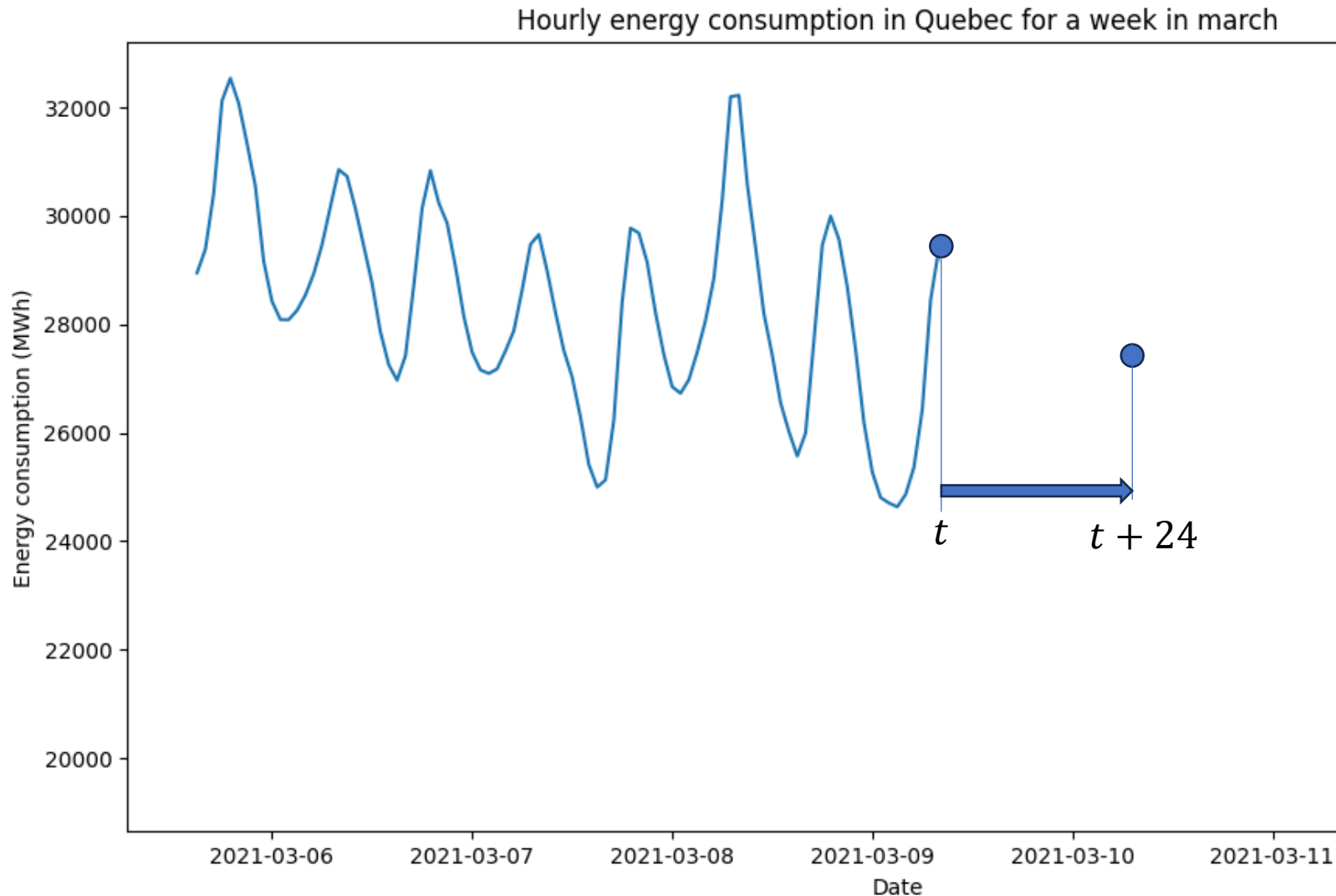


# Day-ahead electricity consumption forecasting in Quebec

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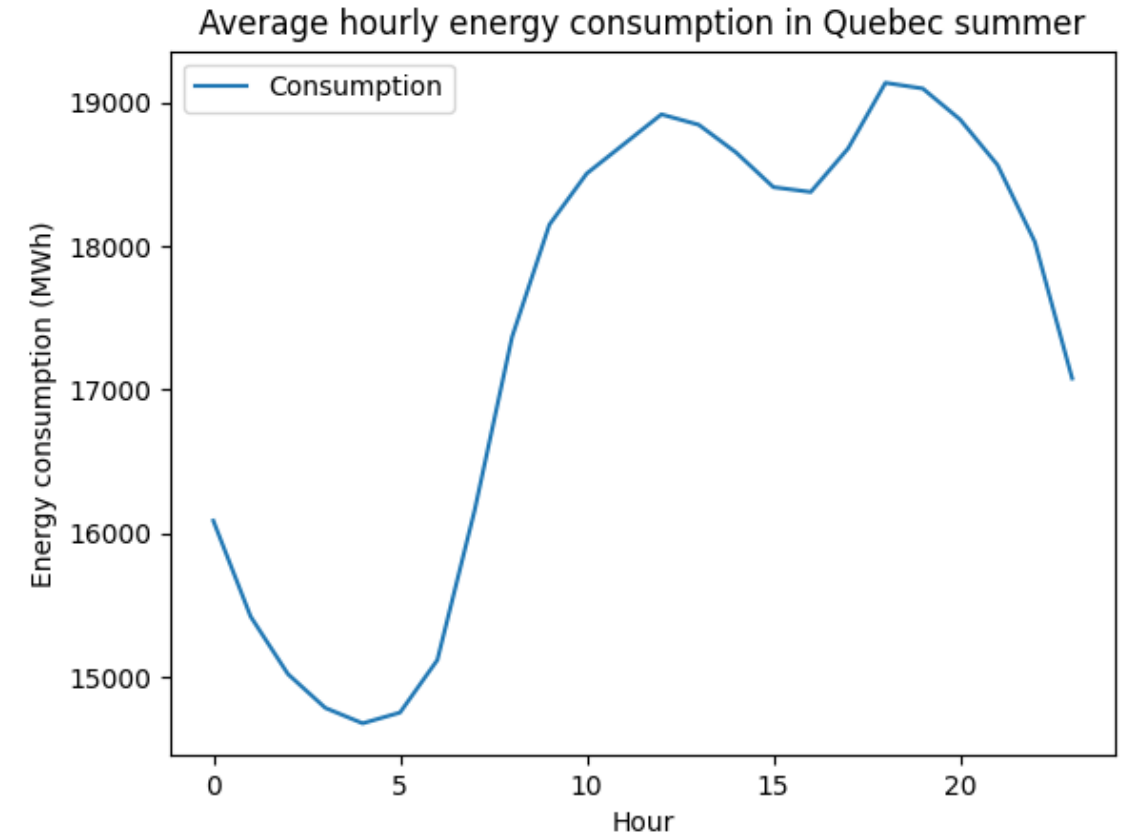
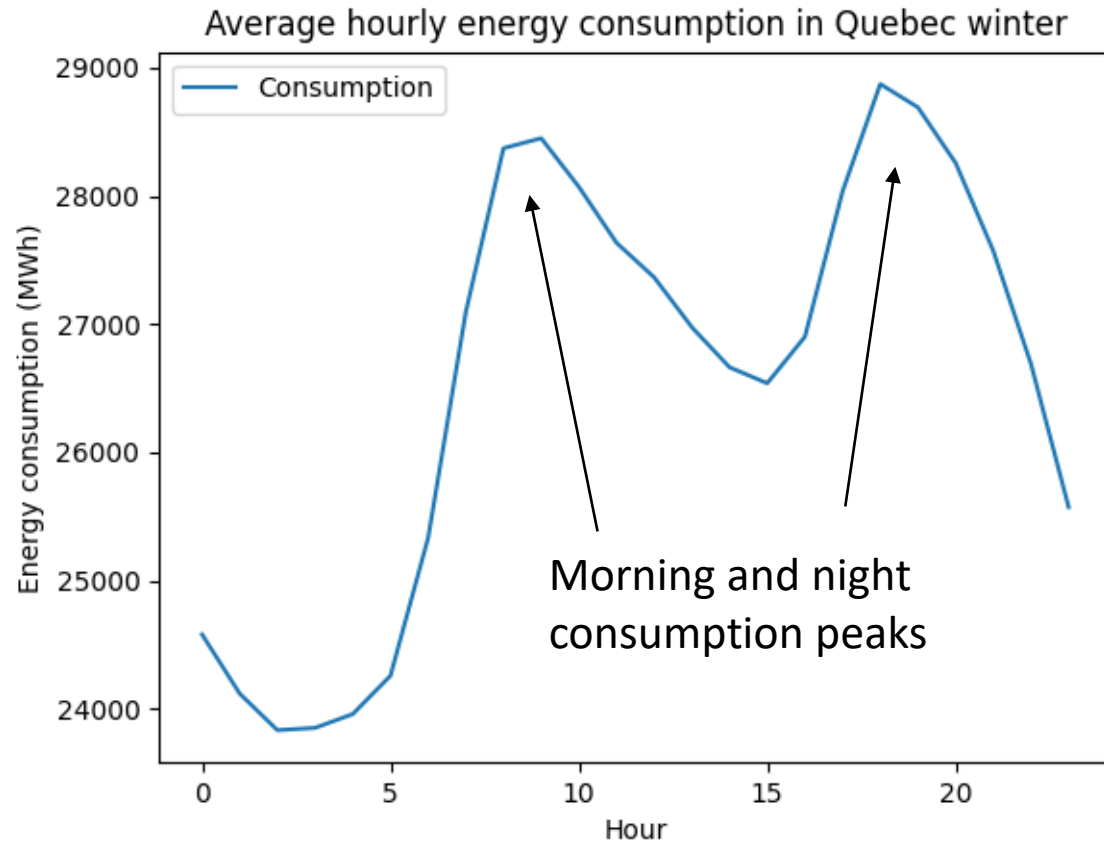
July 11 update

