

Graphic Excellence for the Commissioning Profession: Strategies for Representing Building Performance Data

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Session Learning Objectives



Commissioning in the Digital Age: Data, Software and Graphs

At the end of this session participants will be able to:

- 1. Decipher data graphs by looking for specific visual clues.
- 2. Discover a number of graph types and understand the appropriate application of each.
- 3. Understand the basic principles of whole building interval meter data modeling and anomaly detection.
- 4. Learn how any software-as-service can be improved with the human element.

Ryan Stroupe Bio

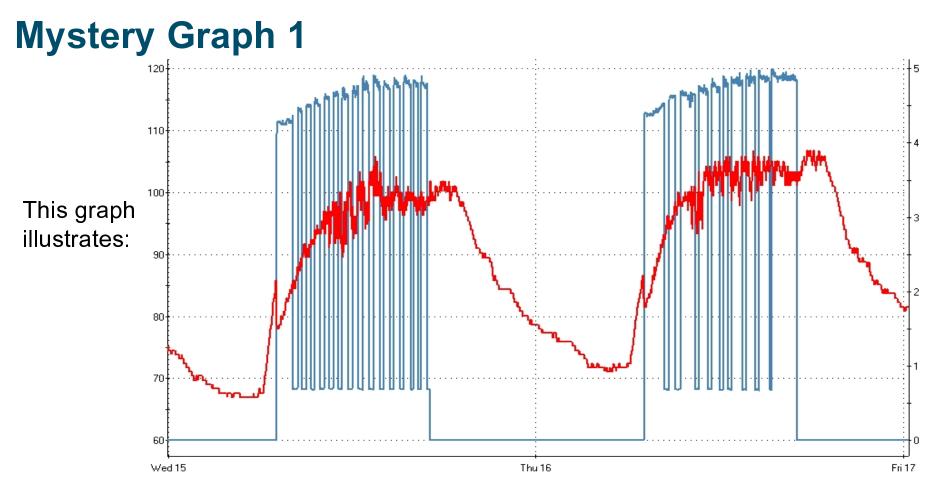
- 19 years at PG&E Pacific Energy Center (PEC) in San Francisco
- Coordinates the Center's Existing Building Curricula
 - o Building commissioning
 - Energy audits
 - o Measurement
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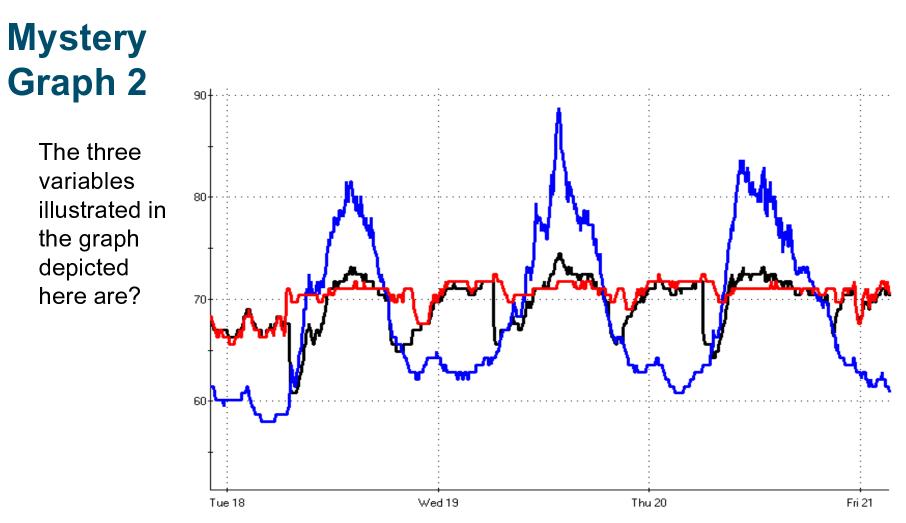
Mystery Graph Activity

Mystery Graph Instructions

- 1. NCBC participants with highest score on Mystery Graph quiz will win a HOBO datalogger and earn the admiration and respect of their NCBC peers.
- 2. For each mystery graph, fill-in the oval corresponding to the single best option on the provided answer sheet.
- 3. Complete the answer sheet and include your contact information at the bottom of the card.
- 4. The completed form must be turned in before answers are revealed to be eligible for the datalogger prizes.
- 5. This is an individual effort; please do not share answers.

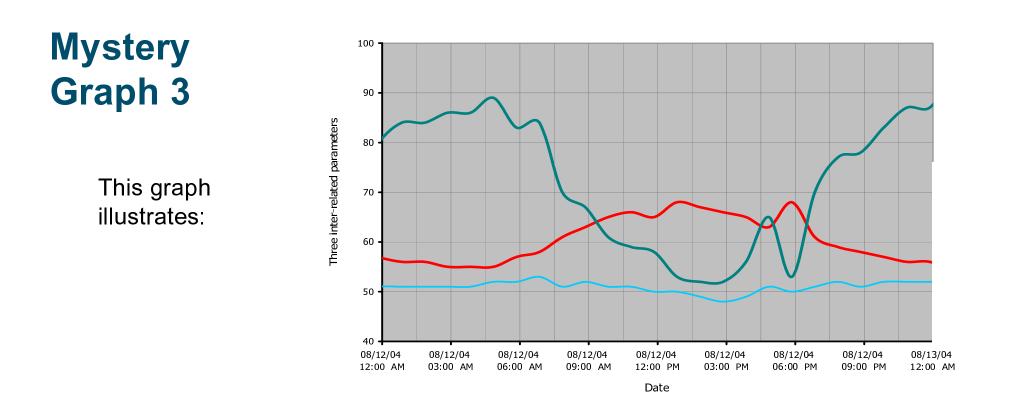


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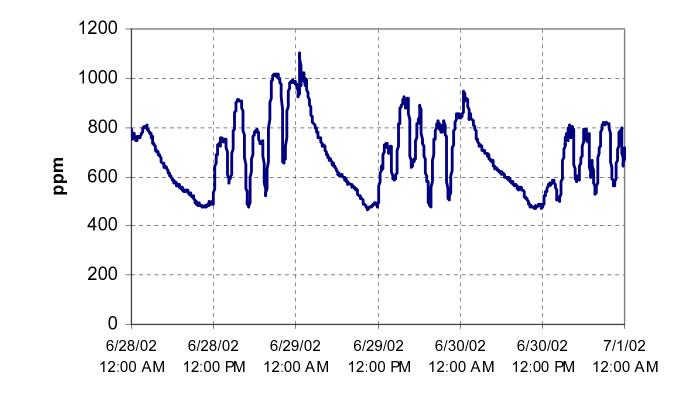


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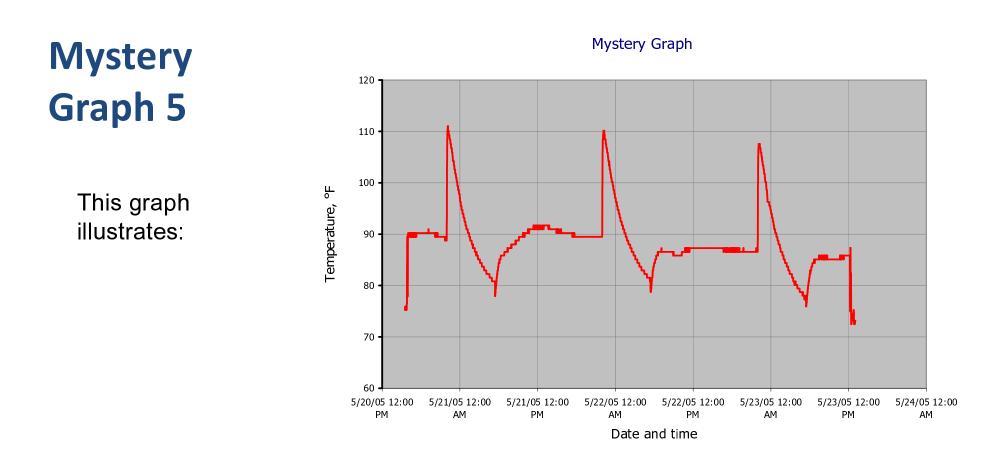
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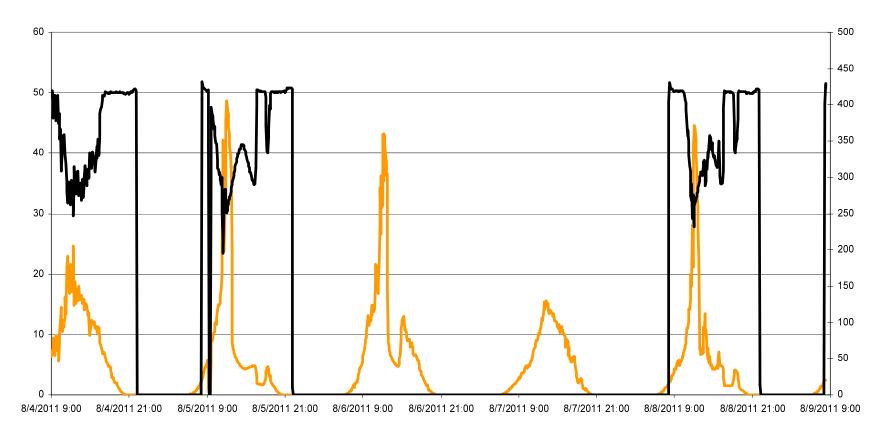


