



**Is your Refrigerator Running?  
Load shapes for (mostly) Appliances  
and other fun facts as measured in  
RBSA Metering**

**Data not Dogma, July 2014**

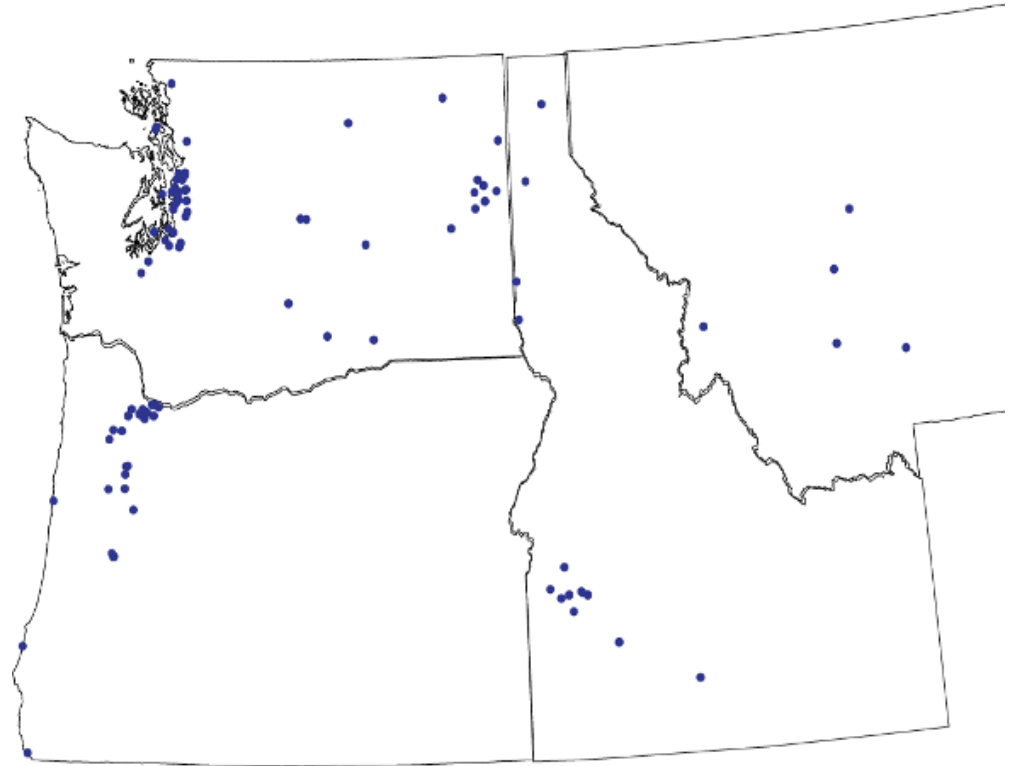
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# RBSA Metering Background

- 104 sites
- 5-minute intervals
- 2+ years
- End-uses
  - HAC
  - DHW
  - Appliances
  - Lights
  - Consumer electronics



# More RBSA Background

- First comprehensive end use metering studying since ELCAP (which is now nearly 30 years old)
- RBSA Metering is scheduled to end on September 30, 2014.
  - We will have collected ~1/4 of the end use load information the region needs by then.
  - <http://rtf.nwcouncil.org/subcommittees/enduseload/RTF%20Executive%20Summary%2030%20SEP%202012%20v04-1.docx>



REGAL  
**CLEANERS**  
SPECIAL  
PANTS ONLY  
BOY CLEAN

1250 CALORIES **CHOOSE LESS.** 680 CALORIES

M&M'S  
MISSISSIPPI HOME  
**SOUL FOOD**



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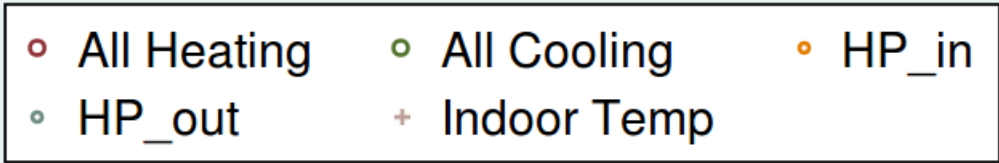
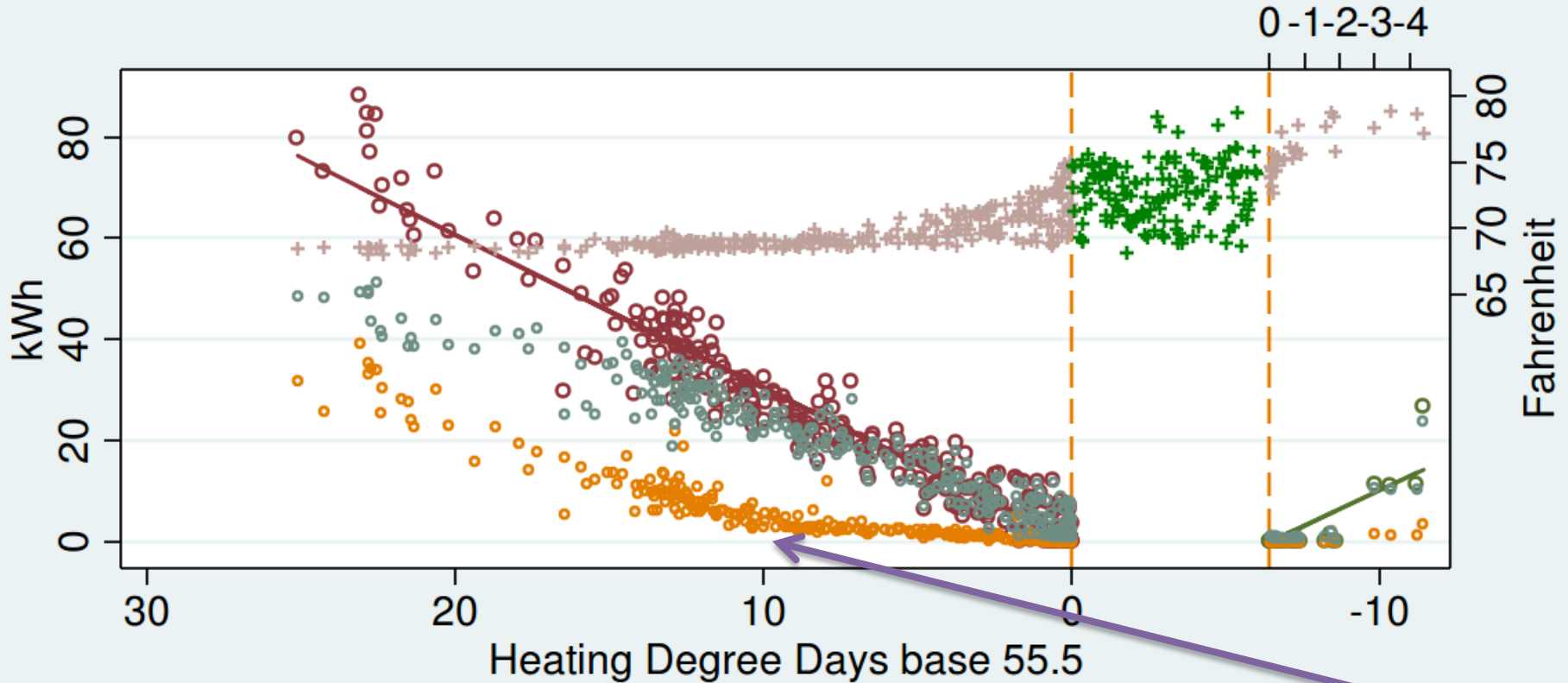
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THANK YOU