# Day-ahead consumption forecasting



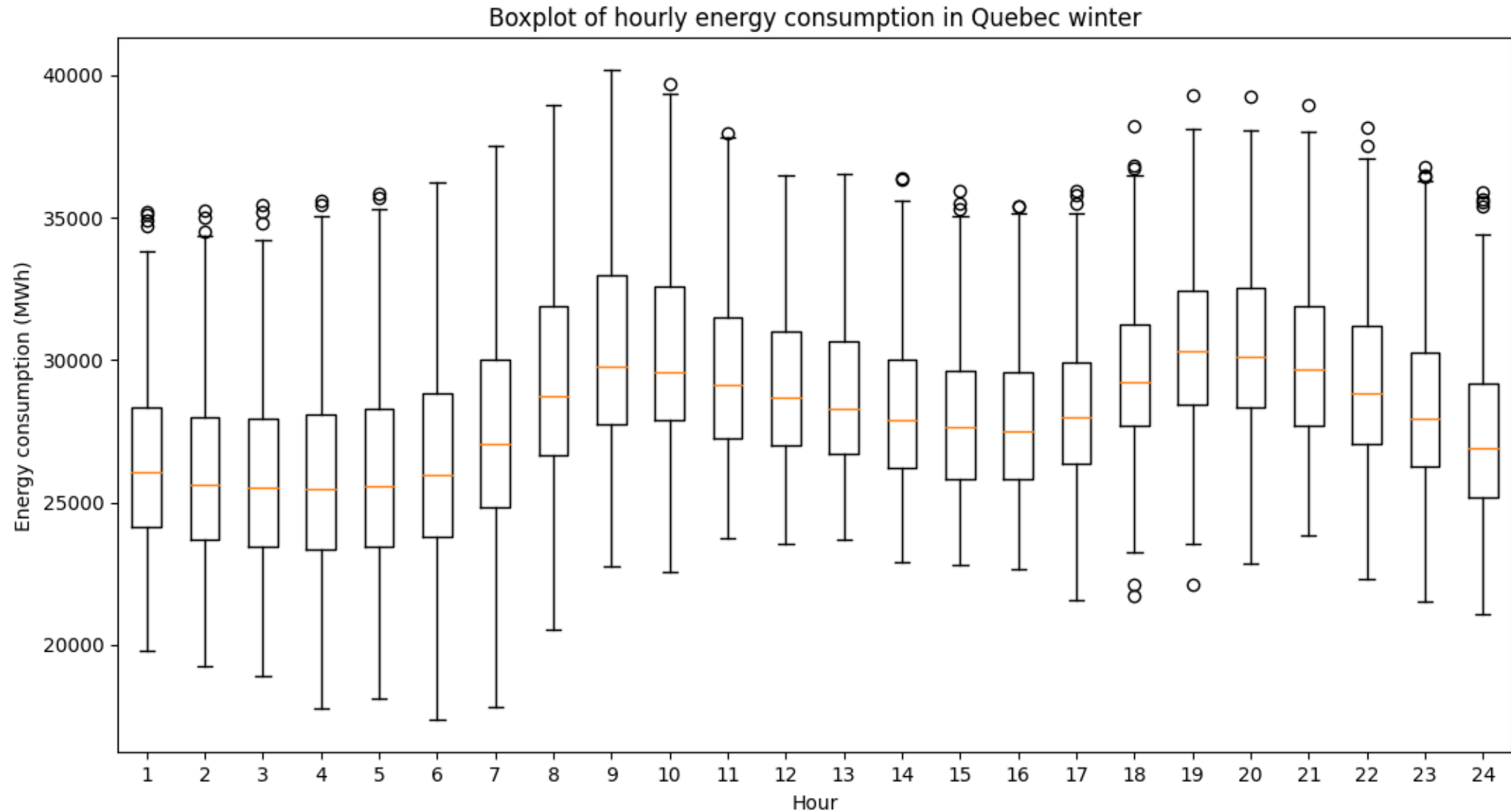
- Electricity production planning.
- Distribution.
- Exportations, importations.

# Data analysis – hourly consumption patterns



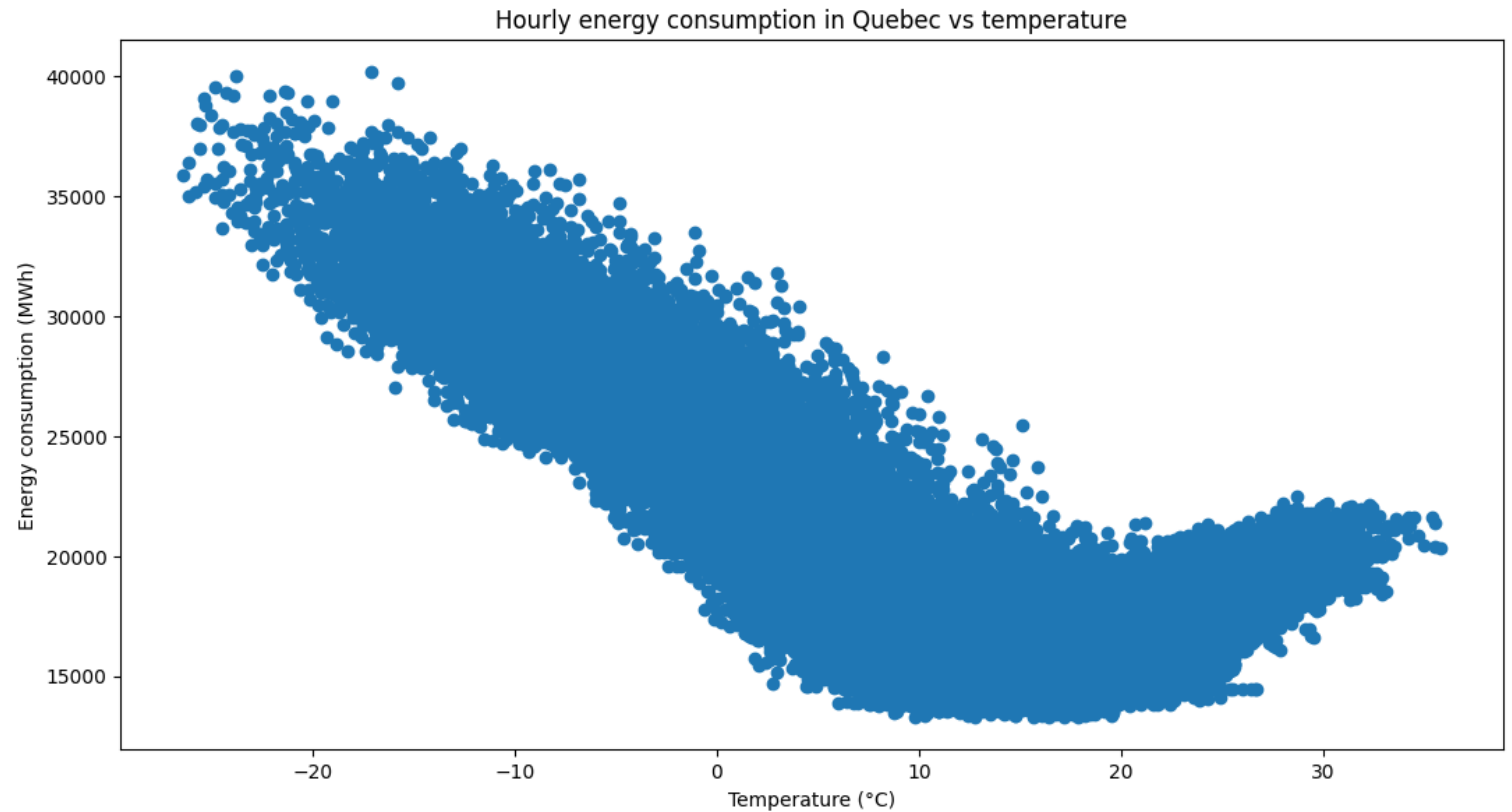
- Electricity consumption differs depending on the hour.

# Data analysis – hourly consumption patterns

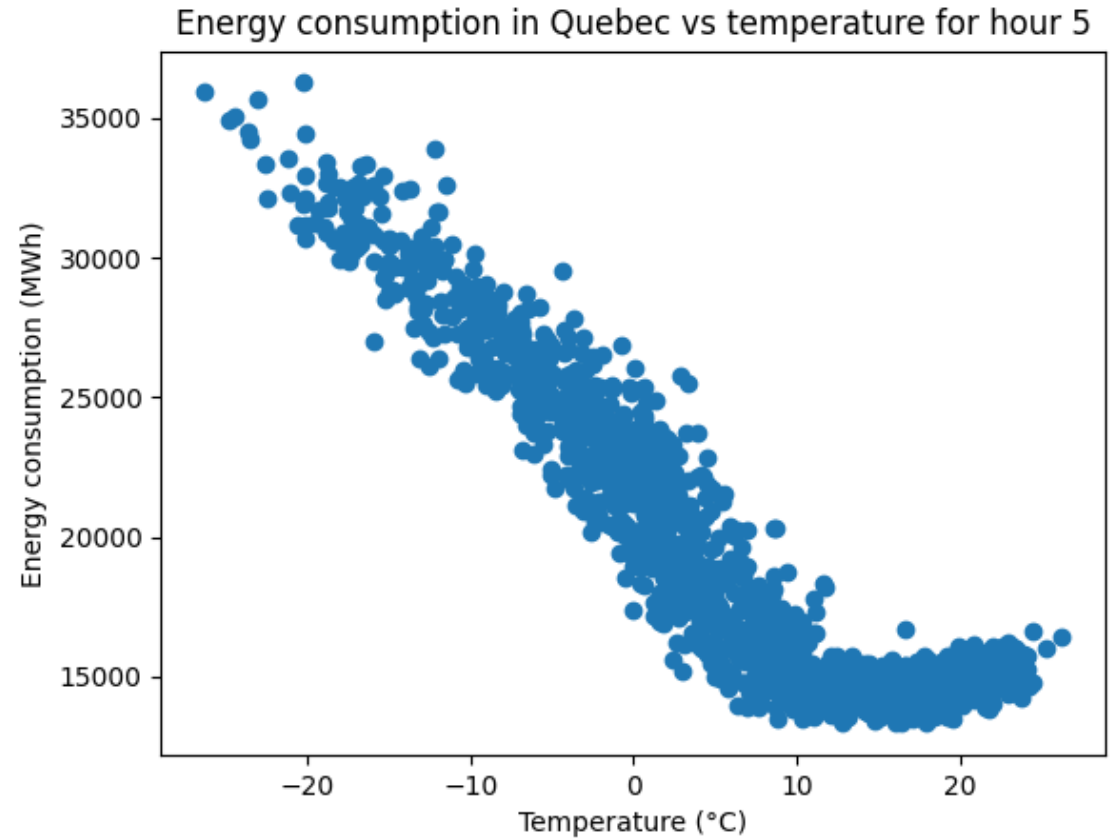
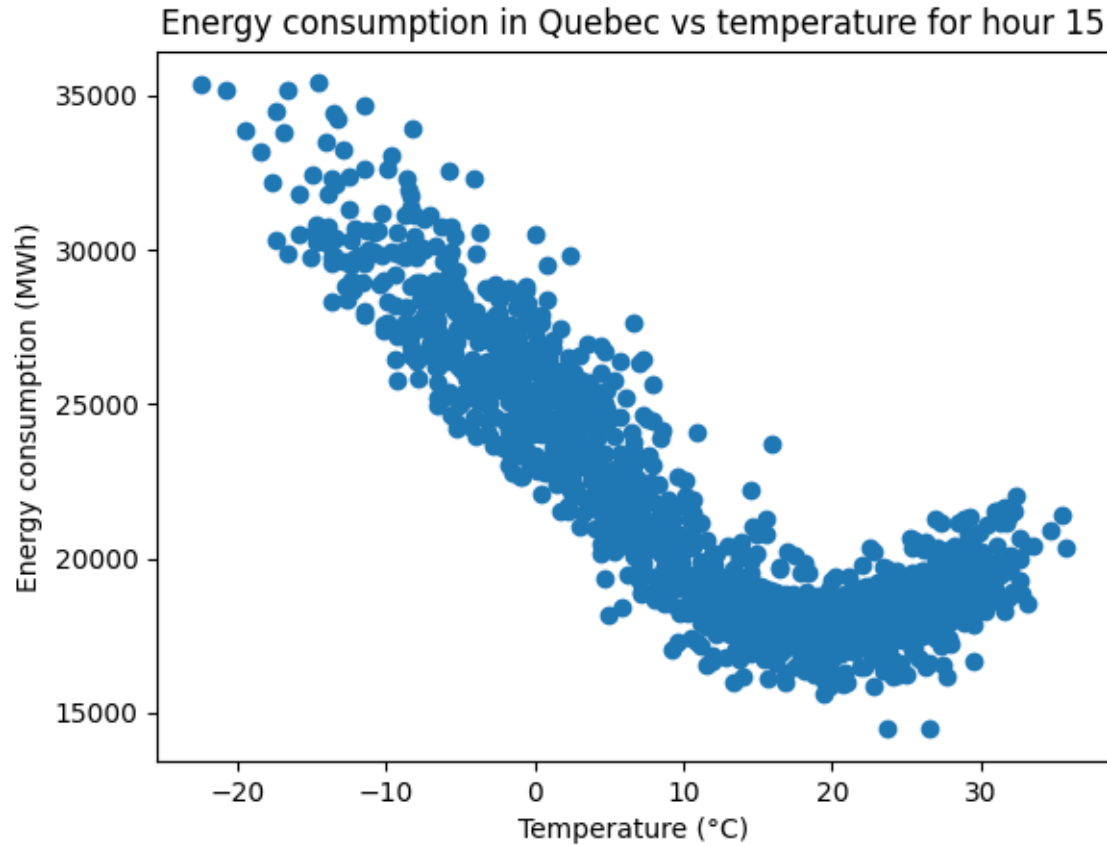