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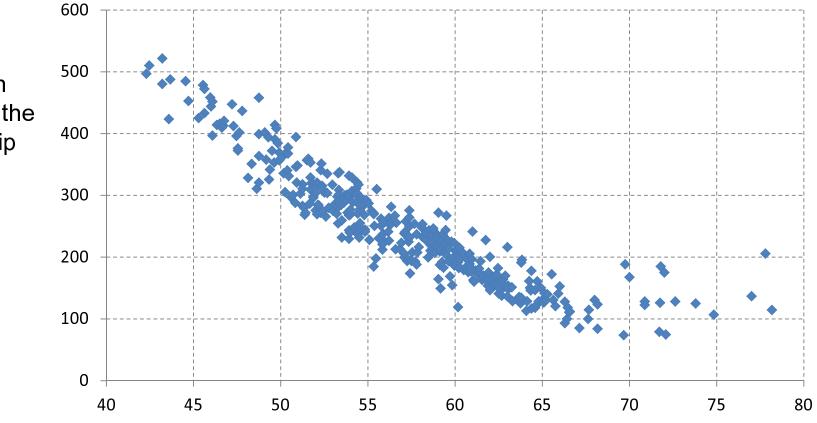


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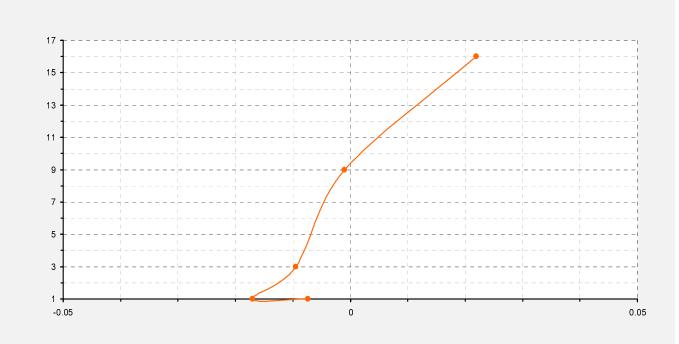
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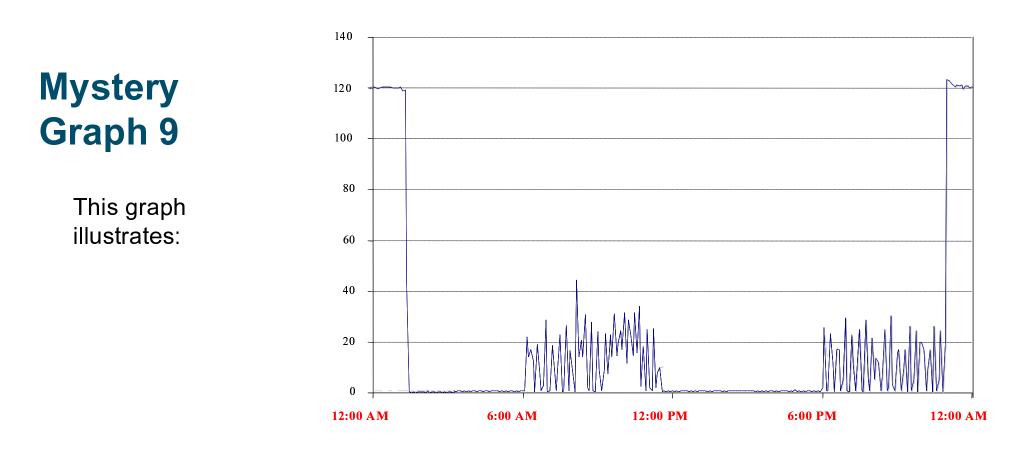
- a. the percent load and power draw in watts for a motor.
- b. the cooling load in kWh per day and the average zone temperature per day for a hospital.
- c. the VFD speed in hertz and power in watts for a packaged unit supply air fan.
- d. the humidity and enthalpy for air downstream from a direct evaporative cooling system.
- e. the heating load for a building in therms per day and the average outside temperature per day.



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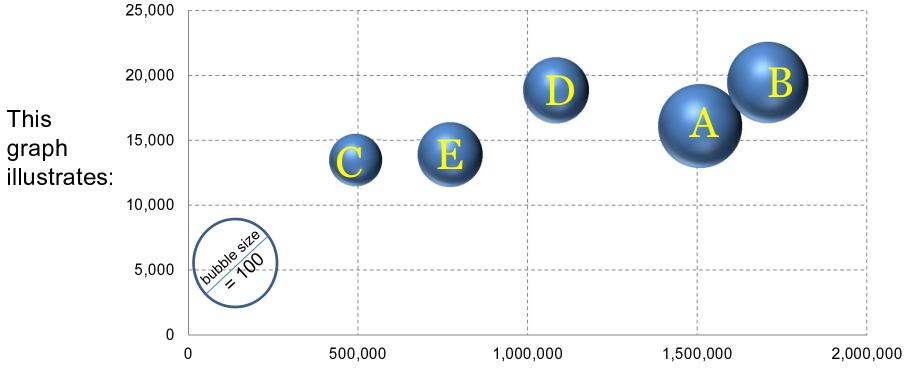
- a. Pressure differential across filters relative to months installed.
- b. The building pressure (inWG) relative to outside for a 16 storey building under normal operating conditions on a 60F day.
- c. The relationship between wind speed (MPH) and altitude (100 ft) in an open field.
- d. Wind pressure on the down-wind face of a building with a steady 10 mph wind blowing.
- e. Supply static pressure relative to height for a 2 story building.



- a. Power draw of an educational building that has photovoltaic panels and exterior parking lot lighting.
- b. Light levels in a restroom with an occupancy sensor.

- c. CO₂ levels in a movie theater.
- d. Temperature in a refrigerated warehouse.
- e. Power draw of a chiller used for thermal storage.

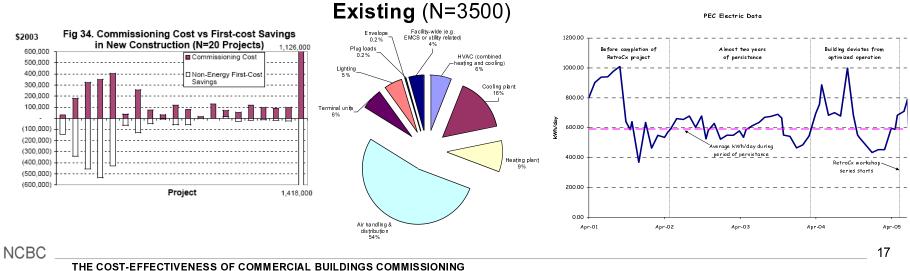
Mystery Graph 10



- a. Cooling capacity in BTU/hr, total condenser fan CFM and the nominal tonnage for a selection of air-cooled chillers.
- b. Annual energy use in kBTU, square footage and Energy Usage Intensity (EUI) for five mixed-use buildings within a single portfolio.
- c. Heating capacity in BTU/hr, flow rate at vessel in GPM and the thermal efficiency for a several industrial boilers.
- d. Annual energy cost in \$, square footage and the Energy Star Portfolio manager score for 5 grocery stores.
- e. Number of people, total cooling load in BTU/hr and the total CFM ventilation requirement for 5 theaters at a multiplex.

The Intention of the Graphic Representation of Data

- Graphs are a means of communication
- o Identify Cx Issues
- o Savings data
- Data visualization helps us think and encourages better decisions
- o Identify correlations between variables
- o "Let the data set change your mind set" Hans Rosling
- Knowledge compression (more information with fewer bits)
- One image can represent thousands of data points
- Annotation and other tools help to highlight specific phenomena



THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS COMMISS Evan Mills, 2004

Data Sources

• Quantitative

- o <u>Climate stations</u>: air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, wind direction, solar radiation, precipitation...
- o <u>Utility meters</u>: electrical (kWh), natural gas (therms), water (CCF), steam (BTU), chilled water (BTU)...
- o <u>Energy Management Systems</u>: air pressure & flow, liquid pressure & flow, damper position...
- o <u>Data loggers</u>: surface temperature, amps, volts, power factor, power, CO₂, CO, occupancy, illuminance...
- o Financial: energy costs, energy savings, incentive values, interest rates, implementation costs, sales...
- o <u>Other</u>: hours of operation, square footage, vacancy rates, storage life, capacity, quantity of equipment...
- o <u>Time</u>: year, month, week, day, hour, minute, second...

