

# “Big Data” for Energy Efficiency – Visualize the Invisible

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# Learning Objectives

- How/why to access interval utility data for analysis, including smart metering
- What can be learned from interval utility data, including using the information to make better building services decisions
- How these tools and techniques were used in three buildings across very different climate conditions
- Steps attendees can follow to undertake similar efforts at their own facilities

# Agenda

- Today's Operating Realities
- Whole Building, Whole Lifecycle
- Enhance Operating Effectiveness
- Why Energy Management
- Energy Efficiency Challenges
- Big Data in Energy Services
- Where is Interval Data?
- The Difference Data Makes
- What the Data Can Reveal
- Examples
- Questions



# Today's Operating Realities

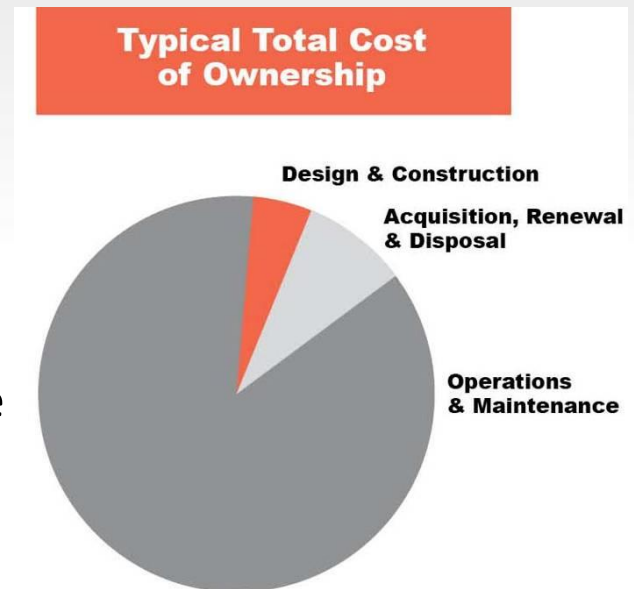
- Organizations (and individuals) are under pressure to do more, more, more with less, less, less
  - improve productivity, reduce costs, manage headcount
- Technology, data availability becoming more common and more sophisticated
- Capital investments are under great scrutiny and must provide a clear return
- Organizations are focusing more on total cost of ownership



Organizations expect real, measurable return – tougher environment

# Whole Building, Whole Lifecycle

- Typical buildings have occupied lives of 50-75 years
- Operating costs typically account for 60-85% of building lifecycle costs – compared to 5-10% for design and construction costs
- High performance buildings reduce lifecycle costs so organizations can invest in other priorities and make buildings “assets” instead of “expenses”
- Areas of focus:
  - Energy and water consumption
  - System reliability
  - Environmental compliance
  - Occupant health, safety and comfort
- Energy has ties to or interface with all of these





# Enhance Operating Effectiveness



- Enhancing performance, retaining/increasing value and adding luster to the organization's brand and reputation
- Cost management AND operating excellence

- Providing a safer, healthier, more comfortable (productive) environment
- Operating reliably with minimum unscheduled downtime and fast recovery
- Maintaining performance within acceptable tolerances throughout their lifespan



# Why Energy Management

- Knew about energy efficiency
- Knew about projects and energy reduction “things”
- Had way too much on my plate



Needed ways to efficiently

- Make energy/operations visible
- Identify and prioritize (by my metrics) what projects to do next
- An effective way to get things done and demonstrate the results

# Energy Efficiency Challenges

- Where to start?
- Historically energy solutions have been
  - ☐ Costly
  - ☐ Time consuming
  - ☐ Confusing
  - ☐ Required large energy spends to justify the investment
  - ☐ Secondary effects and benefits



***Cost-effective scalable solutions using real data converted to information that can actually be used – on the user's terms***



# Big Data in Energy Services

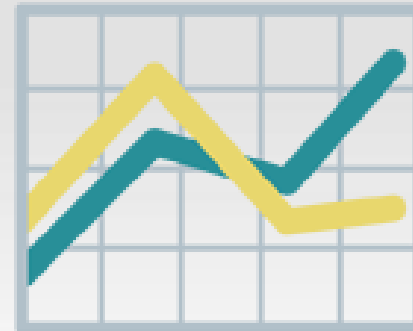
- Fast, easy and inexpensive ways to utilize utility data to understand:
  - Current usage
  - Opportunities for improvement
  - ROI analysis of energy efficiency options
- Standards and certifications can guide
  - BOMA, LEED, GBI
- Best backed by buildings and equipment expertise to interpret data and collaborate to explore, prioritize and execute options to increase efficiency