# Findings: Heat Pumps

# Site 14508, Daily HVAC Load

Puyallup, WA, 3507 sq ft, 01apr2012 to 01apr2013

Cooling Deg Days base 75.0

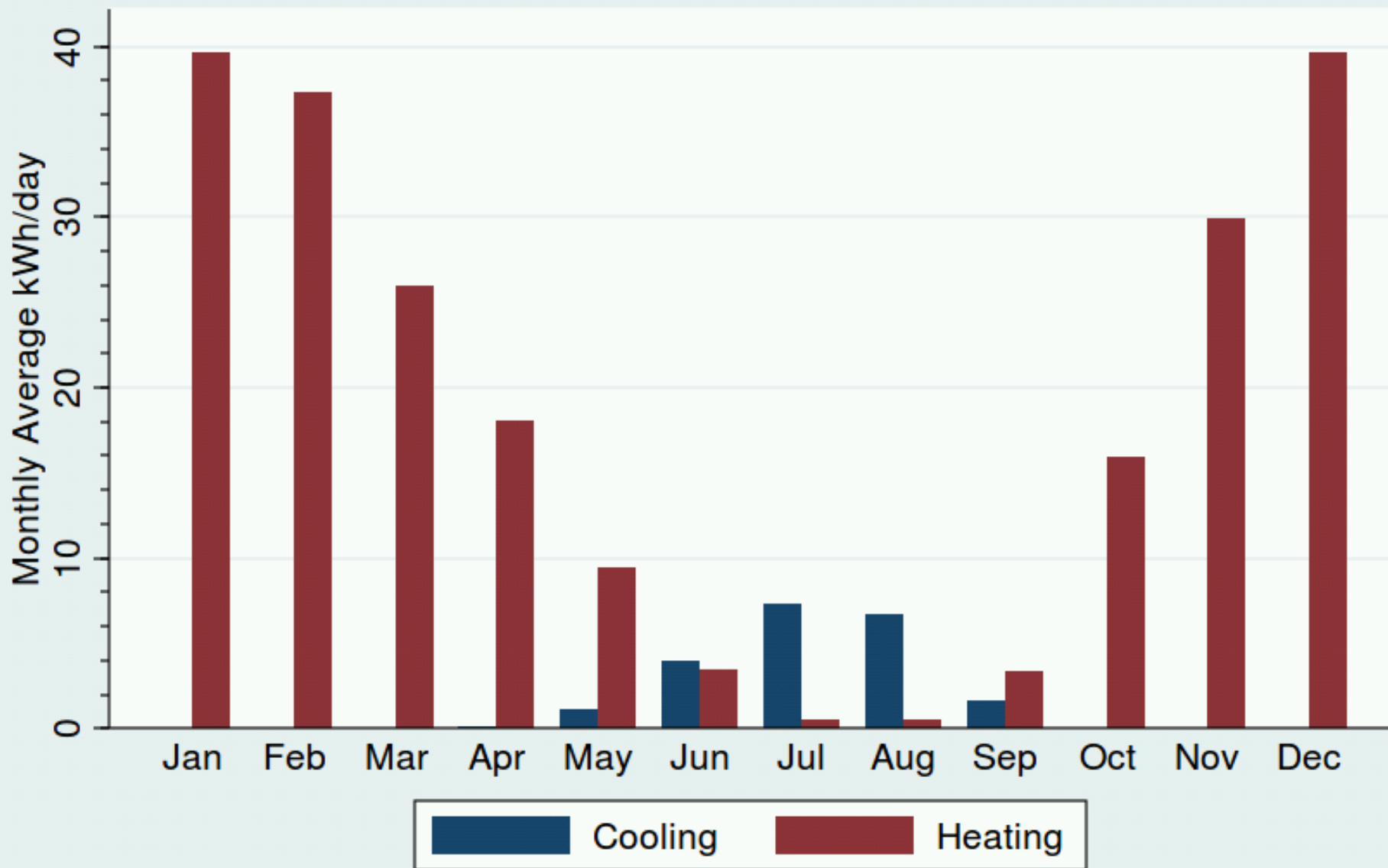


Resistance starts being used at 45F OAT ☹️

Heating slope 3.1 kWh/Degree Day; Cooling slope 3.3 kWh/Degree Day  
Heating Degree Days 2122; Cooling Degree Days 29

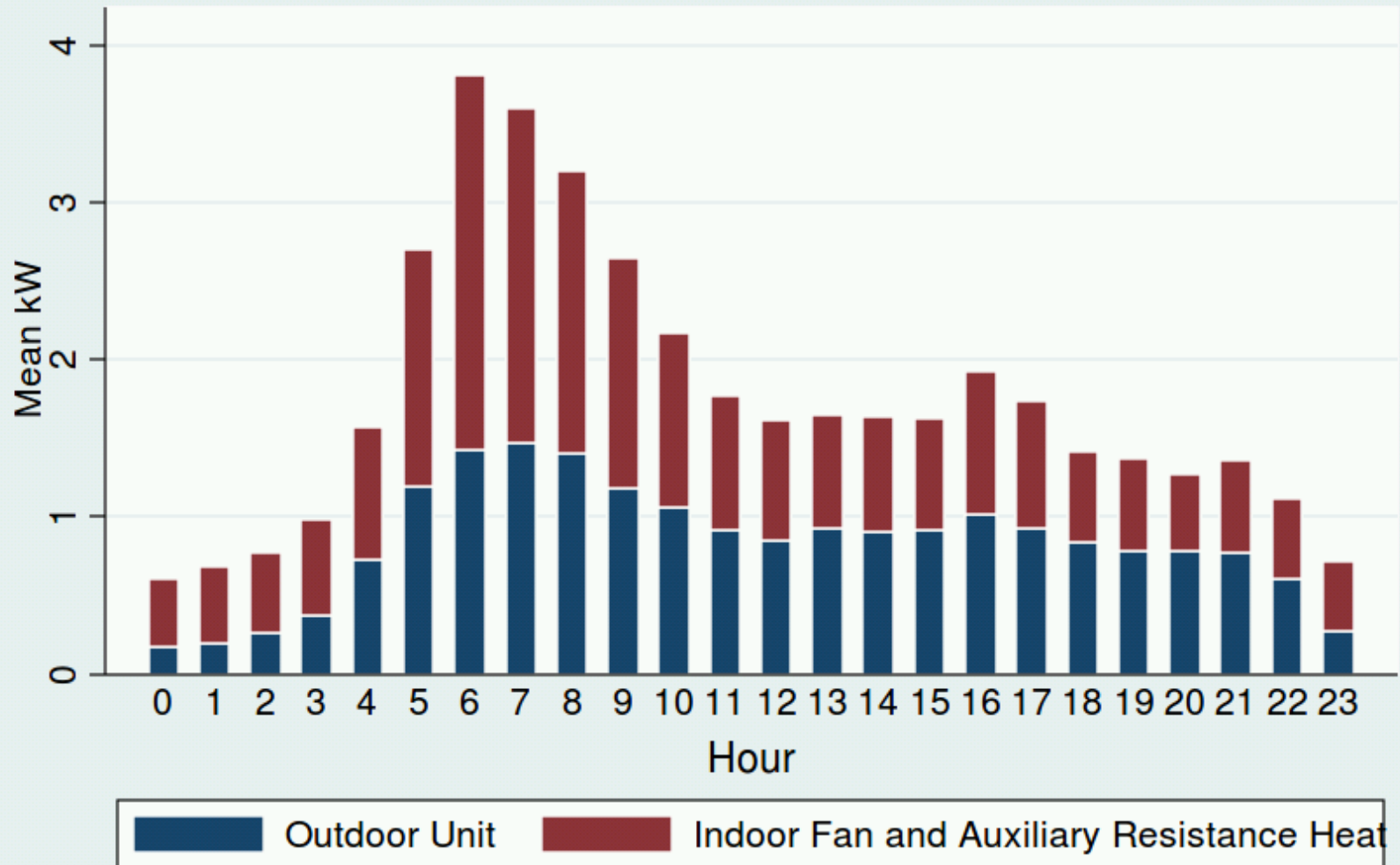
# Heat Pump Monthly Load Shape

Based on 8C/10H units



# Heat Pump January 2013 Load Shape

10 sites



- Heat pumps still have a long way to go
- Go ductless???