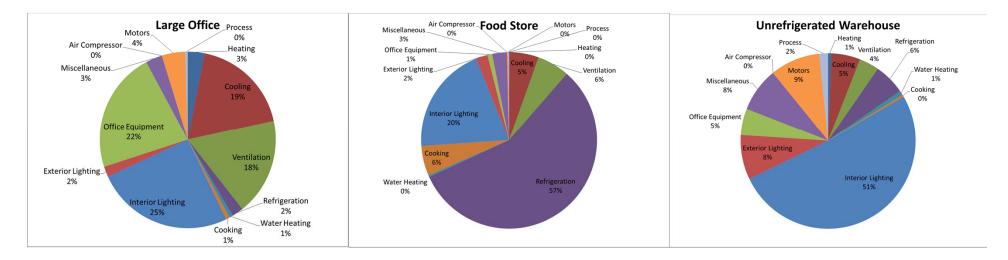
Categorical

- o <u>Building type</u>: office, retail, grocery, restaurant, lodging, warehouse, university, K-12, health care...
- o <u>Location</u>: address, city, state, zip code, climate zone, altitude, latitude, longitude, country...
- o End-use type: space heating, space cooling, water heating, lighting, refrigeration, electronics, ventilation...
- o <u>Fuel type</u>: petroleum, natural gas, coal, nuclear, biomass, hydro-electric, wind, solar, geothermal...
- o <u>Deficiency type</u>: VAV box set-point analysis, air-side economizer, lighting controls, equipment scheduling...
- o <u>Persistence strategy</u>: metering total building energy use, comfort stability reporting, trend data analysis...

Graph Types and Applications

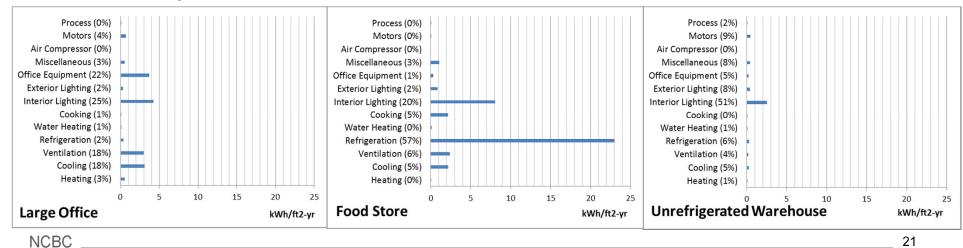
Pie Chart

- Also known as a Circle graph
- Used to provide percentage breakdown of one categorical variable
- Benefits:
 - o Easy to compare relative percentage of categorical variables
 - Simple (may even oversimplify)



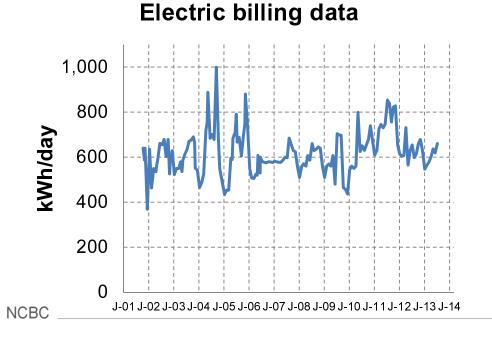
Bar Chart

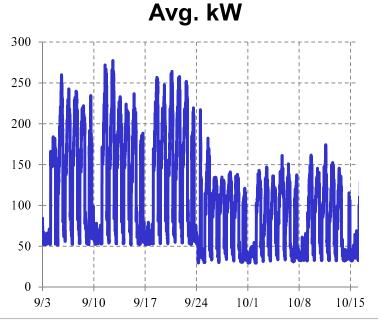
- Also known as Column Chart
- Used to plot quantitative variables against categorical variables
- Benefits:
 - Easy to compare relative magnitude of categorical variables
 - o Preferred by many over Pie chart
 - Can be layered with other quantitative data
 - o Bars can be "stacked" (see Gantt chart)
 - o Easy to understand



Time Series Chart

- Also known as Line Chart
- Depicts quantitative variables over time
- Benefits:
 - Easy to visualize variations over time
 - o Multiple quantitative variables can be included in chart
 - o Familiar



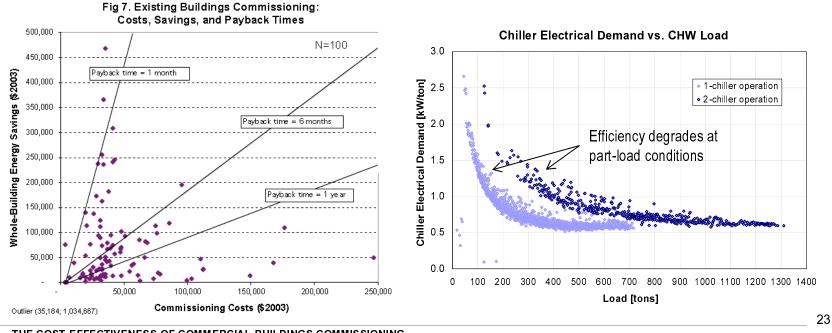


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Scatter Plot

- Depicts two quantitative variables
- Time is not a represented variable and data is not depicted chronologically
- Benefits:

- Easy to see data correlations and develop regressions
- Can layer on other information that also corresponds to two axis



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Bubble Chart

- Depicts three quantitative variables
- Enhanced scatter plot with bubble size as third quantitative variable
- Benefits:
 - Allows a third variable to be expressed without introducing third axis
 - o Can be compelling if correlations with three variables are consistent

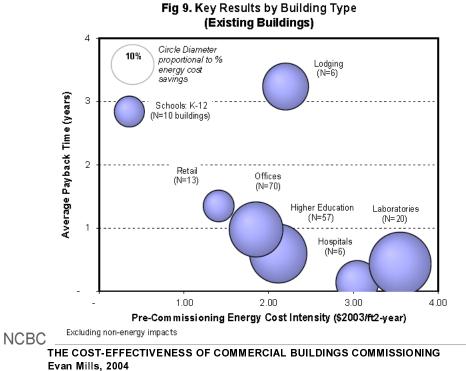
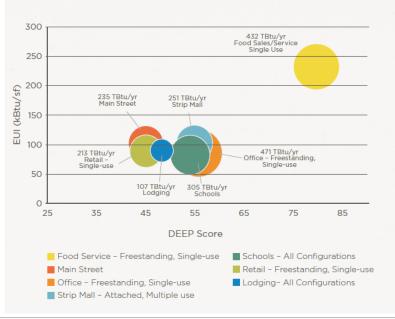


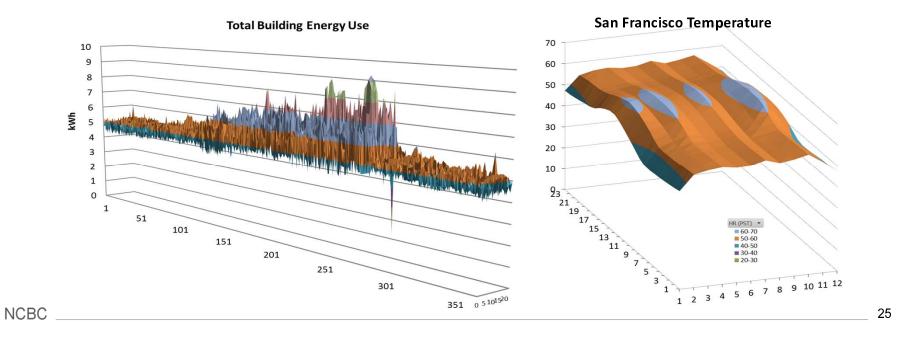
Figure 6: Deep Energy Efficiency Potential (DEEP) Rating for Target Building Types



REALIZING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY POTENTIAL OF SMALL BUILDINGS New Buildings Institute, 2013

Surface Plot

- Depicts three quantitative variables
- Third quantitative variable plotted on third axis (three-dimensional chart)
- Benefits:
 - o Allows a third variable to be expressed
 - Can be compelling if the data warrants the application



