



# **BUILDING ENERGY CONSUMPTION PREDICTOR (BECP)**

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# PROBLEM

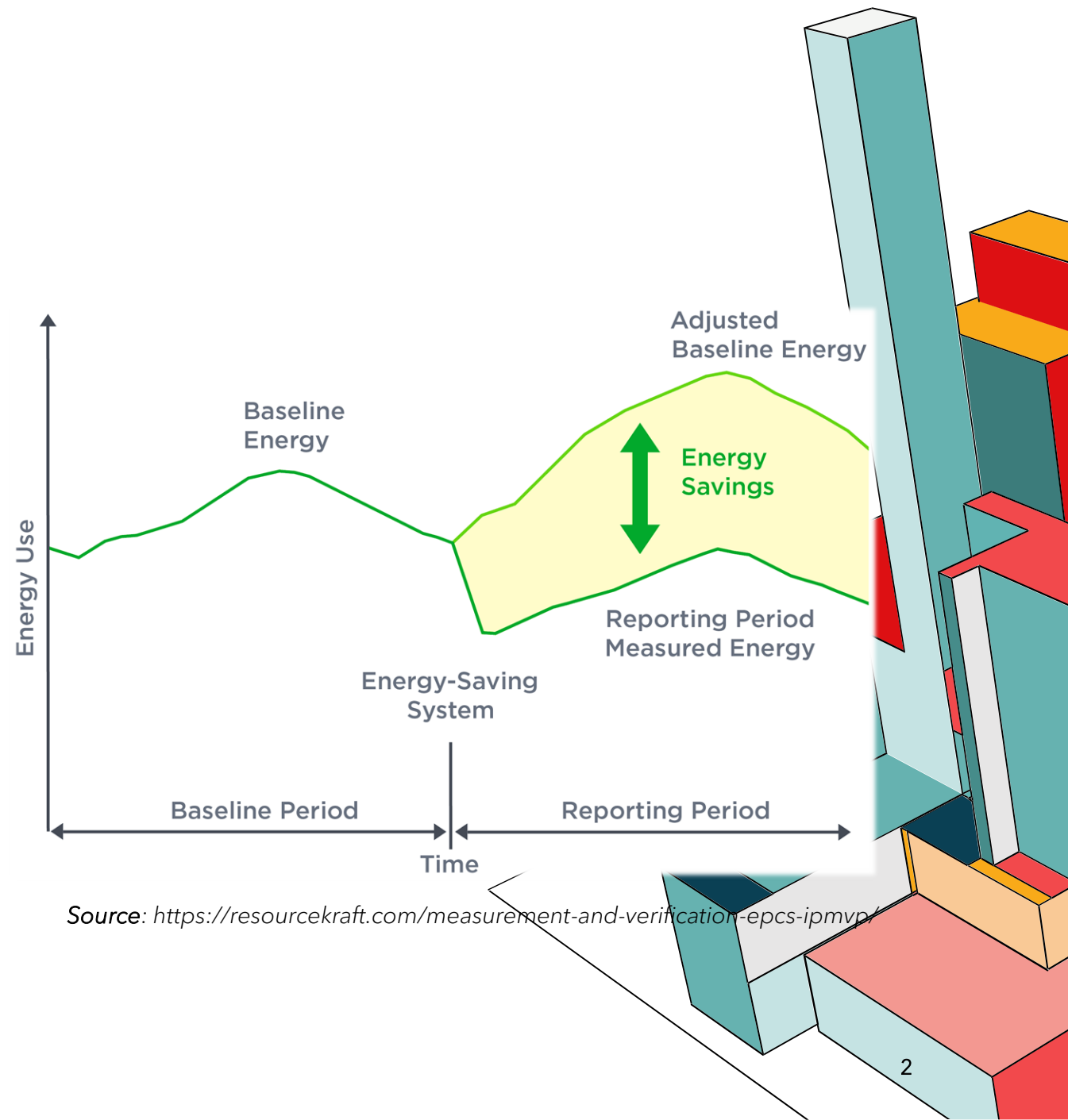
## PROBLEM STATEMENT / OPPORTUNITY YOU IDENTIFIED

Inaccuracy evaluating the effectiveness of building retrofits and their impact on energy consumption.

