

# The English Household Electricity Study 2010-11

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# Methodology

## Recruitment:

As Mori recruited English households representative on the basis of:

Number of occupants

Lifestage (eg families, pensioners etc.)

Social grade (eg professional workers, manual workers etc.)

Age of property

This study focussed on owner-occupiers only (70% of UK population at the time).



96% of sample used gas as main fuel, 4% used electricity. 10% of households with gas also use electric heating to top up in cold weather.



All appliances were listed, photographed and categorised for monitoring:

1. High priority, very frequently used e.g. colour appliances, wet appliances, cookers
2. Medium priority, smaller demands, but frequently used, e.g. radios, toasters, iron
3. Low priority, rarely used.

Lighting was also assessed (number, type and wattage of bulbs per room).

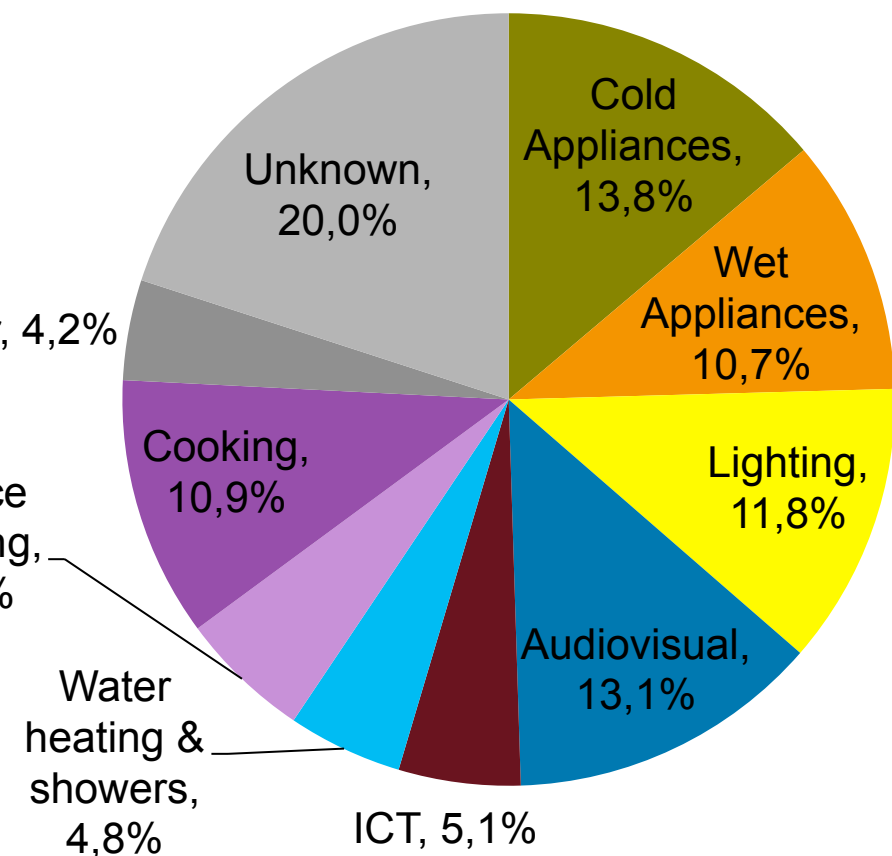
Appliances were monitored individually with a resolution of 2 minutes (winter), 10 minutes (summer). Lighting and overall circuits also monitored.

26 houses were monitored all year.

The remainder were monitored for 1 month on a rolling basis.

Households owned between 13 and 30 appliances. Most 30-40.

# Breakdown of average electricity use in the study



percentage of unknown electricity use  
in monitoring all appliances in all  
, particularly showers and some built in  
appliances).