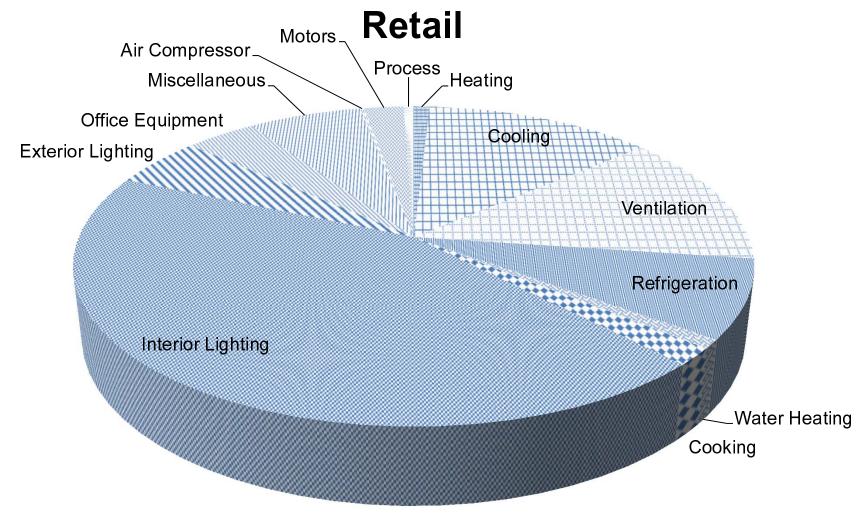
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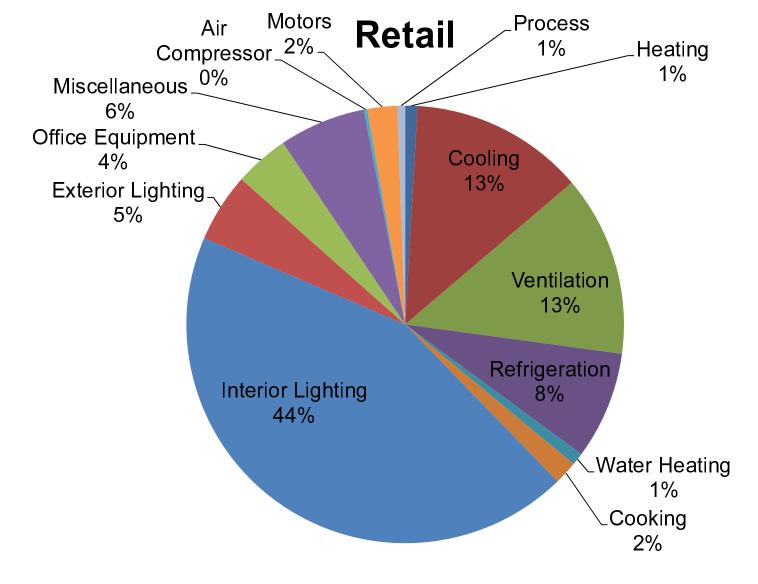
- Depicts many quantitative variables
- Best approach for some data sets
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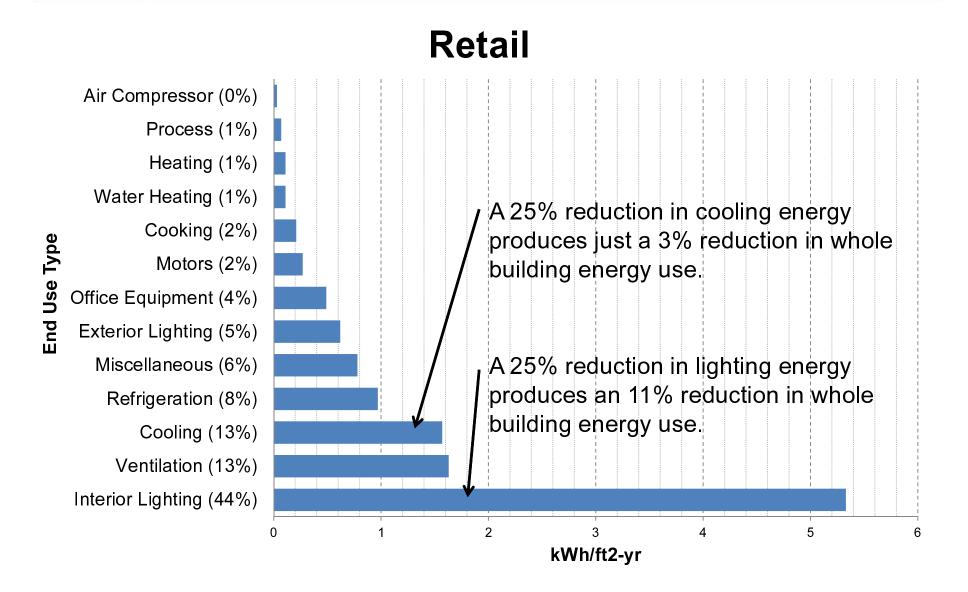
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VAV 2- 3	18%	2.5	2.5	0	90.9	0.1	63270	45	2.7	2.1	65	79.7
VAV 2- 5	11%	1.6	1.6	0	64.7	0	45060	0	2.5	0	63	77.9
VAV 2- 7	10%	1.4	1.4	0	46	0	32055	0	3.1	0	62	75.9
VAV 2- 3	9%	1.3	1.3	0	47.1	0	32805	0	2.8	0	64	73
VAV 2- 1	9%	1.3	1.3	0	47.8	0	33285	0	2.7	0	63	74.8
VAV1- 3	9%	1.2	1.2	0	65.4	0	45285	0	1.8	0	66	72
VAV1- 5	7%	1	1	0	42.9	0	29745	0	2.3	0	66	77.5
VAV 2- 6	7%	1	1	0	39.9	0	27765	0	2.4	0	66	78.4
VAV 2- 2	6%	0.9	0.9	0	39.9	0	27765	0	2.2	0	65	78.9
VAV1-6	4%	0.5	0.1	0.4	6.5	20.9	4530	14550	1.8	2	64.5	80.3
VAV1-4	3%	0.4	0.4	0	15.2	0	10560	0	2.6	0	67	74
VAV1-8	3%	0.4	0.3	0	17.7	2.7	12300	1860	1.9	1	65	76.2
VAV1- 2	2%	0.3	0.3	0	19.2	0.1	13320	60	1.6	1	68	78.5
VAV1-1	1%	0.2	0.2	0	13.2	0	9120	15	1.9	0.5	69	78.2
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Graphic Excellence