*Routinely discover efficiency opportunities of 15 – 25 percent*

# Where is Interval Data?

*Use what is there... Obtain additional...*

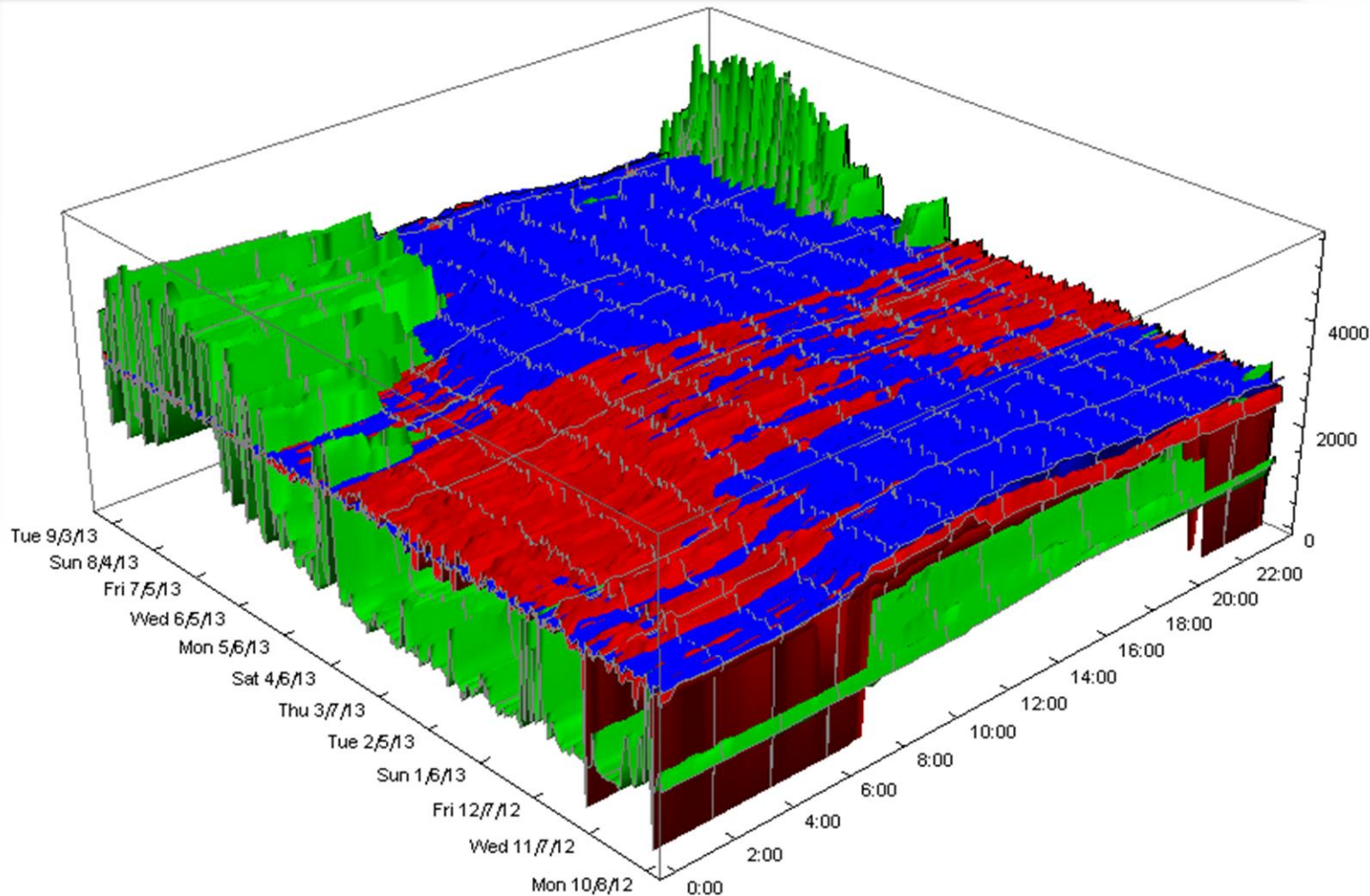


Need Date, Time, (value), (units)

High interval data exists for many commercial and industrial customers, and costs little or nothing to obtain

