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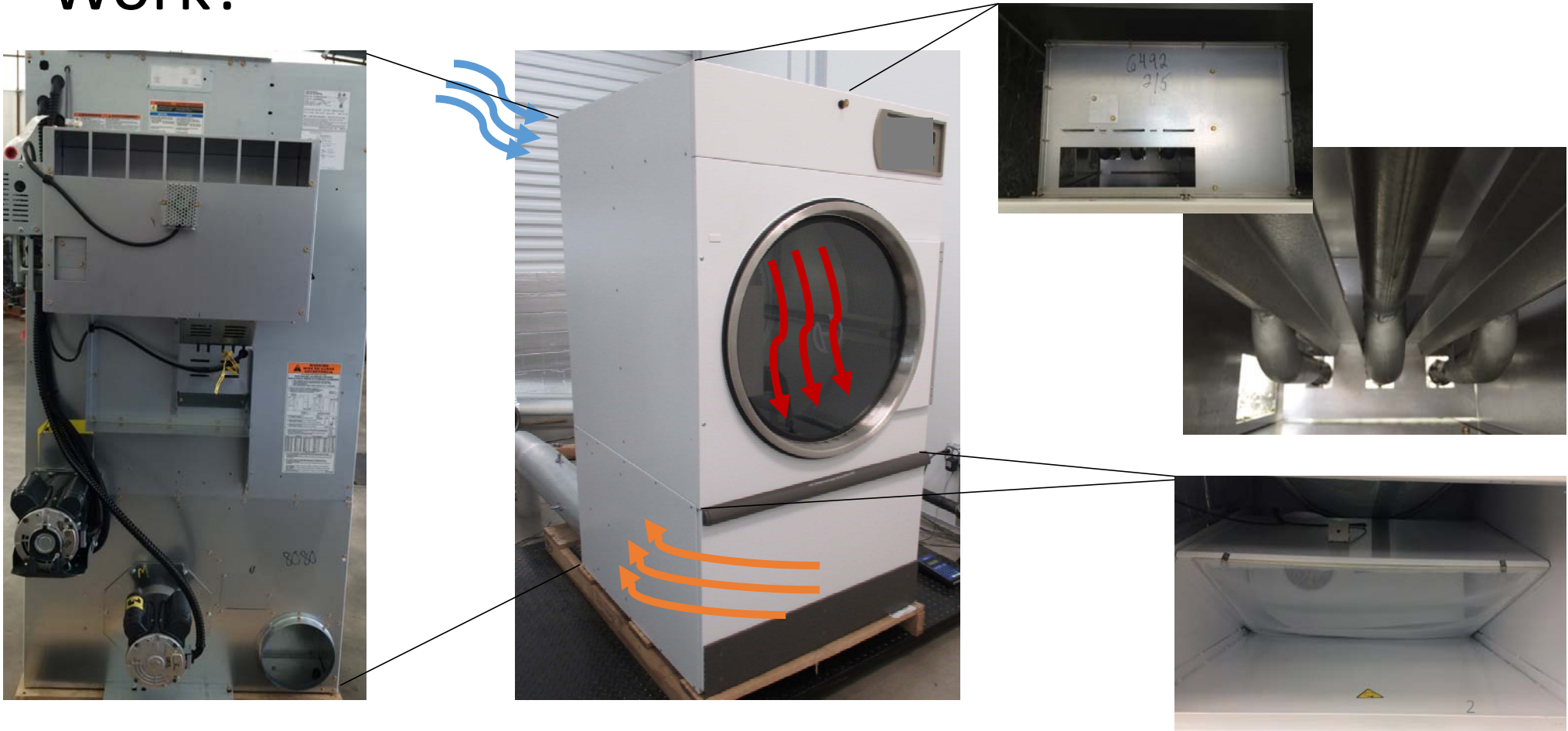
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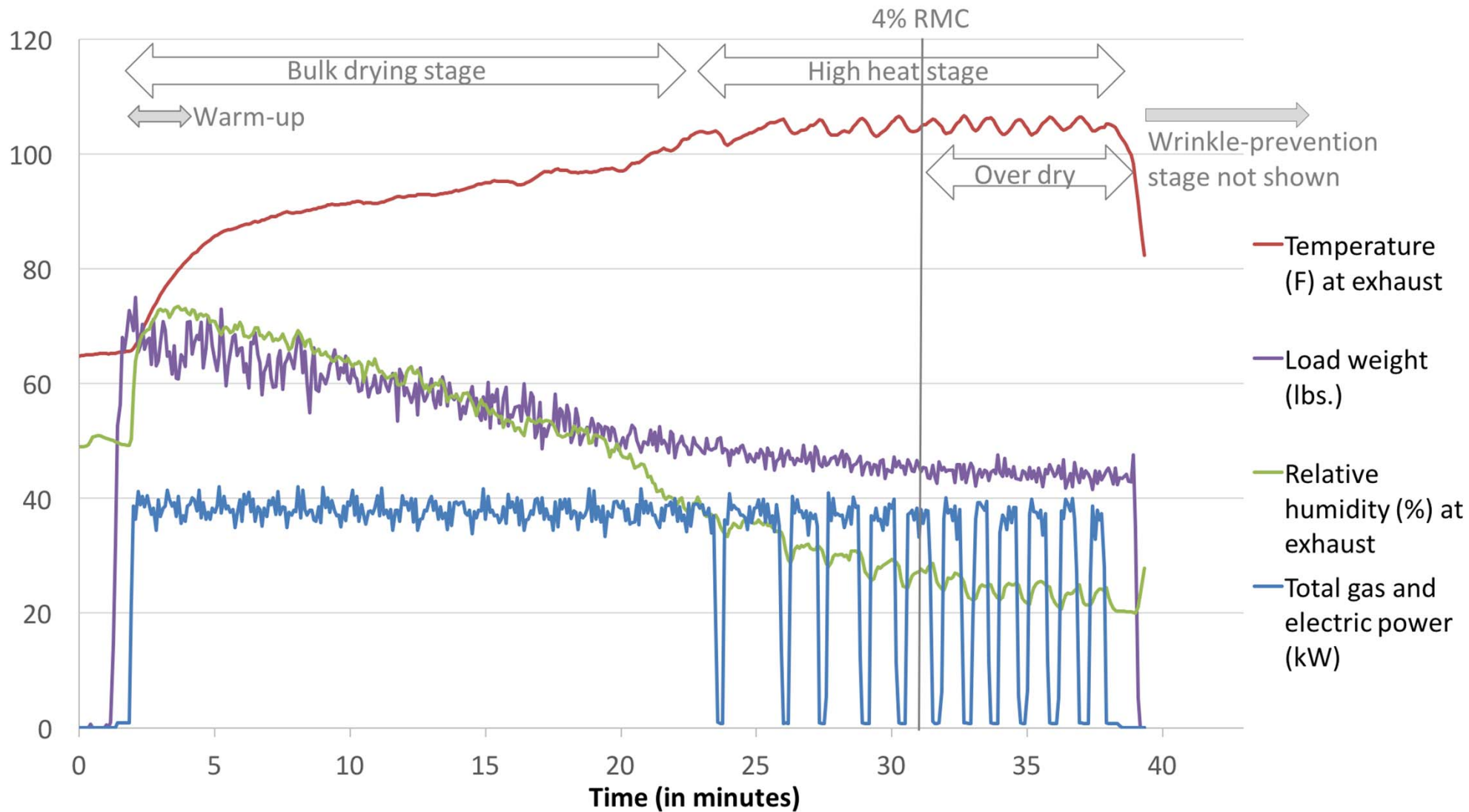
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How Does a Commercial Tumble Dryer Work?