Spot the Graph Issues #1



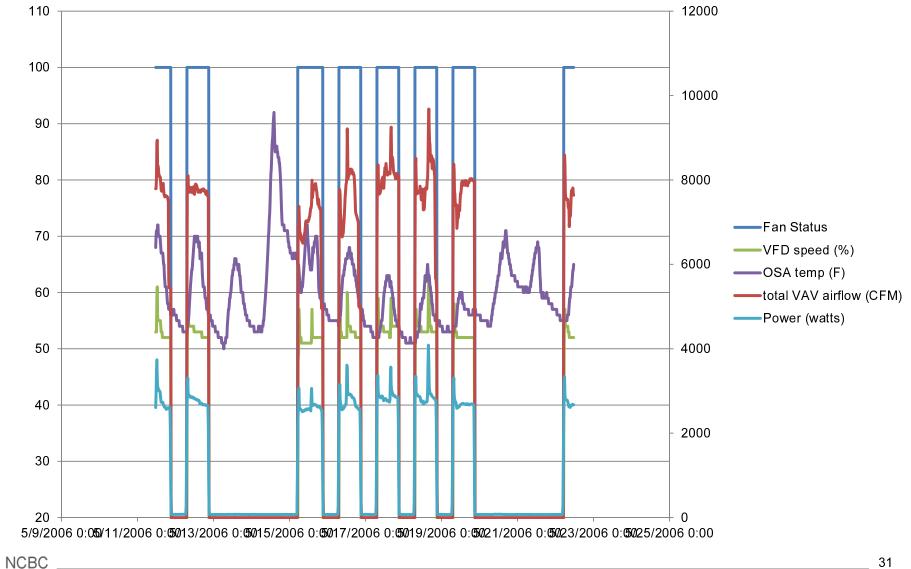




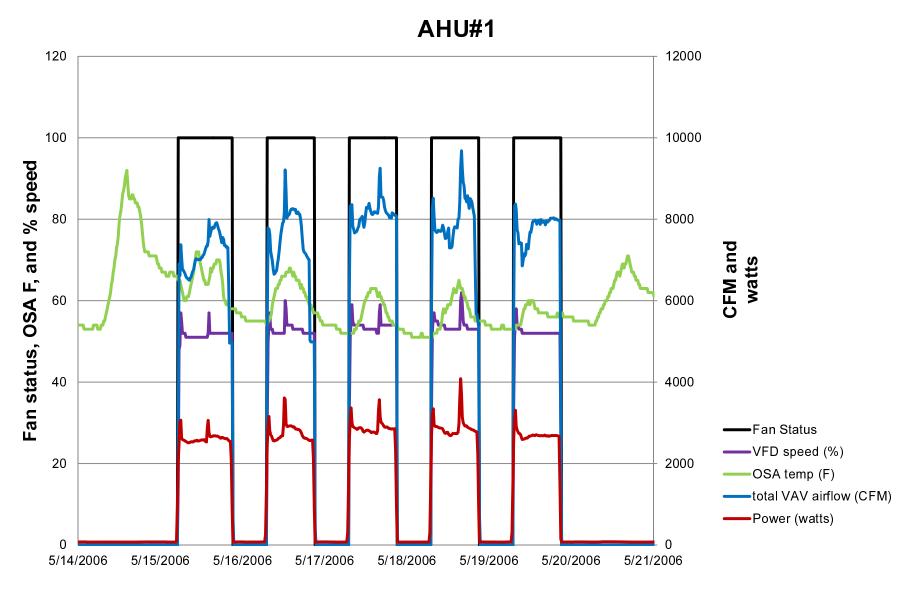
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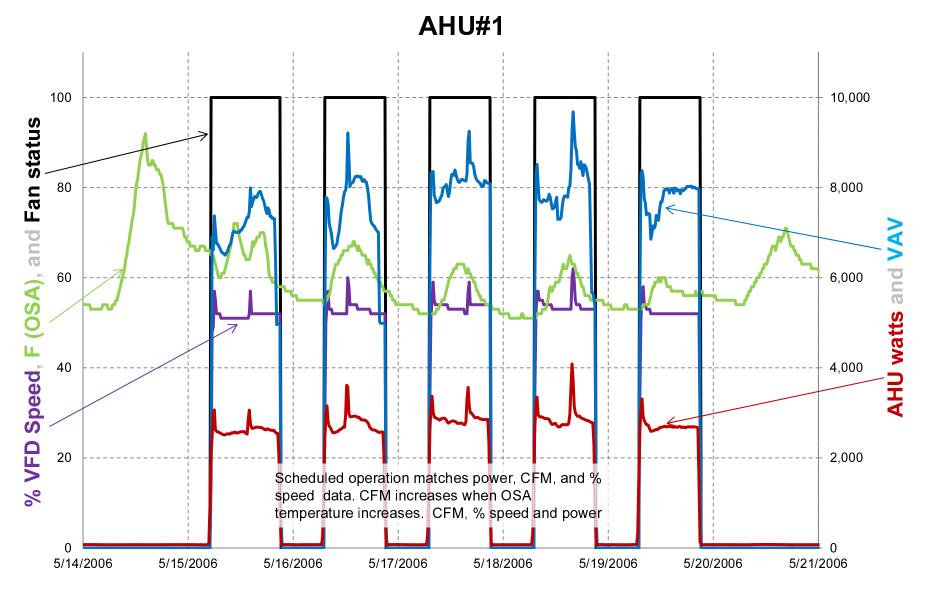
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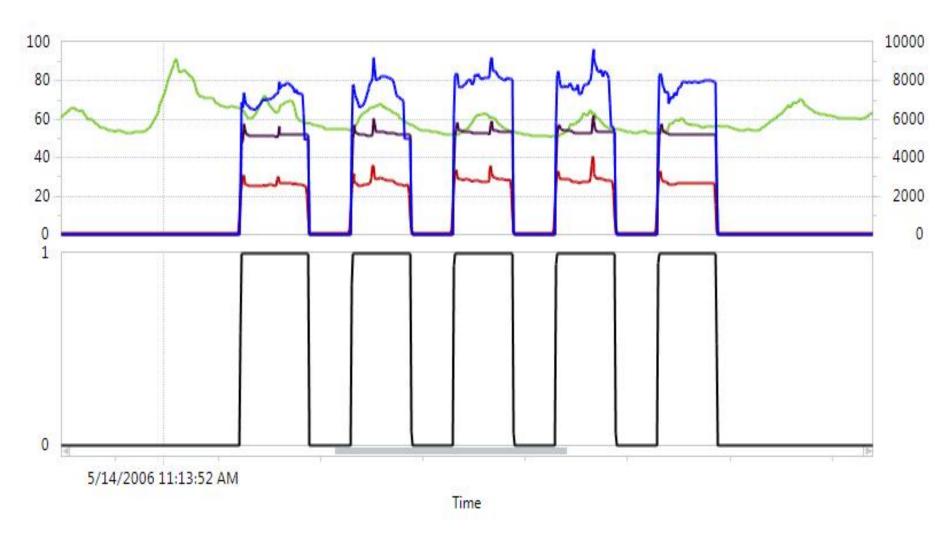


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Graph Output from UT Software



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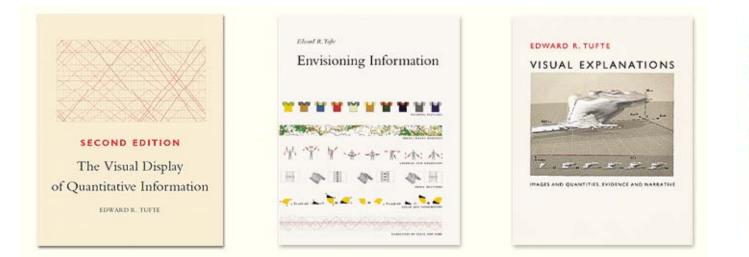
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The point: Pre-attentive processing occurs below the level of consciousness at an extremely high speed. When utilized, the audience is able to decipher data more quickly than when this device is not utilized.

- from "Show Me the Numbers" by Stephen Few.

Ed Tufte's Principles of Graphical Excellence

- Graphical Excellence is the well-designed presentation of interesting data... a matter of substance, statistics and design.
- Graphical Excellence consists of complex ideas communicated with clarity, precision and efficiency.
- Graphical Excellence is that which gives to the viewer the greatest number of ideas in the shortest time with the least ink in the smallest space.
- Graphical Excellence is nearly always multivariate.
- Graphical Excellence requires telling the truth about data.





Do's and Don'ts of Graphic Representation

• Do's

- o when time is a quantitative variable; always **place** it along horizontal axis
- o include the 0-axis on all graphs and use this to distinguish positive and negative values.
- o orient charts horizontally and maximize the chart area on the page.
- o **apply** annotations to your graphs that identify the variables and explain the results.
- o configure annotations and labels so they are oriented consistently.
- o to facilitate comparisons, order data in a hierarchical order when using bar charts
- o utilize multiple graph panes and axis to separate objects in a crowded chart.
- o correlate color of data to axis label when using multiple vertical axis
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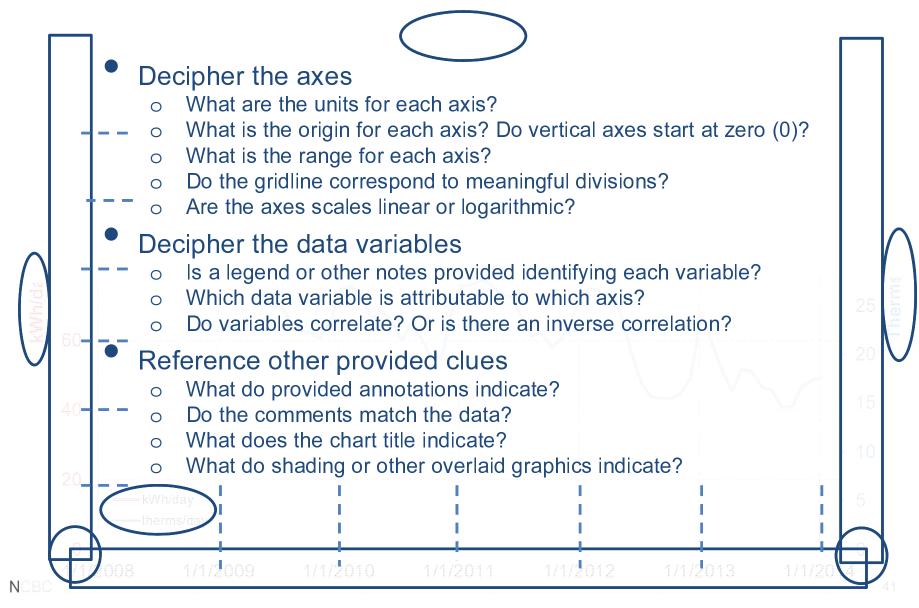
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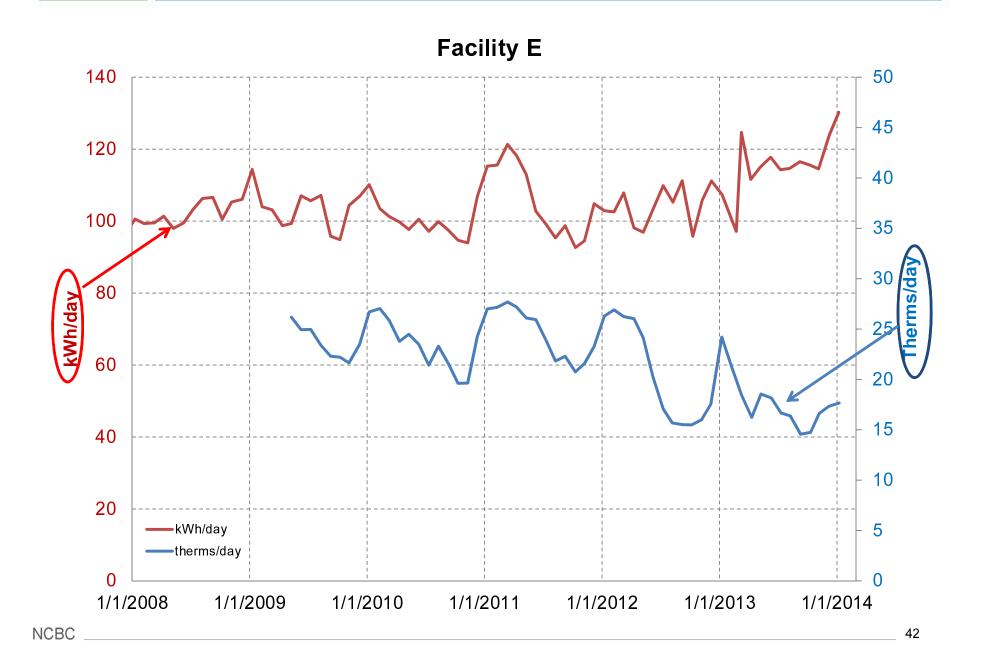
- o avoid using chart junk including fill patterns, shading, heavy grid lines and borders
- o avoid 3-D graphic representations of data; this approach is rarely helpful.
- o avoid using red and green colors together in a single chart.
- o eliminate the legend if possible.
- o do not compromise the ability to interpret data with an overwhelming amount of text

