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**From:** Daivamani Sivasailam

Department of Transportation Planning

**Subject:** Evaluation of 2005 Vehicle Registration Data for Northern Virginia Jurisdictions of the Washington Non-Attainment Area

Attached to this memo is the draft documentation, findings and recommendations for developing 2005 vehicle registration and diesel sales fraction inputs to the Mobile 6.2 model using the VIN decoder software. Some of the issues we will like to bring to your attention are the dip in the percentage of 2 year old vehicles (light duty), no diesel vehicles for a number of years in the light duty side, and the high percentage of diesel vehicles for model year 25+ again in the light duty arena. For registration data we recommend using the VIN generated results by jurisdiction and facility type. For diesel sales fraction we recommend aggregating the data to generate diesel sales fraction by northern Virginia but for each vehicle type with the exception of school and transit buses. Please review the data set and provide your comments.

**Cc:** Michael Freeman.

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The Mobile 6.2 model that is used to develop emissions rates for mobile source emissions inventory for the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and transportation conformity analysis requires a number of vehicle-specific inputs. In the Washington non-attainment region emissions rates are developed for each jurisdiction in the non-attainment area. Two of the inputs are: vehicle registration data used to develop age distribution by vehicle type, and the percentage of diesel vehicles for each vehicle type. As part of the interagency consultation procedures in place, the transportation department and the environmental department have agreed to update these data sets once every three years. The region has been using 2002 registration data sets for all emissions analysis and we are in the process of using the 2005 raw registration data information to develop 2005 input files to the Mobile 6.2 model.

Vehicle registration data have been used to develop the two input files used in the Mobile 6.2 model; namely "xxx.rdt" (age distribution by vehicle type) and "xxx.dsf" (percentage of diesel vehicles for each vehicle type and for each model year). VDOT staff has transmitted to TPB staff 2005 raw registration data files as well as "xxx.rdt" and "xxx.dsf" files developed using their own methodology from the 2005 raw registration data. TPB staff has

used these raw data to produce a second set of “xxx.rdt” and “xxx.dsf” files using a method that includes vehicle identification number (VIN) decoding software. This memo will document TPB staff’s findings and make recommendations for developing rdt and dsf files for future air quality planning studies.

## **Methodology**

COG used the following outline to develop rdt and dsf files (depicted graphically in Attachment 1.0):

- 1) Extract all unique VIN (deleting duplicates and purging expired registrations) by jurisdiction from the 2005 vehicle registration database (July 2005 snapshot) and decode with VINPOWER decoding software. The decoding software provided model year, Mobile 6.2 vehicle type, and other vehicle attributes. Attachment 1A summarizes the VIN control totals and decoded results. A summary of the number of decoded VIN by vehicle type and jurisdiction is provided in Attachment 1B.
- 2) Convert the decode results:
  - a. Vehicle age distribution: This is the first of the two input files needed.
    - i. *Vehicle type*: The VIN decoder software breaks down the registration data in to the Mobile 6.2 28 vehicle categories. However, the current version of Mobile 6.2 16 can only handle registration (xxx.rdt) files in 16 vehicle types and it uses the “xxx.dsf” files internally to break it into 28 categories. Therefore, the decoded data are converted from the 28 (Mobile 6.2) types to 16 vehicle types by combining the diesel and gasoline vehicle types. Attachment 2 shows the method used for converting the 28 types to 16 types.
    - ii. *Model Years*: Since the raw registration file reflects July 1, 2005 conditions, it includes model year 2005 and 2006 as the first year vehicles. The Mobile 6.2 guidance recommends combining the two model years into model year ‘one’. In addition, Vinpower does not

decode VINs for vehicles that were manufactured prior to 1980 since the VINs did not meet International Standards Organization (ISO) standards prior to 1980. In order to solve this problem, we used the decoded results to directly assign vehicles to model years one through twenty-four, and used the year 24 profile to develop year 25 and older model years. The vehicle registration records were used to determine control totals by jurisdiction for: (A) Mobile 6 vehicle type years < than 25; (B) Mobile 6 vehicle types year = 25 or older. For Mobile 6 vehicle type year = 25, apply regional distribution for mobile year = 24 and normalize to match control total % from step (B). For Mobile years 1 through 24, use vin decode results to develop distributions by vehicle type and year. Then normalize years 1 through 24 of each row so that years 1 through 25 = 100%. Develop 16 (vehicle type) by 25 (Mobile 6 year) matrices by jurisdiction. This is the rdt file for input into Mobile 6.

- b. Diesel percentages by vehicle type: This is the second input file needed in Mobile 6.2 model. For percentage of diesel vehicles by vehicle type and by year (xxx.dsf) file development, use the vehicle equivalency table and the VIN decode to calculate the number of diesel and gasoline vehicles for each of the 16 vehicle types. The ratio of diesel vehicles to the total number of vehicles is the dsf for each category. Since the VIN decoder will not decode for year 25, use the dsf calculated for year 24 for year 25, also.

### **Comparison with VDOT Data**

The next step in the processes was to compare the data developed using the methodology described above with data developed by VDOT staff. The attached comparison charts were used to summarize the findings.

- 1) Vehicle Age Distribution

- a. For LDV and LDT1, LDT2, LDT3, LDT4 (less so than the others) vehicle types, the estimates from VDOT and the VIN Decodes are very close for each jurisdiction.
- b. Generally “Heavy Duty” vehicle categories do not track as well as “Light Duty” vehicle categories among all jurisdictions.
- c. For the motorcycle category, the VDOT method seems to put all vehicles older than 12 years into the 12<sup>th</sup> year category and no values are provided for years 13 through 25.

2) Percentage of Diesel Vehicles: For this comparison we aggregated all the northern Virginia data into one instead of breaking down by jurisdiction and compared them against Mobile 6 defaults. The reason behind this action was due to the fact that diesel vehicles by vehicle types were low in a number of jurisdictions and by aggregating we were able to increase the total number of vehicles for each vehicle type.

- a. *LDV*: Both the vin decodes and Mobile defaults have dsf values near zero for years 1 to 20. For years 20 to 25, the mobile defaults increase to about 0.08, but the dsf values based on VIN decodes increase to about 0.25 for the same years.
- b. *LDT1/LDT2*: The DSF values generated by the VIN decode method are near zero for a number of years as compared to the Mobile 6 default.
- c. *LDT3/LDT4*: The VIN decoder identifies diesel vehicles in most of the years for these categories. For LDT3 both VIN decode and Mobile defaults have low values, typically less than 0.02. For LDT4, the Mobile default is also low, but the VIN decode values rise from about 0.1 in year 19 to 0.4 in year 24.
- d. *HDV2B*: VIN decoder and Mobile defaults are fairly close with VIN decodes slightly higher in years 1 through 10 and mobile defaults slightly higher in years 11 through 24.
- e. *HDV3/HDV4*: VIN decodes are lower than Mobile defaults for these categories, particularly in later years.
- f. *HDV5/HDV6/HDV7*: VIN decodes are higher than Mobile defaults for these categories.
- g. *HDV8A/HDV8B*: Both VIN decodes and Mobile defaults have dsf values at or near 1.0.

**Recommendations**

## 1) Age Distributions

- Use distributions developed by COG based on VIN decode results for each jurisdiction and 14 vehicle types. For school bus and transit bus use Mobile defaults for HDBT/HDBS because busses vehicle registration data reflects that busses are purchased infrequently in large numbers with big variations from year.

## 2) Diesel Fractions

- It is clear we need to use NOVA level aggregation for vehicle type diesel percentages. It is recommended we use VIN decode results for LDV, and all the HD vehicles. For the remaining types HDBT and HDBS it is recommended we use Mobile 6 defaults.

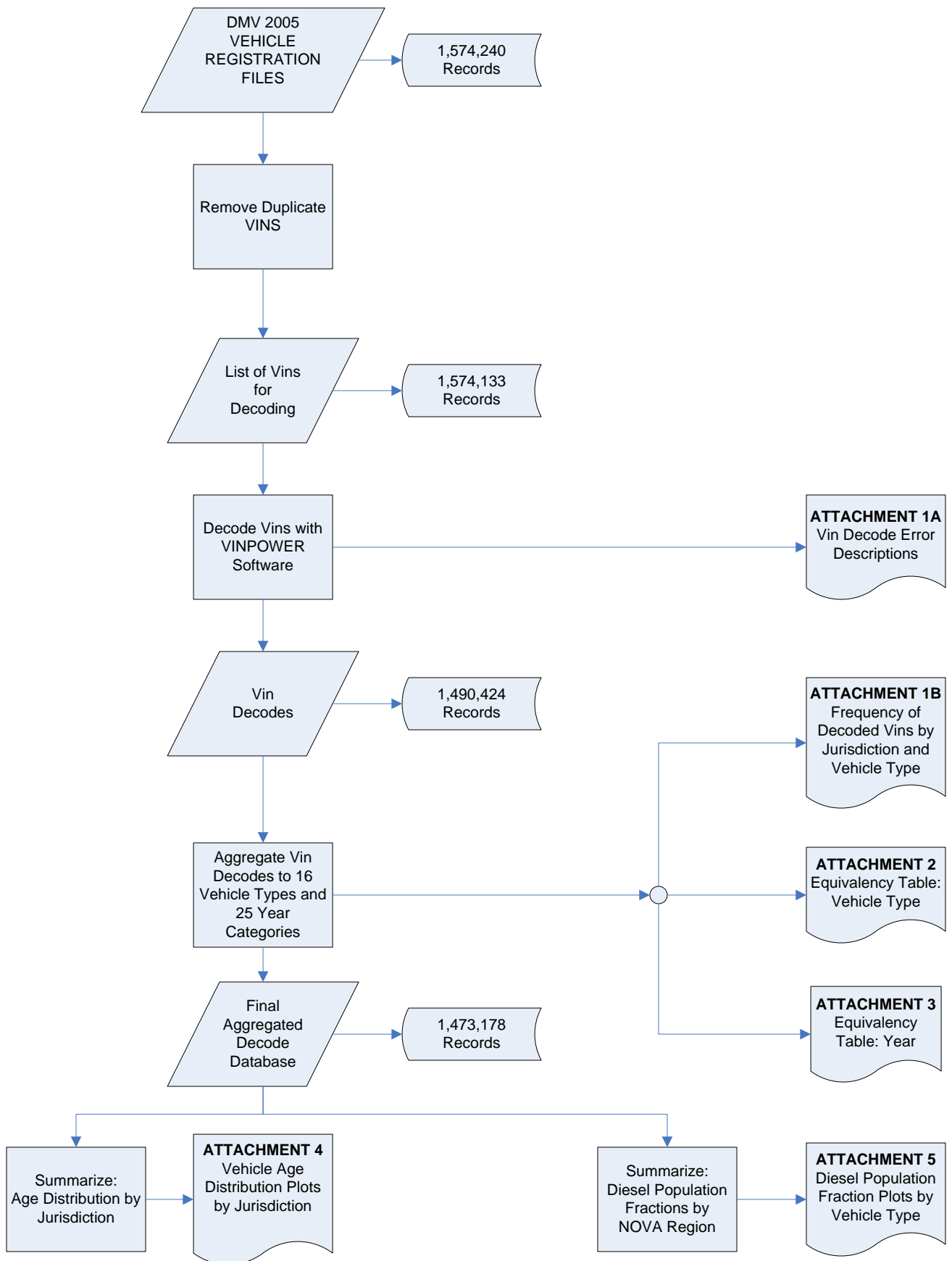
Summary Recommendation Table

Vehicle Type	Vin Generated		Mobile 6 Defaults	
	RDT (By Jurisdiction)	DSF (By NOVA Region)	RDT	DSF
LDV	X	X		
LDT1	X	X		
LDT2	X	X		
LDT3	X	X		
LDT4	X	X		
HDV2B	X	X		
HDV3	X	X		
HDV4	X	X		
HDV5	X	X		
HDV6	X	X		
HDV7	X	X		
HDV8A	X	X		
HDV8B	X	X		
HDBS			X	X
HDBT			X	X
MC	X	X		

## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- **ATTACHMENT 1.0:** VIN DECODE PROCESS FLOWCHART
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- **ATTACHMENT 4C:** COMPARISON OF VEHICLE AGE DISTRIBUTIONS, JURISDICTION = FFX
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- **ATTACHMENT 5:** DIESEL SALES FRACTIONS

# ATTACHMENT 1.0 Vin Decode Process Flowchart





**FREQUENCY OF DECODED VINS BY JURISDICTION AND  
VEHICLE TYPE**

Sum of Count	Jurisdiction					
Vehicle Type	ALX	ARL	FFX	LDN	PW	Grand Total
HDBS	238	139	1,767	447	512	3,103
HDBt	281	182	1,287	539	1,413	3,702
HDV2B	1,568	1,376	14,527	6,195	9,562	33,228
HDV3	274	264	2,928	1,404	2,447	7,317
HDV4	345	280	2,466	876	1,489	5,456
HDV5	84	55	744	362	541	1,786
HDV6	301	95	1,680	798	1,211	4,085
HDV7	145	70	963	448	669	2,295
HDV8A	193	156	1,696	946	1,322	4,313
HDV8B	26	17	334	252	330	959
LDT1	1,032	1,142	6,224	1,429	2,587	12,414
LDT2	29,450	28,581	201,269	56,439	85,170	400,909
LDT3	6,123	5,001	45,544	15,717	25,426	97,811
LDT4	1,494	1,210	13,188	4,965	7,369	28,226
LDV	84,759	83,001	437,485	92,847	145,737	843,829
MC	1,281	1,447	10,275	3,775	6,967	23,745
Grand Total	127,594	123,016	742,377	187,439	292,752	1,473,178

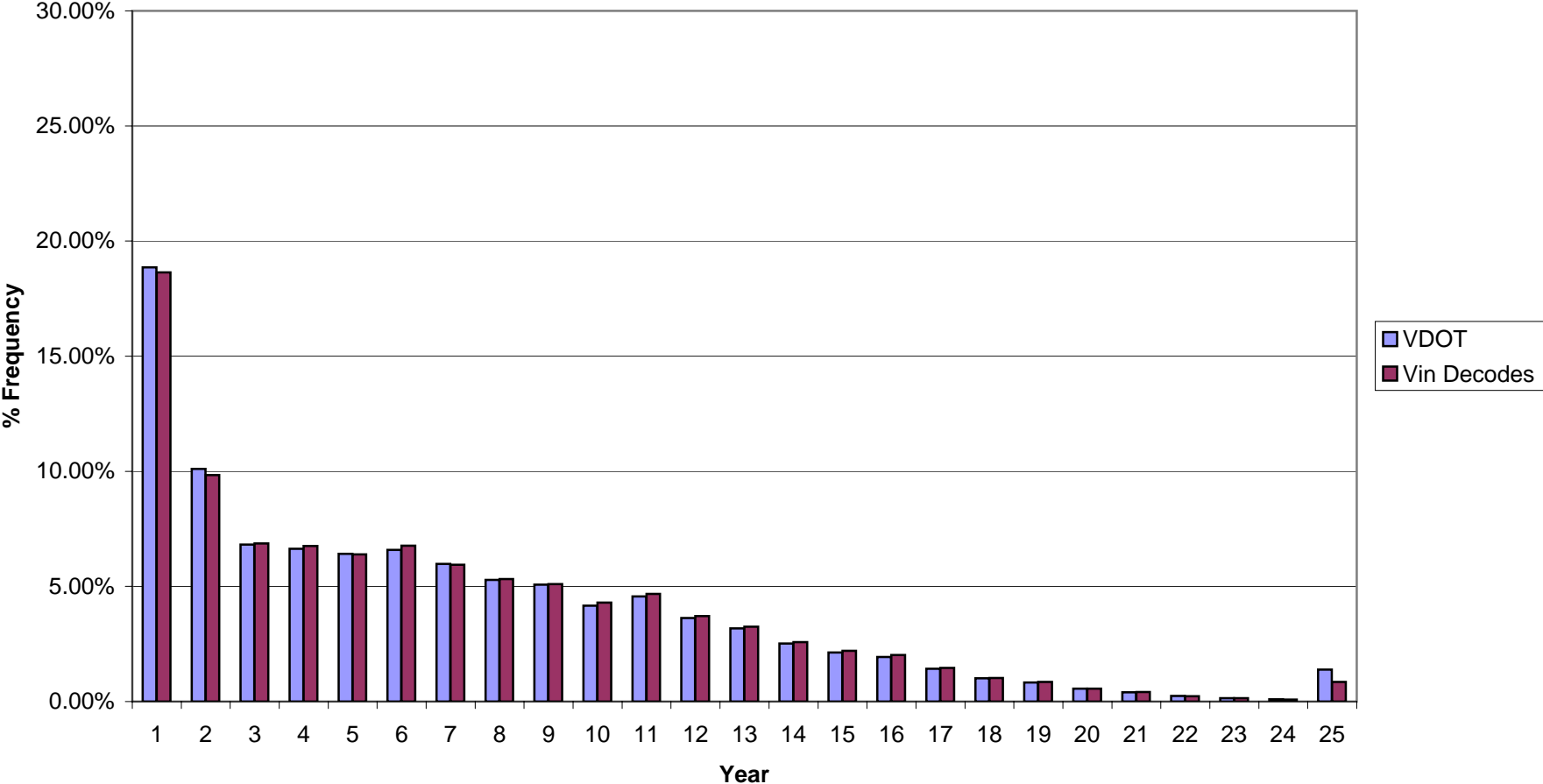
Sum of Count (%)	Jurisdiction					
Vehicle Type	ALX	ARL	FFX	LDN	PW	Grand Total
HDBS	0.02%	0.01%	0.12%	0.03%	0.03%	0.21%
HDBt	0.02%	0.01%	0.09%	0.04%	0.10%	0.25%
HDV2B	0.11%	0.09%	0.99%	0.42%	0.65%	2.26%
HDV3	0.02%	0.02%	0.20%	0.10%	0.17%	0.50%
HDV4	0.02%	0.02%	0.17%	0.06%	0.10%	0.37%
HDV5	0.01%	0.00%	0.05%	0.02%	0.04%	0.12%
HDV6	0.02%	0.01%	0.11%	0.05%	0.08%	0.28%
HDV7	0.01%	0.00%	0.07%	0.03%	0.05%	0.16%
HDV8A	0.01%	0.01%	0.12%	0.06%	0.09%	0.29%
HDV8B	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.07%
LDT1	0.07%	0.08%	0.42%	0.10%	0.18%	0.84%
LDT2	2.00%	1.94%	13.66%	3.83%	5.78%	27.21%
LDT3	0.42%	0.34%	3.09%	1.07%	1.73%	6.64%
LDT4	0.10%	0.08%	0.90%	0.34%	0.50%	1.92%
LDV	5.75%	5.63%	29.70%	6.30%	9.89%	57.28%
MC	0.09%	0.10%	0.70%	0.26%	0.47%	1.61%
Grand Total	8.66%	8.35%	50.39%	12.72%	19.87%	100.00%



