

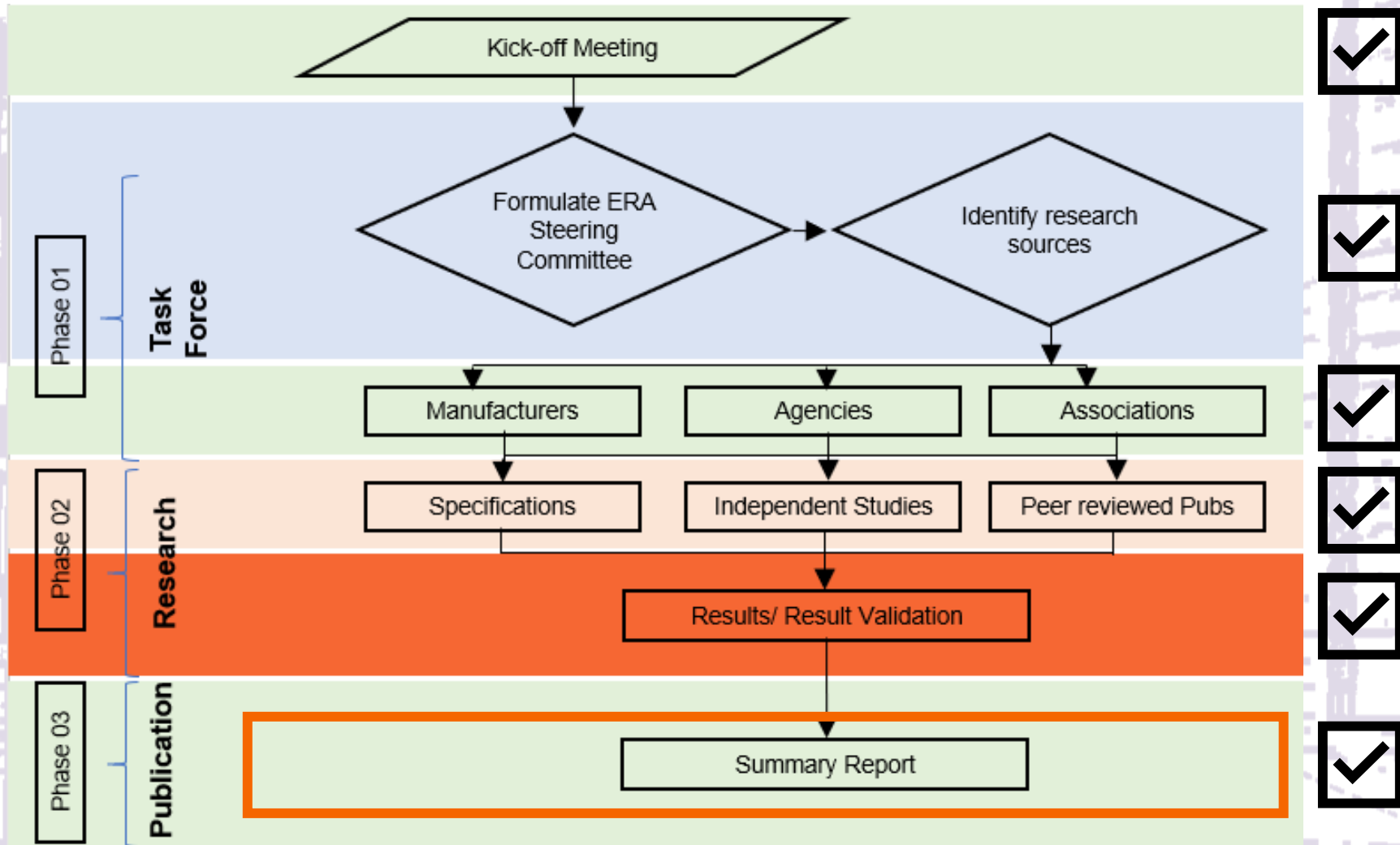
ERA – Clemson University Cool Roof & Sustainability

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Conduct a thorough investigation of published data and models to understand the impact of membrane color on cool roof efficiency and its overall impact on urban heat island effect



Cool Roof Studies – Energy Efficiency and Urban Heat Island Effect

S. No.	Database	Number of articles	Key words and Inclusion criteria	Number of included papers
1	Engineering Village	178	“cool roof” AND “energy efficiency” “cool roof” AND “urban heat island effect” “cool roof” AND “ life cycle” Peer reviewed, Title, Abstract The studies were included on the basis of effect on energy efficiency in terms of savings in cooling/heating energy usage, \$ savings, temperature reductions, urban heat island effect reductions.	13
2	ProQuest	287		7
3	ACM Digital Library	1		0
4	Web of Science	234		13
5	Business Source Complete	20		2
6	Academic Search Complete	97		15
7	Berkeley Lab Heat Island Group	165		14
8	Springer Link	172		9
9	IEEE	32		2
10	Wiley Online Library	71		2
11	OSTI	121		8
12	Clemson Library	313		17
	Total	1,691		102

S. No.	Database	Number of articles	Key words and Inclusion criteria	Number of included papers
1	Engineering Village	75	“Built Environment” AND “Life Cycle” “Built Environment” AND “Energy Efficiency”, “Built Environment” AND “Urban Heat Island Effect”, Peer reviewed, Title, Abstract	11
2	ProQuest	300		63
3	ACM Digital Library	300		12
4	Web of Science	0		0
5	Business Source Complete	50		10
6	Academic Search Complete	30		0
7	Nexis Uni	10		2
8	Springer Link	300		70
9	IEEE	75		5
10	Wiley Online Library	0		0
11	OSTI	25		5
	Total	1,165		178

01

Type and Sample Size

Type of roof and number of study sample.

Effect on energy efficiency roof type

- i. TPO/EPDM/PVC
- ii. Built-up Roofs
- iii. Metal Roofs
- iv. Asphalt Shingles
- v. Concrete Roofs
- vi. Clay Tiles

02

Location/ Climate/ Temperature range

Organize studies based on climate/ temperature range of the location.

Study the effect of location (climate zone and temperature) on energy efficiency.

03

Property of roof

Age of the roof, low/steep slope roof

Adjustment of reflectance based on the age of roof.

04

Color of roof

Albedo value, solar reflectance

Study the effect of reflectance and albedo on energy efficiency of roof.

05

Duration of data capture

How long was the roof sample monitored?

Study the different duration of data monitoring for simulation and real world studies to draw limitations of the studies.

06

Case Study vs. Simulation

Validity of study methods (software or model)

Analyze the different methods used to conduct experiments.

07

Limitations / Findings

What are the findings and how are they supported?

List the limitations mentioned in the publication and by observation.

08

Effect on Energy Efficiency (EE)

How various roofs affect EE?

Study the effect of various parameters on energy efficiency of the roof in terms of energy usage and temperature reductions.

09

Effect on Urban Heat Island Effect

What is the impact of roofs on UHIE?

Study UHIE by analyzing -

- i. Temperature, heat flux, ozone concentration reduction
- ii. Annual energy cost savings
- iii. CO2 emissions
- iv. Urban Canyon temperature

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Future Path

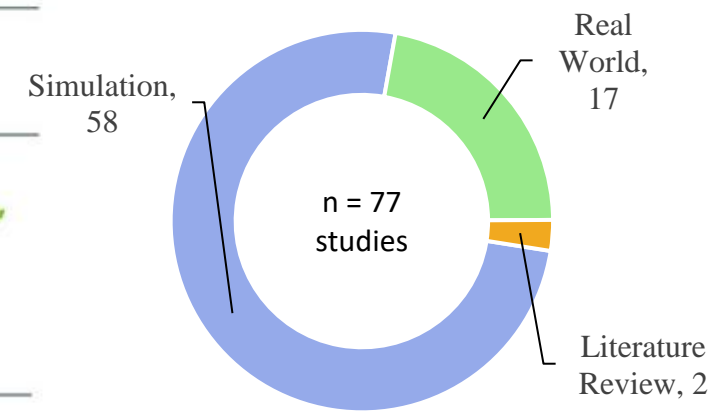
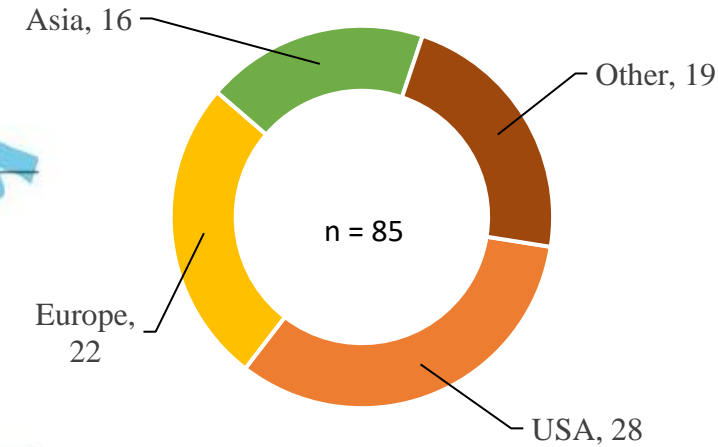
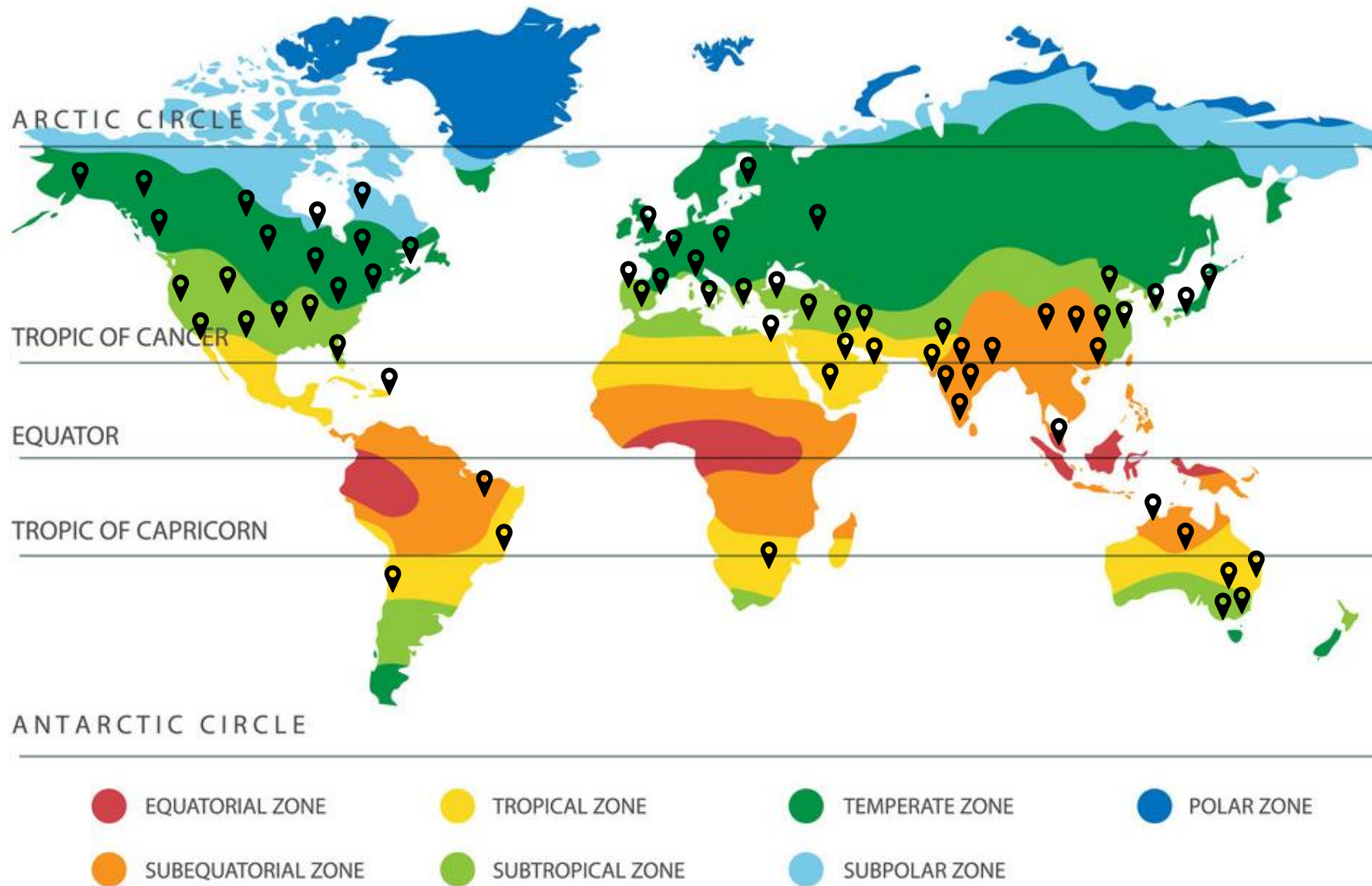
Areas of further exploration.

List the future path mentioned in the publications.

Energy Efficiency

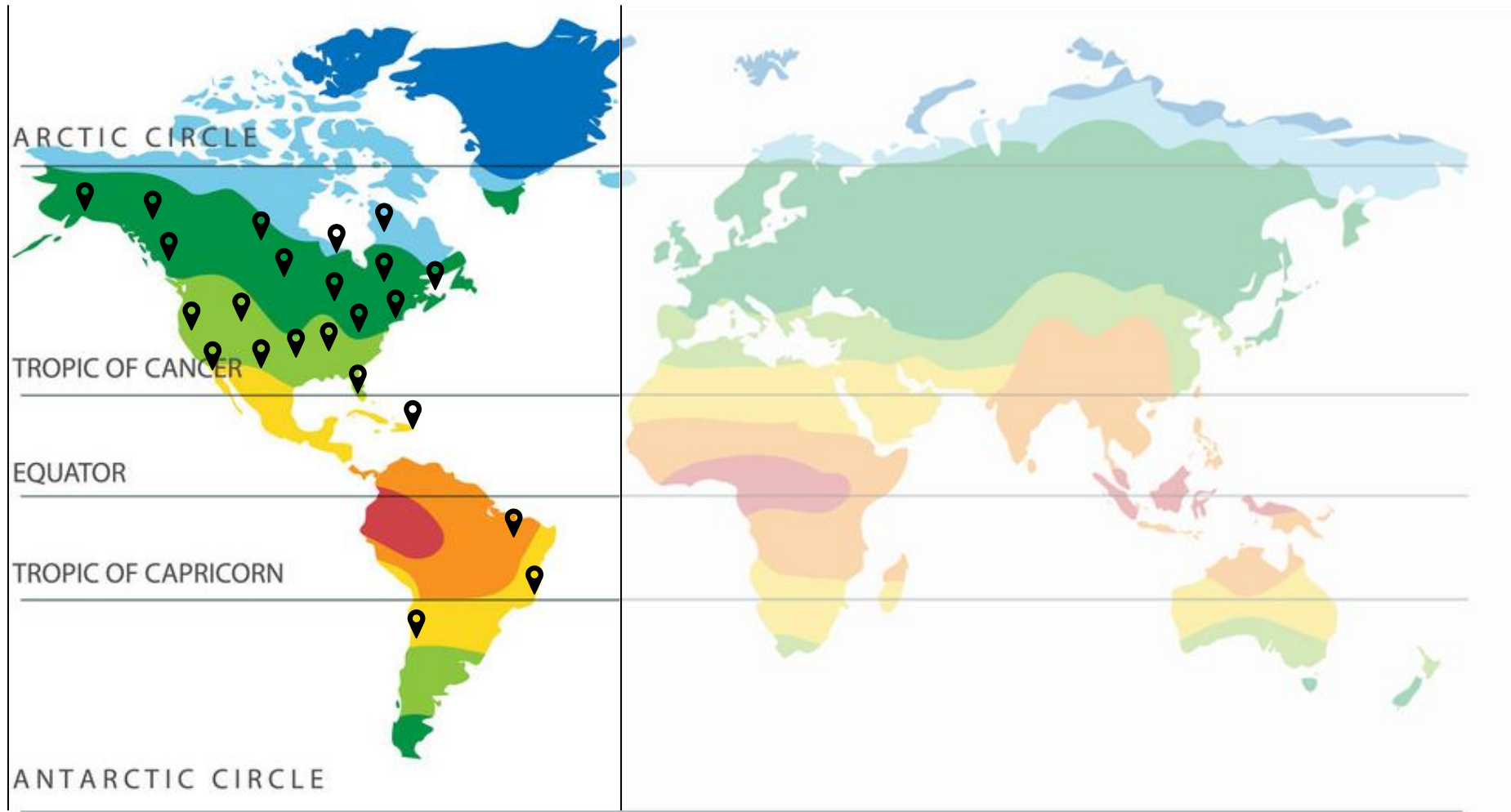


Types and Locations of studies



Types of Studies & Location

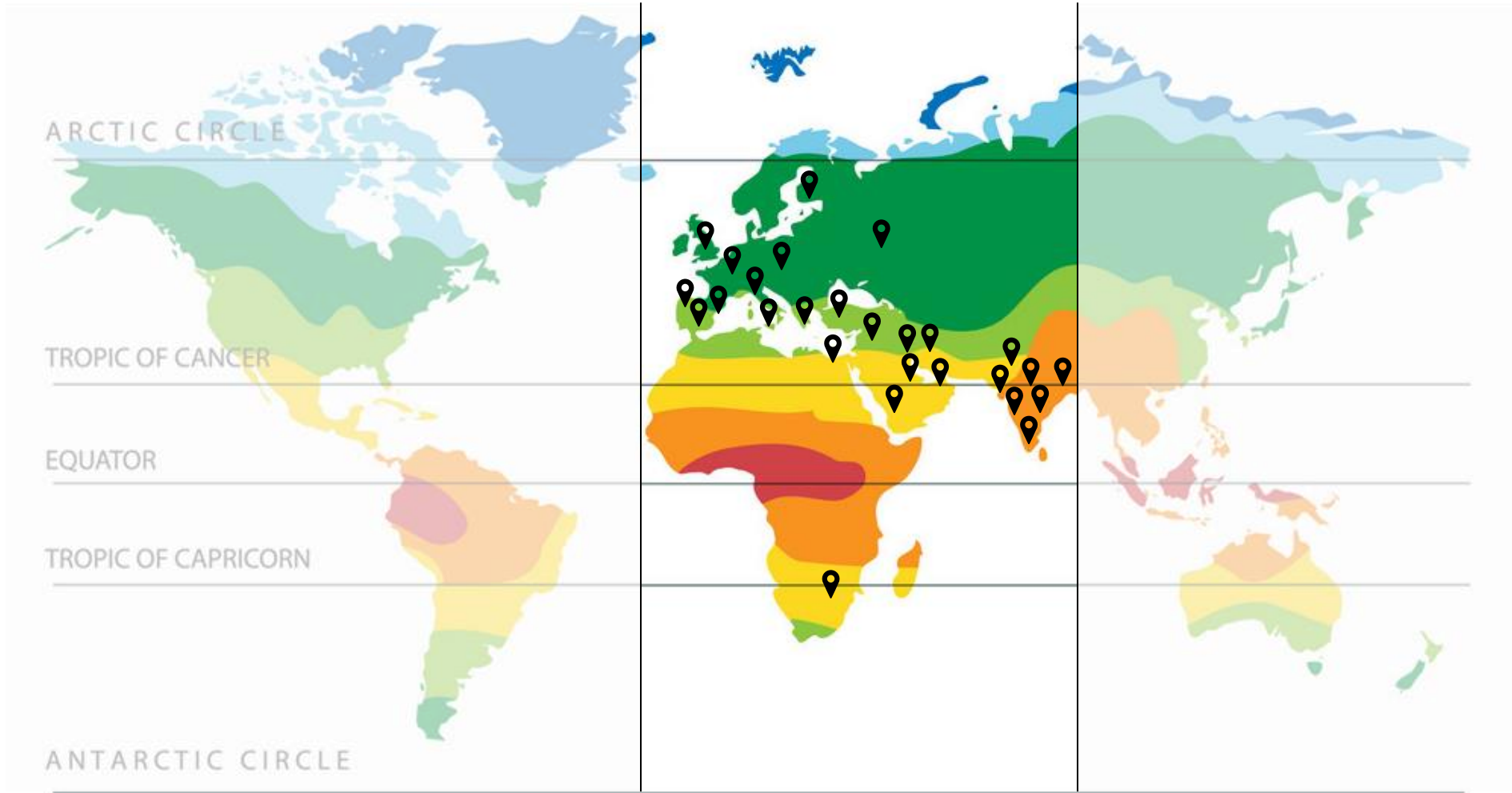
Number of studies in North and South America



Number of Studies (n) - 33



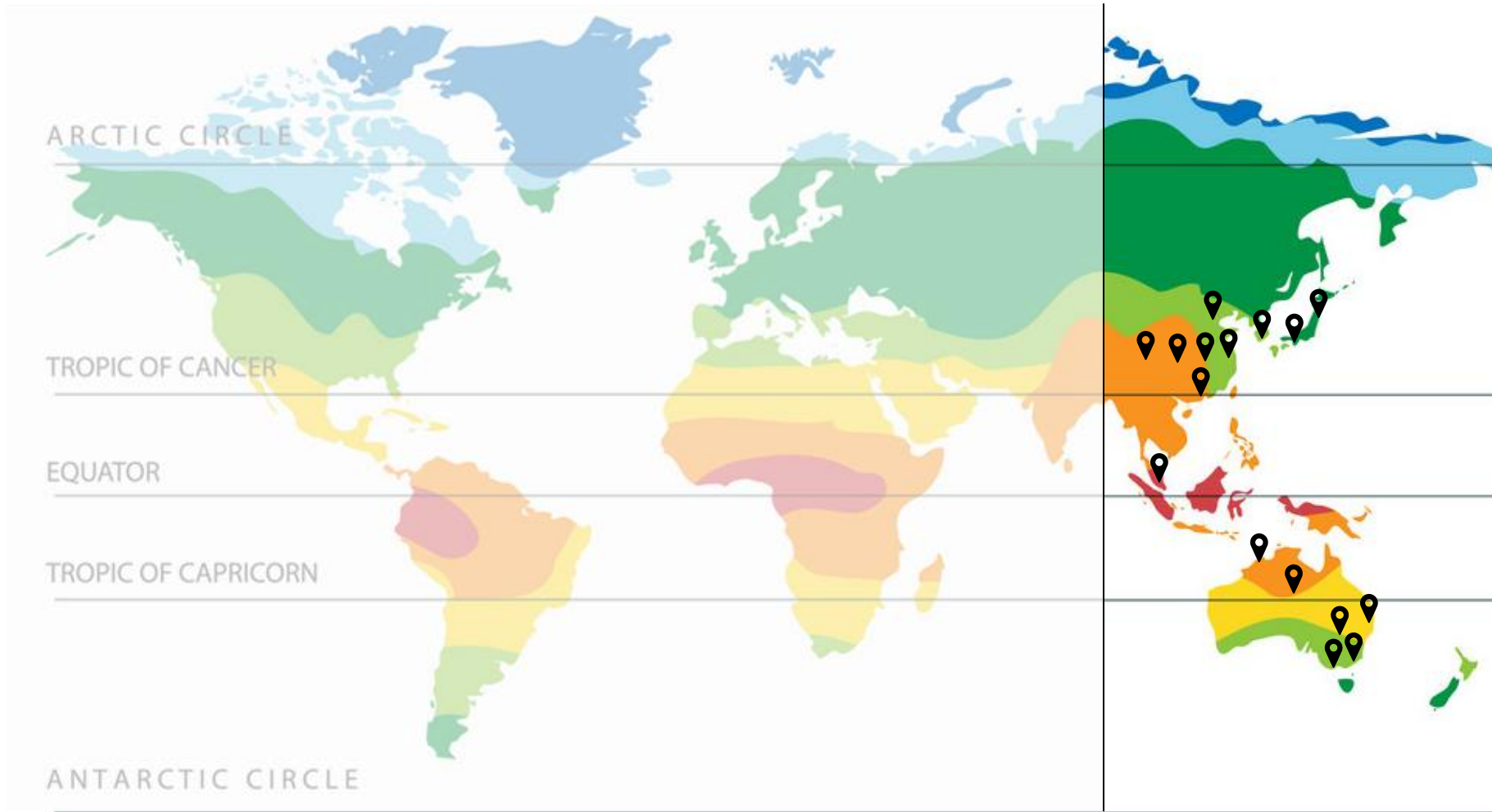
Number of studies in Europe, Africa and parts of Asia



Number of Studies (n) - 26

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- TEMPERATE ZONE
- POLAR ZONE
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- SUBTROPICAL ZONE
- SUBPOLAR ZONE