Over dry cycle for dryer of 17.3 cubic foot - 55 lbs. capacity



Commercial dryers in three kinds of facilities

Multifamily



60% of the total stock
20% of carbon emissions
Gas and electric fuel
Vended controls

7.5 ft³ (18 lb.)

Laundromat



35% of the total stock
35% of carbon emissions
Gas and electric fuel
Vended controls

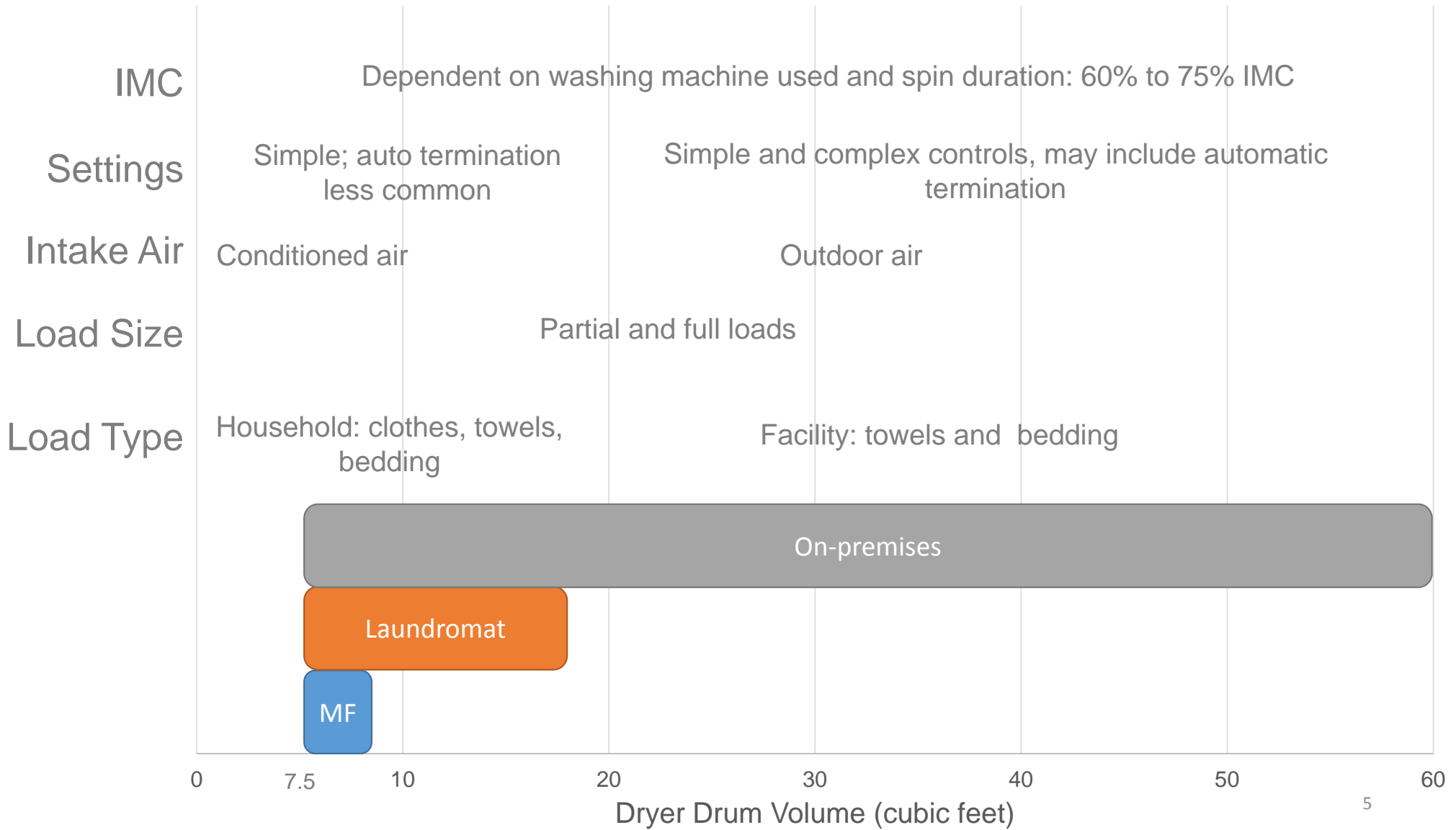
7.5 ft³ (18 lb.) to 17.5 ft³ (55 lb.)

On-premises



5% of the total stock
45% of carbon emissions
Gas and electric fuel
Hotel, motel, health club, etc.

7.5 ft³ (18 lb.) to 65 ft³ (200 lb.)



Commercial dryers (< 65 ft³) use a significant amount of energy

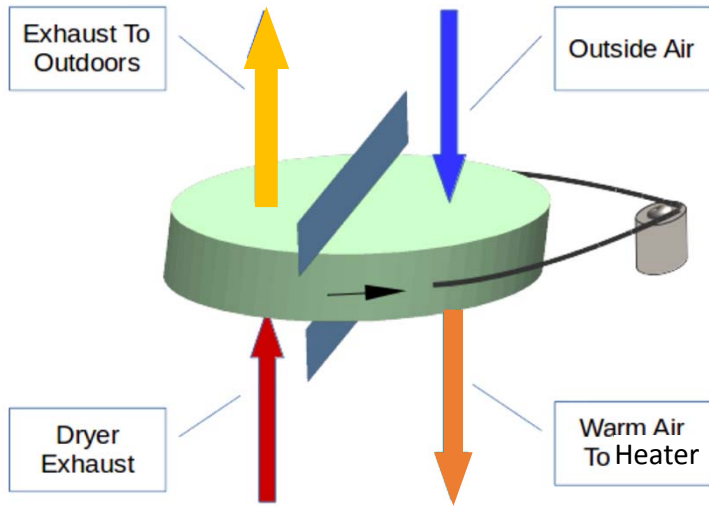
Unit	Estimated Use of CA Stock
Electricity (kWh per year)	900 million
Gas (therms per year)	260 million
Utility bills (dollars)	\$440 million
Carbon dioxide emissions (metric tons CO ₂ e/yr)	1.8 million
Rosenfelds (power plant equivalent)*	Two-thirds of a 500 MW coal-fired power plant

*using 3 million metric tons of CO₂e conversion as defined by Koomey et al. (2010)

Dryers of similar size can have dramatically different efficiency levels

	Efficiency (Site Energy Factor (EF)) (lbs. of bone dry textiles/site kWh)	Power Factor ^a (expressed as a percent)	Standby (watts)	Average Program Time (minutes)	2015 Price (U.S. Dollars)
Dryer 4 (30 lbs. and 11.7 ft ³ drum volume, vended controls)	EF: 1.36	64%	11.9 W	56	\$3,422
Dryer 6 (35 lbs. and 10.2 ft ³ drum volume, vended controls)	EF: 2.15	93%	3.3 W	34	\$3,145