# Data analysis – temperature effect

- In Quebec, electricity consumption is highly correlated with temperature
  - Winter: Electric heating
  - Summer: Air conditioning



# Data analysis – temperature effect



# Model

date_time	temp	demand
2019-01-03 00:00:00	-13.4	28844.38
2019-01-03 01:00:00	-13.6	28388.10
2019-01-03 02:00:00	-13.7	28173.16
2019-01-03 03:00:00	-14.1	28392.68
2019-01-03 04:00:00	-14.0	28613.17
...	...	...
2022-12-31 19:00:00	6.2	23381.99
2022-12-31 20:00:00	6.3	22627.35
2022-12-31 21:00:00	6.0	22004.14
2022-12-31 22:00:00	5.3	21469.17
2022-12-31 23:00:00	4.3	21021.14

date_time	temp	demand
2019-01-03 01:00:00	-13.6	28388.10
2019-01-04 01:00:00	-1.6	25779.78
2019-01-05 01:00:00	1.1	21949.25
2019-01-06 01:00:00	1.2	21498.25
2019-01-07 01:00:00	-12.9	26658.05
...	...	...
2022-12-26 01:00:00	-7.0	26354.44
2022-12-27 01:00:00	-4.6	26127.44
2022-12-28 01:00:00	-3.5	26784.03
2022-12-29 01:00:00	-0.6	24308.67
2022-12-30 01:00:00	6.0	21702.44

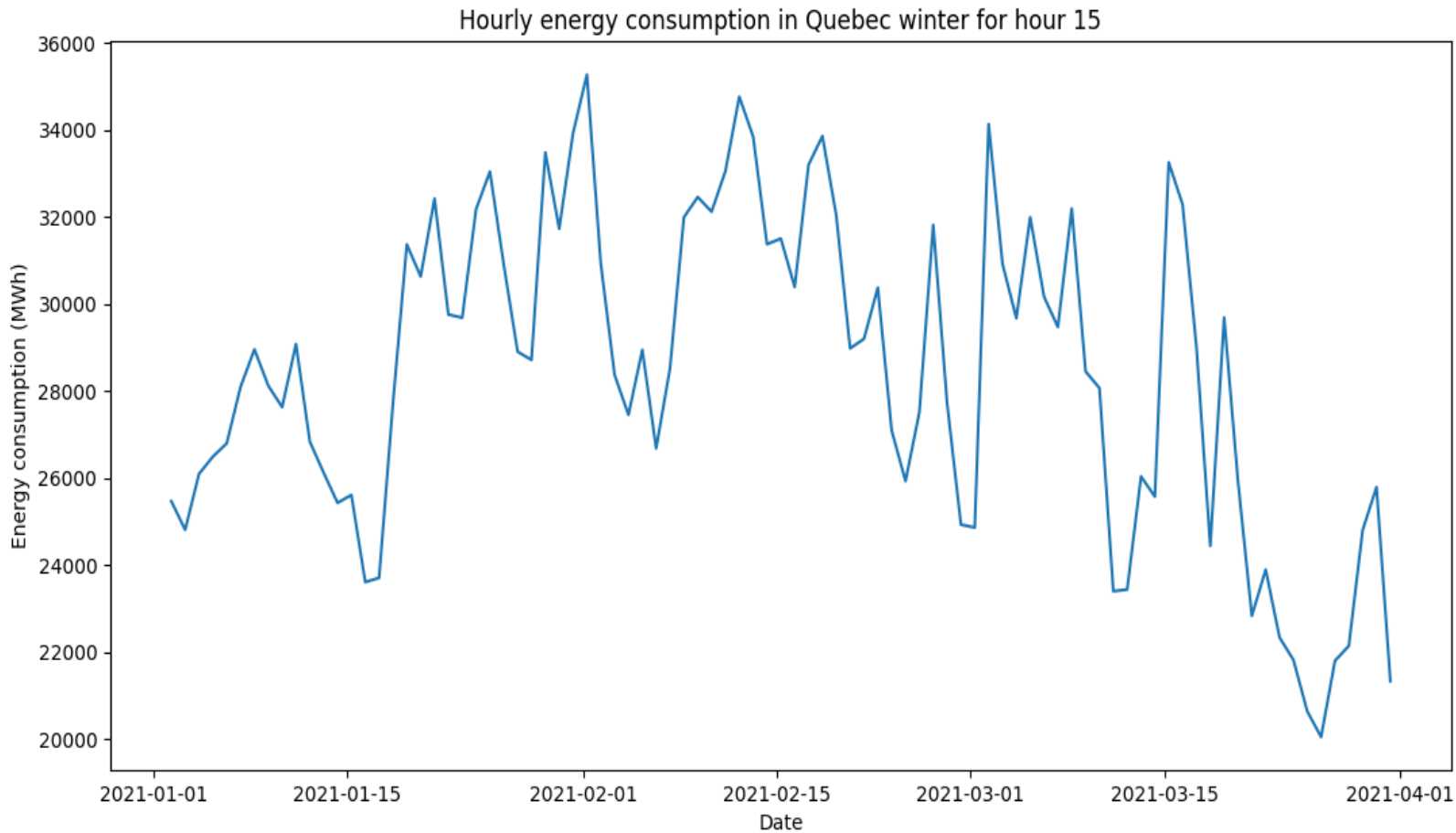
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2019-01-03 02:00:00	-13.7	28173.16
2019-01-04 02:00:00	-1.3	25532.46
2019-01-05 02:00:00	0.7	21656.77
2019-01-06 02:00:00	1.2	21274.81
2019-01-07 02:00:00	-13.4	26848.81
...	...	...
2022-12-26 02:00:00	-7.5	26154.11
2022-12-27 02:00:00	-4.8	25840.09
2022-12-28 02:00:00	-3.2	26494.32
2022-12-29 02:00:00	-1.2	24098.08
2022-12-30 02:00:00	5.8	21523.90

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date_time	temp	demand
2019-01-03 23:00:00	-3.8	27767.21
2019-01-04 23:00:00	2.0	23436.87
2019-01-05 23:00:00	1.5	22503.15
2019-01-06 23:00:00	-11.2	27381.07
2019-01-07 23:00:00	-11.2	29786.04
...	...	...
2022-12-26 23:00:00	-4.5	27166.05
2022-12-27 23:00:00	-4.7	27987.84
2022-12-28 23:00:00	-0.1	25664.46
2022-12-29 23:00:00	5.9	23097.65
2022-12-30 23:00:00	7.6	21418.83

- One model for every hour.  
(24 different models)

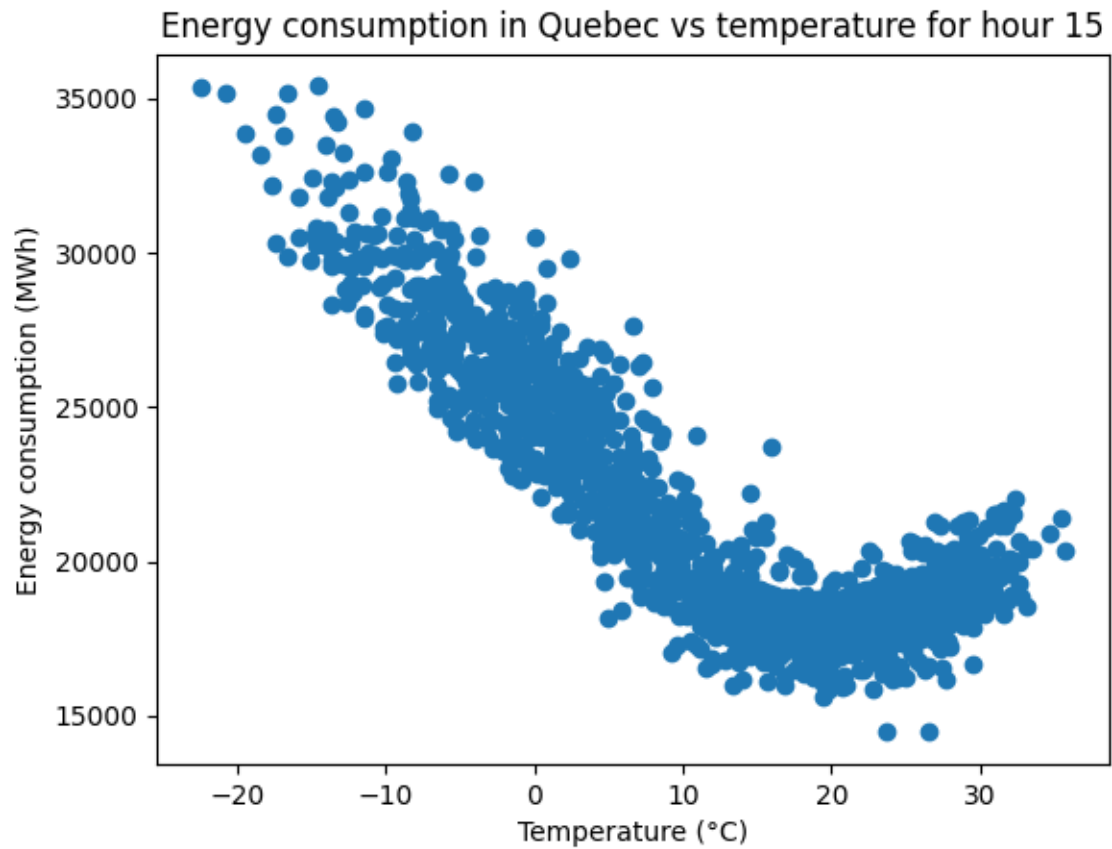
# Model



- Simplified the problem to forecasting a time series one step ahead instead of 24 steps ahead.