Graph Interpretation Clues

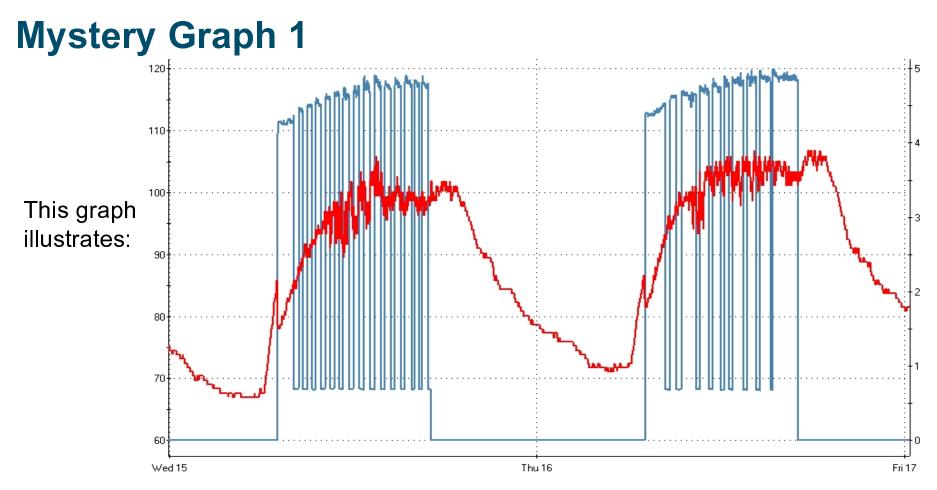


A Cynic's List of What to Look for When Deciphering Graphs



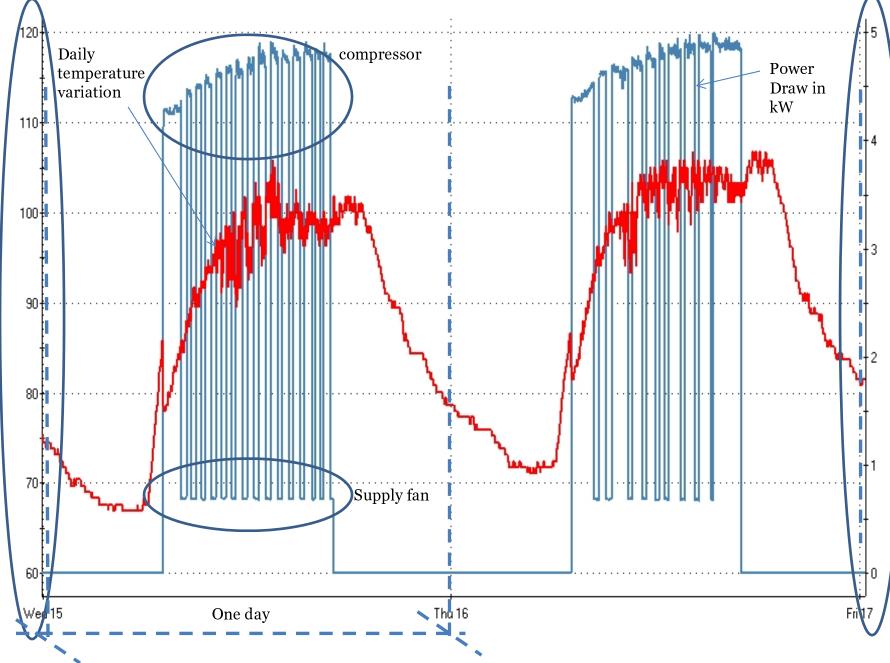


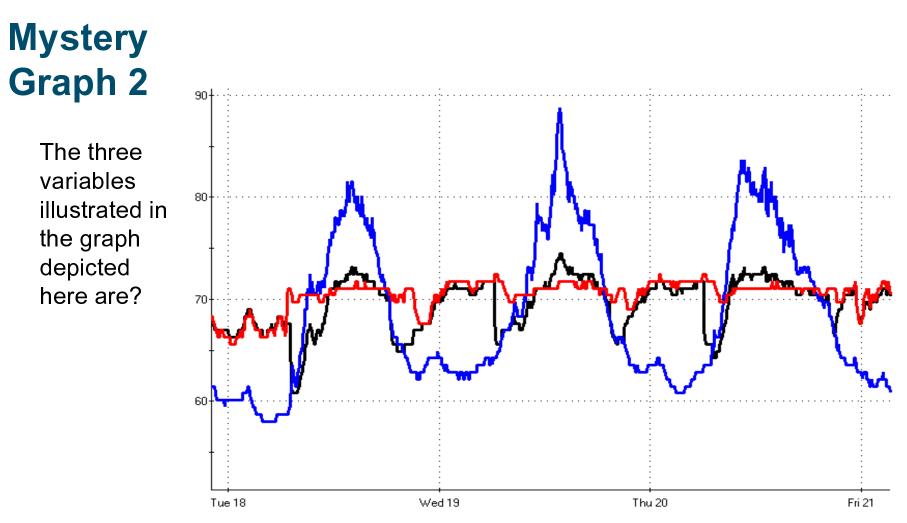
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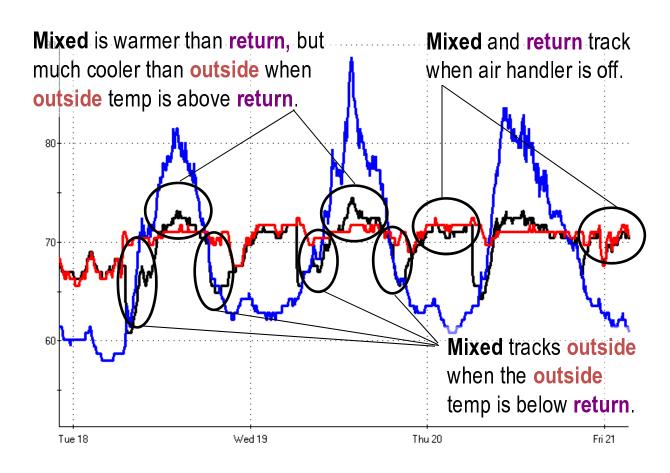




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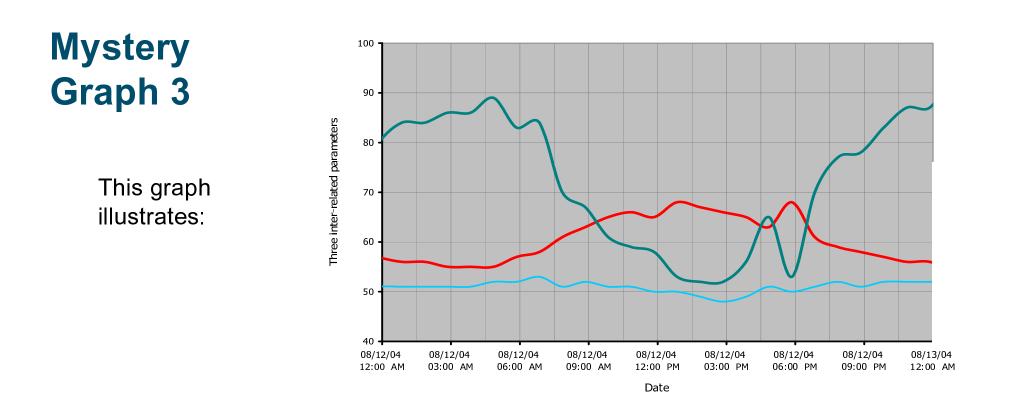