Heat exchanger



Gas and electric
8% to 40%
savings

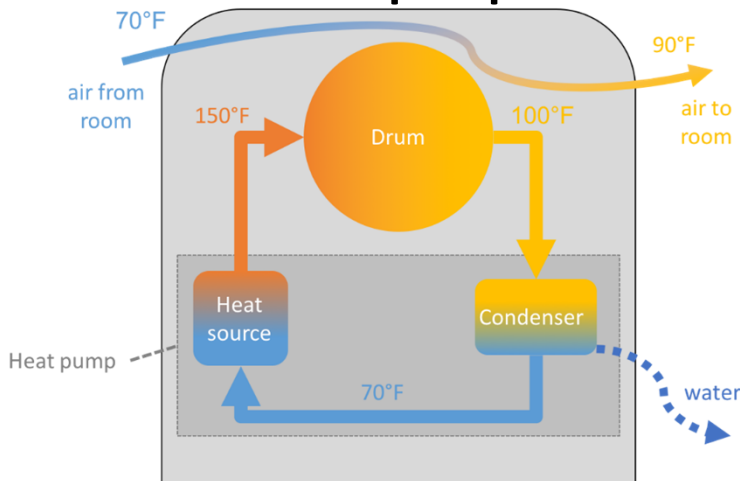
Burner/fan modulation



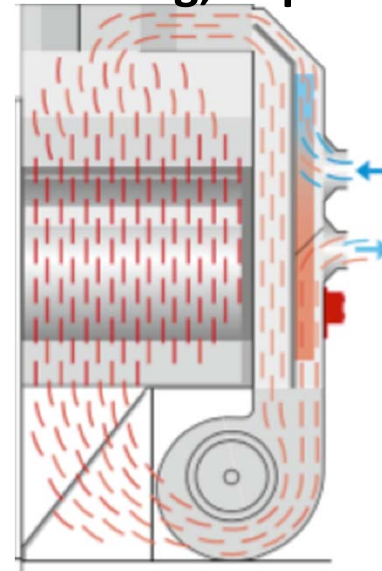
Gas and electric
3% to 25%
savings

Other: air recirculation, automatic termination, insulation, air sealing, improved motors, etc.

Heat pump

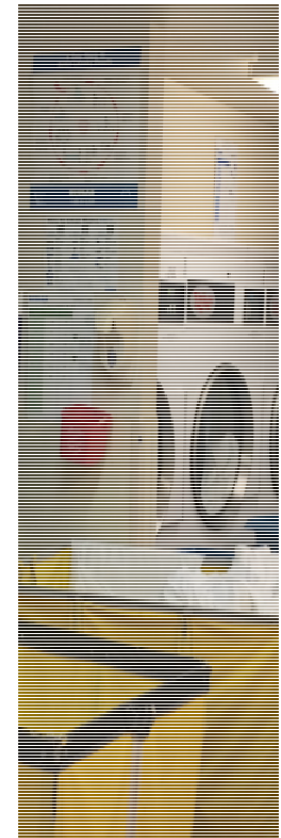


Electric only
13% to 60%
savings

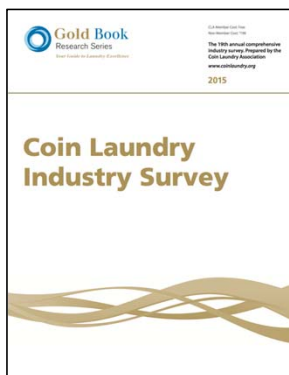


Gas and Electric
15% to 20%
savings

Opportunities exist for incorporating more efficient technology in coin-op and OPL facilities



Businesses care about dryer efficiency...



“What do you feel are the biggest problems you face in the laundry business?”

Answer: High cost utilities (65%)

Utilities are 25 to 35% of gross revenue

- Lighting, HVAC, water measures are not enough to meet aggressive energy reduction goals set by many national/international hotel brands with sustainability plans.
- Utility costs of shared spaces in apartment buildings is passed onto occupants or managing entity.

...but the quantitative information available is sparse and difficult to compare

“Axial air flow pattern ensures maximum air utilization for labor and energy savings.”

“Even more profitability by numerous options of [technologies] (Reversing Drum Action, Residual Moisture Control, Heat Exchanger, Fresh Air Intake etc.)”

“[over-dry prevention technology] lowers energy, utility, and linen replacement costs.”

“Best performance, high productivity: up to 10% faster and 15% more energy efficient”

Overview of residential test procedures

	ANSI/AHAM HLD 2010	IEC	DOE 2015	Utility Test Protocol
Purpose	Performance + Efficiency	Performance + Efficiency	Efficiency	Efficiency
Test series	Reference to 3 or 1, flexible	5 runs per test series, multiple series	1 run on two dryers	5 runs per test series
Load material	IEC-specified cotton	IEC-specified cotton or IEC-specified synthetic	DOE test cloths	Real-world clothing, DOE test cloths
Textile allowed age	Age-weighted load, 80 total runs	Age-weighted load, 80 total runs	25 total runs	25 total runs
Termination method	Technician termination and automatic termination	Automatic termination, language on timed unclear	Technician termination and automatic termination	Automatic termination ^a
IMC	70%	40% to 70%	57.5%	57.5% and 62%
RMC	5%	0% to 8%	2%	2% and 4%
Settings	High/max heat	Range	High/max heat	Range
Program time measured?	Automatic termination ONLY	Yes	No	Yes

^aThis test protocol was designed for more efficient dryers, so it is assumed that all will have automatic termination capability.

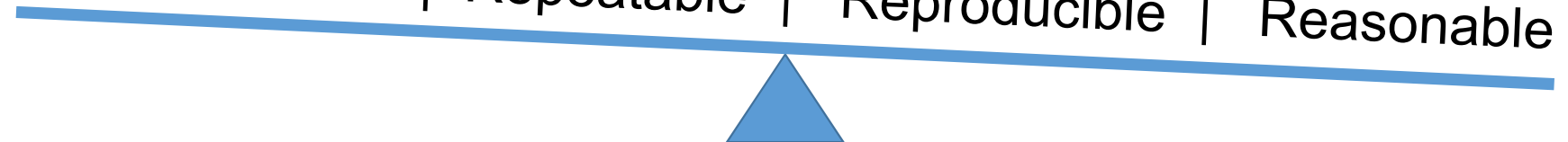
Challenges to applying residential test procedure to commercial dryers

- AHAM and Alliance Laundry Systems docketed comments (2013):
 - Commercial dryers dry heavier loads than residential
 - Cycle time is shorter
 - Timed drying generally used (AHAM)
 - Come in “stacked” versions with dryer over dryer
 - Larger and wider range of drum volumes (20 to 200 lbs.)
- Different load types (home versus facility type loads)
- Air intake—unconditioned air for laundromat and on-premises
- Installed in a broad range of facilities
 - Differing levels of business optimization
 - Operated by people with different levels of training

Test Procedure Objectives

- **Representative:**
 - Highly indicative of performance in “real world” applications
 - Reflective of consumer behavior or behaviors (test conditions specified “as used”)
 - Inclusive of “system level” effects
 - Incorporating “all modes” of operation, including primary, secondary, and parasitic
 - Results presented in a “disaggregated” basis for all stakeholder use
 - Consideration given to “interactive effects”, such as power factor
- **Repeatable:**
 - When test is performed multiple times at the same lab, highly consistent results are obtained
- **Reproducible:**
 - When tests are performed by multiple accredited labs, highly consistent results are obtained
- **Reasonable:**
 - Tests costs are not overly burdensome, and are justified in meeting the other objectives

