

Opt, Opt and Away: Cost-Optimal* HERS Indices

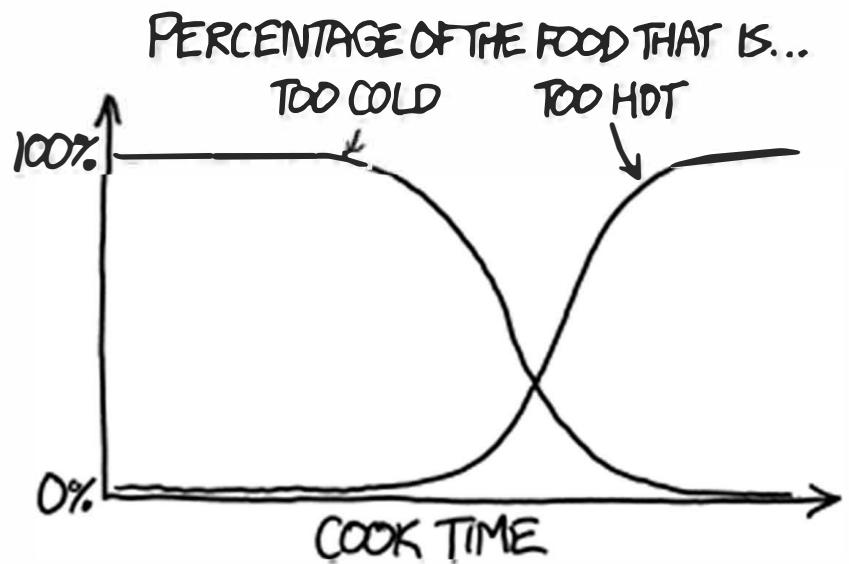


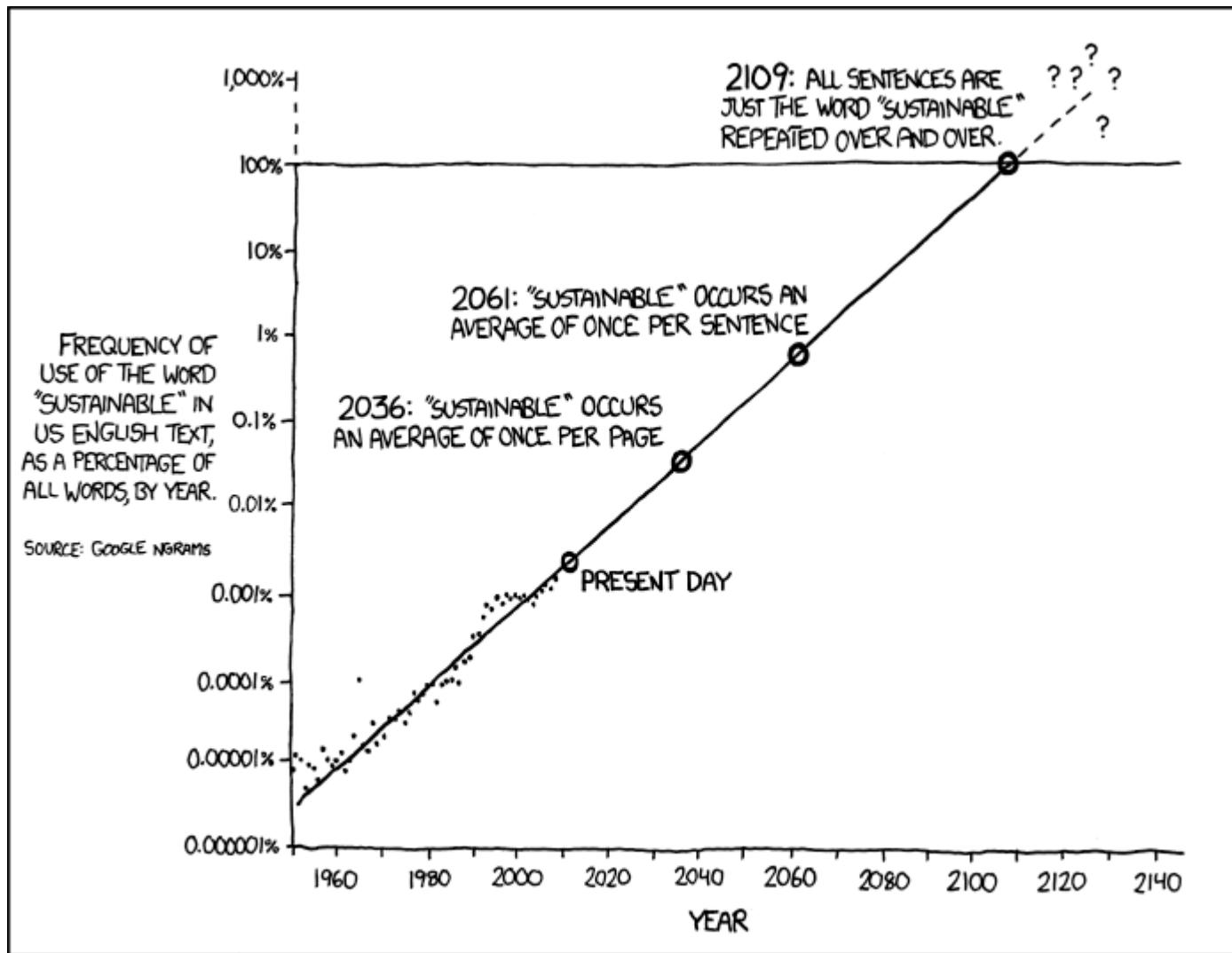
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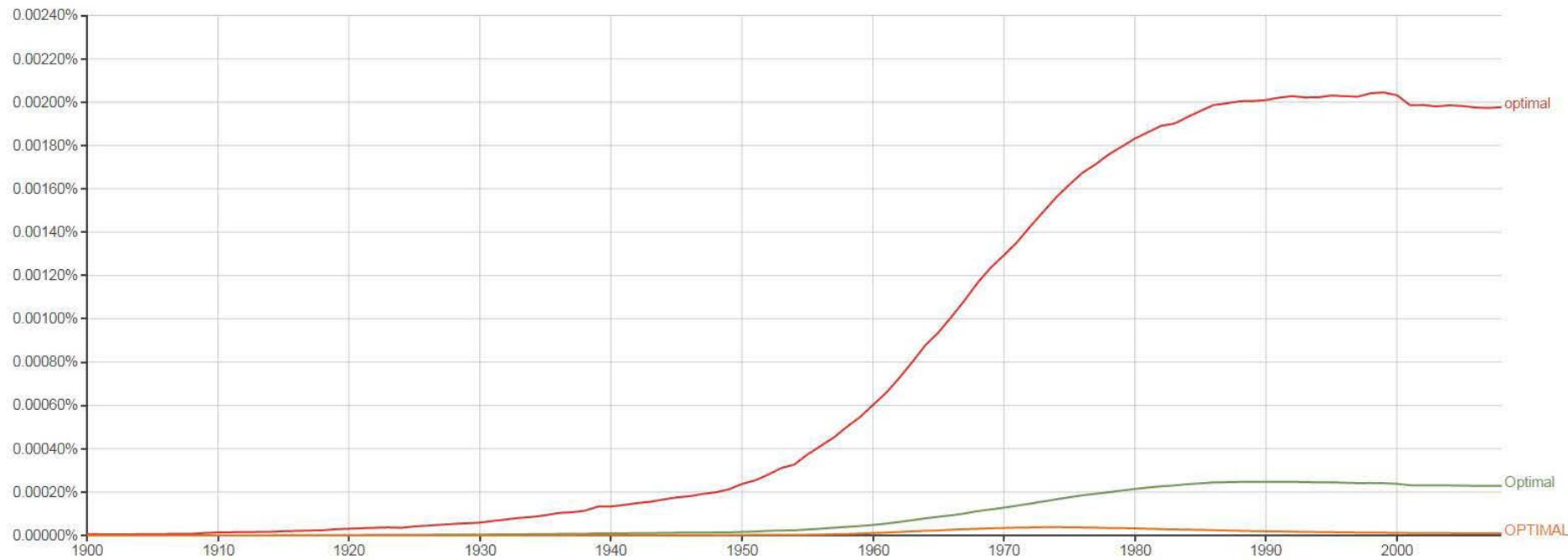
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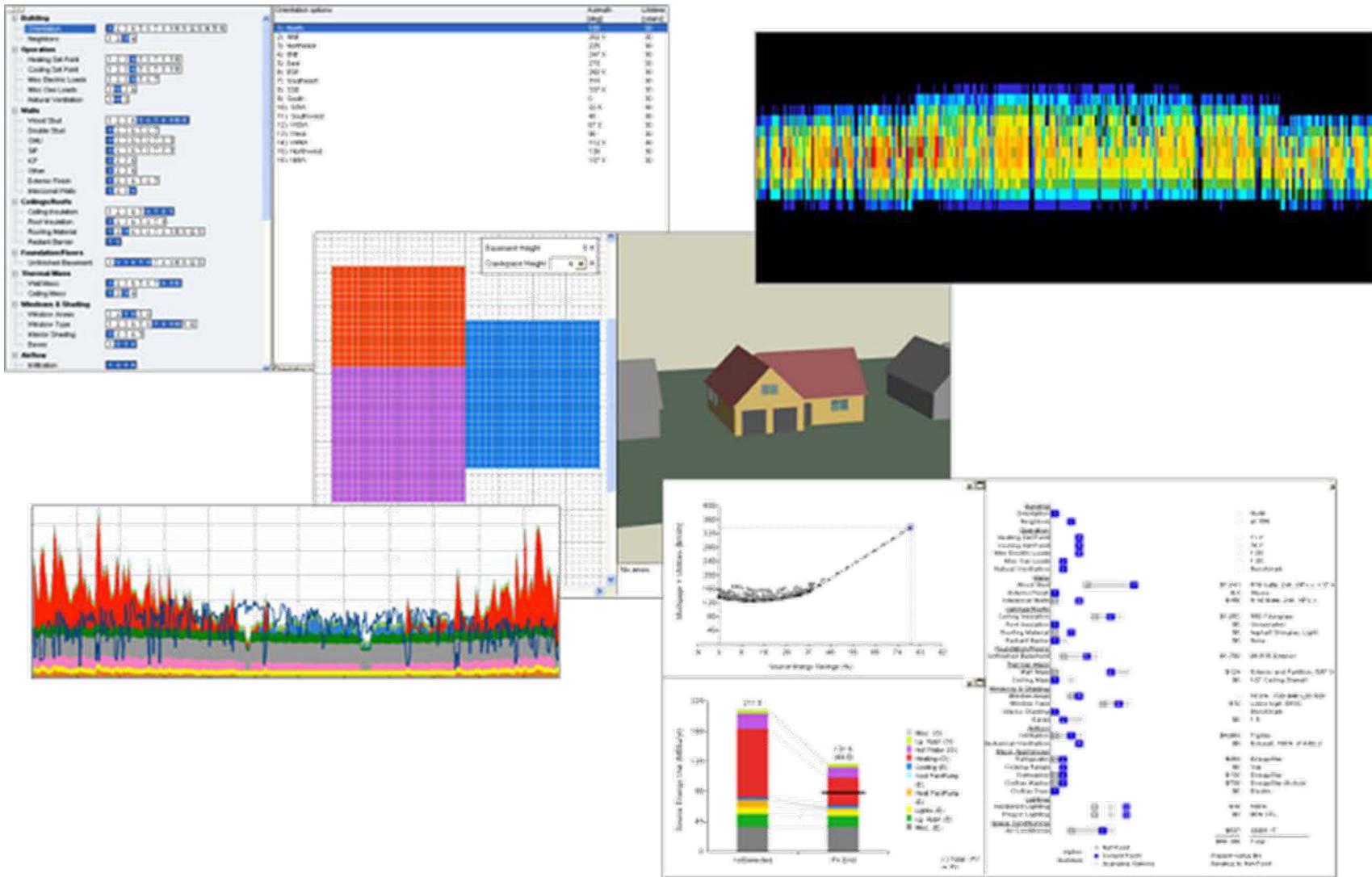
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adjective

best or most favorable; optimum.
"seeking the optimal solution"