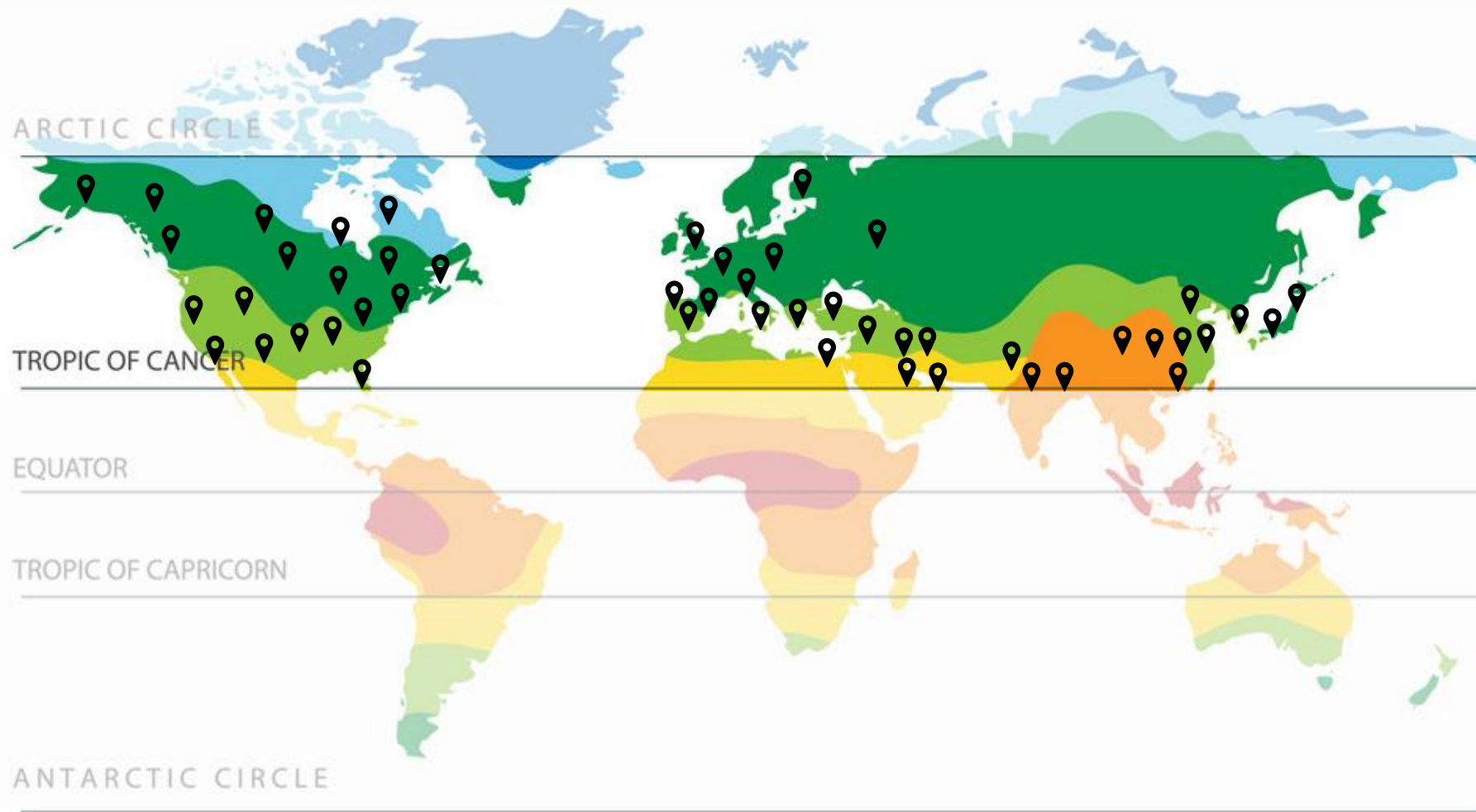
Number of studies in Australia and parts of Asia



Number of Studies (n) - 14



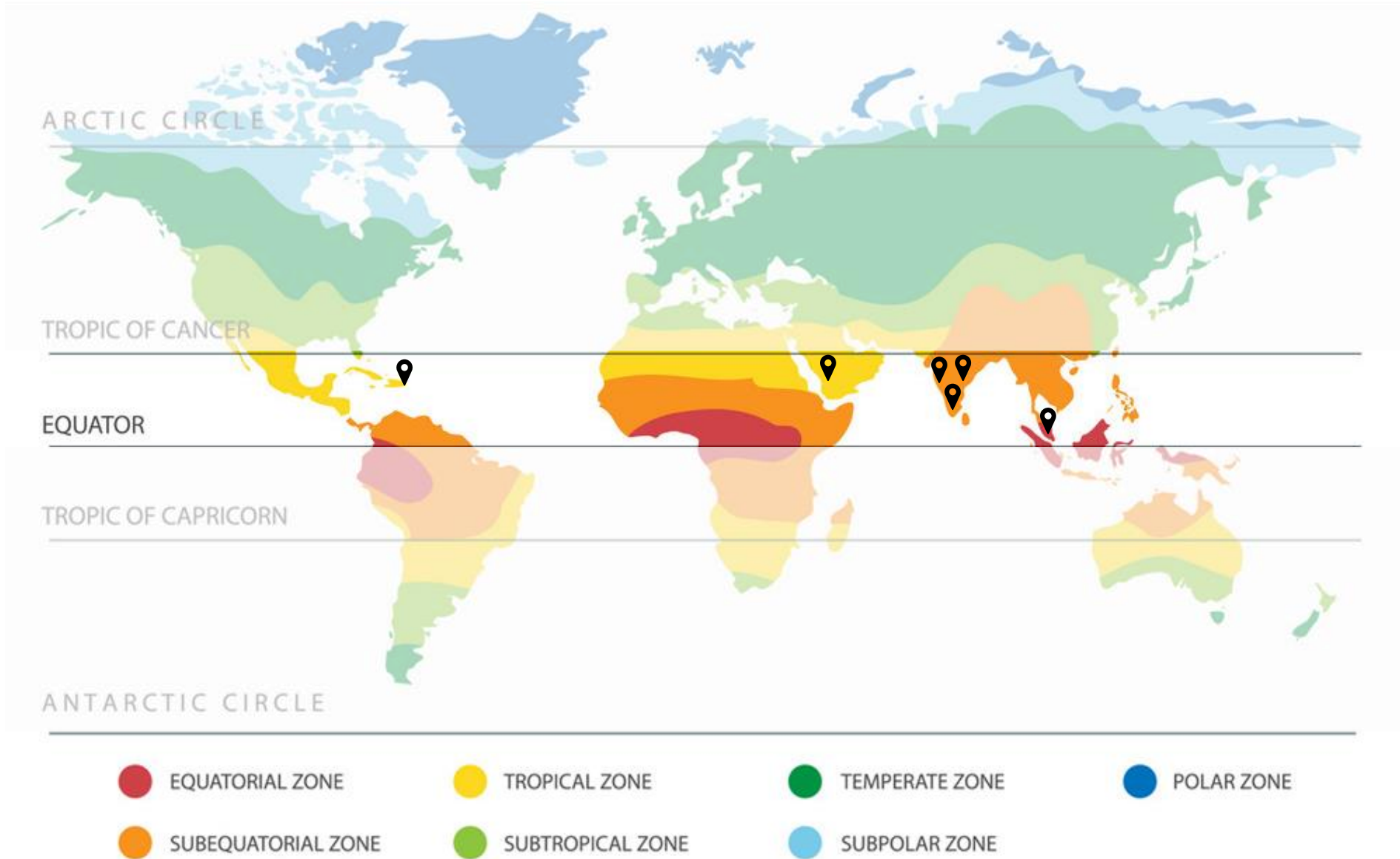
Number of Studies between Arctic Circle and Tropic of Cancer



Number of Studies between Arctic Circle and Tropic of Cancer (n) - 56

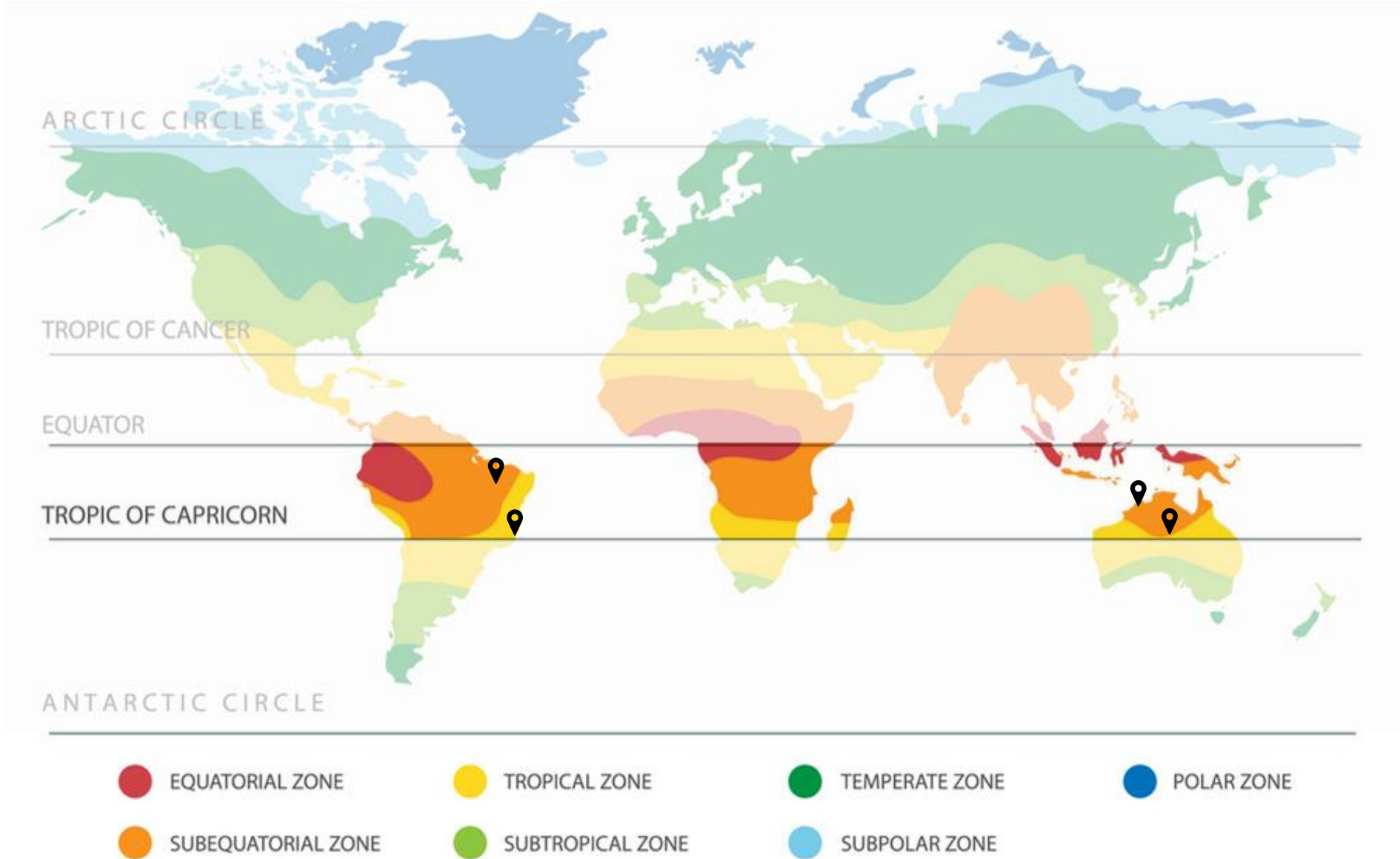
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Number of Studies between Tropic of Cancer and Equator



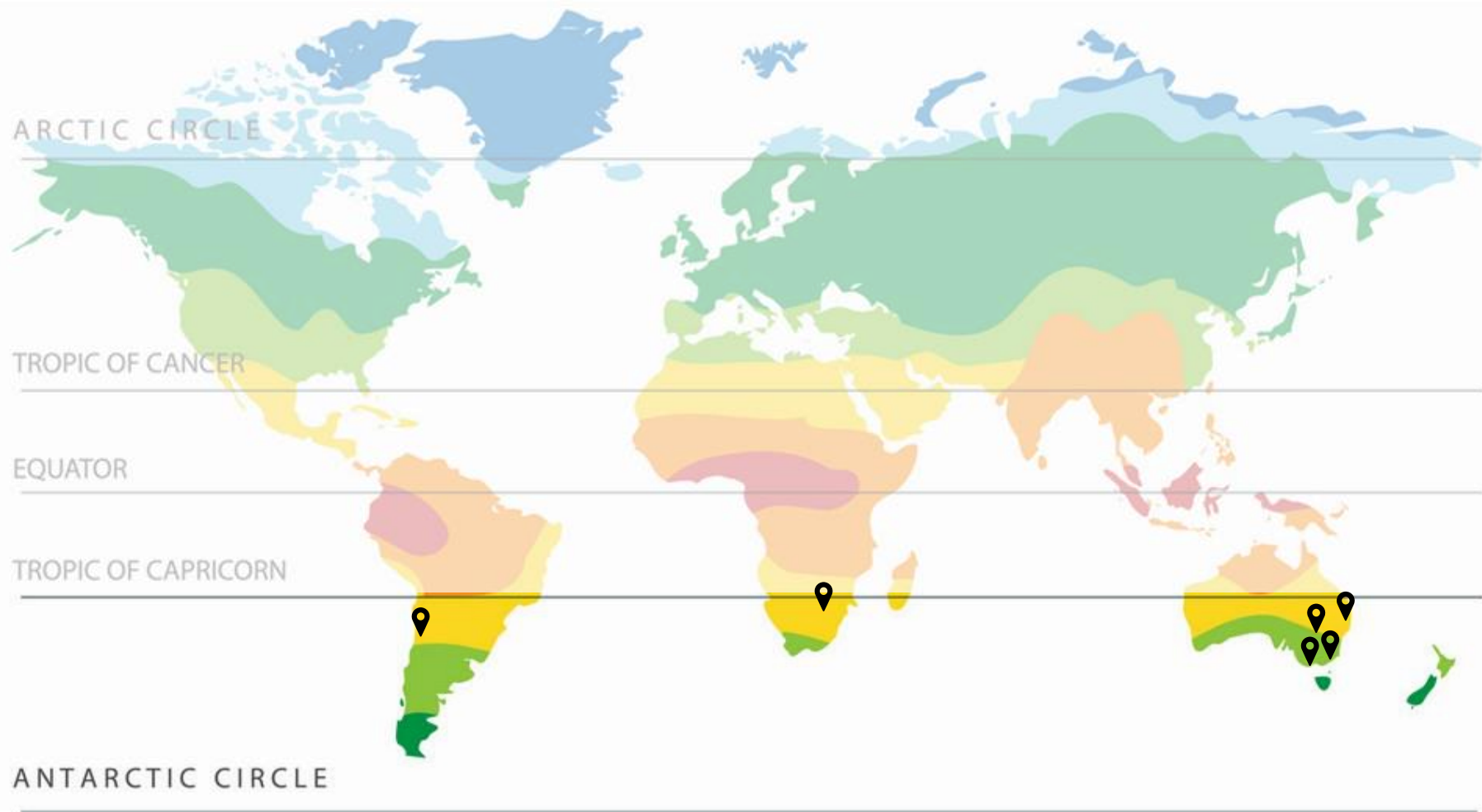
Number of Studies between
Tropic of Cancer and
Equator (n) - 9

Number of Studies between Equator and Tropic of Capricorn



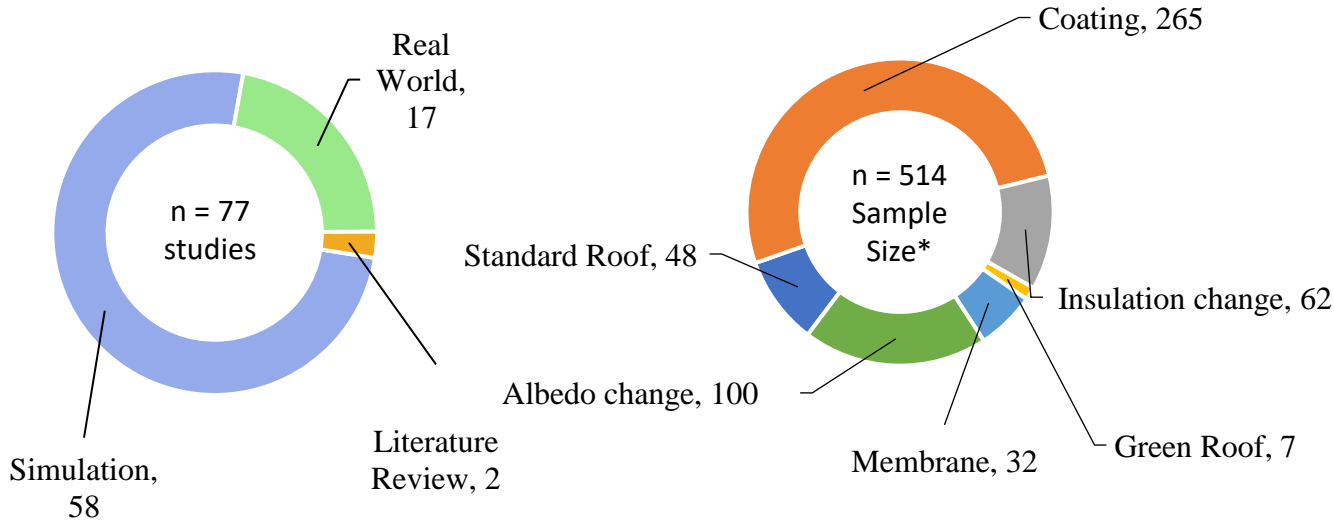
Number of Studies between
Equator and Tropic of
Capricorn (n) – 5

Number of Studies between Tropic of Capricorn and Antarctic Circle



Number of Studies between
Tropic of Capricorn and
Antarctic Circle – 6

- EQUATORIAL ZONE
- TROPICAL ZONE
- SUBEQUATORIAL ZONE
- SUBTROPICAL ZONE
- TEMPERATE ZONE
- SUBPOLAR ZONE
- POLAR ZONE



of Studies – 77 studies
 # of Roofs Included in the Studies - 509 sample size*

Types of modifications done on different roof types

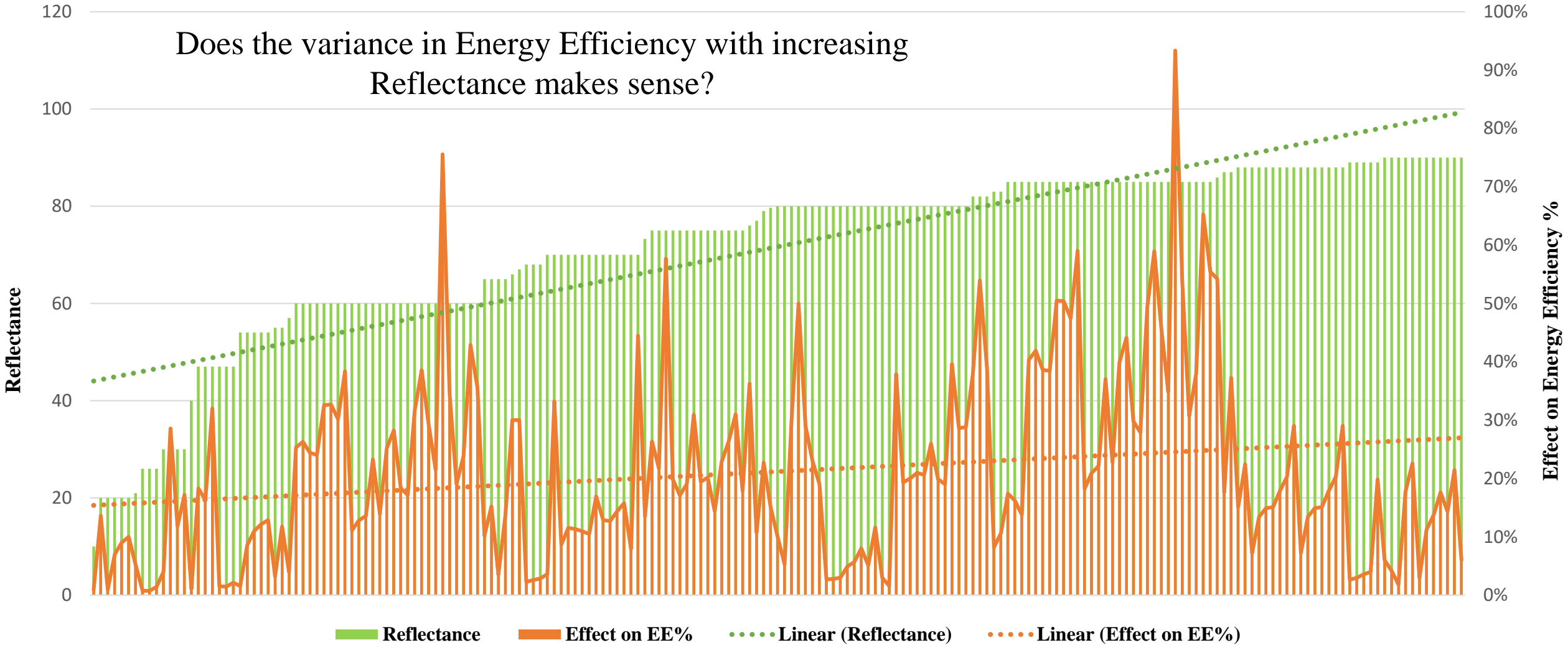
- Standard Roof – Baseline case (for e.g., comparison of black roof with cool roof)
- Coating – coating the existing roof with cool paint
- Membrane – modification to the existing roof surface
- Albedo change (membrane/coating application) – measuring effect of albedo (range 0.23 – 0.8) on EE
- Insulation change – measuring effect on EE by changing insulation
- Green Roof – comparing a green roof with standard roof

*Sample Size – Individual Instances of Roof Included in Studies

S. No.	Type of Simulation Model	# of studies
1	Analytical Method	1
2	Autodesk Green Building Studio	1
3	Community Earth System Model	1
4	Complex Fast Fourier Transform	1
5	CoolCalkPeak	1
6	DOE 2.1	8
7	Energy Plus	21
8	Envi Met	2
9	HASP/ACLD-β	1
10	Heat Transfer Model	1
12	hygIRC-C	1
13	Integrated Environmental Solutions	2
14	Je Plus	1
15	MATLAB	1
16	MUKLIMO 3	1
17	STAR	2
18	THERB	1
19	Trnsys	7
20	WRF	4
Total		58

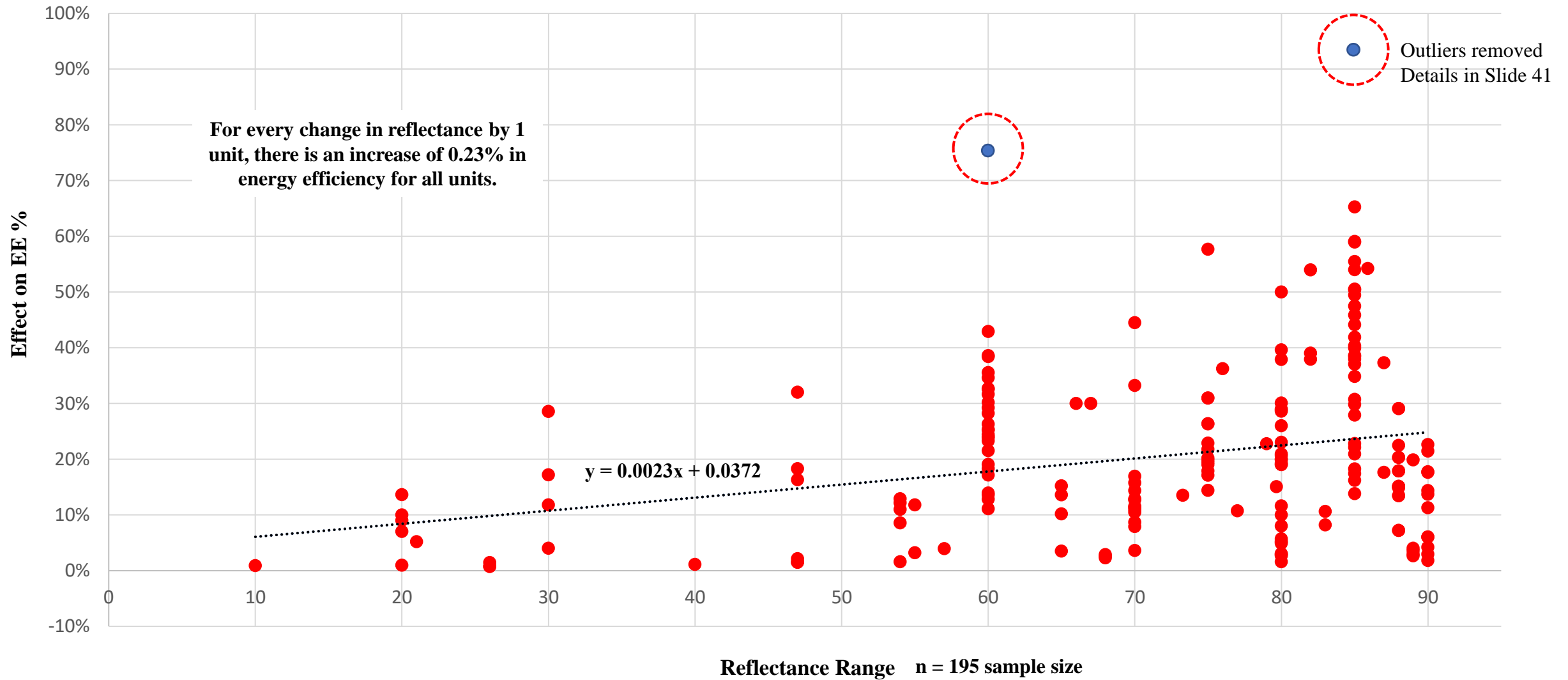
Effect of Reflectance on Energy Efficiency (All roofs, All colors, All units)

Does the variance in Energy Efficiency with increasing Reflectance makes sense?



