Nest Learning Thermostat: Can You Teach an Old Thermostat New Tricks?

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Evolution of Thermostats



Manual

User manually adjusts setpoints



Programmable

User programs setpoint schedule



Wi-Fi Connected

User adjusts/programs setpoints remotely



Smart

Thermostat adjusts/programs setpoints









Objectives



Gas saved on heating (Gas furnaces)



Electricity saved on cooling (Central AC)

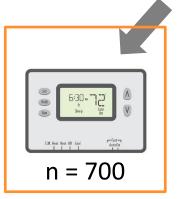


Program Design

Test



N = 1,400





Control







Pre/Post billing analysis





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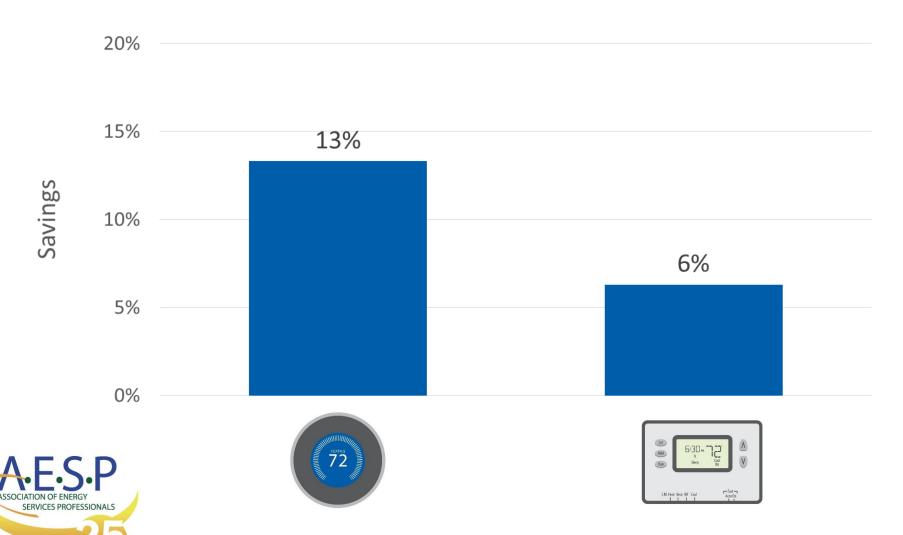