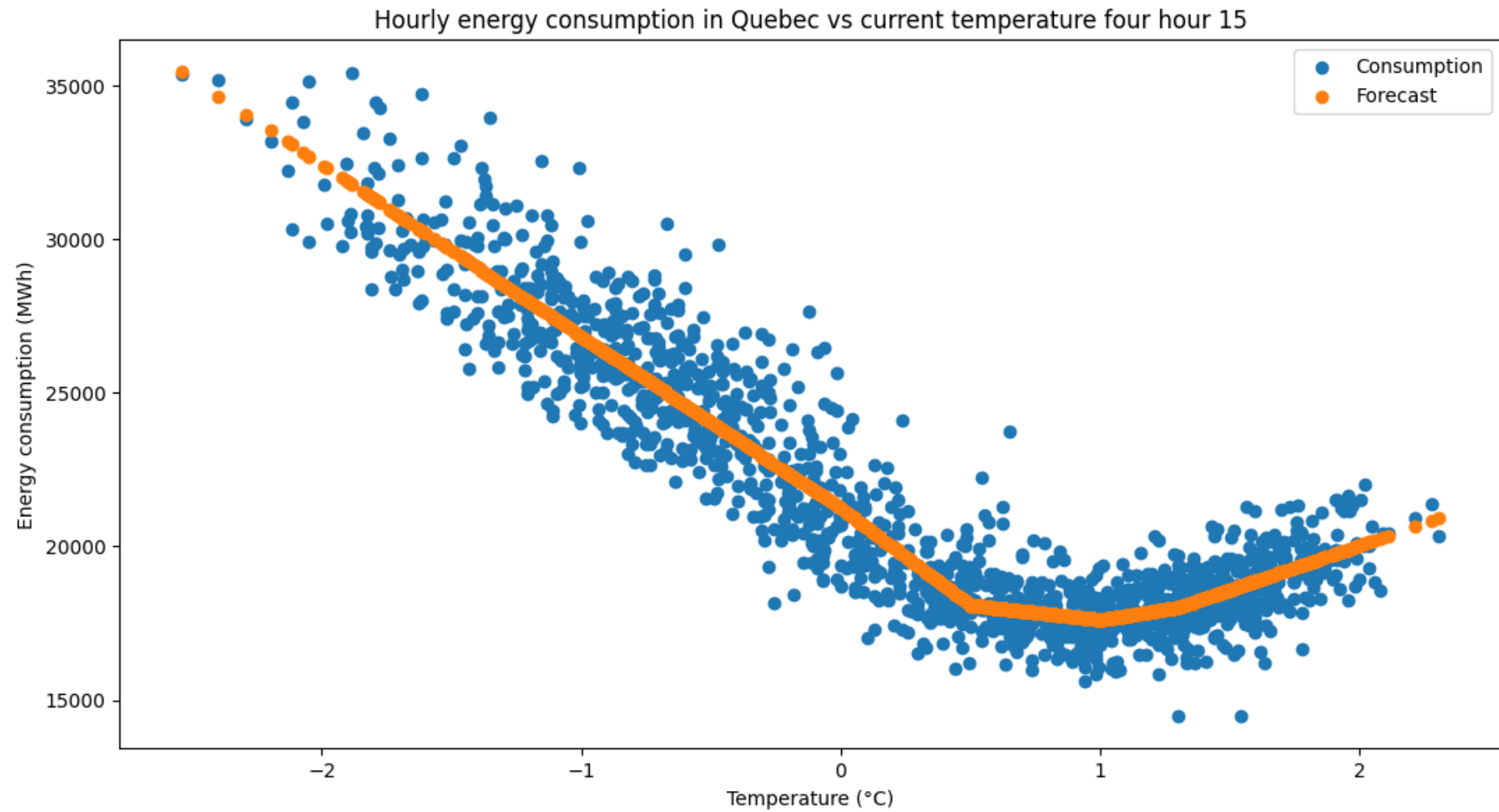


# Model



- Energy consumption is strongly correlated to current temperature.
- Address change in concavity – Regression splines.

# Model



# Model - predictors

- Lagged temperatures
- Type of day
- Cloud cover

# Lagged temperatures

- We suspect electricity demand at time  $t$  is correlated with previous temperatures.
- Calculate correlation between current electricity and temperature lag  $T_{t-i}$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, 23$ .

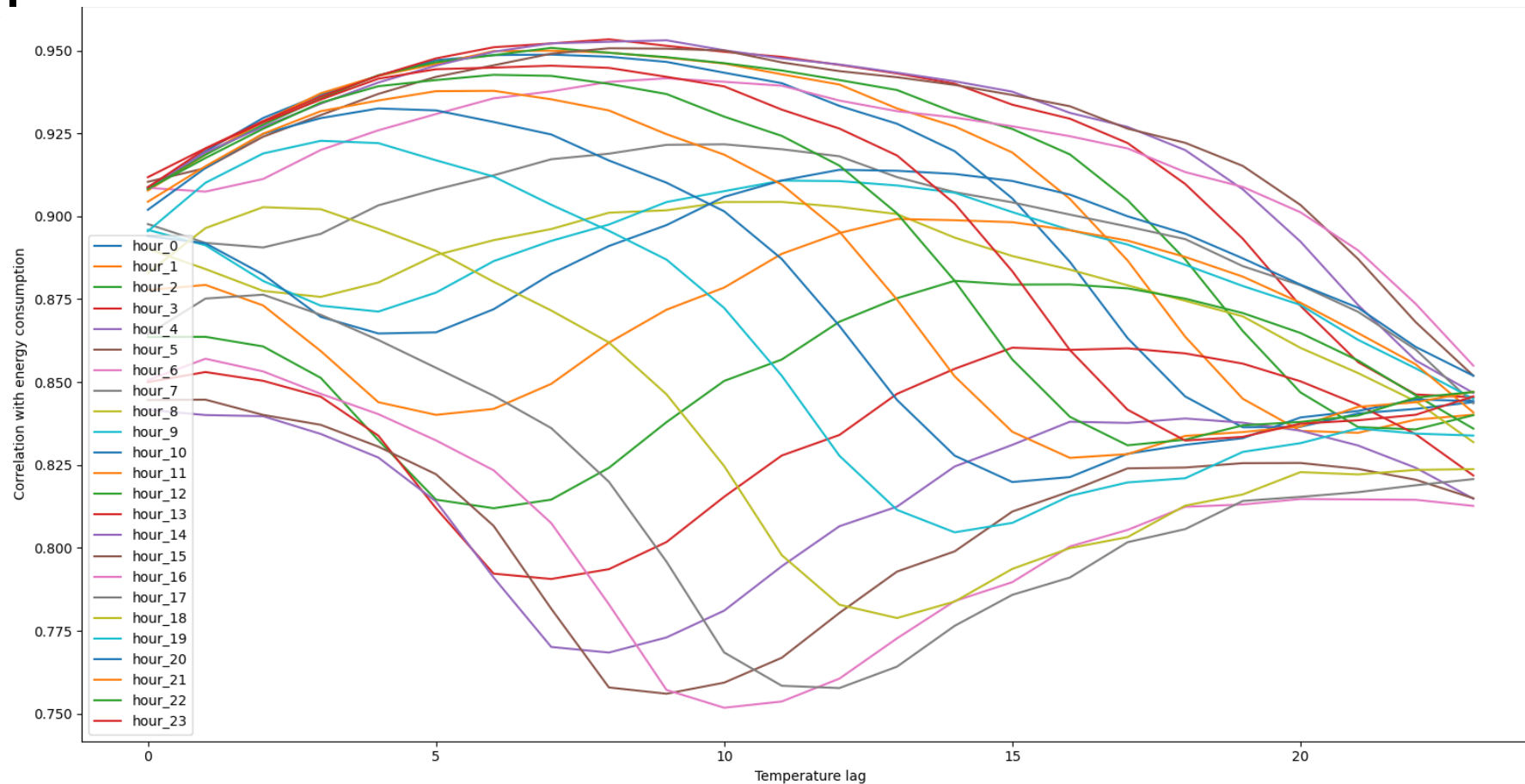
scaled_temp	-0.891469
temp_1	-0.903481
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temp_3	-0.924125
temp_4	-0.933414
temp_5	-0.935920
temp_6	-0.938199
temp_7	-0.939478
temp_8	-0.938004
temp_9	-0.933994
temp_10	-0.931269
temp_11	-0.928791
temp_12	-0.924372
temp_13	-0.920191
temp_14	-0.910985
temp_15	-0.904521
temp_16	-0.895179
temp_17	-0.878886
temp_18	-0.858411
temp_19	-0.834624
temp_20	-0.816761
temp_21	-0.807875
temp_22	-0.807362
temp_23	-0.809053

Correlation coefficient between current electricity consumption and previous temperatures for hour 2.

# Lagged temperatures

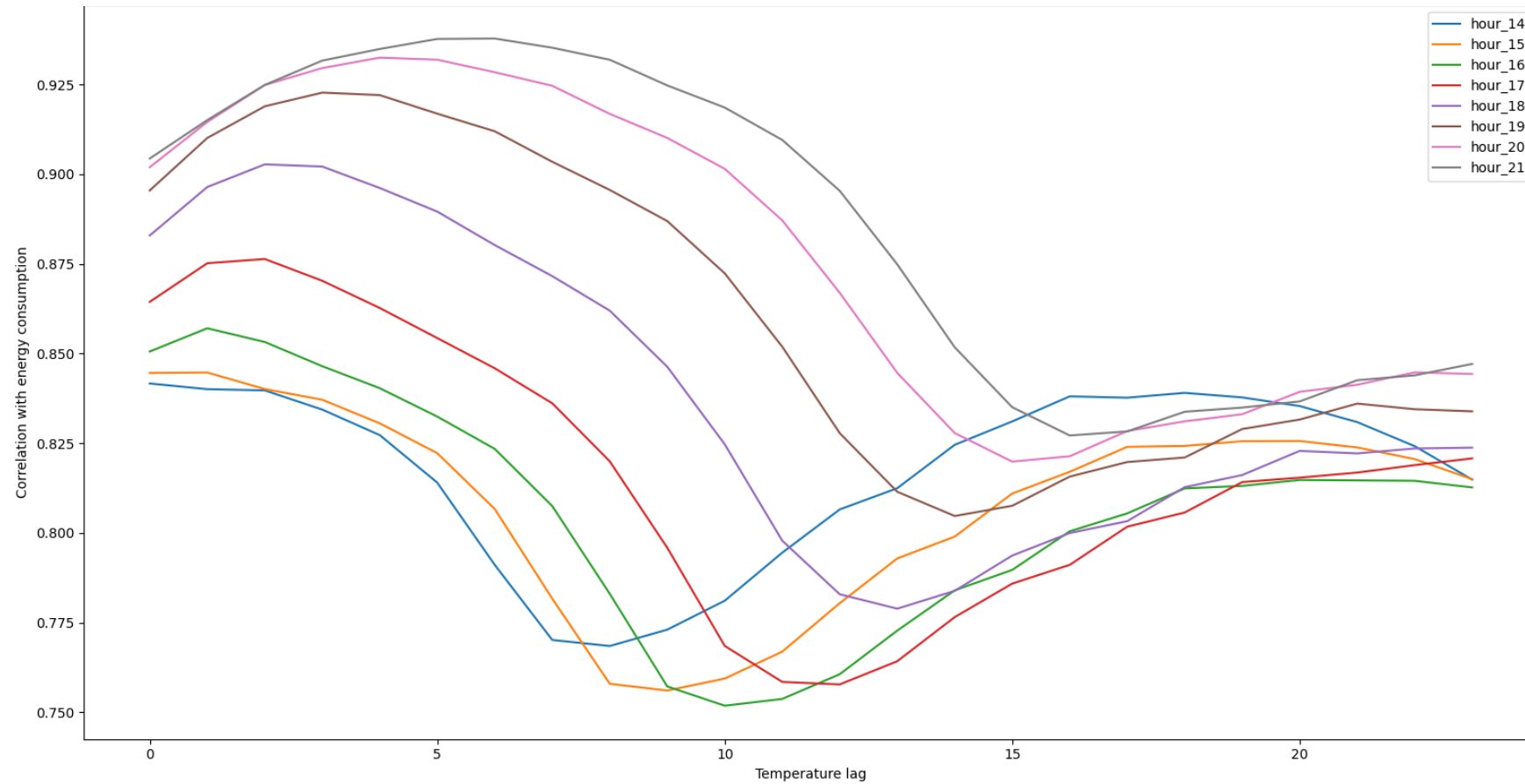
- Plot correlation between current consumption and temperature lag