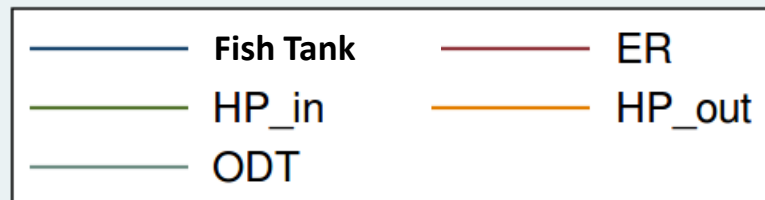
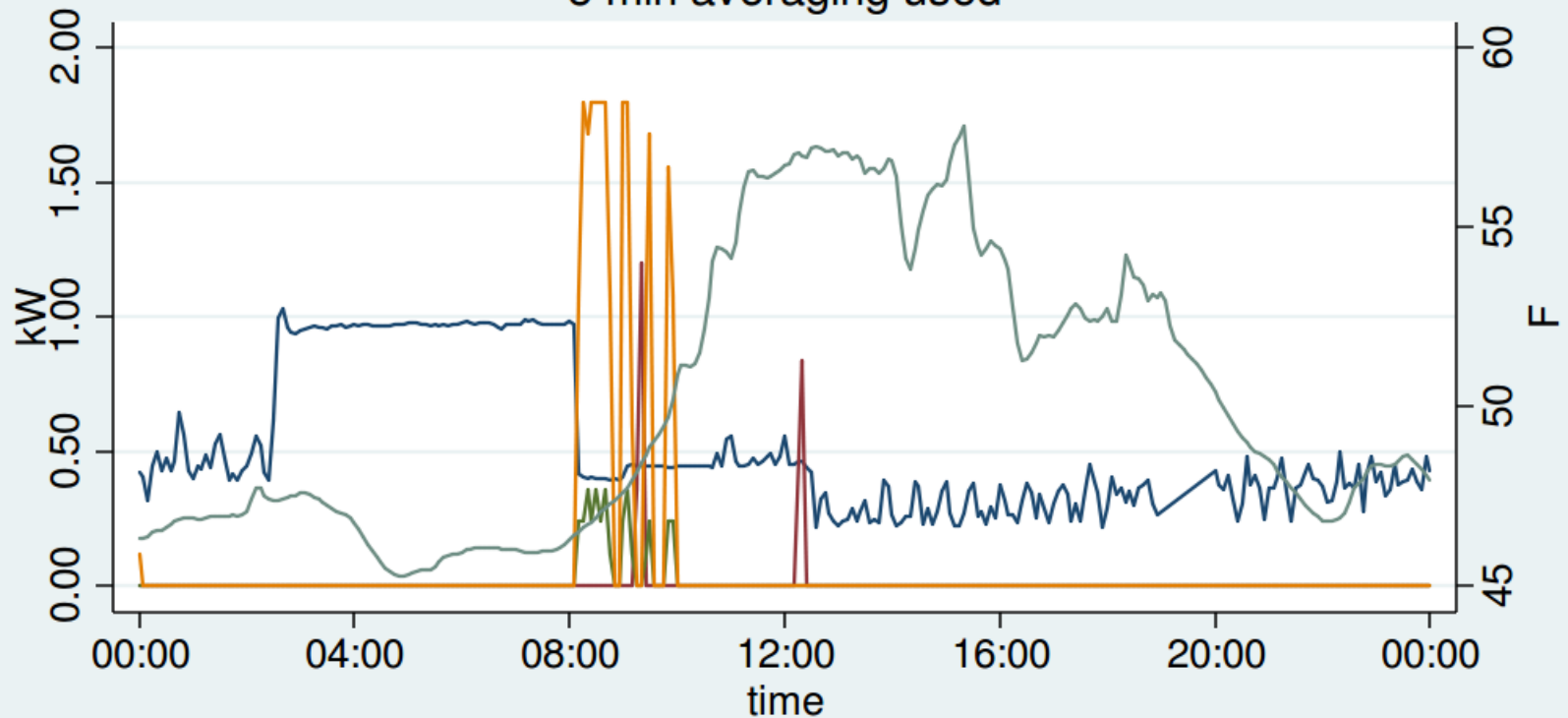
# We've Got One...

- Nissan Leaf: 10.25 kWh/day = 3,741 kWh/yr
- Wine cooler: 0.38 kWh/day = 139 kWh/yr
- Fish tank: 12.8 kWh/day = 4,672 kWh/yr
  - 78°F, 60 gallon, tropical reef:
    - pumps, skimmer, lights, fans, heater

# Fish Tank

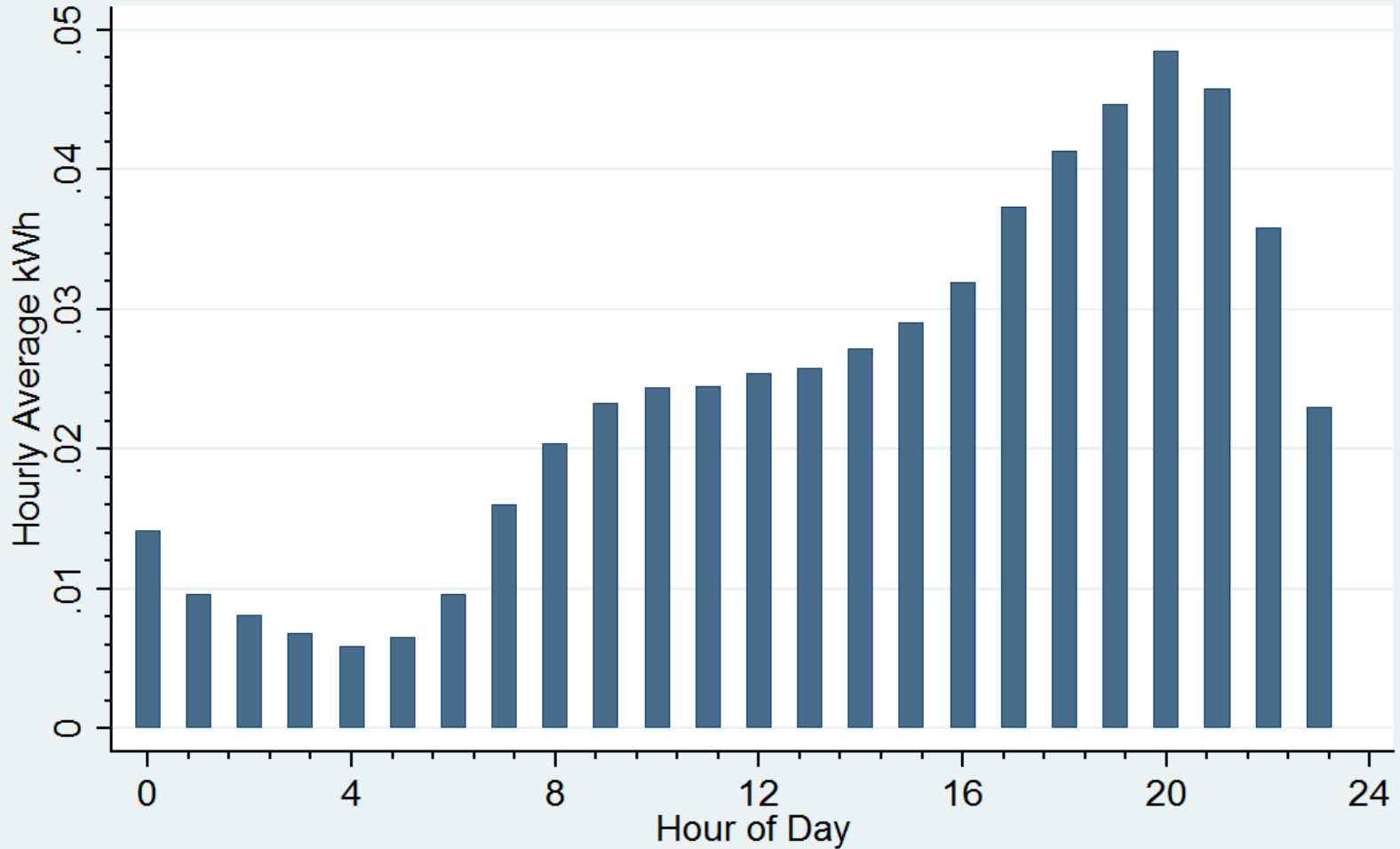
Load over 24 hours starting from March 10, 2012 00:00

site 14646 Eugene, OR  
5 min averaging used



# Findings: TVs – Nielsen is Right

Television Hourly Load Shape  
Based on 158 units



# Findings: Appliances

- Near census achieved in appliance metering (excluded gas dryers and ranges)