Participant surveys



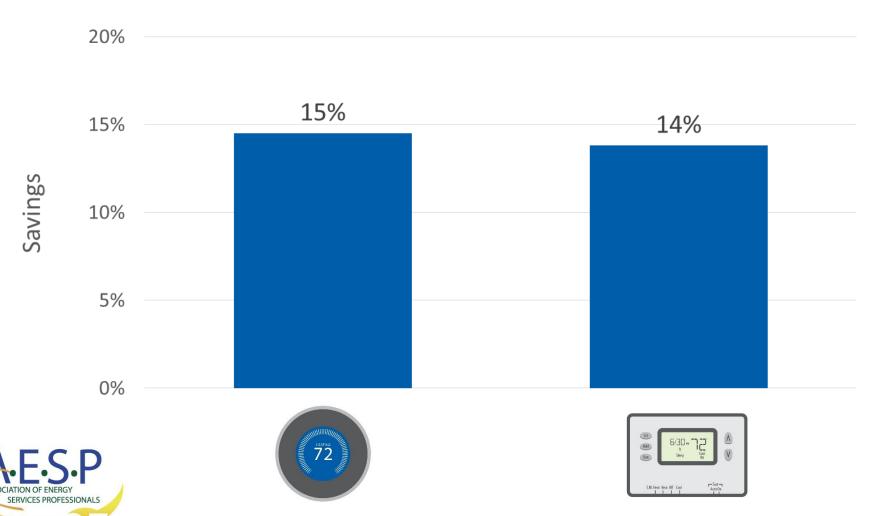


Heating Season Gas Savings



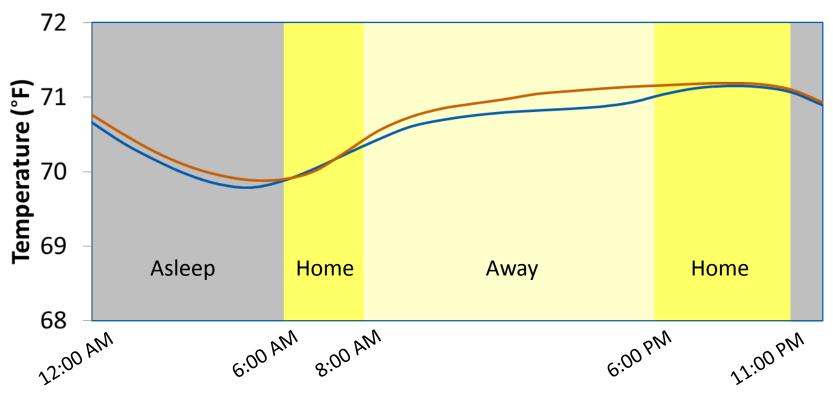


Cooling Season Electric Savings





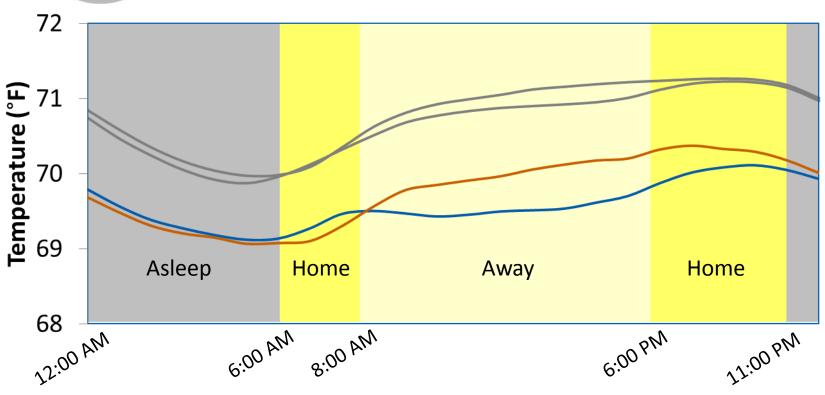