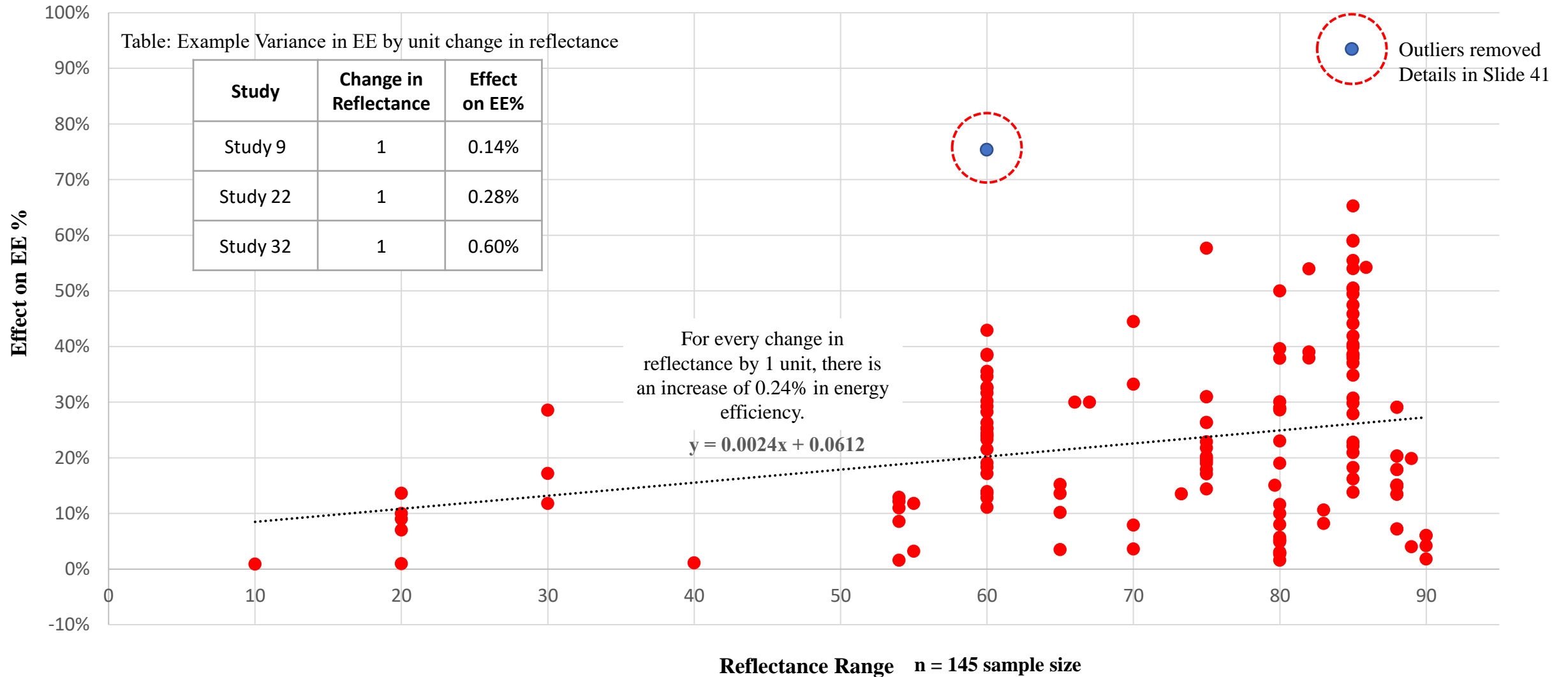
* This graph covers data for all types of roofs and all colors of roof modifications. Energy efficiency includes both energy consumption reduction and temperature reduction.

Effect of Reflectance on Energy Efficiency* (All roofs, All colors, All units)



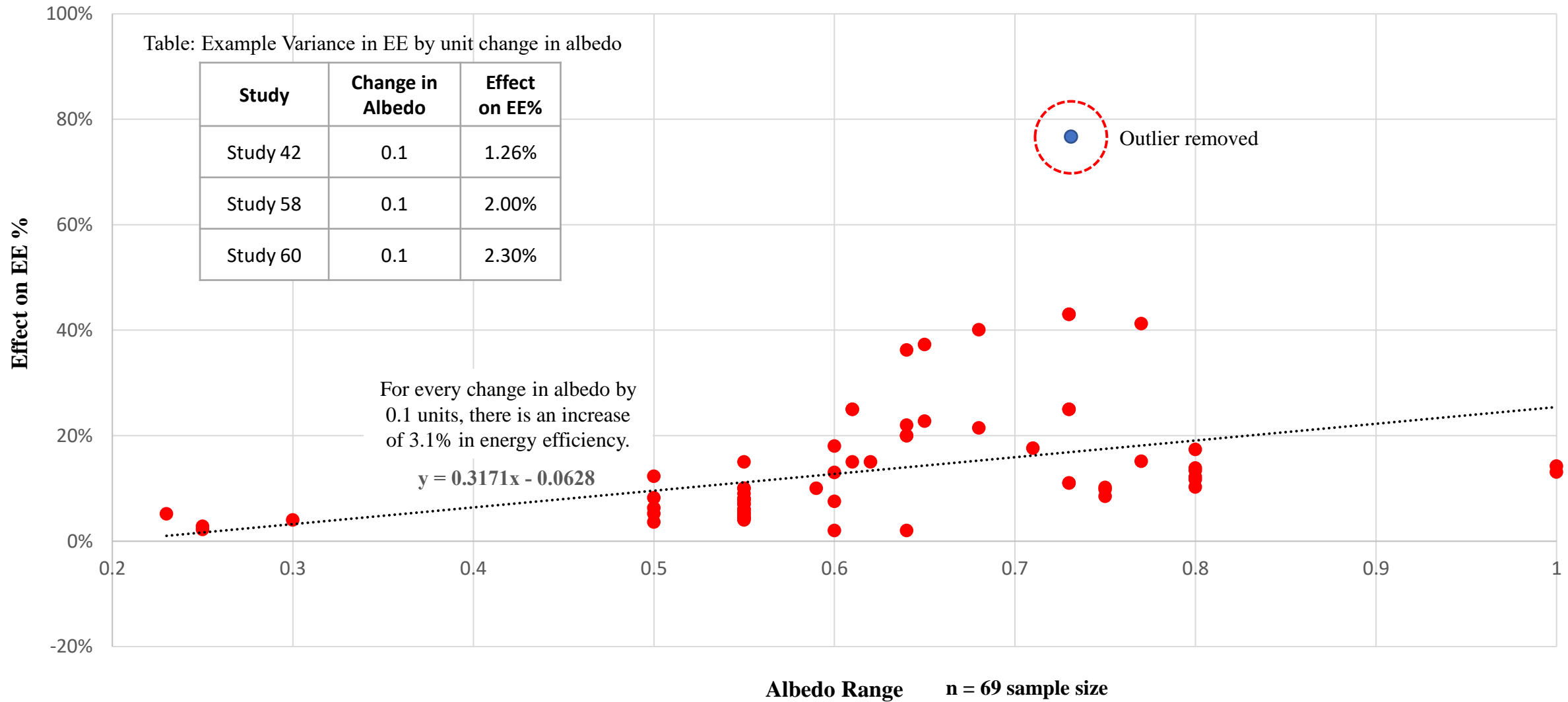
* Energy efficiency here is defined as percentage difference in energy consumption or temperature reduction. The chart does not consider months and climate zone of data capture.

Effect of Reflectance on Energy Efficiency* (All roofs, All colors, Energy unit)



* Energy efficiency here is defined as percentage difference in energy consumption. For e.g., KWh, KWh/sqm, KWh/sqm/year etc. The chart does not consider months and climate zone of data capture.

Effect of Albedo* on Energy Efficiency** (All roofs, All colors, All units)



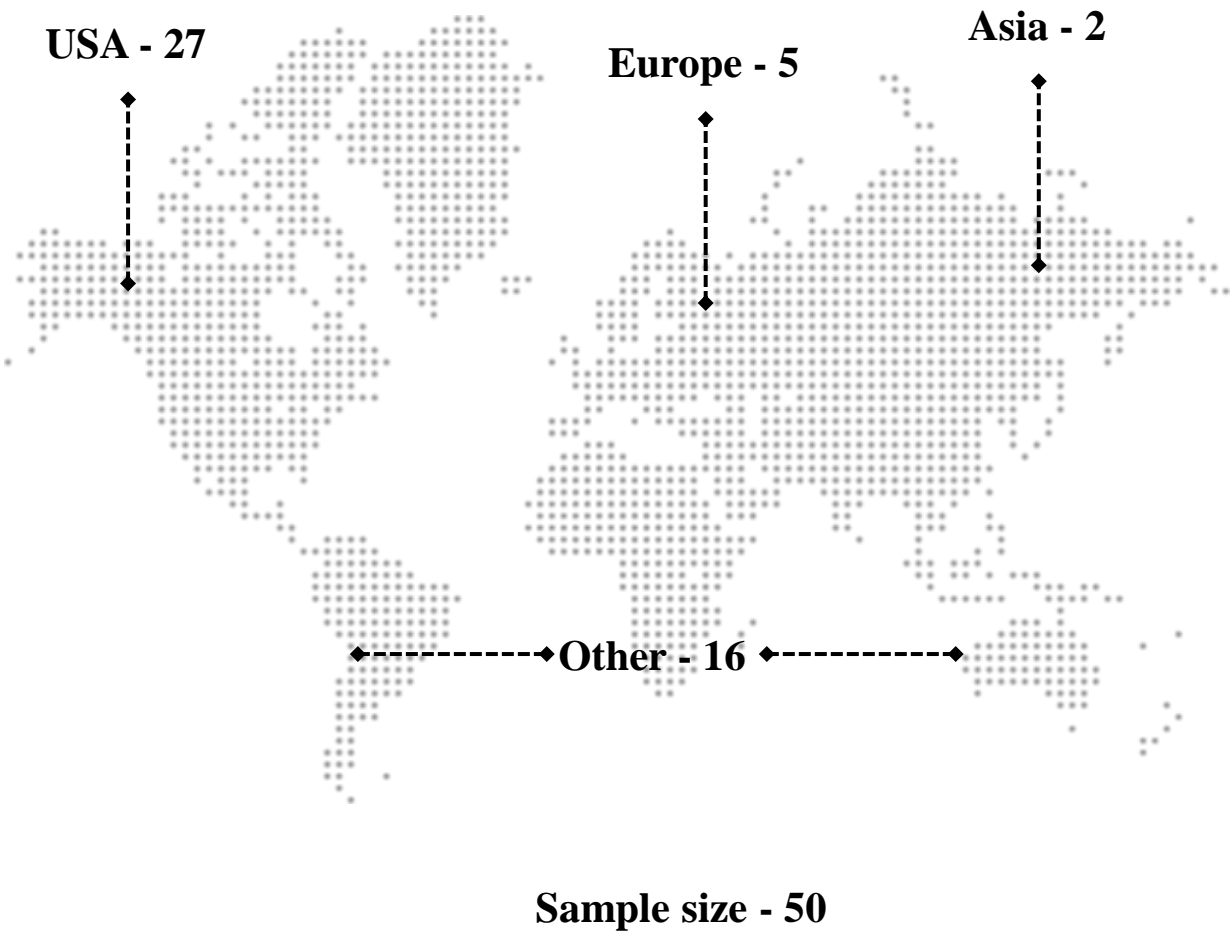
*Albedo in Latin means whiteness

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Built-up Roofs



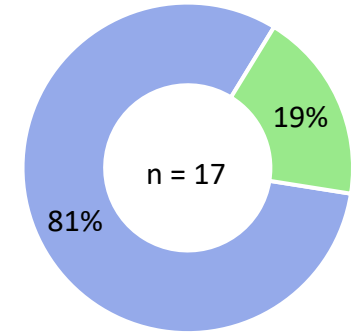
Built-up Roofs – Area and Type of Studies



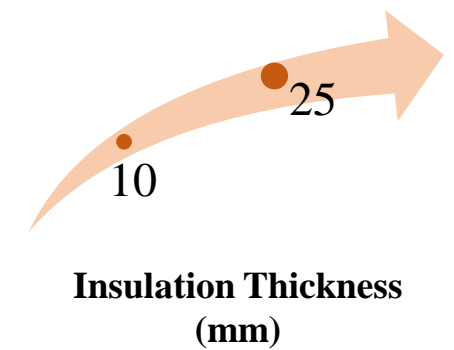
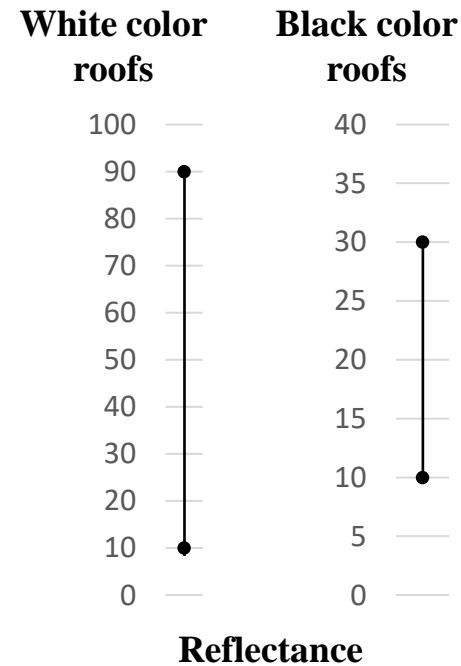
Total Area Studied – 355,047 SF
Average Area Studied – 13,150 SF

Total No. of Studies – 17
Simulation – 13
Real World - 4

Types of Studies



■ Simulation ■ Real World



Location, temperature range, month and duration of data capture

No.	Location	Sample Size	Temperature Range (F)	Month study conducted	Duration of data capture	No.	Location	Sample Size	Temperature Range (F)	Month study conducted	Duration of data capture
1	Beijing	2	72 - 88	July	3	14	Minneapolis	1	9 - 83	July	7
2	Calgary	1	12 - 75	Jan - Dec	0*	15	Montreal	9	9 - 79	Jan - Dec	0*
3	California	2	48 - 85	Jan - Dec	0*	16	New Jersey	1	26 - 86	Aug/Jan	2**
4	Chicago	1	22 - 83	July	7	17	New York	1	28 - 85	July	1**
5	Fargo	1	2 - 83	July	7	18	Phoenix	5	45 - 107	Jan - Dec	0*
6	Florida	5	78 - 88	July - Aug	7**	19	Saskatoon	1	-3 - 78	Jan - Dec	0*
7	France	2	65 - 77	Jun - Aug	80	20	Seattle	2	37 - 79	Jan - Dec	0*
8	Greece	2	72 - 90	July	20**	21	St. Johns	1	19 - 69	Jan - Dec	0*
9	Houston	1	47 - 95	July	7	22	Toronto	2	17 - 78	Jan - Dec	0*
10	Jamaica	1	75 - 88	Jan - June	150	23	Tucson	4	76 - 100	July	10
11	London	1	46 - 72	May - July	90	24	Vancouver	1	36 - 83	Jan - Dec	0*
12	Los Angeles	1	48 - 85	July	7	25	Wilmington	1	37 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*
13	Miami	1	62 - 90	7	July						

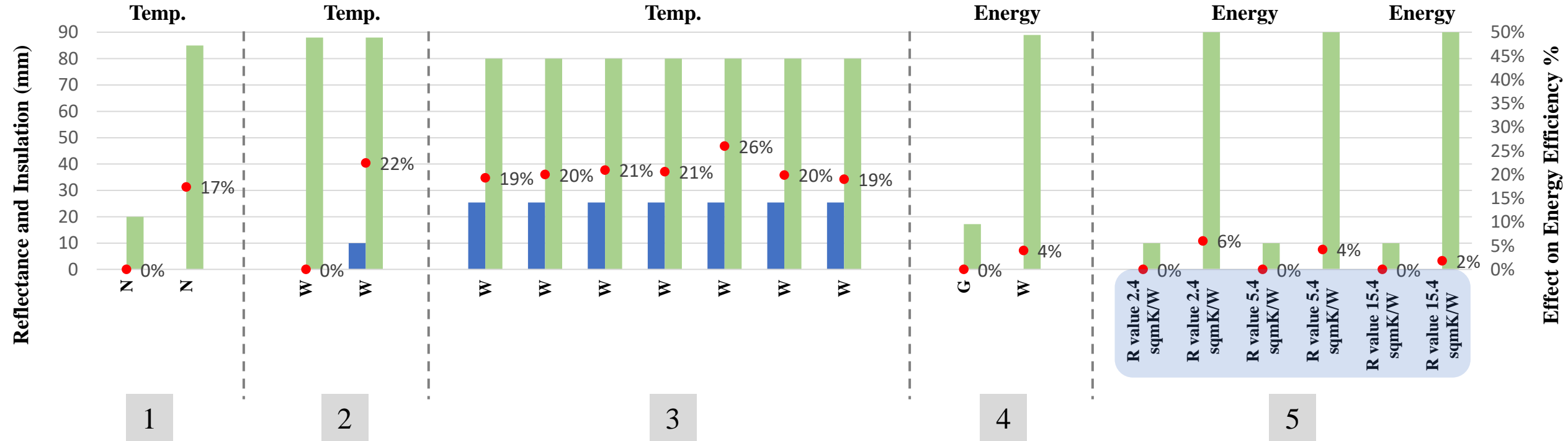
*0 days assumed 365 days of analysis (all simulation-based)

**Real world studies

17 studies 50 sample size

Built-up Roofs – Effect of Reflectance and Insulation on Energy Efficiency

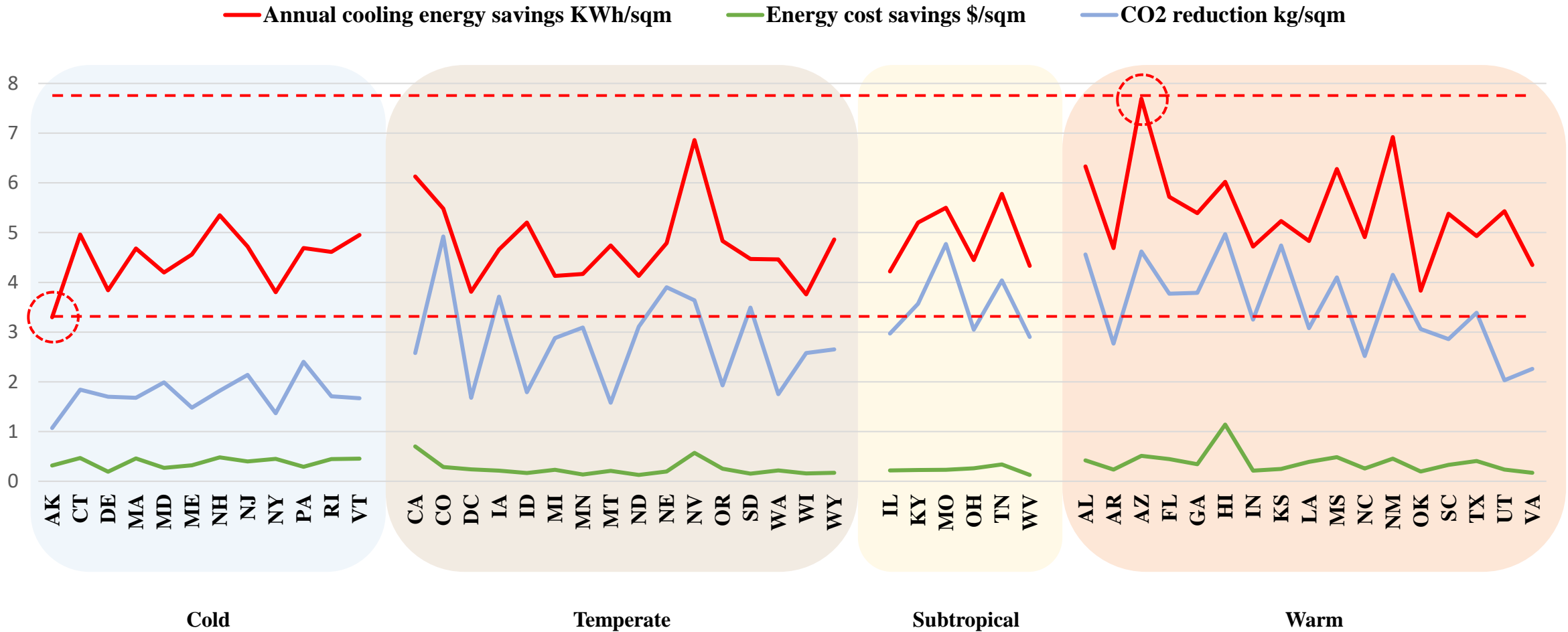
■ Insulation Thickness (mm) ■ Reflectance ● Effect on EE



N – Roof color not mentioned W – White color roof G – Gray color roof #1 to #5 – Individual Studies

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beijing – warm temperate zone • For every change in reflectance by 1 unit there is 0.26% of temperature reduction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 modifications – cool paint with and without insulation. *0% shows the baseline case with no insulation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 modification – 7 locations in USA and Canada – cool paint coating on Built-up Roof – Seattle has abnormal value of 26% reduction in temperature – no details on this value • A smaller baseline value of temperature of a standard roof yields in higher % reduction in temperature. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coating gray roof with white cool paint to increase reflectance from 17.2 to 89 in Greece. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 modifications – Montreal - insulation with changing solar reflectance show net annual energy savings. • The importance of reflectance overweighs the importance of insulation level in roof design. • Low solar reflectance with high level insulation is best design for cold climate like Montreal.
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Built-up roof – Effect of albedo change from 0.2 to 0.55 [Levinson et. al, 2009]



- Simulation based study – study the effect of modification of roof albedo from 0.2 to 0.55 with the use of cool white paint
- Alaska – coldest state – lowest annual cooling energy savings in KWh/sqm
- Arizona – hottest state – highest annual cooling energy savings in KWh/sqm

Limitations by Publications

- During the summer, the building was naturally ventilated and influenced by indirect effects that were not assessed in the study (Bozonnet et al., 2011)
- The results in the study apply to a specific roofing type and climatic conditions (Saber et al., 2012)
- The study limits to one building and assumes that indirect rooftop cooling will impact the whole building (Virk et al., 2015)

Future Path by Publications

- The model can be used to measure cool roof effect on similar school building typologies (Stavrakakis et al., 2016)
- Further study is required to account for moisture transfer in the whole building to accurately determine the effect on energy performance (Saber et al., 2012)
- Additional investigation to consider future weather including climate change for different regions. Consideration of parameters like thermal emittance and roughness of roof membrane to evaluate their importance in affecting energy performance (Hosseini et al., 2017)
- Further research to understand how multiple cool roofs will impact local air temperatures and the impact of rooftop cooling on street level air temperatures (Virk et al., 2015)
- Development of roofing materials resistant to solar reflectance degradation (Parker, 2002)

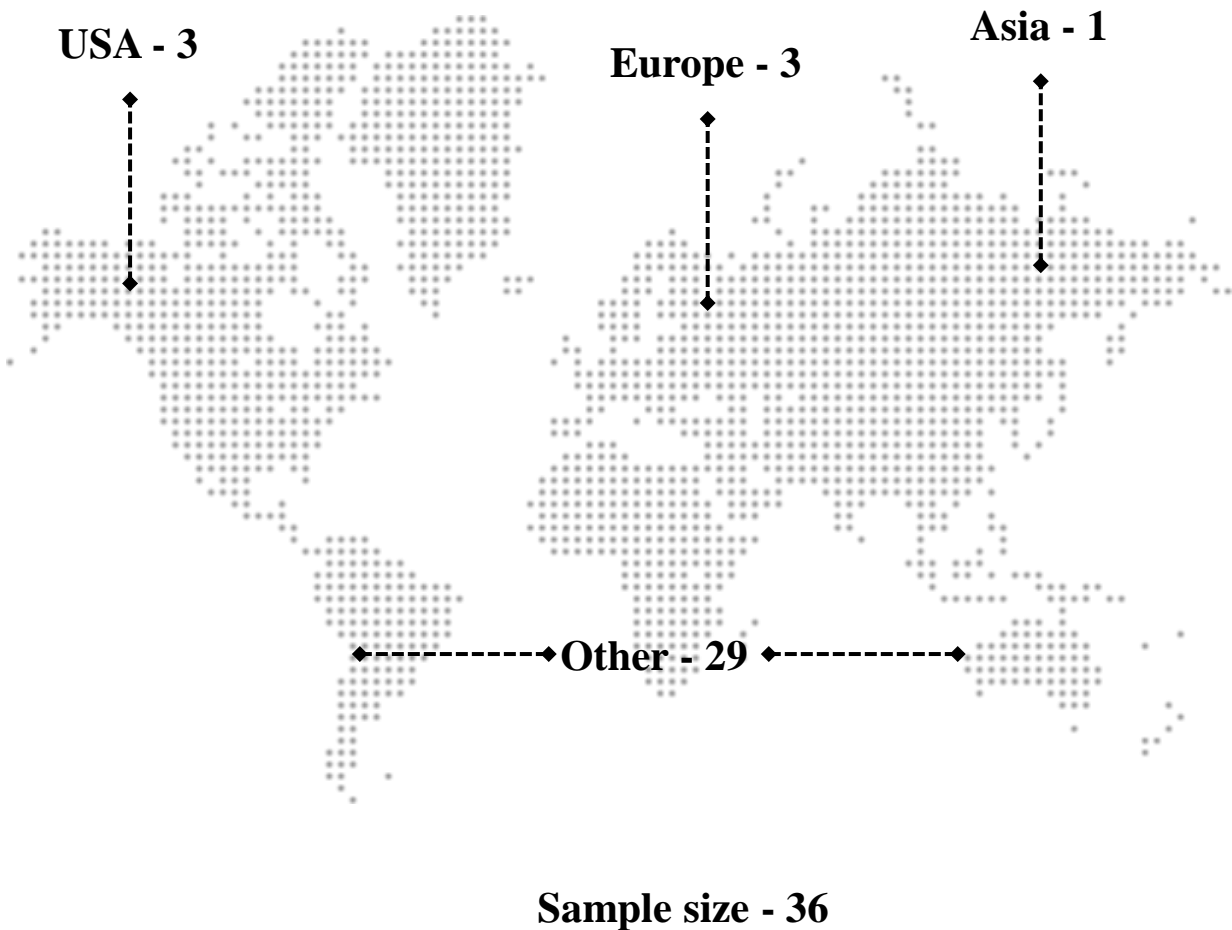
Limitations by Observation

- Mostly simulation-based studies.
- Majority of the studies utilize minimal data capture duration during specific months to draw conclusions for annual roof performance.
- Data duration capture and the corresponding analysis focused mostly during summer months.
- Studies focused during summer months show higher energy savings and consideration of heat penalty during the winter season are not clarified/considered in all studies.
- Not all studies account for impact of insulation thickness on energy efficiency.