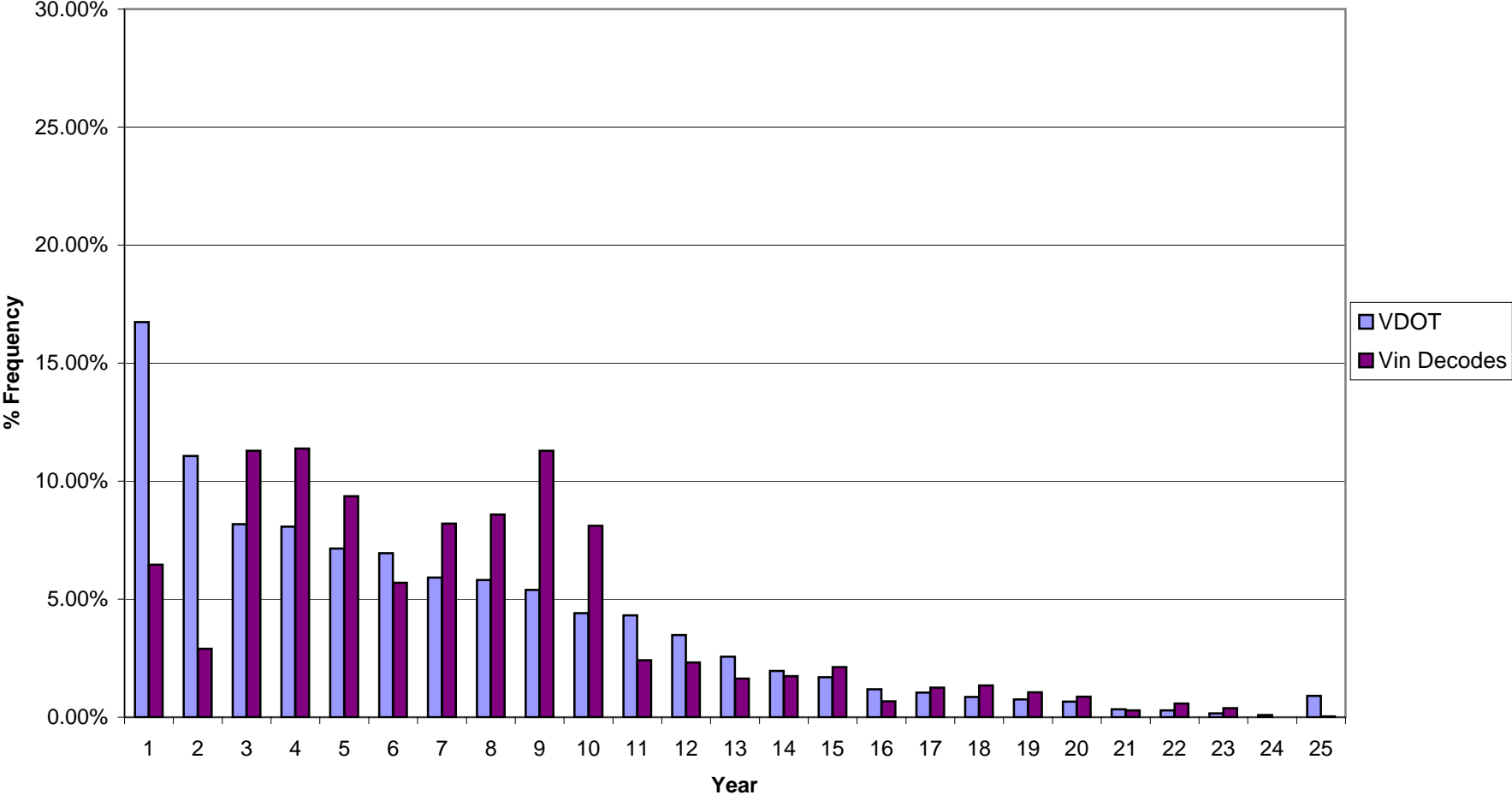
**ATTACHMENT 3  
EQUIVALENCY TABLE - YEAR**

<b>Vehicle Model Year</b>	<b>Mobile 6 Year</b>
2006, 2005	1
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2003	3
2002	4
2001	5
2000	6
1999	7
1998	8
1997	9
1996	10
1995	11
1994	12
1993	13
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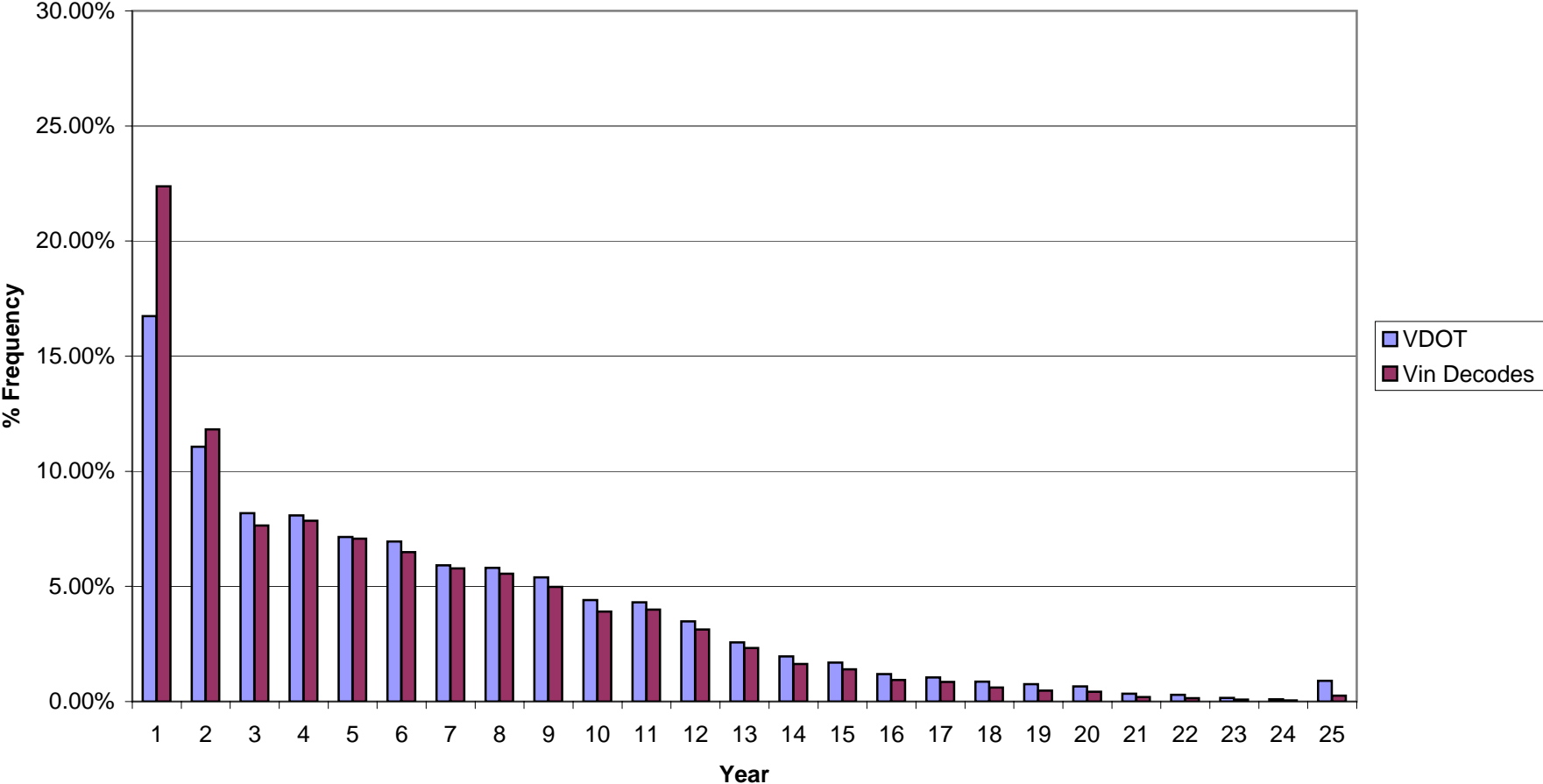
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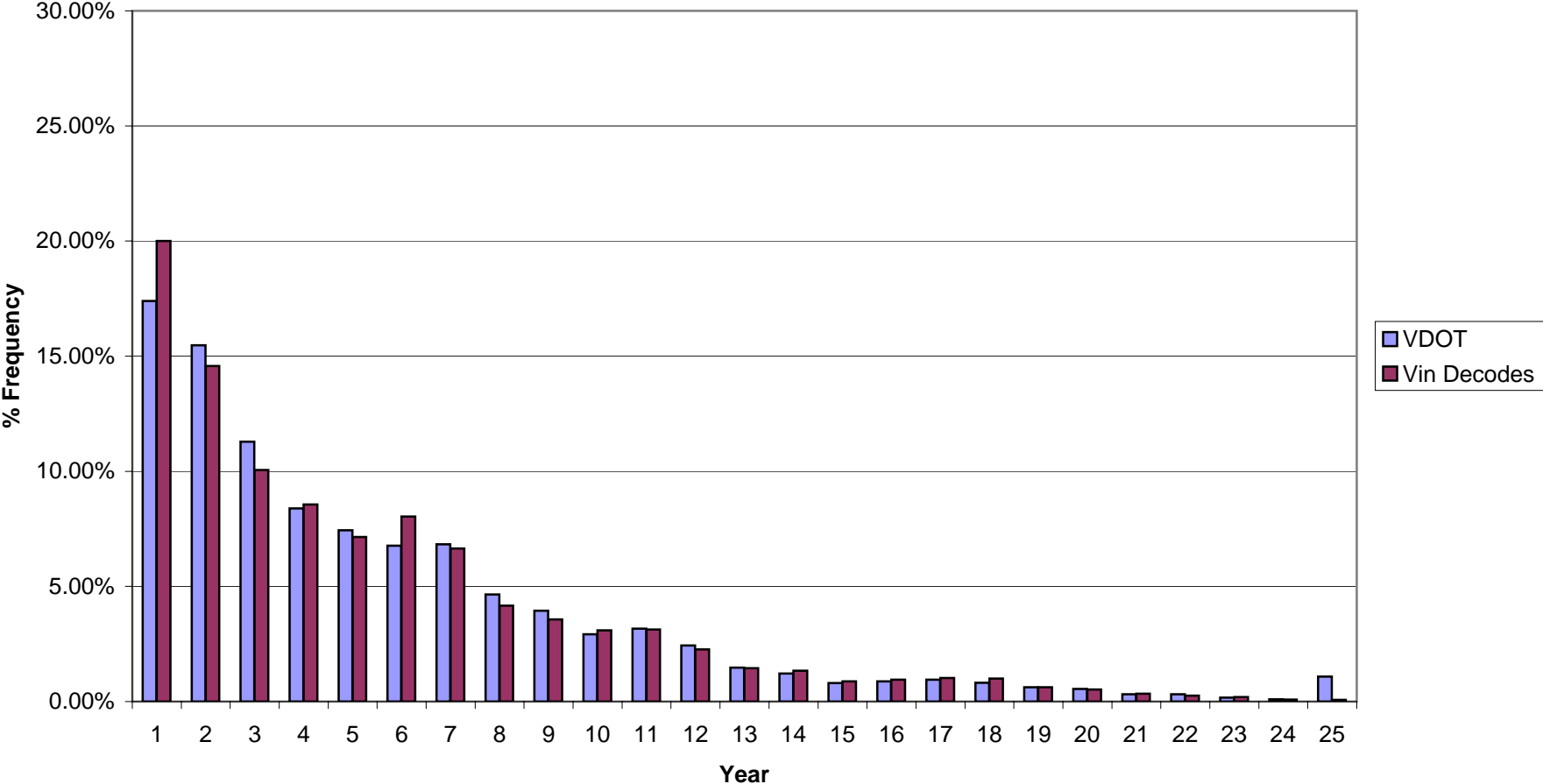
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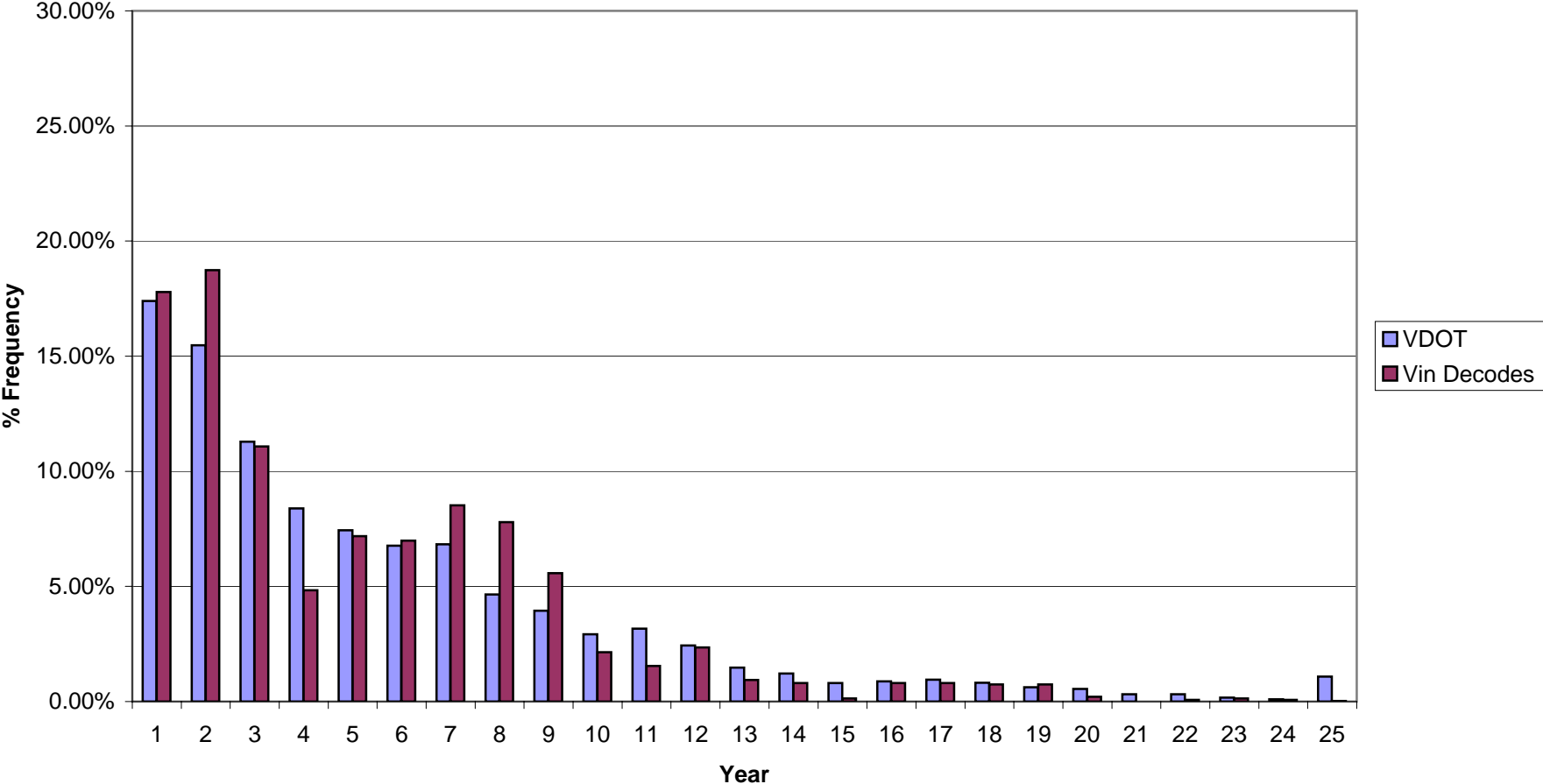
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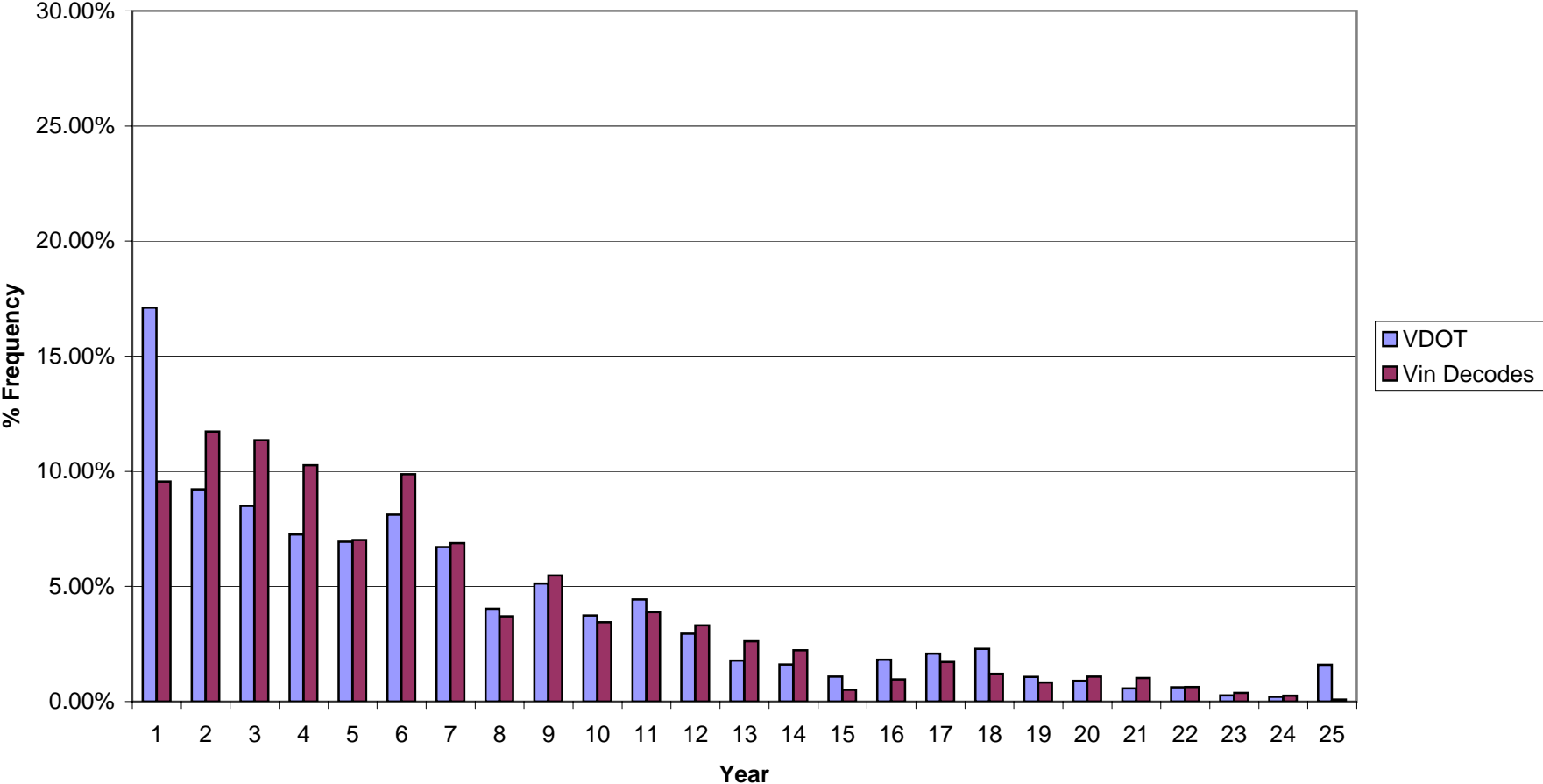