Appliance	Number of appliances		
	On site	Metered	Viable data
Clothes Washer	103	102	97
Clothes Dryer	103	99	93
Dishwasher	93	64	58
Freezer	60	52	46
Range (Electric or Gas)	103	71	63
Refrigerator	133	131	120

# Appliance Energy Use

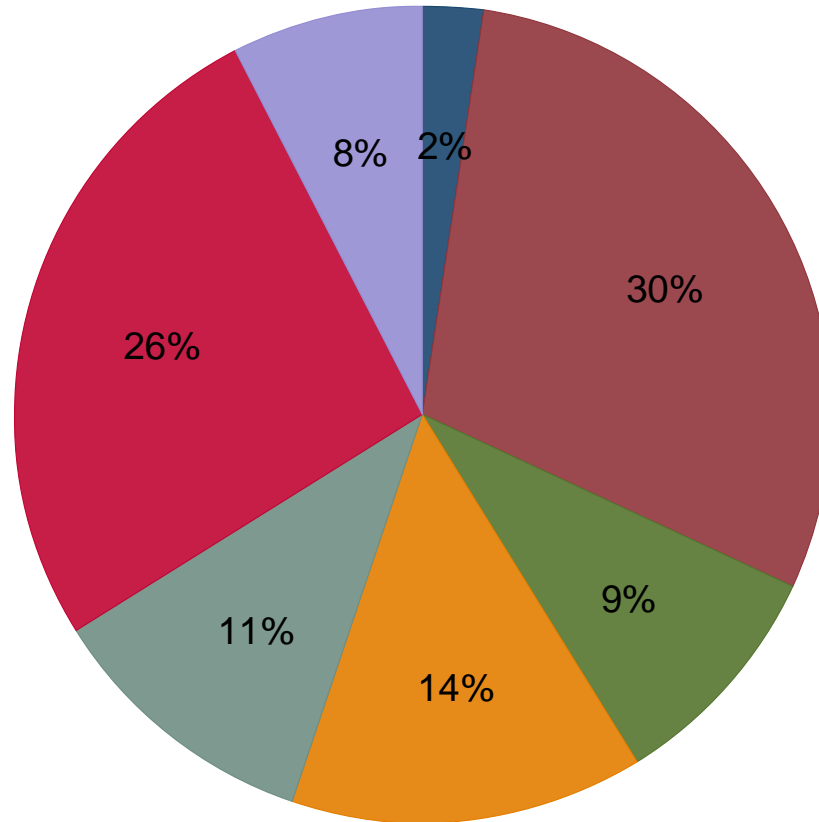
Appliance	Energy Use per Appliance	RBSA Single-Family Survey	Energy Use per House	Percent of Total Energy
	kWh/yr	Saturation	kWh/yr	%
Clothes Washer	55	0.99	54	2%
Clothes Dryer	725	0.94	679	30%
Dishwasher	239	0.89	213	9%
Freezer	609	0.53	323	14%
Electric Range	314	0.80	251	11%
Refrigerator (primary)	604	1.00	604	26%
Refrigerator (secondary)	600	0.29	174	8%
Overall	na	na	2,298	100%

Approximately 5% of all houses have gas-fueled dryers. The table reports on electricity only.

Seventy-five percent of houses have electric ranges and 85% have electric ovens. The table assumes a combined effective saturation of 80%.