Metal Roofs



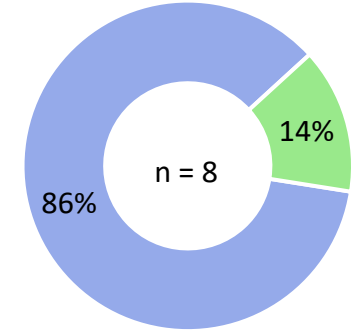
Metal Roofs – Area and Type of Studies



Total Area Studied – 172,623 SF
Average Area Studied – 6,165 SF

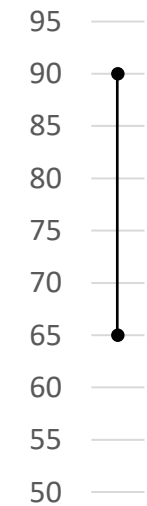
Total No. of Studies – 8
Simulation – 6
Real World - 2

Types of Studies

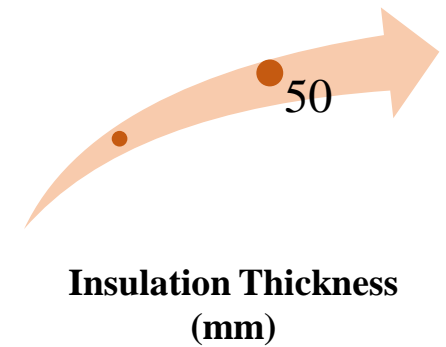


■ Simulation ■ Real World

White color roofs



Reflectance



Location, temperature range, month and duration of data capture

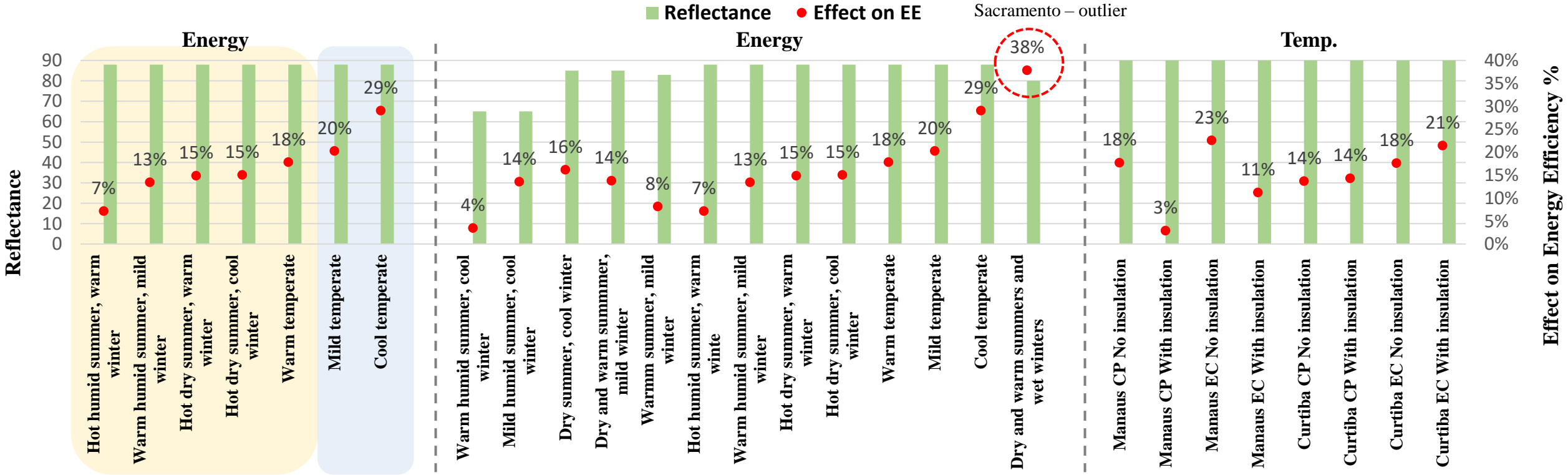
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1	Bahrain	1	85 - 100	June	7	11	Madrid	1	43 - 83	Nov - Aug	270
2	Darwin	2	68 - 93	Nov - Aug	270	12	Barcelona	1	54 - 85	Nov - Aug	270
3	Brisbane	2	53 - 82	Nov - Aug	270	13	Bilbao	1	46 - 79	Nov - Aug	270
4	Alice Springs	2	43 - 93	Nov - Aug	270	14	Sacramento	1	46 - 93	Nov - Aug	270
5	Dubbo	2	39 - 82	Nov - Aug	270	15	Manaus	4	75 - 92	Jan - Dec	0*
6	Sydney	2	48 - 74	Nov - Aug	270	16	Curitiba	4	50 - 79	Jan - Dec	0*
7	Melbourne	6	46 - 72	January	4**	17	California	1	52 - 74	May - Oct	190
8	Canberra	2	34 - 74	Nov - Aug	270	18	Florida	1	62 - 90	July	7**
9	Toronto	1	36 - 80	Nov - Aug	270	19	Ghana	1	76 - 89	Jan - June	150
10	Montreal	1	32 - 77	Nov - Aug	270						

*0 days assumed 365 days of analysis (all simulation-based)

**Real world studies

8 studies 36 sample size

Metal Roofs – Effect of Reflectance on Energy Efficiency



- Cool paint modification – different climate zones all over Australia
- Temperate and cold climates (blue) – less baseline case – more percentage savings but less energy consumption reduction.
- Warmer climates (yellow) – more base case – less percentage savings but more energy consumption reductions.

- Cool paint modification – different climate zones all over Australia, Canada, USA and Europe
- In colder climates, baseline value of energy consumption of standard roof is a low value which leads to higher % reductions but low energy consumption reduction.
- In warmer climates, baseline value of energy consumption of standard roof is a high value which leads to lower % reduction but higher energy consumption reduction..
- Inconsistent climate zones, locations, cool temperature vs hot temperature comparisons lead to confounding trends.

- Cool Paint and Elastomeric Coating with and without thermal insulation – different locations in Africa
- Higher percentage difference in external surface temperature with insulation in equatorial climates (Manaus) as against sub-tropical climate (Curitiba).
- The study has not looked at comparison with dark roof in sub-tropical climate zones.

Limitations and Future Path

By Publication

- The study is limited to a single building model and more work is required to establish the parameters to determine the benefit like cost investment and return on investment. The same process needs to be implemented for other commercial building types (Seifhashemi et al., 2018)
- The measurement period was limited to the month of September and October which are transitional cooling months and the results are limited to the measurement period only (Akbari et al., 1992)

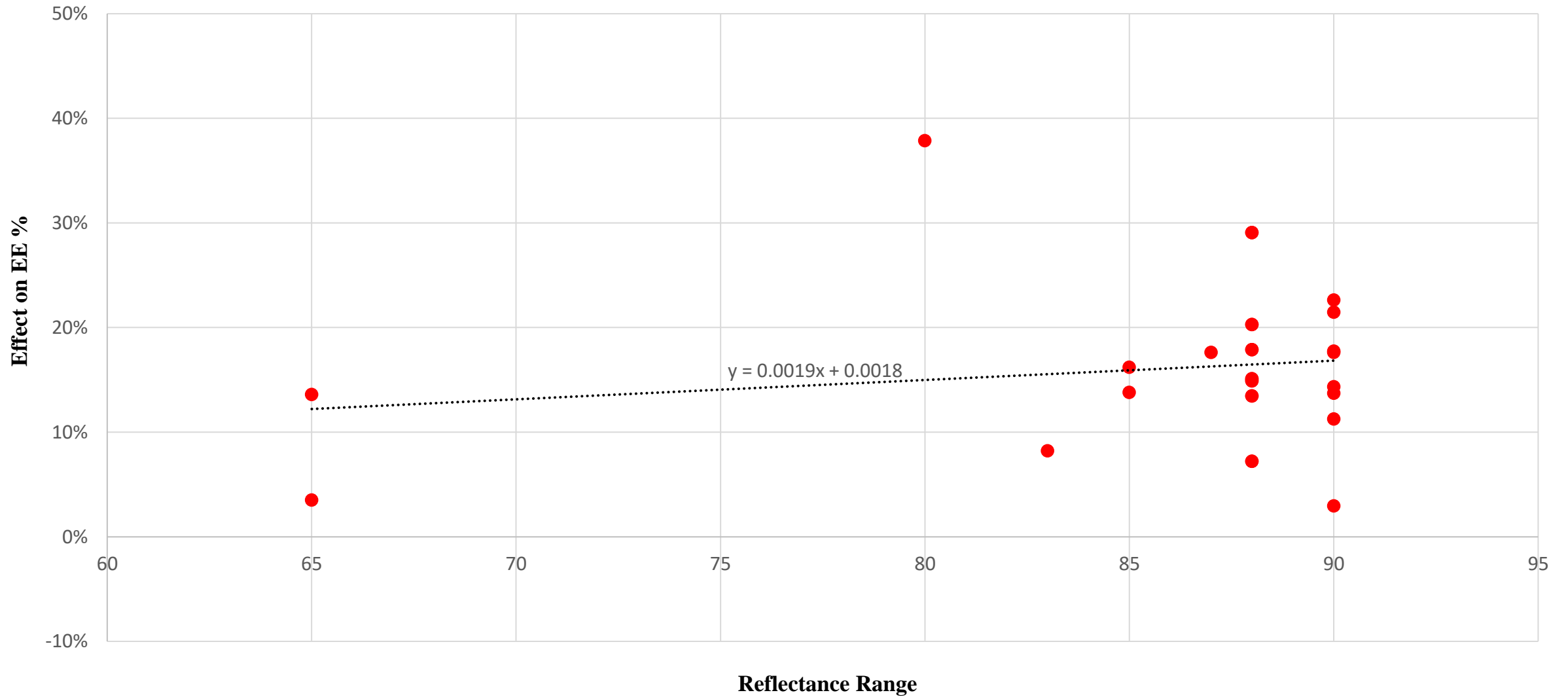
By Observation

- The climate zone and location of the study has an impact on the effect of cool roofs on energy efficiency.
- Studies focus mostly during summer months show higher energy savings and consideration of heat penalty during the winter season are not clarified/considered on all studies.
- Mostly simulation-based studies
- Majority of the studies utilize minimal data capture duration during specific months to draw conclusions for annual roof performance.
- Not all studies account for impact of insulation thickness on energy efficiency.

Future Path

- The role of cool roofs on all building types in a changing climate and the impact of changing climate on the effectiveness of cool roof coatings (Seifhashemiab et al., 2018)
- Cost benefit analysis for different climate zones (Filho et al., 2014)
- Study the climate-related heating interactions and development of roofing materials that are resistant to solar reflectance degradation. (Parker, 2002)

Metal Roofs – Effect of Reflectance on Energy Efficiency (All colors)

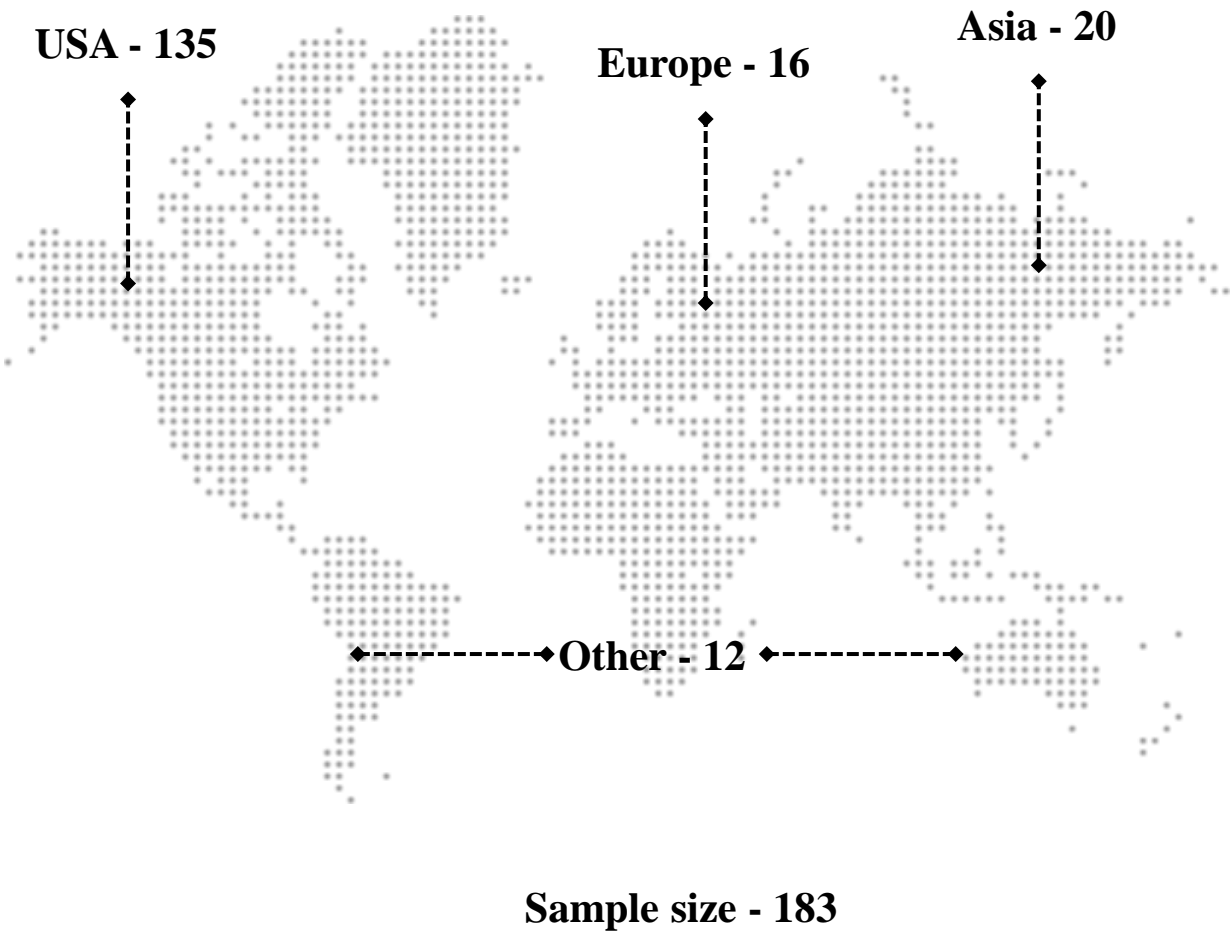


Insufficient data to draw conclusions.



TPO, EPDM and others

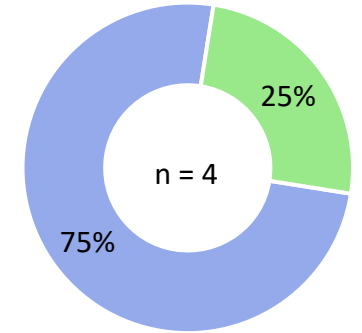
TPO, EPDM and others – Area and Type of Studies



Total Area Studied – 141,240 SF
Average Area Studied – 35,310 SF

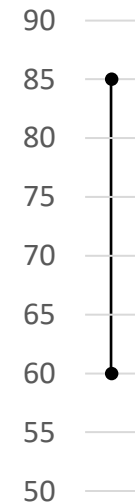
Total No. of Studies – 4
Simulation – 3
Real World – 1

Types of Studies



■ Simulation ■ Real World

White color roofs in case study



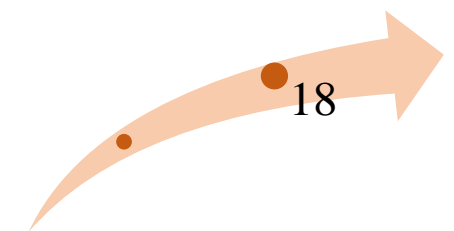
Reflectance

Reflectance of TPO and EPDM membranes used in slide #37

White TPO Reflectance – 65.7
Black EPDM Reflectance – 6.5

Reflectance of TPO membranes used in slide #39

White Reflectance – 68
Tan Reflectance – 59
Gray Reflectance – 42



Insulation Thickness (mm)

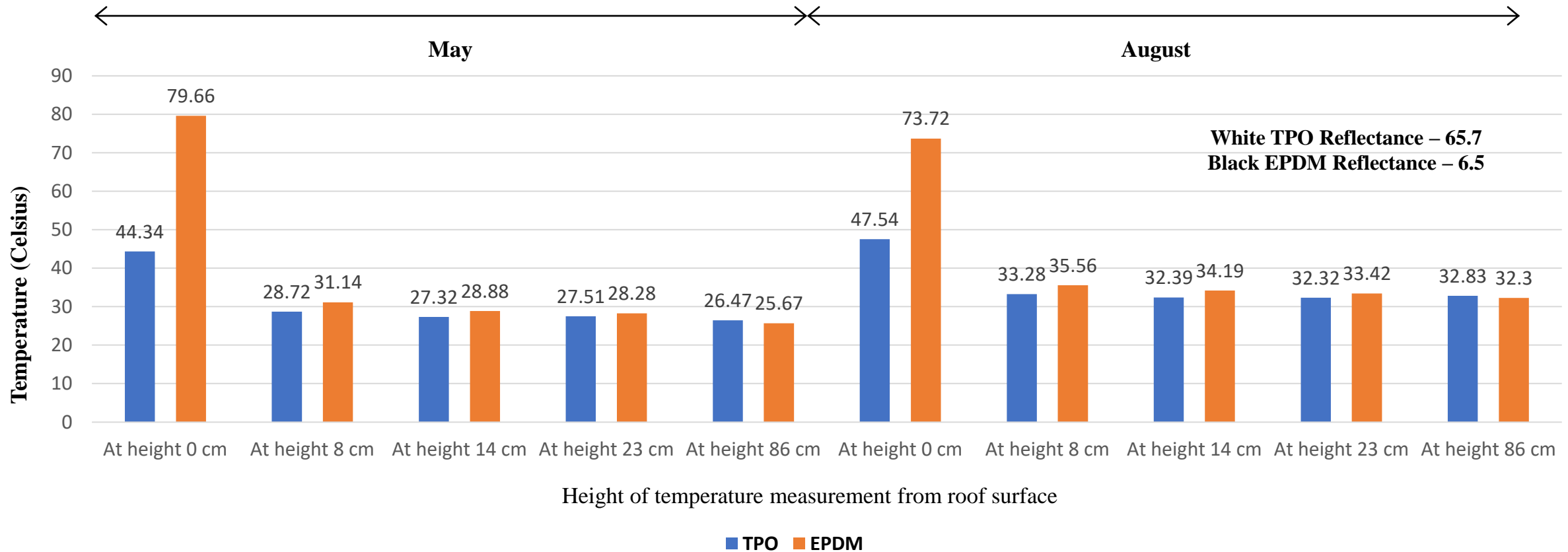
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2	Albuquerque	3	27 - 93	Jan - Dec	0*	15	Fort worth	3	37 - 97	Jan - Dec	0*	27	New York	2	28 - 85	Jan - Dec	0***
3	Alexandria	1	29 - 88	Jan - Dec	0*	16	Fresno	3	39 - 99	Jan - Dec	0*	28	Newark	3	26 - 86	Jan - Dec	0*
4	Athens	1	42 - 92	Jan - Dec	0***	17	Gilroy	1	39 - 83	Jan - Dec	0***	29	Phoenix	3	45 - 106	Jan - Dec	0*
5	Atlanta	6	35 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*	18	Helena	3	13 - 86	Jan - Dec	0*	30	Portland	6	36 - 84	Jan - Dec	0***
6	Austin	1	43 - 97	Jan - Dec	0***	19	Houston	3	47 - 95	Jan - Dec	0*	31	Sacramento	6	39 - 94	Jan - Dec	0***
7	Baltimore	6	30 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*	20	Illinois	2	22 - 83	Jan - Dec	0***	32	San Francisco	3	45 - 72	Jan - Dec	0*
8	Boulder	3	22 - 87	Jan - Dec	0*	21	Jacksonville	3	46 - 90	Jan - Dec	0*	33	San Jose	1	43 - 82	Jan - Dec	0***
9	Charlotte	3	33 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*	22	Las Vegas	3	38 - 105	Jan - Dec	0*	34	Scottsdale	3	44 - 106	Jan - Dec	0***
10	Chicago	8	22 - 83	Jan - Dec	0***	23	Los Angeles	3	48 - 85	Jan - Dec	0*	35	Seattle	3	37 - 79	Jan - Dec	0*
11	Cocoa Beach	1	55 - 88	Jan - Dec	0***	24	Miami	6	62 - 90	Jan - Dec	0*	36	Virginia	20	29 - 89	May/Aug	2
12	Davis	1	39 - 93	Jan - Dec	0***	25	Minneapolis	3	9 - 83	Jan - Dec	0*	37	Washington	2	29 - 88	Jan - Dec	0***
13	Duluth	3	7 - 78	Jan - Dec	0*												

*Simulation based studies, the study provides energy savings for 365 days for unknown duration of data capture

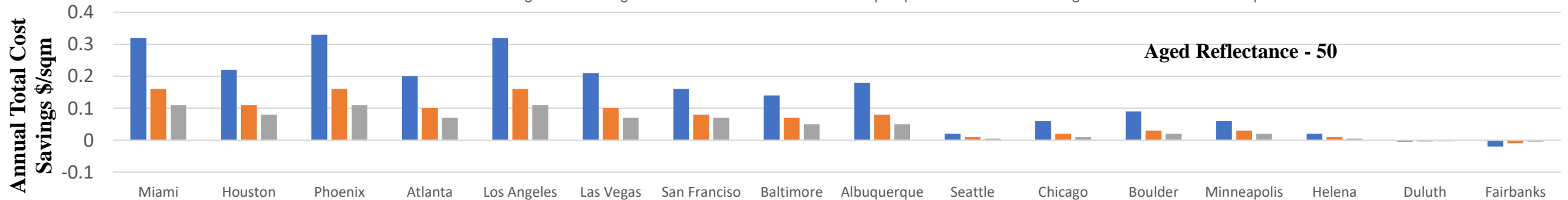
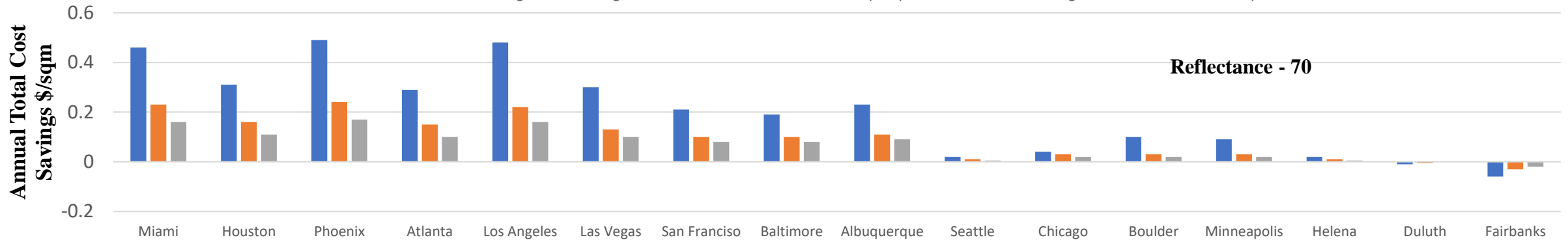
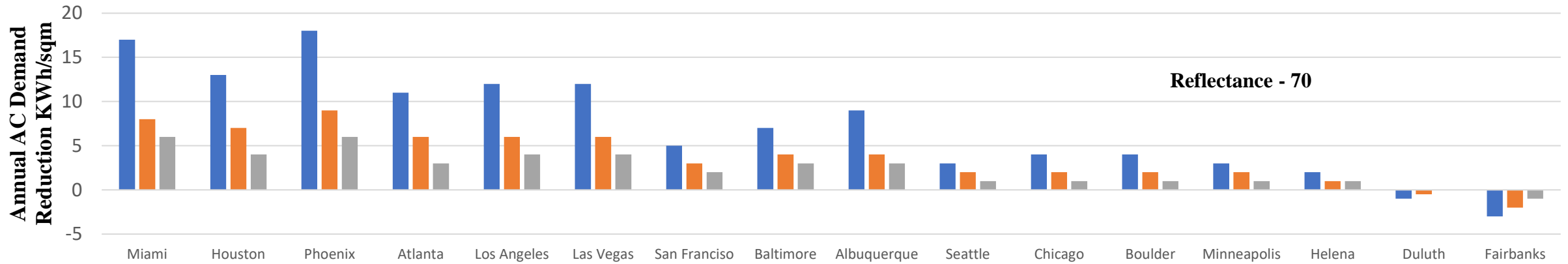
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Measure of temperature from roof surface (White vs Black), [Grant et. al, 2017]



2 modifications on existing roof – Black EPDM and White TPO. The graph shows the temperatures of the membrane and air temperature at heights of 8, 14, 23 and 86 cms. above the roof surface. The study was carried out in Virginia during May and August.