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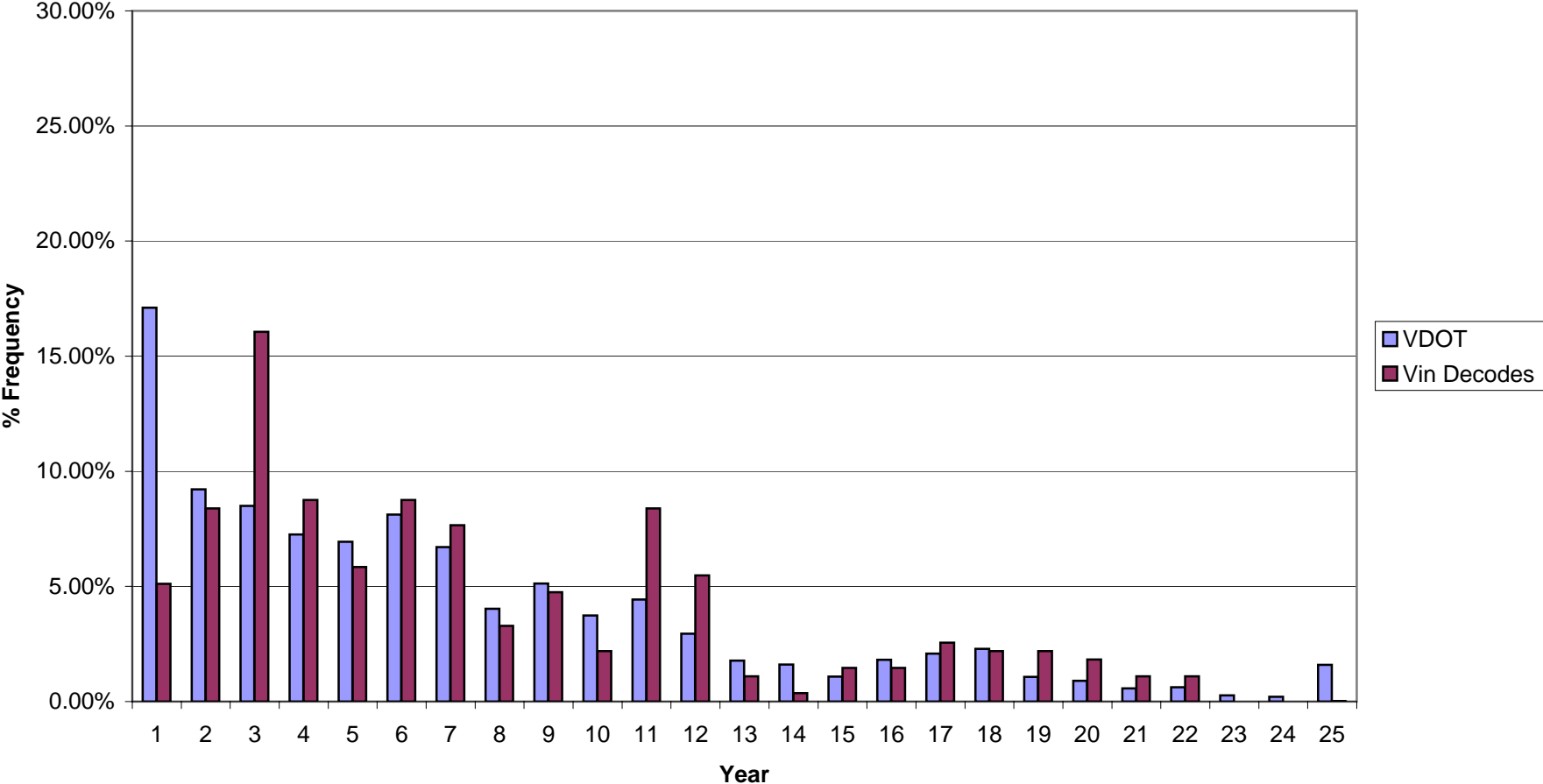