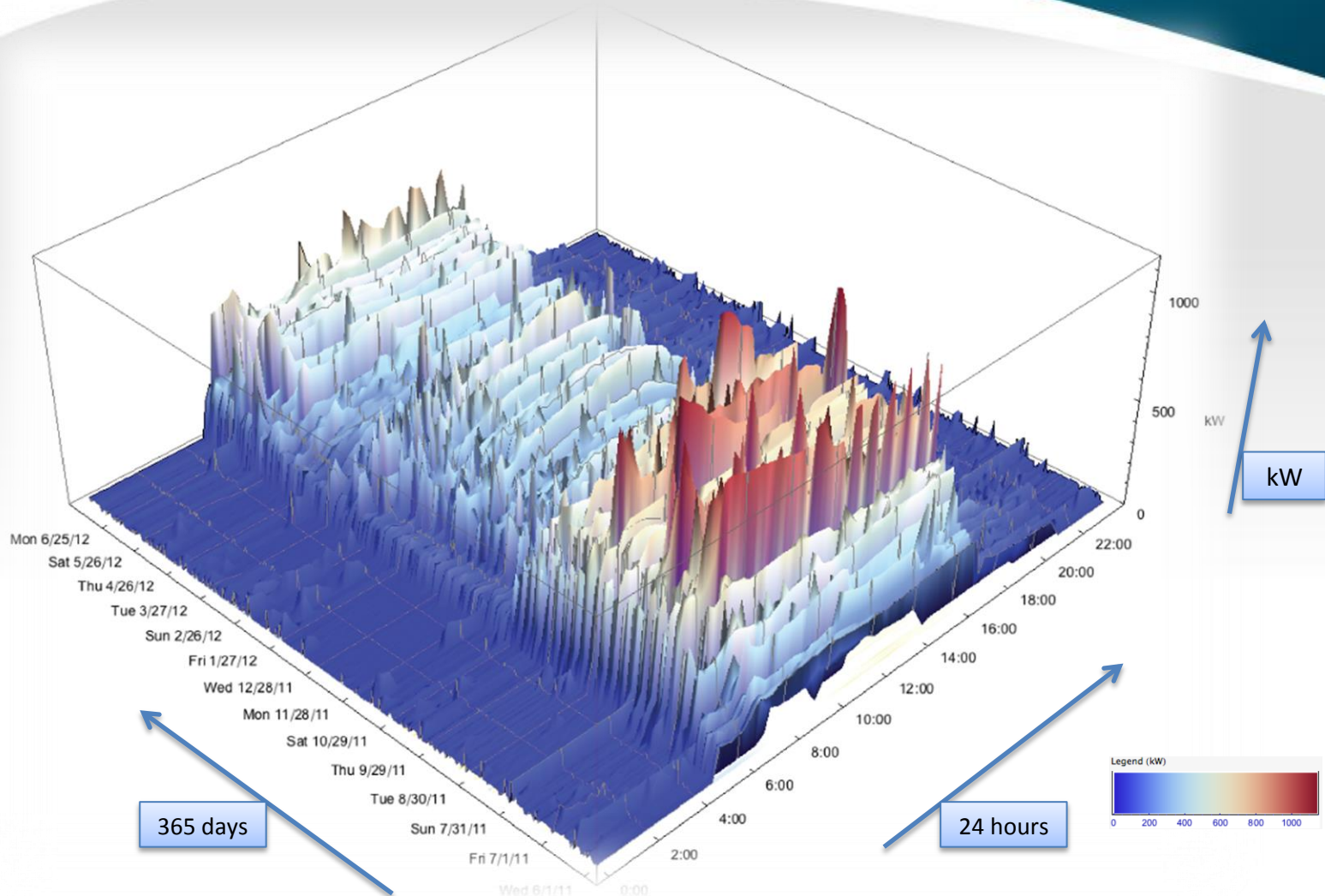


# The Difference Data Makes





# 3D View – Total Building Performance



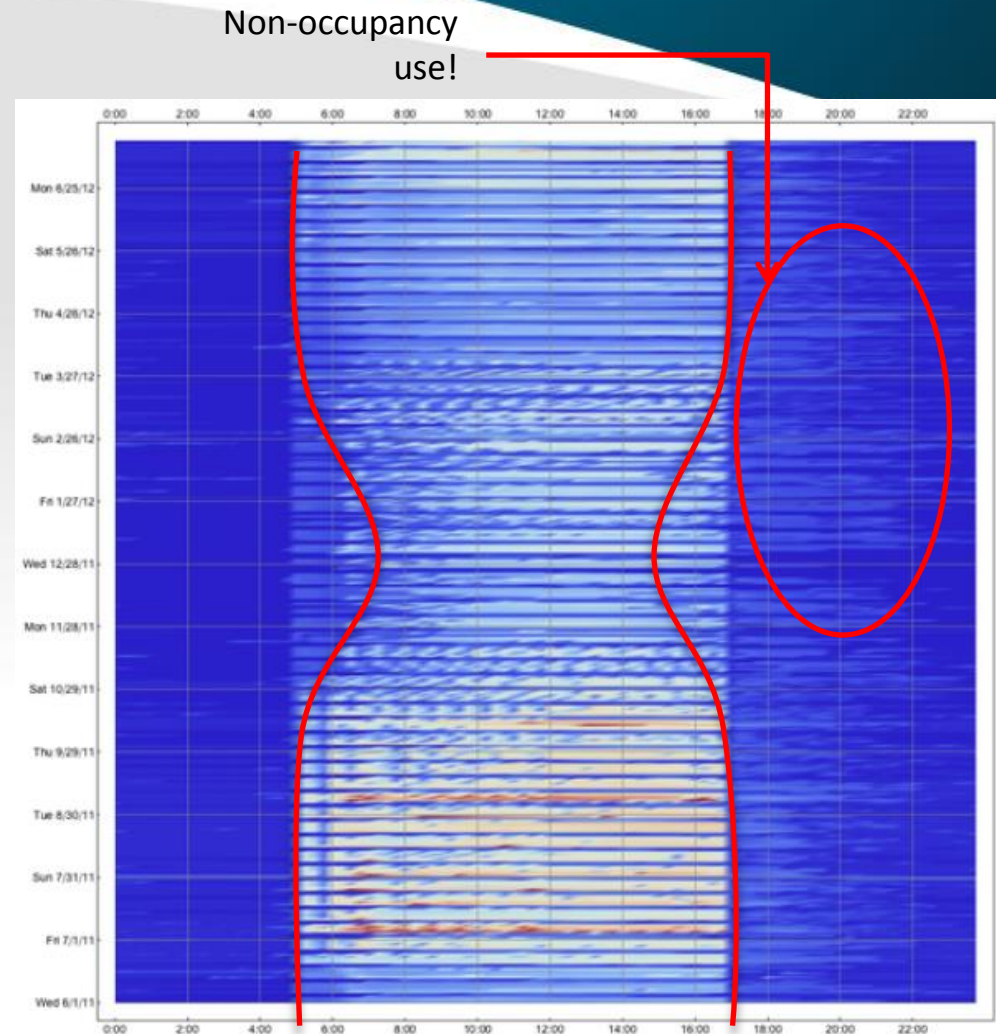
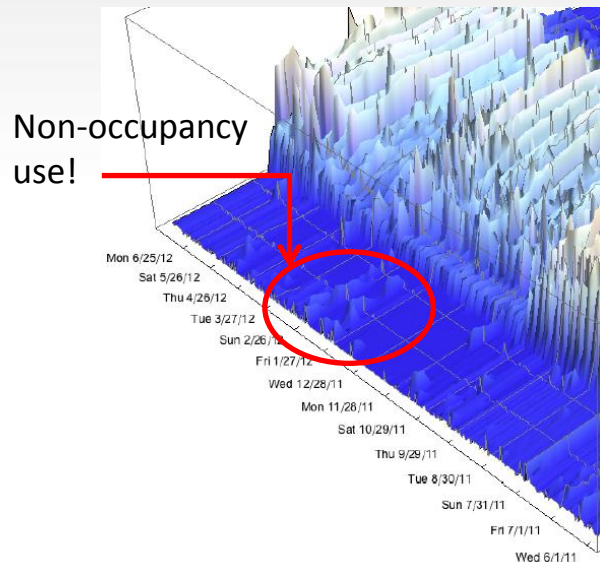
# Scheduling View – Top Down

