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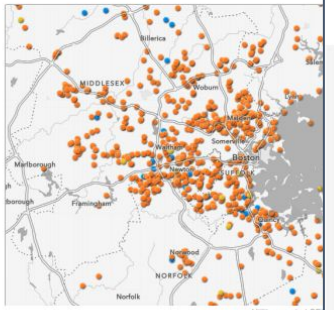
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# GEO MICRO DISTRICT

Feasibility Study



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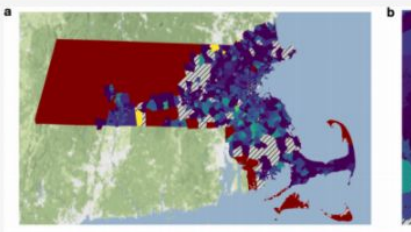


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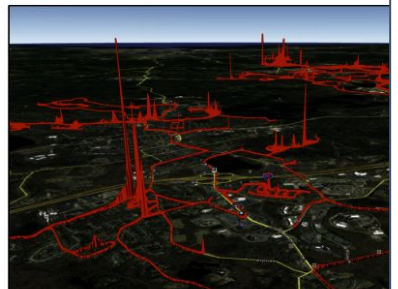
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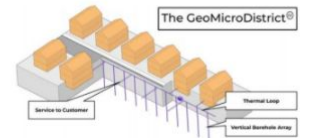
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 GeoMicroDistrict Pilot: Installation, Evaluation and Research  
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GeoMicroDistrict

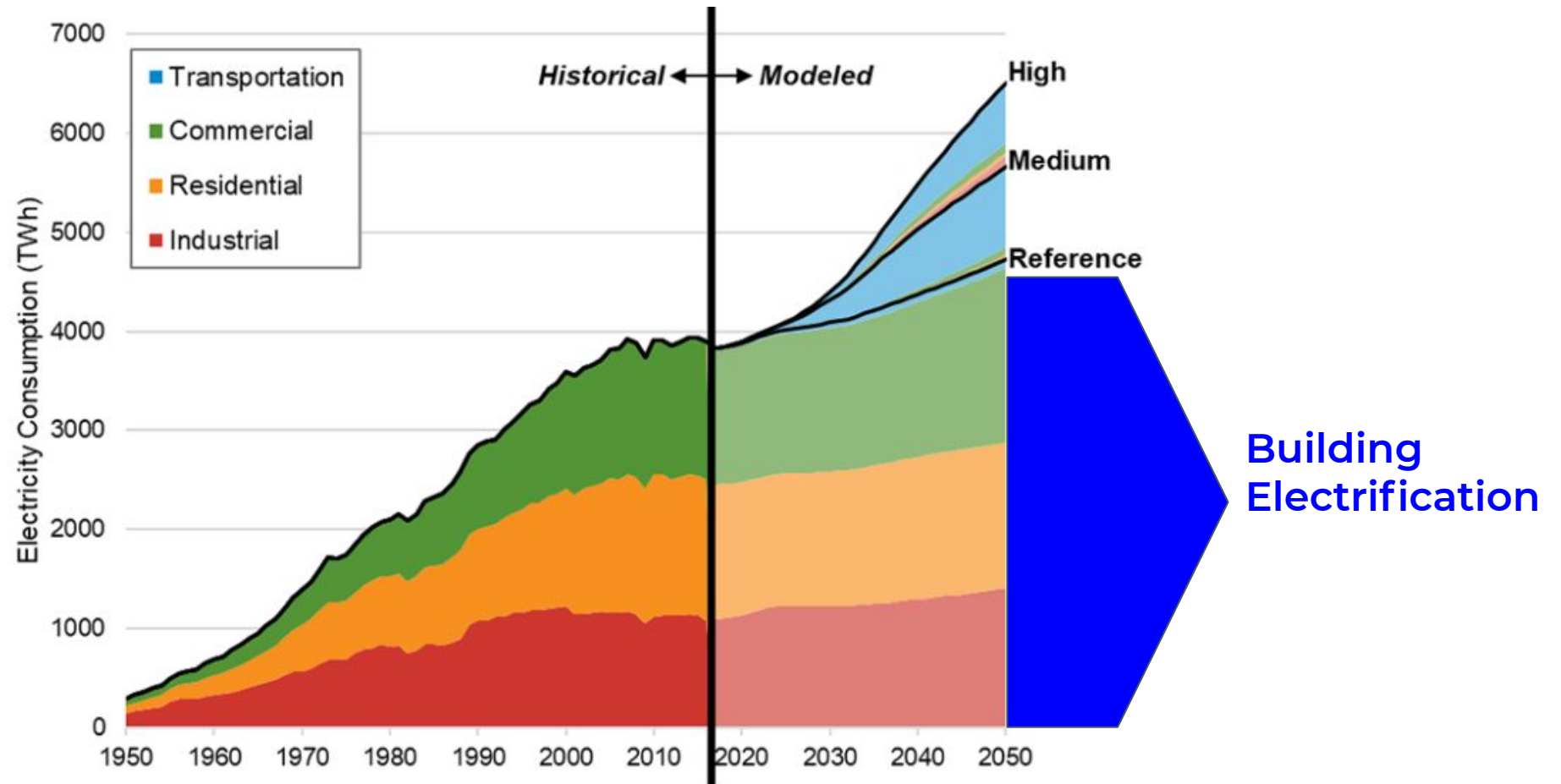
HEET is an award-winning Massachusetts nonprofit that developed the GeoMicroDistrict concept and that aims to achieve two goals over the three-year project period:

1. Evaluate the pilot GeoMicroDistrict capacity a) meet annual heating and cooling demands for an approximately 100,000 sf dense, mixed-energy-use street segment b) minimize energy use and costs through optimization and management of bidirectional borehole thermal energy storage c) positively interact with the electric grid to increase resilience and reduce overall cost.
2. Establish a standard method of GeoMicroDistrict research and evaluation to inform policy makers and utilities of significant engineering and economic considerations and impacts of GeoMicroDistricts. By driving down costs and risks, the aim is to develop a business case for utilities to install networked geothermal systems, driving rapid market transformation.

GeoMicroDistricts use bidirectional borehole thermal energy storage (BTES) as the prime source of thermal energy for buildings. A subsurface ambient temperature water loop, maintained at 40-80°F across seasons, delivers that temperature through service lines to buildings. The use of an ambient-loop



# Predicted Increase in US Electric Grid Demand



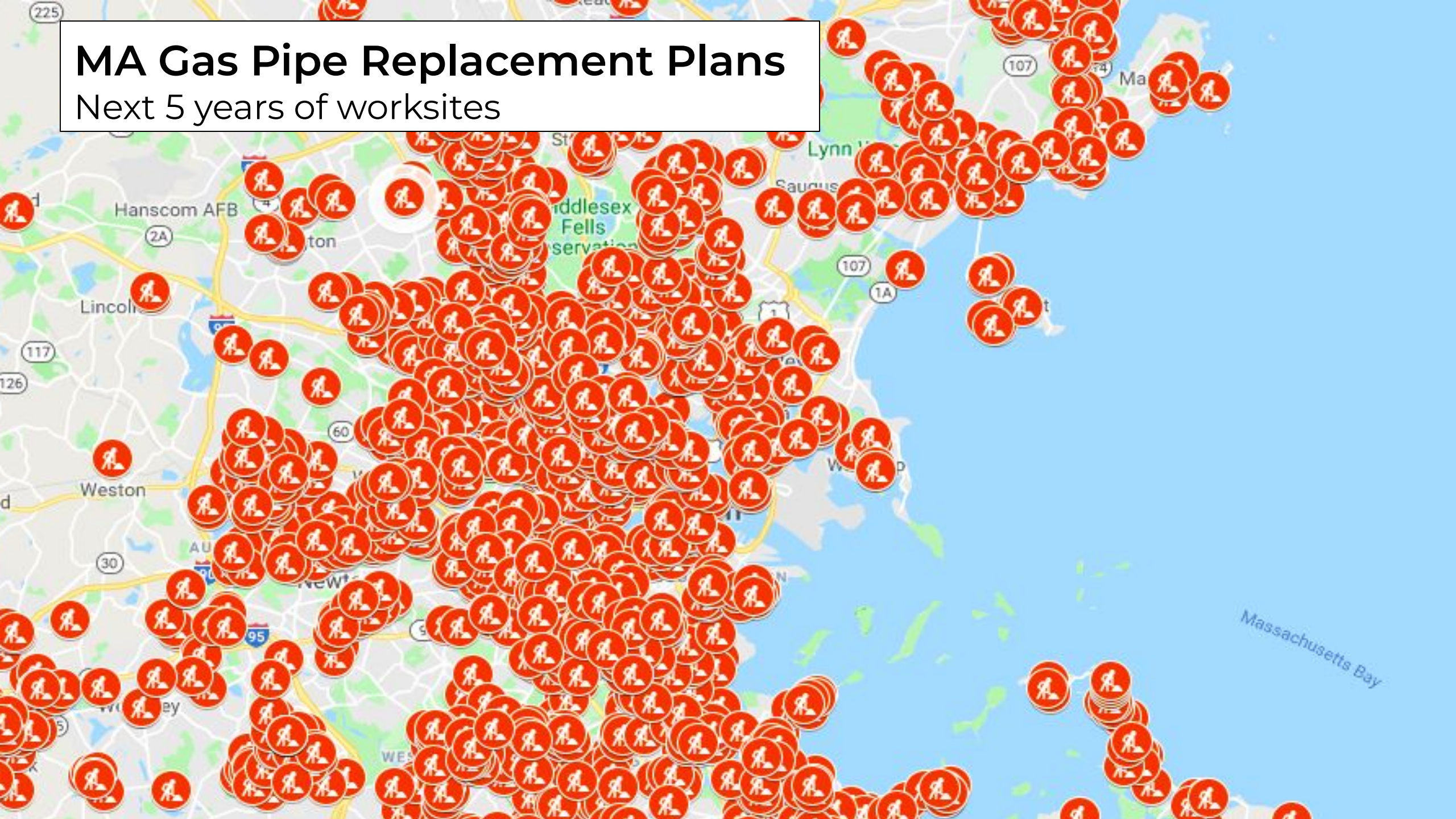
Historical and projected annual electricity consumption for the report's demand-side adoption scenarios