## SUBJECT AREA

Built environment

- ➡ Building energy efficiency retrofits.
- ➡ Incentives\Services related to 'pay-for-performance financing.'





# SOLUTION

Implement the BECP Machine Learning model to evaluate the effectiveness of building retrofits by:

## ACCURATE PREDICTIONS

Predicts building energy consumption for categories, such as: chilled water, electric, hot water, and steam meters.

## PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

Gives a clear understanding of whether the retrofits are delivering the anticipated reduction in energy usage.

## INVESTMENT DECISION SUPPORT

Offers stakeholders a reliable tool to make informed decisions about retrofit investments.

# SOLUTION IMPACT

## REAL STATE MARKETABILITY

- ✓ 9 out of 10 homebuyers prefer a home with energy-efficient features that lower energy costs<sup>2</sup>
- ✓ Home value increases by \$20 for every \$1 saved on energy bills<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> International Energy Agency

<sup>2</sup> EnergyLogic

<sup>3</sup> National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

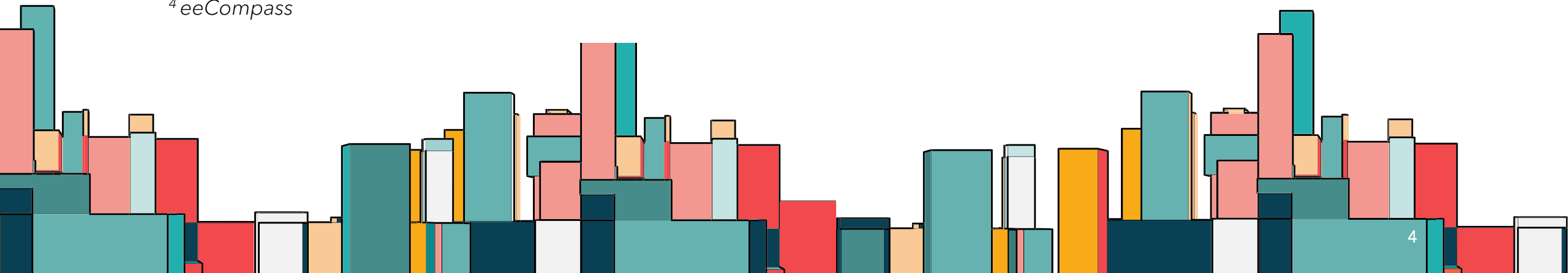
<sup>4</sup> eeCompass

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Buildings account for 30% of global energy consumption and 26% of global energy-related emissions<sup>1</sup>

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Higher-efficiency equipment can reduce energy use by 50% for electric heating and cooling systems<sup>4</sup>