Savings by varying insulation and reflectance [Tzempelikos et. al, 2021]



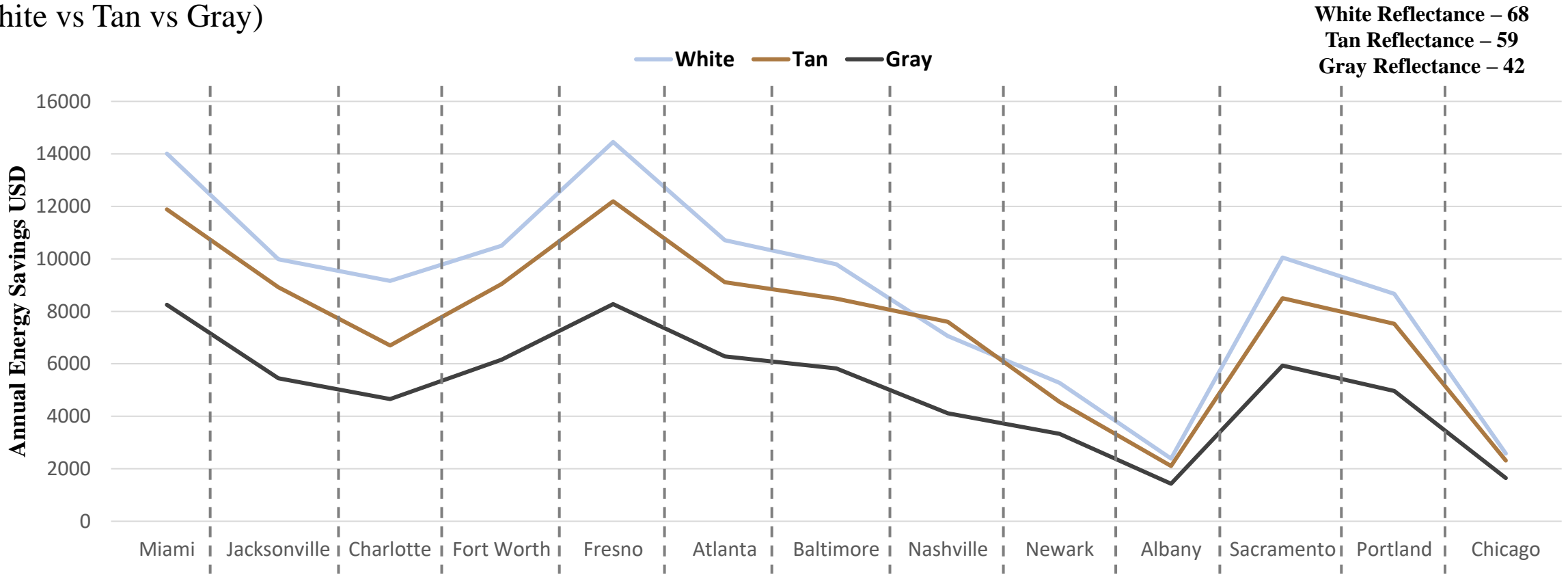
■ Insulation R = 2 sqm C/W ■ Insulation R = 4 sqm C/W ■ Insulation R = 6 sqm C/W

Duration of analysis 365* days.

* Simulation based study, not real world.

Savings by color of roof for different locations [Taylor et. al, 2019]

(White vs Tan vs Gray)



3 TPO membranes of 3 different colors – White with reflectance 68, Tan with reflectance 59 and Gray with reflectance 42 were used on a big box retail store in 13 locations over USA to calculate annual energy savings in USD. Duration 365* days.

- Simulation-based study, not real world.
- Electric Heating and Cooling

Economic comparison of white, green and black roofs [Sproul et. al, 2014]

Summary of 22 surveyed projects (key data and their medians).

#	Project	Location	Reroof	Year	Area (m ²)	First installation cost (\$/m ²)			Maintenance cost (\$/m ² /year) ⁵			Heating savings relative to black (\$/m ² /year)			Cooling savings relative to black (\$/m ² /year)			Roof life (years)		
						G	W	B	G	W	B	G	W [#]	B	G	W	B	G	W	B
1	Buchanan R-Mer Lite	Illinois	New	2008	1988	172	99	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	25	30	20	
2	Buchanan White PVC	Illinois	New	2008	1988	172	73	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	30	20	20	
3	Chicago City Hall	Chicago, IL	New	2001	1886	215	22	129	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
4	Forrestal combined	Washington, DC	New		4644	226	31	22	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	30	20	20	
5	Niu et al. (9 projects)	Washington, DC	N/A	2008	1794	210	22	242	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
6	Fieldston	New York, NY	N/A	2007	8779	183	22	75	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	30	20	20	
7	Walmart Chicago	Chicago, IL	New	2006	6968	108	2.6	22	0.9	1.9	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.0	40	15	20	
8	Jefferson School	Alexandria, VA	Reroof	1994	7711	172	42	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	4.0	0.0	40	20	20	
9	Tanyard	Athens, GA	N/A	2002	929	155	22	84	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
10	Our Savior's	Cocoa Beach, FL	Reroof	1995	1115	172	5	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
11	Portland Building	Portland, OR	New	2008	3716	170	22	108	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
12	Hamilton Apt. Building	Portland, OR	Reroof	1999	780	164	22	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
13	Multnomah	Portland, OR	Reroof	2003	1115	162	22	108	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
14	Large Retail Store	Austin, TX	Reroof	2000	9290	172	16	16	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.0	40	13	13	
15	Kaiser Permanente	Davis, CA	Reroof	1997	2945	172	22	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0	40	20	20	
16	Kaiser Permanente	Gilroy, CA	Reroof	1996	2211	172	22	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	40	20	20	
17	Longs Drugs	San Jose, CA	Reroof	1997	3056	172	22	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	40	20	20	
18	Sacramento Office	Sacramento, CA	Reroof	1996	2285	172	19	19	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	40	20	20	
19	Sacramento Museum	Sacramento, CA	Reroof	1997	455	172	22	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
20	Sacramento Hospice	Sacramento, CA	Reroof	1997	557	172	14	13	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
21	Scottsdale Insurance	Scottsdale, AZ	New	2008	1059	172	86	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	
22	Con Edison	New York, NY	New	2008	1000	172	22	22	2.9	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	40	20	20	
MEDIAN VALUE						172	22	22				0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	40	20	20	

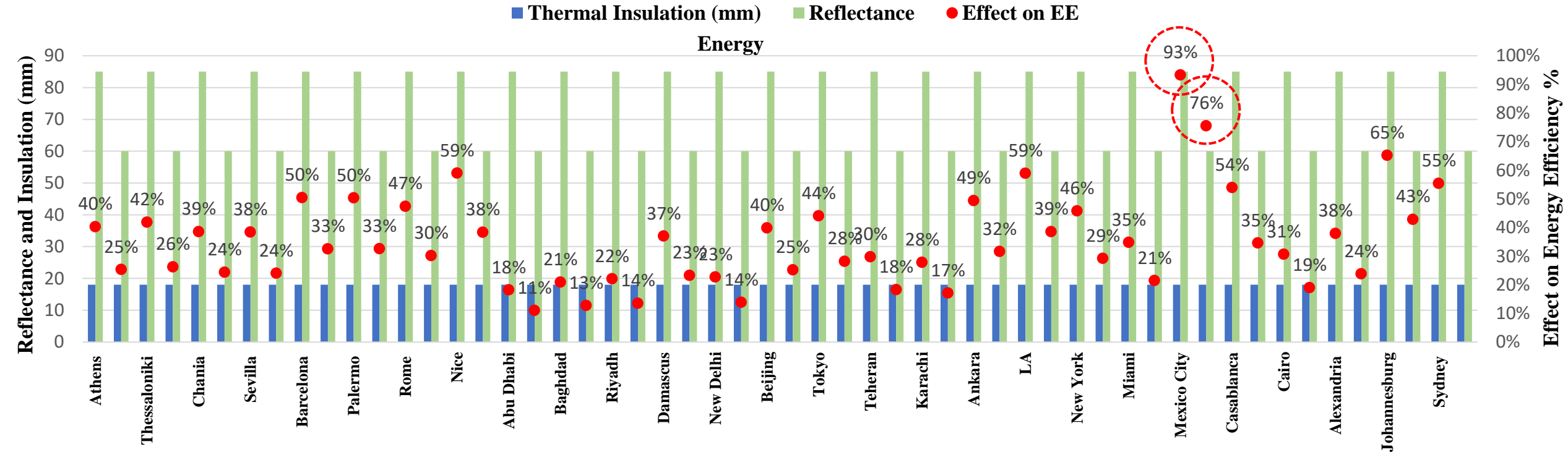
Key: G, green; B, black, W, white; \$, defaults from external sources rather than medians; #, no data on winter heating penalty for white.

A study focused on life-cycle cost of green roof vs. dark roof vs. white roof with age of roof and maintenance cost as factors to evaluate heating / cooling savings by area per year

No.	Location	Number of Samples	Temperature Range (F)	Month study conducted	Duration of data capture	No.	Location	Number of Samples	Temperature Range (F)	Month study conducted	Duration of data capture
1	Athens	2	42 - 92	Jan - Dec	0*	15	Tokyo	2	36 - 87	Jan - Dec	0*
2	Thessaloniki	2	34 - 90	Jan - Dec	0*	16	Teheran	2	34 - 97	Jan - Dec	0*
3	Chania	2	47 - 88	Jan - Dec	0*	17	Karachi	2	55 - 94	Jan - Dec	0*
4	Sevilla	2	42 - 68	Jan - Dec	0*	18	Ankara	2	23 - 87	Jan - Dec	0*
5	Barcelona	2	40 -83	Jan - Dec	0*	19	LA	2	48 - 85	Jan - Dec	0*
6	Palermo	2	48 - 87	Jan - Dec	0*	20	New York	2	28 - 85	Jan - Dec	0*
7	Rome	2	37 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*	21	Miami	2	62 - 90	Jan - Dec	0*
8	Nice	2	41 - 82	Jan - Dec	0*	22	Mexico City	2	43 - 80	Jan - Dec	0*
9	Abu Dhabi	2	60 - 104	Jan - Dec	0*	23	Casablanca	2	49 - 79	Jan - Dec	0*
10	Baghdad	2	41 - 112	Jan - Dec	0*	24	Cairo	2	50 -96	Jan - Dec	0*
11	Riyadh	2	49 - 110	Jan - Dec	0*	25	Alexandria	2	29 - 88	Jan - Dec	0*
12	Damascus	2	34 -96	Jan - Dec	0*	26	Johannesburg	2	36 - 78	Jan - Dec	0*
13	New Delhi	2	46 -103	Jan - Dec	0*	27	Sydney	2	40 - 60	Jan - Dec	0*
14	Beijing	2	17 - 88	Jan - Dec	0*						

*Simulation based studies, duration of data analysis 365 days.
 1 study 54 sample size

Effect of Reflectance and Insulation on Energy Efficiency [Synnefa et. al, 2007]



- This is 1 study, simulation based
- Same insulation thickness
- Two different levels of solar reflectance
- Global study in 27 cities
- No roof type mentioned – 100 sqm baseline case

There is lack of details on methodology to calculate baseline case. The study has an abnormal value for Mexico city (93% and 76% savings) as the baseline case was 9 kWh/sqm., whereas the range of baseline case for the rest of the 26 cities is 27.1 – 265.4 kWh/sqm and average is 77.22 kWh/sqm, the case for Mexico city is significantly lower than the lower range.

Limitations by Publications

- The lessons learned from the comparison show that the choice between cool, green and standard roofs is individual and depends on case to case. Factors like climate, rainfall, energy prices, stormwater management play a role in influencing the results of the comparison (Sproul et al., 2014)
- The building type is not representative of a typical building in all tested locations. The purpose of the study was to report cooling energy savings by changing the solar reflectance of the roof comparatively for various climatic conditions (Synnefa et al., 2007)

Future Path by Publication

- The study can promote the use of cool materials and the adoption of high albedo measures in building energy codes and urban planning regulations (Sproul et al., 2014)

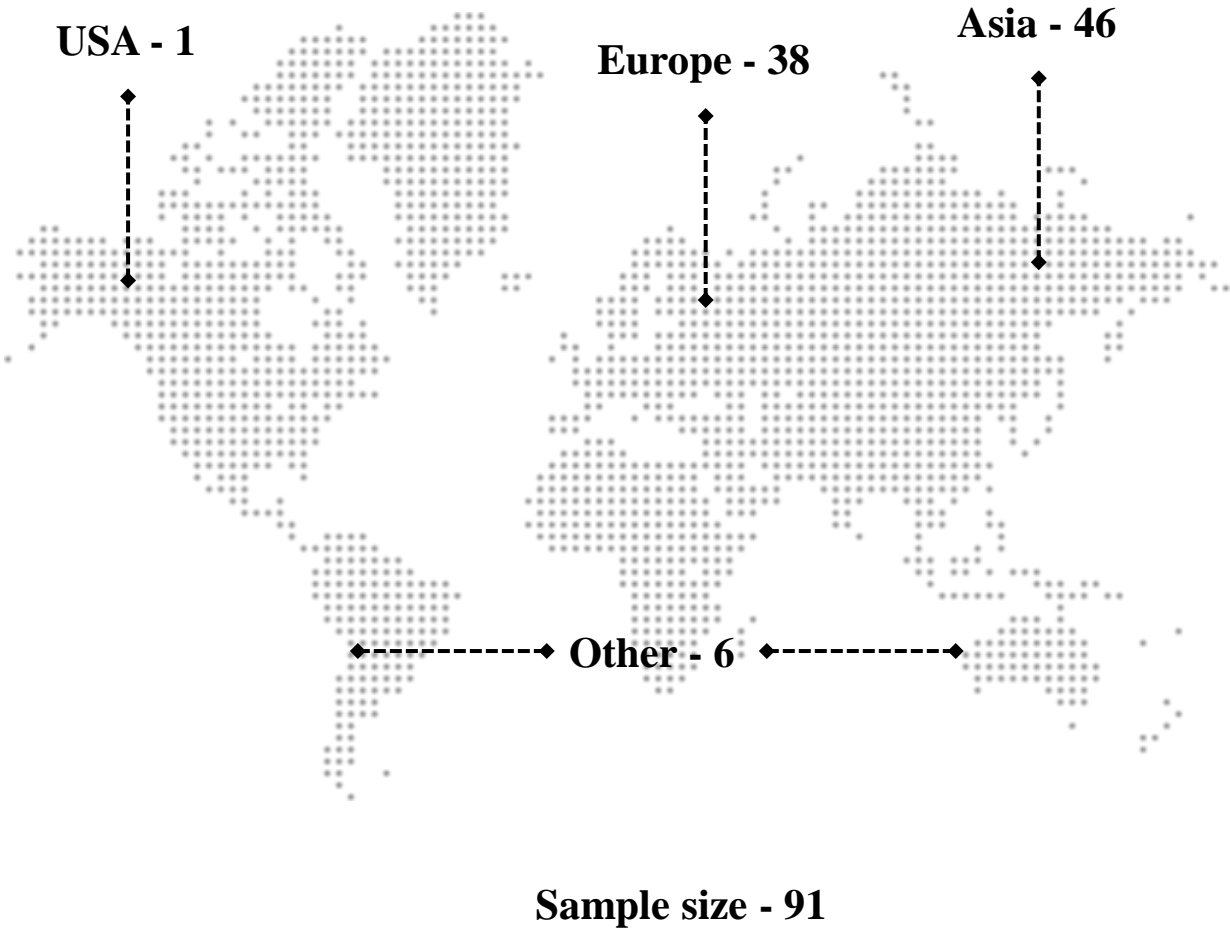
Limitations by Observation

- All simulation-based studies
- Studies provide annual simulation-based analysis without clarifying the impact of different months/seasons
- A specific study provided the impact of cool roof on surface temperature without any correlation to the effect on energy efficiency
- Small sample size by climate zone, months and location.
- For better findings, study needs to be more focused by region

Concrete Roofs



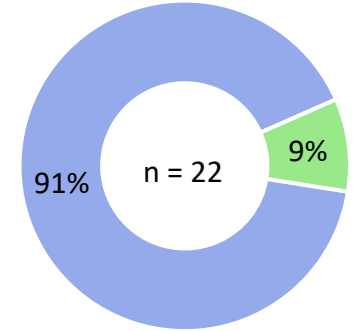
Concrete Roofs – Area and Type of Studies



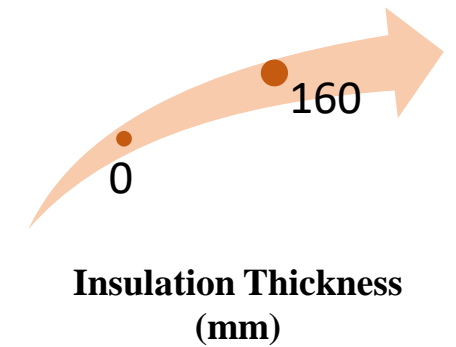
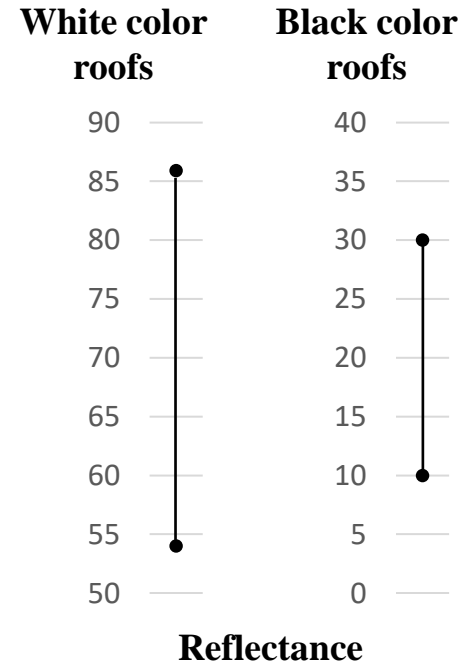
Total Area Studied – 265,498 SF
 Average Area Studied – 3,540 SF

Total No. of Studies – 22
 Simulation – 20
 Real World – 2

Types of Studies



■ Simulation ■ Real World



Location, temperature range, month and duration of data capture

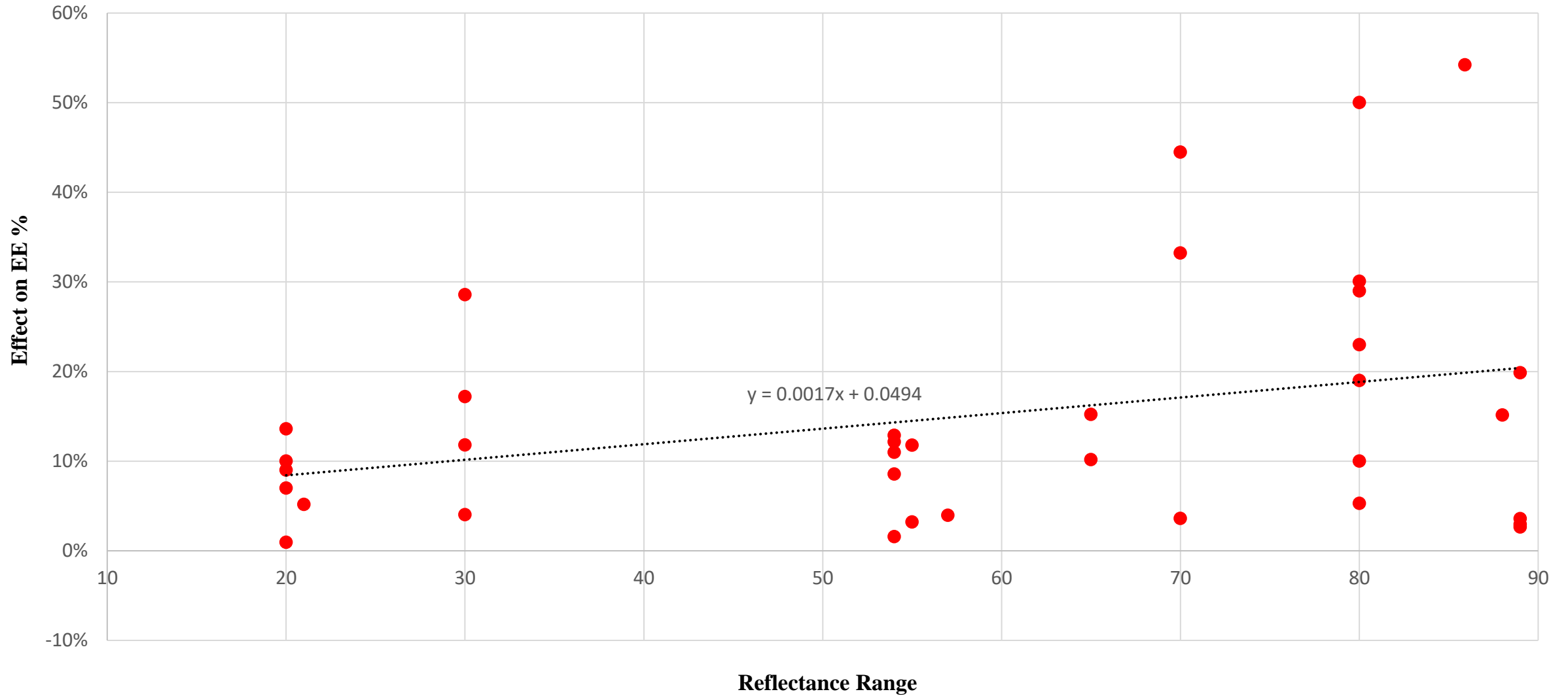
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2	Bahrain	4	85 - 100	June	7	14	New Delhi	4	46 - 103	Jan - Dec	0*
3	Bangalore	4	61 - 93	Jan - Dec	0*	15	Osaka	6	58 - 76	May - Oct	180
4	Cairo	3	74 - 96	July	5	16	Palermo	4	74 - 87	July	5
5	Chongqing	2	77 - 93	August	1	17	Pantnagar	2	58 - 91	Jan - June	180**
6	Greece	4	72 - 90	July	15	18	Phoenix	1	75 - 105	Aug - Sept	40
7	Hyderabad	8	61 - 102	Jan - Dec	0*	19	Rome	1	55 - 85	Summer	1
8	Italy	22	65 - 85	April - Sept	30	20	Shillong	4	40 - 73	Jan - Dec	0*
9	Italy	2	55 - 85	Aug - Sept	12**	21	Sicily	2	60 - 80	May - Sept	110
10	Jamaica	1	73 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*	22	Singapore	4	76 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*
11	London	2	46 - 66	May - Sept	150	23	Turin	1	31 - 84	Summer	1
12	Melbourne	2	60 - 79	January	3						

