

# SolarDK

A high-resolution urban solar panel  
image classification and localisation  
dataset

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# Introduction

- Energy source of the future?
- Where do policy makers focus resources?
- Generalization across geospatial domains

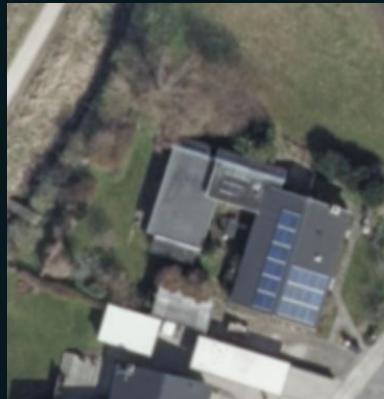
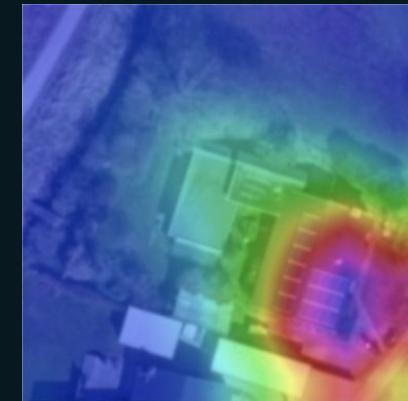


Image from dataset

Class activation map

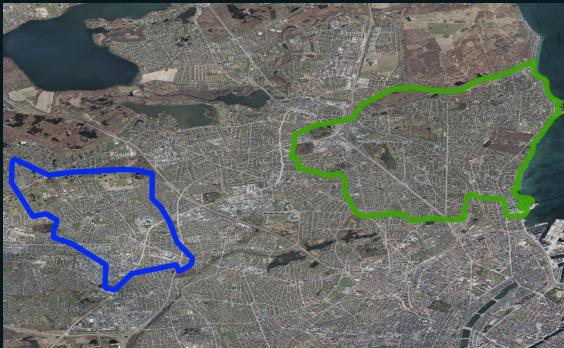


# Data

All data is published with this paper



**(1) Assisting** - The existing BBR register

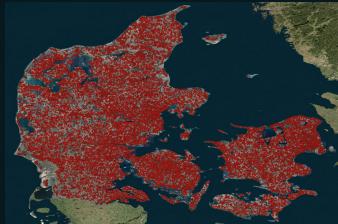


**(2) Primary** - Manually labeled data set

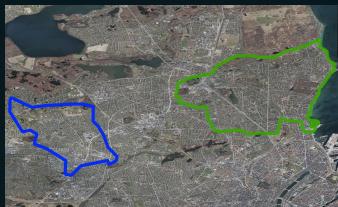


6 example images from both datasets

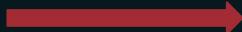
# Data - Classification



(1) The existing BBR register



(2) Manually labeled data set



Dataset	Negatives	Positives	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )
BBR	-	104,397	3,853,02
Herlev	7,048	398	12,07
Gentofte	15,489	482	25,70
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,537</b>	<b>105,334</b>	<b>3,890.79</b>

## Three data & model scenarios:

- Pre-trained models out of domain
- Pre-trained models out of domain, with minority class sampling (BBR)
- Pre-trained models of the same domain

# Baseline - Classification

Model	Recall	Precision	Cohens ( $\kappa$ )
ConvNext	0.60 $\pm$ 0.04	<b>0.79<math>\pm</math>0.03</b>	<b>0.66<math>\pm</math>0.02</b>
EfficientNet-b5	0.26 $\pm$ 0.01	0.64 $\pm$ 0.08	0.35 $\pm$ 0.03
EfficientNet-b7	0.35 $\pm$ 0.05	0.71 $\pm$ 0.02	0.45 $\pm$ 0.04
InceptionV3	0.34 $\pm$ 0.18	0.56 $\pm$ 0.38	0.55 $\pm$ 0.04
ResNet50	0.25 $\pm$ 0.02	0.78 $\pm$ 0.04	0.36 $\pm$ 0.02
ResNet101	0.58 $\pm$ 0.40	0.49 $\pm$ 0.39	0.41 $\pm$ 0.21
ResNet152	<b>0.65<math>\pm</math>0.16</b>	0.51 $\pm$ 0.28	0.49 $\pm$ 0.14
ConvNext*	<b>0.65<math>\pm</math>0.07</b>	0.70 $\pm$ 0.06	<b>0.65<math>\pm</math>0.03</b>
EfficientNetb5*	0.31 $\pm$ 0.10	0.60 $\pm$ 0.09	0.38 $\pm$ 0.07
EfficientNetb7*	0.51 $\pm$ 0.09	0.66 $\pm$ 0.11	0.54 $\pm$ 0.05
InceptionV3*	0.53 $\pm$ 0.08	<b>0.73<math>\pm</math>0.09</b>	0.58 $\pm$ 0.05
ResNet50*	0.41 $\pm$ 0.04	0.71 $\pm$ 0.07	0.49 $\pm$ 0.04
ResNet101*	0.41 $\pm$ 0.10	0.65 $\pm$ 0.03	0.46 $\pm$ 0.08
ResNet152*	0.36 $\pm$ 0.17	0.66 $\pm$ 0.15	0.40 $\pm$ 0.10
SolarDE (inference)	0.4186	0.1667	0.2124
SolarDK	<b>0.7337</b>	<b>0.6505</b>	<b>0.6717</b>