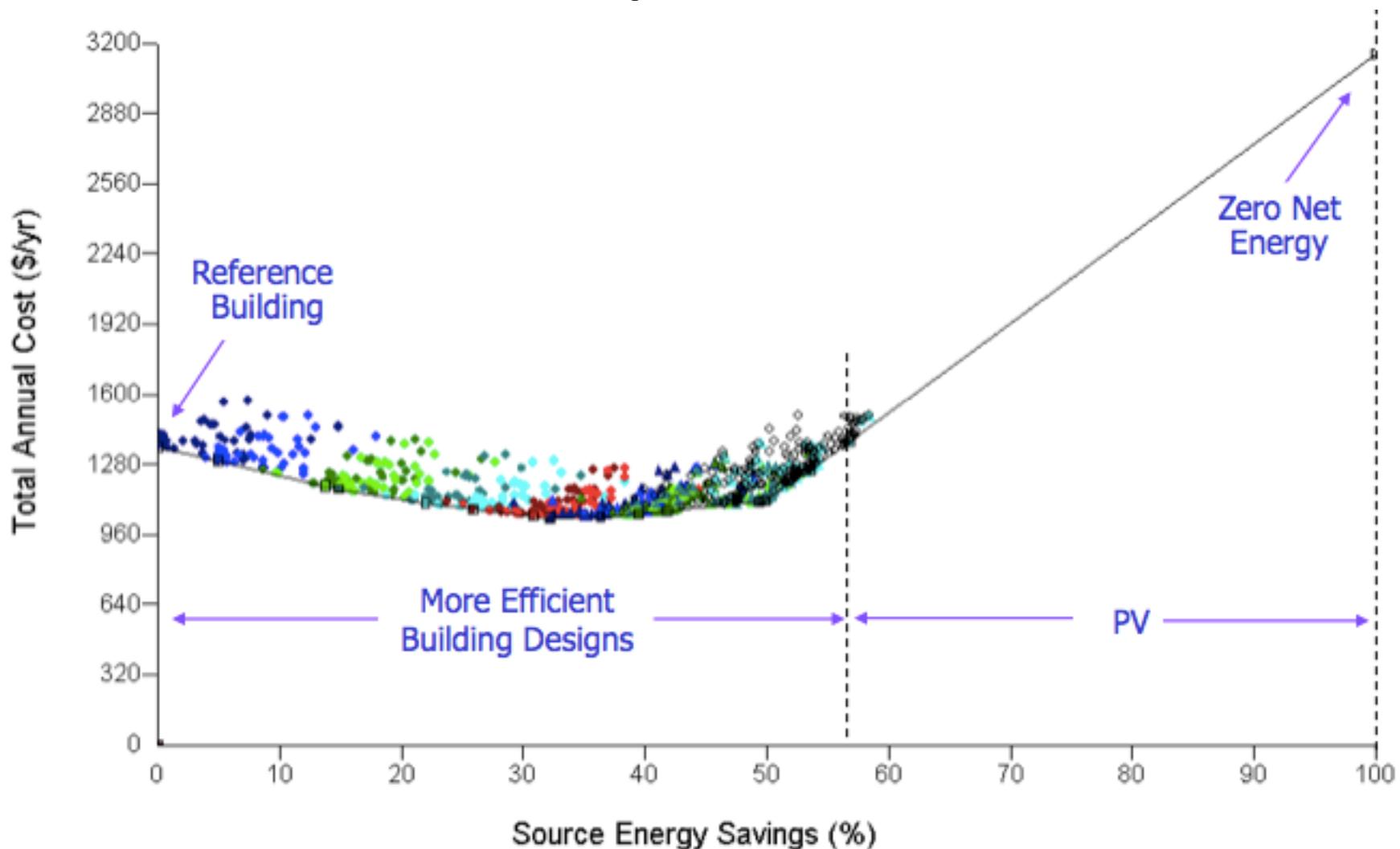


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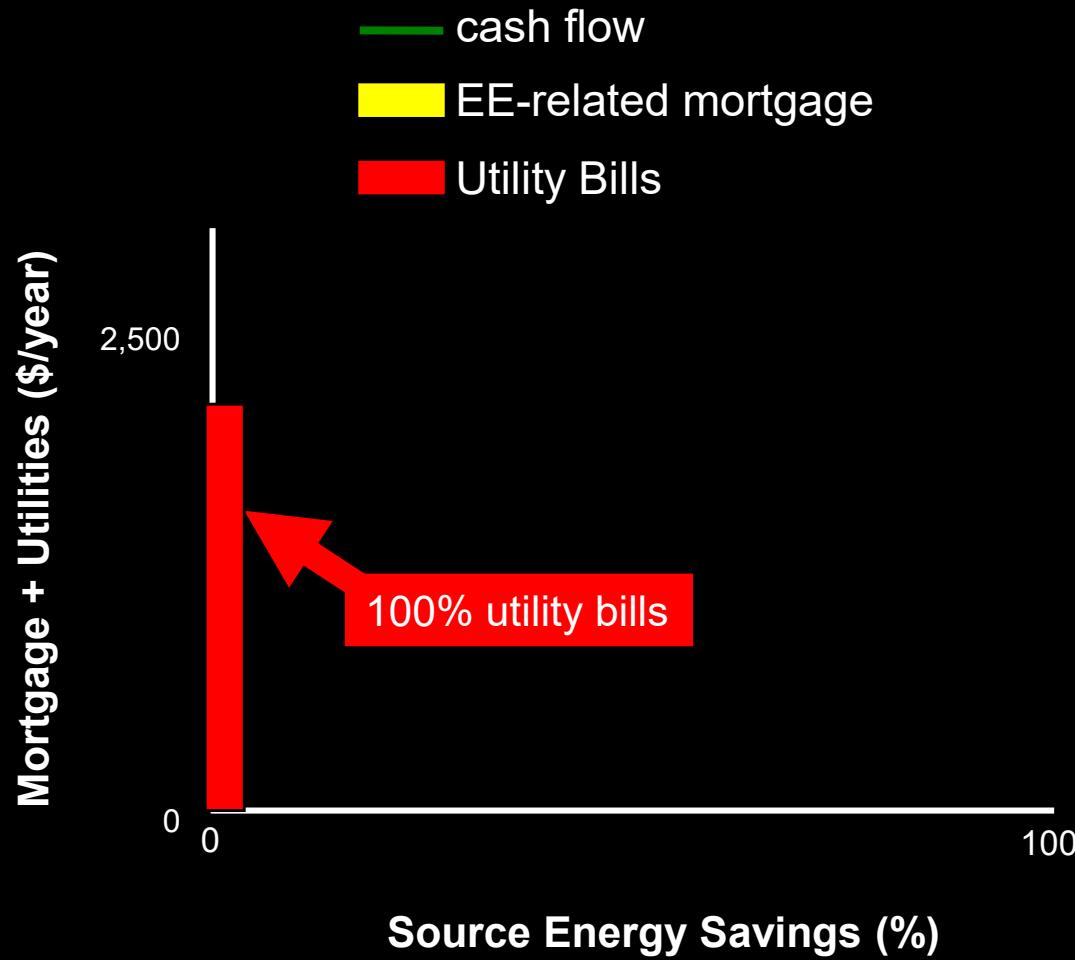
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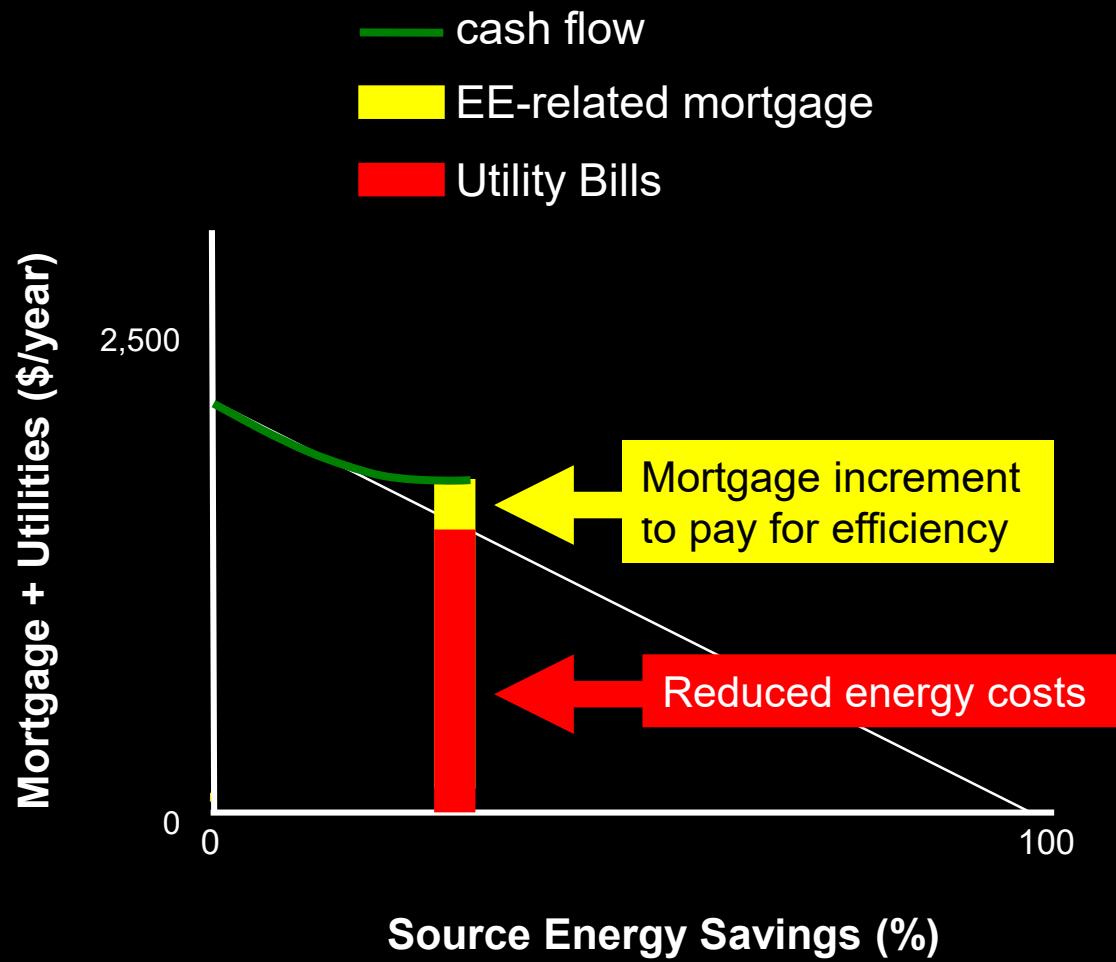
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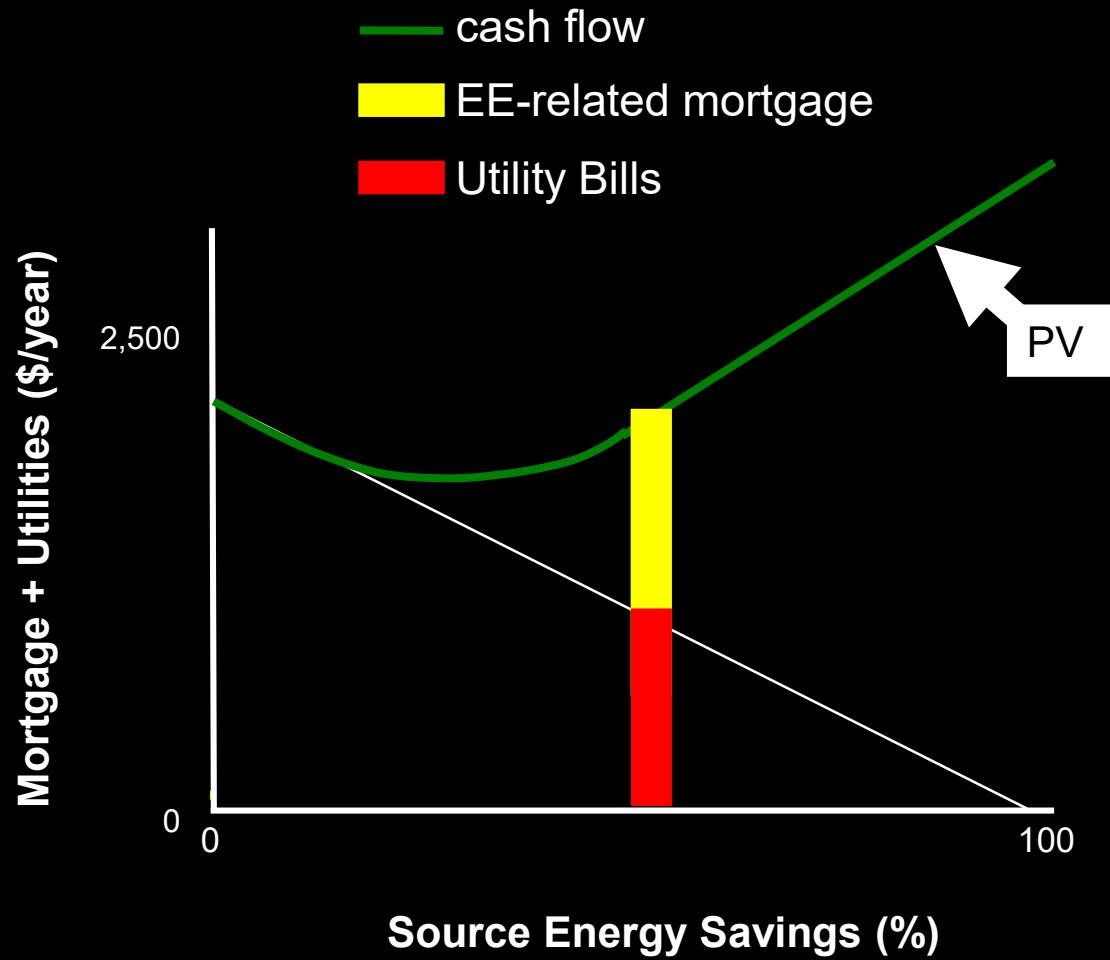
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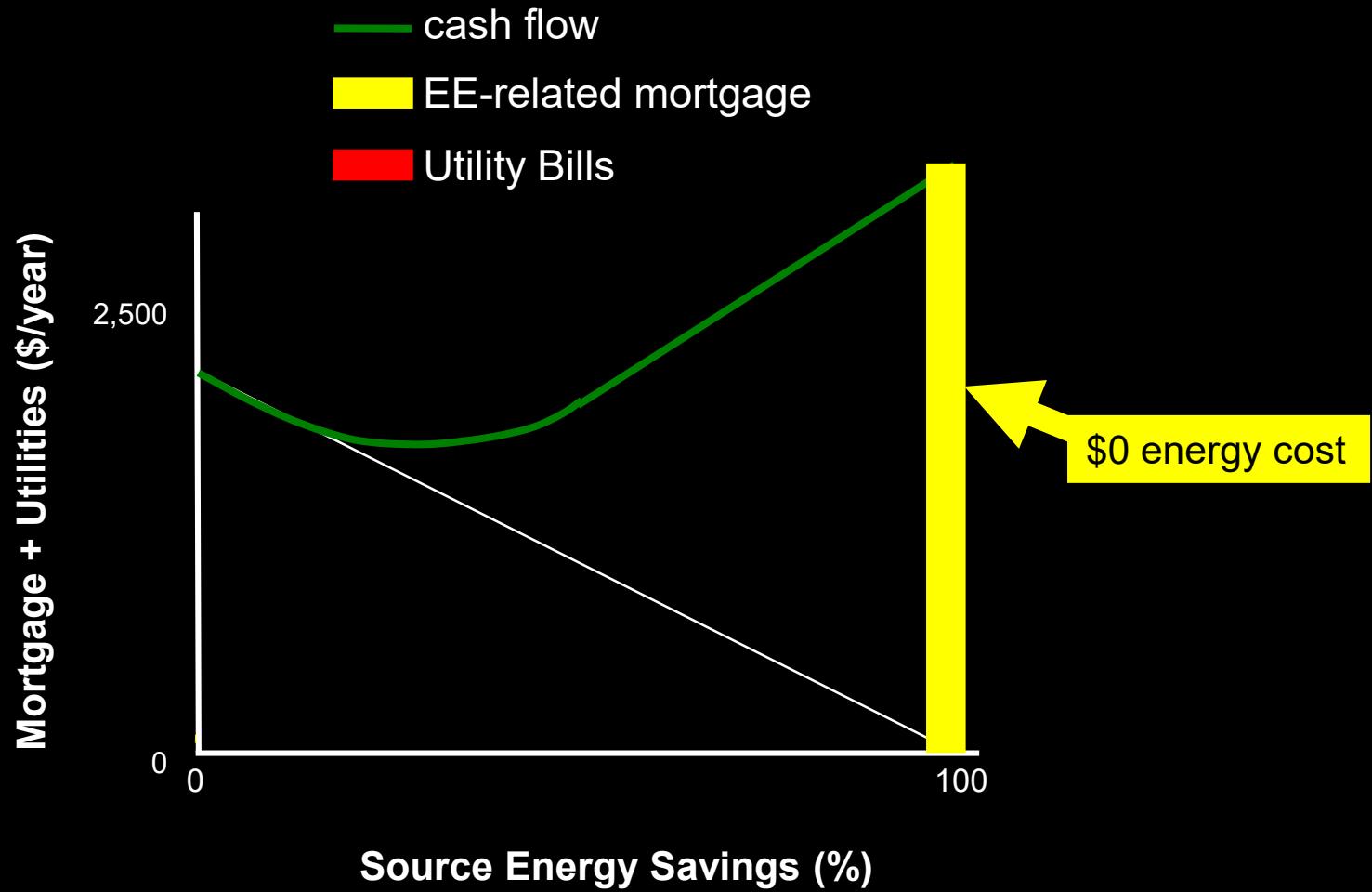
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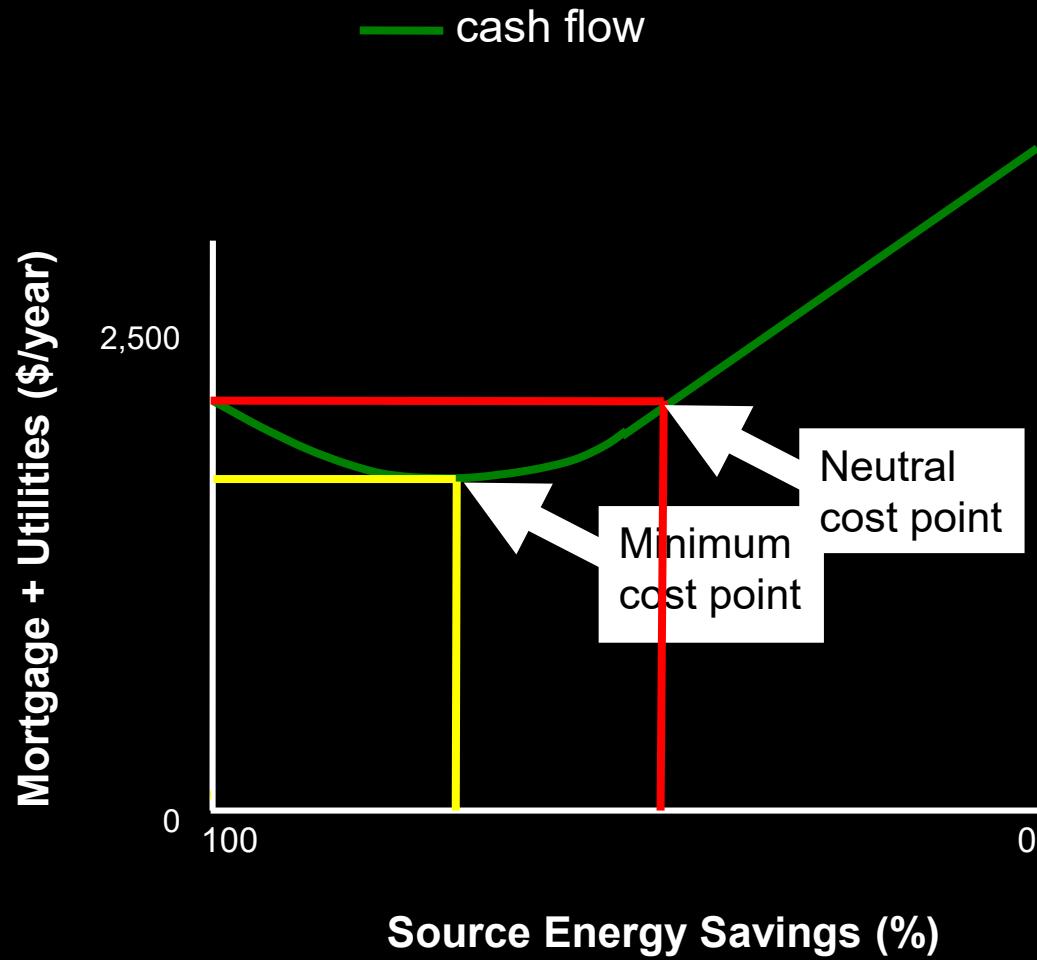
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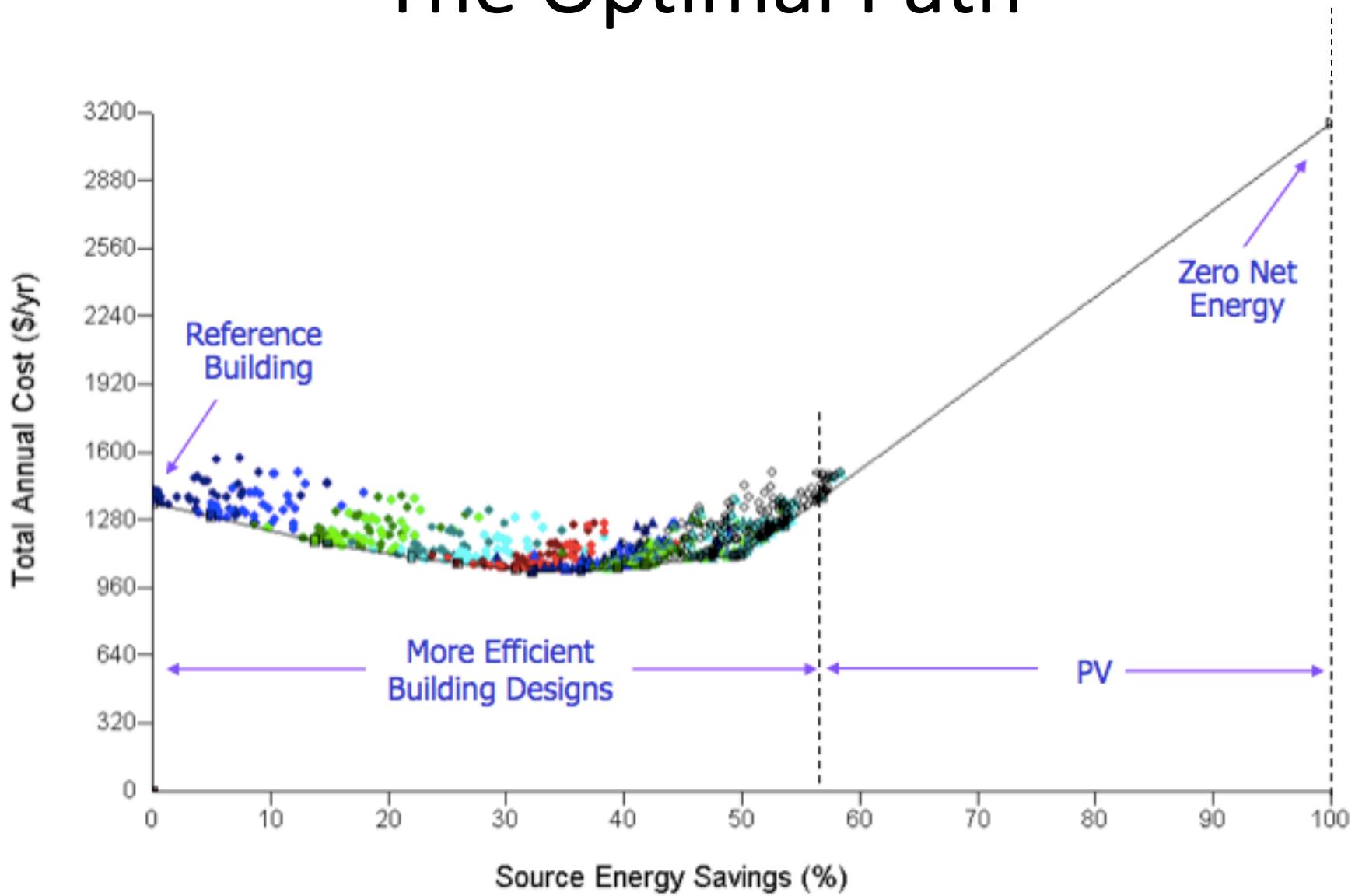
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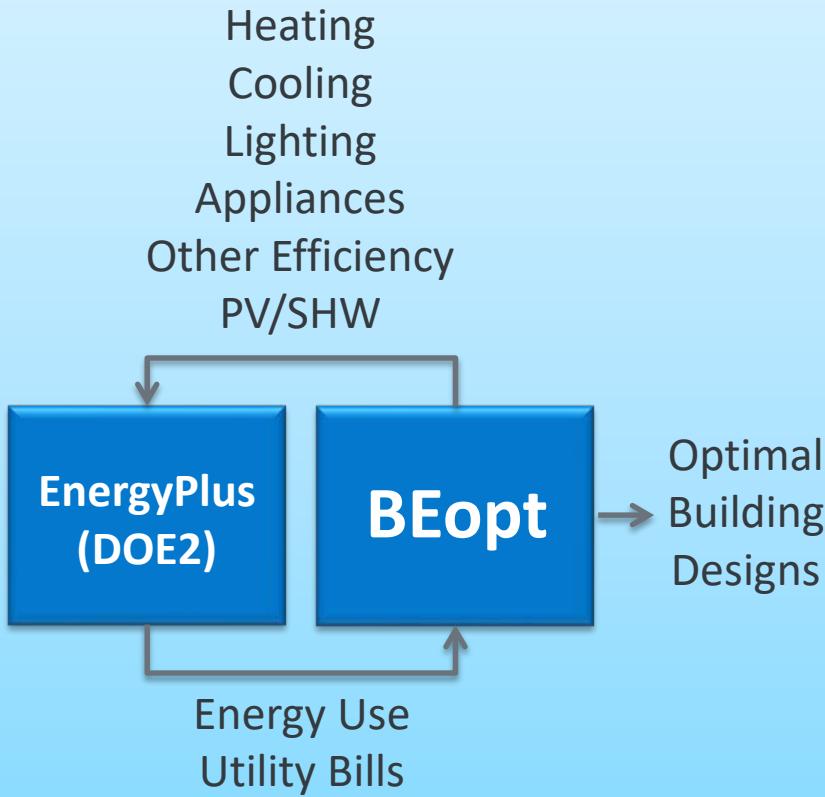
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What is BEopt?