$T_{t-i}$



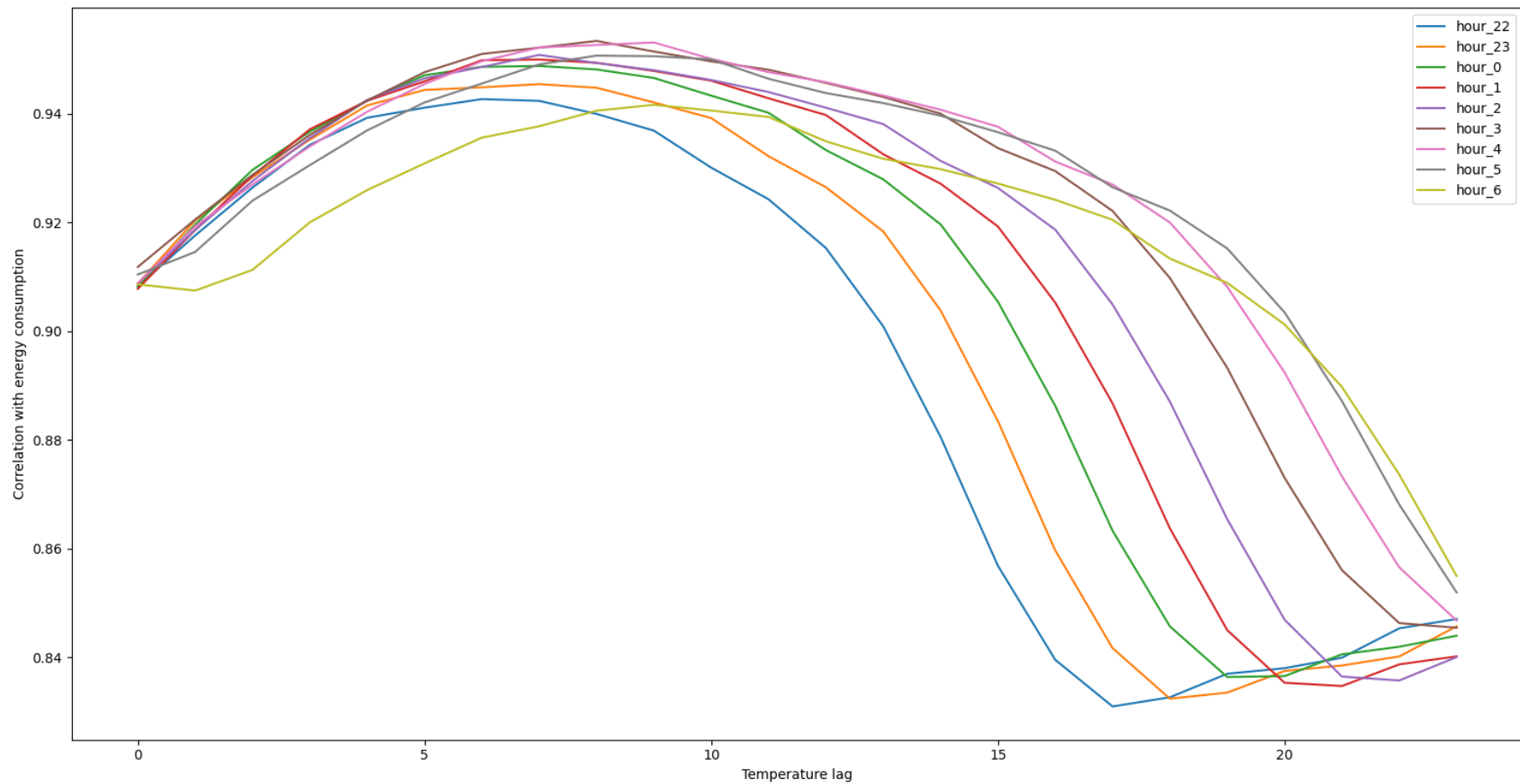
# Lagged temperatures

- Hours 14 - 21



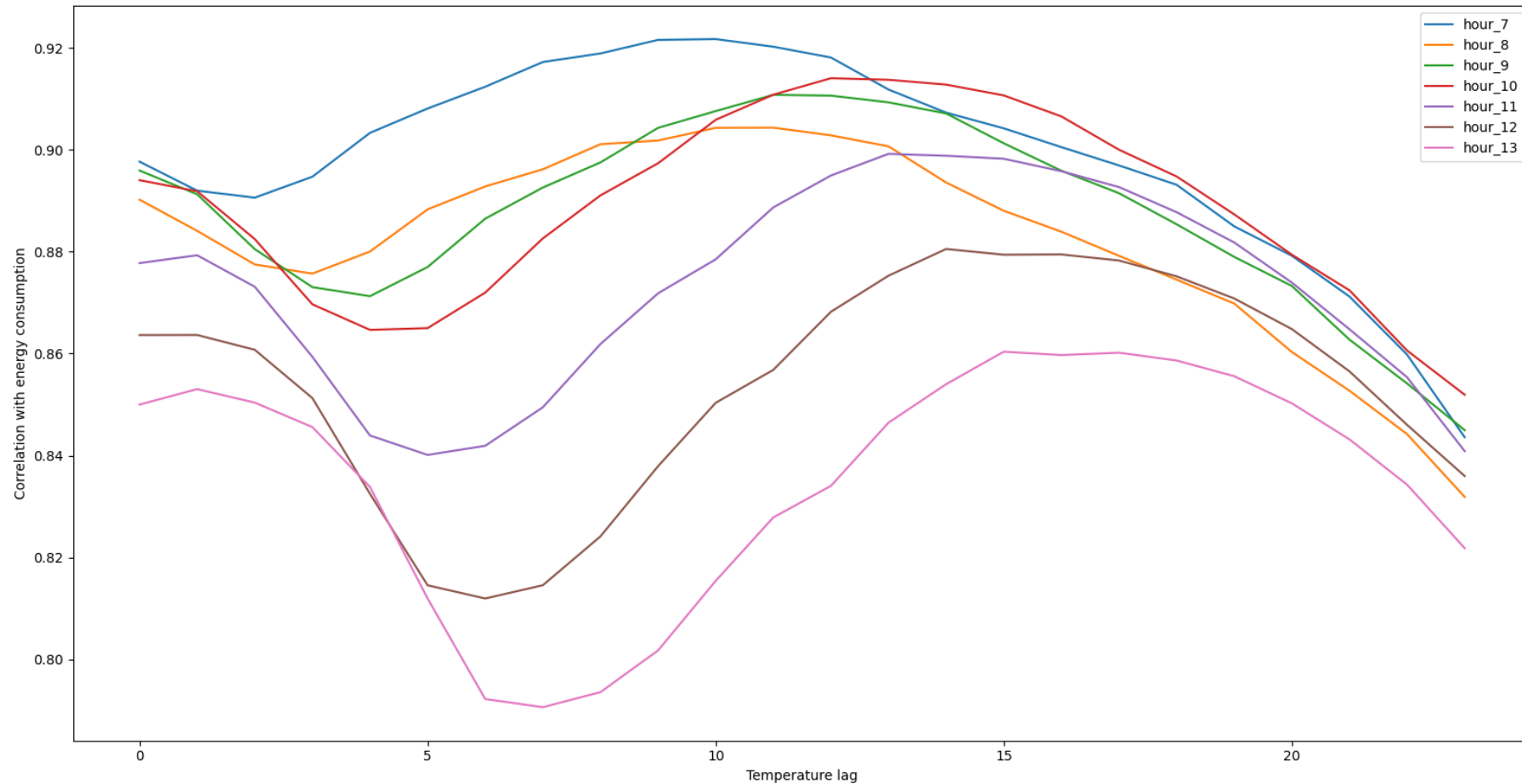
# Lagged temperatures

- Hours 22 - 6



# Lagged temperatures

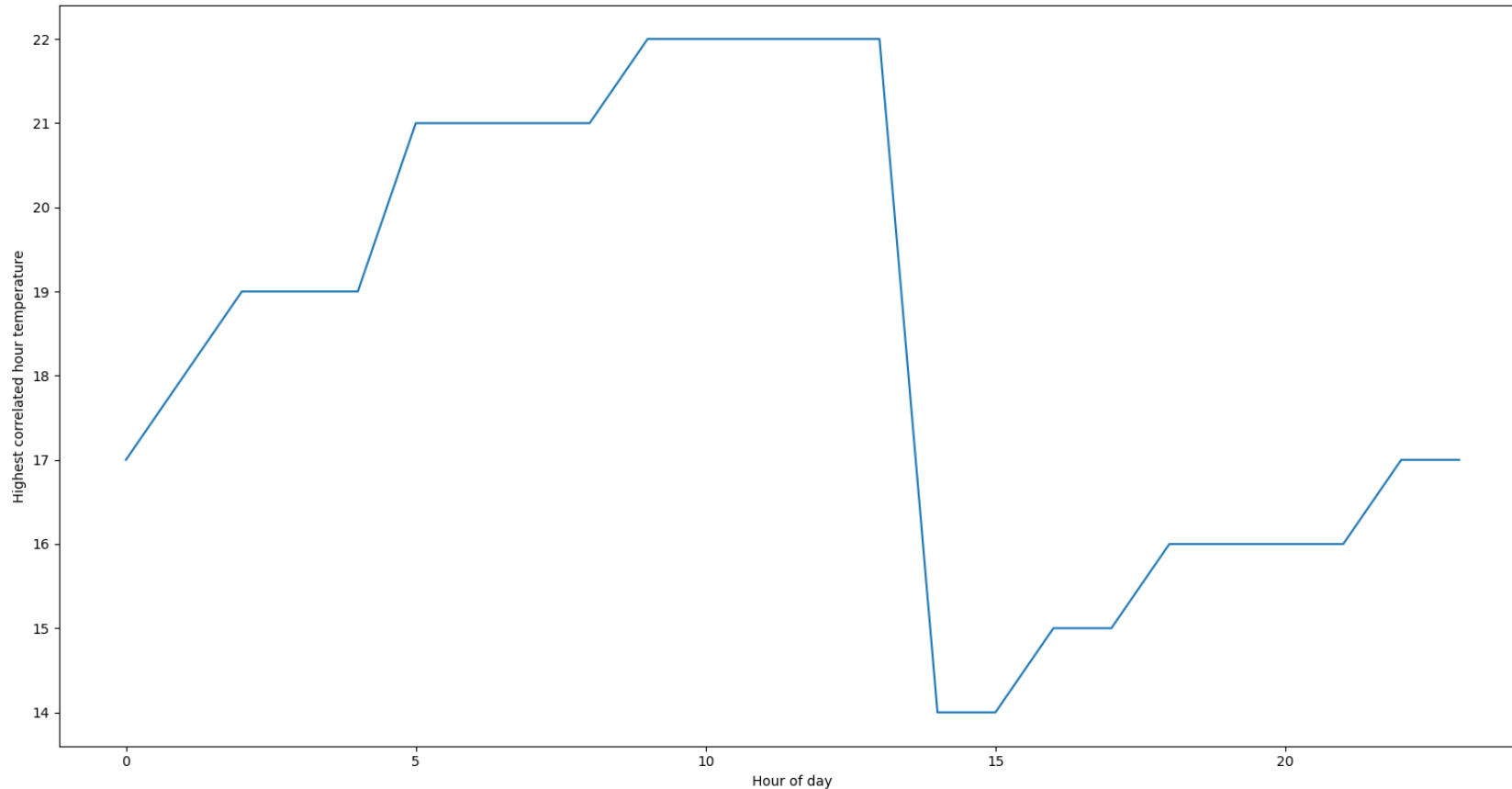
- Hours 7 - 13





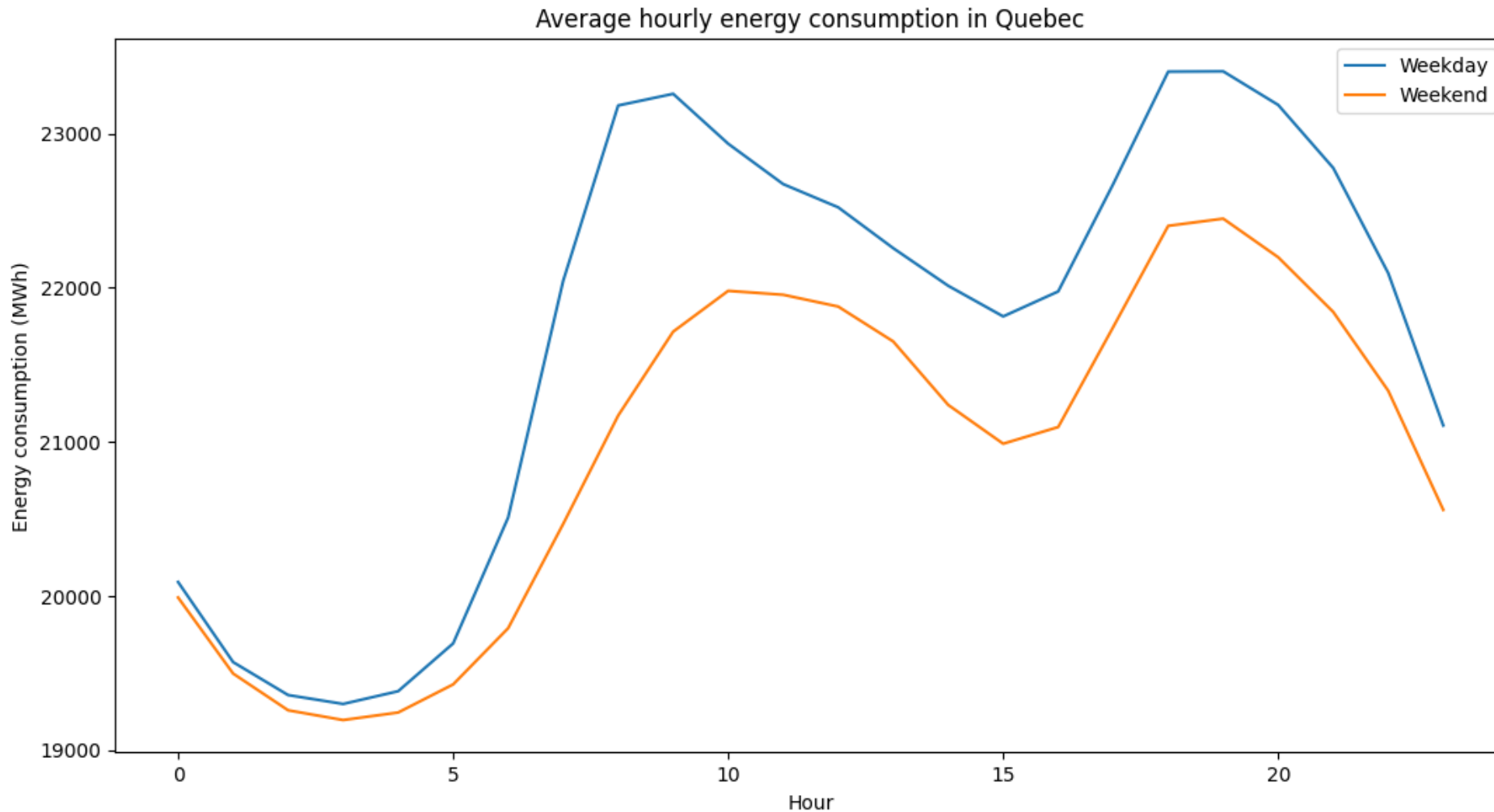