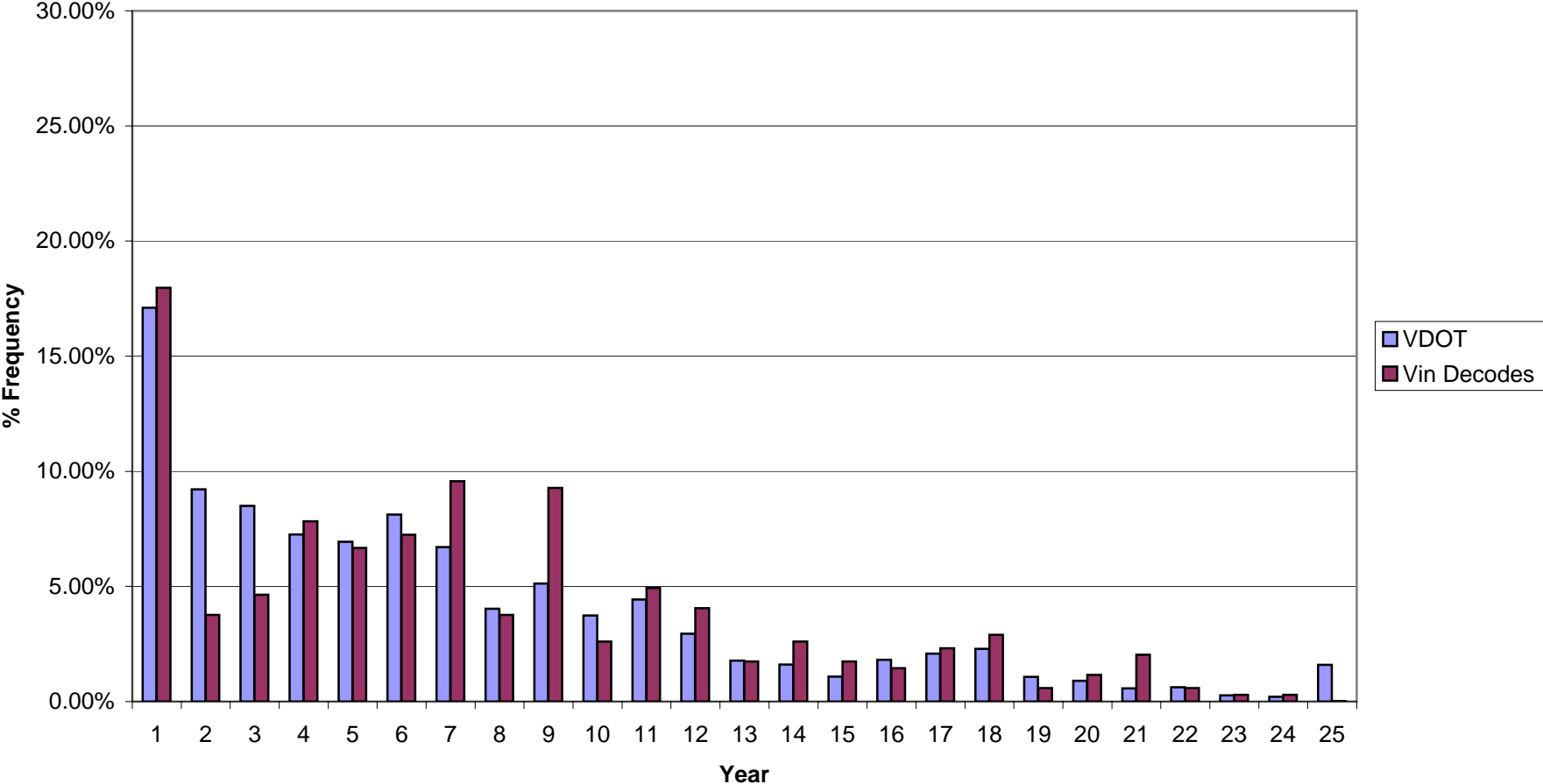
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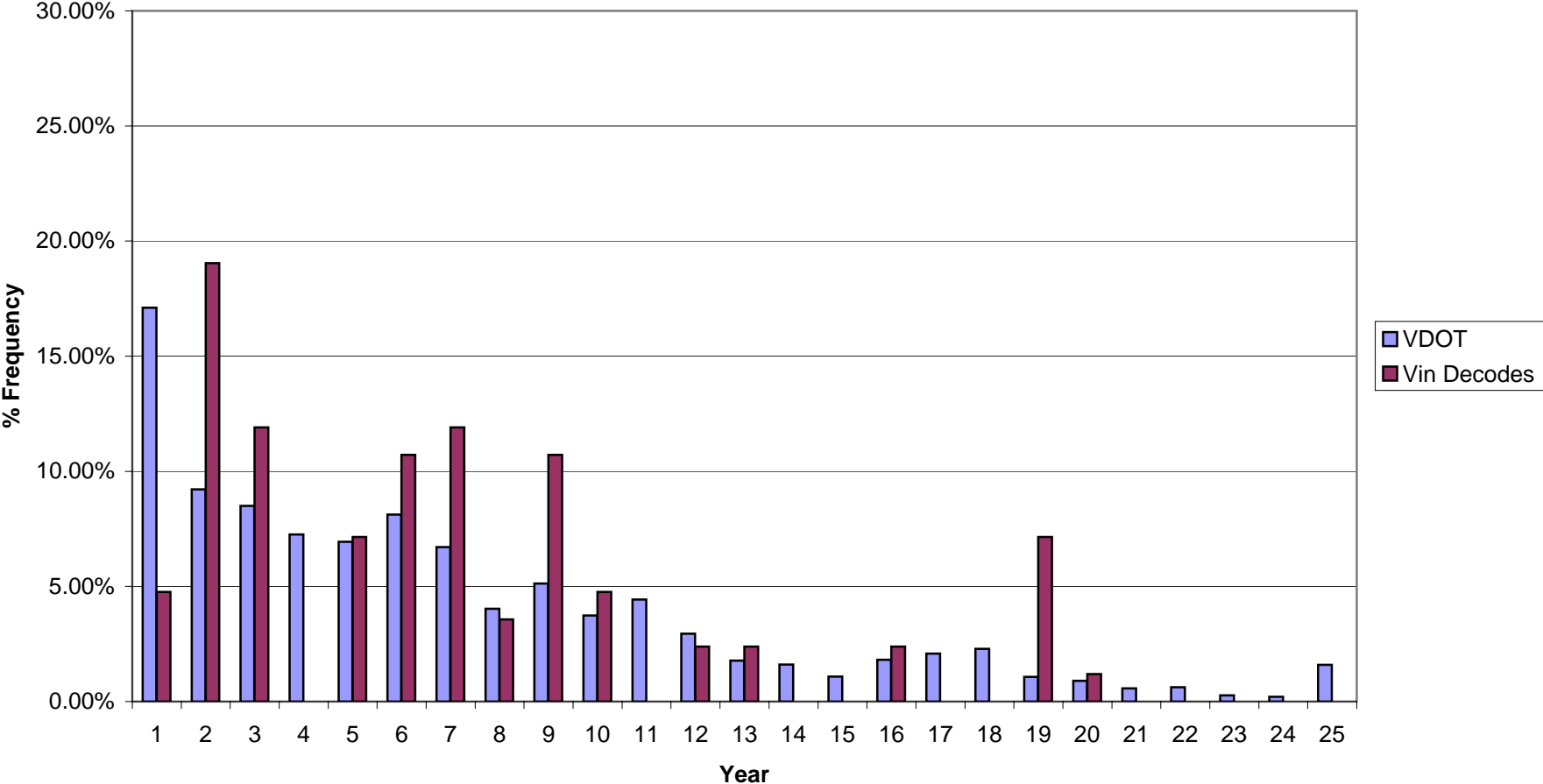
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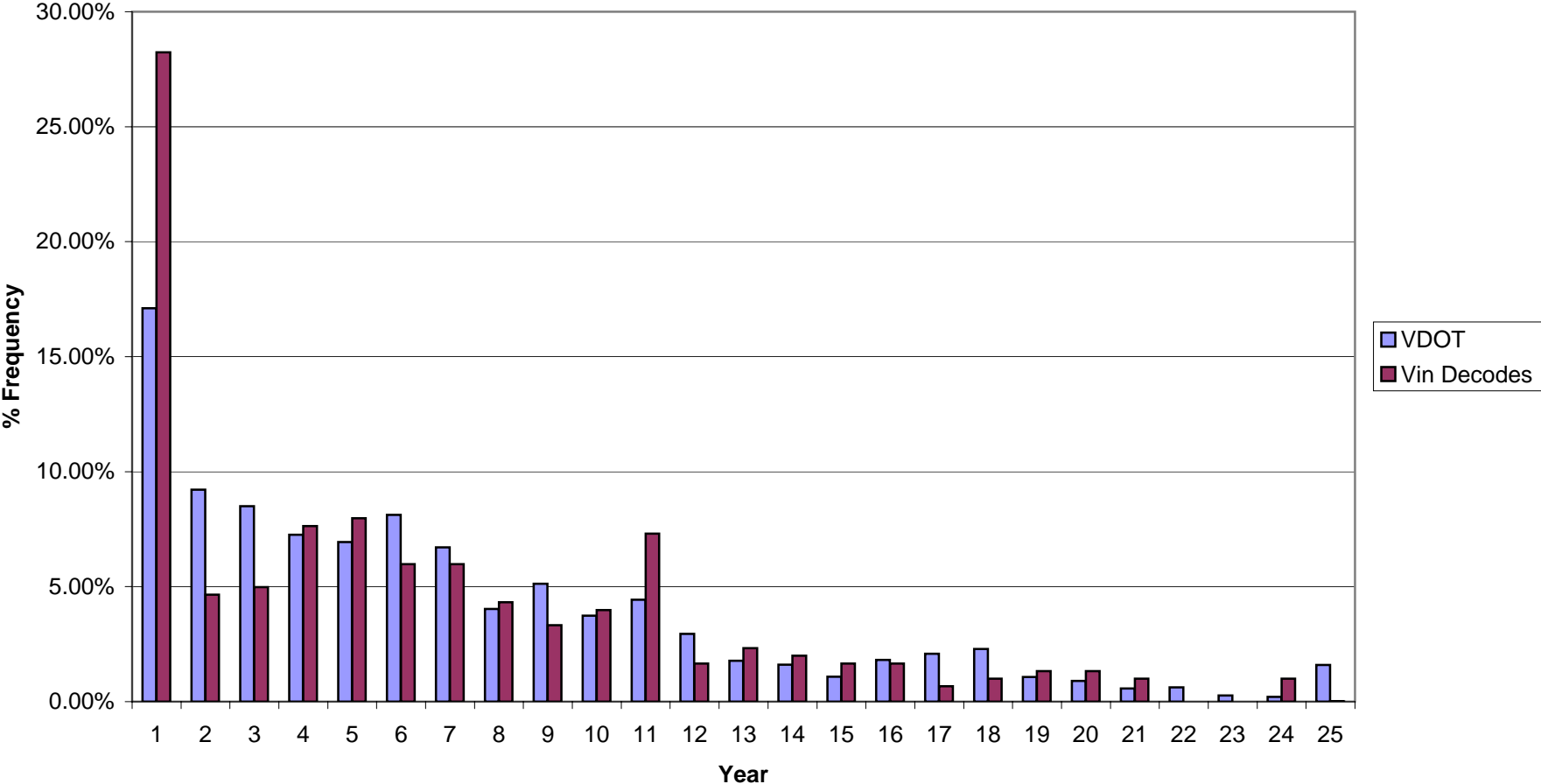
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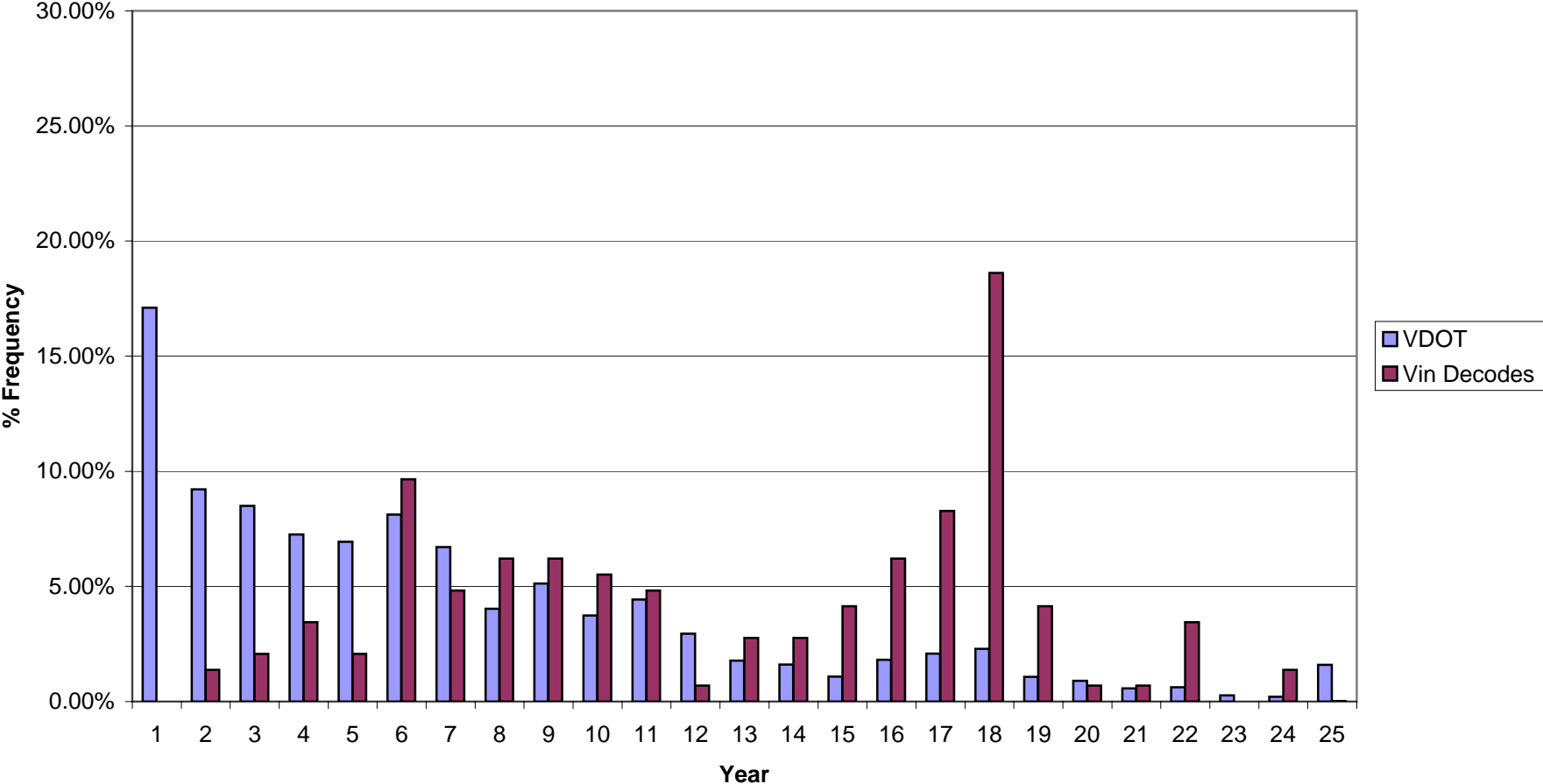
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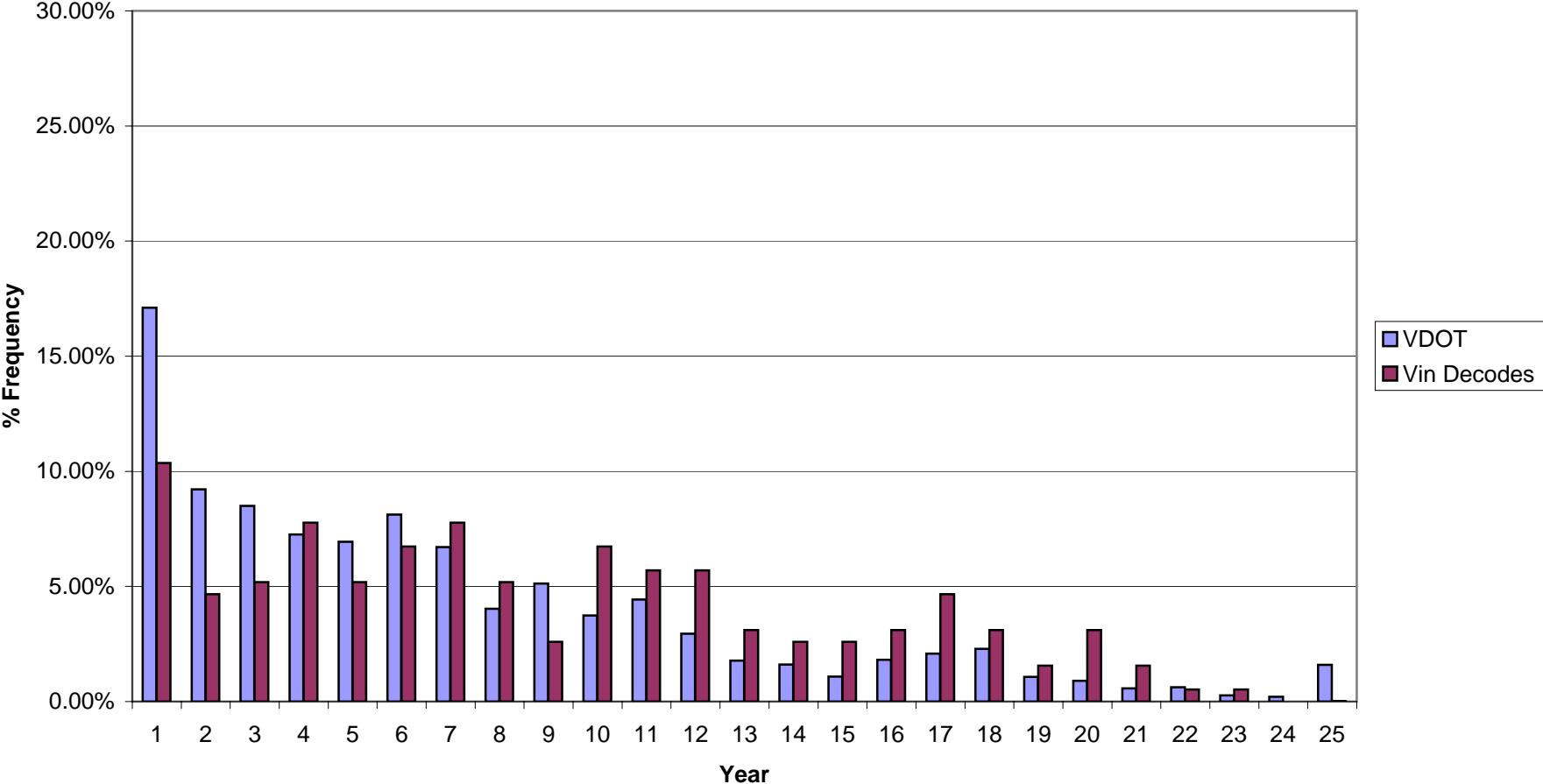
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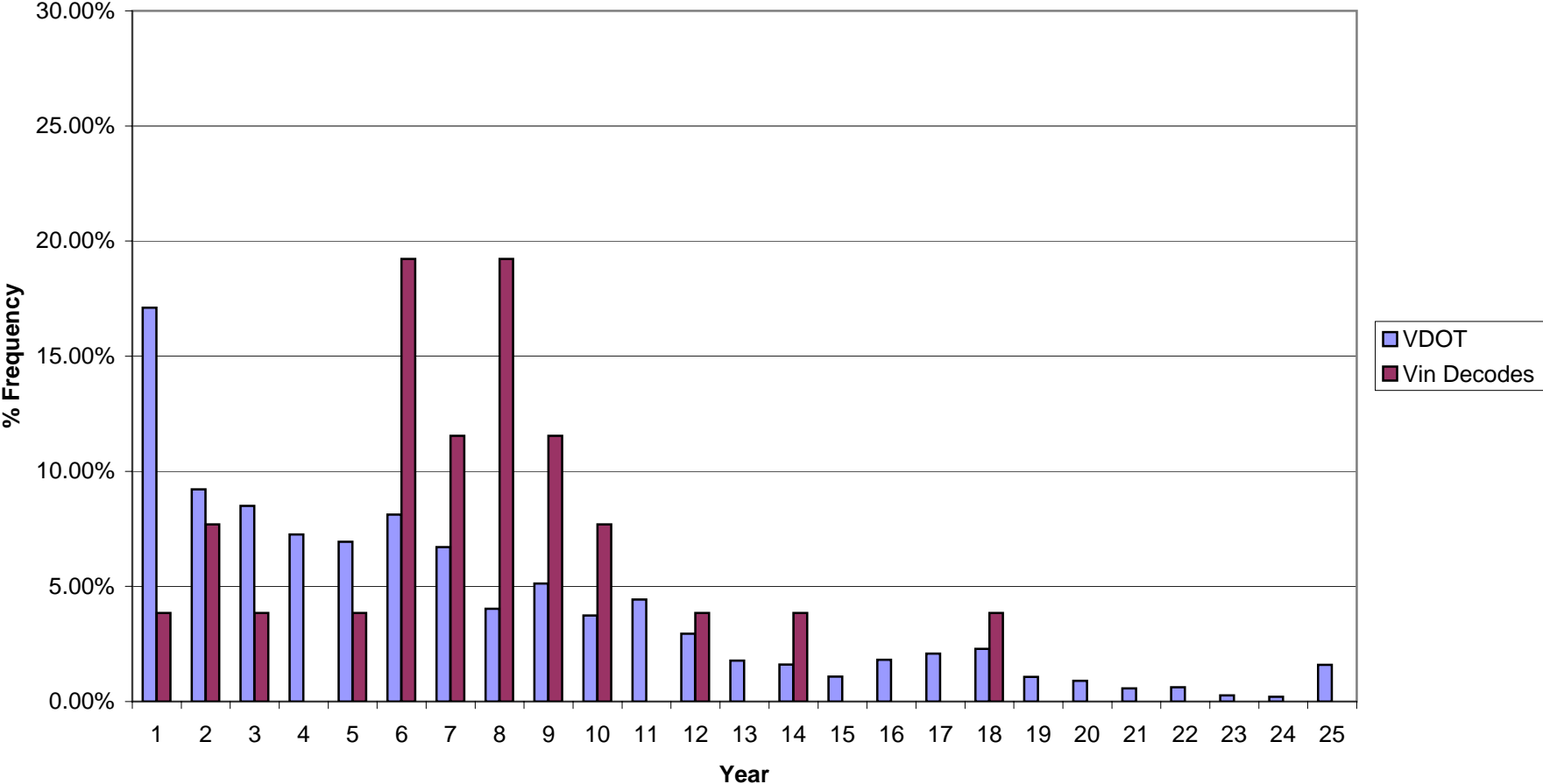
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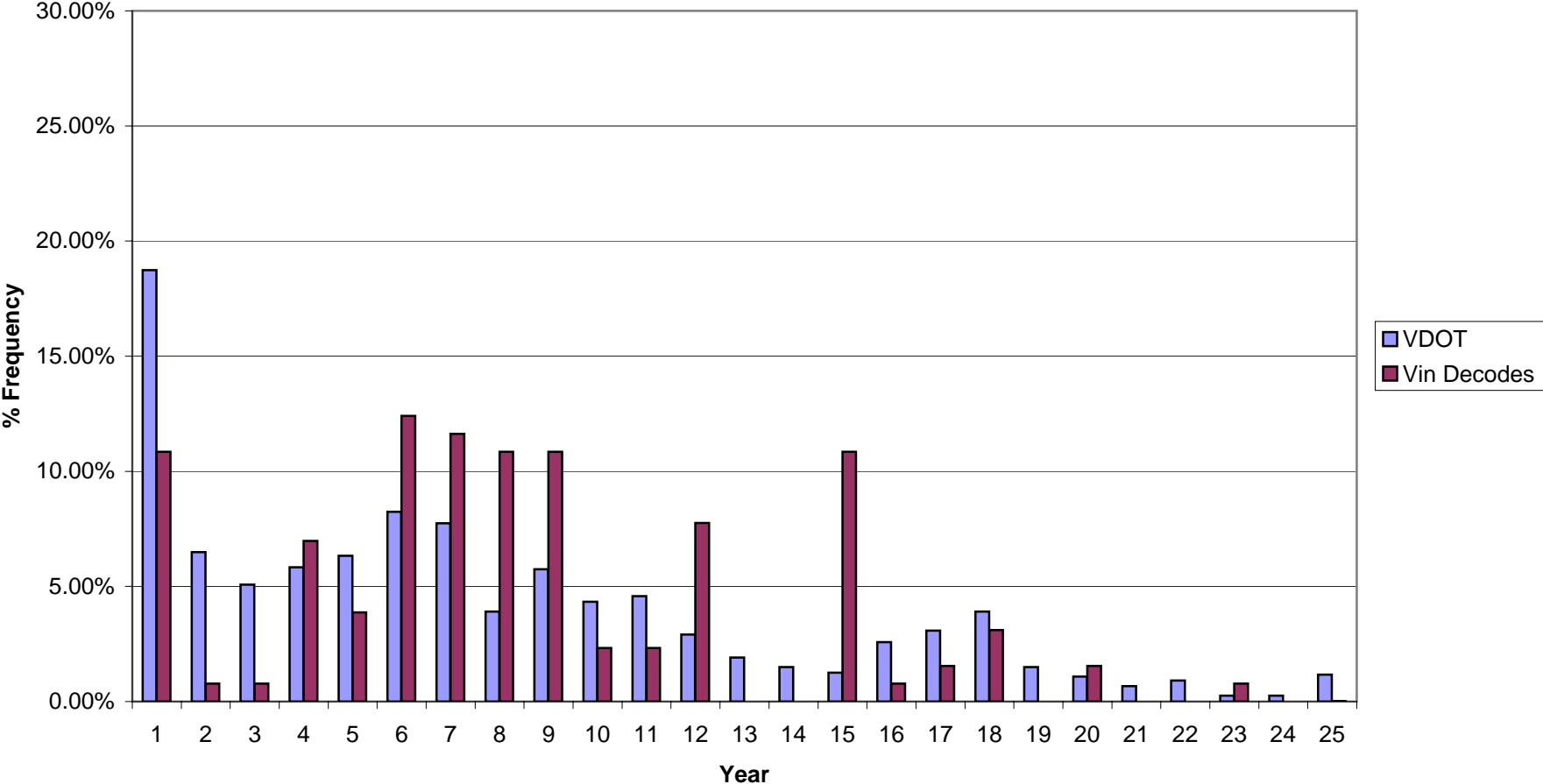