NREL [Electrification Futures Study: Scenarios of Electric Technology Adoption and Power Consumption for the United States](https://www.nrel.gov/news/program/2018/analysis-demand-side-electrification-futures.html), <https://www.nrel.gov/news/program/2018/analysis-demand-side-electrification-futures.html>



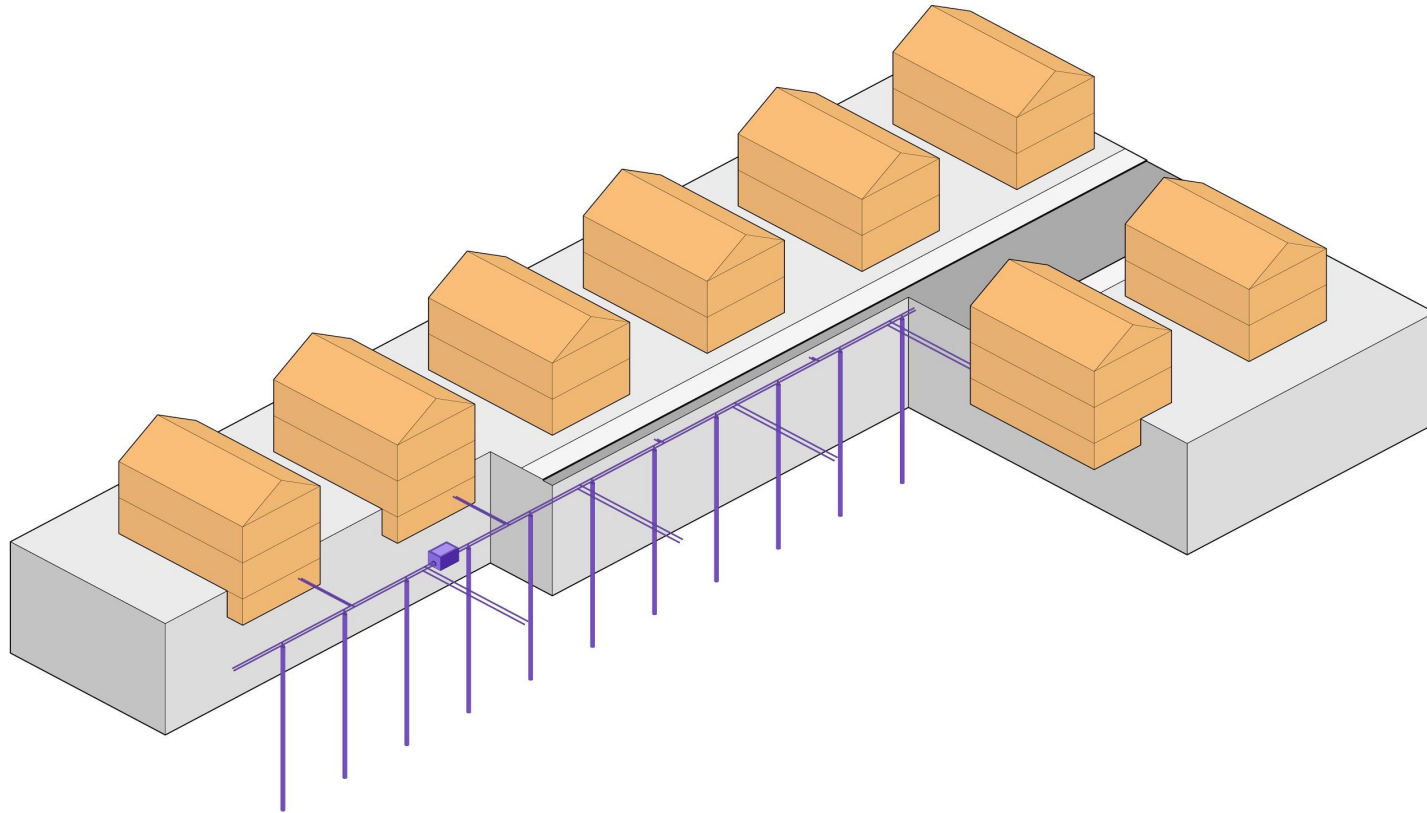
# MA Gas Pipe Replacement Plans

Next 5 years of worksites





# HEET's GeoBlock<sup>®</sup>



## Demonstration Installations (\$30 million)

- **Eversource:** Approved
- **Merrimack Valley:** Approved
- **National Grid:** Filed
- **Con Edison:** Approved
- **NYSERDA:** Committed
- **Niagara-Mohawk:** Filed



Regarding Grid Modernization, to achieve Washington D.C.'s Carbon & Equity goals, the most critical obstacle is

# We Need a Databased Transition Plan



**Air Source  
Heat Pumps?**



**Renewable  
Natural Gas?**

**GeoGrid?**