# Lagged temperatures

- Plot highest correlated hourly temperature for every hour of the day.



- Include this  $T_{t-i}$ ,  $T_t$  and  $T_{t-i} * T_t$  in model.

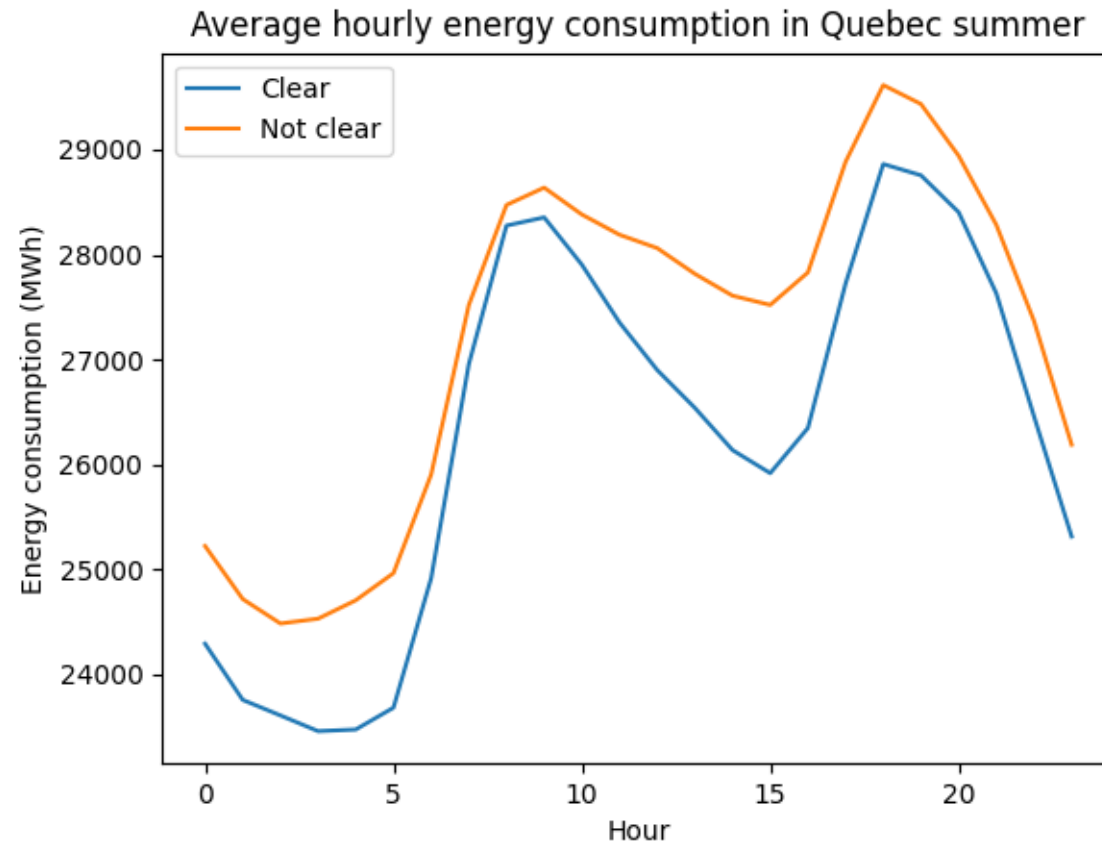
# Type of day



- Binary encoding weekday (0) and weekend day (1).

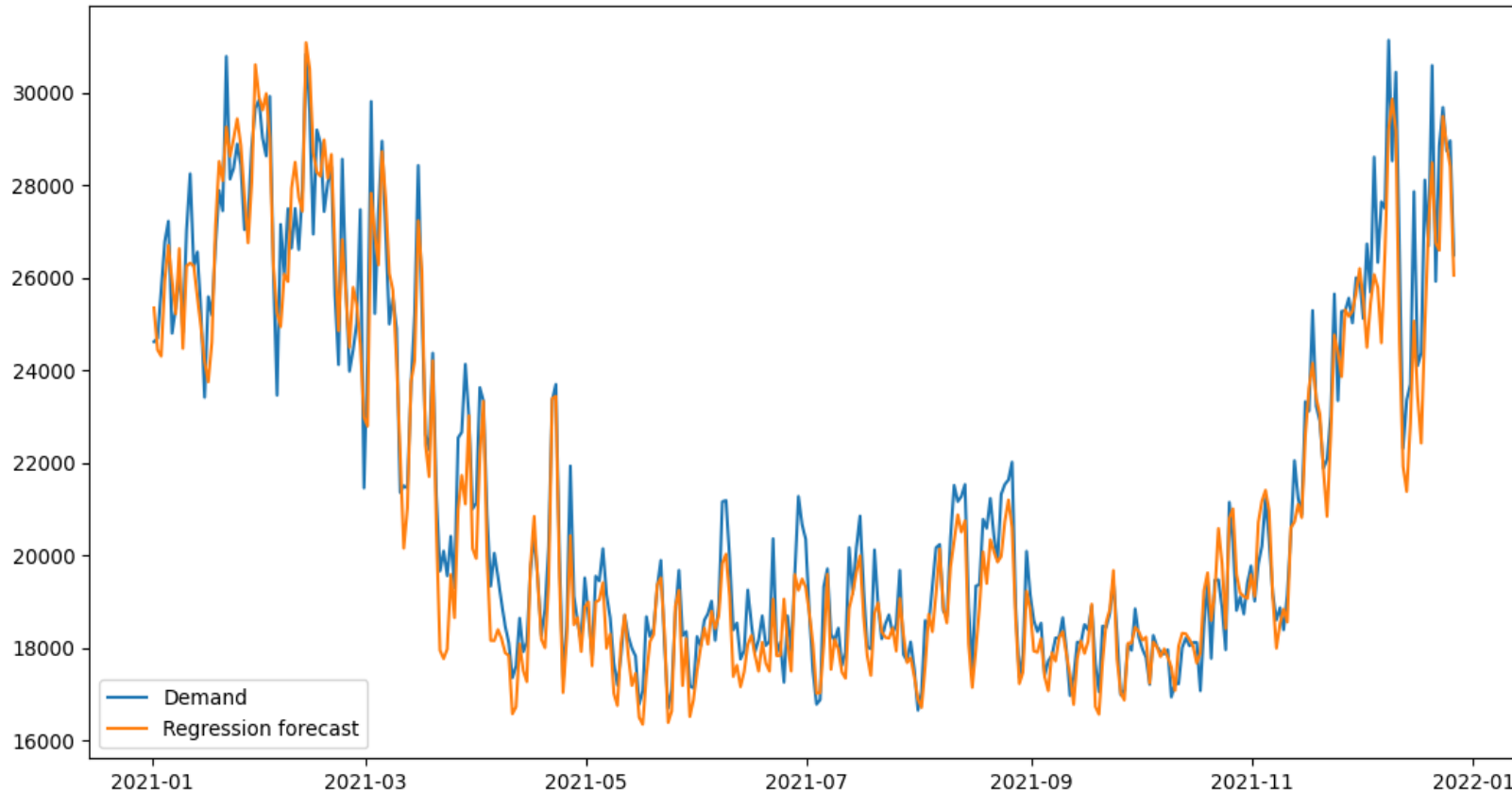
# Cloud cover

- Binary encoding if sky is clear (1) or not (0).