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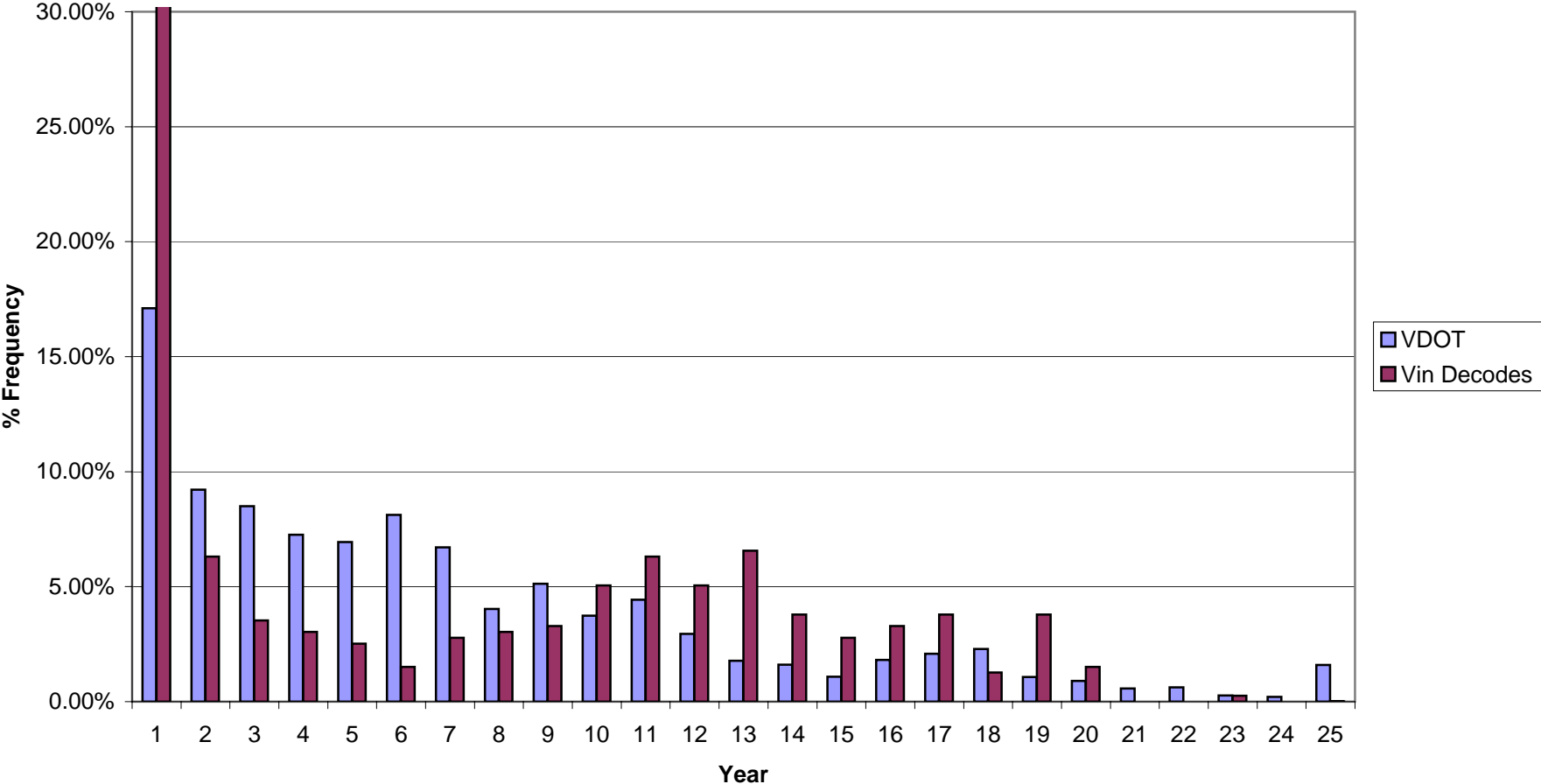




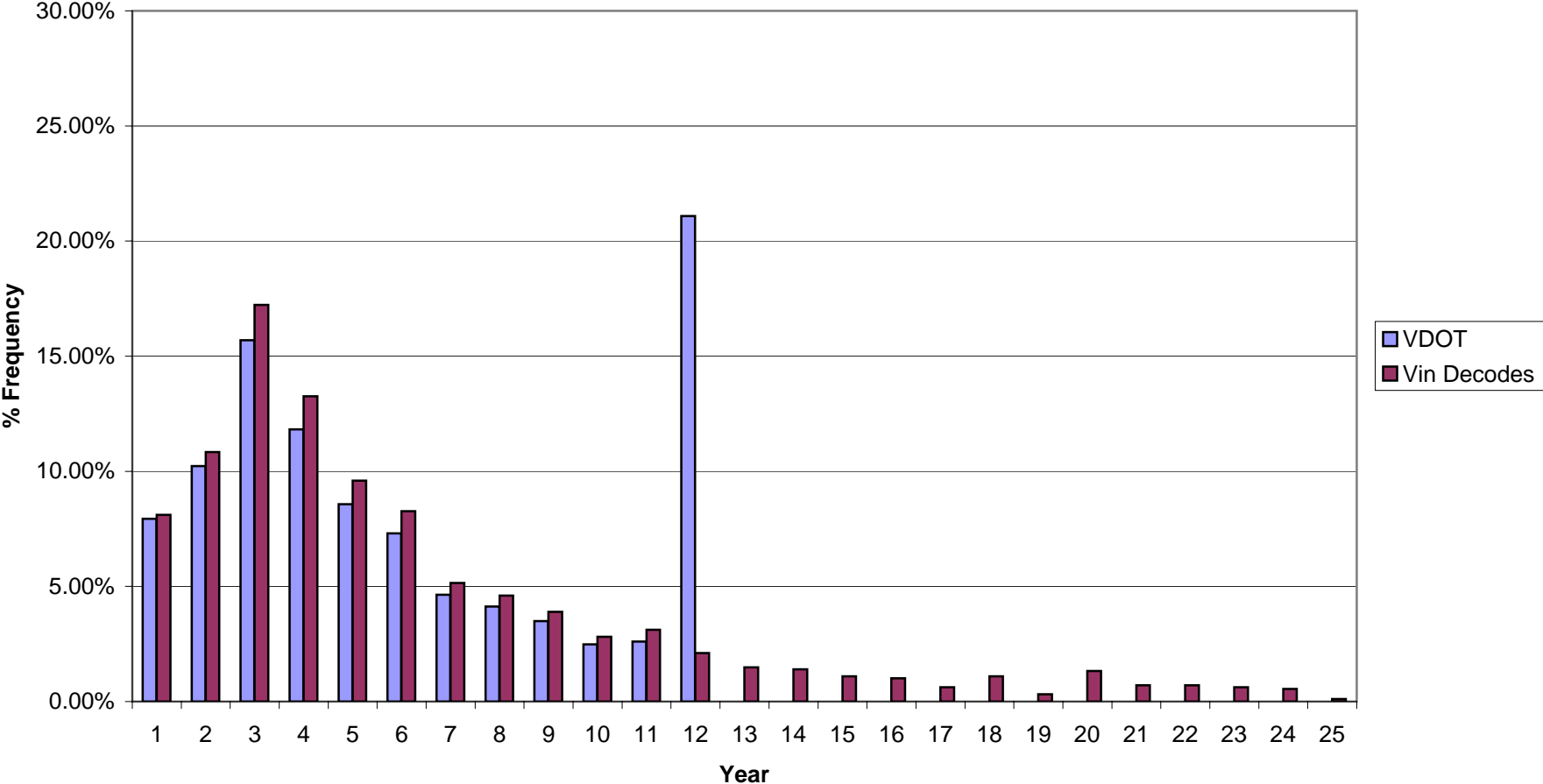
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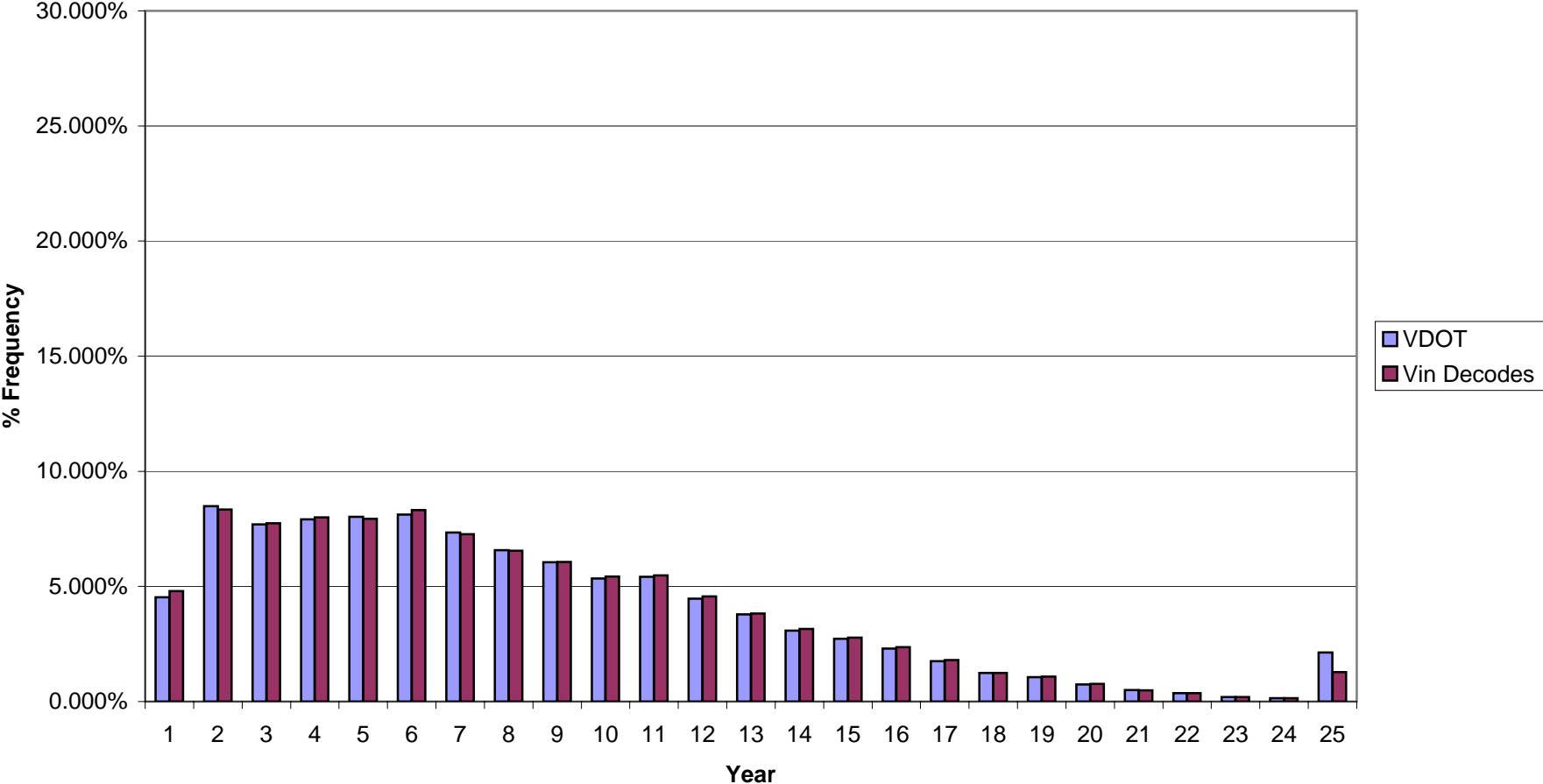
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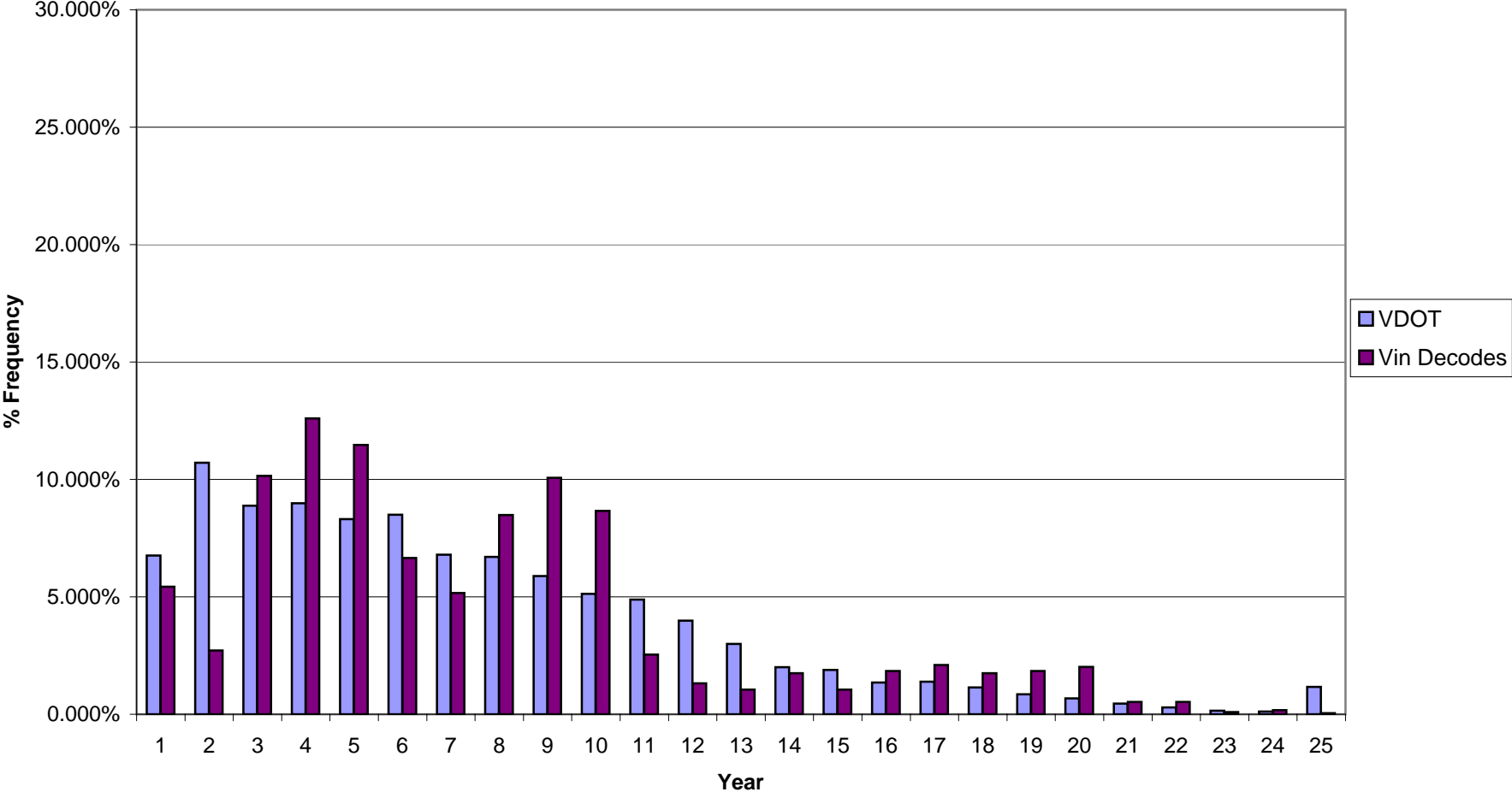
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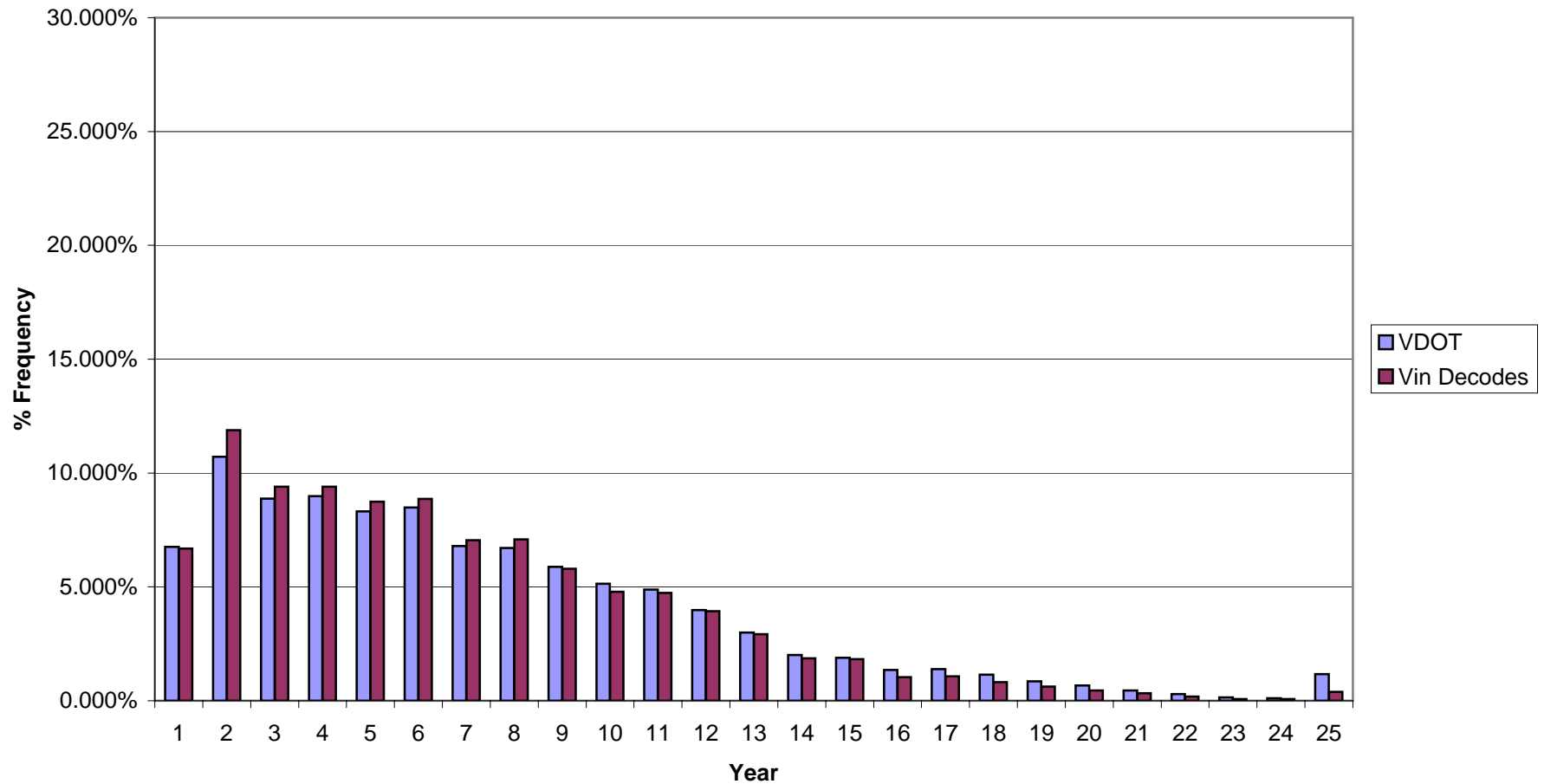