# Average House Appliance Energy Distribution

2298 Total Annual kWh



Clothes Washer



Dish Washer



Electric Range



Secondary Refrigerator



Dryer

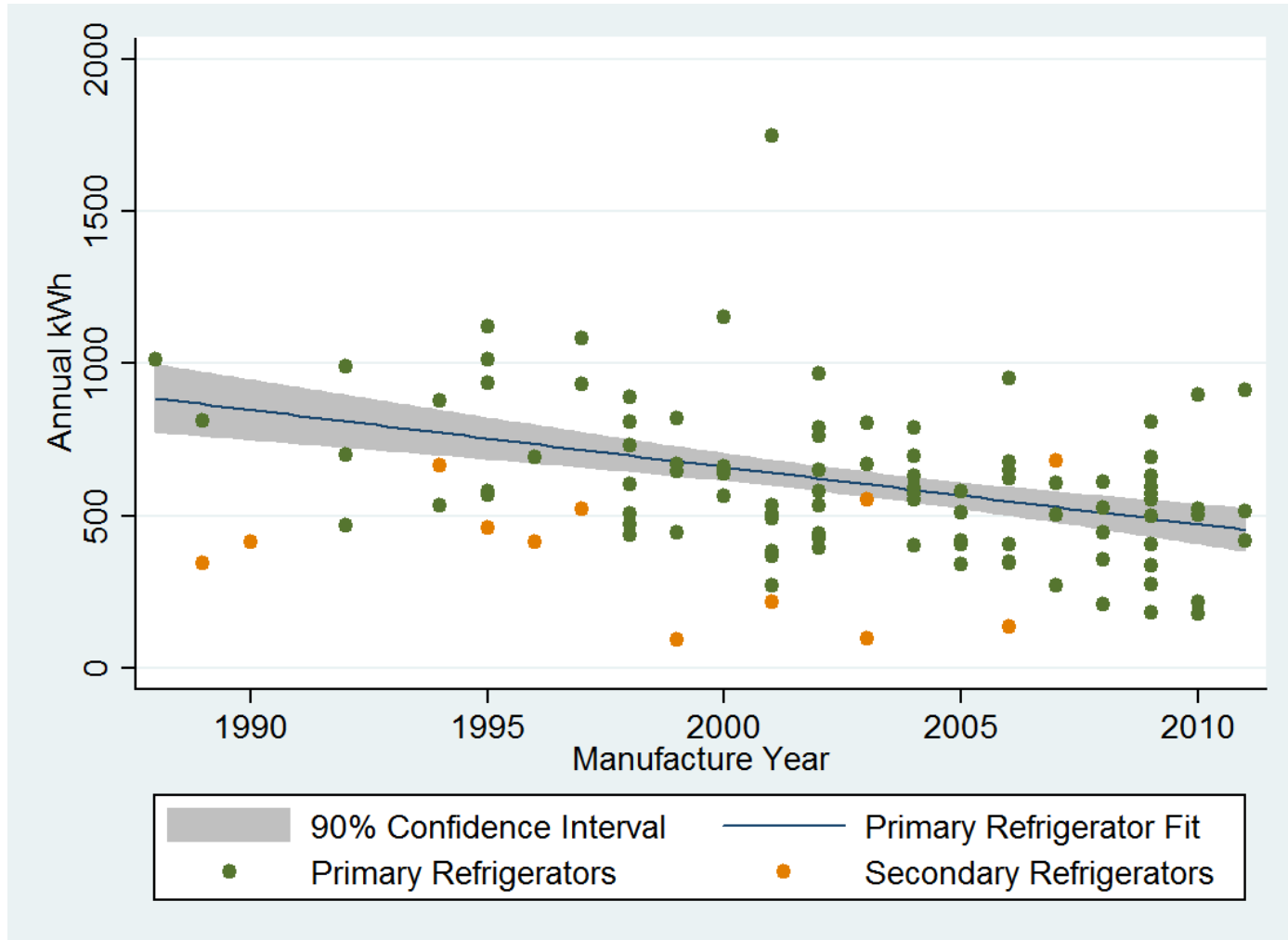


Freezer



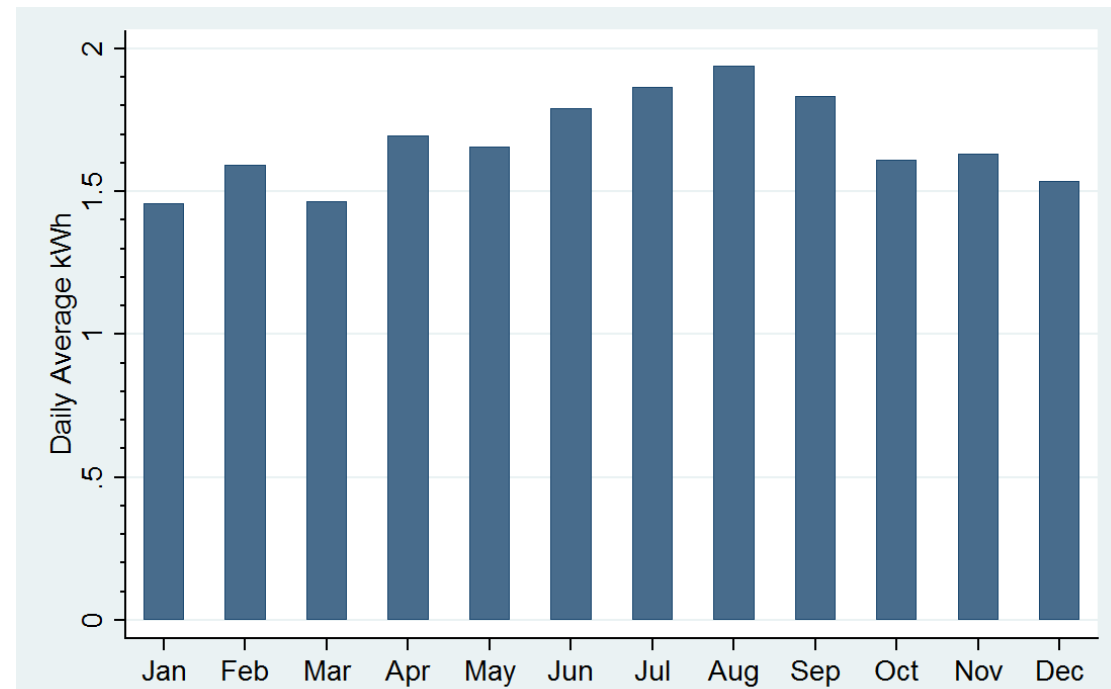
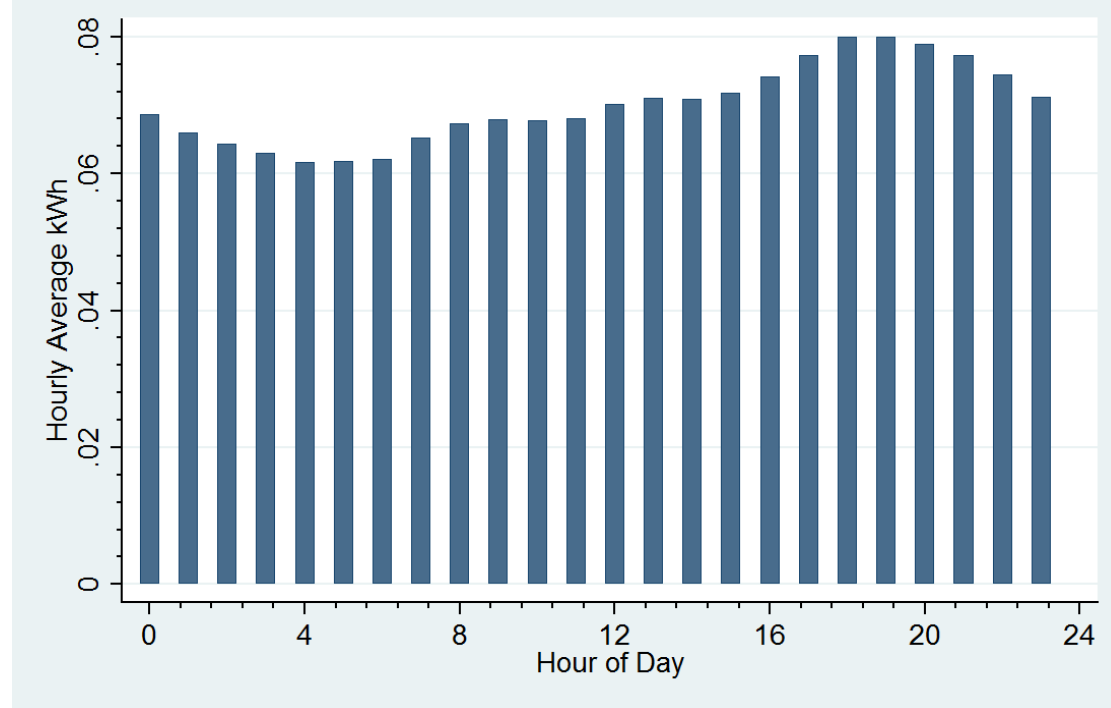
Primary Refrigerator

# Refrigerator Annual kWh through the Years



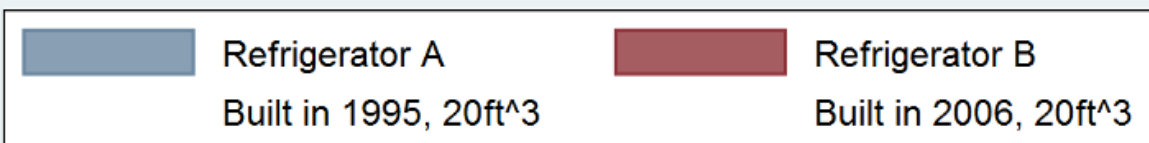
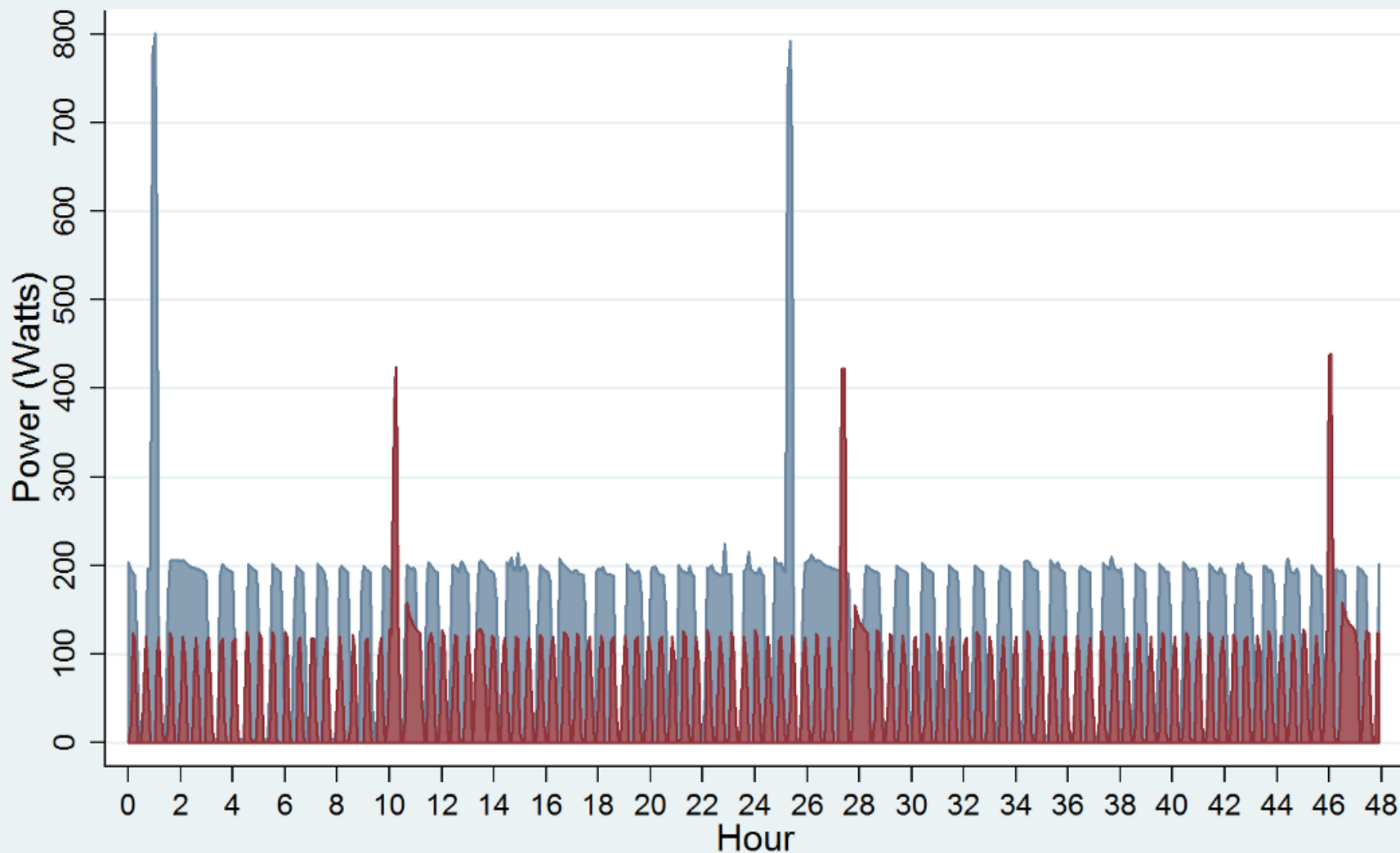
- Decline of 13.5 kWh/yr
- Fit conducted only on primary refrigerators