## Good Performance

- Consistent start-stop
- Shuts down – deep blue

## Not Optimized

- Expect hour glass shape
- Late hours shown on right





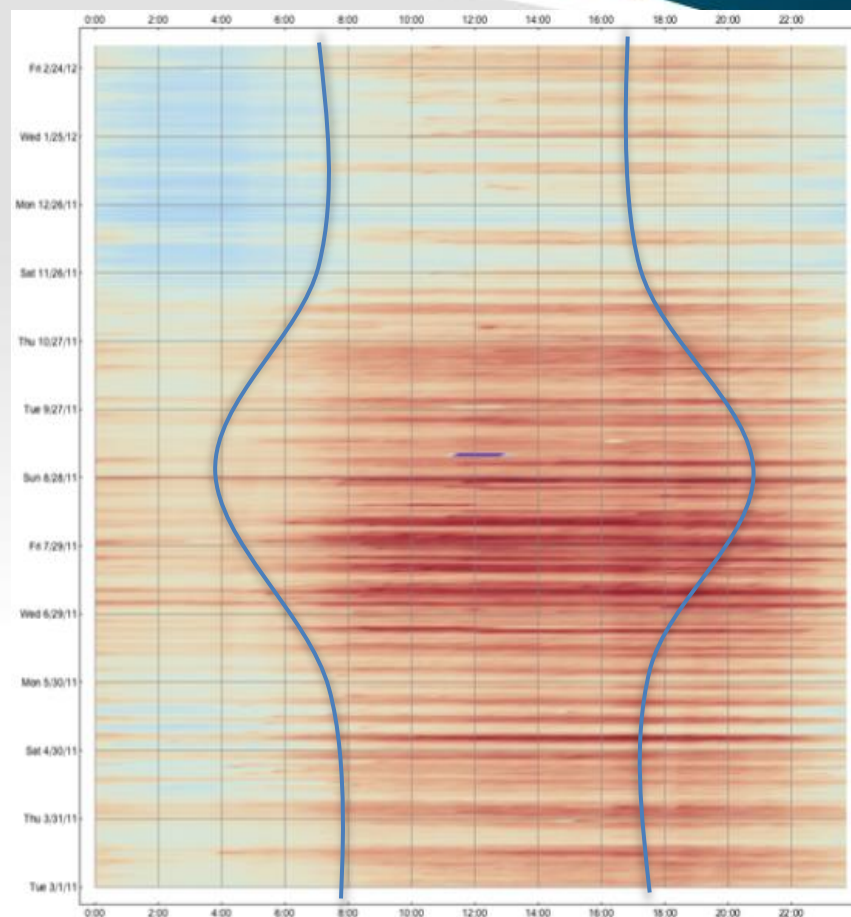
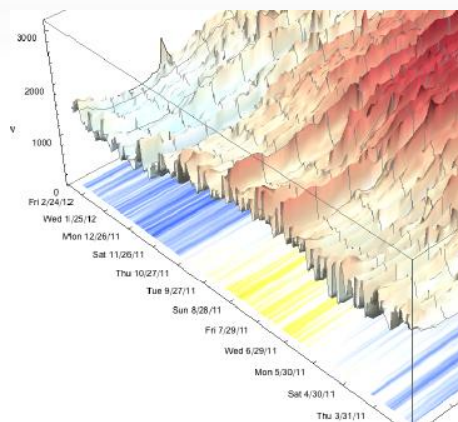
# Poor Performance: Start-Stop