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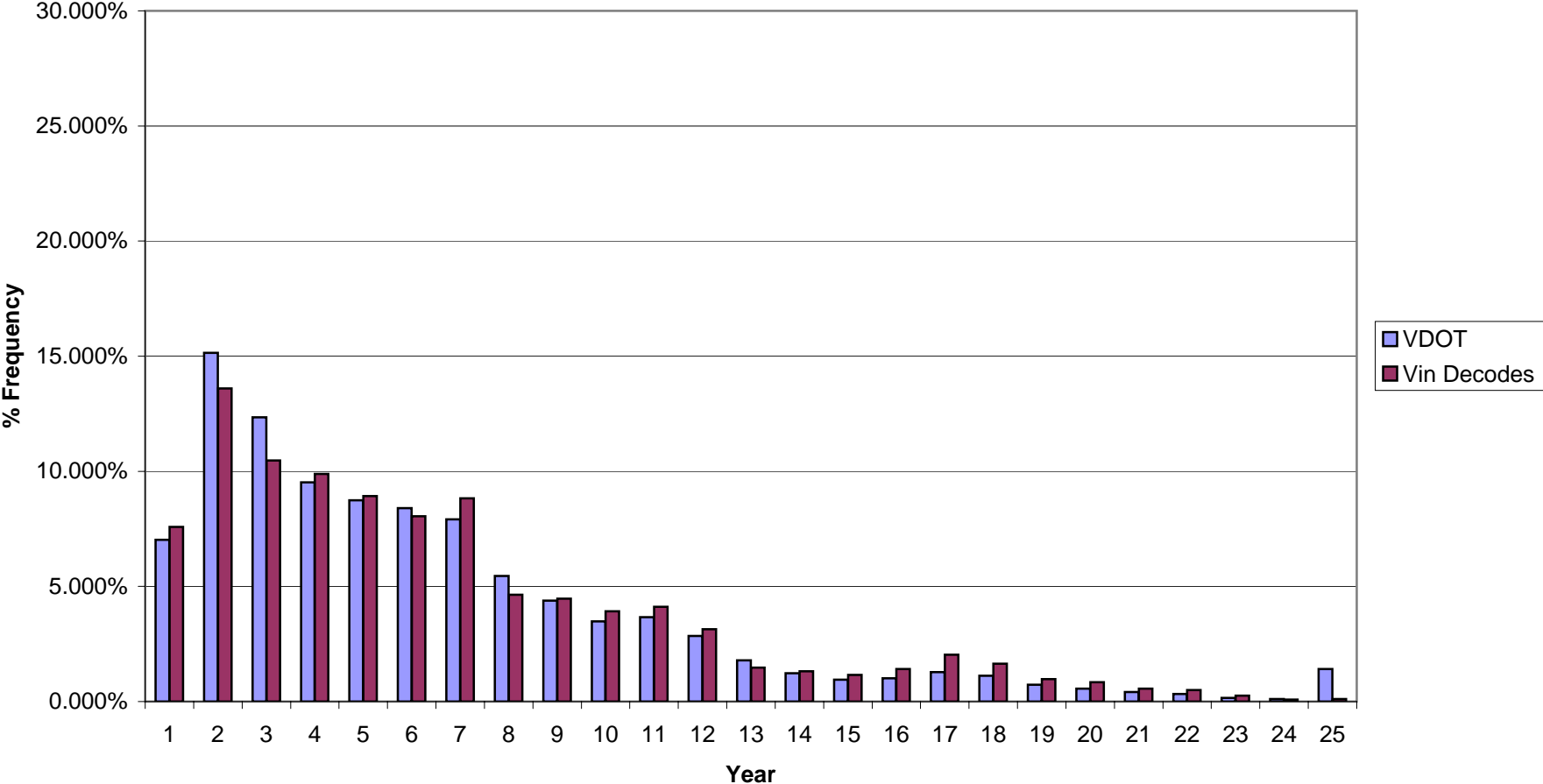
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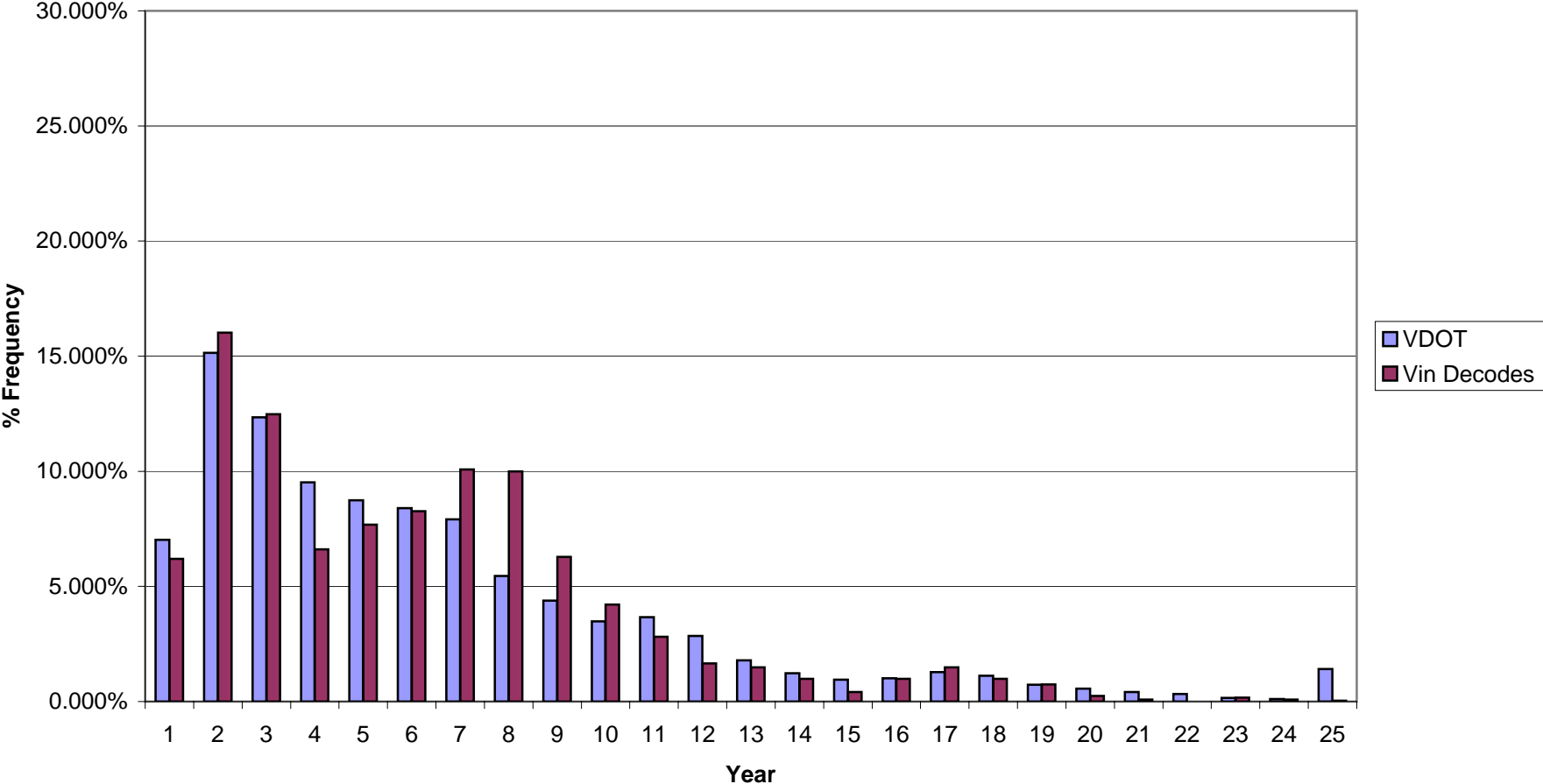
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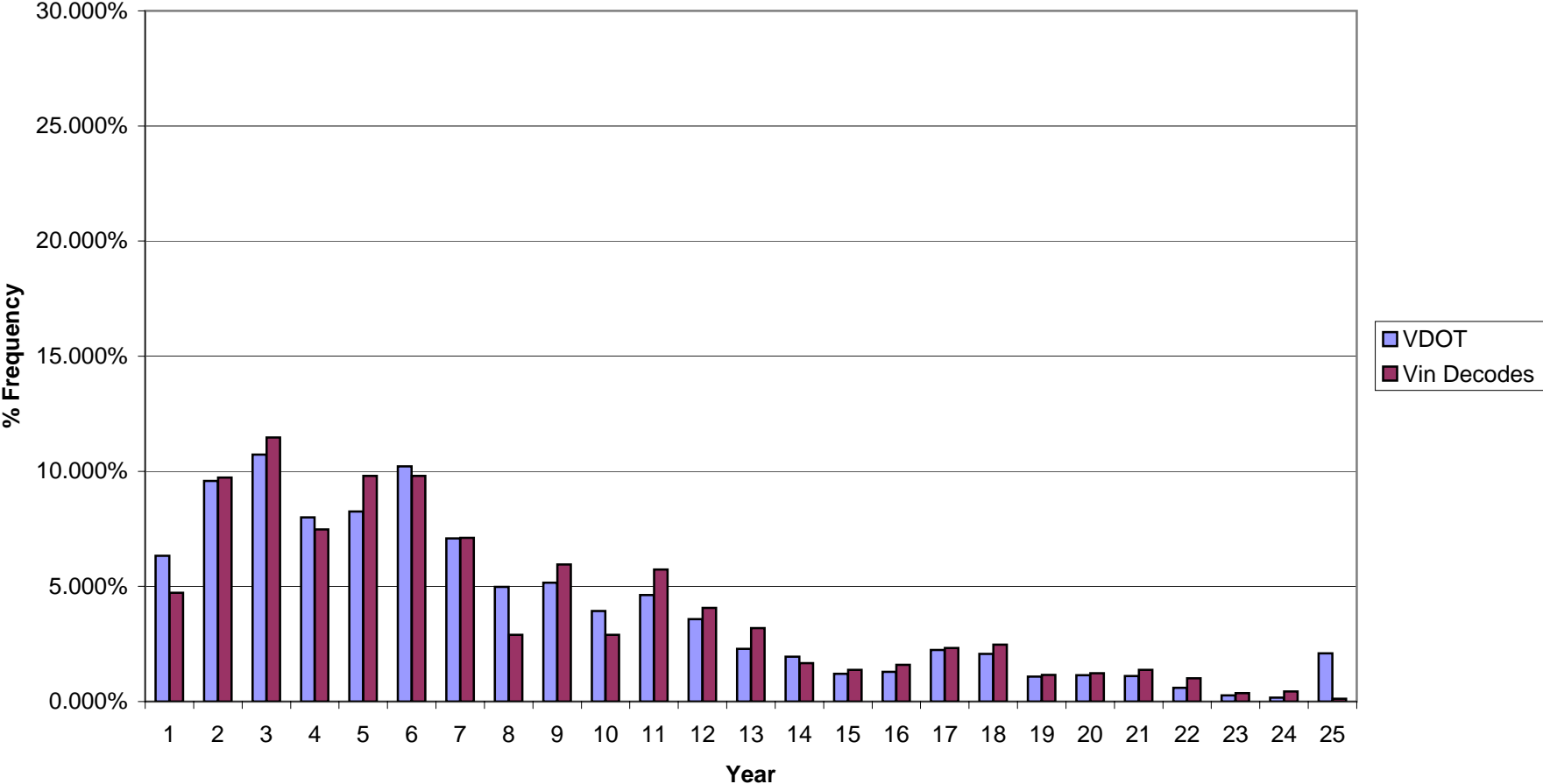


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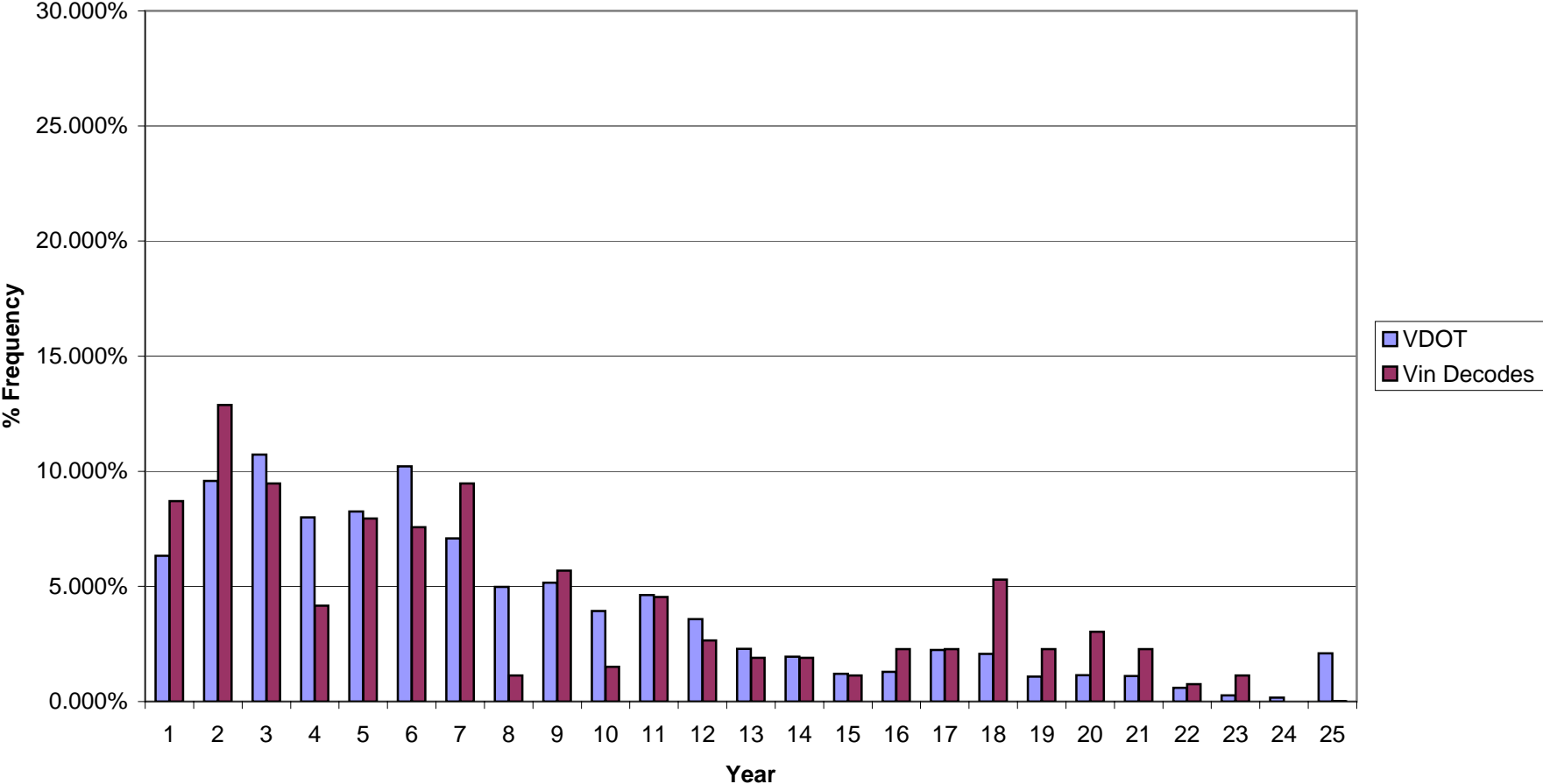