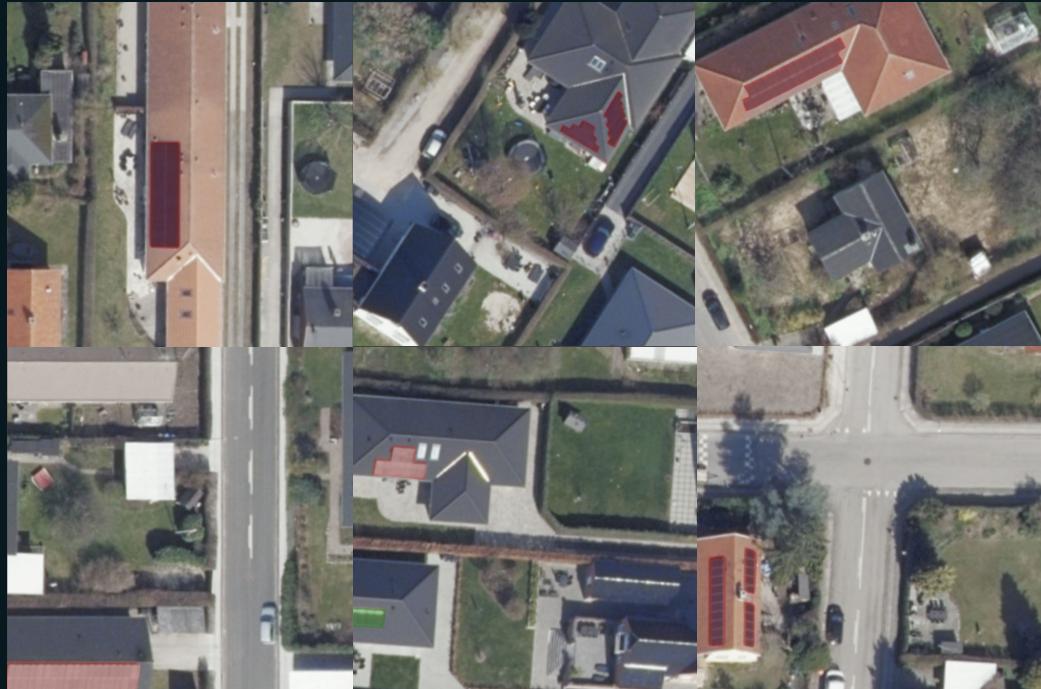
Color and light errors



Warping, blur or errors in images

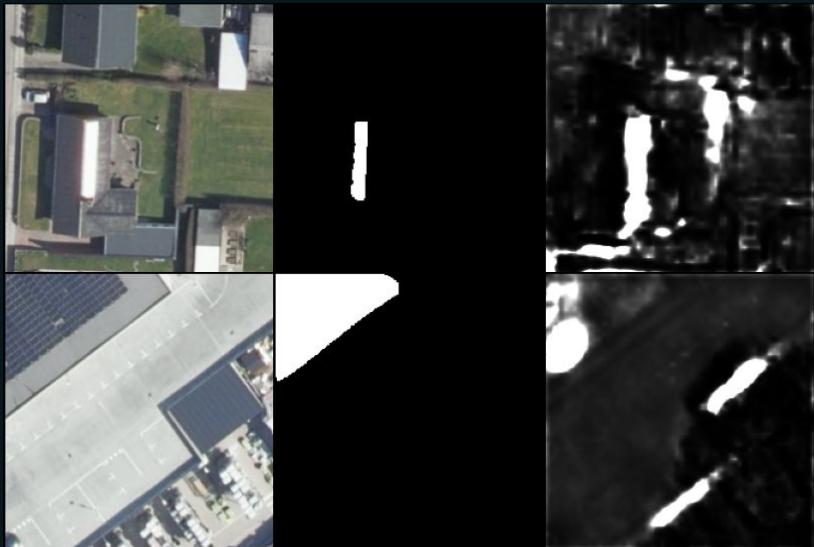
# Data - Segmentation

- 880 images human labelled using Toronto Annotation Suite
- Challenges from classification dataset remain: incident angle leading to high albedo reflections (difficult to discern panels from windows)
- Mix of industrial and residential sized PV systems



# Baseline - Segmentation

Model	Recall	Precision	IoU
ResNet50-DeepLabV3Plus	<b>0.81±0.03</b>	0.86±0.01	0.72±0.02
ResNet101-DeepLabV3Plus	0.79±0.05	0.86±0.02	0.70±0.03
ResNet152-DeepLabV3Plus	0.79±0.04	<b>0.88±0.03</b>	0.71±0.02
ResNet50-FPN	0.80±0.03	0.87±0.03	0.72±0.01
ResNet101-FPN	0.79±0.02	0.87±0.02	0.71±0.01
ResNet152-FPN	0.81±0.06	0.87±0.05	<b>0.72±0.01</b>
ResNet50-PSPNet	0.75±0.04	0.85±0.03	0.64±0.04
ResNet101-PSPNet	0.66±0.13	0.88±0.05	0.61±0.07
ResNet152-PSPNet	0.72±0.05	0.85±0.04	0.63±0.02
DeepSolarDE (inference)	0.5262	0.3378	0.5098
DeepSolarDK	<b>0.8468</b>	<b>0.7463</b>	<b>0.6239</b>



Examples of poor IoU (< 0.6)

# Final remarks

- Increasing amount of distributed energy sources requires better planning and mapping of energy generation sources
- Novel dataset for solar power classification and localisation
- Presented baselines demonstrate the need to garner more datasets to alleviate geographical domain shift