## Poor Performance

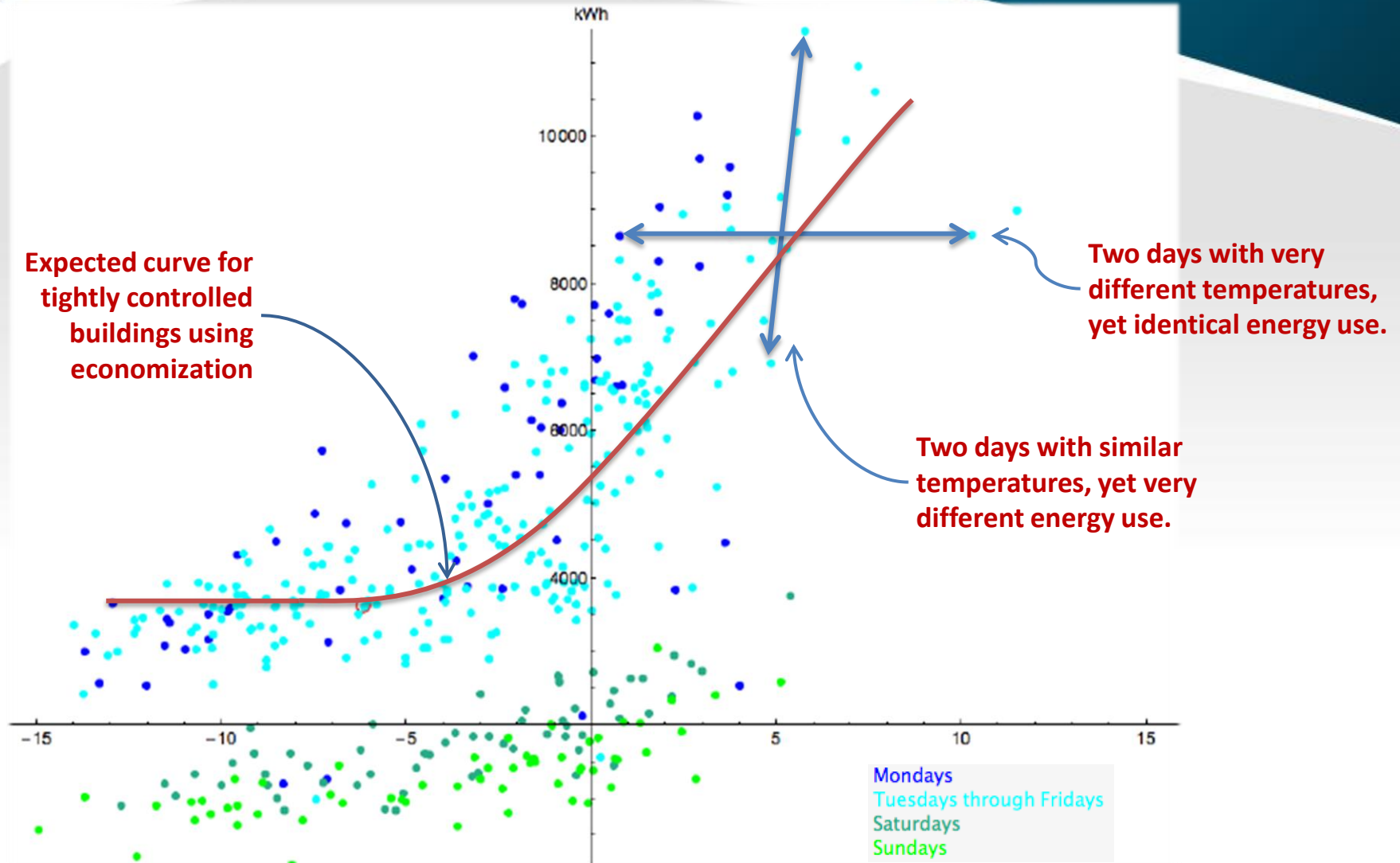
- No consistent pattern
- Poor shutdown

## Partially Optimized

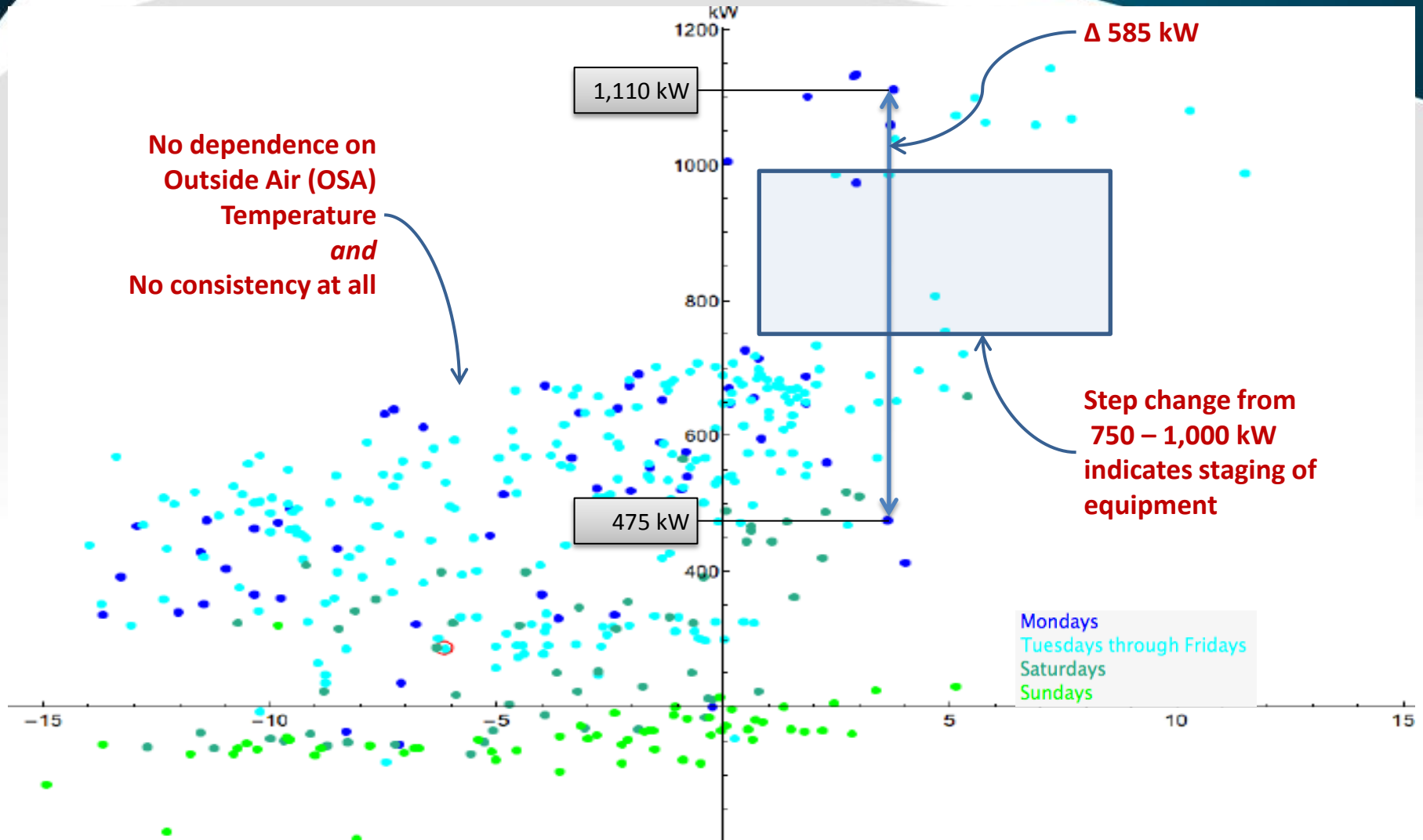
- Some hourglass shape
- Late hours shown on right
- Lack of consistency