(beopt.nrel.gov)

Plug-and-Play Optimization Software

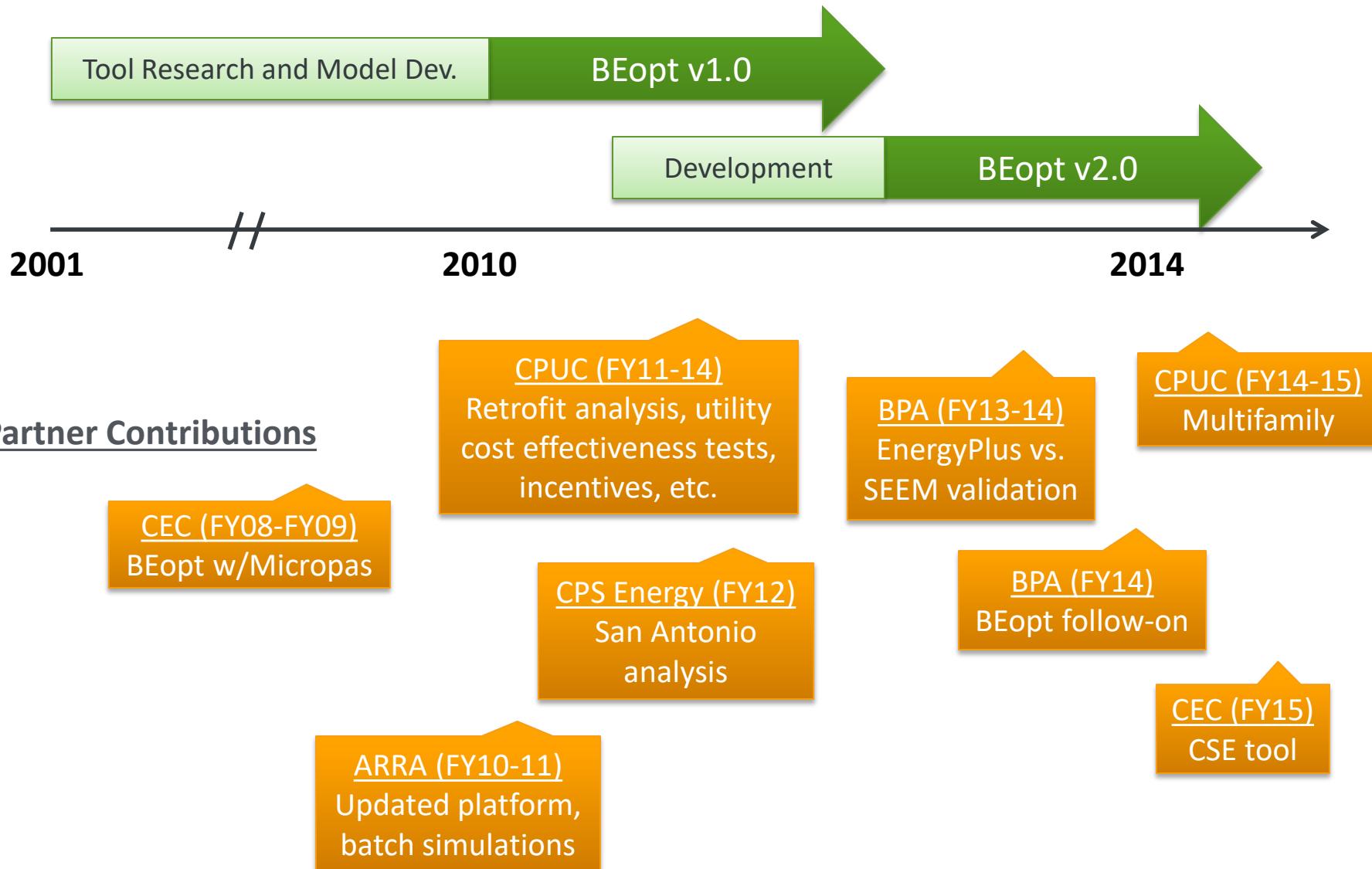


Features:

- Design, parametric, optimization
- New construction and retrofit
- Detailed cost database
- Rapid building drawing tool
- Detailed utility rates (tiered, time-of-use, real-time pricing)
- PV compensation (net-metering, feed-in tariffs)
- Utility cost effectiveness tests
- PV/efficiency incentives
- Demand response
- HPXML export
- Schedule wizard
- Output visualization
- Metrics: LCC, NPV, SPP, LCOE, CO2
- Batch simulations
- Library manager
- ...



Schedule





Searching for the Optimal Mix of Solar and Efficiency in Zero Net Energy Buildings

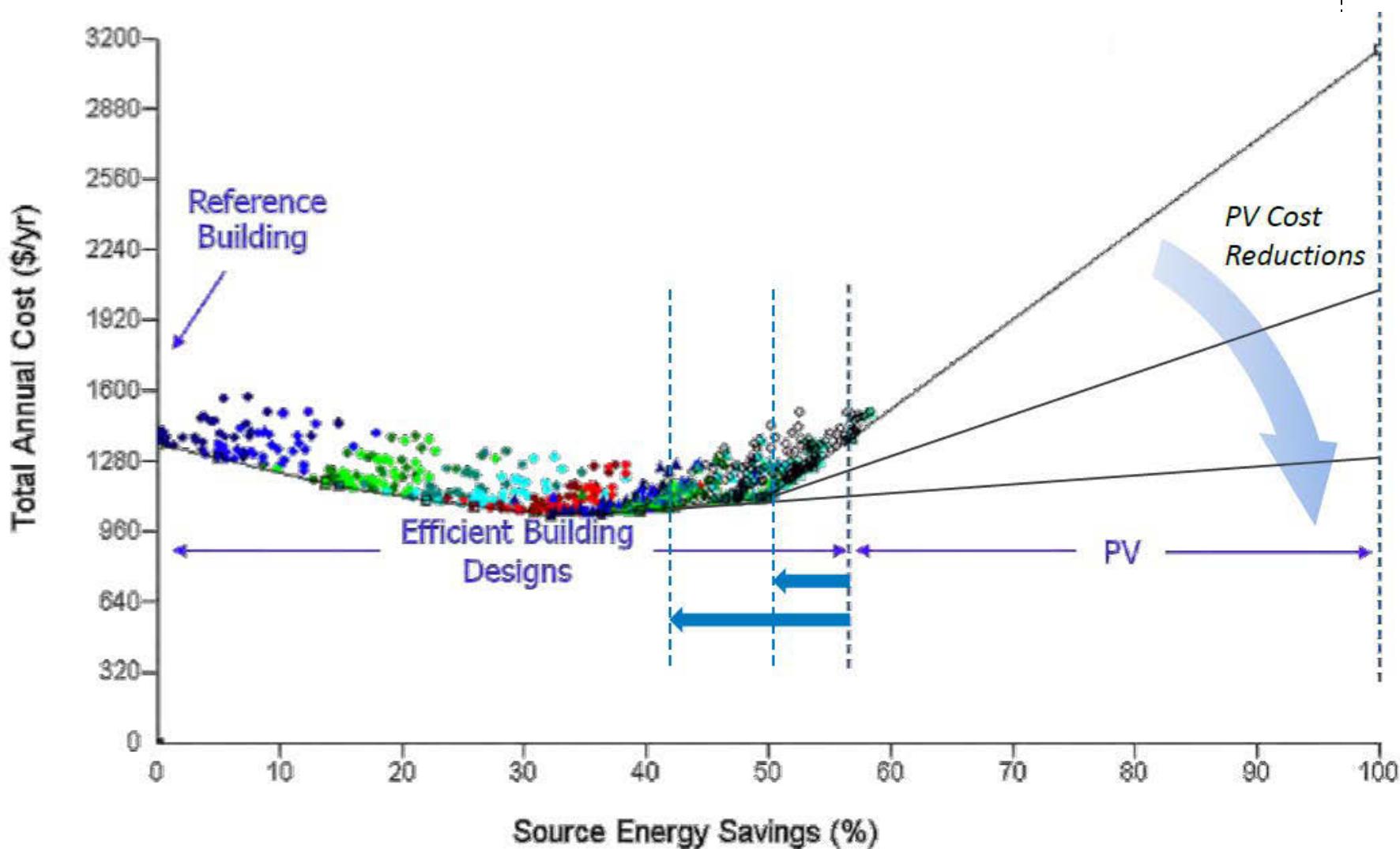
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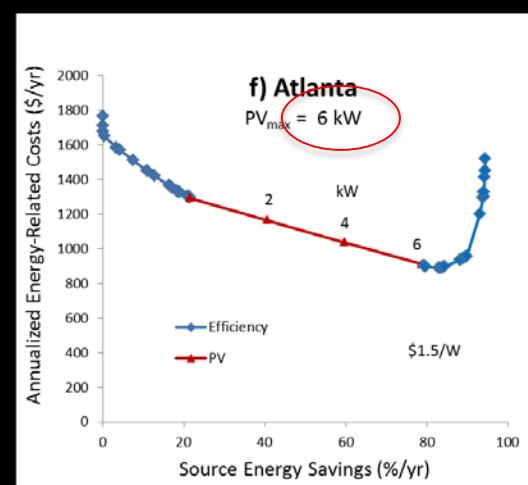
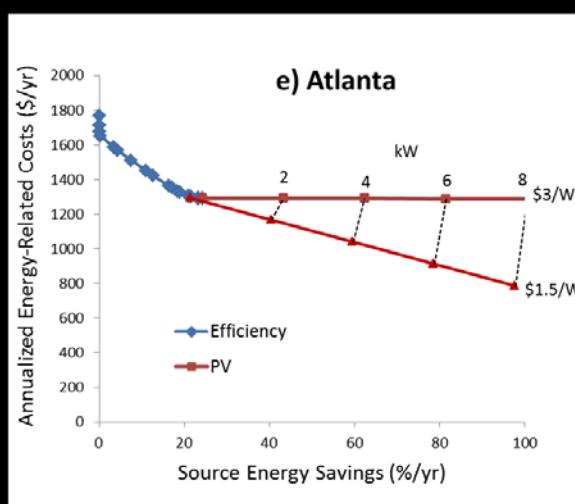
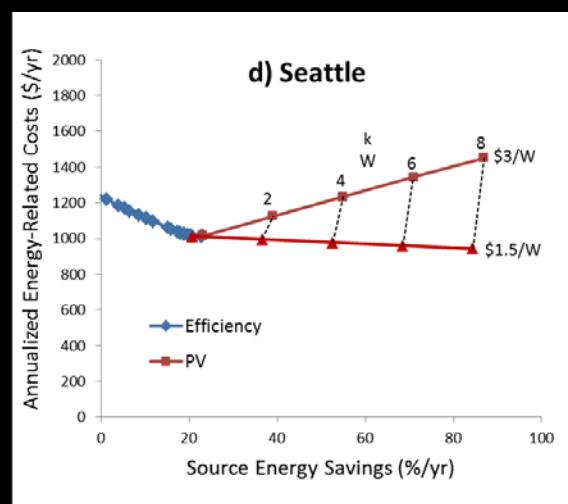
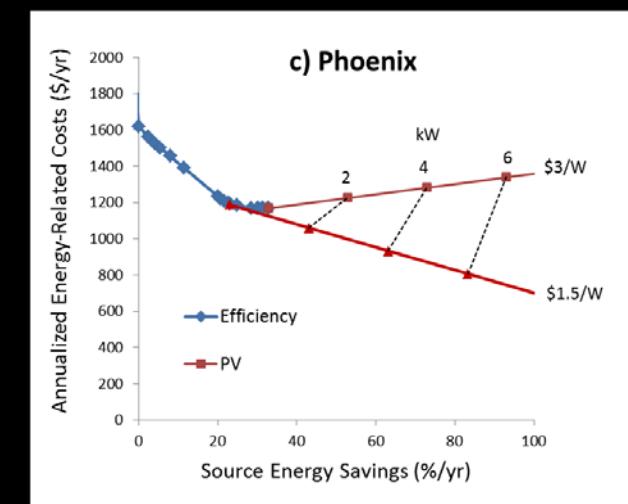
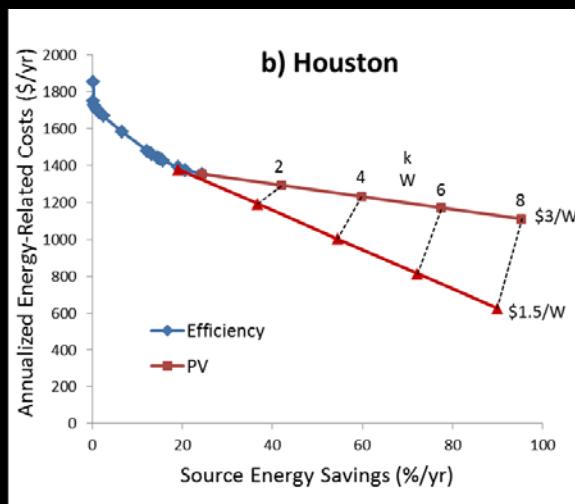
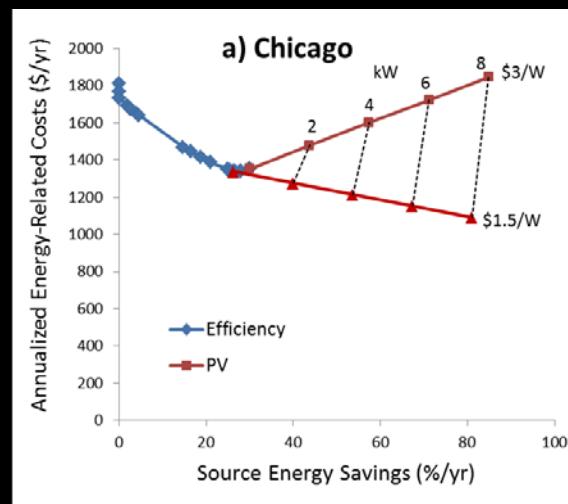
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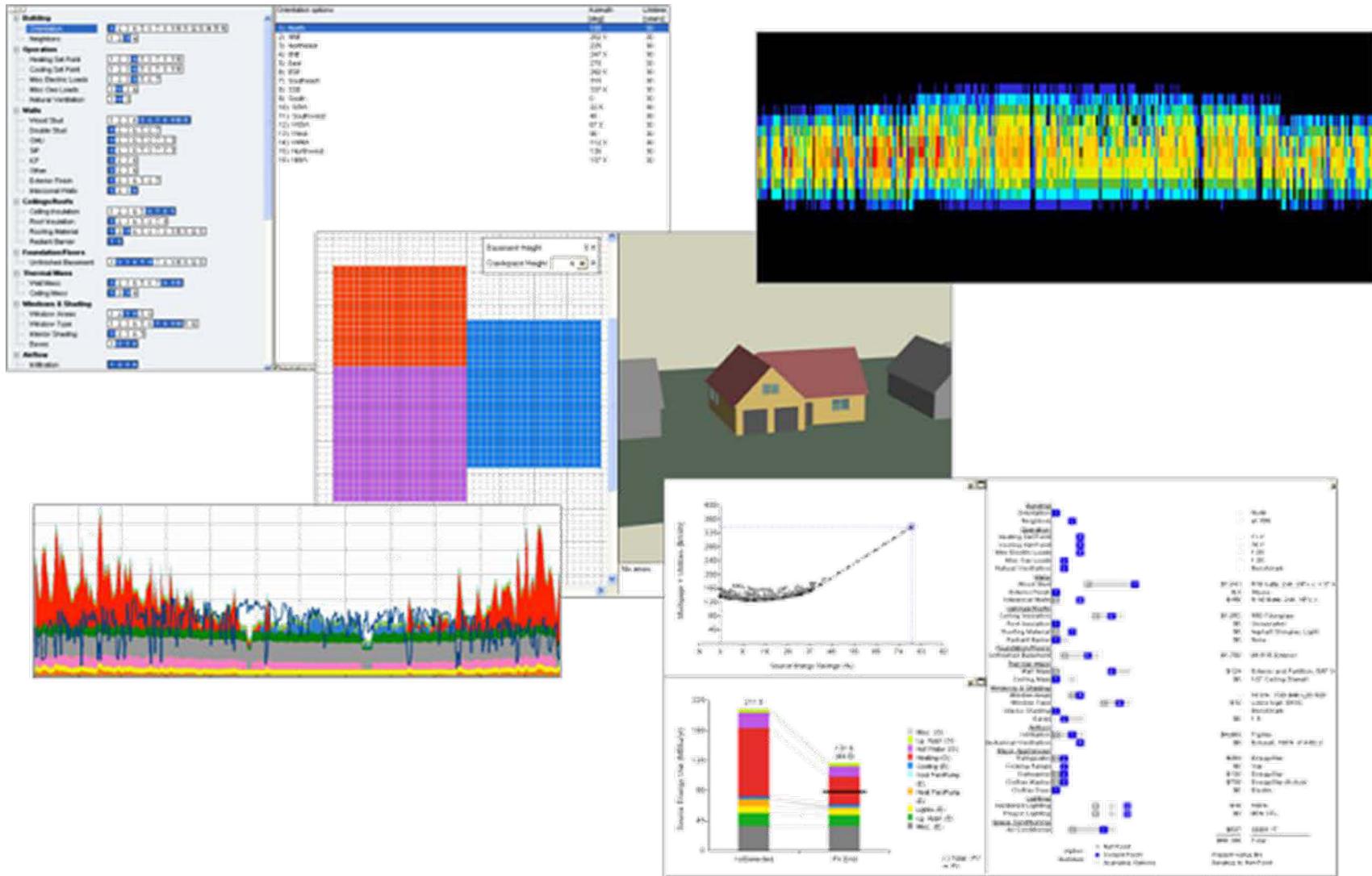


