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# Detection of Urban Environment from Landsat 8 for Mesoscale Modelling Purpose



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#### Introduction

- Rapid urbanizations in megacities lead to urban temperature increase and Urban Heat Island (UHI).
  Mesoscale weather models such as Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF) are 3D weather models which can be used to understand and mitigate the urban phenomenon.
- Distribution of updated aerodynamic parameters[1] in urban areas improves surface momentum transport in WRF[2]. Its parameterization requires one **urban parameter**,  $\lambda_p$  (ratio of the plane area occupied by buildings to the total floor area), which can be created from detailed morphological building data.
- **Problem**: Detailed building geometry is scarce in most megacities (e.g. Jakarta).

Objective : a. Detection of urban areas using Landsat 8 for mesoscale models; b. Derive an empirical equation to determine  $\lambda_p$  spatial distribution from detected urban areas.



### **Results and Discussion**

WRF MODIS 500-m urban land use update



value on each urban ratio as regressor variable towards real  $\lambda_n$  value as

dependent variable. OLS result will be treated as $\underline{\lambda}_{p}$ empirical equation.		
OLS for Jakarta	OLS for Tokyo	
$\lambda_p = 0.19(r_{102}) + 0.51(r_{103}) + 0.29(r_{104})$	$\lambda_p = -0.31(r_{102}) + 0.425(r_{103}) - 0.517(r_{104}) + 0.0027$	
$R^2 = 0.86$	$R^2 = 0.56$	
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OLS for Jakarta has more simple expression and intercept with 0. By neglecting  $r_{104}$  coefficient  $\lambda_p$  a new  $\lambda_p$  empirical equation is expressed below and applied to Jakarta and Tokyo.

 $\lambda_p = 0.20(r_{102}) + 0.51(r_{103})$ 



Conclusions and Future Works		
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	• Landsat 8 image was utilized to create latest area-specific land use database for updating mesoscale model existing	1. Incorporating empirical $\lambda_{p}$ (with other urban

- database. The same SCP method can be applied to other areas.
- Comparison between 1-km grid  $\lambda_p$  created from original building data, MAPCUBE and/or Nokia Here Maps, and urban ratio derived from Landsat 8 land use classification results that both of them has high correlation.
- A general empirical equation to convert urban ratio to  $\lambda_p$  was validated for Tokyo and Jakarta. The same empirical equation can be applied to other cities as long as the urban ratio is strictly defined similar to this study.

parameters) in WRF simulation and analyze its performance.

2. Applying the same method of land use update and  $\lambda_p$  creation by using explained method for other cities.

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