- Hourly and monthly load shapes for primary refrigerators



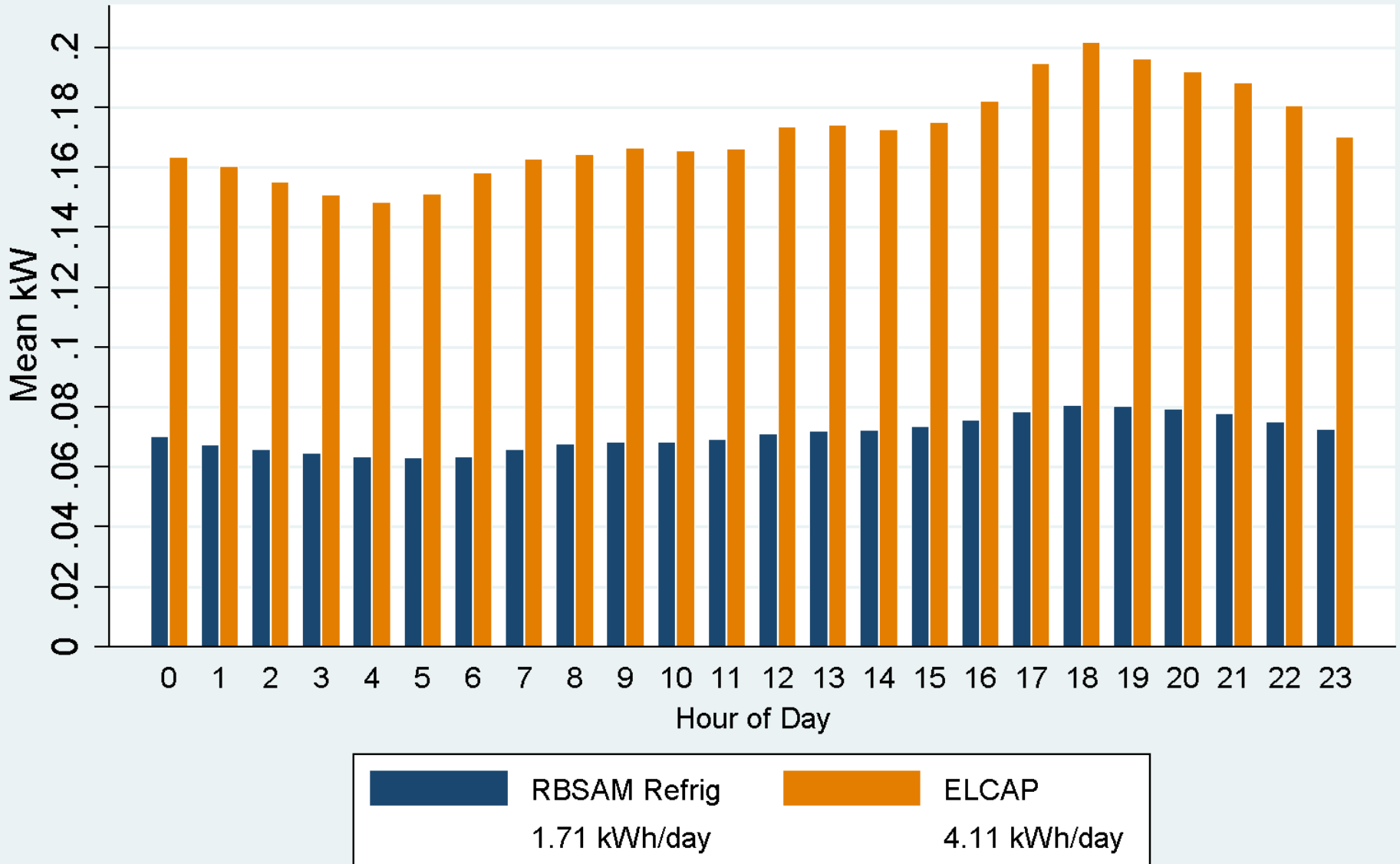


# Refrigerator cycling over 2 days. 5-minute intervals



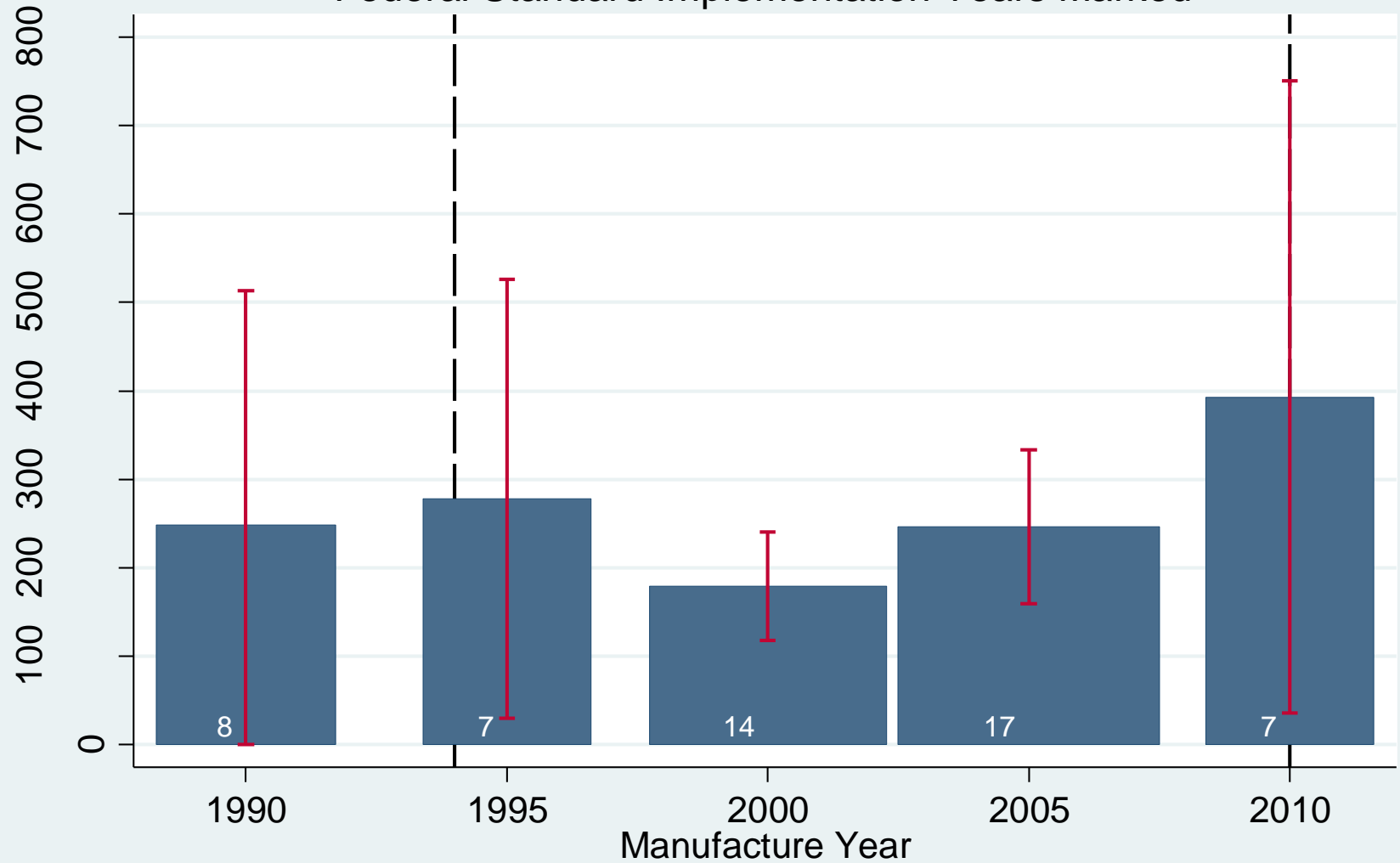
# Refrigerator Daily Load Shape - Annual Average

