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Practical Applications for Deep Learning: Assessing Buildings at Scale with Computer Vision

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New York Statewide Multifamily Baseline Study

Over 400 detailed and comprehensive site visits across New York state





Traditional in-person site visits provide detailed data on building characteristics, equipment specifications and quantities, and operating parameters for sampled buildings, resulting in a representative market characterization



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Can we assess



Developing new programs, particularly for some novel retrofit solutions, requires a detailed understanding of the exact quantities and locations of buildings. A population-wide analysis can't attain the same level of detail that site visits provide, but can it identify a complete inventory of buildings at a statewide scale, along with some useful structural characteristics about each one?



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- Searching for: number of multifamily buildings in New York State
- Generating answers for you...

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I'm sorry, but I couldn't find the exact number of multifamily buildings in New York State. However, you might find relevant data in the NMHC Quick Facts Data Download or the NYSERDA Multifamily Statewide Baseline Study. These sources provide various statistics related to multifamily buildings, which could help you find the information you're looking for. Please note that the data might not be up-to-date, and it's always a good idea to check the most recent sources.



How many multifamily buildings are in New York State?

The first challenge is to locate those buildings. Can AI complete this step? Not today. Generative AI has to learn from somewhere. As energy efficiency professionals we still need to do the foundational research.

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We apply a property analytics process to aggregate a wide range of data sources to develop a comprehensive database of building locations.

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After identifying the building locations, we must isolate each building of interest on each image.

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After isolating images of selected buildings, we can start training the computer vision model to recognize the desired attributes by manually labeling images, training a model, and testing it on additional images.























Once a satisfactory model has been developed, we can acquire images for the entire building population and apply that AI model to each image to extract identified features.



A computer vision AI model has no inherent understanding of the analysis we intend to use it for, and will return results across the entire image.





We must conduct additional analysis to select features relevant to each building, and then use those features to calculate useful metrics like building dimensions and window-to-wall ratio























We can then apply that analysis process to the features extracted from each image across the entire population, and begin to integrate those results into a useful dataset.



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Thank You

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