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Building Energy Optimization with Hour-by-Hour Simulations



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BEOpt 2.0.0.6 - Sample - new construction optimizations [Standard, New Construction]

File Screen Case Run Reports Tools Graphs Help

Input: Output:

Chicago, E+ Phoenix, E+ Chicago, DOE2 Phoenix, DOE2

Analysis: Optimization Reference: B10 Benchmark Cost Group: Default Sim Engine: EnergyPlus

This case contains output associated with these inputs and therefore inputs are disabled. To modify inputs, either [clear](#) the existing output or create a [new case](#).

Levels Fnd 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Roof

Beds 3 Baths 2 Total Finished 2496 sqft

Spaces
Living
Garage
Erase

Attached Walls
Left-Facing
Right-Facing
Back-Facing

Wall Height 9 ft

Scale: 1 cell = 1 ft

Front

No errors.

The screenshot shows the BEOpt software interface for building design optimization. On the left, there is a 2D floor plan grid where rooms are defined by colored rectangles: green for living spaces and red for garages. A 'Wall Height' input field is set to 9 ft. On the right, a 3D perspective view of the house is displayed, featuring a yellow main structure and a grey garage section. Below the 3D view, a message states 'No errors.' There are also icons for saving, opening, and exiting the application.

BEOpt

BEOpt 2.0.0.6 - New Project [Standard, New Construction]

File Screen Case Run Reports Tools Help

Input: Output: Run:

Analysis: Design Reference: My Design Cost Group: Default

My Design

Building

- Operation**
- Walls**
 - Wood Stud**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	2
1	2	3	4	5	6	7																		
 - Double Wood Stud
 - CMU
 - SIP
 - ICF
 - Other
 - Wall Sheathing
 - Exterior Finish
- Ceilings/Roofs**
- Foundation/Floors**
- Thermal Mass**
- Windows & Doors**
 - Window Areas
 - Windows
 - Eaves
 - Overhangs
- Airflow**
 - Air Leakage
 - Mechanical Ventilation
- Major Appliances**
- Lighting**
- Space Conditioning**
 - Central Air Conditioner
 - Furnace
 - Boiler
 - Electric Baseboard
 - Air Source Heat Pump
 - Ground Source Heat Pump
 - Ducts
 - Ceiling Fan
- Water Heating**
- Power Generation**

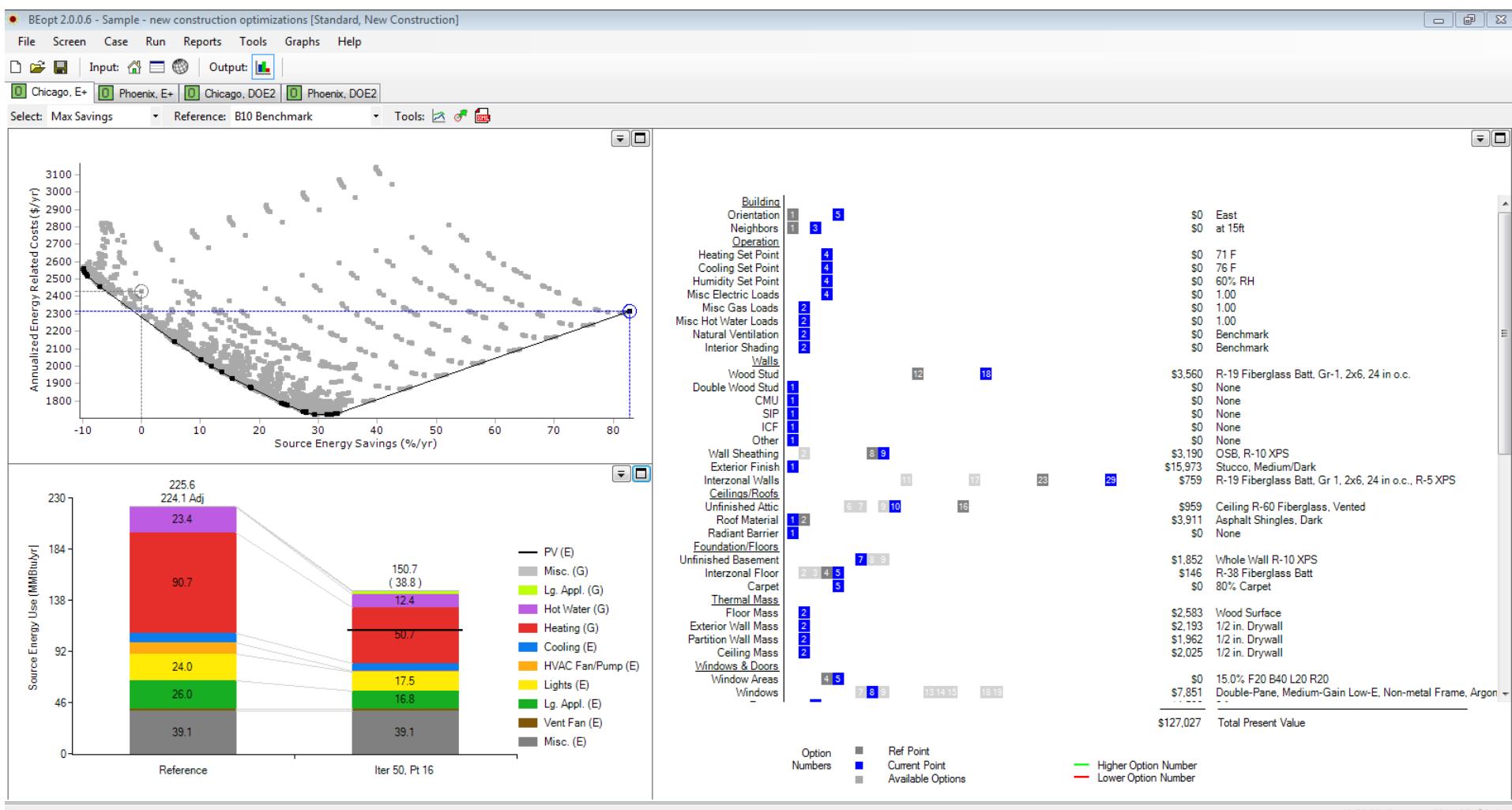
Option **R-Assembly [h-ft^2-R/Btu]** **Framing Factor [frac]** **Install Grade** **Cost [\$/ft^2 Exterior Wall]**

1) None				
2) Uninsulated, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	3.6	0.25	NA	\$1.84
3) Uninsulated, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	3.7	0.22	NA	\$1.76
4) R-7 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-3, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	8.3	0.25	3	\$2.41
5) R-7 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-2, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	8.7	0.25	2	\$2.43
6) R-7 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-1, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	8.9	0.25	1	\$2.46
7) R-11 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-3, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	9.6	0.25	3	\$2.49
8) R-11 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-2, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	10.1	0.25	2	\$2.51
9) R-11 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-1, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	10.5	0.25	1	\$2.54
10) R-13 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-3, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	10.3	0.25	3	\$2.53
11) R-13 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-2, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	10.9	0.25	2	\$2.55
12) R-13 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-1, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	11.4	0.25	1	\$2.58
13) R-15 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-3, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	10.9	0.25	3	\$2.57
14) R-15 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-2, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	11.7	0.25	2	\$2.59
15) R-15 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-1, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	12.2	0.25	1	\$2.62
16) R-19 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-3, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	13.4	0.22	3	\$2.58
17) R-19 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-2, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	14.6	0.22	2	\$2.60
18) R-19 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-1, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	15.5	0.22	1	\$2.62
19) R-21 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-3, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	14.6	0.22	3	\$2.61
20) R-21 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-2, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	16.1	0.22	2	\$2.64
21) R-21 Fiberglass Batt, Gr-1, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	17.2	0.22	1	\$2.66
22) R-13 Cellulose, Gr-3, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	10.3	0.25	3	\$2.55
23) R-13 Cellulose, Gr-2, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	10.9	0.25	2	\$2.57
24) R-13 Cellulose, Gr-1, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	11.4	0.25	1	\$2.60
25) R-19 Cellulose, Gr-3, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	14.0	0.22	3	\$2.64
26) R-19 Cellulose, Gr-2, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	15.3	0.22	2	\$2.66
27) R-19 Cellulose, Gr-1, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	16.4	0.22	1	\$2.69
28) R-13 Fiberglass, Gr-3, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	10.3	0.25	3	\$2.36
29) R-13 Fiberglass, Gr-2, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	10.9	0.25	2	\$2.39
30) R-13 Fiberglass, Gr-1, 2x4, 16 in o.c.	11.4	0.25	1	\$2.41
31) R-19 Fiberglass, Gr-3, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	14.0	0.22	3	\$2.49
32) R-19 Fiberglass, Gr-2, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	15.3	0.22	2	\$2.51
33) R-19 Fiberglass, Gr-1, 2x6, 24 in o.c.	16.4	0.22	1	\$2.54

Standard wood stud framed walls with cavity insulation. When batt insulation must be compressed to fit within the cavity (e.g. R19 in a 5.5' 2x6 cavity), R-values reflect this compression.

Gr = Grade of batt installation quality (1, 2, or 3) as described in RESNET's "2006 Mortgage Industry National Home Energy Rating Systems Standards."