Representative | Repeatable | Reproducible | Reasonable



Summary of research methods

- Literature review
 - Test procedures, energy efficiency reports, government rulemakings, laundry industry market information, web marketing materials
 - Residential and commercial review
- Expert interviews
 - Engineer experts familiar with the use of equipment because they have been in a number of facilities installing efficiency retrofits
- Site visits
 - OPL (Hotel), laundromat, multifamily
- Lab testing
 - Preliminary testing to evaluate the most important variables for efficiency of commercial dryers
 - Applying the proposed test procedure on 8 dryers in 2016 and 2 additional dryers in 2017

Test Procedure Scope Summary (version 2.6)

- Commercial dryers up to 65 ft³ (approx. 200 lb.) capacity
- Residential-platform, large-chassis-style (tumblers), washer dryer combination units, dual-pocket tumble dryers
- Gas and electric models only (no steam)
- Covers ~85% energy use of commercial dryers in California



Dryer Installation Requirements

Humidity-controlled and temperature-controlled chamber

65 °F \pm 1.5 °F ambient

50% \pm 5% relative humidity



Exhaust simulator (modeled after AHAM)



Various instrumentation distances to ensure reproducibility

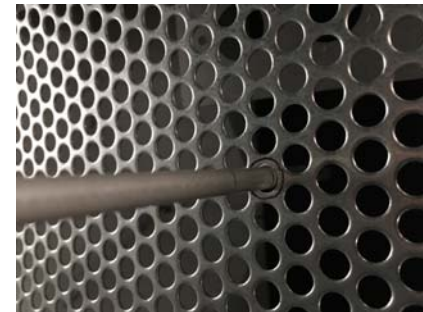
Exhaust obstruction (shown), temperature sensor location, etc.



Other requirements: drum cleaning to remove residue, service requirements for gas pressure and BTU content range, electrical voltage and frequency requirement, preconditioning prior to start to steady state temperature

Test Load preparation

- IEC 60456:2010 (Fifth Edition) and AHAM/ANSI HLD-1-2010
- Articles tightly specified
- Available from U.S. distributors
- Equal weight from three articles
- Load size based on rated drum capacity with measurement confirmation
- Filling factor 2.5 lbs. per cubic foot (full) and 1.25 lbs. per cubic foot
- Age-weighted load regularly normalized, 80 runs allowed



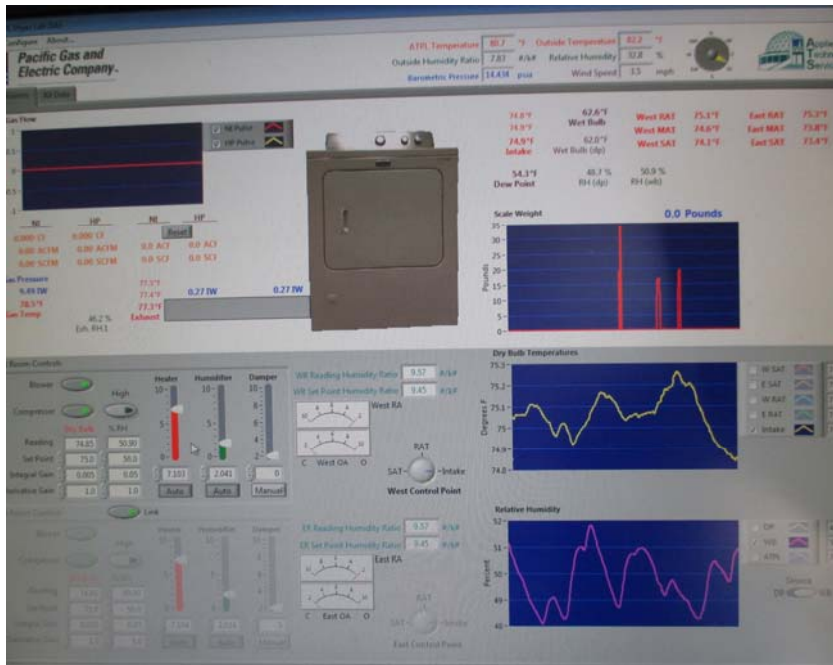
Rod measurement method for large dryers, small use DOE method

Precondition the textiles, bone dry, and moisten for testing



- Preconditioning
 - Water hardness for washing
 - Electrical conductivity for rinsing
- Bone dry load to confirm weight meets tolerance
- Wet the textiles to required initial moisture content or IMC: 60%, 75%
- Normalization occurs every 9 to 12 runs

Measurement tolerances specified in detail



- Relative humidity
- Temperature
- Weight
- Electrical energy
- Gas flow rate
- Gas energy content
- Gas pressure
- Time
- Distance

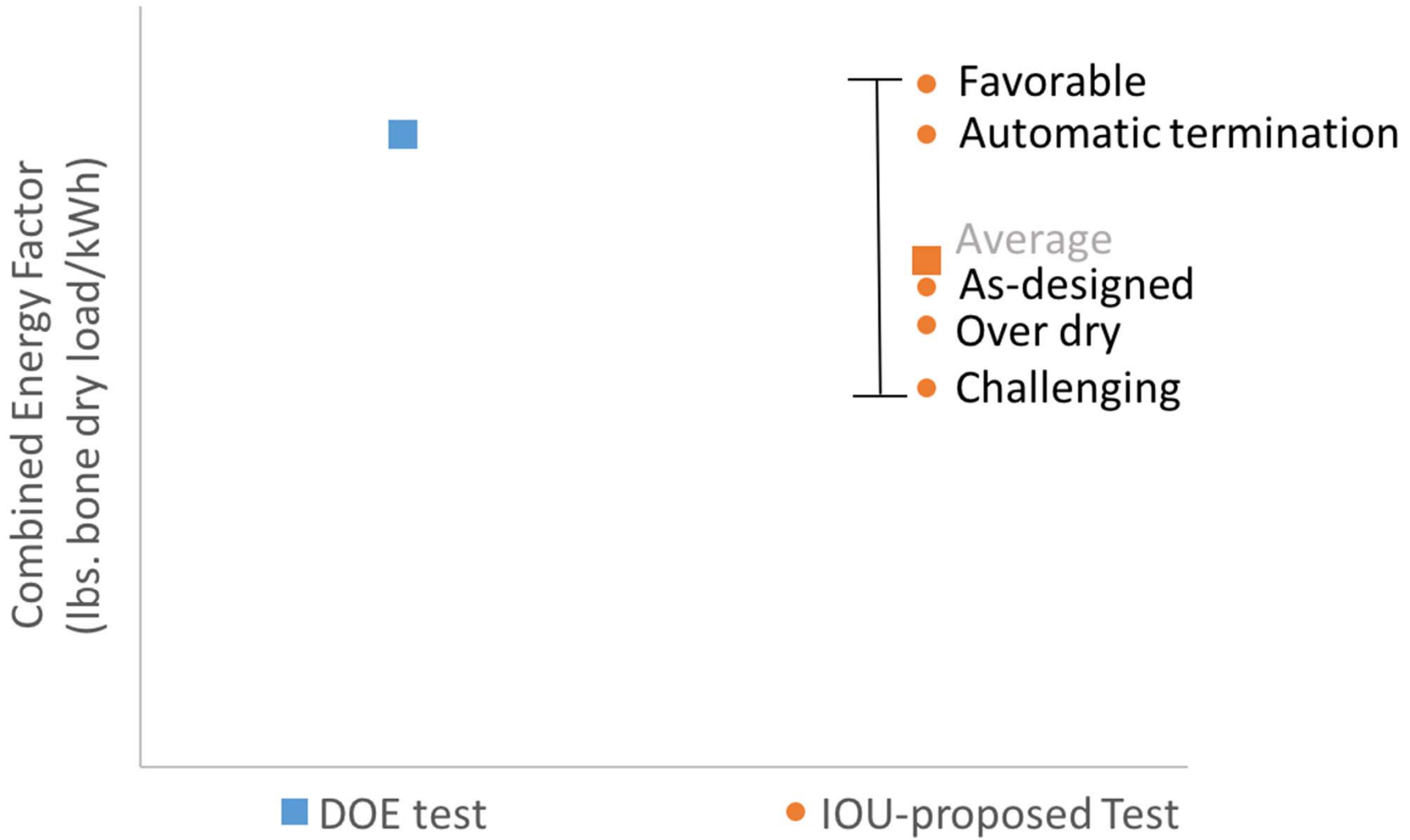
Error analysis of DOE equipment tolerances revealed opportunities for cost and error reduction:

- ↑ accuracy of scale for weighing textiles –slightly increased cost
- ↓ accuracy of electrical energy meter for gas dryer– significant decreased cost

Test run sequence

- Textiles come out of washer, and confirm IMC by weighing on scale
- Set controls for time required to get to required RMC or engage automatic termination, depending on test
- Measure gas and electric energy use
- Monitor chamber temperature and humidity to ensure remains within tolerance
- When dryer self-terminates, textiles are removed and weighed again to confirm remaining moisture content (RMC)
- Program time is measured and reported

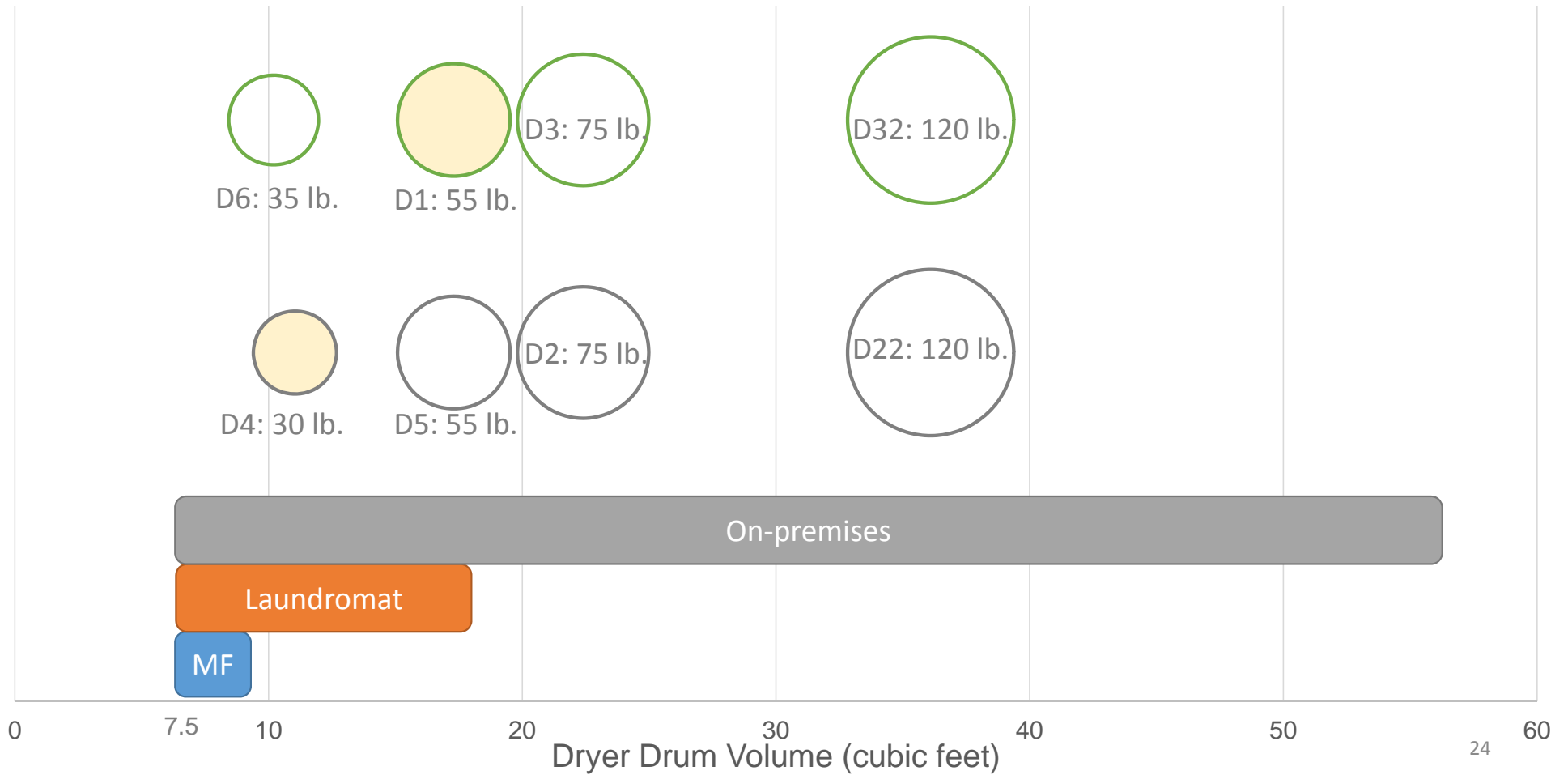




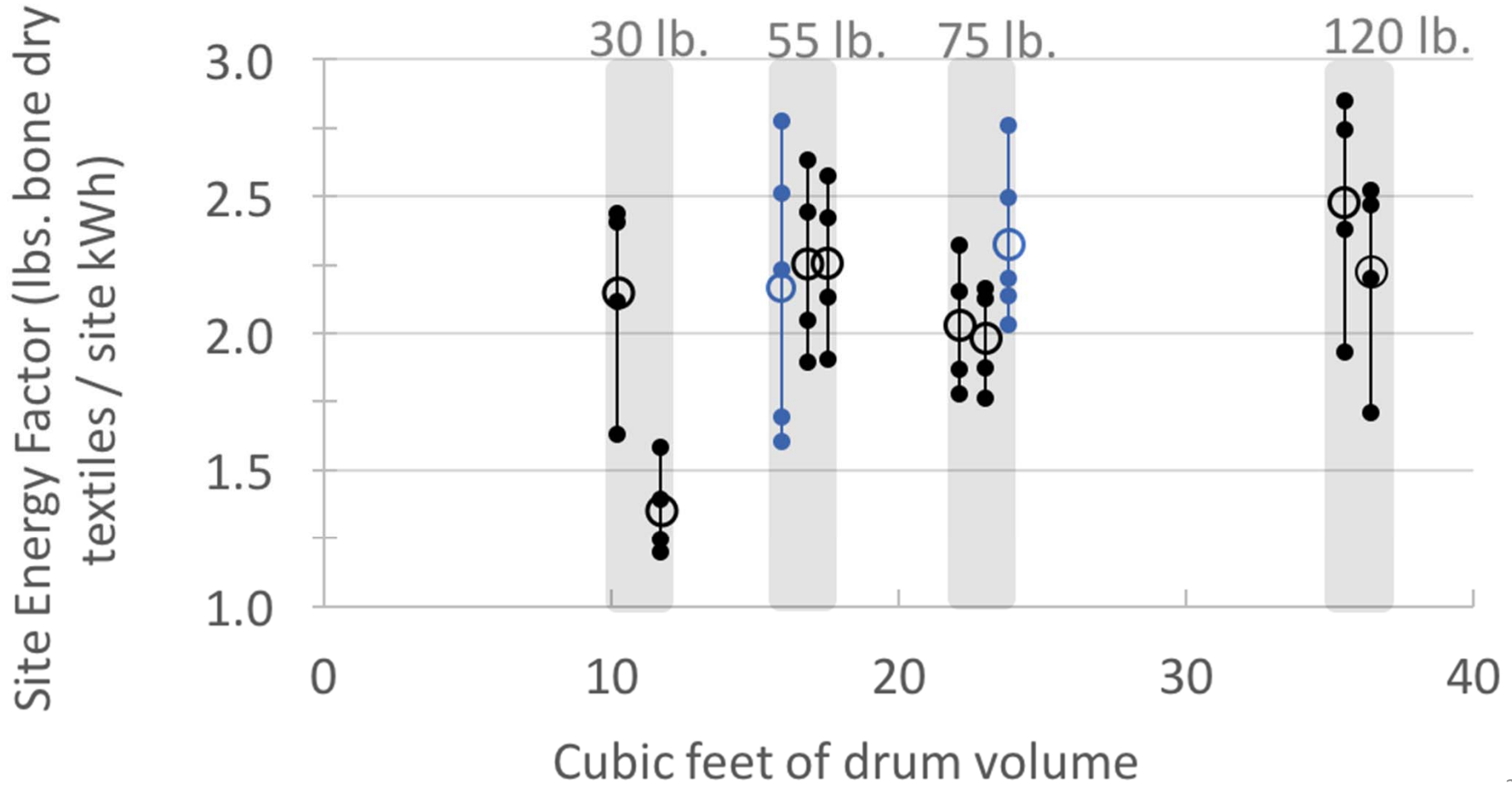
Test series overview: 5 to 6 tests

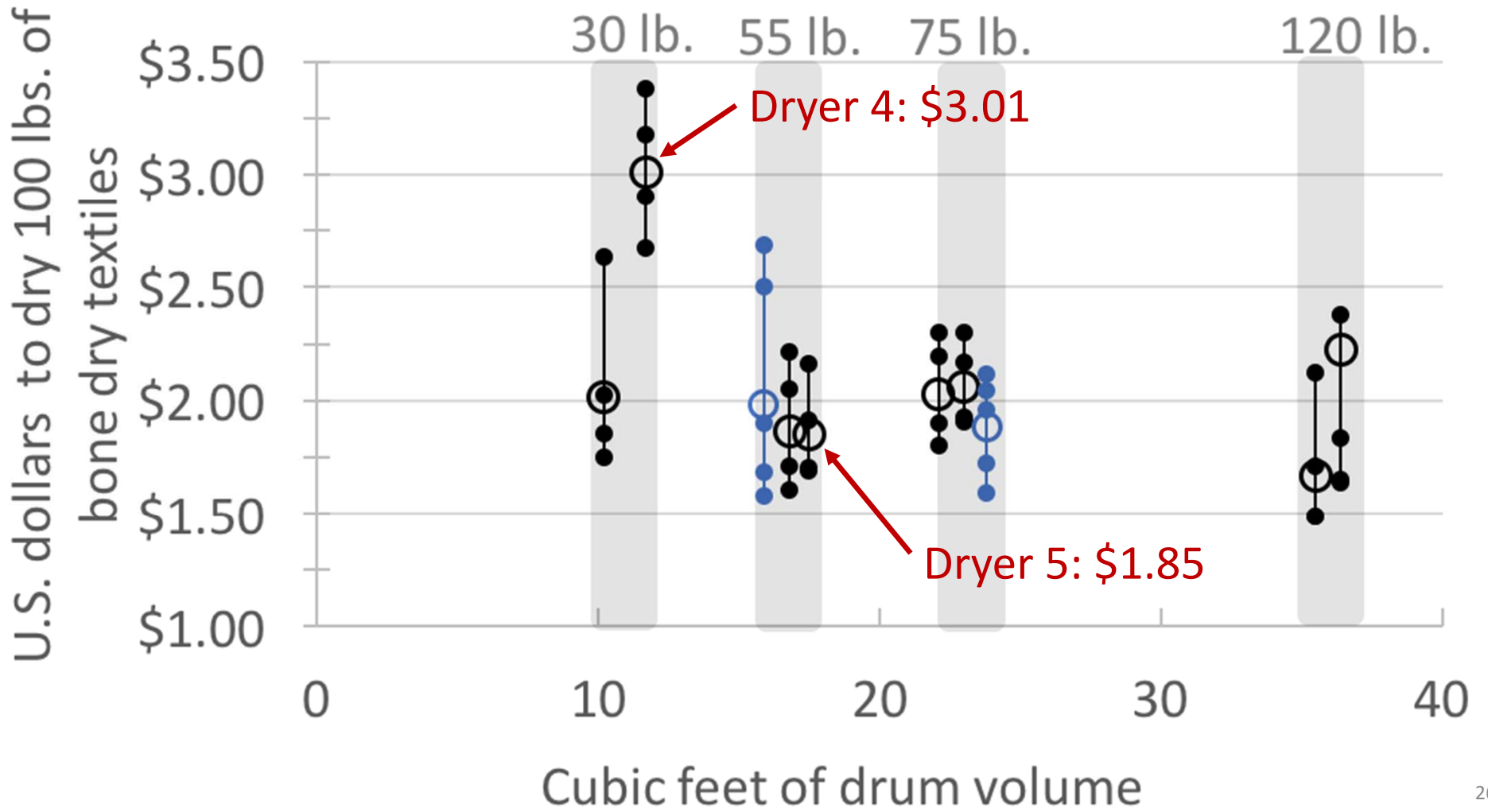
Run	Run sequence	Load size	IMC	RMC	Settings
A	Shortest timed	Full-sized	60%	1.5% - 4%	Timed, high heat
B				4% - 8%	
C	Over dry timed	Full-sized	60%	≤ 4%	
D	Challenging timed	Partial	75%	2% - 7%	
E	Favorable timed	Full-sized	60%	4% - 7%	Timed, low heat w/ cool down
F	Automatic termination	Partial	60%	≤ 4%	Automatic termination, medium heat

Dryers tested in 2016 included standard and “efficient” models



Summary of 2016 and 2017 test results





Institution type	Total number of lbs. of textiles per year	Approximate annual operational cost of Dryer 4, \$3.01 per 100 lbs. of dry textiles	Approximate annual operational cost of Dryer 5, \$1.85 per 100 lbs. of dry textiles	Annual Cost difference	Dryer lifetime cost difference
Universities and Colleges	128,100	\$3,900	\$2,400	\$1,500	\$22,500
Hotels and Motels	321,100	\$9,700	\$5,900	\$3,800	\$57,000
Nursing Homes	653,400	\$19,700	\$12,100	\$7,600	\$114,000

