essential to the study of sprawl, this review shows that modeling and simulation may serve as generative science which further will gain the understanding of phenomenon of sprawl, and the factors that combine to produce it by piecing elements of sprawling systems together in simulation, and studying the ways in which they interact to form system dynamics.

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