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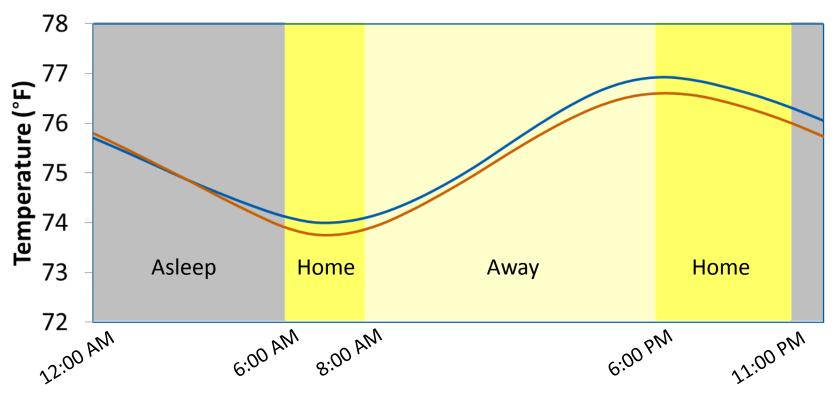
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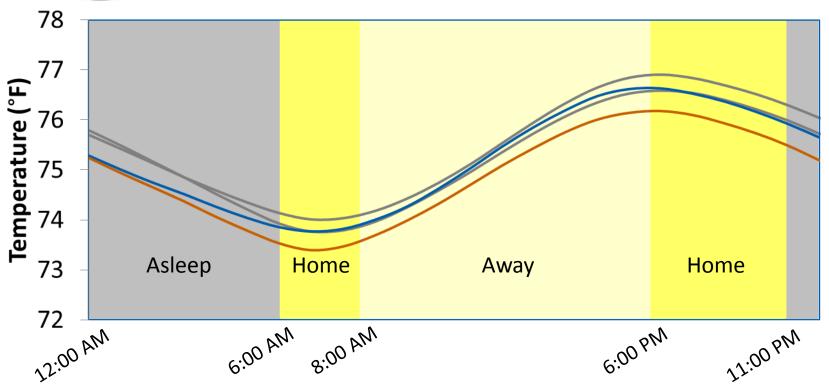
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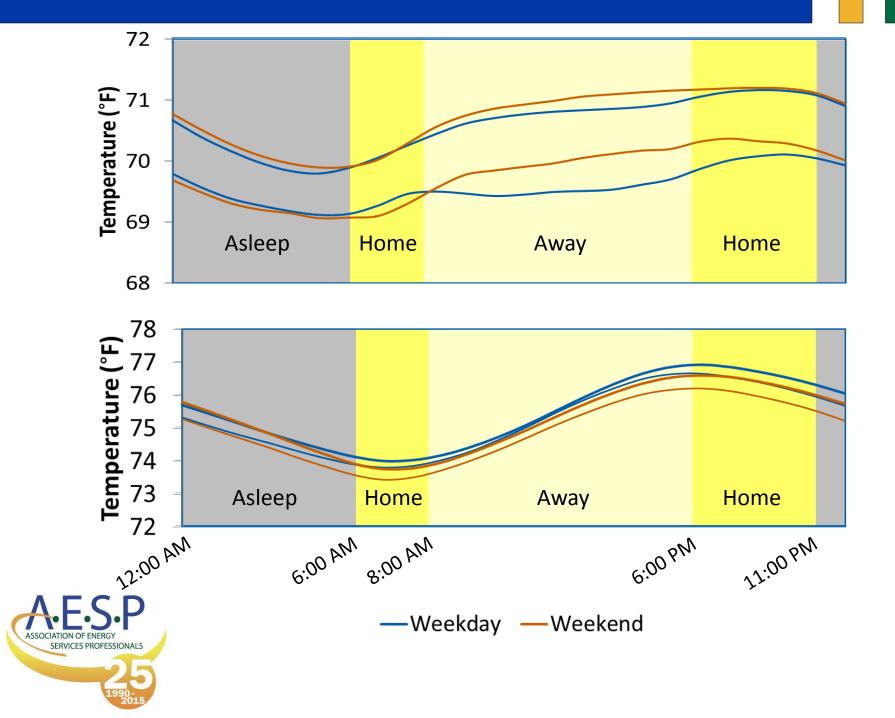