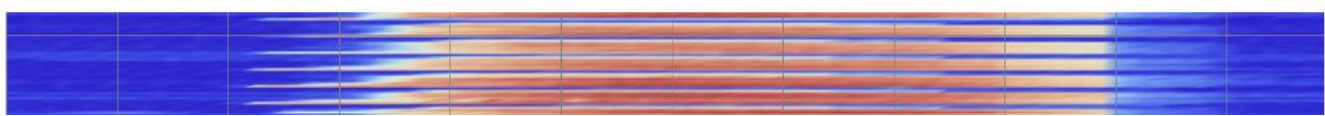
# Energy Use (kWh) vs. Temperature



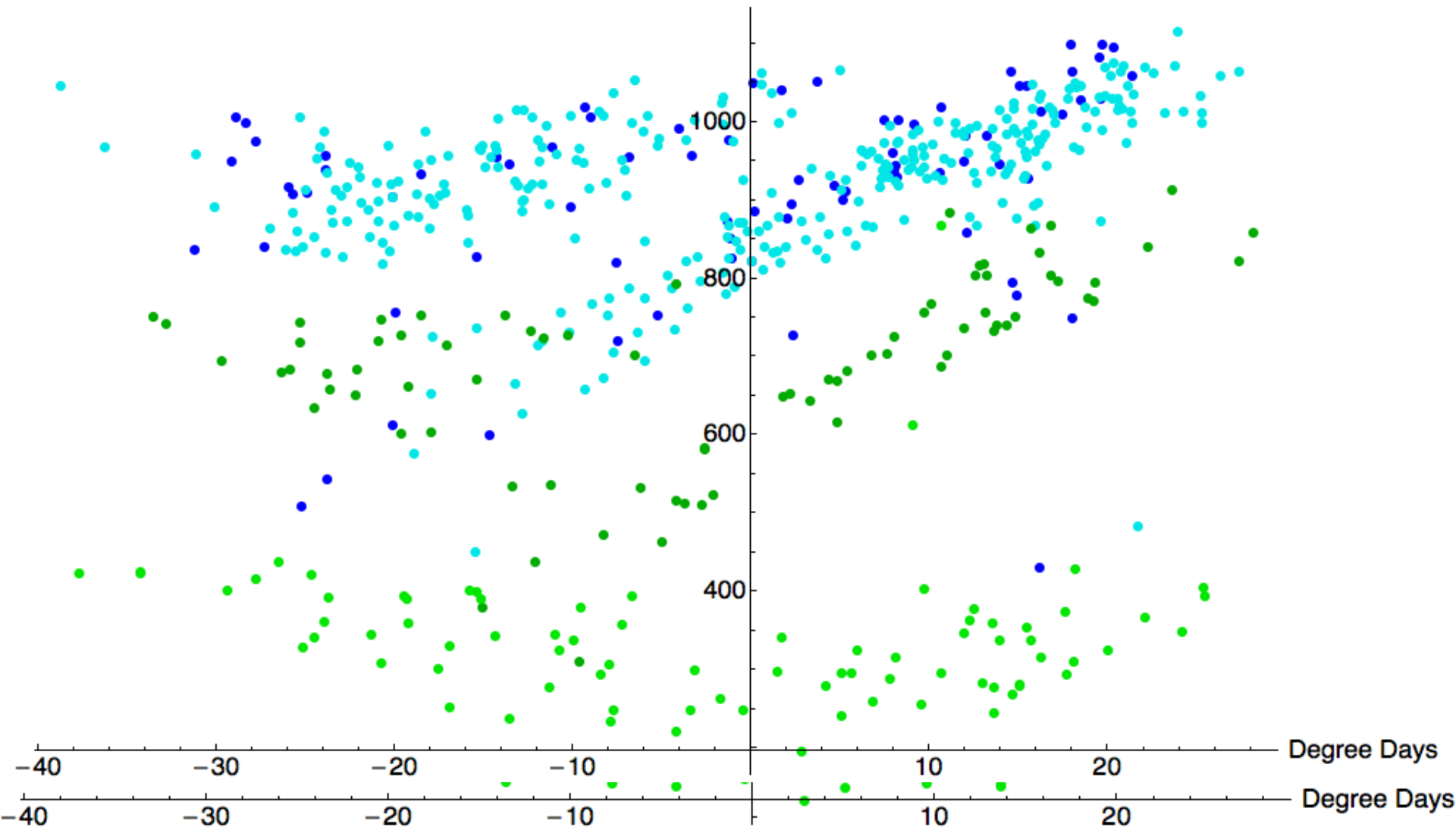
# Daily Demand (kW) vs Temperature



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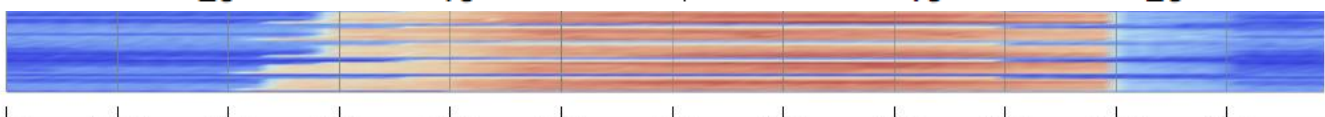
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Degree Days