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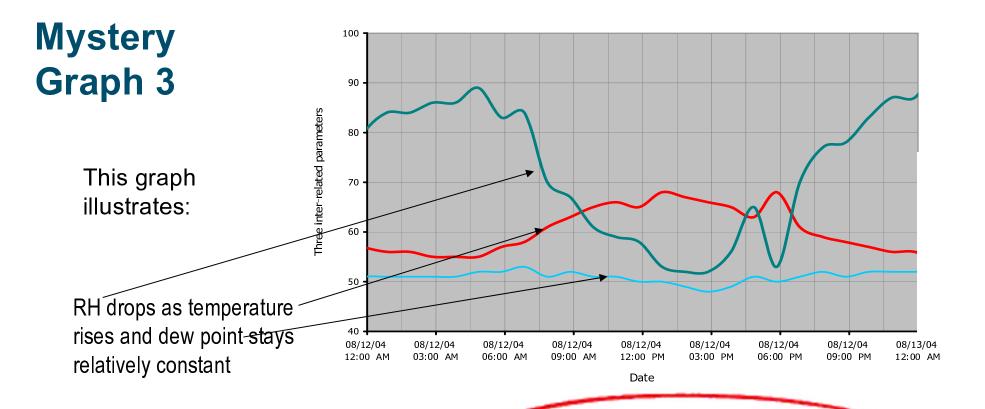
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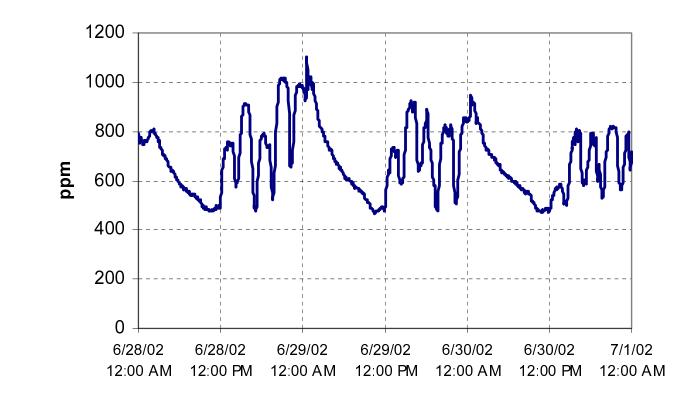
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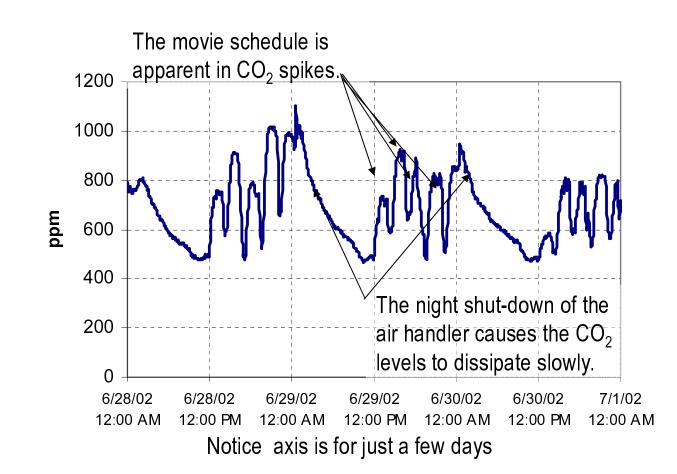
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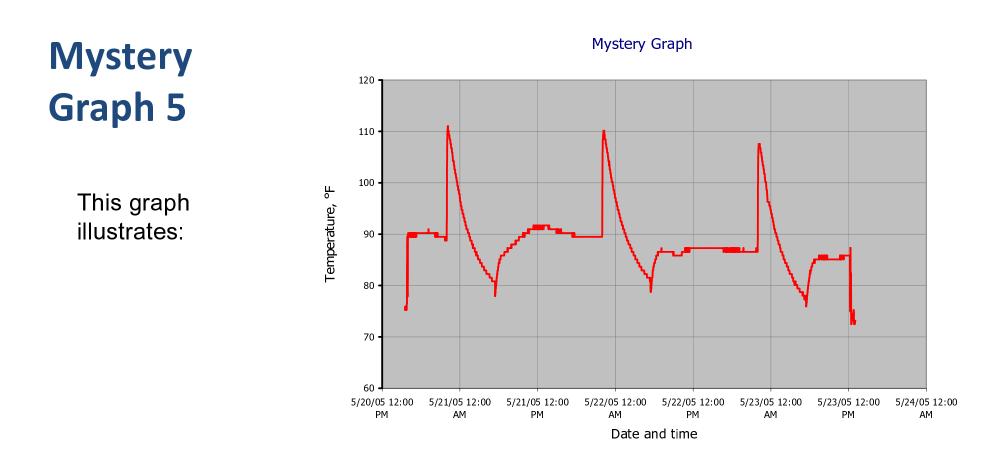
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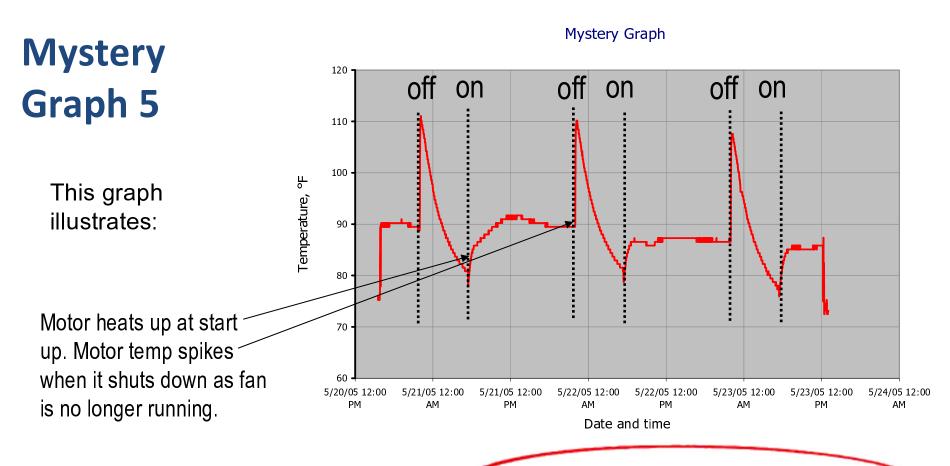
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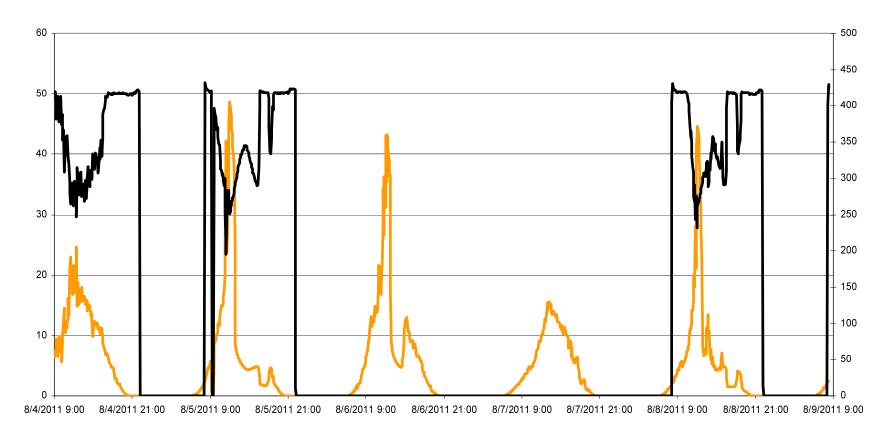
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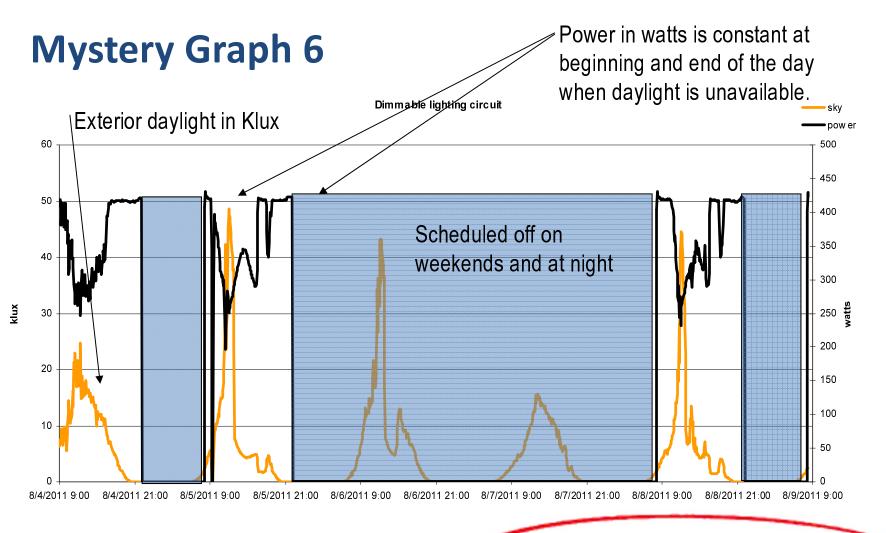
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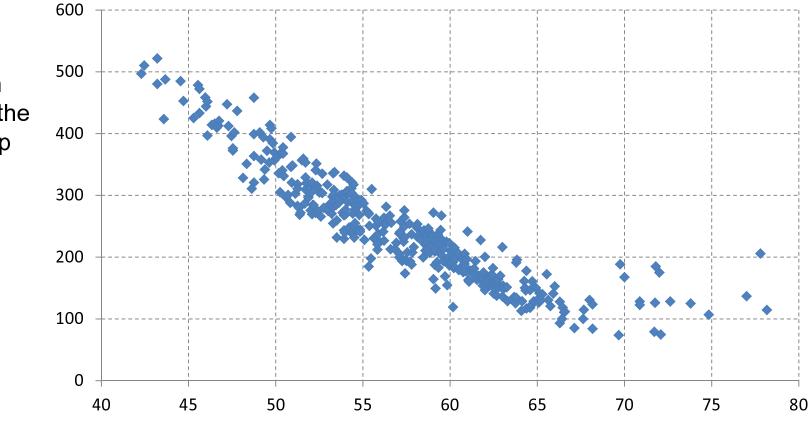
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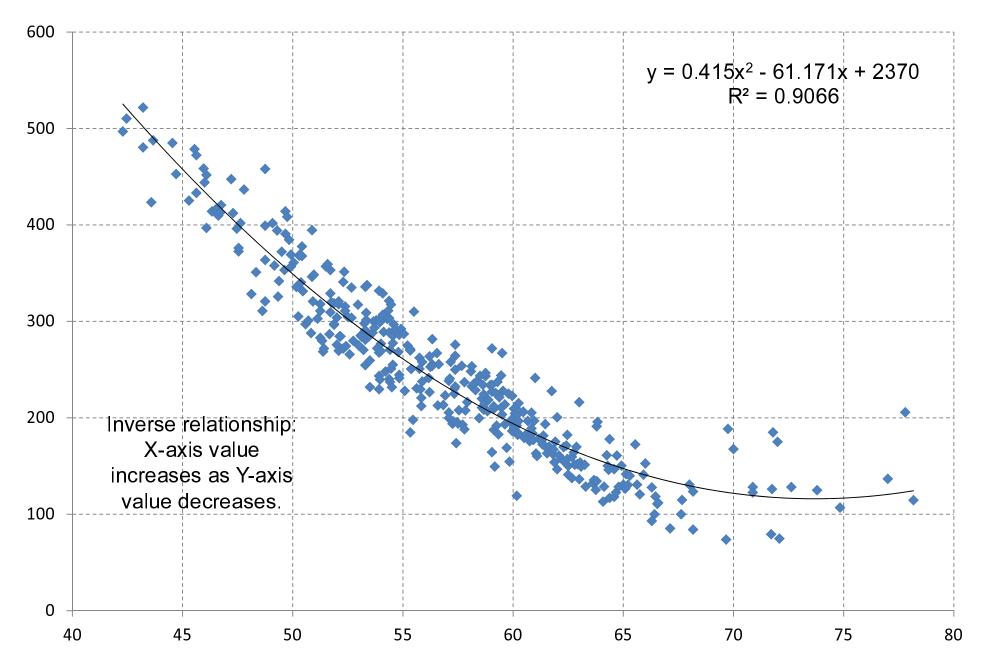
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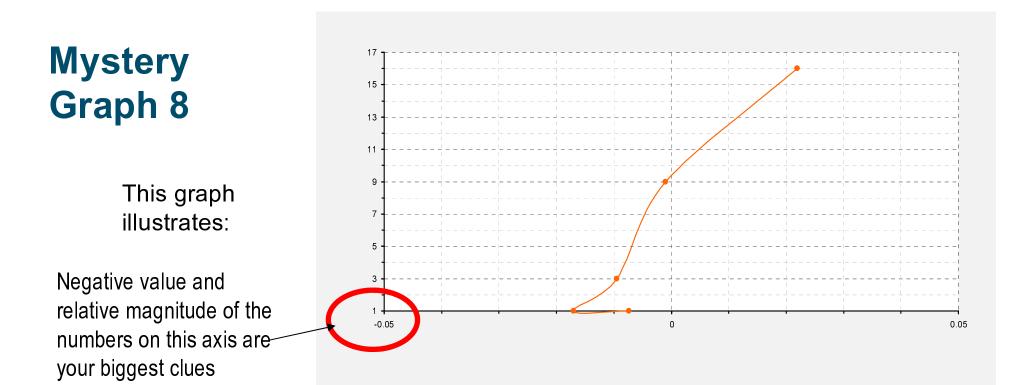