*0 days assumed 365 days of analysis (all simulation-based)

**Real world studies

22 studies 91 sample size

Concrete Roofs – Effect of Reflectance on Energy Efficiency



Limitations by Publications

- Application of cool roofs leads to a decreased comfort in winter months but the benefits from the summer months lead to a net increase in comfort (Arumugam et al., 2014)
- The building prototypes are typical of the location and represent savings for a specific building computed (Gao et al., 2014)
- The study did not account for ageing, soiling and weatherability of the cool material during the life span of the building (Romeo et al., 2013)

Future Path by Publications

- Further study can include the increase in occupant comfort with the use of cool roofs and the amount by which soiling degrades the albedo of cool roofs. Yafeng Gao et al. (2014)
- Cost benefit analysis of the implementation of cool roofs. Elisa Di Giuseppe et al. (2017)
- Evaluating the benefits of widespread use of cool roof technology throughout the region including the impact on urban heat island effect and environmental impact. J.H. Jo et al. (2009)

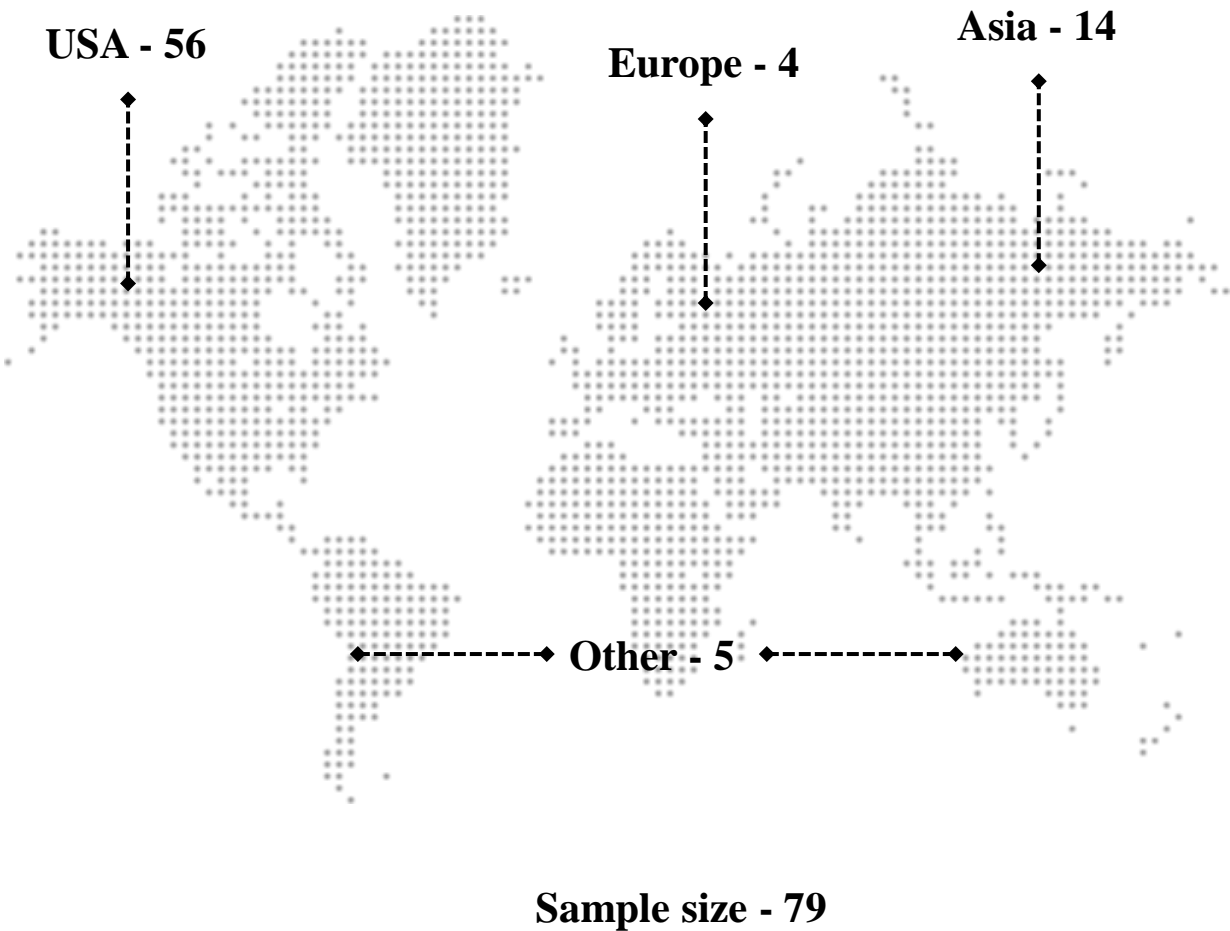
Limitations by Observation

- Studies must consider the effect of thermal insulation thickness which plays a critical role in reducing heat gains in hotter climates and minimizing heat energy loss in colder climates.
- Mostly simulation-based studies
- Studies focus mostly during summer months show higher energy savings and consideration of heat penalty during the winter season are not clarified/considered on all studies.
- Majority of the studies utilize minimal data capture duration during specific months to draw conclusions for annual roof performance.
- Multiple variables in the studies have been changed simultaneously resulting in confounding findings

Asphalt Shingles



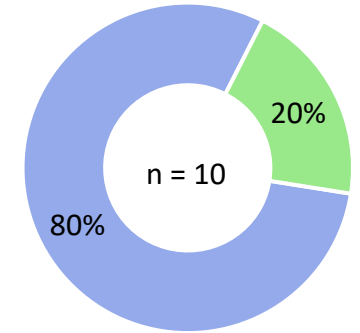
Asphalt Shingles – Area and Type of Studies



Total Area studied – 213,910 SF
Average Area studied – 3,395 SF

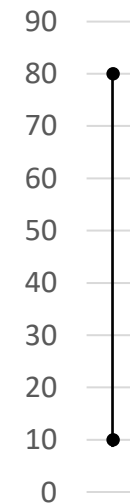
Total No. of Studies – 10
Simulation – 8
Real World - 2

Types of Studies

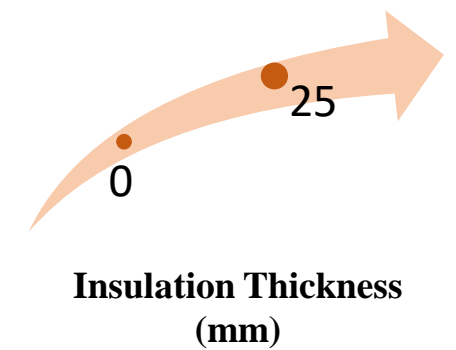


■ Simulation ■ Real World

White color roofs



Reflectance



Insulation Thickness (mm)

Location, temperature range, month and duration of data capture

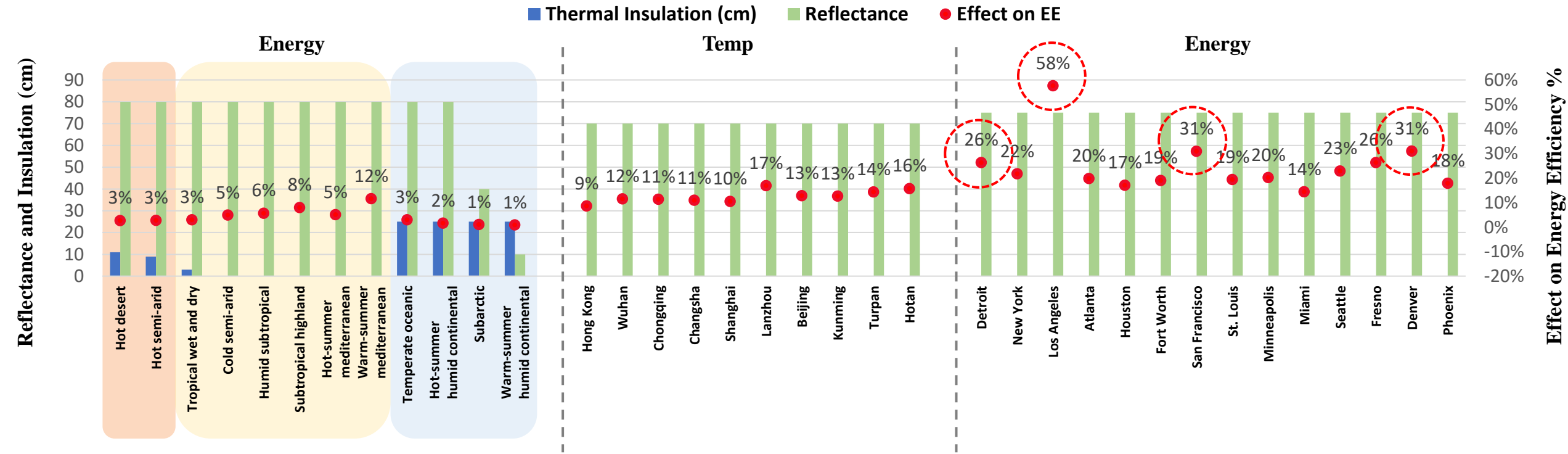
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2	New Delhi	1	46 - 103	Jan - Dec	0*	17	Dallas	2	39 - 96	Jan - Dec	0*	32	Minneapolis	1	59 - 80	Jun - Aug	90
3	Rio de Janeiro	1	65 - 88	Jan - Dec	0*	18	Davis	1	54 - 89	Jun - Sept	120**	33	New Orleans	2	47 - 92	Jan - Dec	0*
4	Thessaloniki	1	34 - 90	Jan - Dec	0*	19	Denver	1	55 - 90	Jun - Aug	90	34	New York	3	64 - 84	Jun - Aug	90
5	Sydney	1	40 - 60	Jan - Dec	0*	20	Detroit	1	60 - 80	Jun - Aug	90	35	Philadelphia	2	26 - 87	Jan - Dec	0*
6	Mexico City	1	43 - 80	Jan - Dec	0*	21	Florida	12	78 - 88	Jul - Aug	7**	36	Phoenix	3	76 - 105	Jun - Aug	90
7	San Francisco	2	45 - 72	Jan - Dec	0*	22	Fortsworth	1	73 - 98	Jun - Aug	90	37	Rome	1	37 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*
8	Paris	1	46 - 77	Jan - Dec	0*	23	Fresno	1	62 - 97	Jun - Aug	90	38	San Jose	1	56 - 81	Jun - Sept	120**
9	Beijing	2	17 - 88	Jan - Dec	0*	24	Gilroy	1	52 - 86	Jun - Sept	120**	39	Seattle	1	54 - 72	Jun - Aug	90
10	Tampere	1	13 - 71	Jan - Dec	0*	25	Hong Kong	1	57 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*	40	Shanghai	1	35 - 90	Jan - Dec	0*
11	Moscow	1	12 - 76	Jan - Dec	0*	26	Hotan	1	18 - 89	Jan - Dec	0*	41	St. Louis	1	67 - 88	Jun - Aug	90
12	Atlanta	3	65 - 88	Jun - Aug	90	27	Houston	3	74 - 91	Jun - Aug	90	42	Toronto	3	17 - 78	Oct - Apr	210
13	California	3	66 - 84	May - Oct	180	28	Kunming	1	37 - 75	Jan - Dec	0*	43	Turpan	1	14 - 103	Jan - Dec	0*
14	Changsha	1	36 - 91	Jan - Dec	0*	29	Los Angeles	3	62 - 85	Jun - Aug	90	44	Washington	2	29 - 88	Jan - Dec	0*
15	Chicago	2	22 - 83	Jan - Dec	0*	30	Lanzhou	1	11 - 83	Jan - Dec	0*	45	Wuhan	1	34 - 91	Jan - Dec	0*

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10 studies 79 sample size

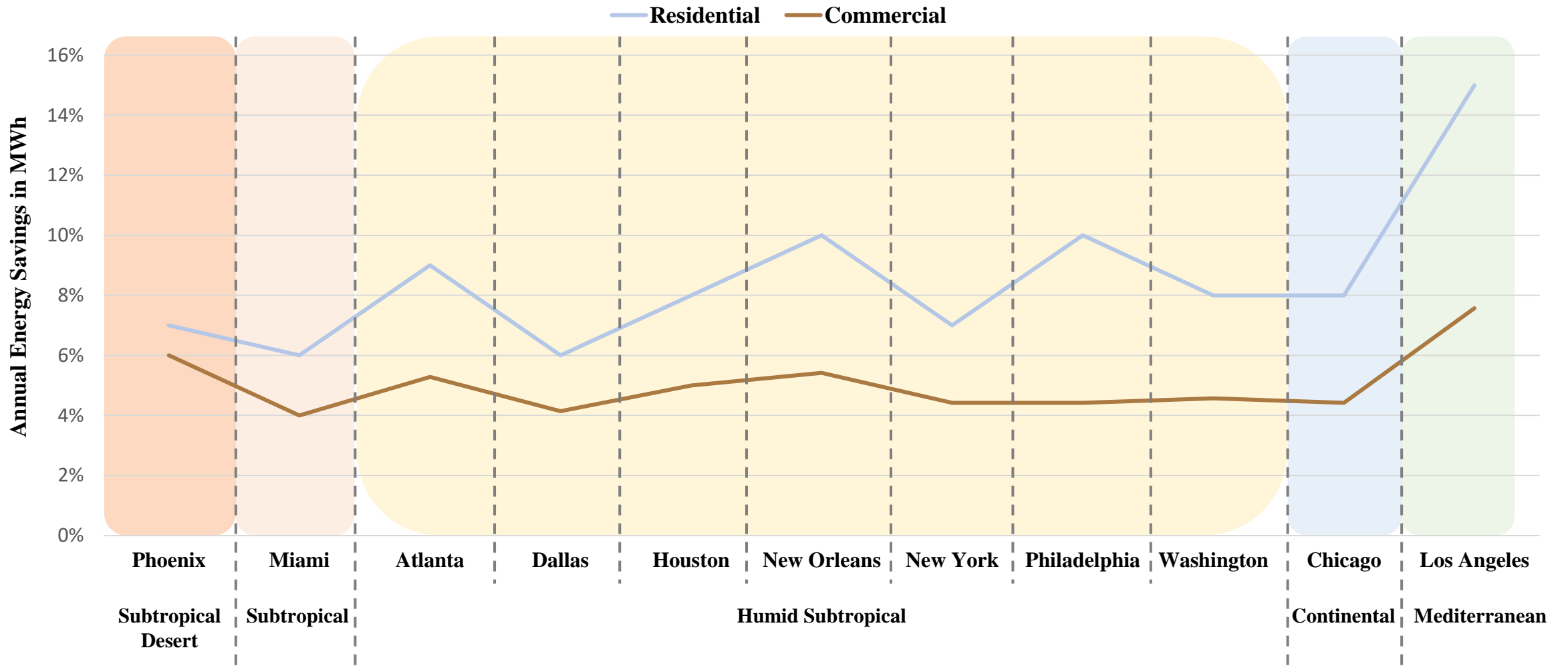
**Real world studies

Asphalt Shingles – Effect of Reflectance and Insulation on Energy Efficiency



- Study tries to define optimum level of insulation and solar reflectance for various climate zones.
 - White roof -varied insulation thickness and solar reflectance
 - 12 different cities over the world with varied climate zones
 - Hot (orange) – 9-11 cms of insulation to reduce energy consumption
 - Warm (yellow) – negligible insulation is optimum
 - Cold (blue) – 25 cms of insulation to minimize heating demand
- Impact of roof reflectance change from 10 to 70 identified from the chart from 9-17% by 10 locations in China.
- White roof modification in 14 cities in USA
 - Average of baseline case is 2.8 kWh/sqf for 10 cities apart from the outliers Detroit (26%), Los Angeles (58%), San Francisco (31%), Denver (31%).
 - Average of the base case for 4 outliers is 0.6 kWh/sqf which is significantly lower than 2.8 kWh/sqf.
 - A small change in lower baseline value creates more % savings but less energy consumption reduction in comparison to a larger baseline value.

Asphalt Shingles – Effect of Albedo on Energy Efficiency [Akbari et. al, 1999]



- Simulation based study – study the effect of modification of roof albedo from 0.25 to 0.55 with the use of cool white paint in 11 cities in USA
- Annual energy % savings increase as climate gets colder
- In colder climates, baseline value of energy consumption of roof with 0.25 albedo is a low value which leads to higher % reductions but low energy consumption reduction.

By Publication

- Dark roofs increase the opportunity for savings and another factor that affects the monetary savings is the local cost of electricity. High cost of electricity causes more dollar savings in that city (Akbari et al., 1999)
- The measurement period was limited to the month of September and October which are transitional cooling months and the results are limited to the measurement period only (Akbari et al., 1999)
- The effect of lightening the color of the roof on heating energy savings is nil because in the winters, the roof gets covered in snow (Akbari et al., 1999)

Future Path

- Implementation programs for white roofs should be designed to emphasize the roof types that cover the largest area in the city. Built-up roofs and modified bitumen can be coated with white reflective coating with a little installation cost. For asphalt shingles, it is an additional expense and is not covered in installation, voids the warranty, it is necessary to induce shingle manufacturers to sell high-albedo shingles which shed dirt (Rosenfeld et al., 1995)
- Investigation of the economic and life cycle benefits of installing cool roofs in varying climatic conditions (Piselli et al., 2019)
- Development of roofing materials resistant to solar reflectance degradation (Parker, 2002)

By Observation

- Mostly simulation-based studies
- Studies comparing energy cost savings by different locations without normalizing the energy cost for that region will not produce meaningful comparisons
- Studies focus mostly during summer months show higher energy savings and consideration of heat penalty during the winter season are not clarified/considered on all studies.
- Majority of the studies utilize minimal data capture duration during specific months to draw conclusions for annual roof performance.

Conclusions* - Effect of Membrane Color on Energy Efficiency

	BUILT UP	ASPHALT SHINGLES	TPO, EPDM, PVC	METAL	CONCRETE
REFLECTANCE	Solar reflectance plays an important role in the effect of cooling demand	Roof thermal insulation with cool roof does not allow dissipation of internal heat gains, thus increasing cooling demand for building in “Hot & Mild Climate” zones	Increased levels of reflectivity increase the amount of annual energy savings.	Cool Roofs with high reflectivity in equatorial climates are effective in contrast to sub-tropical climates (reversing the direction of heat flux)	A white coated roof with no insulation gives maximum energy efficiency. AND As albedo increases energy efficiency increases.
ENERGY SAVINGS	Temperature variation with a lower baseline value represents higher % savings in comparison to a higher baseline value	A small change in lower baseline value creates more % savings but less energy consumption reduction in comparison to a larger baseline value	Roofing life cycles are normally measured in terms of decades and therefore an entire Life-Cycle Analysis is essential to evaluate energy efficiency.	For temperate and cold climates with less baseline case more percentage savings but less energy consumption reduction.	A combination of highly reflective roofing and thermal insulation is more effective in reducing the thermal load as compared to reflective roofing or insulation alone
	% reduction in temperature as a result of a change in the roofing membrane color leads to inconsistent results				The heating load decreased as the insulation thickness increased from 25mm to 100 mm.
INSULATION	Insulation in roofing membrane increases the energy efficiency	Roof thermal insulation plays an important role in extreme climatic conditions especially “Cold Climates”	Roof insulation is critical for all climates. The impact of roof reflectivity is equally important for warm climates.	Higher percentage difference in external surface temperature with insulation in equatorial climates (Manaus) as against sub-tropical climate (Curitiba).	Cool paint with the same insulation as the baseline case exhibits higher energy efficiency.
	Insulation plays a significant role in the effect of roofing membrane on heating demand	Energy efficiency of a building is more sensitive to roof solar reflectance than thermal insulation, except for cold climate zone	Annual energy savings achieved in all cities except for cities in cold climate zone	Insulation increases the external surface temperature of the roof.	Insulation is not needed with cool roofs in all climatic zones except cold climates

* Conclusions by observation and analysis require an in-depth data analysis through experimental/empirical study to validate results

- Optimal design for the study of the effect of the color of the membrane in roof design for energy efficiency is needed
- Studies that focus on the impact of changing climate on the energy efficiency in relation to different roof modifications (different color, product type, insulation, etc.) is needed.
- Life-cycle analysis for calculation of energy savings in terms of dollar value is needed over the life of a roof (cost-benefit analysis)
- The evaluation of optimal ratio of cold vs. warm months on annual energy efficiency as a result of different roof modifications (different color, product type, insulation, etc.) is needed.
- Studies did not account for aging, soiling, and weatherability of the cool material during the life span of the building
- Impact on local air temperatures and the impact of rooftop cooling on street-level air temperatures by multiple cool roofs is yet to be evaluated
- Detailed experimental and simulation analyses need to be performed for cold and continental climatic conditions to investigate their thermal output and also the relevant compensation strategies to outperform this negative output need to be developed.
- Increase in occupant comfort with the application of cool roof and altering the albedo value is needed.