	English Household study (2010-11)	Remodece (2006-2008)	Swedish (typical (2009)
Cold Appliances	20%	<b>29%</b>	17%
Wet Appliances	15%	16%	15%
Lighting	17%	18%	<b>26%</b>
Audiovisual	19%	10%	12%
ICT	7%	12%	11%
Cooking	16%	11%	10%
Other	6%	3%	9%
Overall kWh (excluding space heating, cooling and water heating)	2851	2646	<b>8416</b>

# Some results

## Actual versus calculated electricity consumption by class of appliance

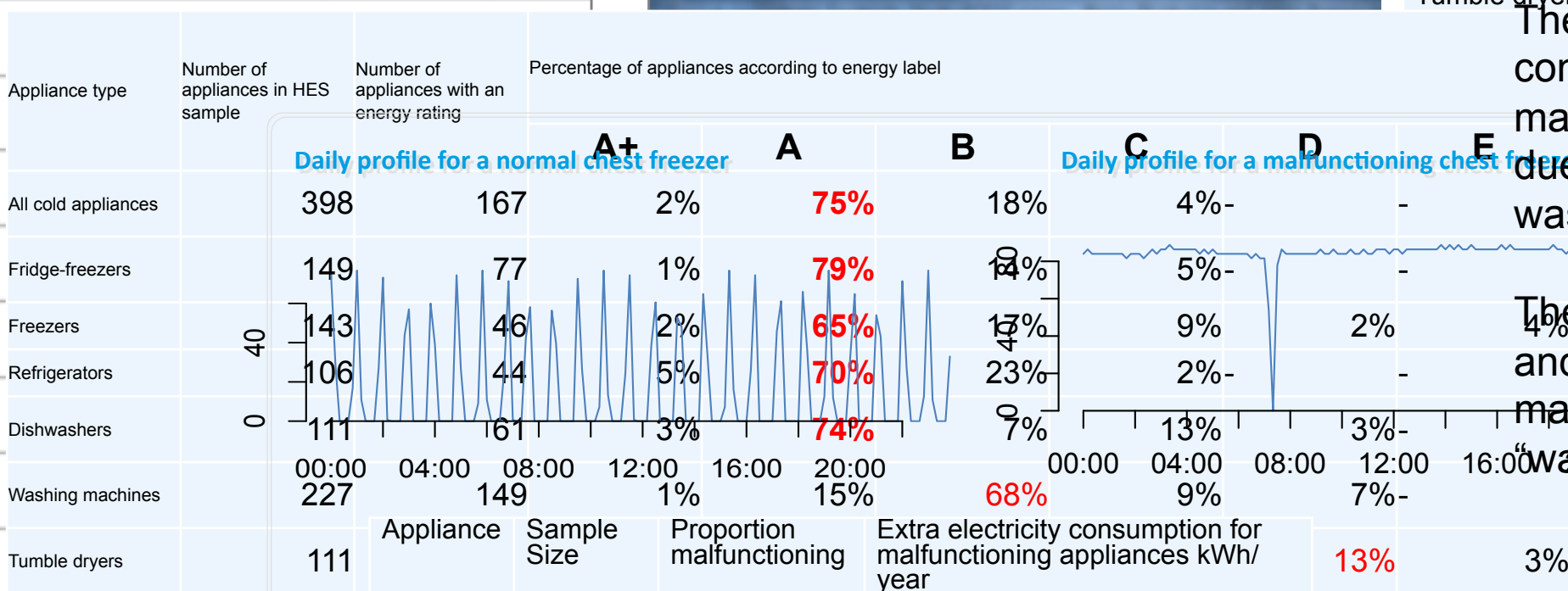
Trends in rising size can offset efficiency improvements...