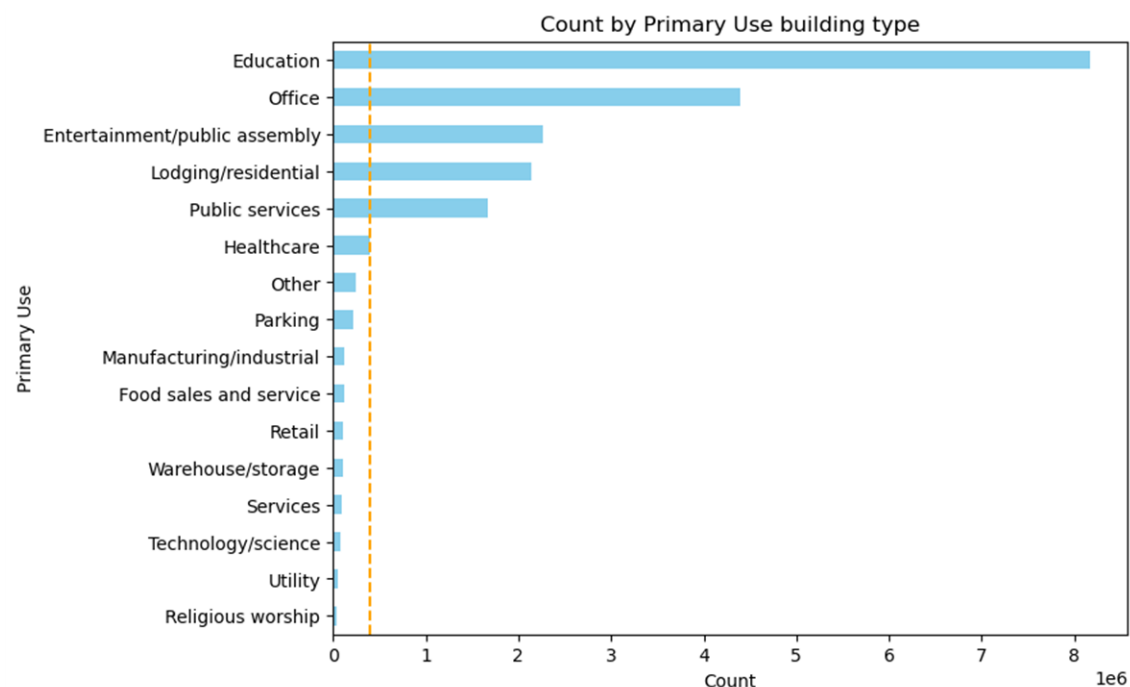
# BECP DATASET

## MAIN FEATURES

- Data collected from more than 1,000 buildings over three years.
- Information stored in three CSV files
- Most columns contain numeric data, with only three categorical.
- The raw dataset comprises of 20 million rows, filtered down to a subset of 398,527 rows and 17 columns.