Site energy |

Source impacts |

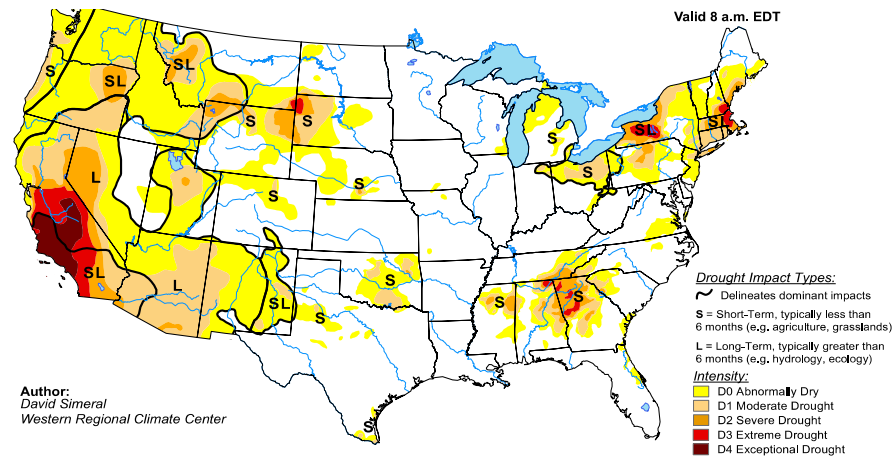
Cost

kWh

CO₂

\$

BTU



Test procedure defines Site Energy Factor and Cost-benefit Factor

Site Energy Factor:
(similar to U.S. DOE)

$$EF = \frac{W_{bone}}{(G_{cycle} + E_{cycle} + E_{low})}$$

Cost-benefit Factor

$$CBF = \frac{W_{bone}}{(\alpha G_{cycle} + \beta E_{cycle} + \beta E_{low})}$$

Test procedure defines two constants to weight the relative societal/environmental cost of gas and electricity: α for gas and β for electricity; stays silent on the values or terms of these constants

Example units for α and β could be $\frac{CO_2}{kWh}$ for source impacts and $\frac{\$}{kWh}$ for economic cost

Test procedure proposes one way to combine the energy efficiency and cycle time data to simplify for policymaking

$$\textit{Average EF} = \frac{1}{5} [EF_{AB} + EF_C + EF_D + EF_E + EF_F]$$

$$\textit{Average CBF} = \frac{1}{5} [CBF_{AB} + CBF_C + CBF_D + CBF_E + CBF_F]$$

$$\textit{Average } T_{\textit{cycle}} = \frac{1}{5} [T_{\textit{cycle}(AB)} + T_{\textit{cycle}(C)} + T_{\textit{cycle}(D)} + T_{\textit{cycle}(E)} + T_{\textit{cycle}(F)}]$$

June 2017 test protocol updates (version 2.6)

- Calculation revisions to enable discrete gas and electric values
- Measurement and set up specifications for the largest tumble dryers
- Refinement of automatic termination test (Run F) setting selection
- Detailed guidance on two-pocket dryers and washer-dryer combination units to clarify how they should be tested



Dual-pocket tumble dryers



Washer-dryer combination units

Test procedure benefits

- Appropriate for the commercial market (load size, timed dry, ambient temperature, etc.)
- More representative than DOE to ensure savings are achieved once dryers installed
- Gives a broad picture of energy efficiency performance to be used by purchasers
 - Includes tests for common use scenarios as well as bracketing the range
- Harmonizes, where possible, with existing procedures in use by industry (IEC load)
- Less burdensome than the DOE washer test procedure
- First step to California saving:
 - \$90 million in utility bills
 - 180 million kWh
 - 50 million therms
 - 360,000 metric tons of CO₂e