128 RBSAM Fridges. 97 ELCAP Fridges.

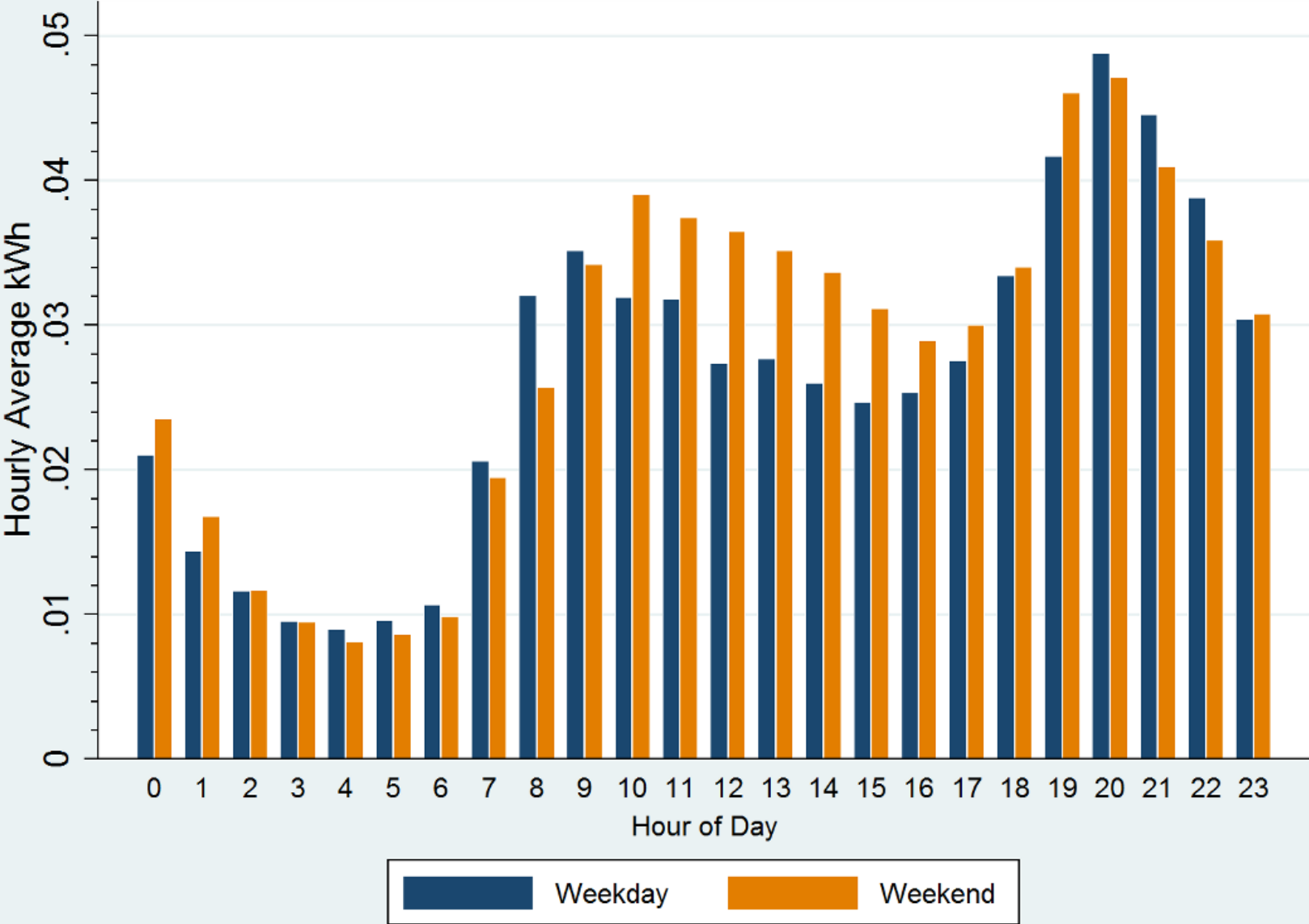


# Dishwashers

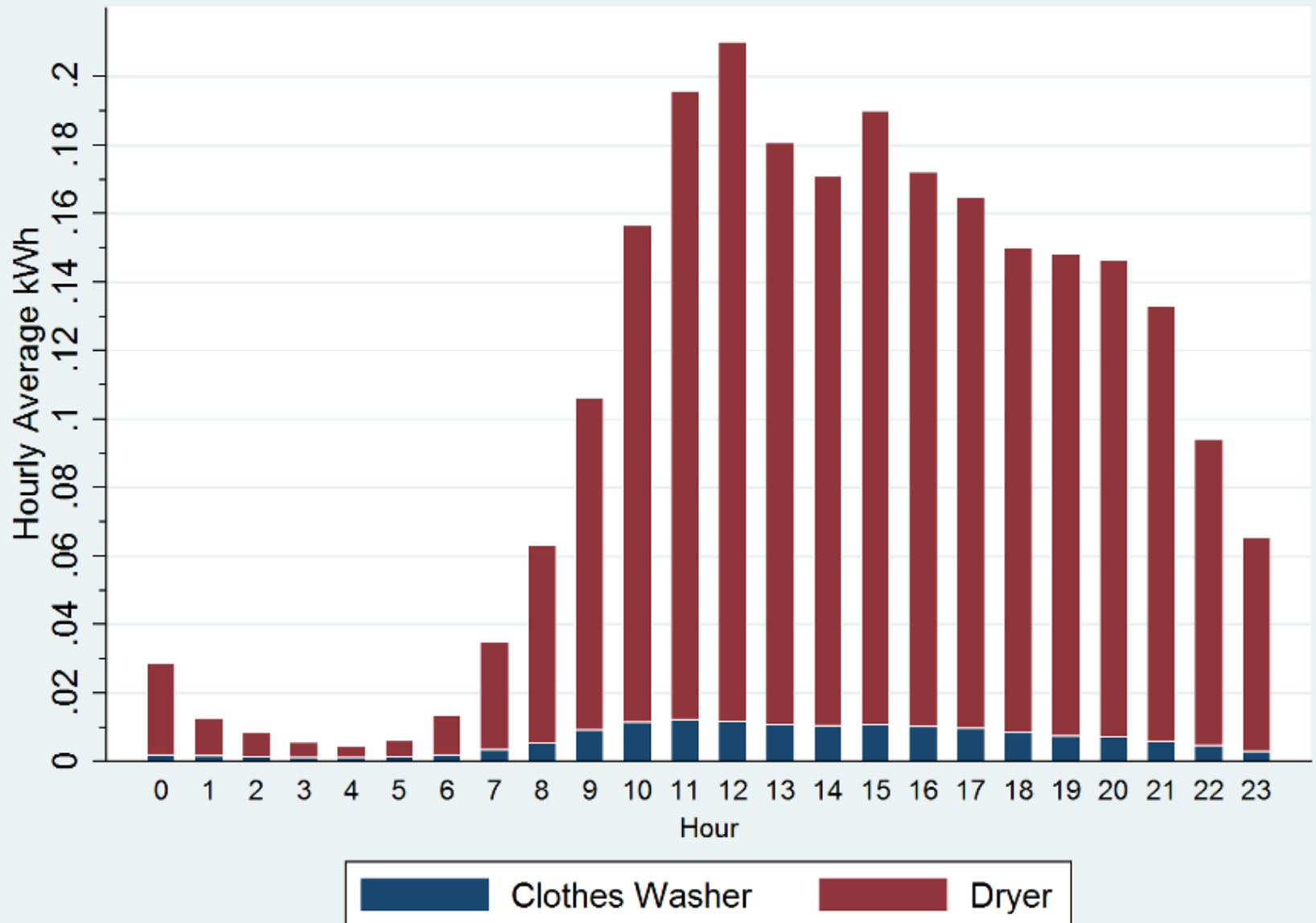
Annual Dish Washer kWh  
Federal Standard Implementation Years Marked