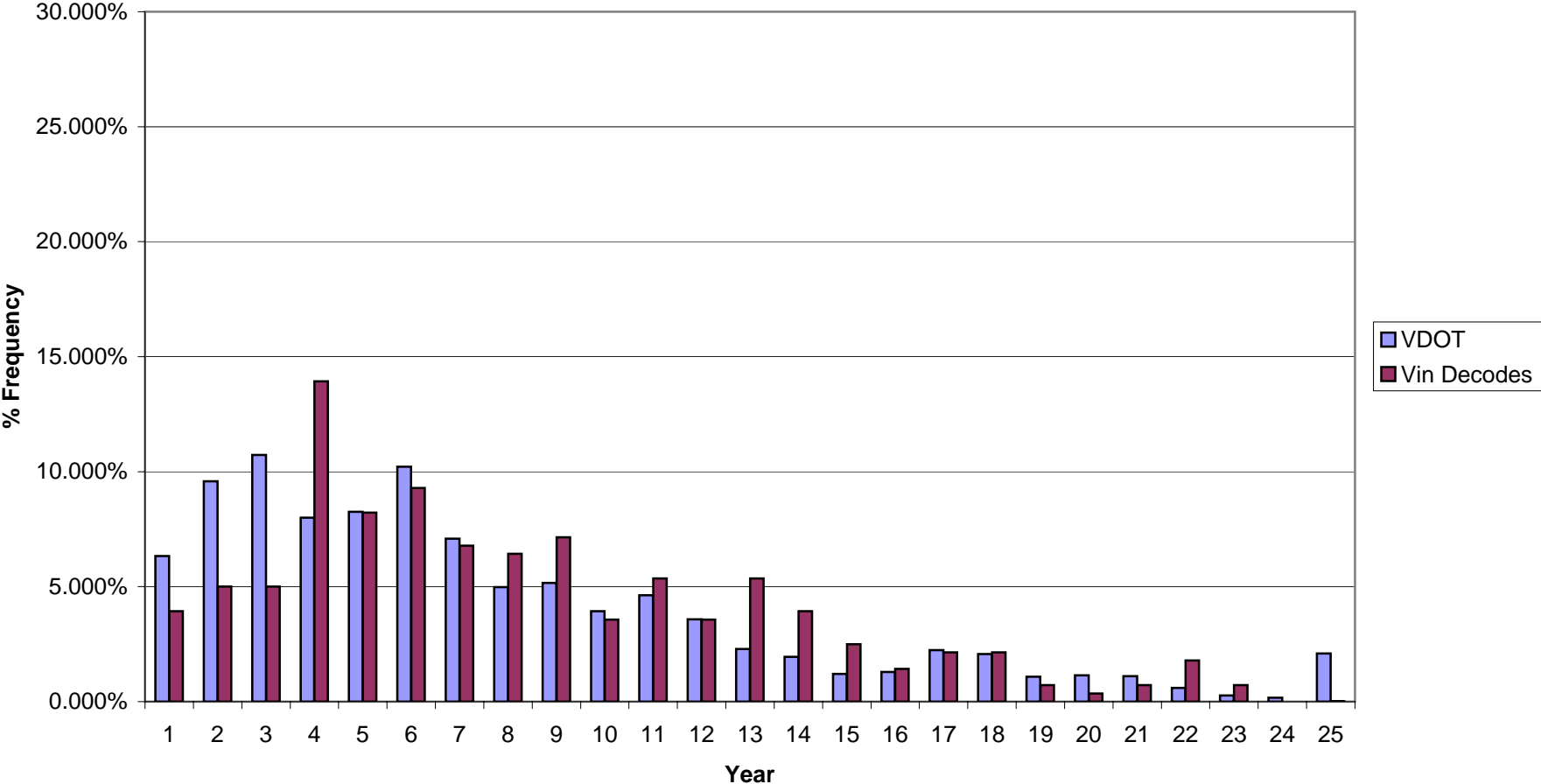
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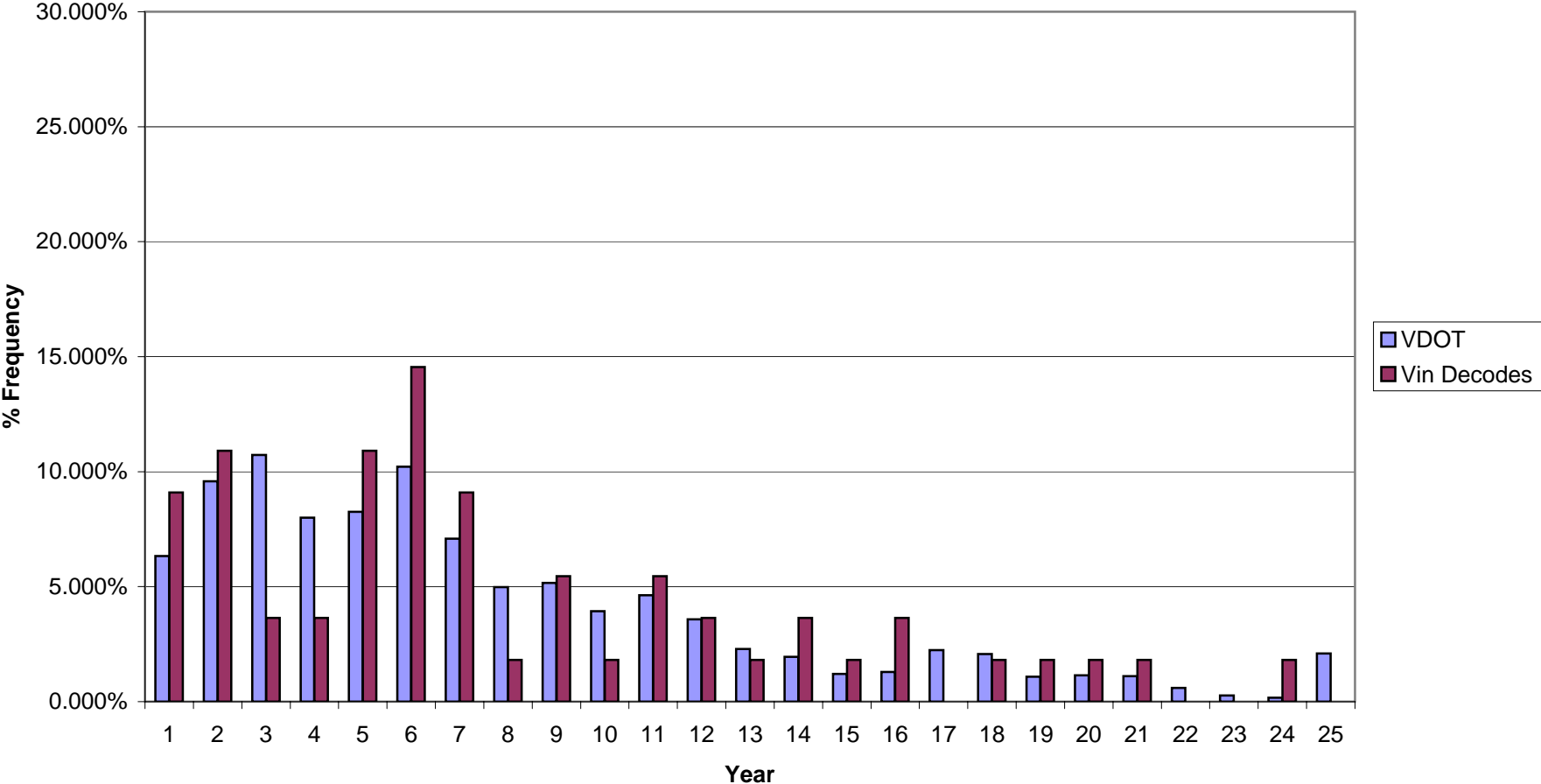
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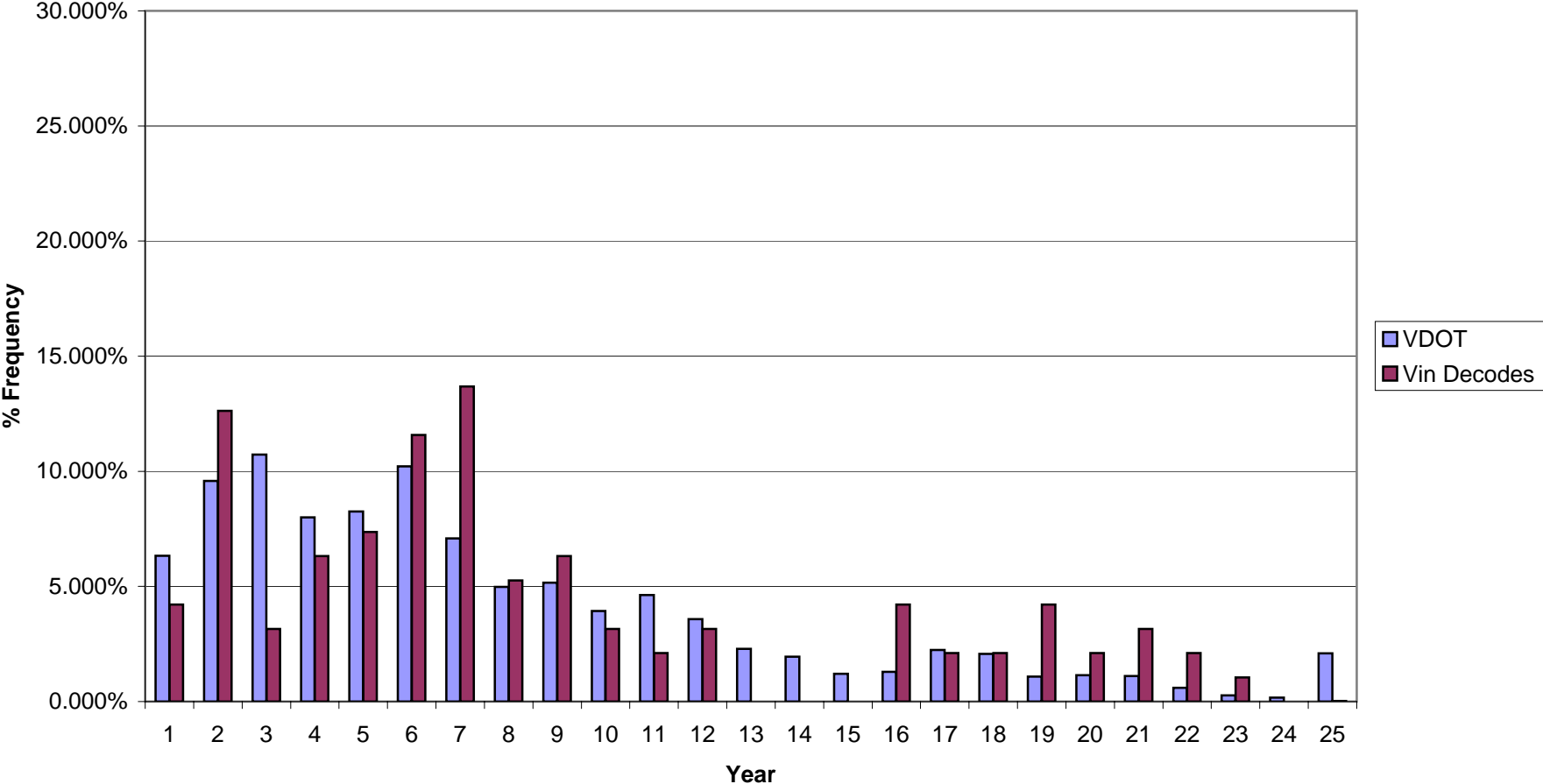
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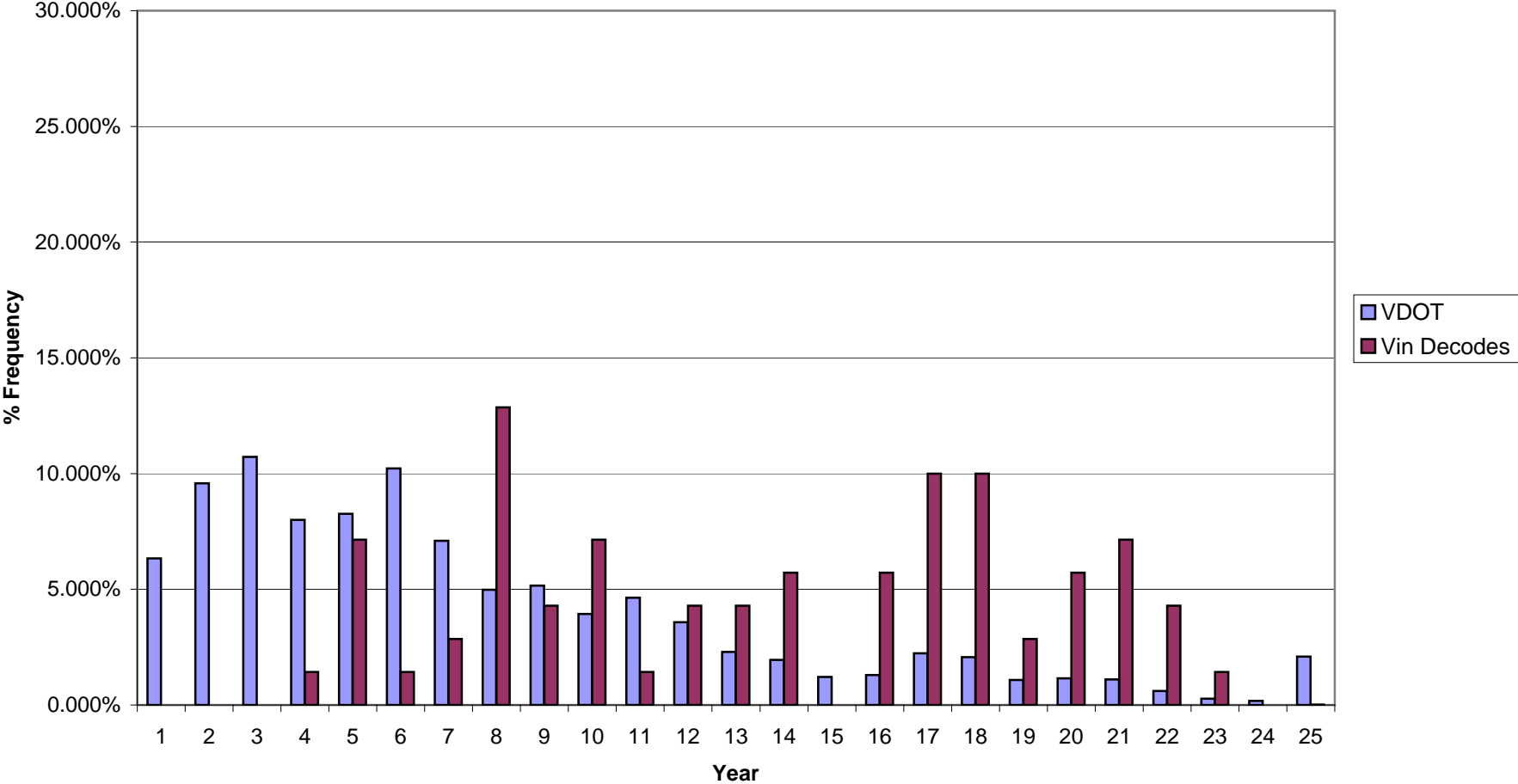
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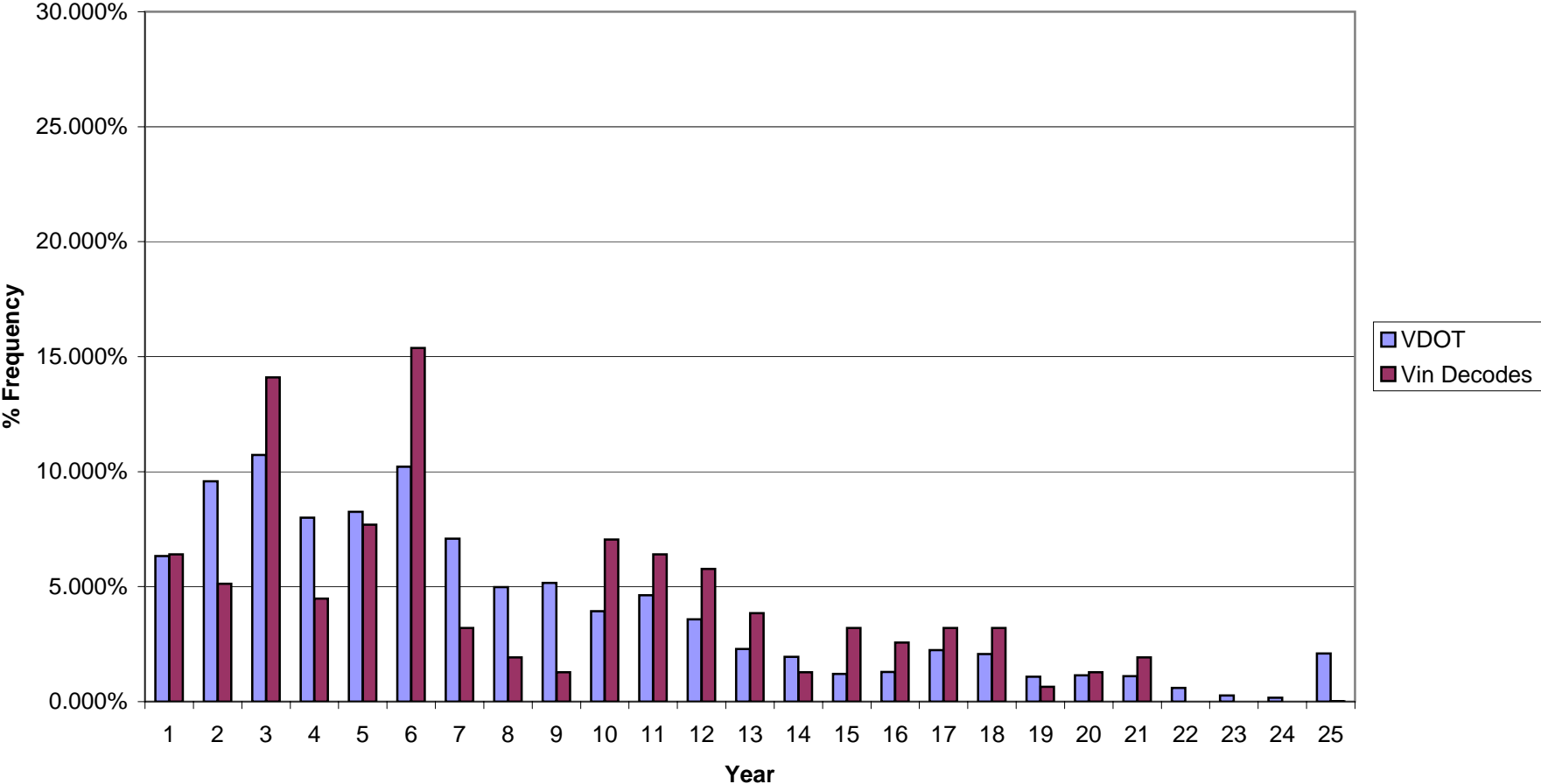
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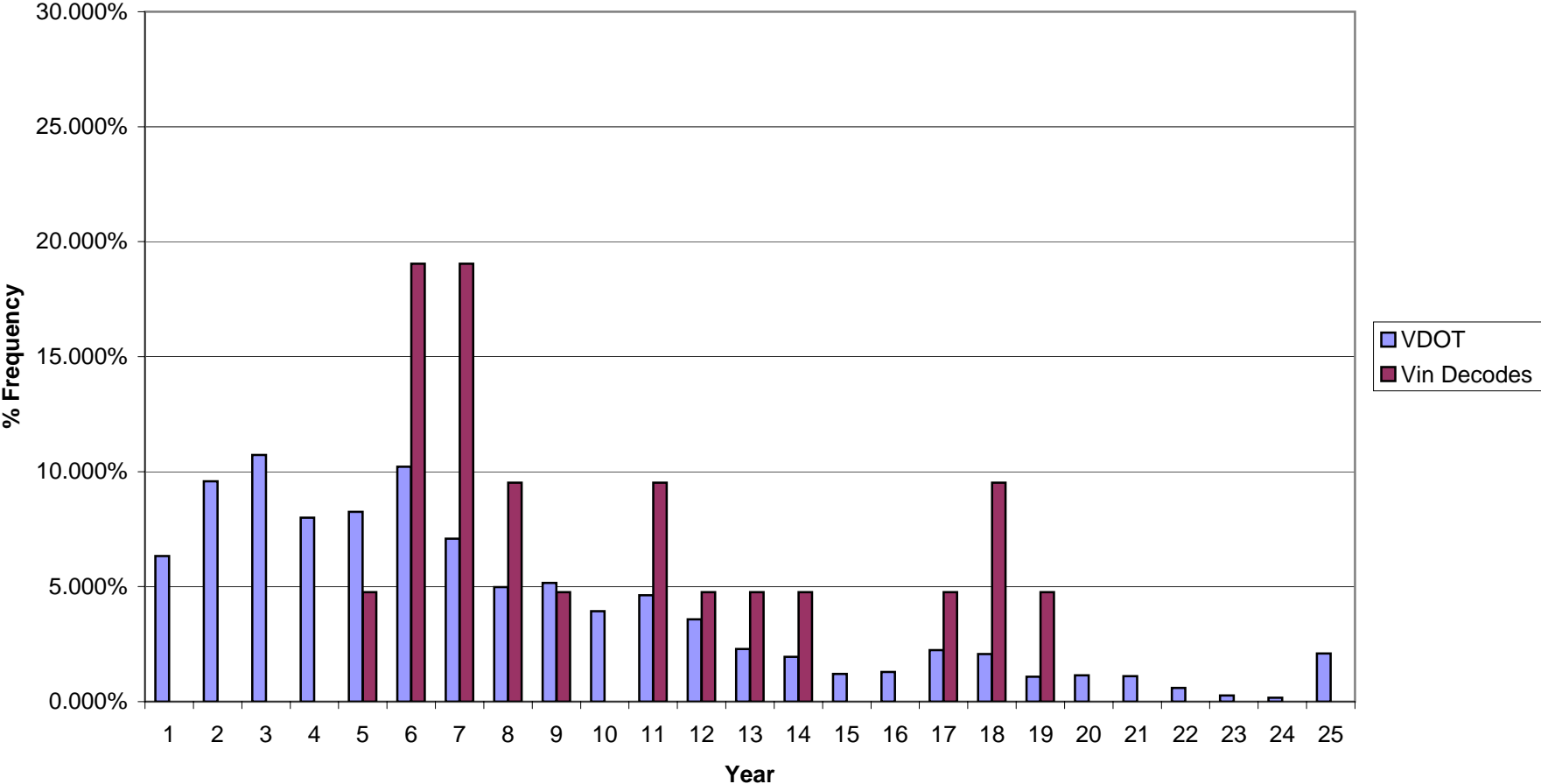
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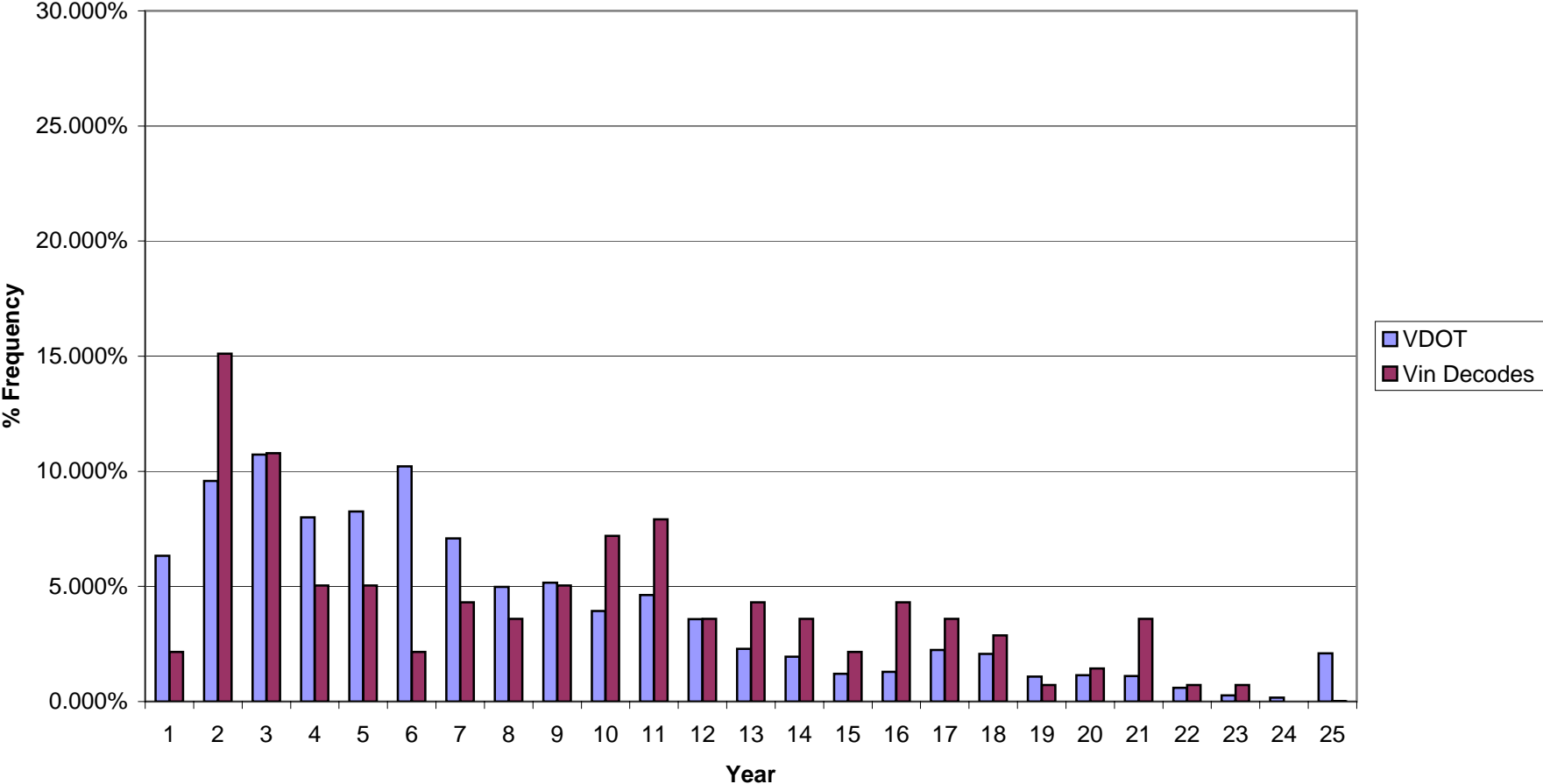