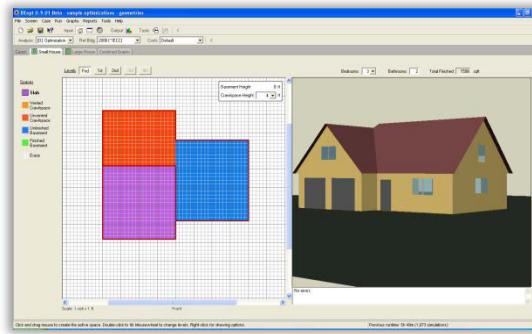
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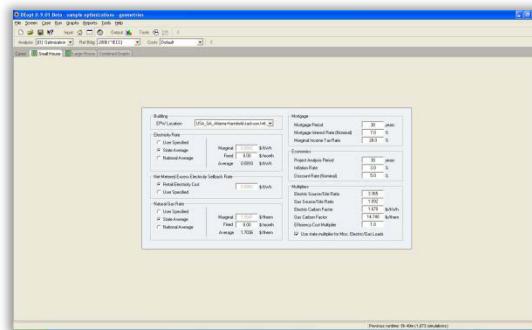
BOpt GUI

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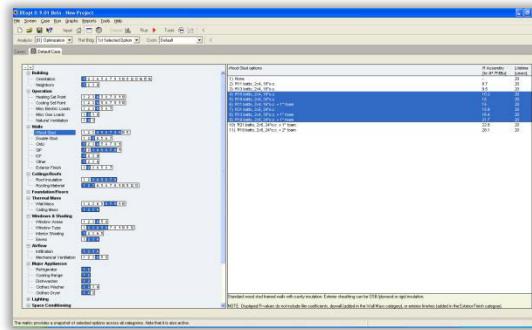
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Site



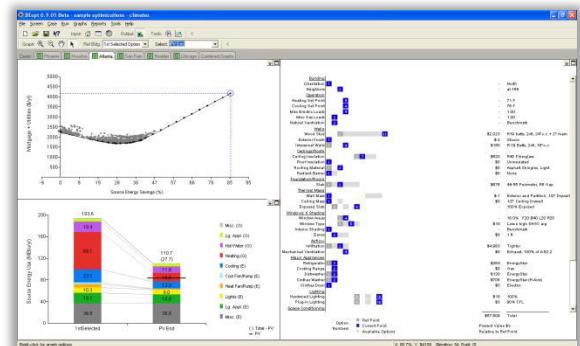
Options



Run



Output



Live Demo

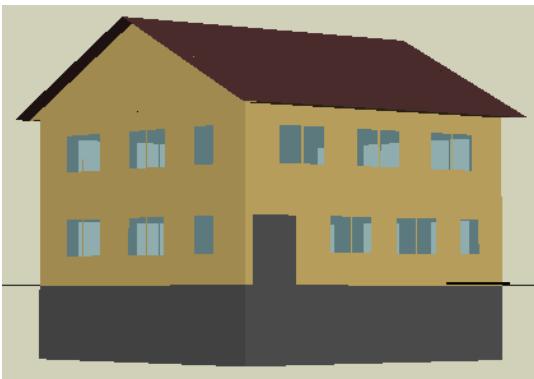
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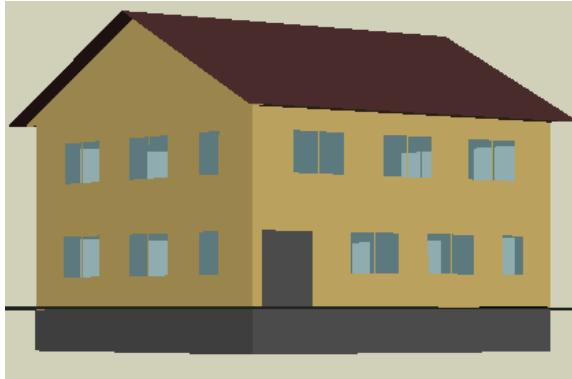
2-Story

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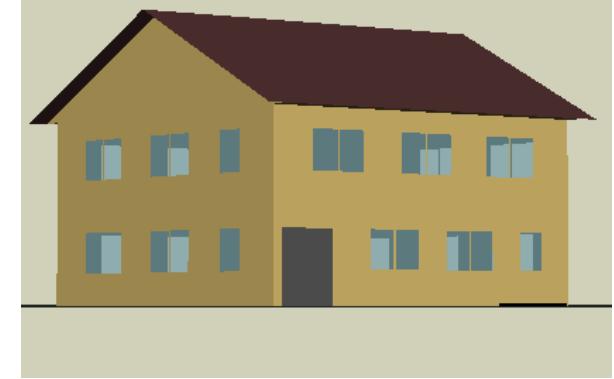
Climate-specific foundations



Basements

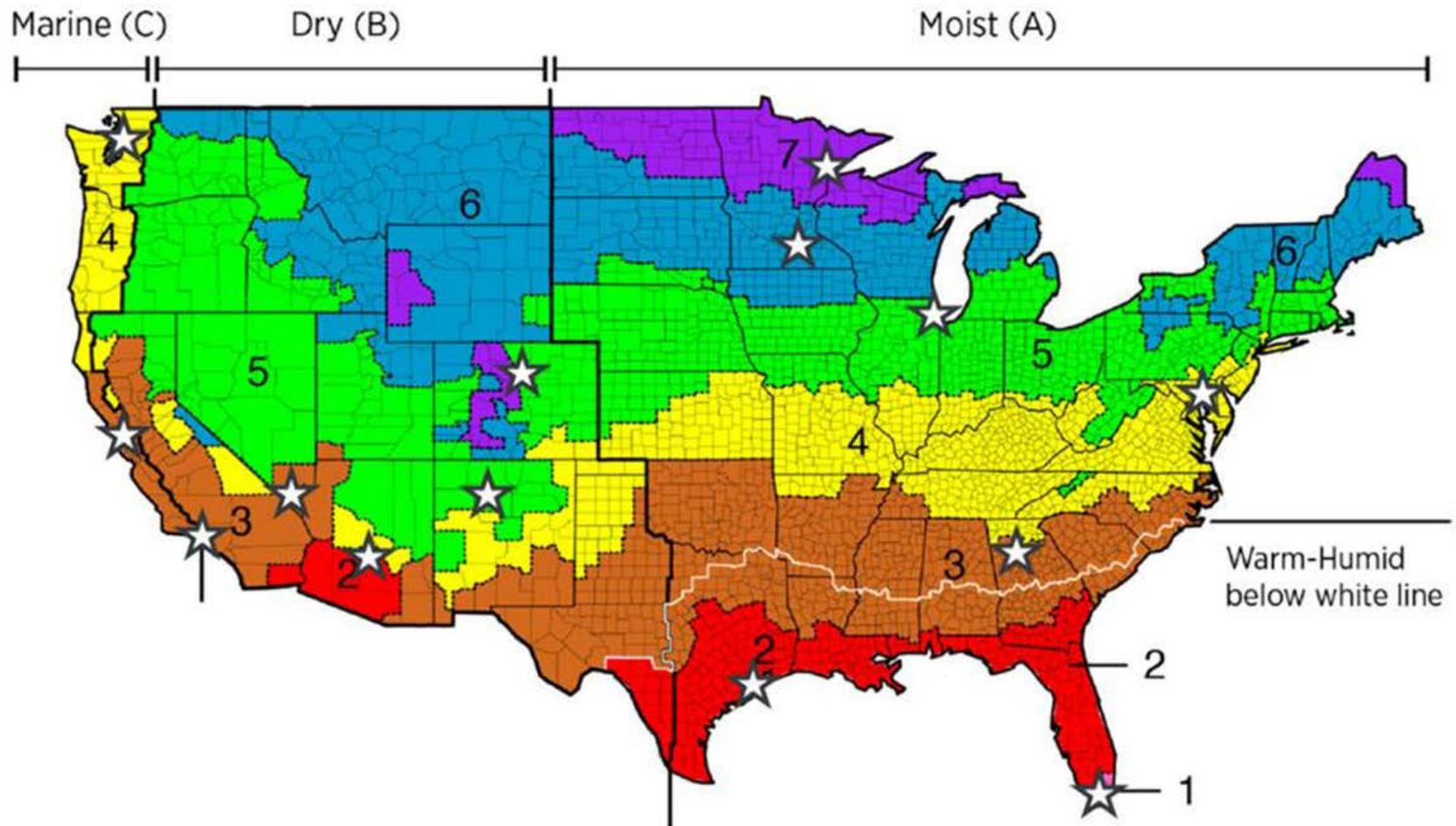


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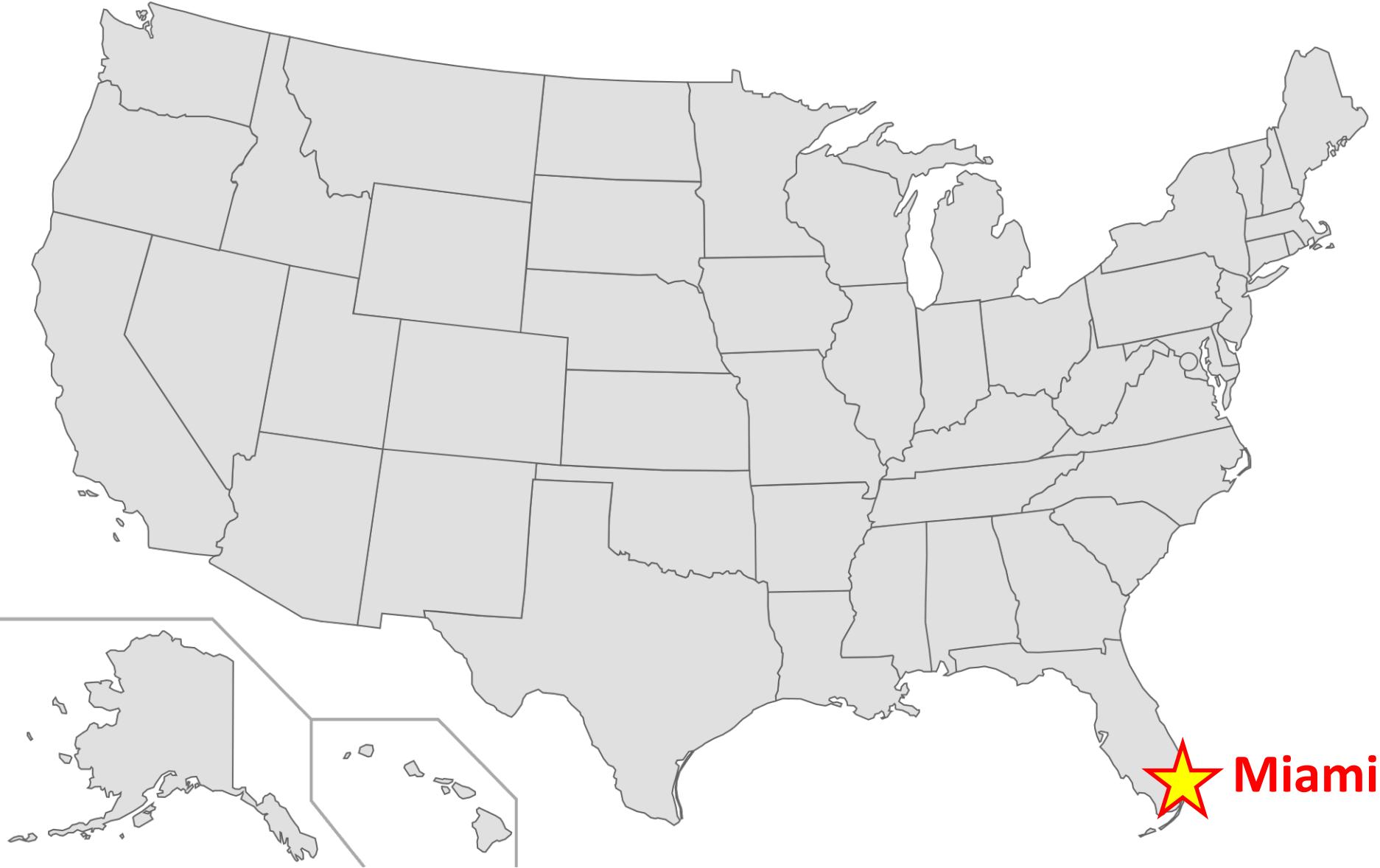


Slabs

Selected cities







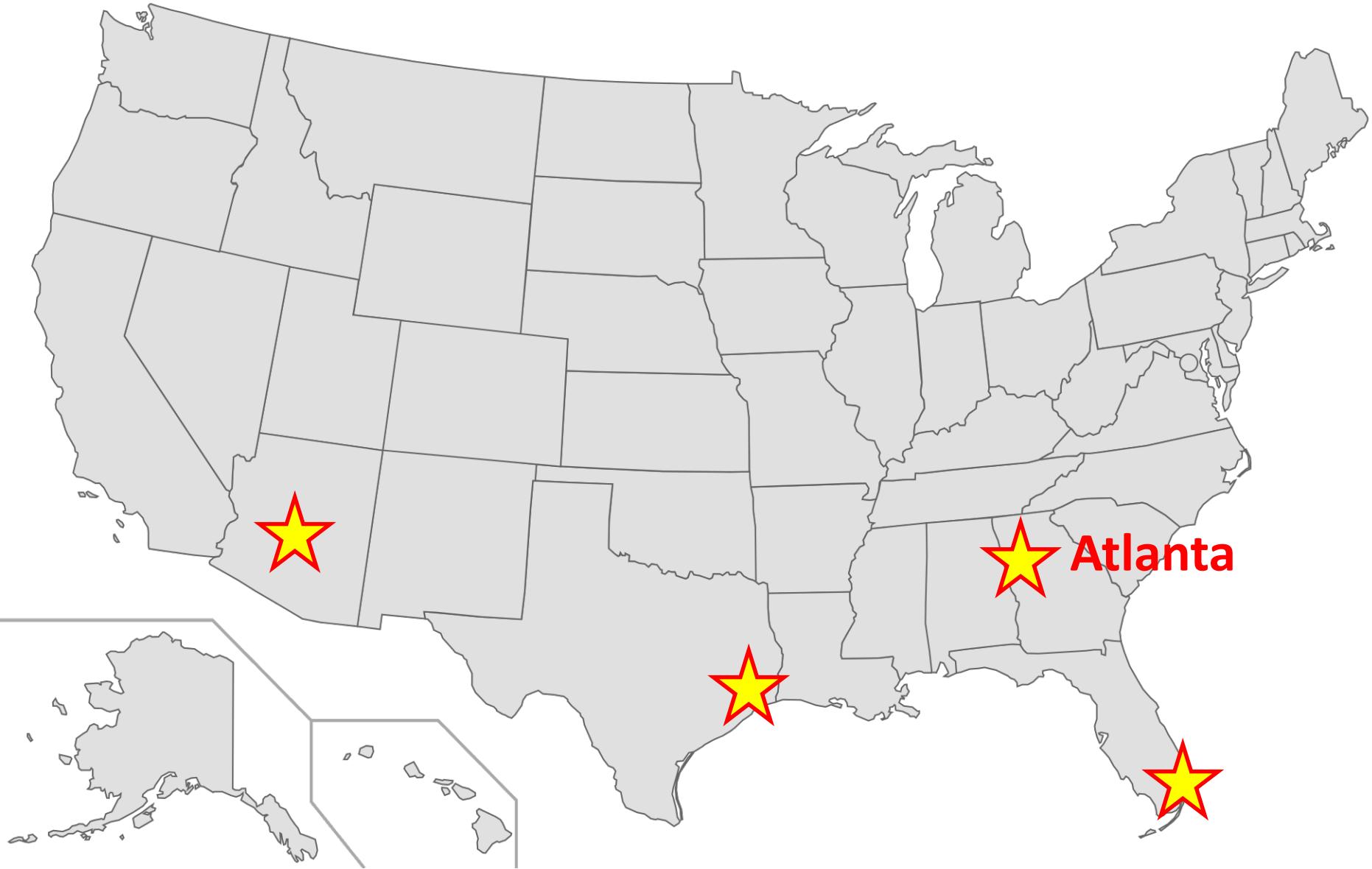
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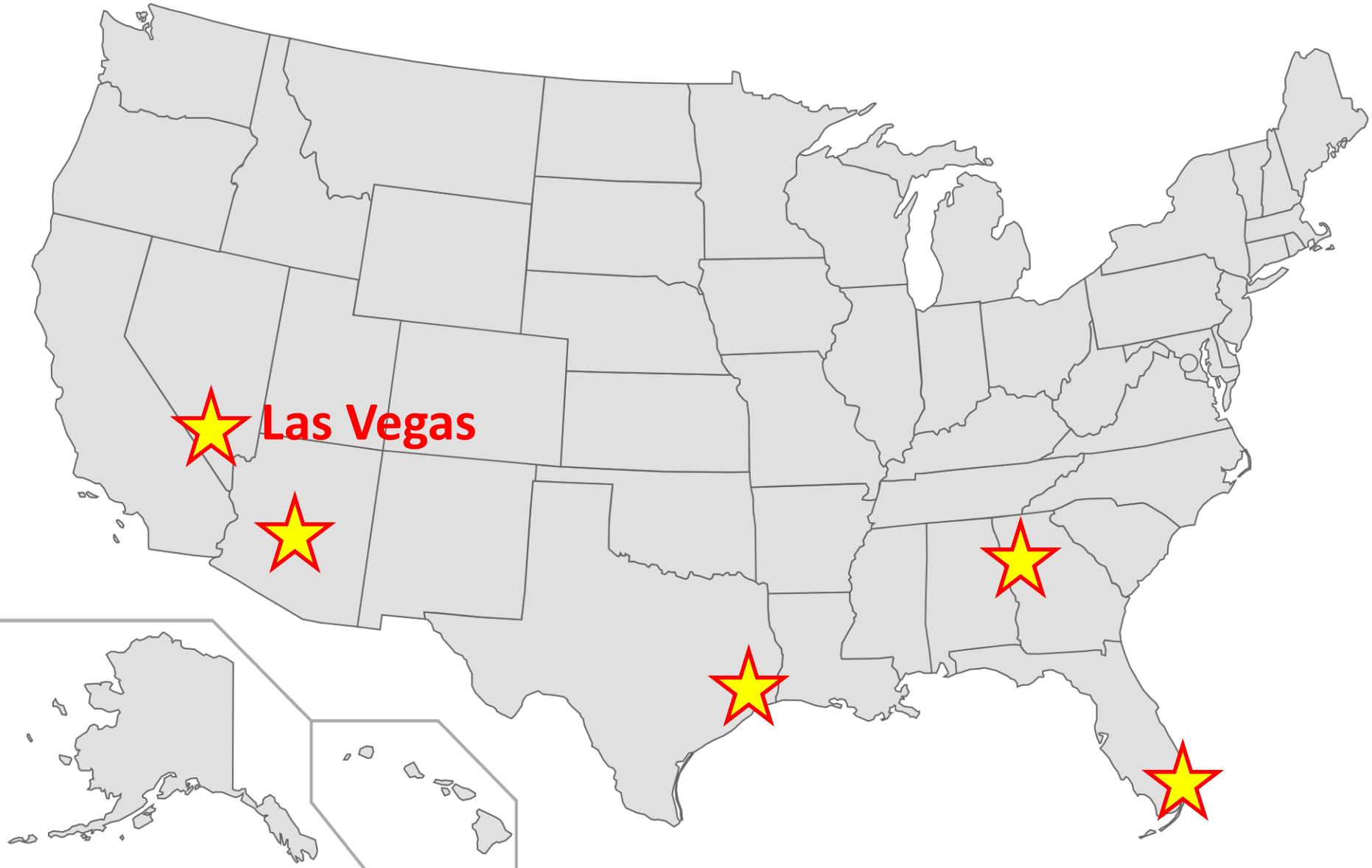
Houston







Atlanta





Los Angeles



A grayscale map of the United States showing state boundaries. Seven yellow stars with red outlines are placed on the map, indicating specific locations: one in the Northwest (Washington state), two in the West (Arizona and California), one in the South (Texas), one in the Midwest (Illinois), one in the Northeast (Maryland/Baltimore area), and one in the Southeast (Florida).

