



## How Predictable is Urban Form Using Landscape Patterns? Associating Building Morphology with Land Use, Zoning and Population

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### Building Morphology Distribution Land Model (BMDLM)

Developed to determine how well building morphology can be predicted using land use (e.g. zoning) and population data at different resolutions

### Research Objectives

1

Codify the dependency of urban form on population and subsequently zoning

Due to previous studies correlating population with impervious surfaces

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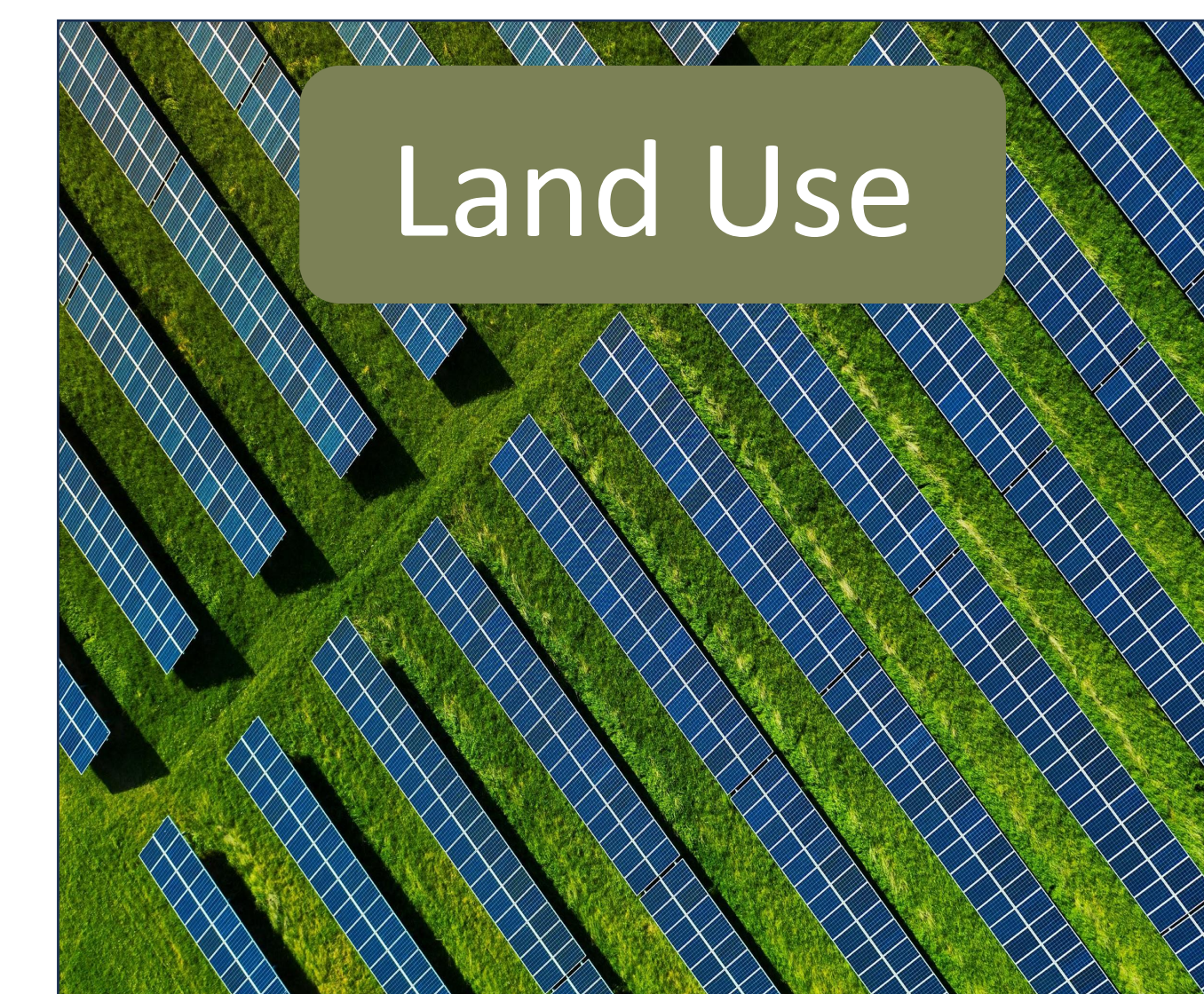
How data resolution of building morphologies influences this relationship

### Knowledge Gaps

Building Morphology



Land Use



Population





IM<sub>3</sub>

INTEGRATED  
MULTISECTOR  
MULTISCALE  
MODELING



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### Research Challenges

Computationally expensive

Does not lend itself to understanding the general relationship between the predictor and response variables

BMDLM was developed to overcome these limitations as a model displaying distributions of morphological features

### Key Research Message

If a more refined resolution is needed, downscaling can be applied

BMDLM offers a distribution product, as opposed to site-by-site measurements

Reliable relationship through the

- 1) Exploration of alternative measurement of response variables,
- 2) Varying resolutions,
- 3) Differing areas of study

### Cross-Program Collaborations/ Research Opportunities



IM3 Experiment B  
- Water

IM3 Experiment C  
- Energy Infrastructure



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- Climate Change



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