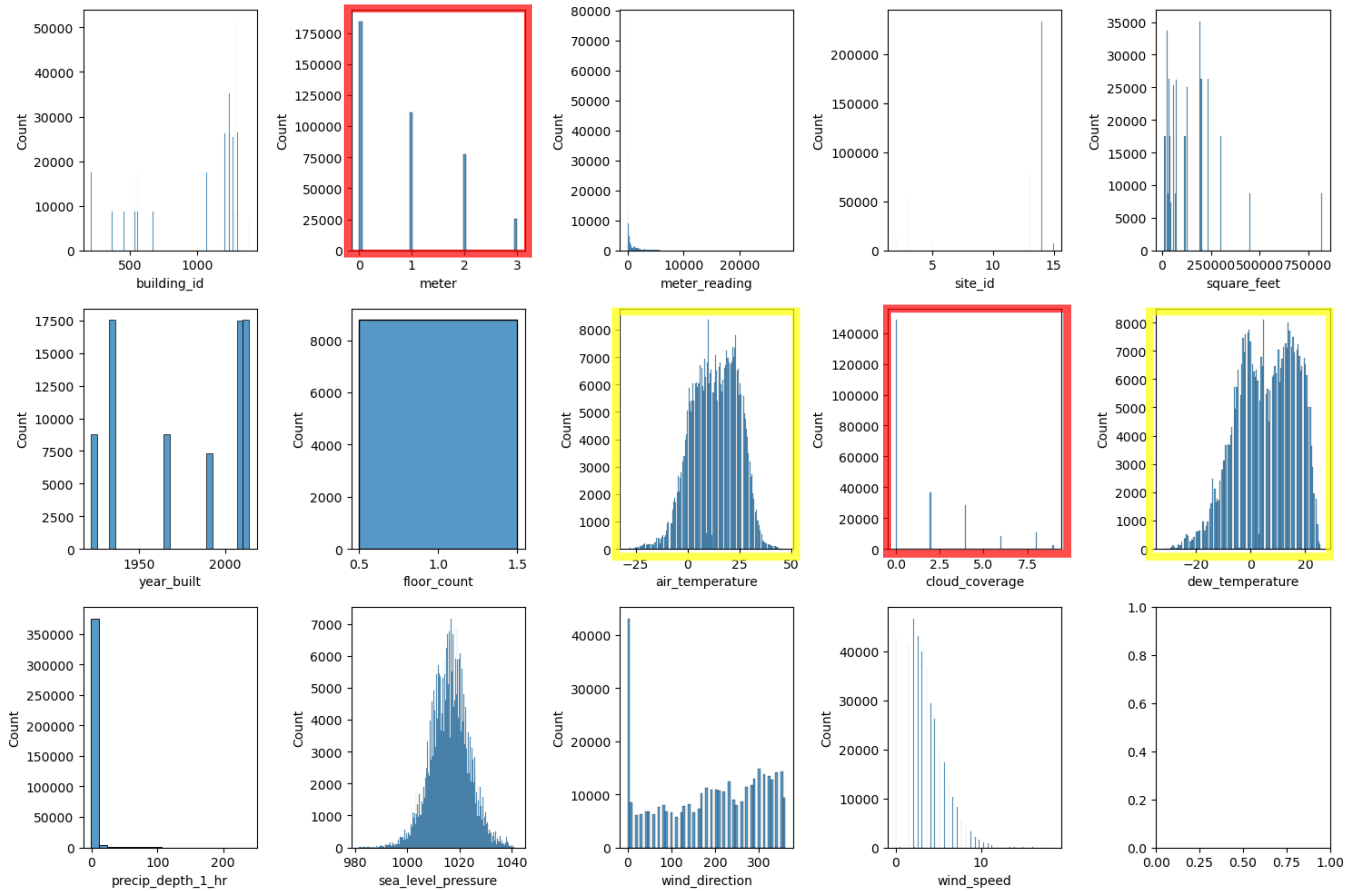
## DATA QUALITY CONCERNS

- 9% of energy data equal to zero.
- 80% missing values for 'year\_built'
- Energy measurements, heavily positive skewed .

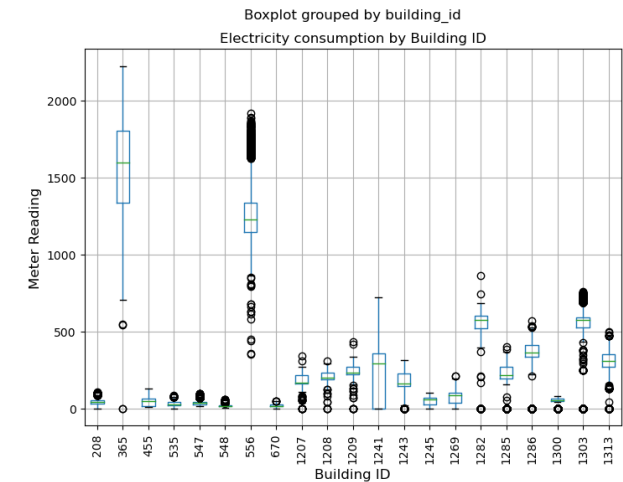
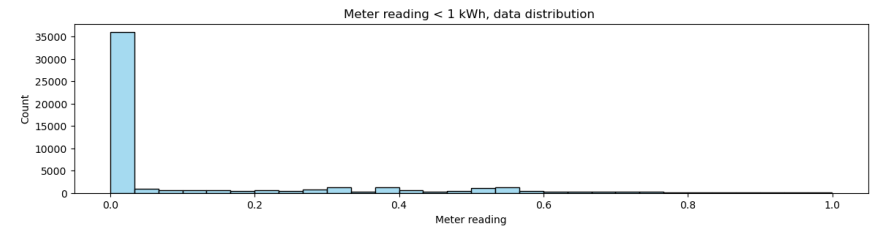


# SUBSET EDA

## Numeric data distribution



## Energy meter reading distribution



### Variables features:

- Bimodal distribution for air and dew temperature
- Categorical structure

# NEXT STEPS

## DATA PROCESSING

- Apply log transformation to energy consumption, heavily positive skew.
- Perform time-series analysis to uncover patterns, seasonality, or trends.

## FEATURE ENGINEERING

- Create derived variables: EUI (Wh/m<sup>2</sup>).
- Extract temporal features such as time of day, day of the week, seasonality, or holidays, which can impact energy usage.
- Group temperature ranges, humidity levels and other weather variables.
- Validate newly engineered features by assessing their correlation with the target variable.

## BASELINE MODELING

- Handling missing values
- Train the time-series model
  - Evaluate the model's performance
  - Understand model's predictive capability and limitations

# THANK YOU

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