Baltimore



Seattle



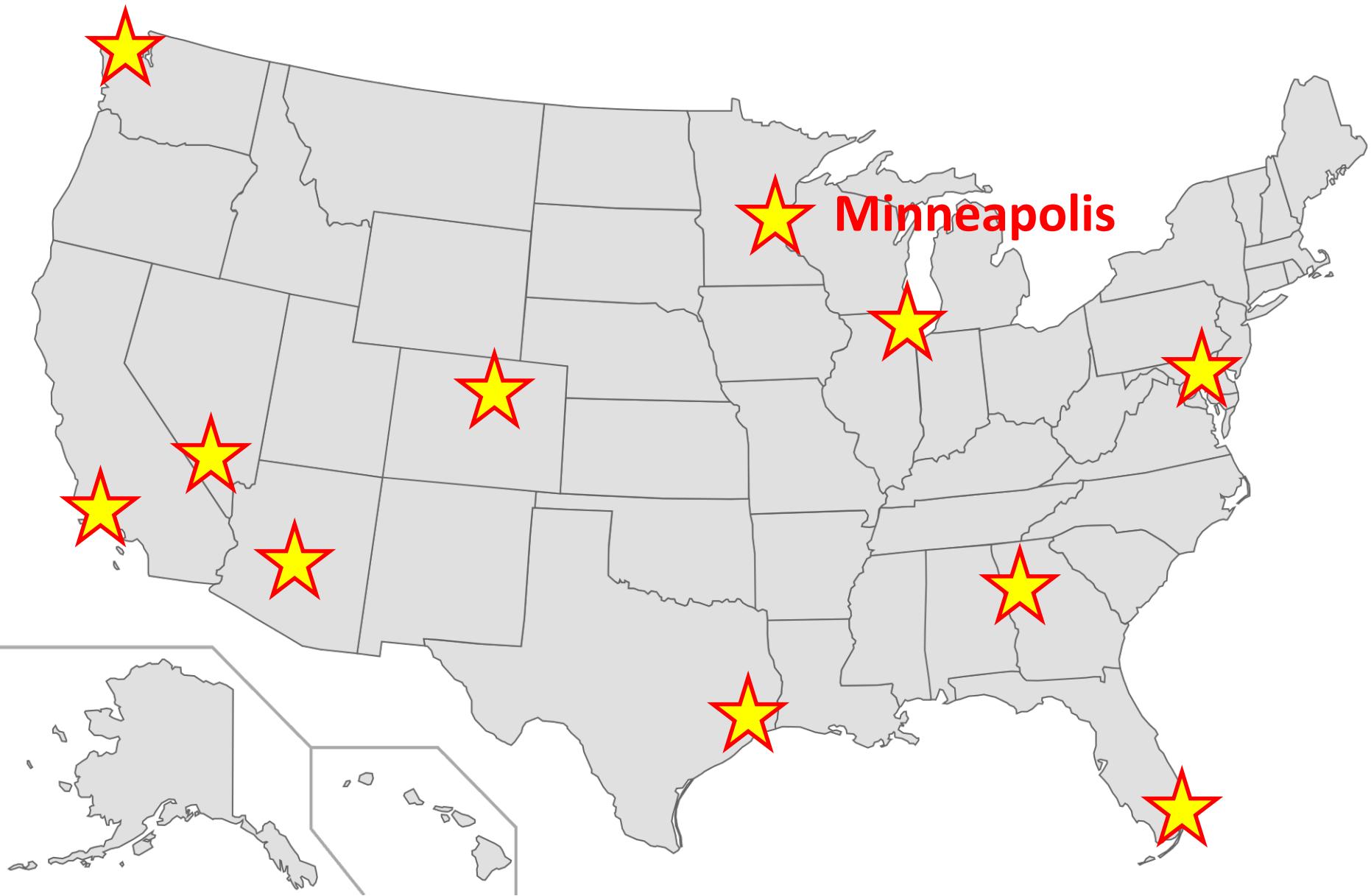


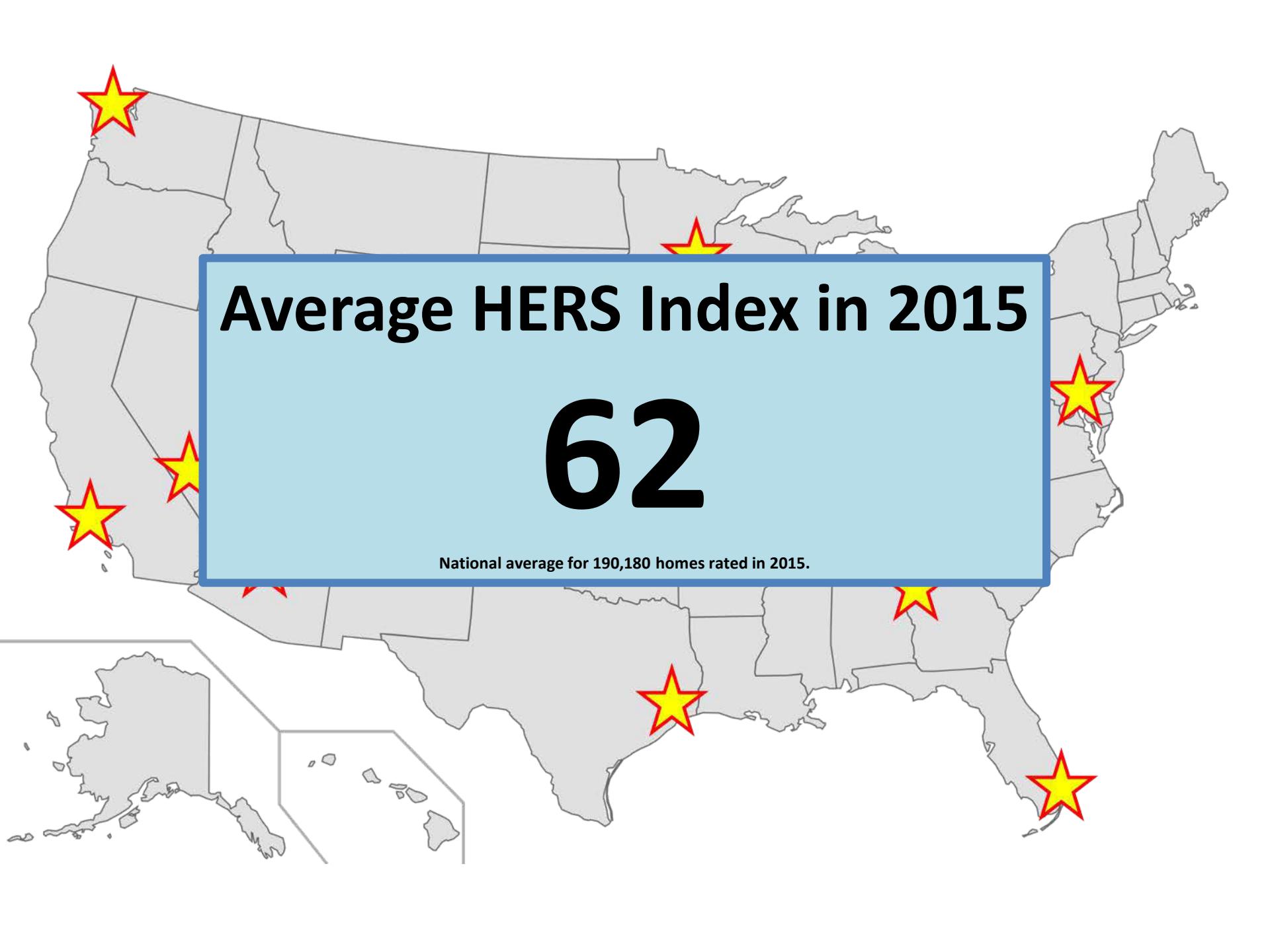
Chicago



Denver

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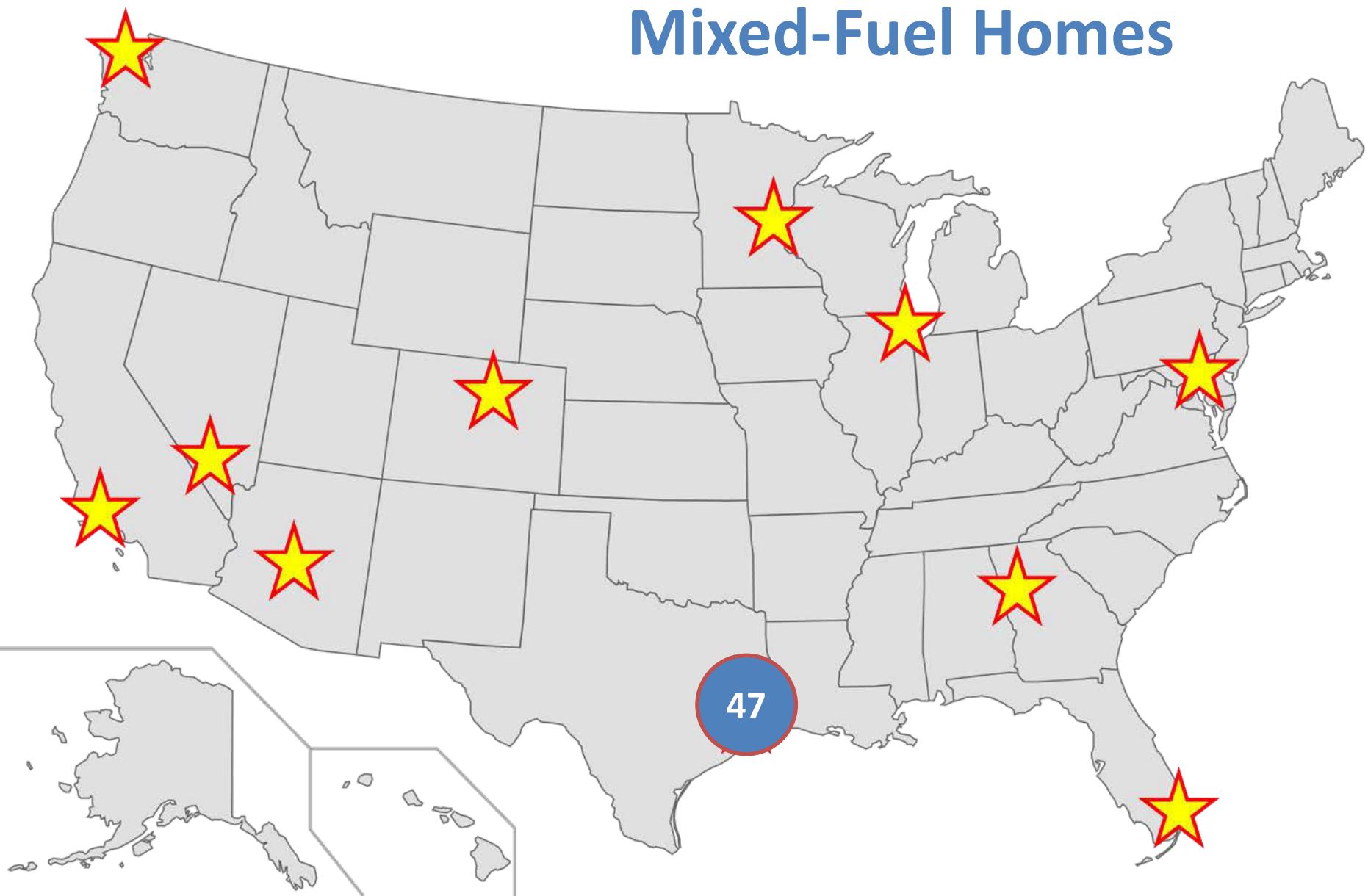


Average HERS Index in 2015

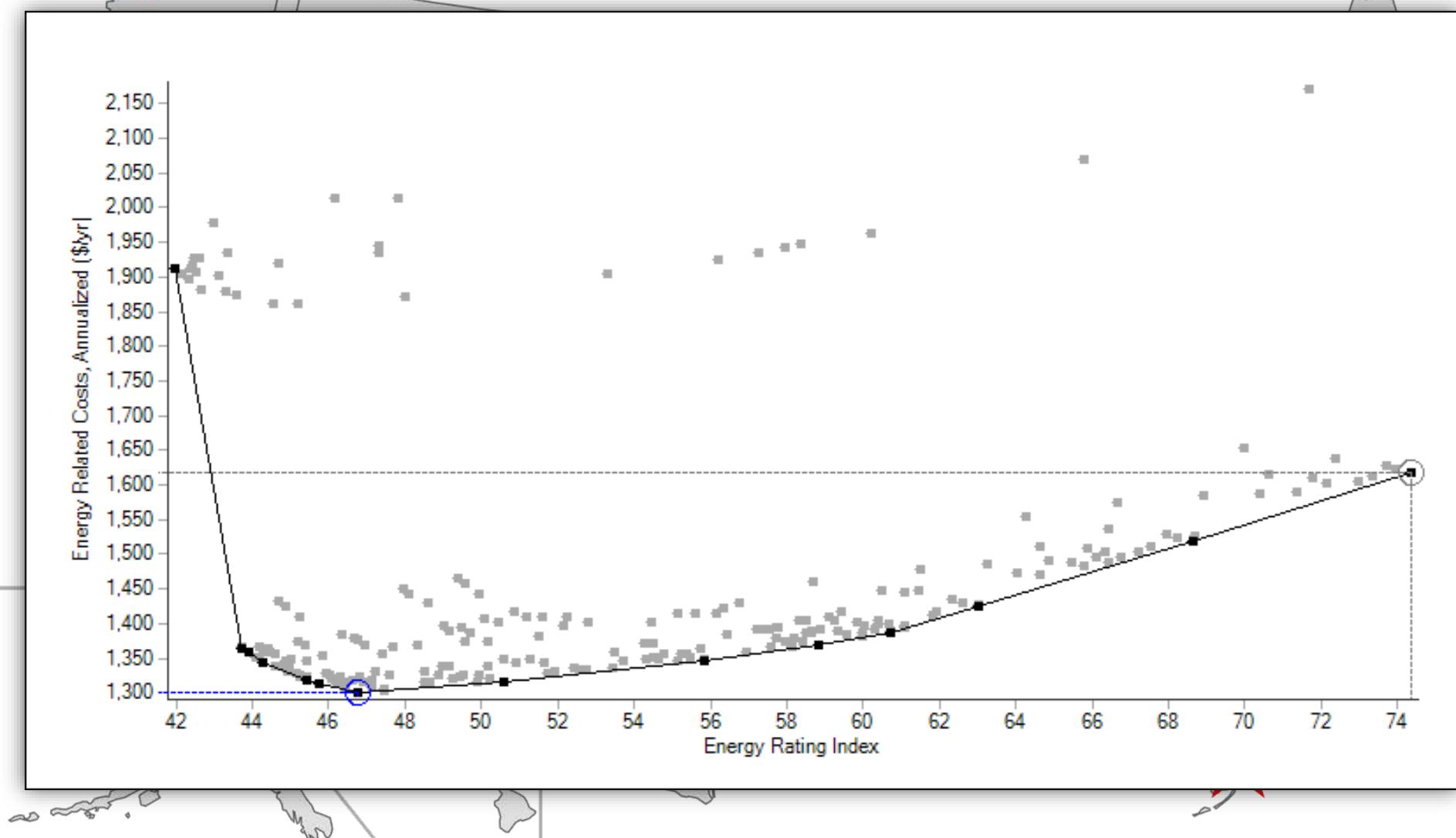
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National average for 190,180 homes rated in 2015.