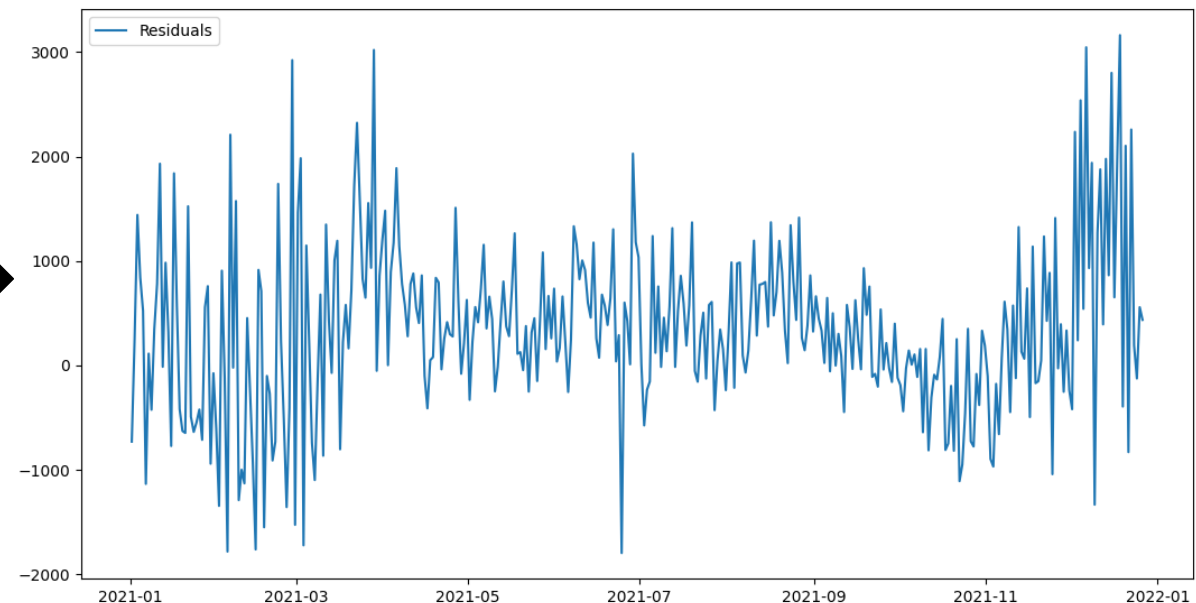
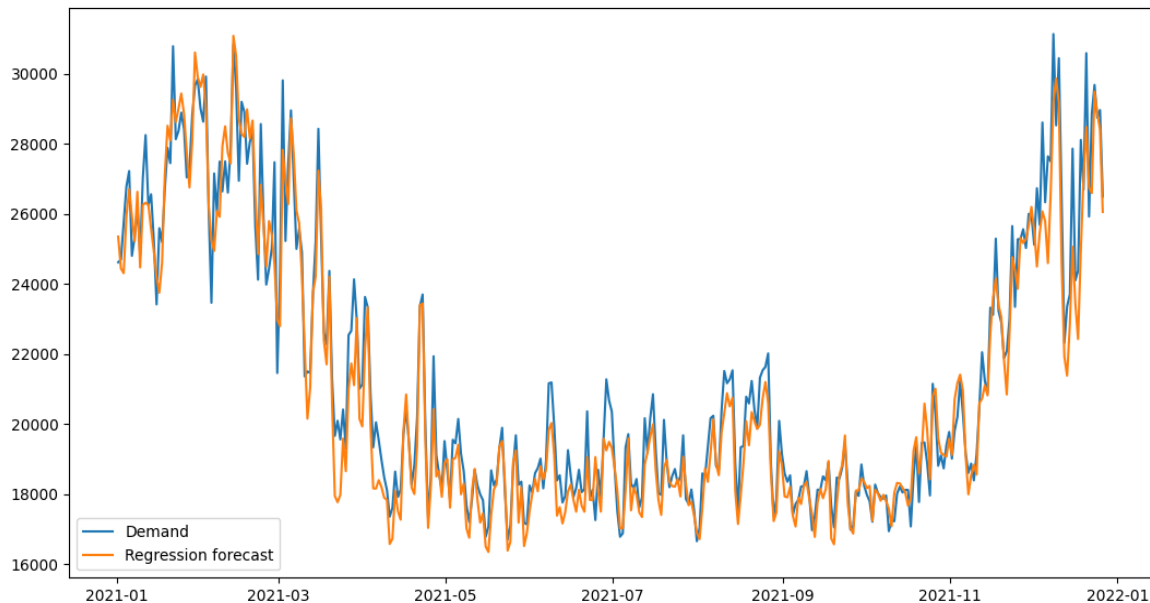
# Model – Least squares regression

- For one hour:  $y_t = \boxed{\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_t} + \eta_t + \epsilon$
- Fit on data from 2019 – 2021.



# Model – Correction with ARMA process

- For one hour:  $y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \boxed{\eta_t + \epsilon}$
- Fit on the residuals of the regression model for 30 days prior.



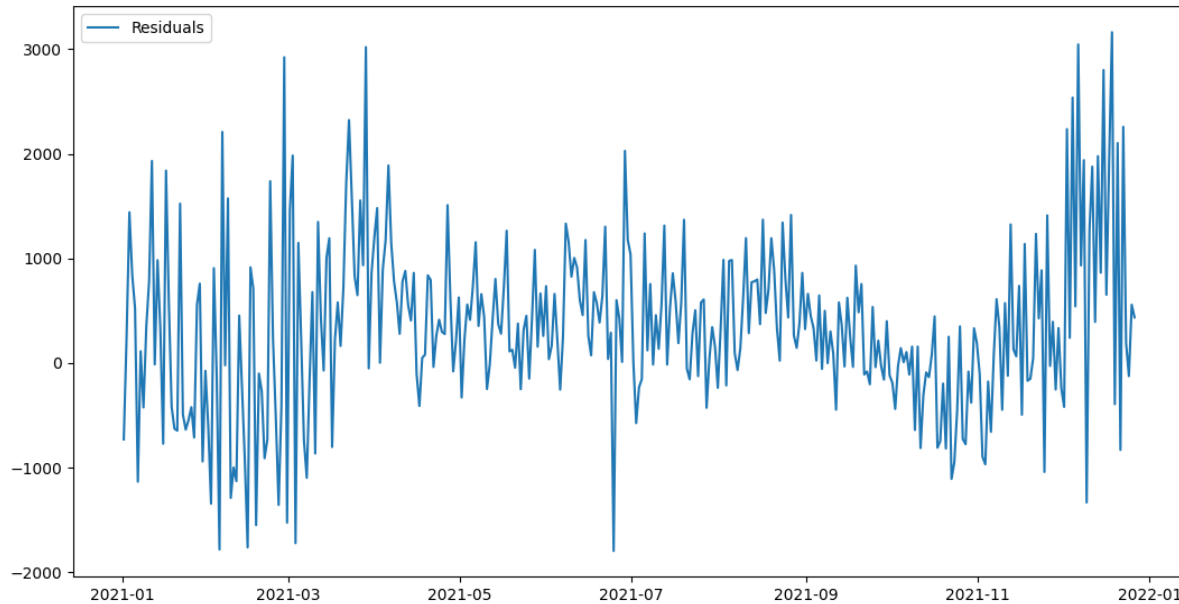
# Model – Correction with ARIMA process

- For one hour:

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X + \boxed{\eta_t + \epsilon}$$

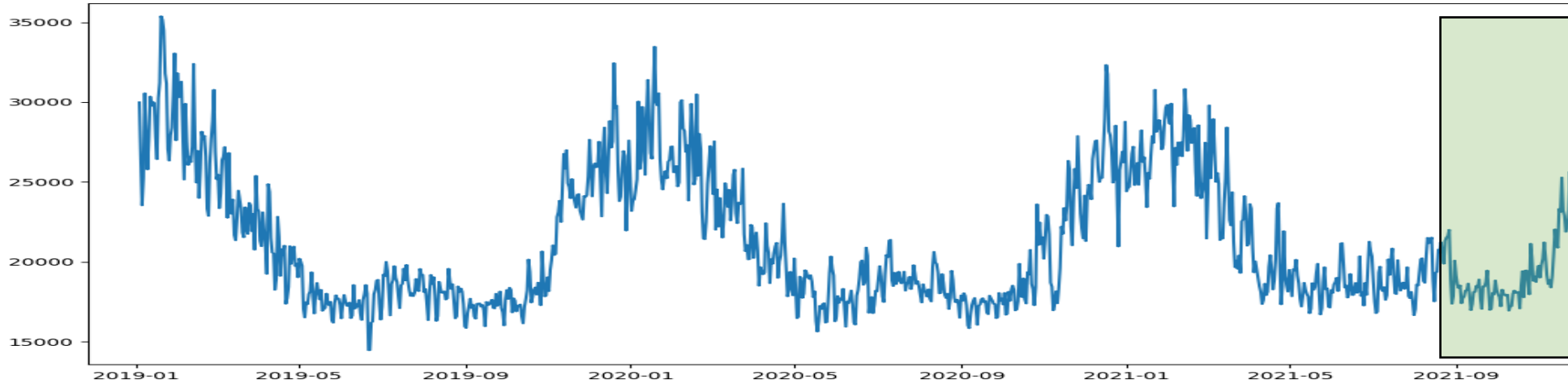
ARMA(1, 1)

$$\eta_t = \psi X_{t-1} + \theta \epsilon_{t-1} + \epsilon_t$$

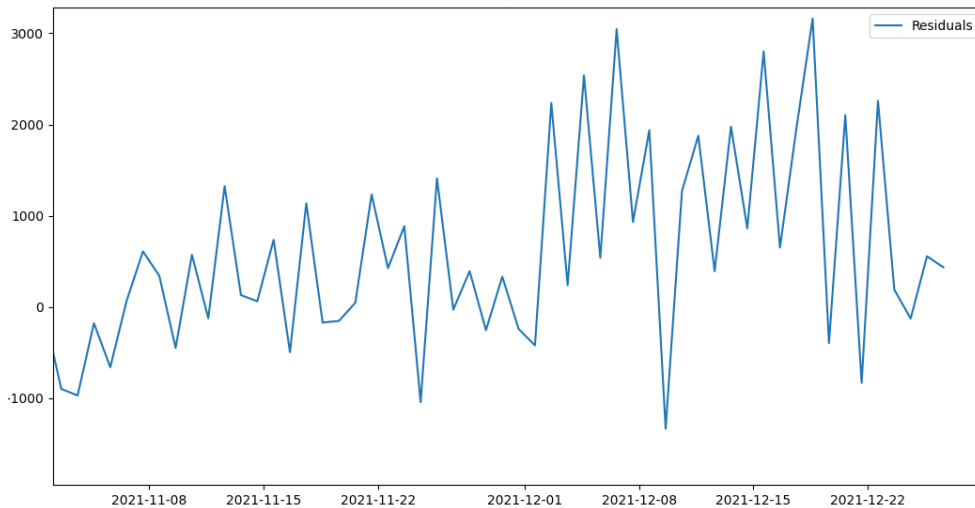


- Update regression forecast with short term residual forecast.