Appliance type	Rising trend in size/capacity?	Strengthening trend?
TV	Yes	Mechanical
Washing machine	Yes	Low
Tumble dryer	Yes	Mechanical

The lower than expected consumption of washing machines is believed to be due to low temperature washes. (40°C or less)

The Energy Saving Trust and detergent manufacturers ran a "wash at 30" campaign

Rated annual energy consumption Measured annual energy consumption





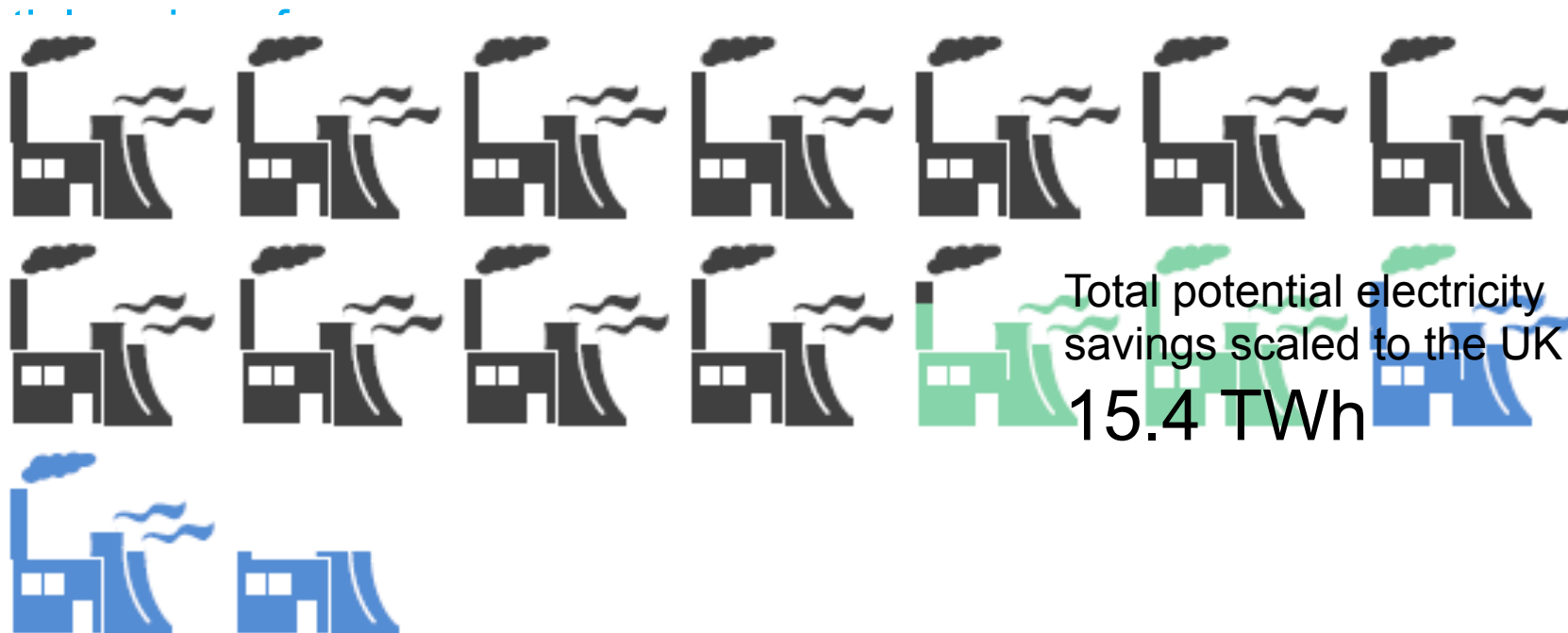
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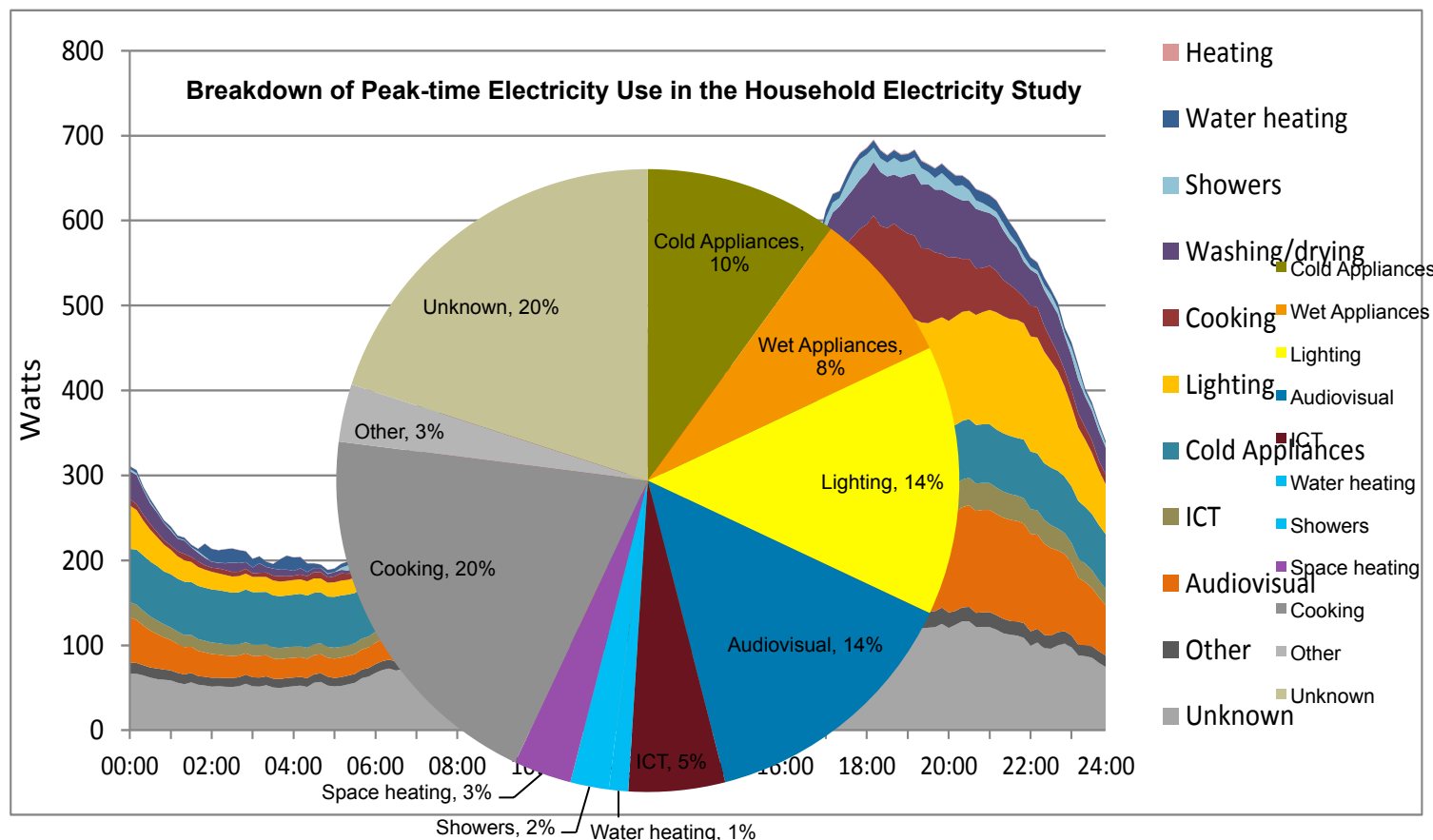
UK household demand with fuel switching and energy efficiency savings

Total potential electricity savings scaled to the UK = 13 TWh

This study took place in 2010.

Some of the savings identified have already been realised, for example: Ecodesign for lamps and EU standby directive.

# Typical daily profile of household electricity demand



Appliances that can be rescheduled (wet appliances) account for approx 1.3 GW nationally.

Significant proportion of "unidentified load"

BUT Cooking peaks at around 18:00-19:30

Lighting peaks at 20:30-22:30

Improving efficiency of appliances has greater potential for reducing the peak load than re-scheduling appliances.

Audiovisual use peaks at around 20:00-22:00.

Washing and drying appear to take place throughout the day.

# Thank you for your attention!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/household-electricity-survey>

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