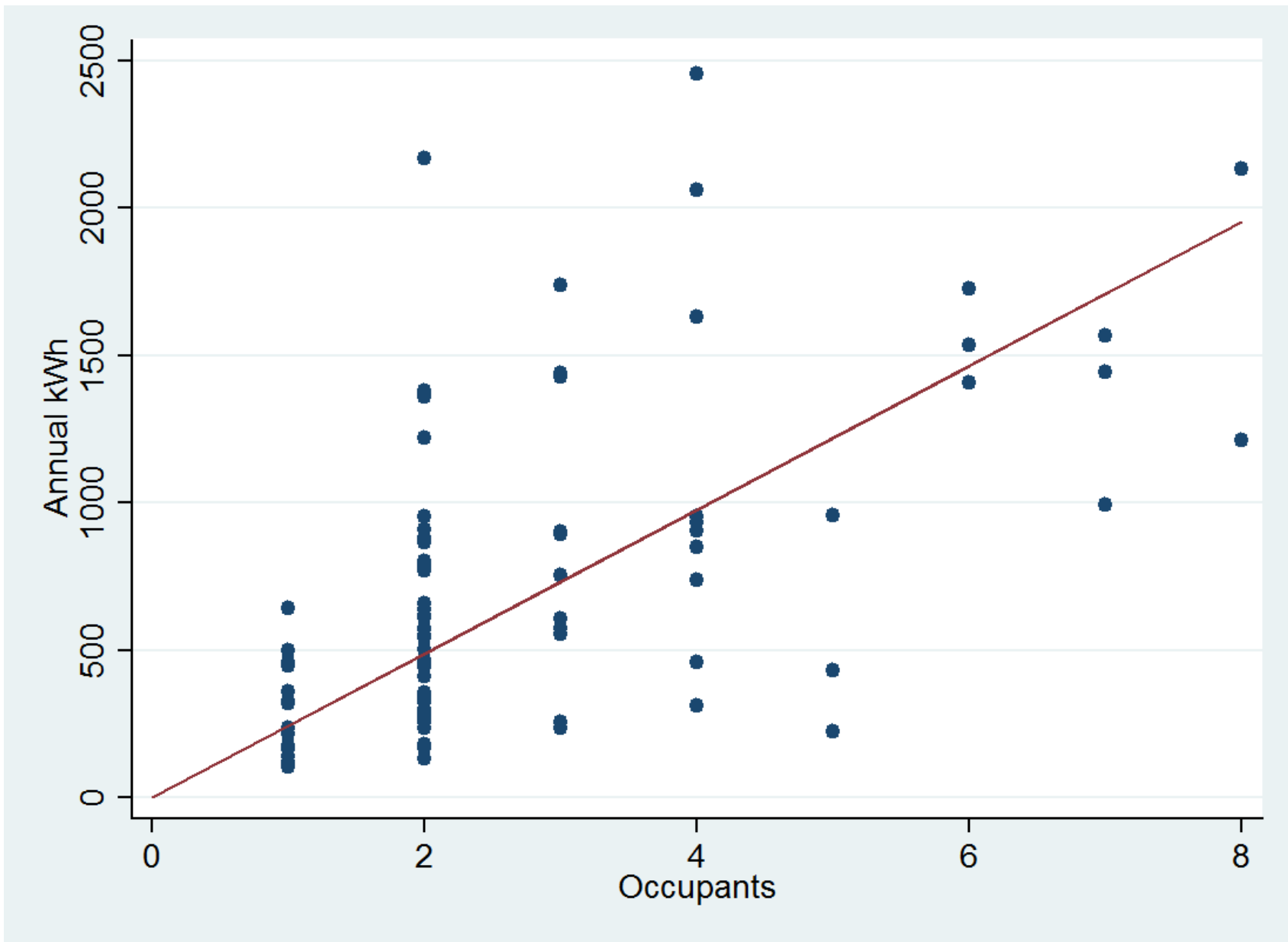
# Dishwasher Hourly Load Shape



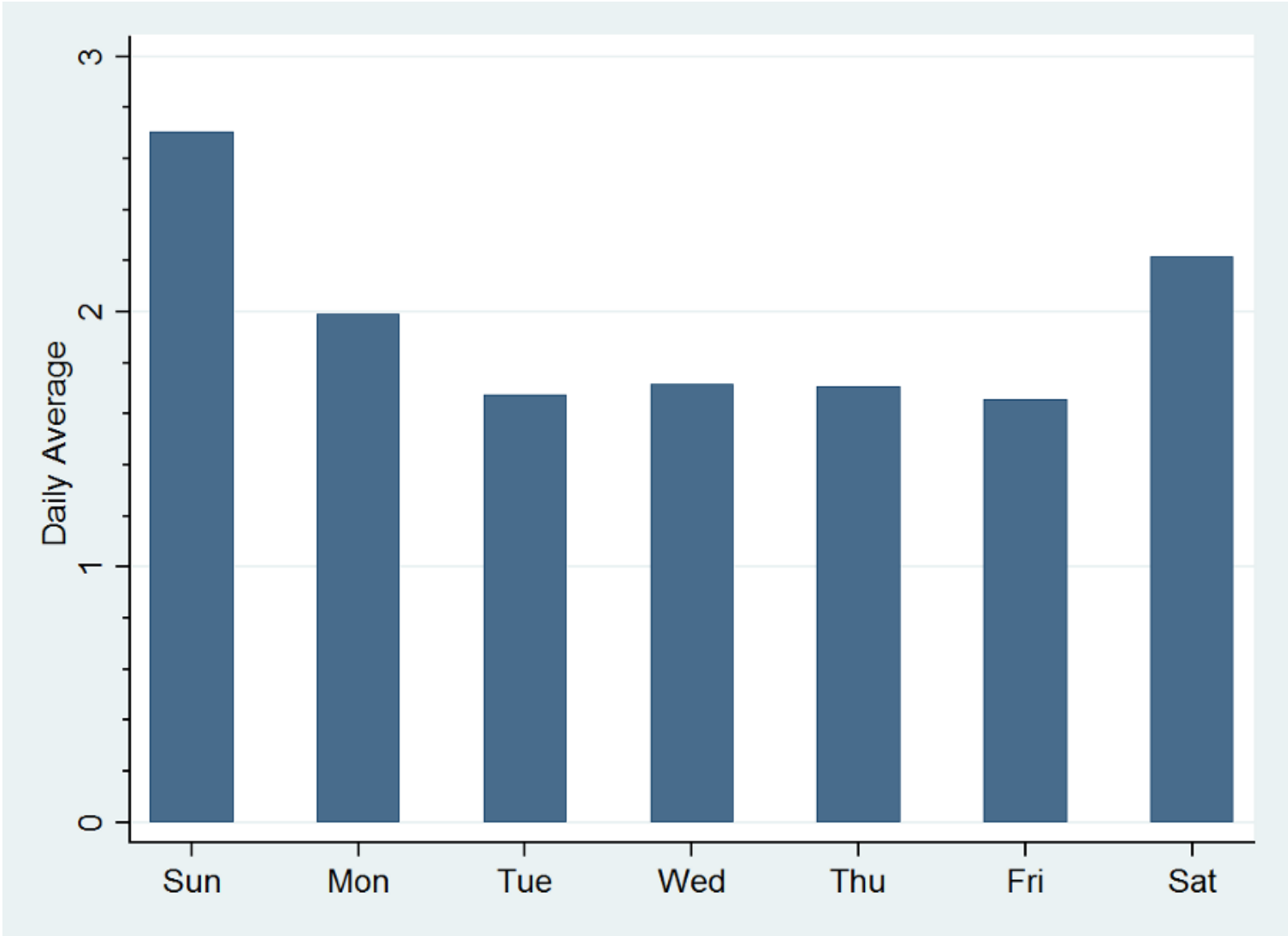
# Laundry



# Dryer energy use vs occupancy



# More Laundry: Dryer Weekly Loadshape



# All Done

- Travel Safely