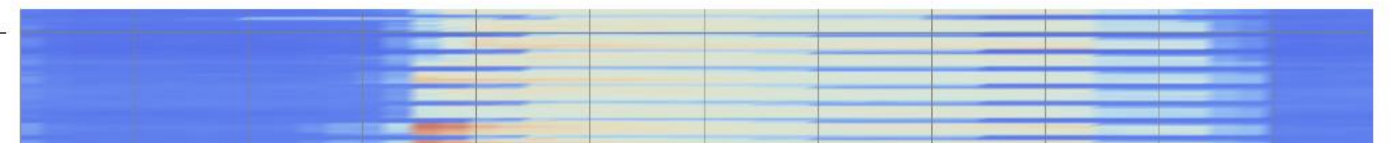
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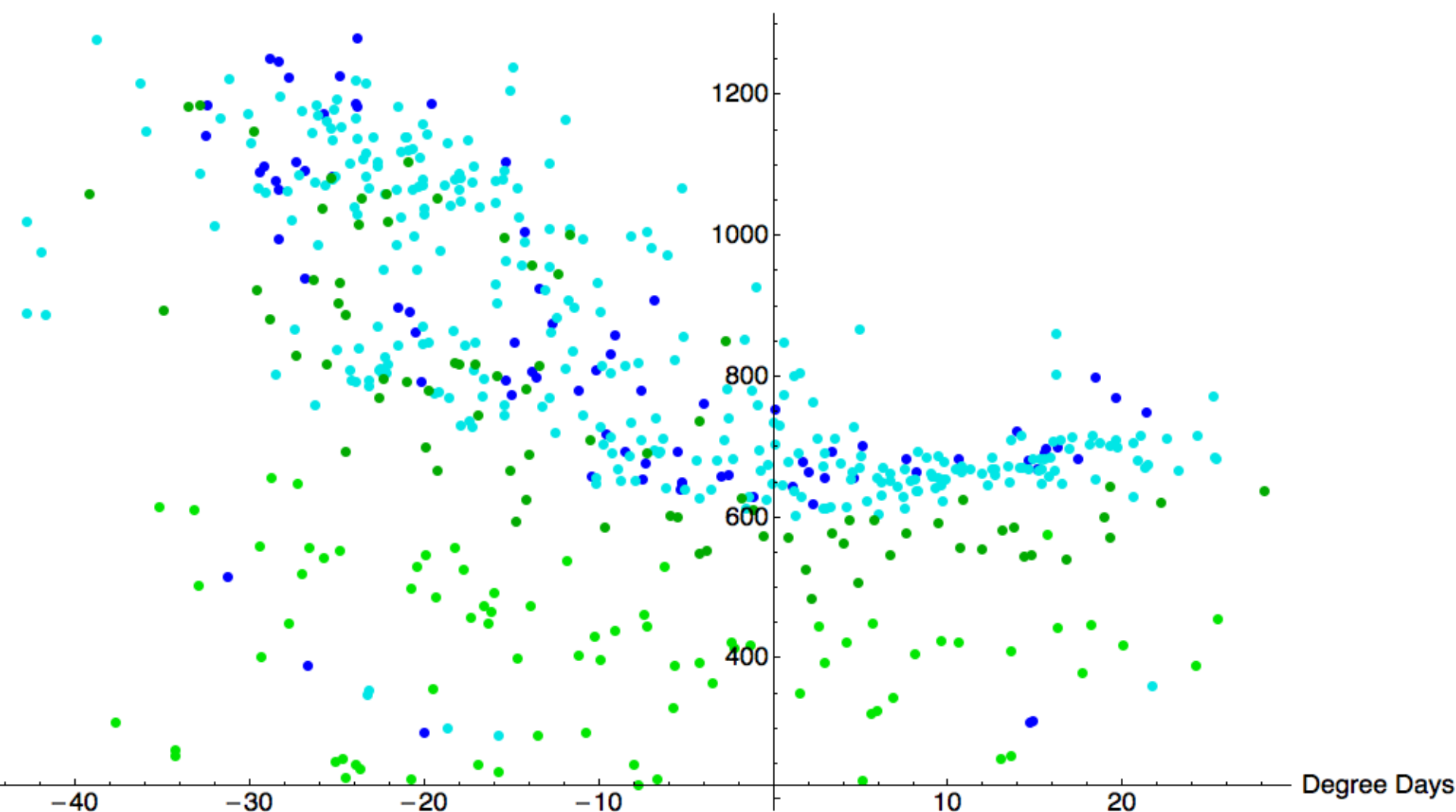