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- 2. Cooling season shorter than heating season
- 3. HVAC run times shorter in summer





How I Think I Look





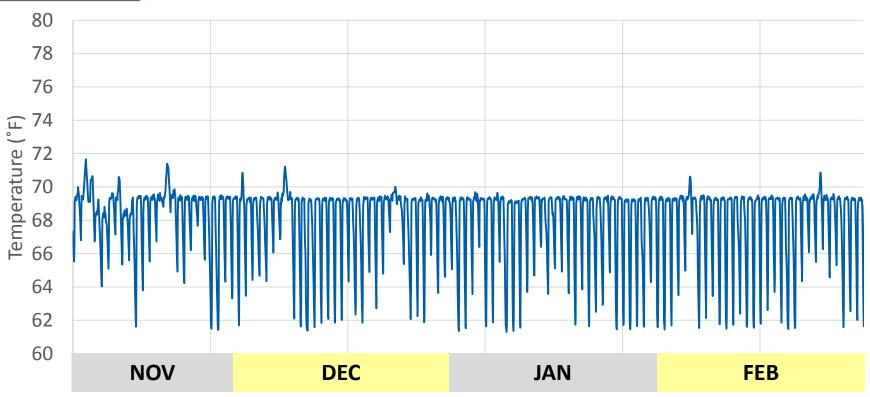
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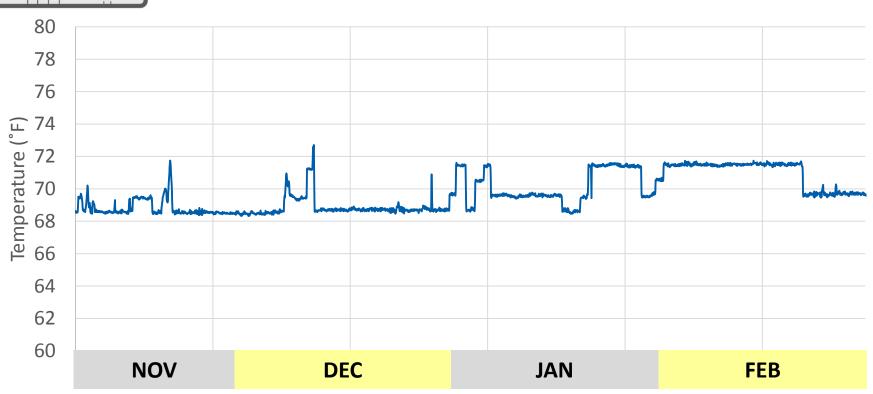
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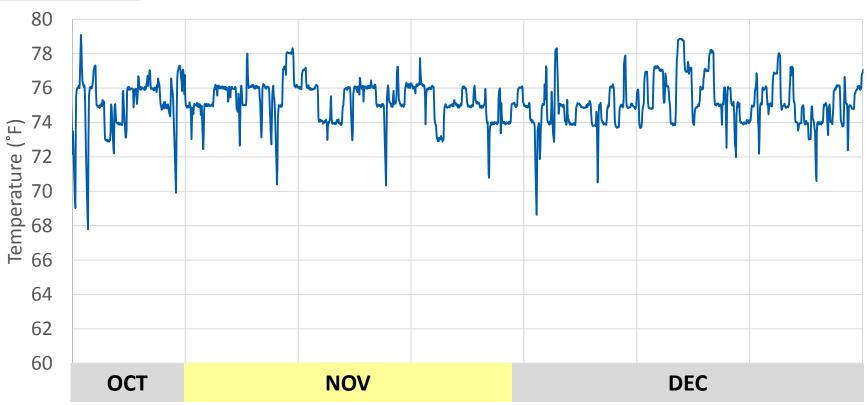
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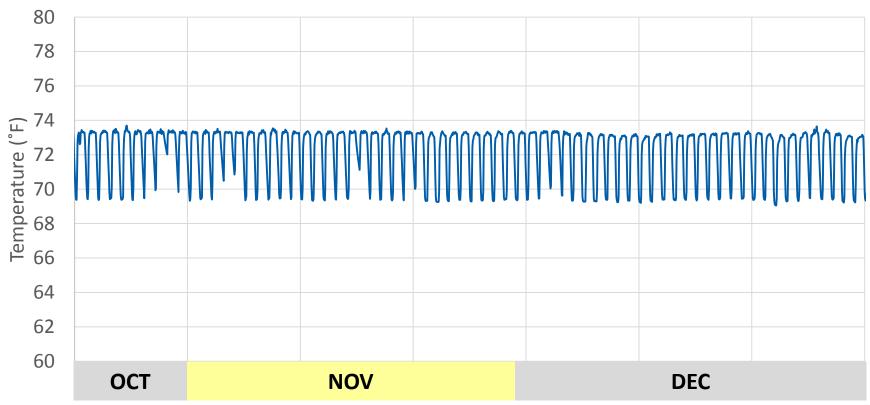
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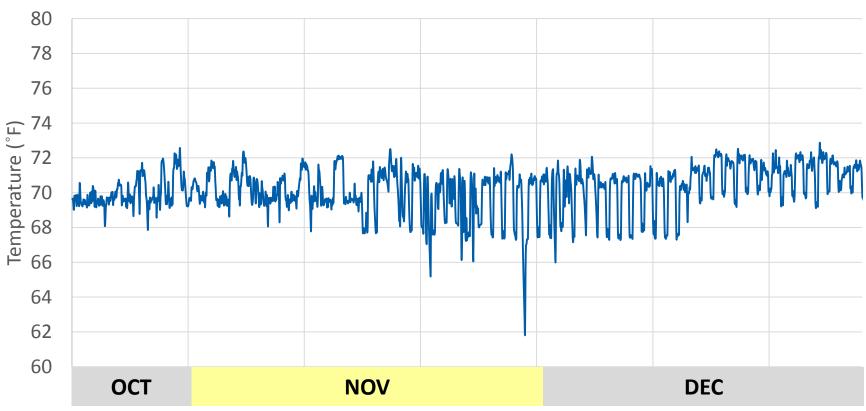


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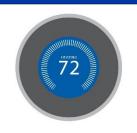


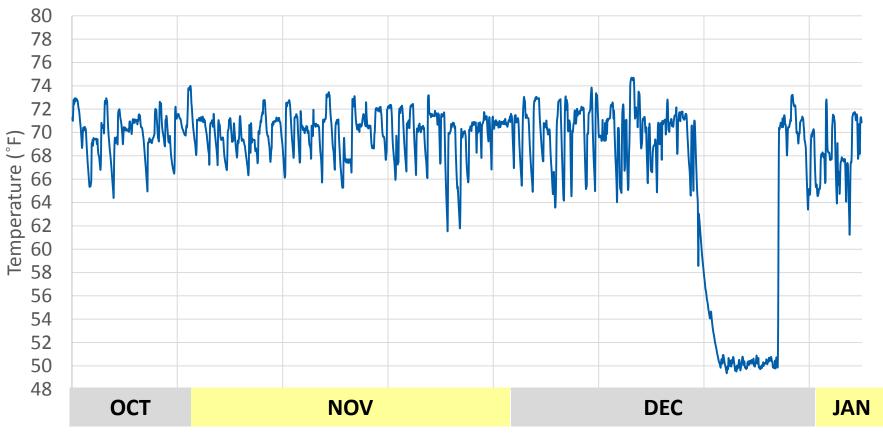
















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- What areas would YOU examine?



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