# Model – Correction with ARIMA process



Fit regression on  
2+ years data



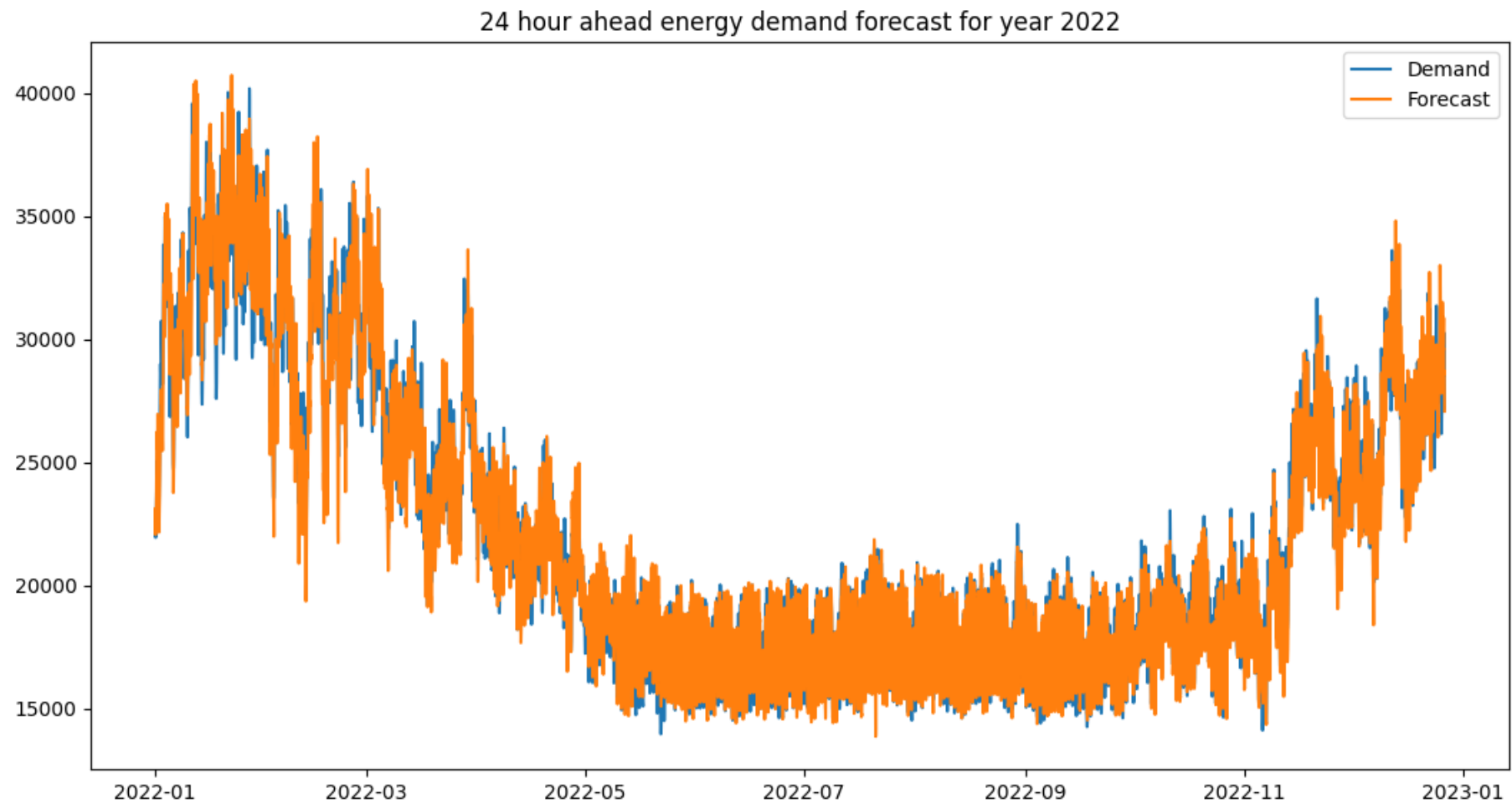
Model residuals  
from the  
regression model  
on 30 days data

Forecast =  
regression forecast + residual forecast

# Results

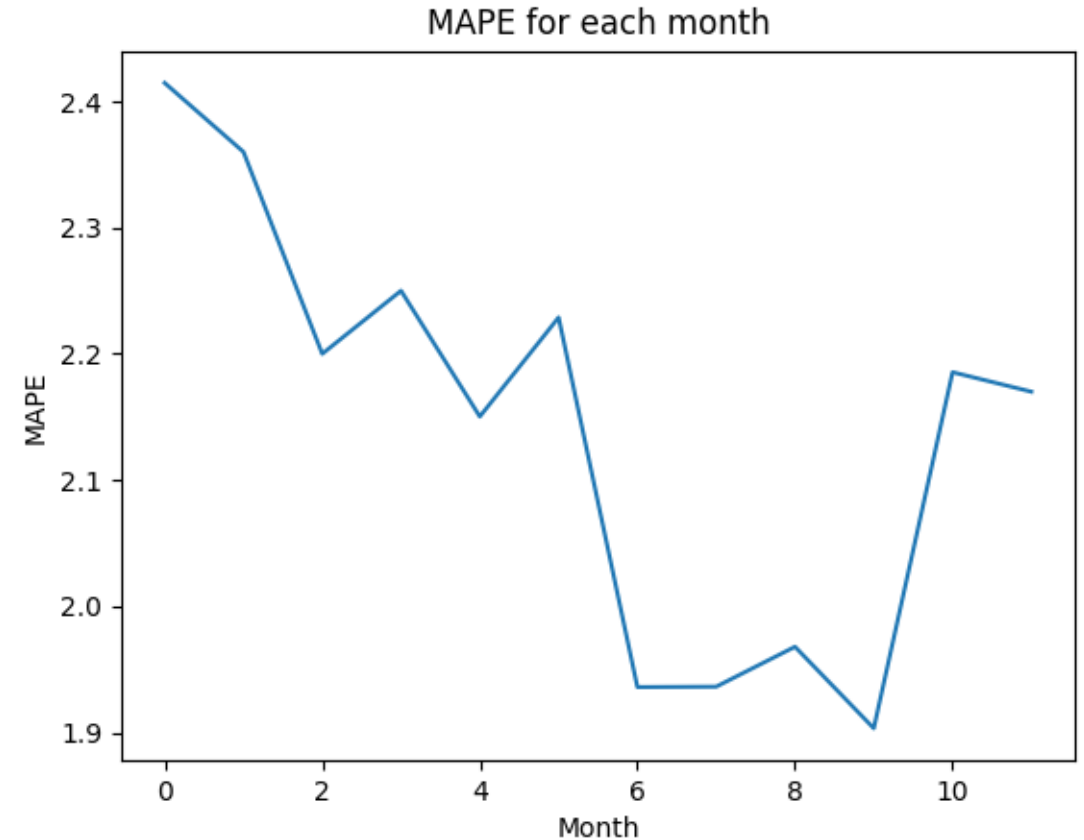


# Results

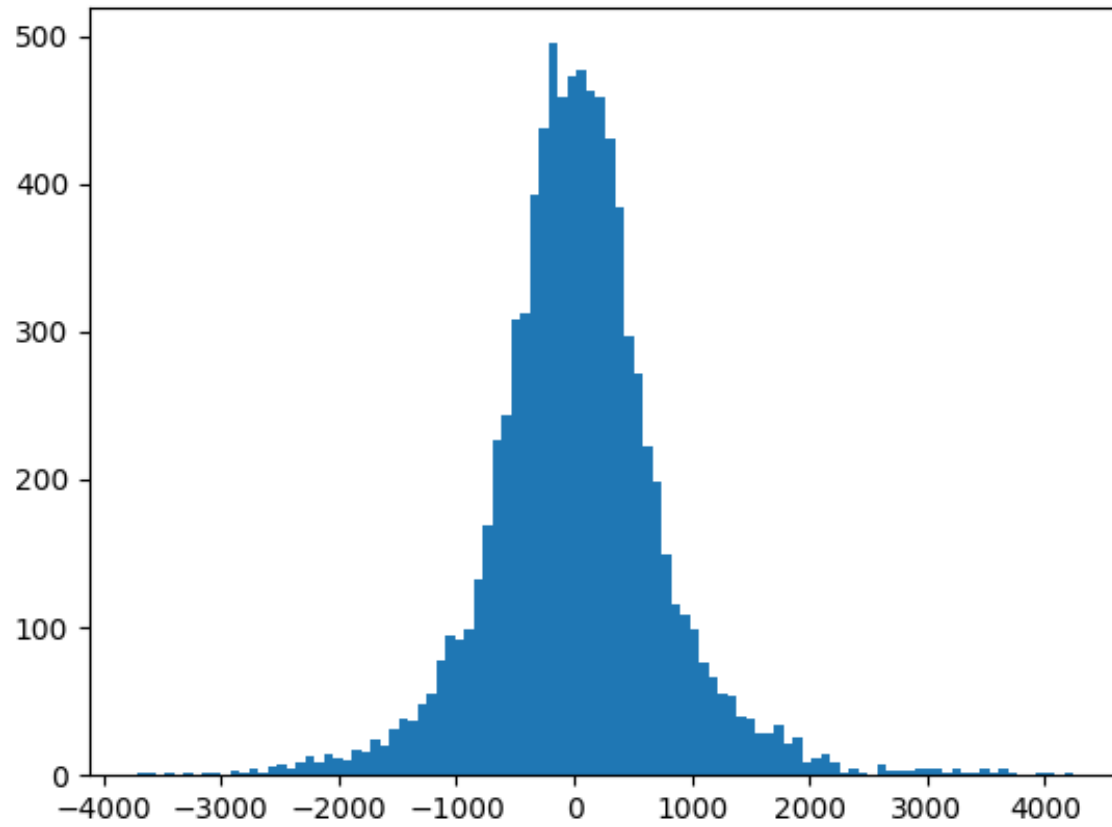


# Results

- MAPE: 2.26%
- RMSE: 734 MWh
- Forecasts within 1500 MWh: 97.4%
- Forecasts within 1000 MWh: 88.9%
- Forecasts within 500 MWh: 72.3%



# Results



- Some large errors...