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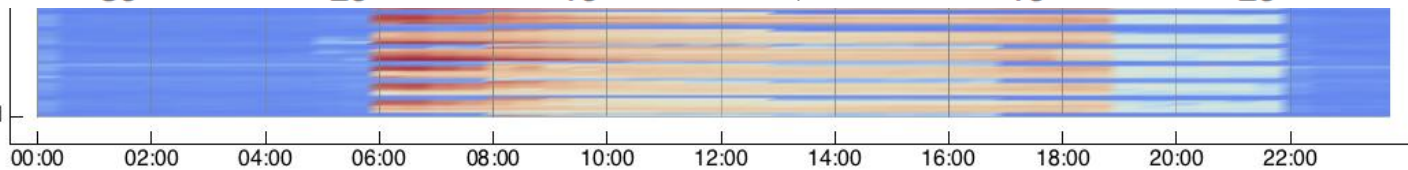
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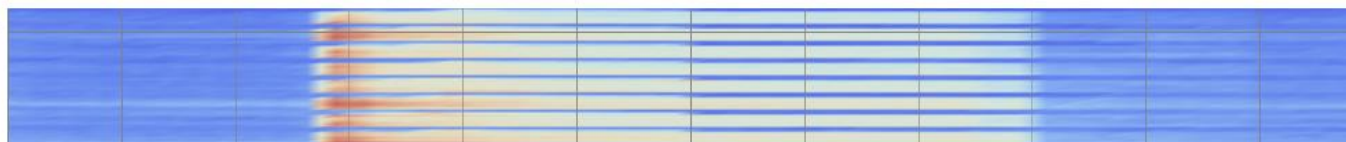


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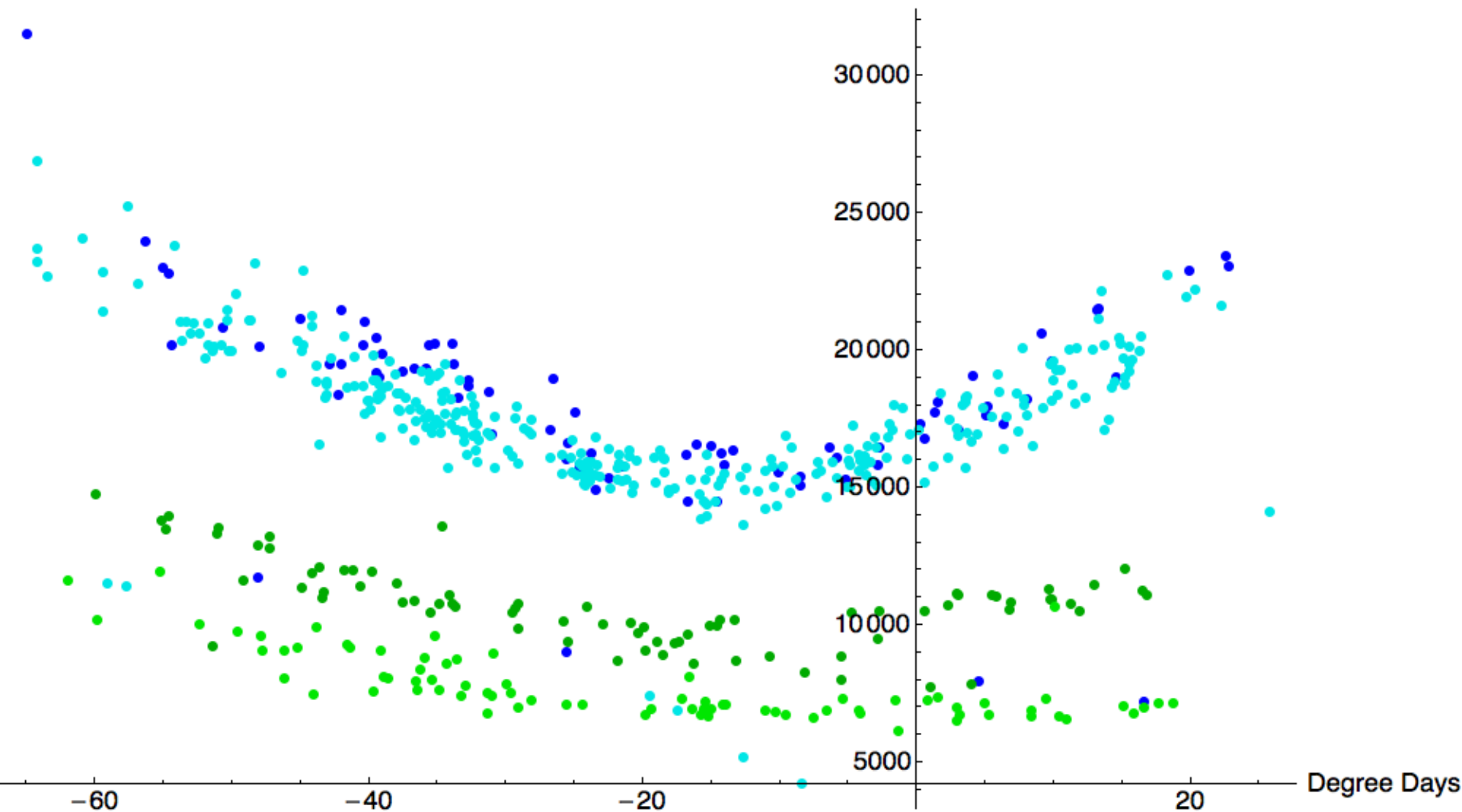




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Degree Days

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# Wrap Up

- What is next?
  - Data
  - Information
  - Actionable recommendation
- Questions?