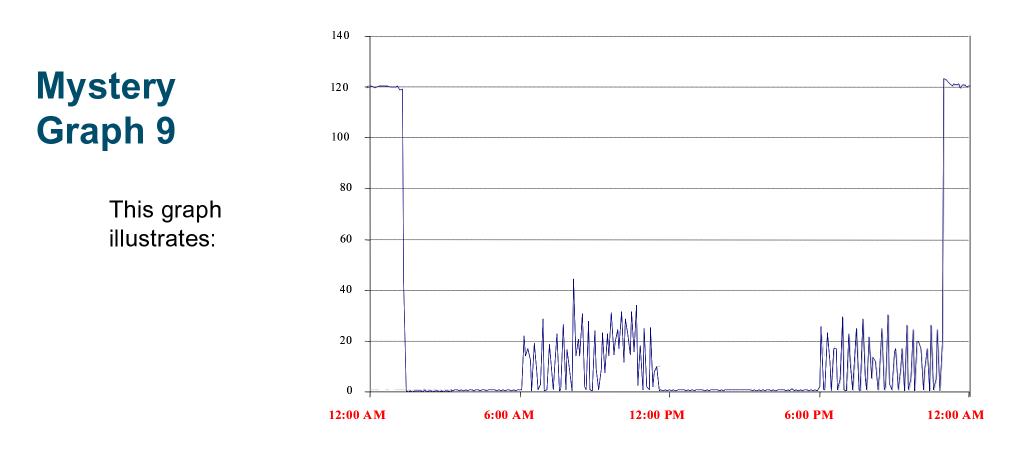
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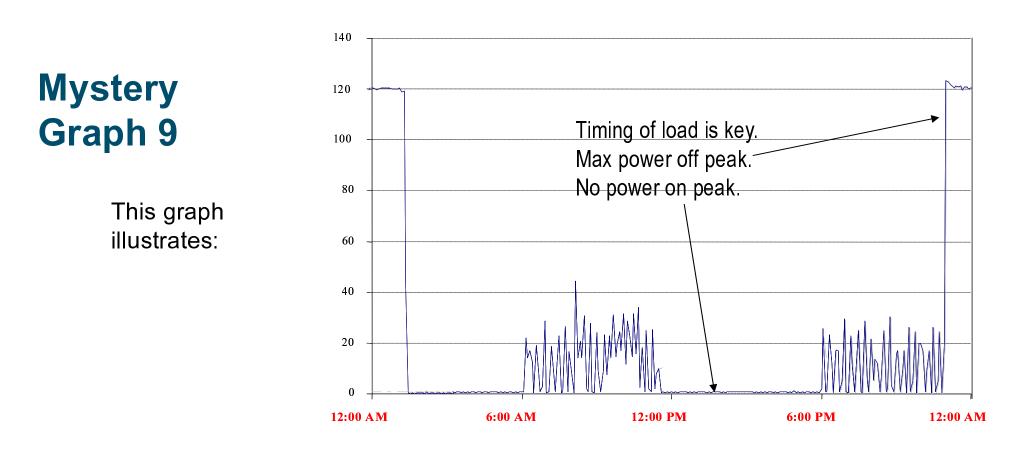


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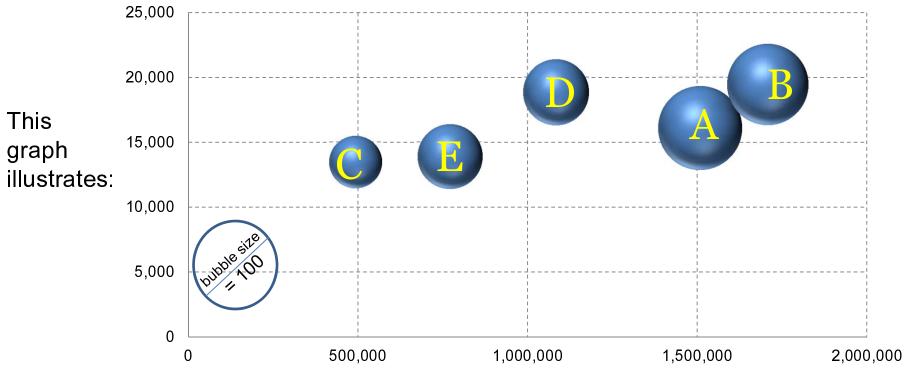
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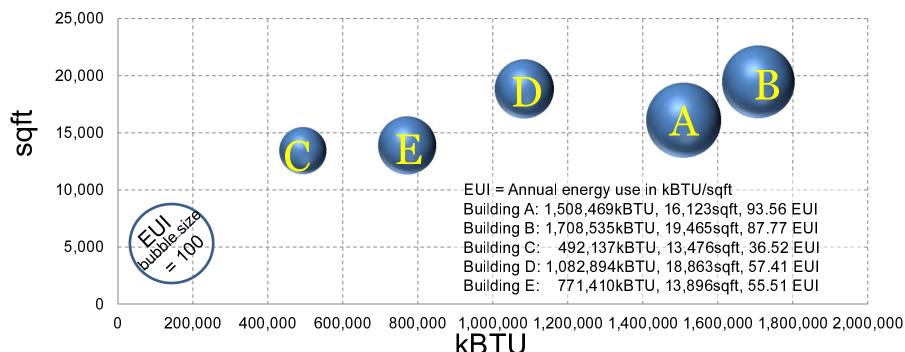


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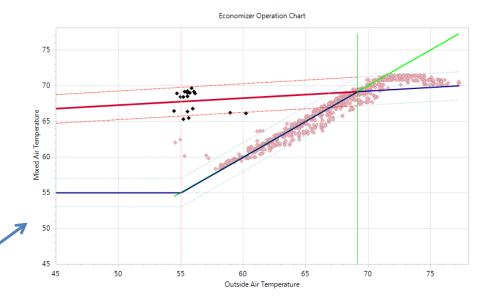




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