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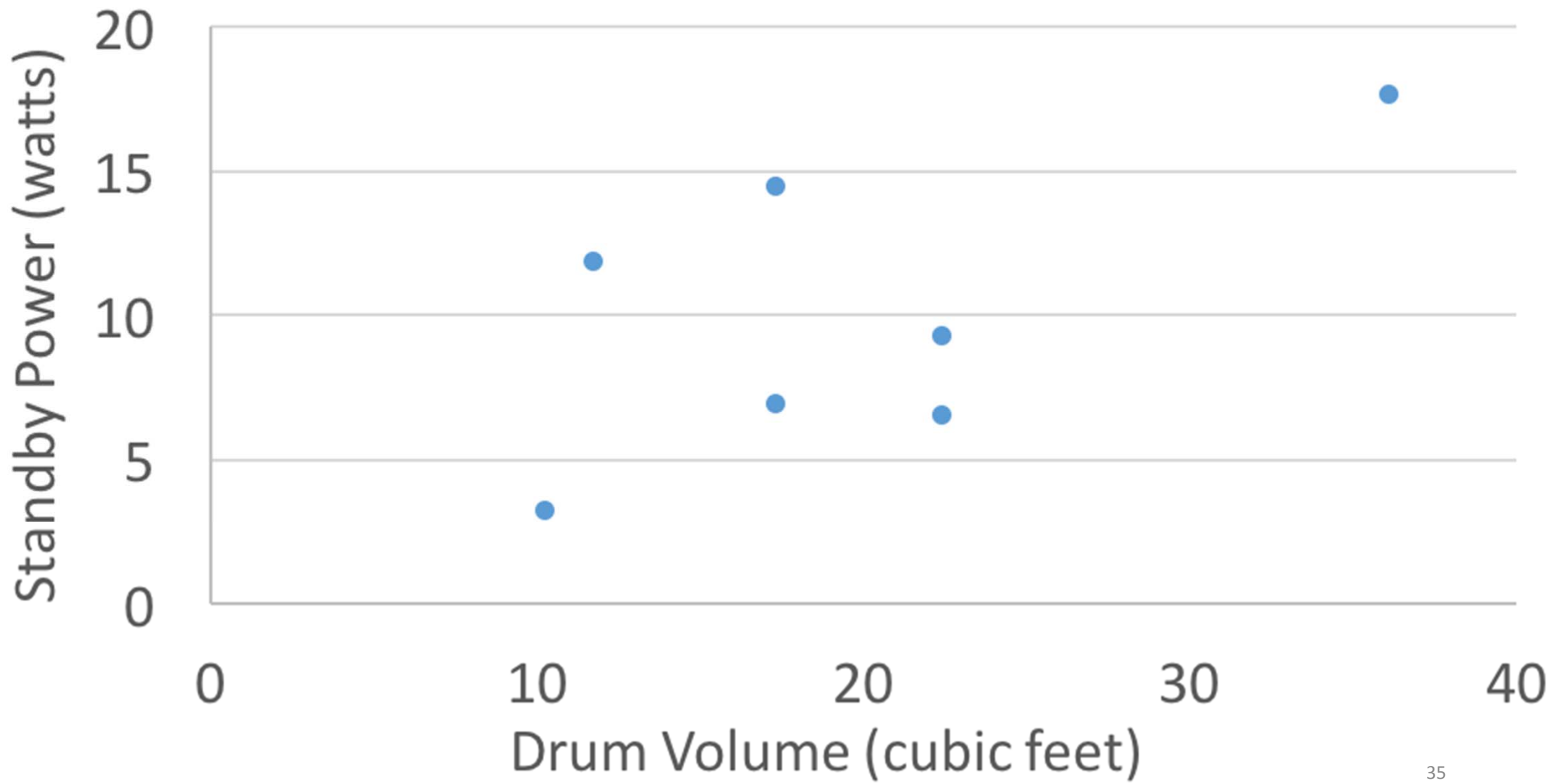
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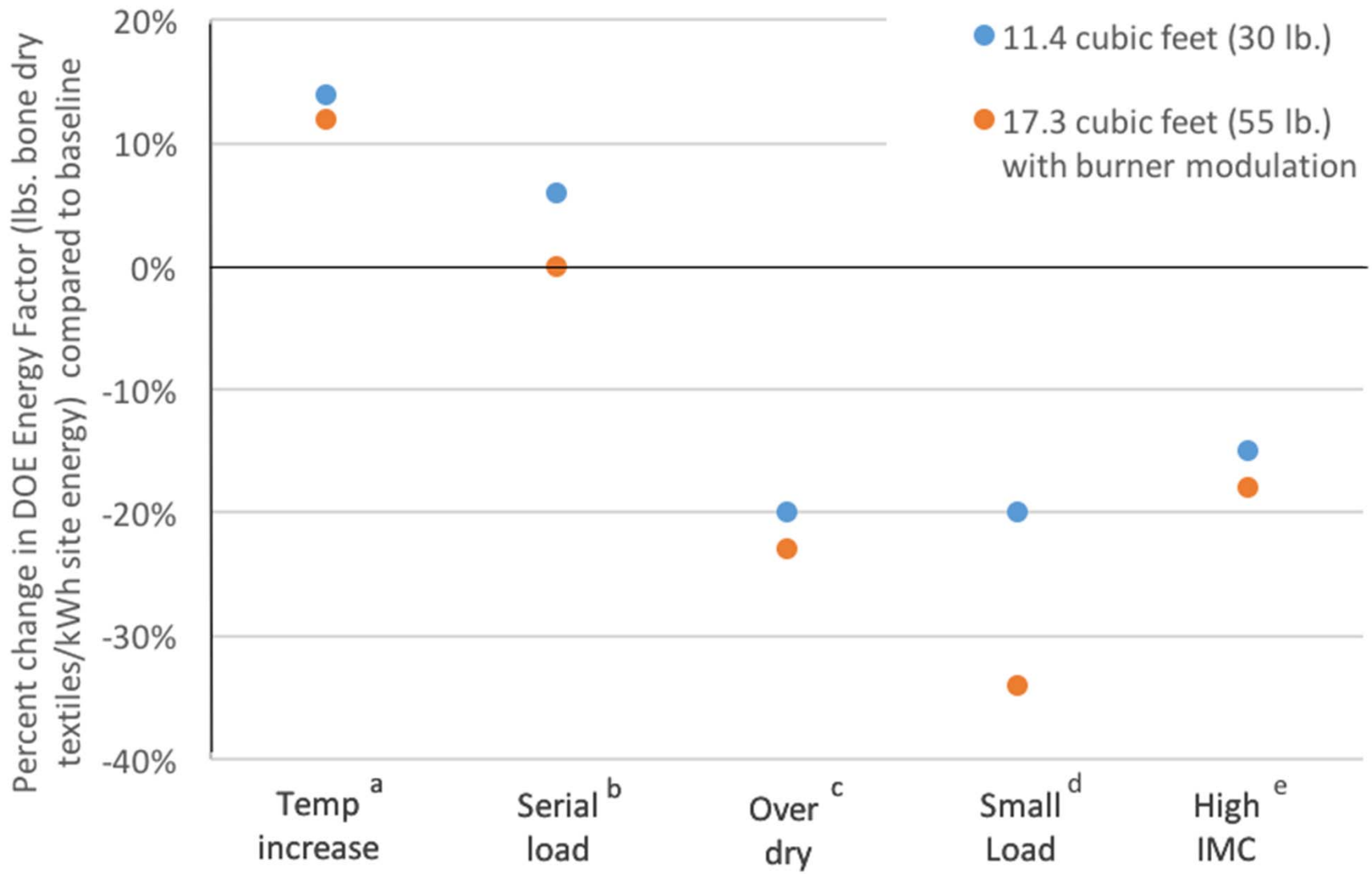
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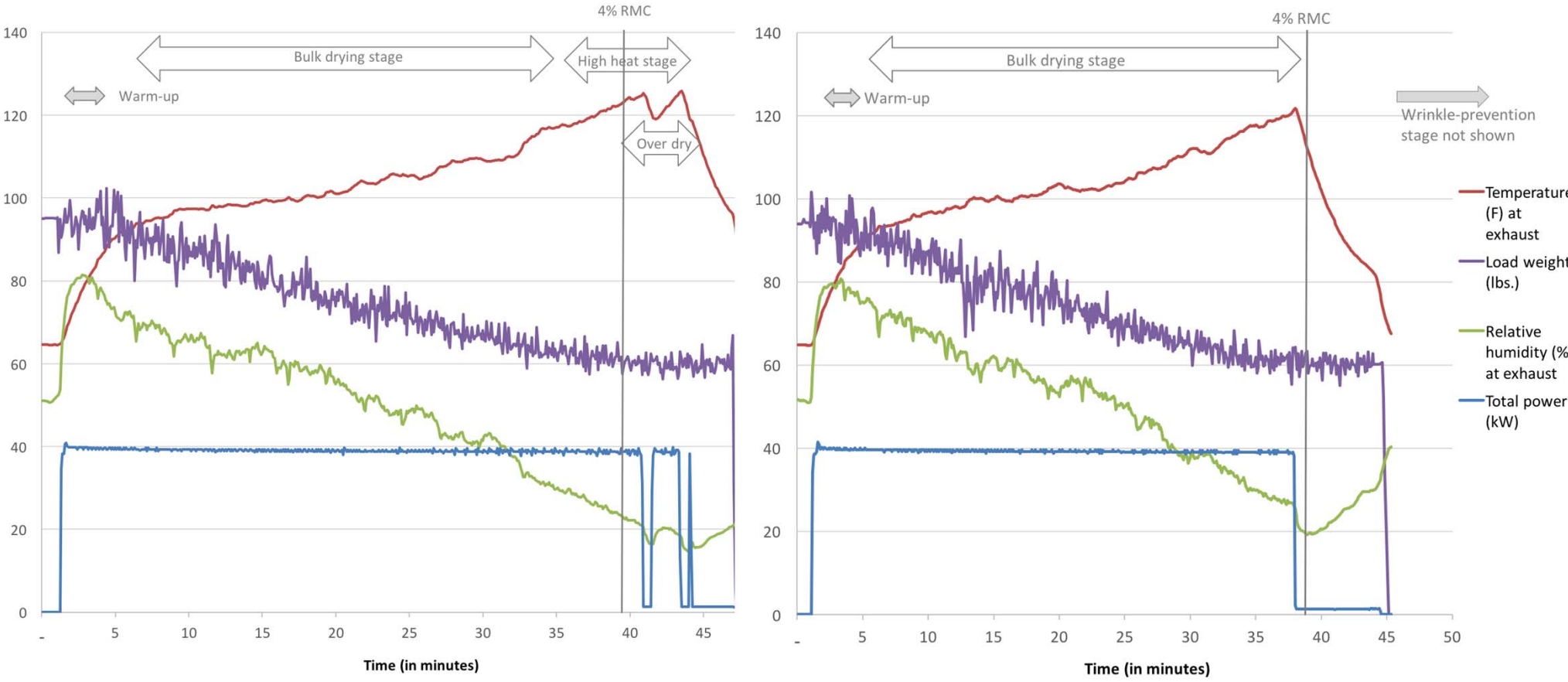
Additional material







Controls can reduce energy by 10% in over dry scenario



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