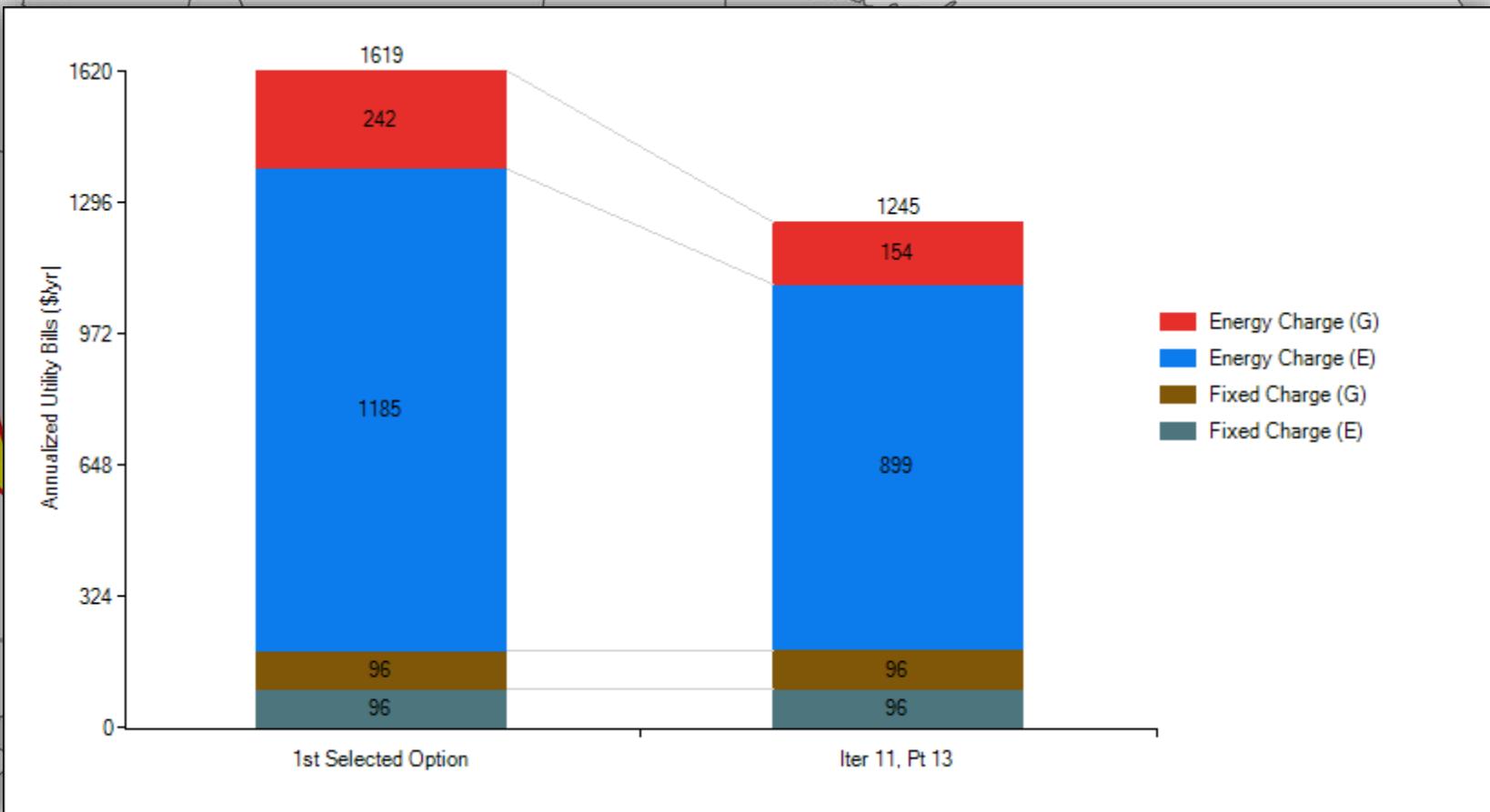
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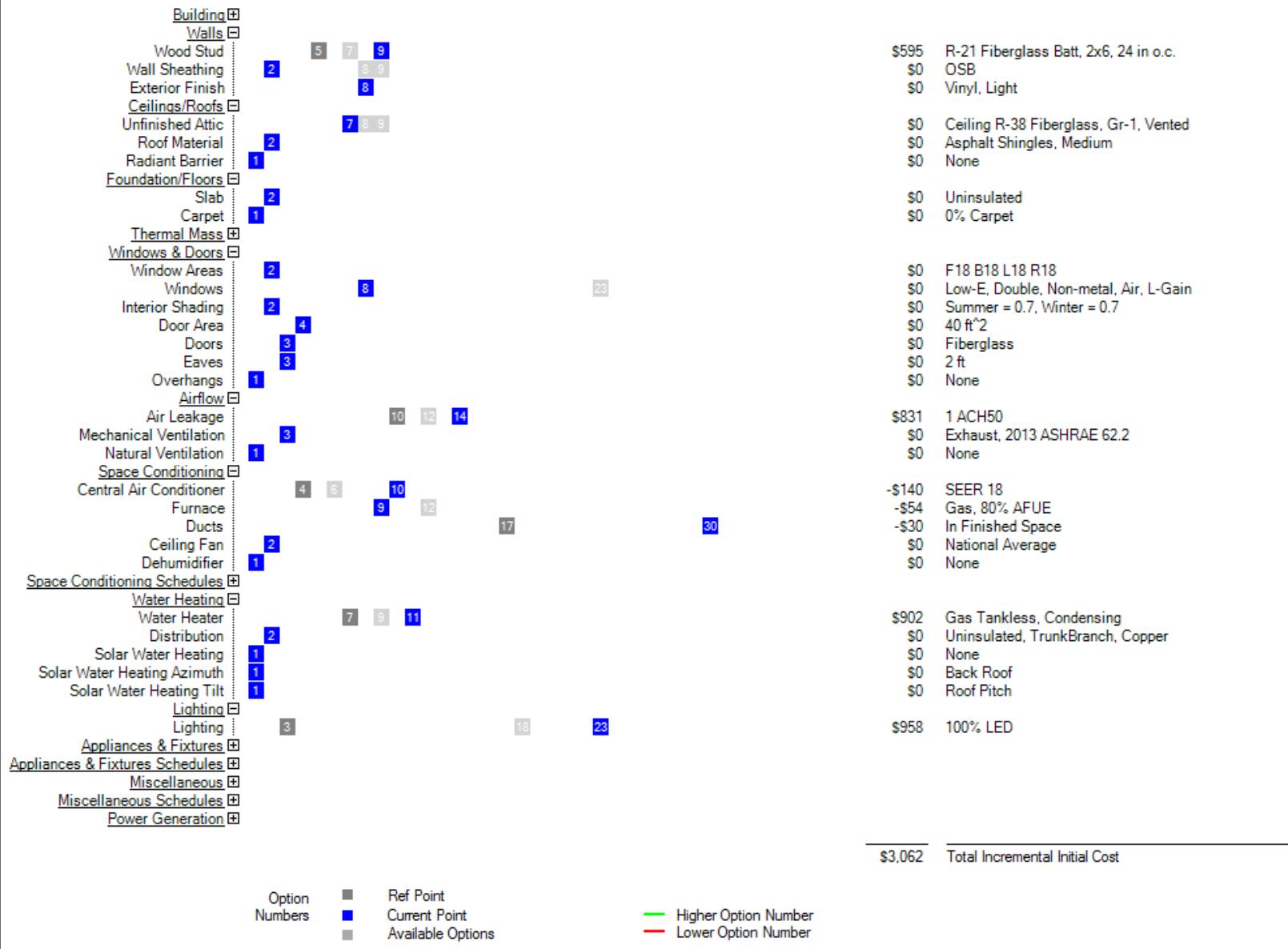


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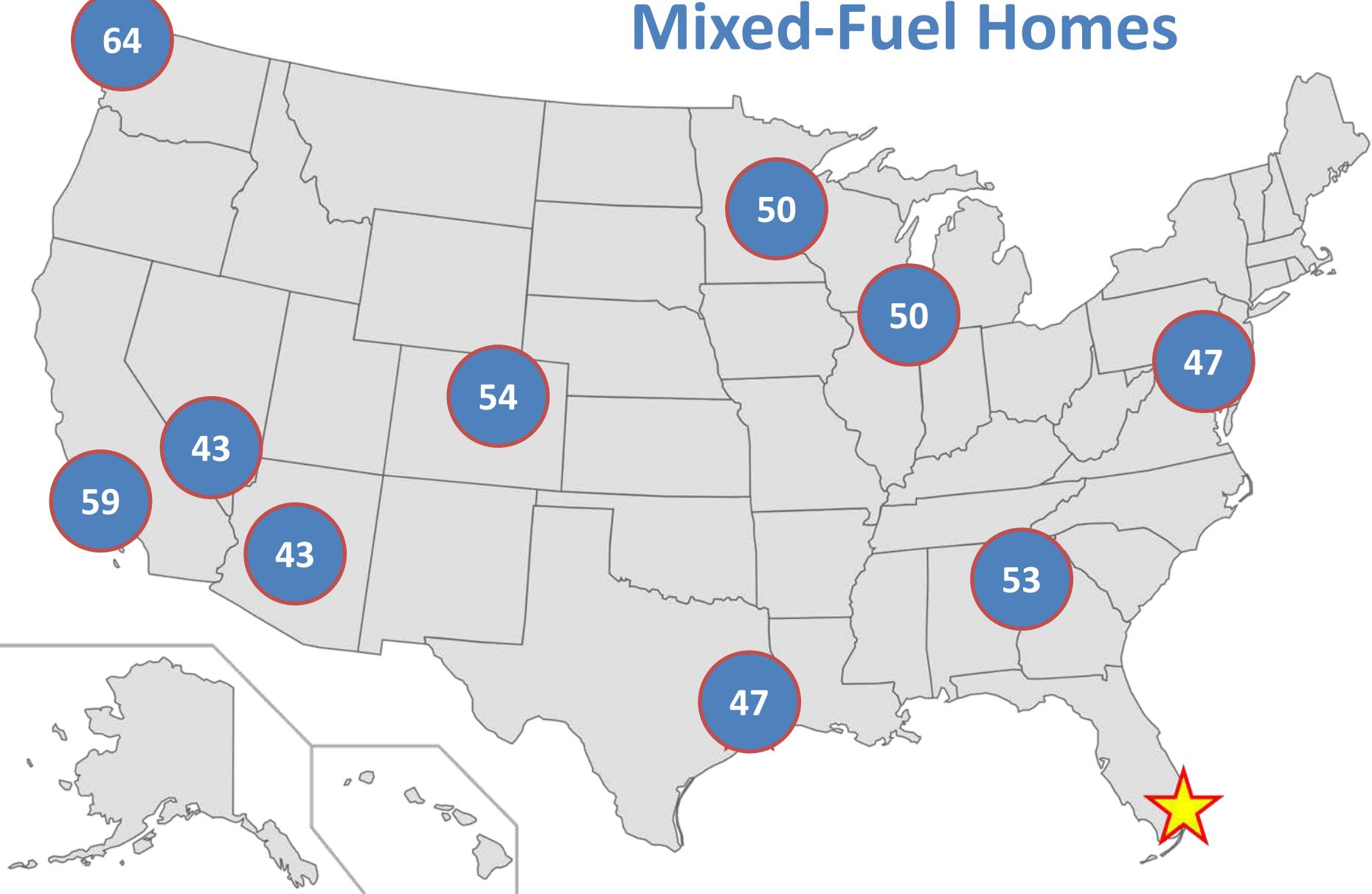


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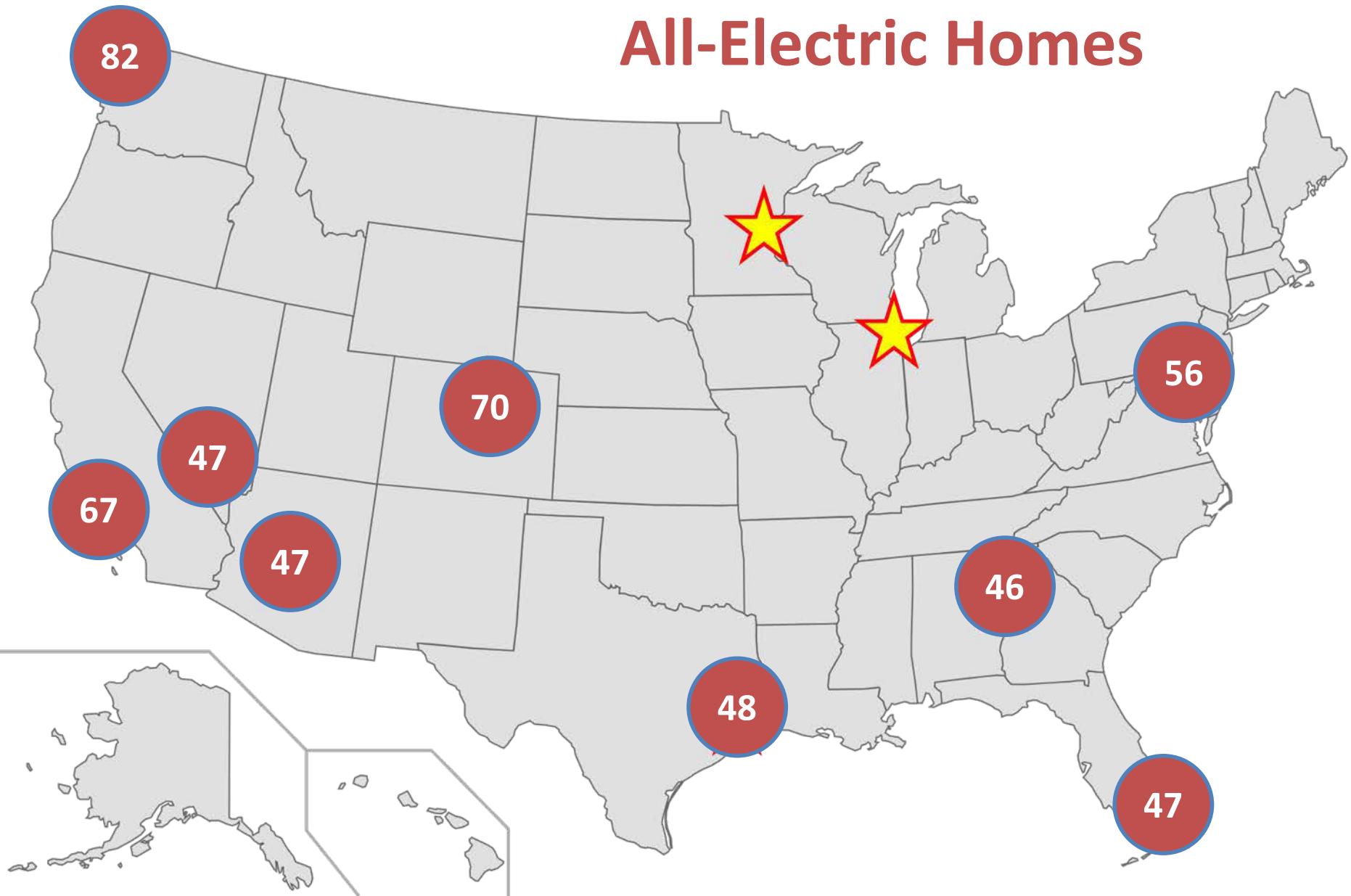