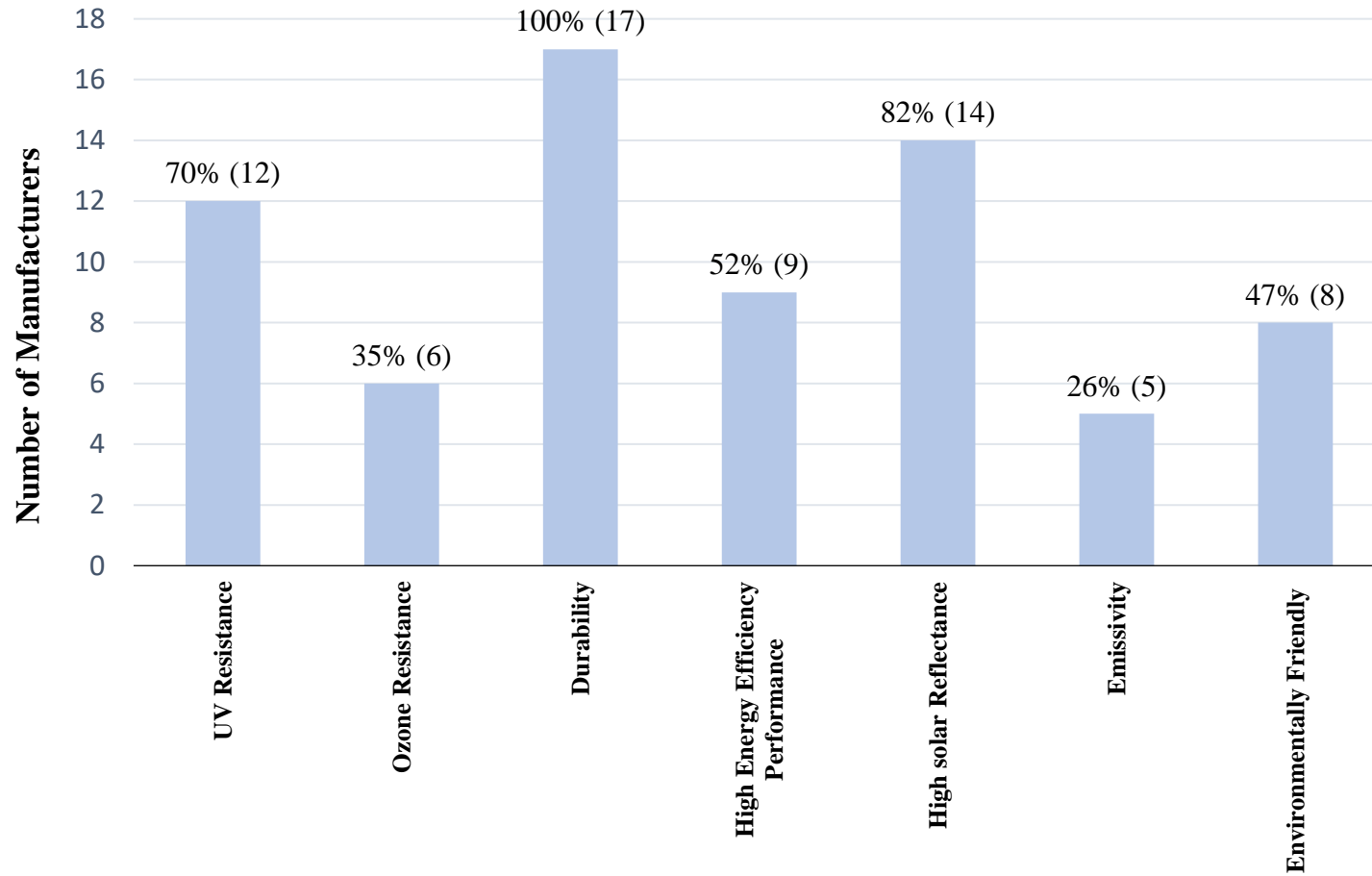
Manufacturers



Manufacturer's roof products

Manufacturers*	TPO	PVC	EPDM	Bituminous
A*	✓	×	✓	×
B*	✓	✓	✓	×
C*	✓	✓	✓	×
D*	✓	×	✓	×
E*	×	×	×	✓
F*	×	×	×	✓
G*	×	✓	×	✓
H*	×	×	×	×
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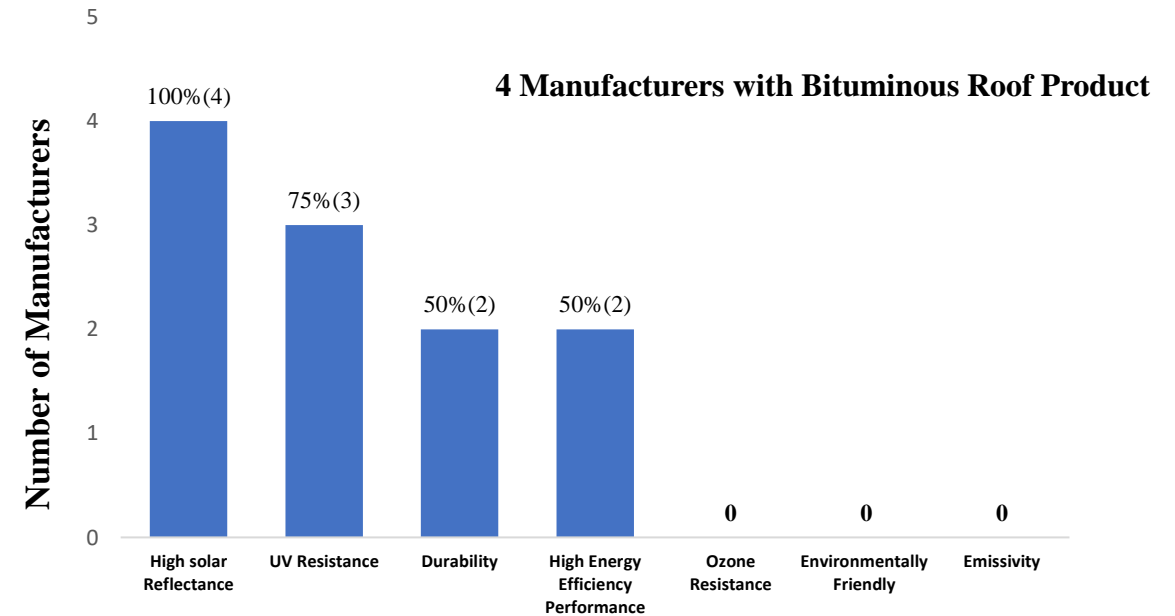
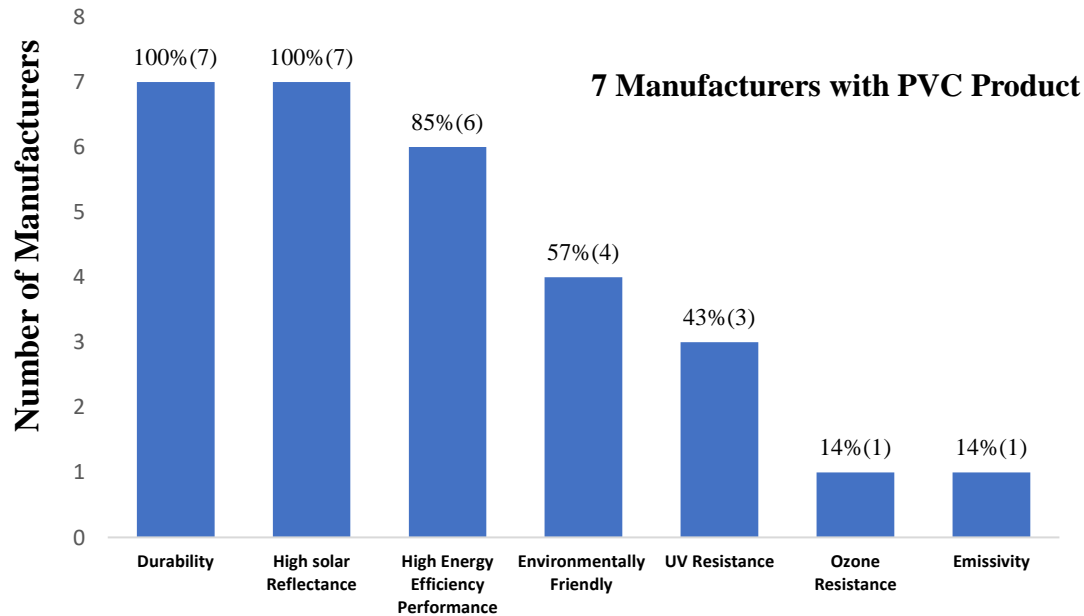
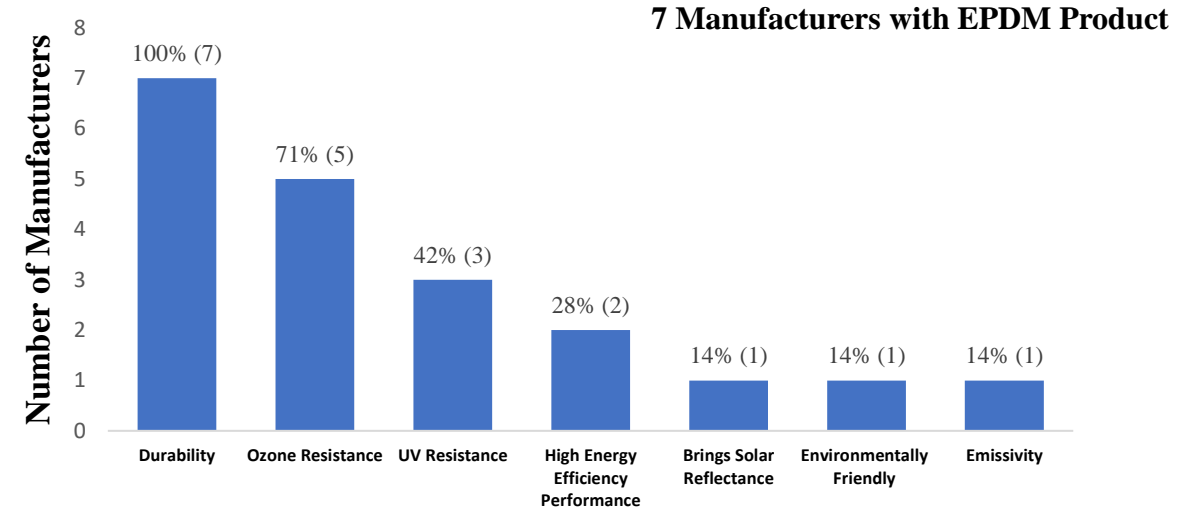
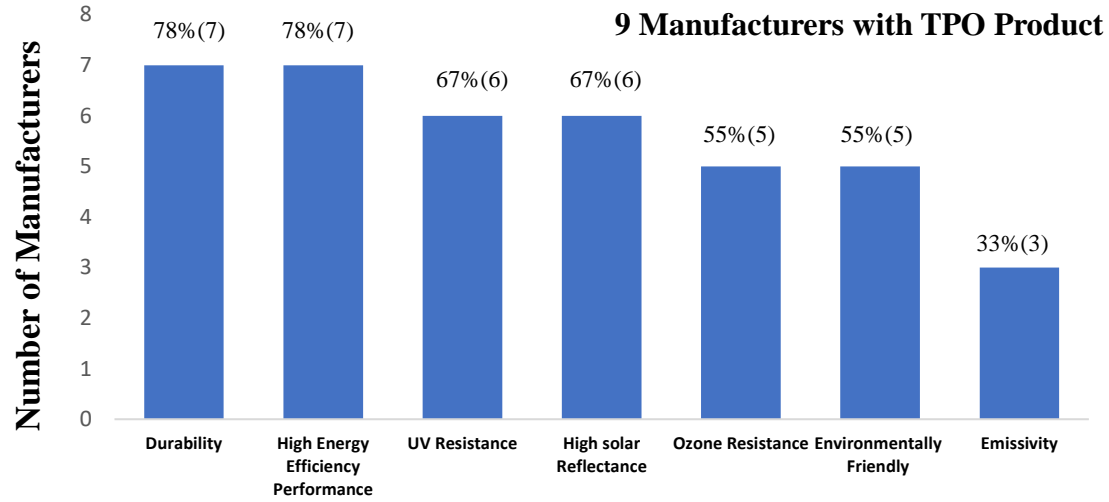
*For privacy, the name of manufacturers is not mentioned



Claims used by 17 Manufacturers

Claim	TPO	PVC	EPDM	Bituminous
UV Resistance	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ozone Resistance	✓	✓	✓	✗
Durability	✓	✓	✓	✓
High Energy Efficiency Performance	✓	✓	✓	✓
High Solar Reflectance	✓	✓	✓	✓
Emissivity	✓	✓	✓	✗
Environmentally Friendly	✓	✓	✓	✗

Manufacturers Claims by Roof Type



Claims based on Standards/Certifications

Standards	UV Resistance	Ozone Resistance	Durability	High Energy Efficiency Performance	High Solar Reflectance	Emissivity	Environmentally Friendly
CRRC	×	×	×	×	✓	✓	×
Energy Star	×	×	×	✓	✓	×	×
California Title 24	×	×	×	✓	✓	✓	×
LEED	×	×	×	✓	✓	×	✓
ISO 9001:2015	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×
ASTM D4601	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×
ASTM D2178	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×
FM Standard 4470.	×	×	✓	×	✓	×	×
ASTM D 622	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×
ASTM D 6164	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×
ASTM D570	×	×	×	×	×	×	×
ASTM G154	✓	×	✓	×	×	×	×
ASTM C1549	×	×	×	×	✓	×	×
ASTM C1371	×	×	×	×	×	✓	×
ASTM D4434	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×
ASTM D4637	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×
ASTM D6878	×	×	✓	×	×	×	×

Standards used by different roof types

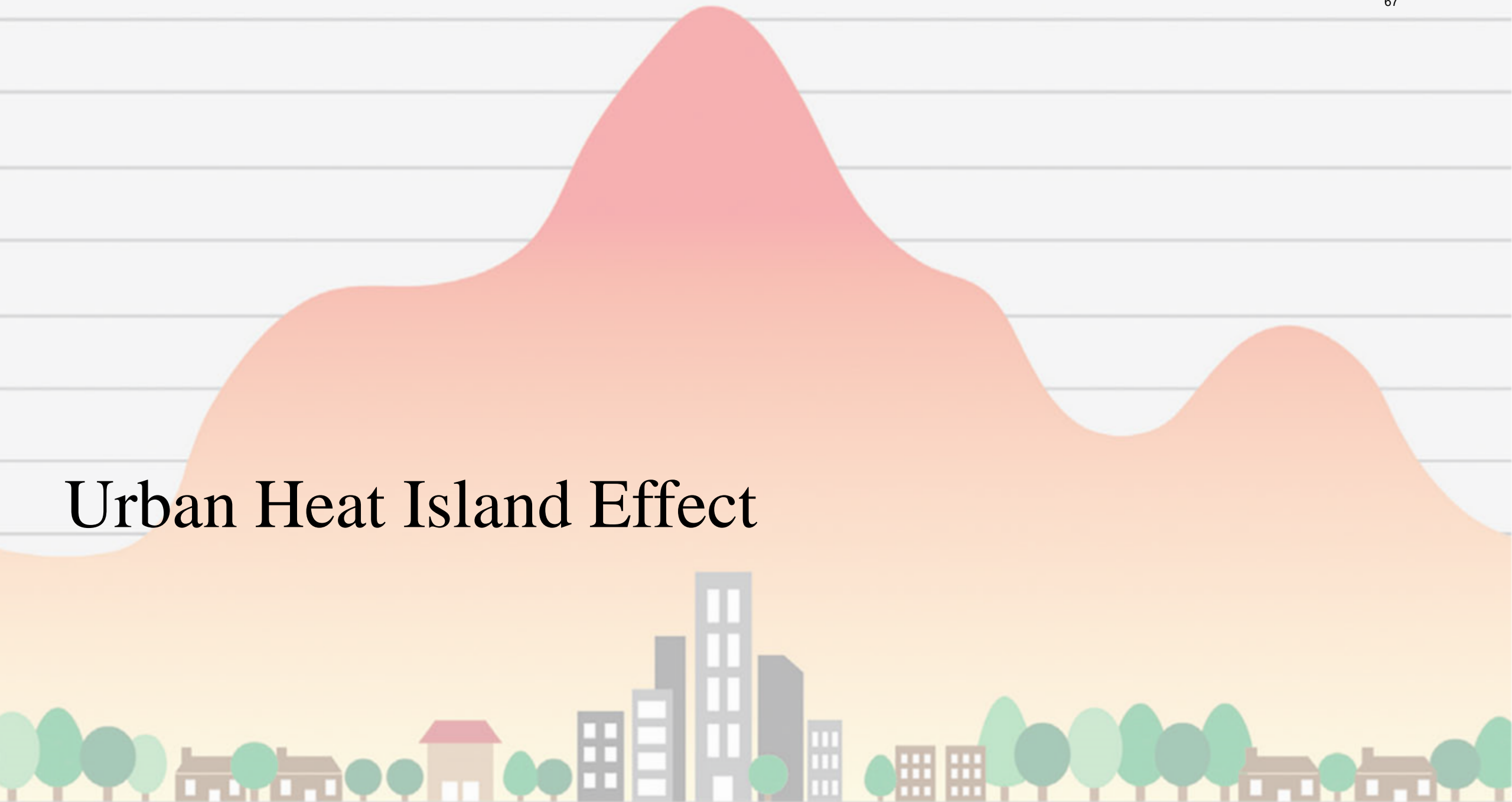
Standards	TPO	PVC	EPDM	Bituminous Roof	Definition
CRRC	✓	✓	×	×	Solar Reflectance and Emissivity
Energy Star	✓	✓	×	×	Energy Efficiency, Solar Reflectance And Emissivity
California Title 24	✓	✓	×	×	Energy Efficiency, Solar Reflectance And Emissivity
LEED	✓	✓	×	×	Energy Efficiency And Emissivity, Environmentally Friendly
ISO 9001:2015	×	×	×	✓	Effective Application Of The Roofing System
ASTM D4601	×	×	×	✓	Crack Resistant
ASTM D2178	×	×	×	✓	Waterproofing
FM Standard 4470	×	×	×	✓	Water-leakage, Corrosion Of Metal Parts
ASTM D 622	×	×	×	✓	Waterproofing
ASTM D 6164	×	×	×	✓	Waterproofing (Ultimate Elongation, Tear Strength, Low Temperature Flexibility, And Dimensional Stability)
ASTM D570	×	✓	×	×	Water Absorption Of Plastic
ASTM G154	×	✓	×	×	UV Resistance Test
ASTM C1549	×	×	✓	×	Solar Reflectance
ASTM C1371	×	×	✓	×	Emissivity
ASTM D4434	×	✓	×	×	Fire Resistance And, Wind Uplift Resistance
ASTM D4637	×	×	✓	×	Tensile Strength
ASTM D6878	✓	×	×	×	Weather Exposure (Only For TPO)

Standards used to support claims by roof types

Standards	Claims	TPO	PVC	Bituminous Roof	EPDM
CRRC	High Solar Reflectance	✓	✓	×	×
	Emissivity	✓	✓	×	×
Energy Star	High Energy Efficiency Performance,	✓	✓	×	×
	Emissivity	✓	×	×	×
	High Solar Reflectance	✓	✓	×	×
California Title 24	High Energy Efficiency Performance,	✓	✓	×	×
	High Solar Reflectance	✓	✓	×	×
	Emissivity	✓	✓	×	×
LEED	High Energy Efficiency Performance,	×	×	×	×
	High Solar Reflectance	✓	×	×	×
	Environmentally Friendly	✓	✓	✓	✓
ASTM D570	Durability	×	✓	×	×
ISO 9001:2015	Durability	×	×	✓	×
ASTM D4601	Durability	×	×	✓	×
ASTM D2178	Durability	×	×	✓	×
FM Standard 4470.	Durability	×	×	✓	×
ASTM D 622	Durability	×	×	✓	×
ASTM D 6164	Durability	×	×	✓	×
ASTM G154	Durability	×	✓	×	×
ASTM C1549	Solar Reflectance (Ambient Temp)	×	×	×	✓
ASTM C1371	Emissivity	×	×	×	✓
ASTM D4434	Durability	×	✓	×	×
ASTM D4637	Durability	×	×	×	✓
ASTM D6878	Durability	✓	×	×	×

- Manufacturer's claims were primarily based on certification and standards (not relying on published studies)
- Some of the manufacturer's were not supported by any certification, standards and published studies
- High Solar Reflectance: One EPDM manufacturer, six TPO manufacturers, seven PVC manufacturers, four bituminous manufacturers. Each out of a total of seventeen manufacturers.
- Energy Efficiency: Claims could only be verified for seven TPO manufacturers, six PVC manufacturers, and two bituminous manufacturers. Each out of a total of seventeen manufacturers.
- There is no dedicated certification focused on sustainable measures for EPDM roofing????
- ASTM C1549 and ASTM C1371 standards were used for solar reflectance (ambient temp) and emissivity respectively for EPDM roofing

Urban Heat Island Effect



01

Identifying Studies

- Research Databases

02

Reviewing the studies

- Abstract
- Methodology
- Result

03

Finding data related to UHIE

- Real World/Simulation
- Used Software
- Location
- Albedo, Solar reflectance
- Duration of the Data Capturing

04

Effect on UHIE

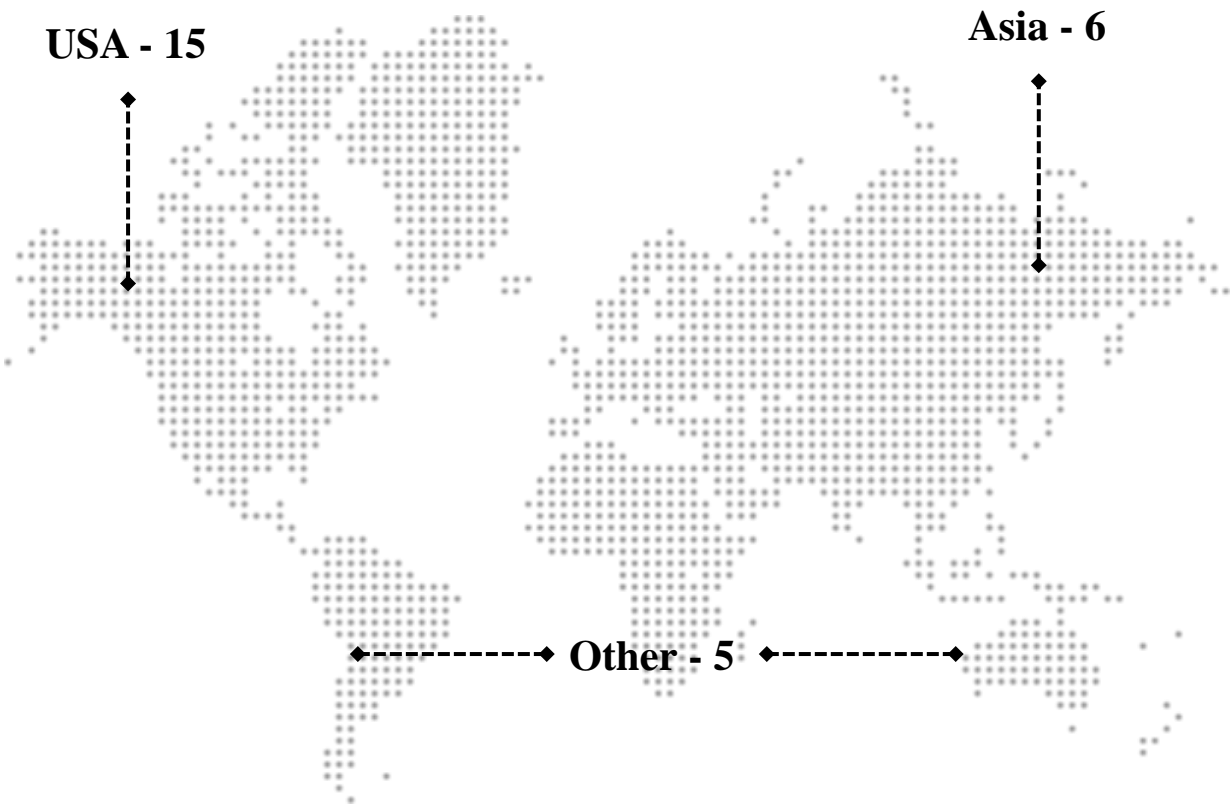
How cool roofs impact UHIE and How is the impact measured?

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Future Path

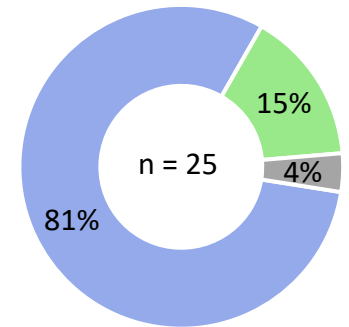
- UHIE is measured differently by different study

Urban Heat Island Effect – Area and Type of Studies



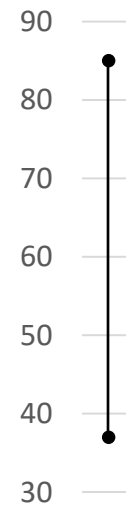
Total No. of Studies – 25
Simulation – 20
Real World – 4
Literature Review – 1

Types of Studies

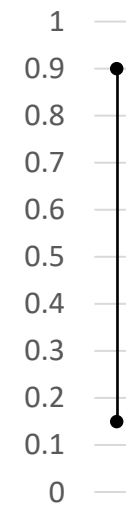


- Simulation
- Real World
- Literature Review

Reflectance range of roofs



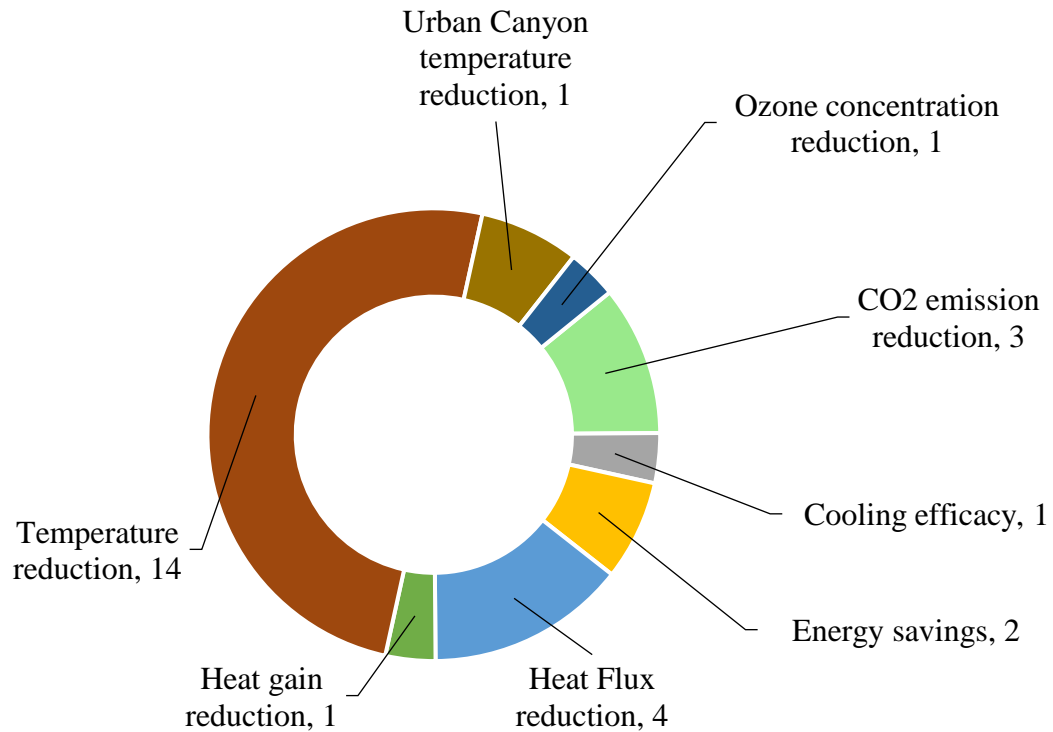
Albedo range of roofs



Simulation Software used

- DOE 2.1
- Energy Plus
- ENVI-met
- Trnsys
- U-HRLDAS
- WRF

- Cool Roof impact on UHIE is studied differently by different publications



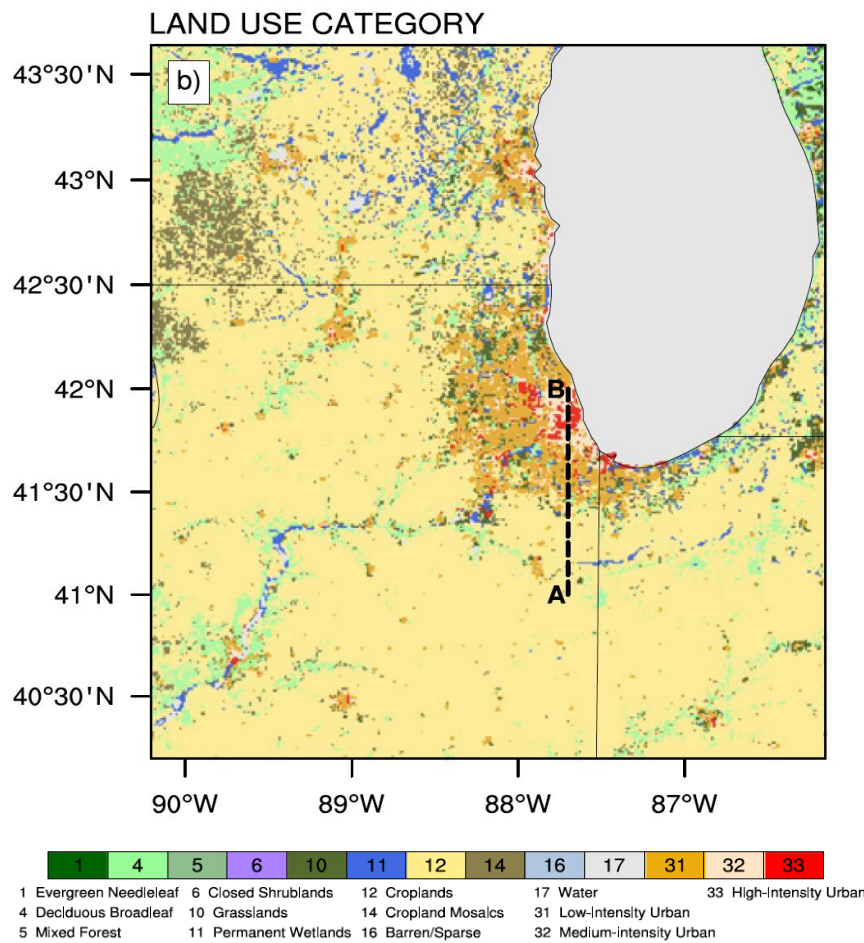
UHI Measuring Parameters

Parameters	Definition
Roof Surface Temperature (reduction)	Process of becoming cooler
Heat Flux (reduction)	The rate of heat energy that passes through a surface
Ozone concentration/pollution (reduction)	Ozone (O ₃) is a gas molecule composed of three oxygen atoms. Often called "smog," ozone is harmful to breathe. Ozone aggressively attacks lung tissue by reacting chemically with it
Annual energy savings	Savings in terms of energy efficiency
CO2 emissions	Mass of greenhouse gas or air pollutant emitted per unit energy supplied to the grid
Urban Canyon temperature	An urban canyon (also known as a street canyon) is a place where the street is flanked by buildings on both sides creating a canyon-like environment.

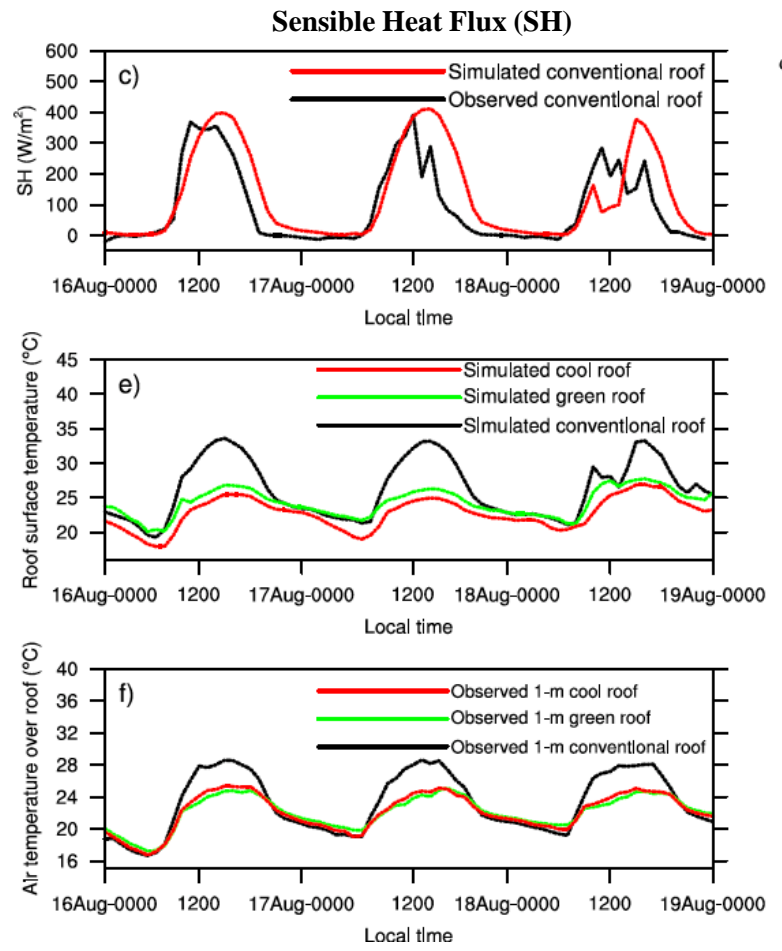
Green and cool roofs to mitigate urban heat island effects in the Chicago metropolitan area: Evaluation with a regional climate model (Methodology) – Sharma et. al, 2015

Roof Type	Modification
Conventional	Albedo = 0.2
Green Roof	green roof fraction 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1
Cool Roof	albedo = 0.85
Type of Study	Simulation - WRF
Location	Chicago
Duration	16-18 Aug 2013
UHI Effect	difference between urban and rural temperatures

Terms	Modification
Heat Flux	Flow of energy per unit of area per unit of time
Metropolitan Area	densely populated urban core
WRF model	numerical weather prediction system
Location	Chicago



❖ WRF Model Setup (Chicago Metropolitan Area)



❖ Comparison of simulated and observed study

- ❖ Conventional Roof has the highest Surface Temperature
- ❖ Cool roof has the lowest surface temperature

Green and cool roofs to mitigate urban heat island effects in the Chicago metropolitan area: Evaluation with a regional climate model (Result) - Sharma et. al, 2015

Findings/Limitation

Daytime Surface Temperature Reduction (Cool Roof)

7 – 8 C

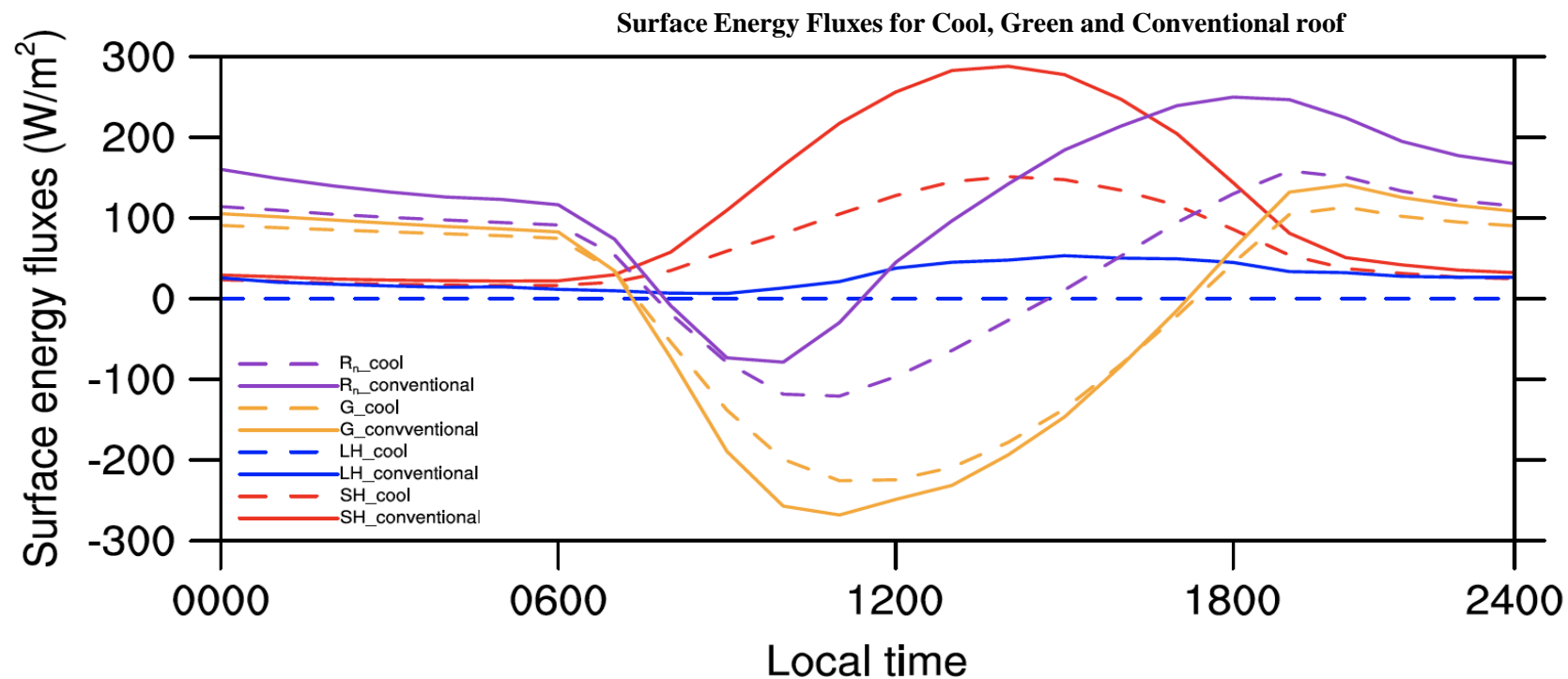
Heat Flux (Cool Roof)

150 (W/M2)

Horizontal Wind Speed Decreased (near-surface 10m)

Limitation

2 days data capturing, Summer, Simulation



- ❖ Cool Roof Net Radiation has been lower than conventional roof throughout the data capturing period
- ❖ Cool roof Storage Heat Flux has been lower than conventional Roof throughout the data capturing period

Modifications

Rn

The net radiation flux at the surfaces: the balance between incoming and outgoing energy at the top of the atmosphere

SH

Sensible Heat Flux: the transfer of heat caused by the difference in temperature between the sea and the air

LH

Latent Heat Flux: Flux of energy from the Earth's surface to the atmosphere

G

Storage Heat Flux: is the net uptake or release of energy (per unit area and time) by sensible heat changes in the urban canopy air layer, buildings, vegetation, and the ground

Roof Type	Modification
Conventional	Albedo=0.3
Green	green roof fraction 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 1
Cool	albedo=0.7
Cool	Fraction (10%, 20%, 50%, 30%, 70%, 100%)
Type of Study	Simulation - WRF
Location	Baltimore-Washington
Duration	7 - 10 June 2008

Increasing cool roof fractions can also reduce the surface and near-surface urban heat islands

e): changes in the surface urban heat island based on cool roof coverage fractions

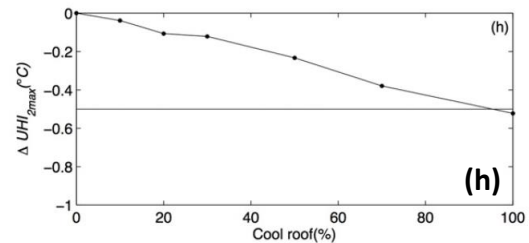
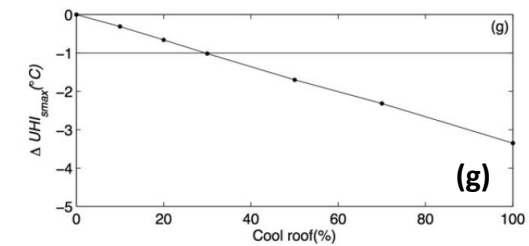
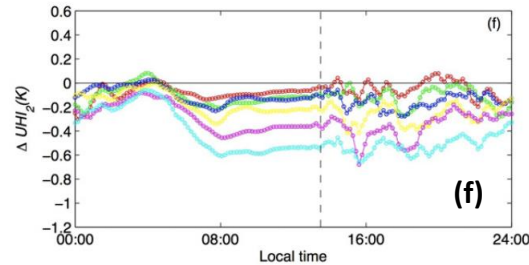
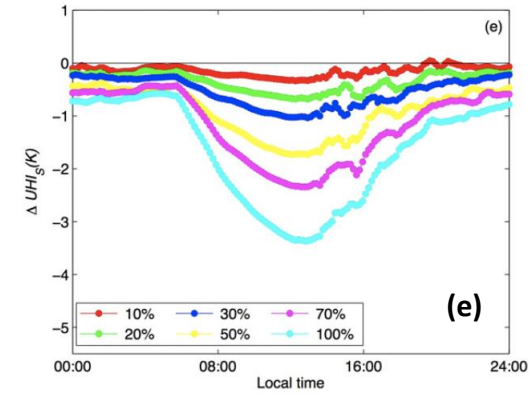
- increasing cool roof fractions can significantly reduce the daytime surface urban heat island (≈ 4 C), but in night (≈ 1 C)

f): change in near surface temperature (2m air temperature) reach their maxima

- Increasing cool roof fraction during daytime has more impact than nighttime

g, h): corresponding reductions in the surface and near-surface urban heat islands

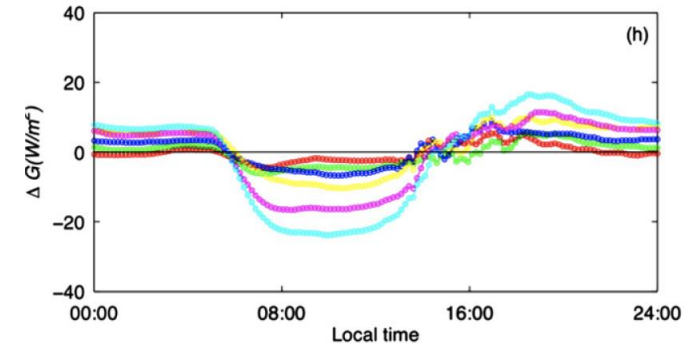
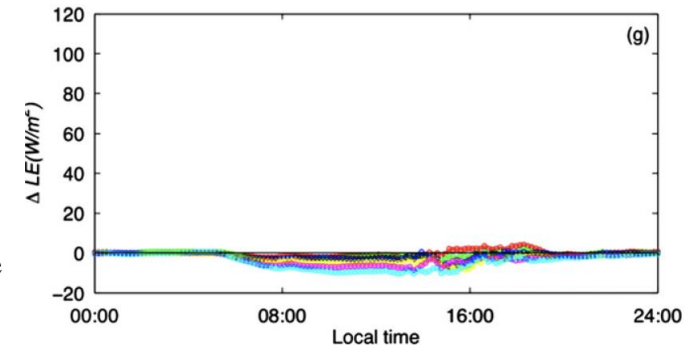
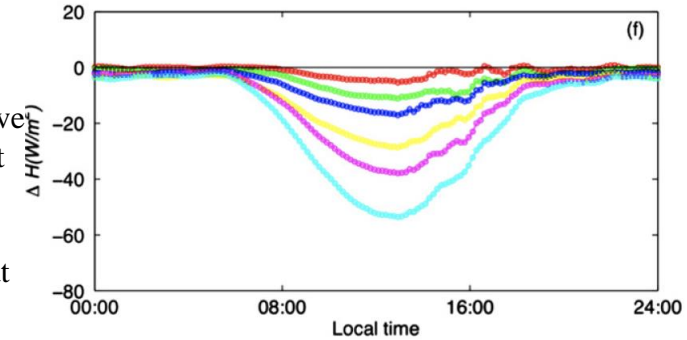
- approximately 95% cool roof coverage is needed in order to reduce the near-surface urban heat island by 0.5 °C



f): changes in the sensible heat flux
cool roof are equally effective in reducing the sensible heat flux

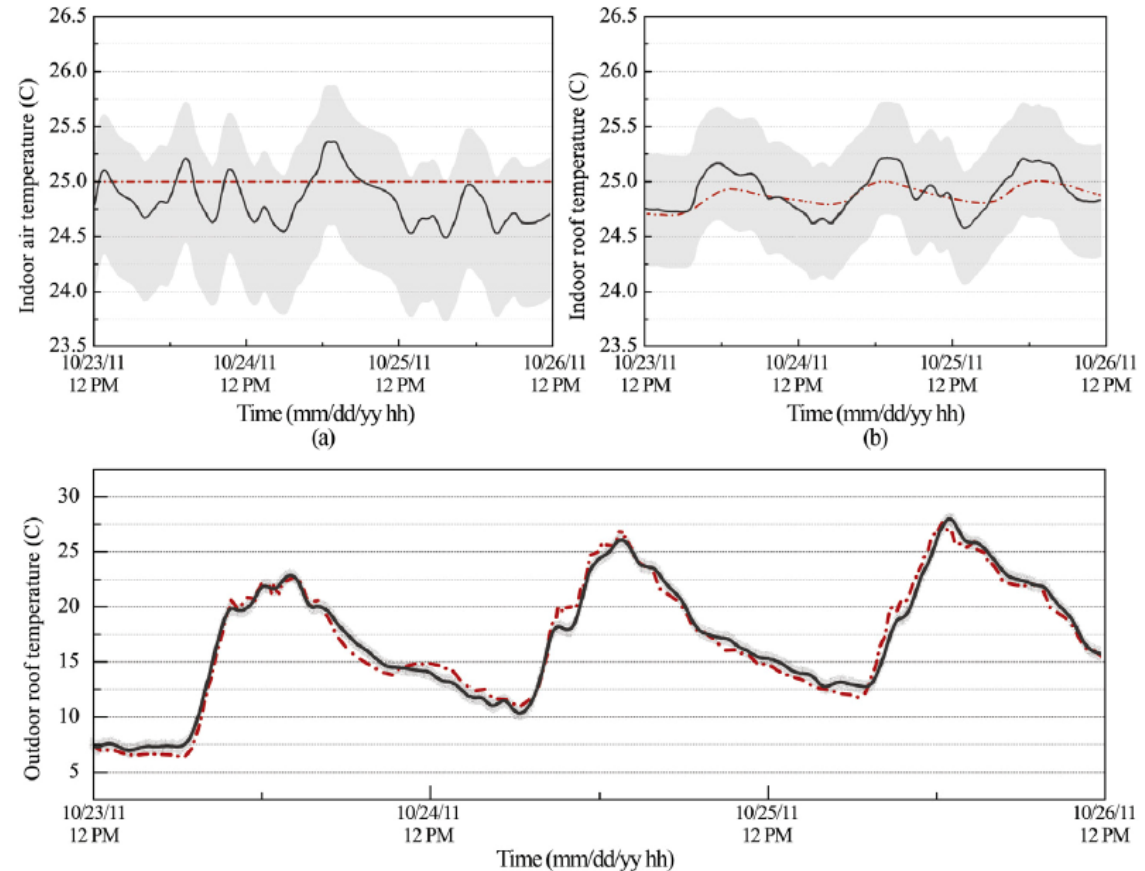
g): changes in the latent heat flux
the increase in cool roof fraction reduces the latent heat flux over the urban surface.

h): Change in heat storage decreases significantly during daytime as the cool roof fractions increases



Roof Type	Modification
Roof thickness	0.3 m
Cool Roof	Albedo = 0.55
Dark Roof	Albedo = 0.15
Thermochromic Roof Coating	albedo = 0.4
Type of Study	Experimental
Location	Laboratory

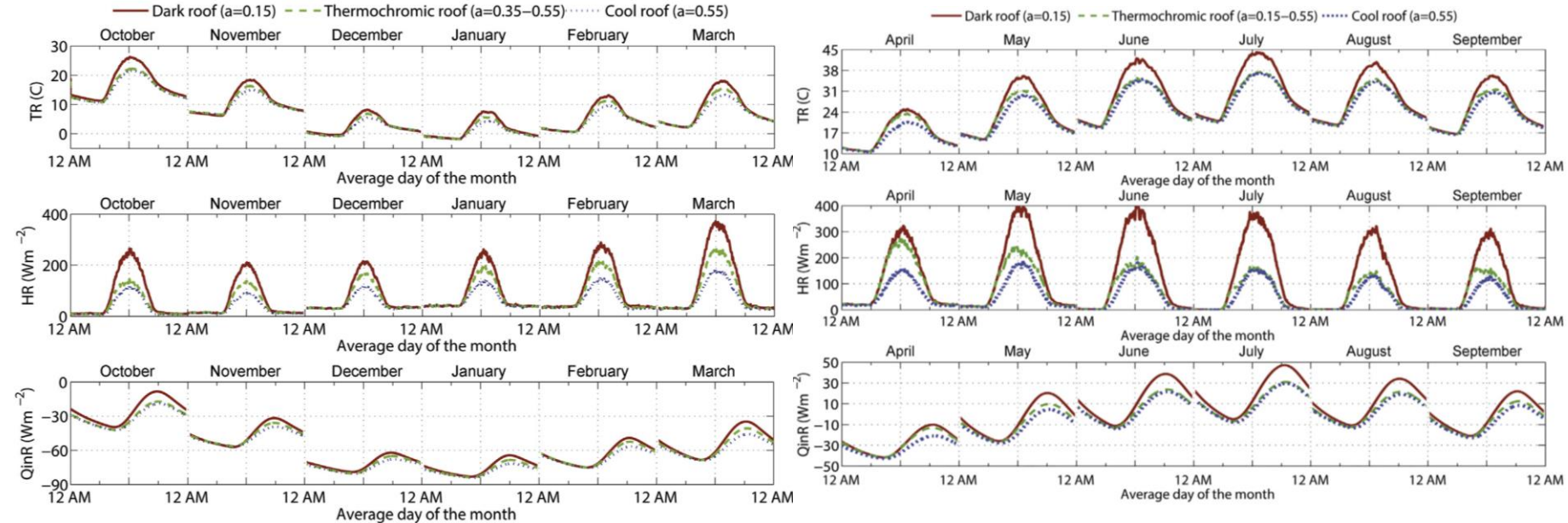
Terms	Modification
Heat Flux	Flow of energy per unit of area per unit of time
Metropolitan Area	densely populated urban core
WRF model	numerical weather prediction system
Location	Chicago



Comparison of simulated and the experimental temperature (October 23 - 26th 2011)

Adaptive measures for mitigating urban heat islands: The potential of thermochromic materials to control roofing energy balance – Fabiani et. al, 2019

Terms	Modification
Outward Heat Flux	Flow of energy per unit of area per unit of time
Inward Heat Flux	adding heat flux to the total flux across the selected boundaries
WRF model	numerical weather prediction system
Thermochromic material	thermochromic materials, i.e. parcels that respond to the surrounding environment by reversibly changing their optical properties as a function of temperature



Findings - Cold Season			
Roof	Average Roof temperature for a year	Average Outward Heat Flux for a year	Average Inward Heat Flux for a year
Thermochromic Roof Coating	12.8	180	-48
Dark Roof	14.6	261.6	-42.6
Cool Roof	11.3	101.6	-51.8

Findings - Warm Season			
Roof	Average Roof temperature for a year	Average Outward Heat Flux for a year	Average Inward Heat Flux for a year
Thermochromic Roof Coating	15.8	260	-40.6
Dark Roof	14.3	261.6	-40.5
Cool Roof	10.6	123.3	- 50.6

*Cool roof always presents the lowest surface temperature and heat fluxes (11.3 C and 101.6 W/m2)

Conclusions by Publications*

- UHI Mitigation Strategies are dependent on urban land use characteristics and meteorological conditions.
- Studies indicate that as the green and cool roof fractions increase, the surface and near-surface UHIs at the time when the surface and near-surface temperatures reach their maxima are reduced almost linearly.
- Increase in albedo is an effective way of reducing UHI.
- Cool roofs exhibit higher cooling efficacy in conditions of higher solar radiation, lower relative humidity, and less precipitation.
- Cool roofs can reduce the surface and near-surface UHIs when their performances are not hindered by dirt accumulation that reduces albedo (cool roofs).
- Keeping cool roof fraction constant and increasing albedo value could allow an additional reduction in the surface UHI.
- Citywide adoption of cool roofs could be a viable way to meaningfully offset the daytime UHI effect.
- Cool roofs change the surface energy balance by reducing solar radiation.

** Conclusions by observation and analysis require an in-depth data analysis through experimental/empirical study to validate results*

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