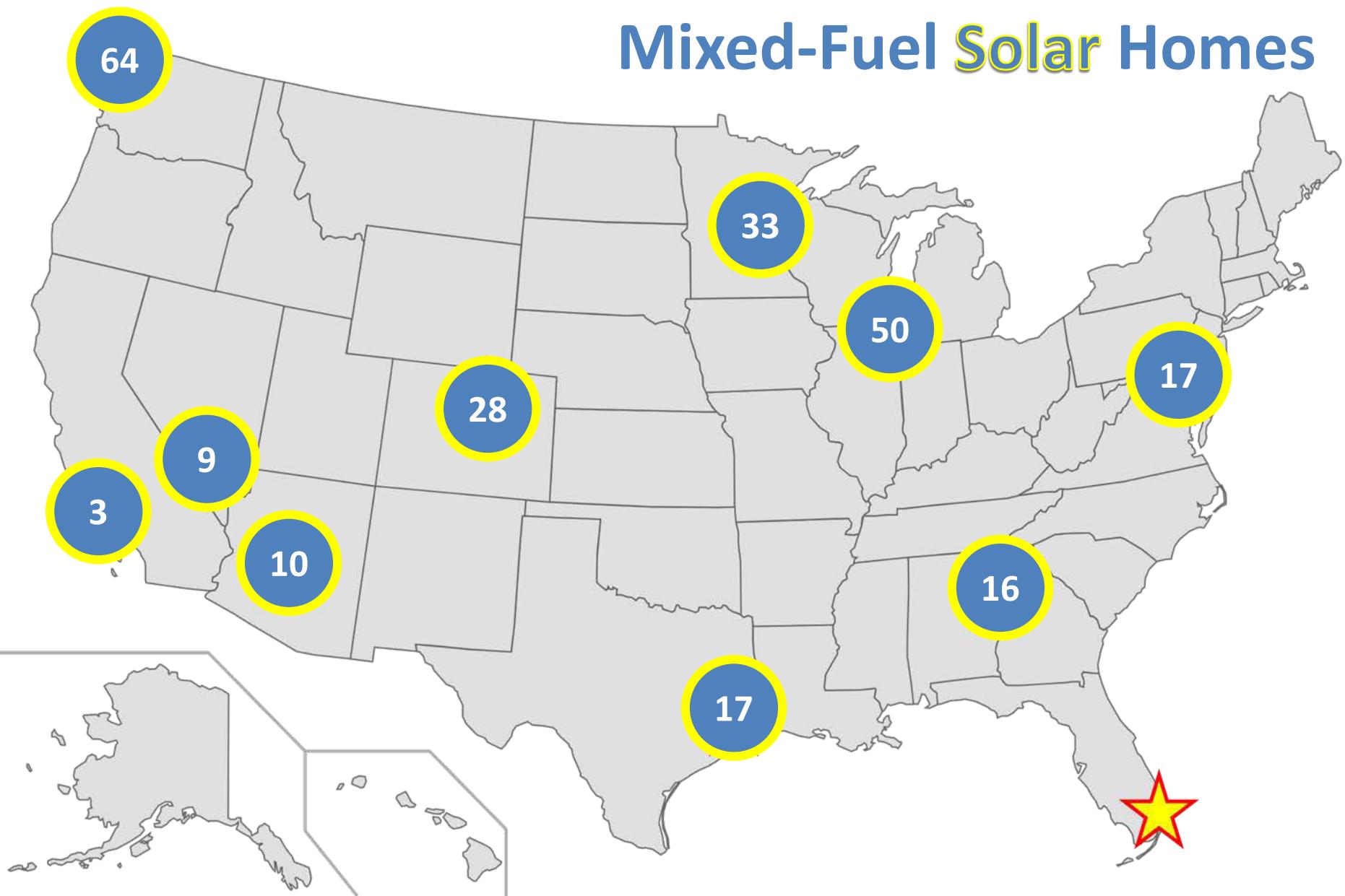
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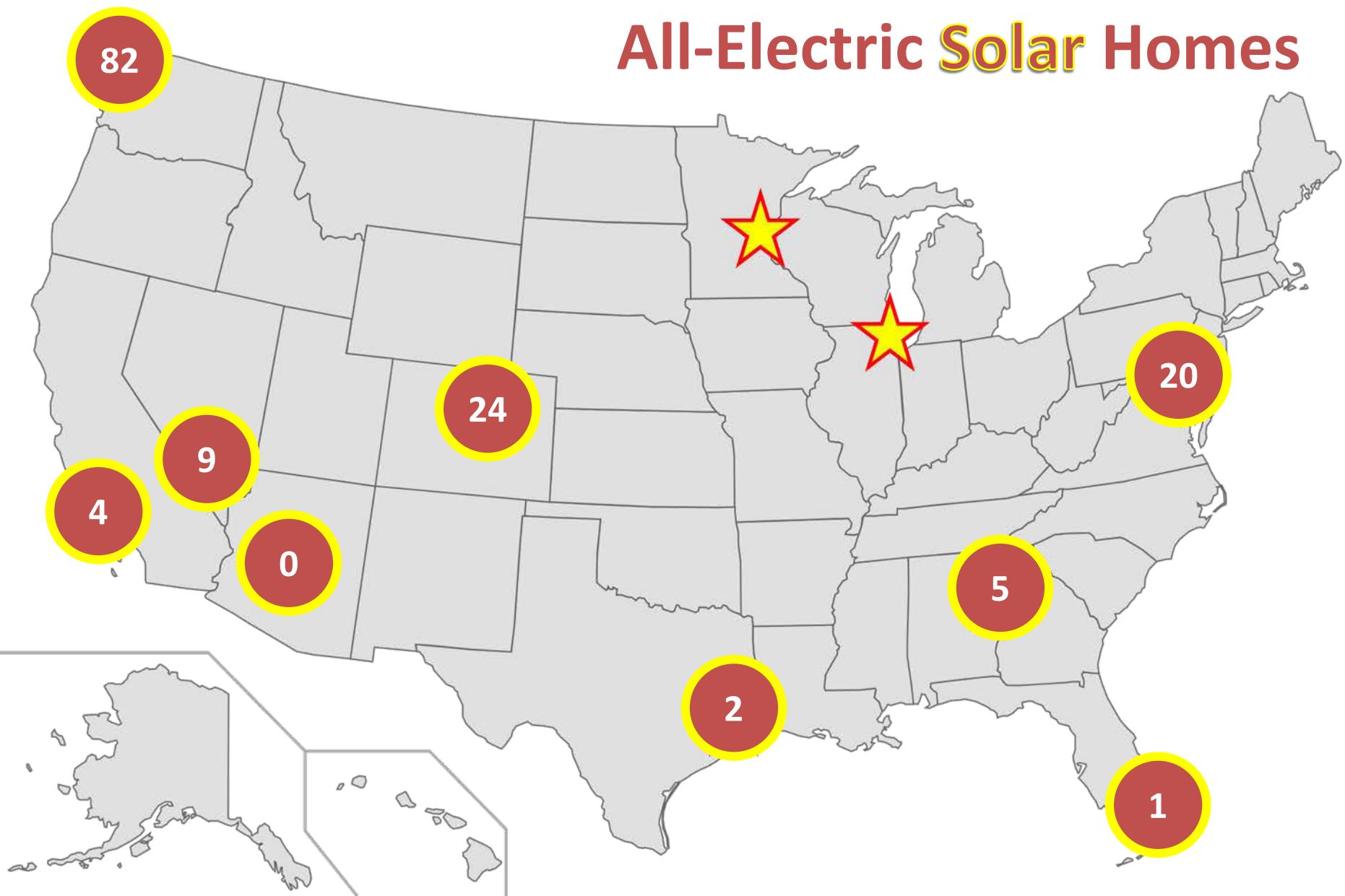
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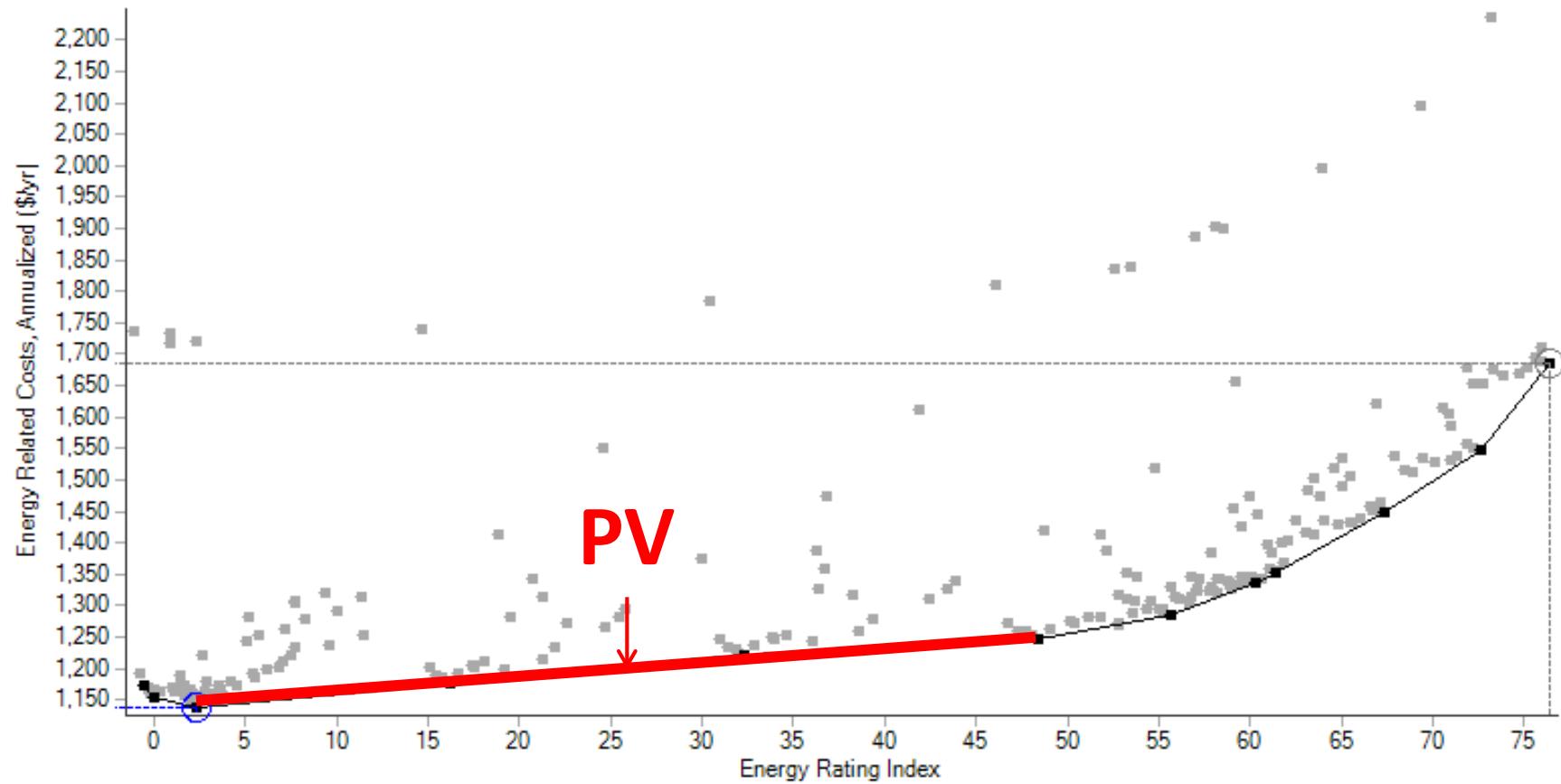
Mixed-Fuel Solar Homes



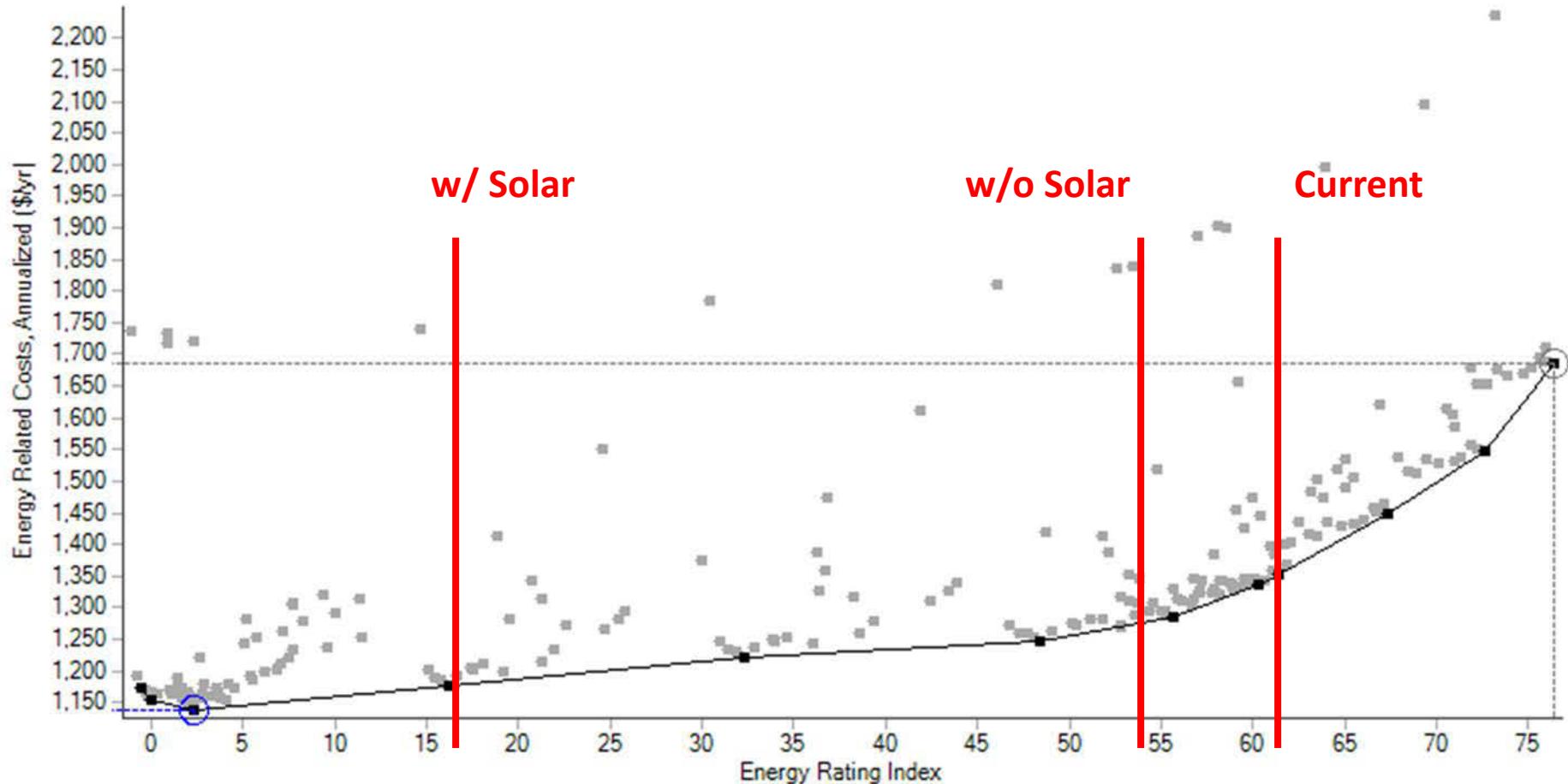
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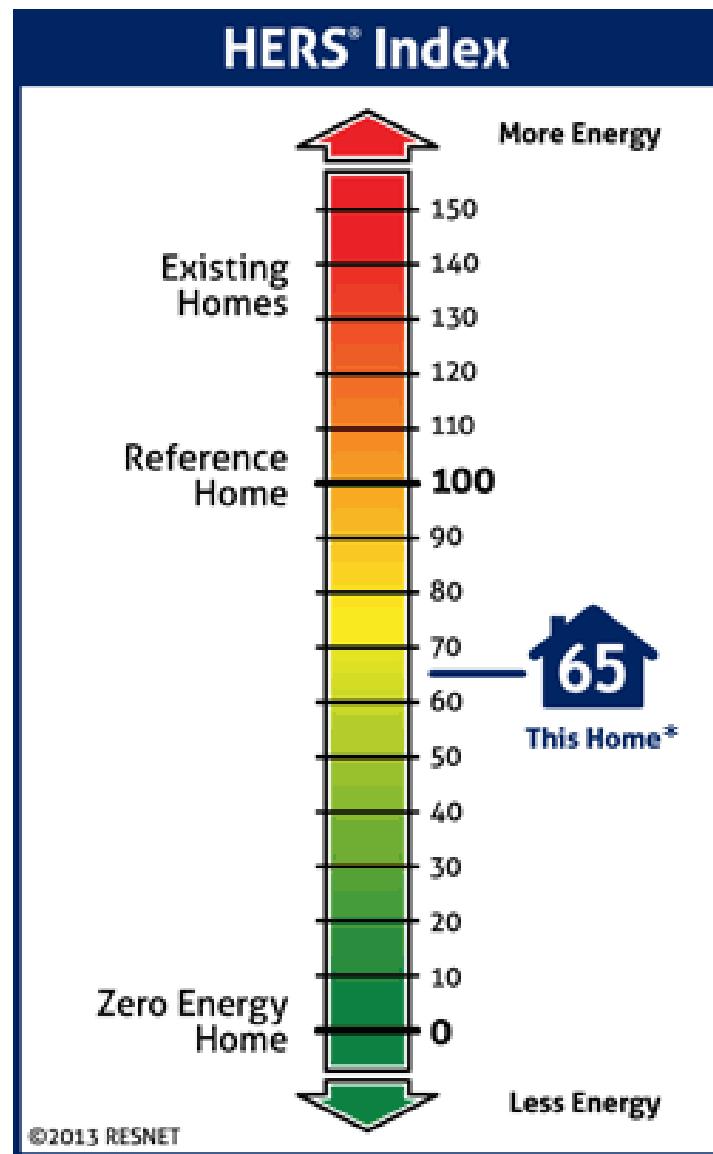
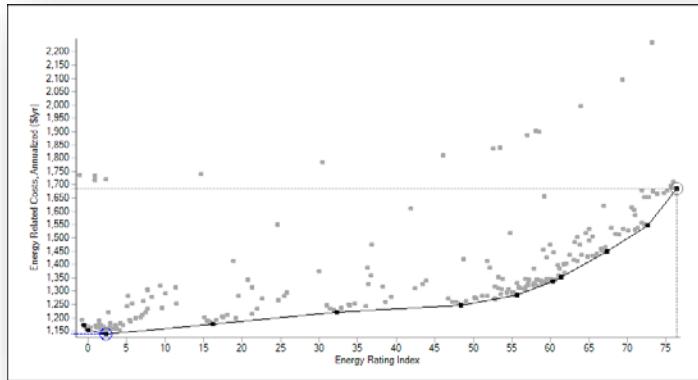


Average HERS Index*



*For discussion/demonstration only. The example from analysis are not weighted by climate or fuel like the RESNET average.

In general, cost-optimal solutions are lower than average HERS rating issued in 2015.



*Sample rating representation.