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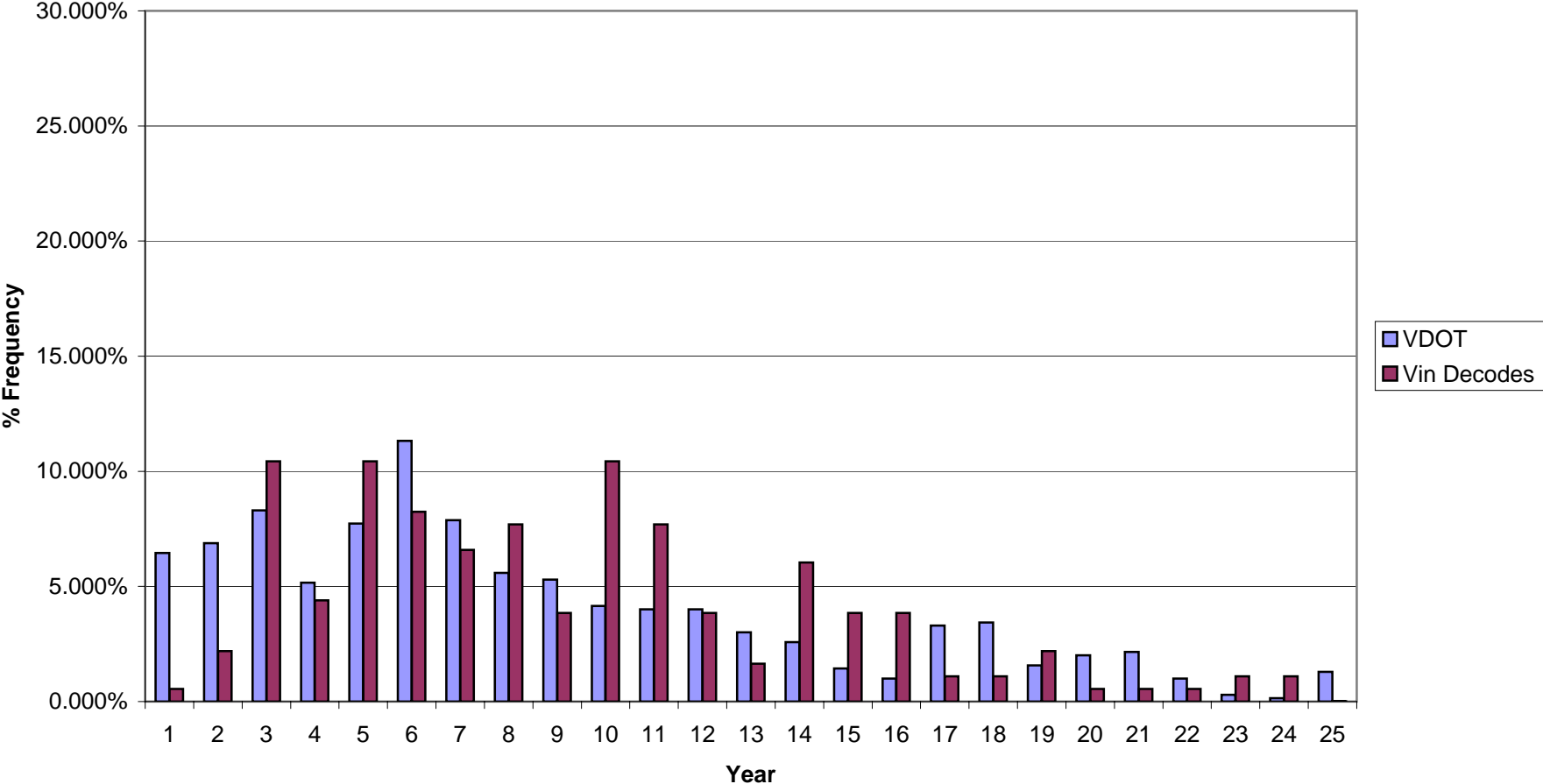




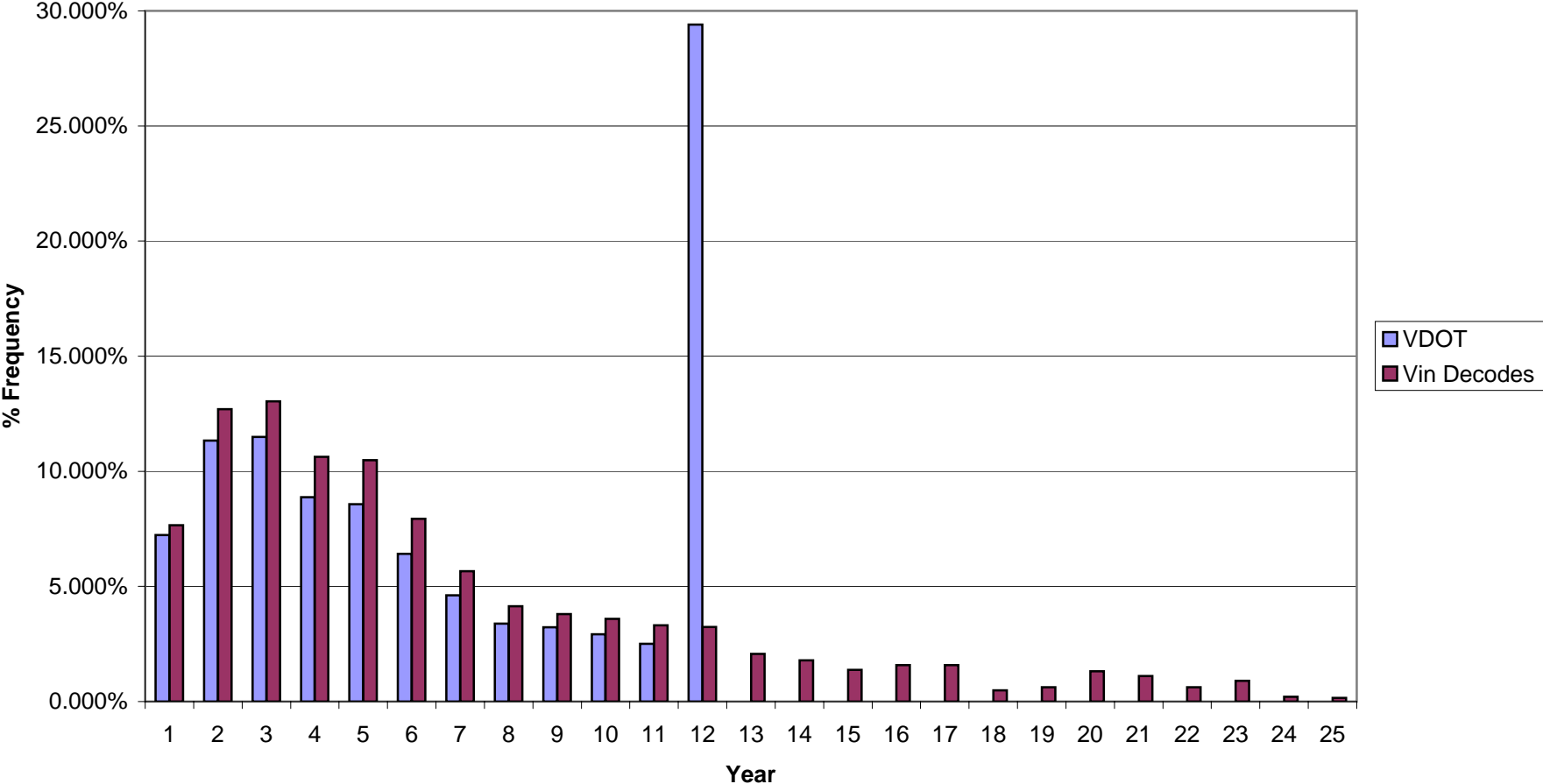
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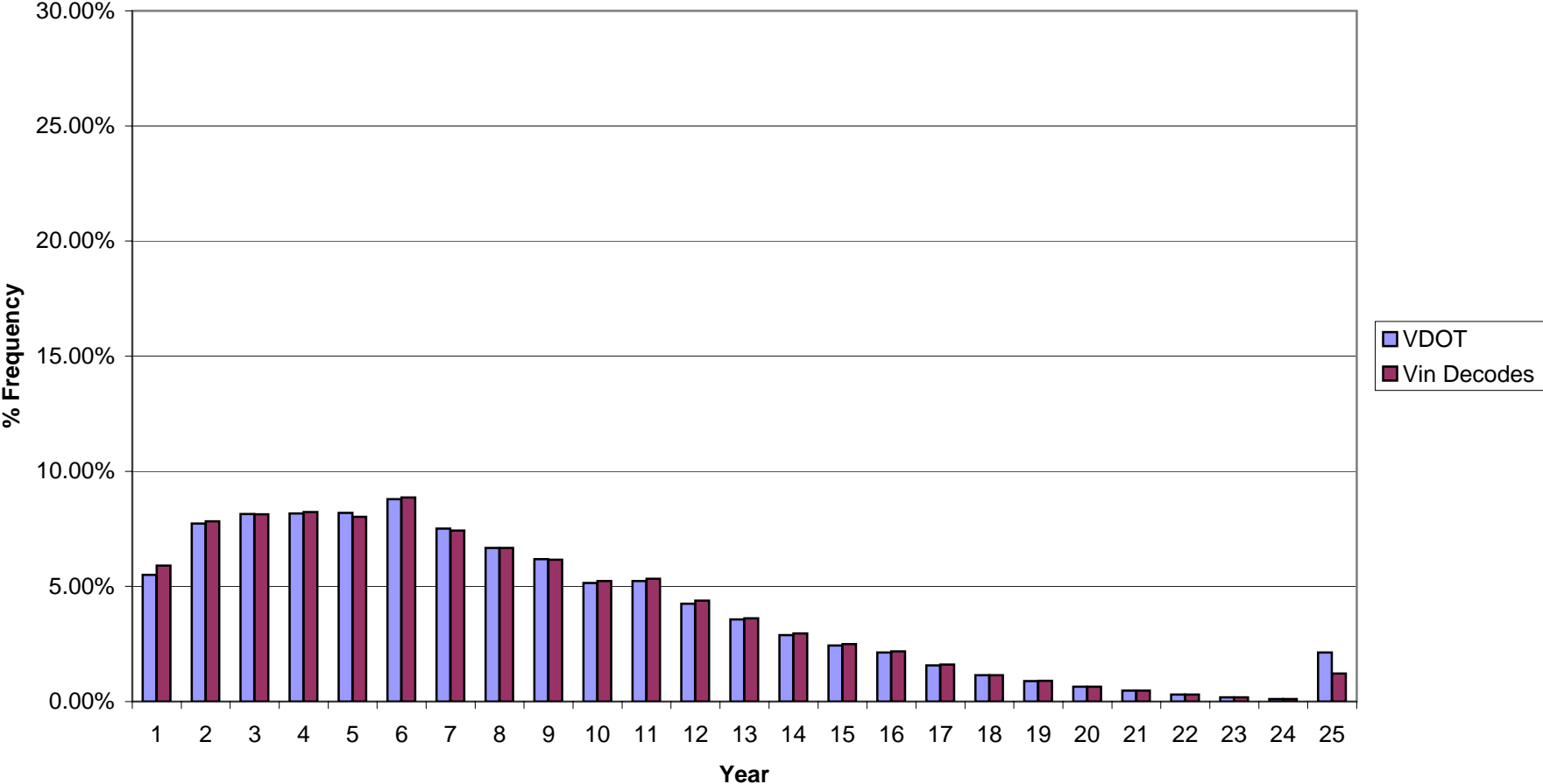
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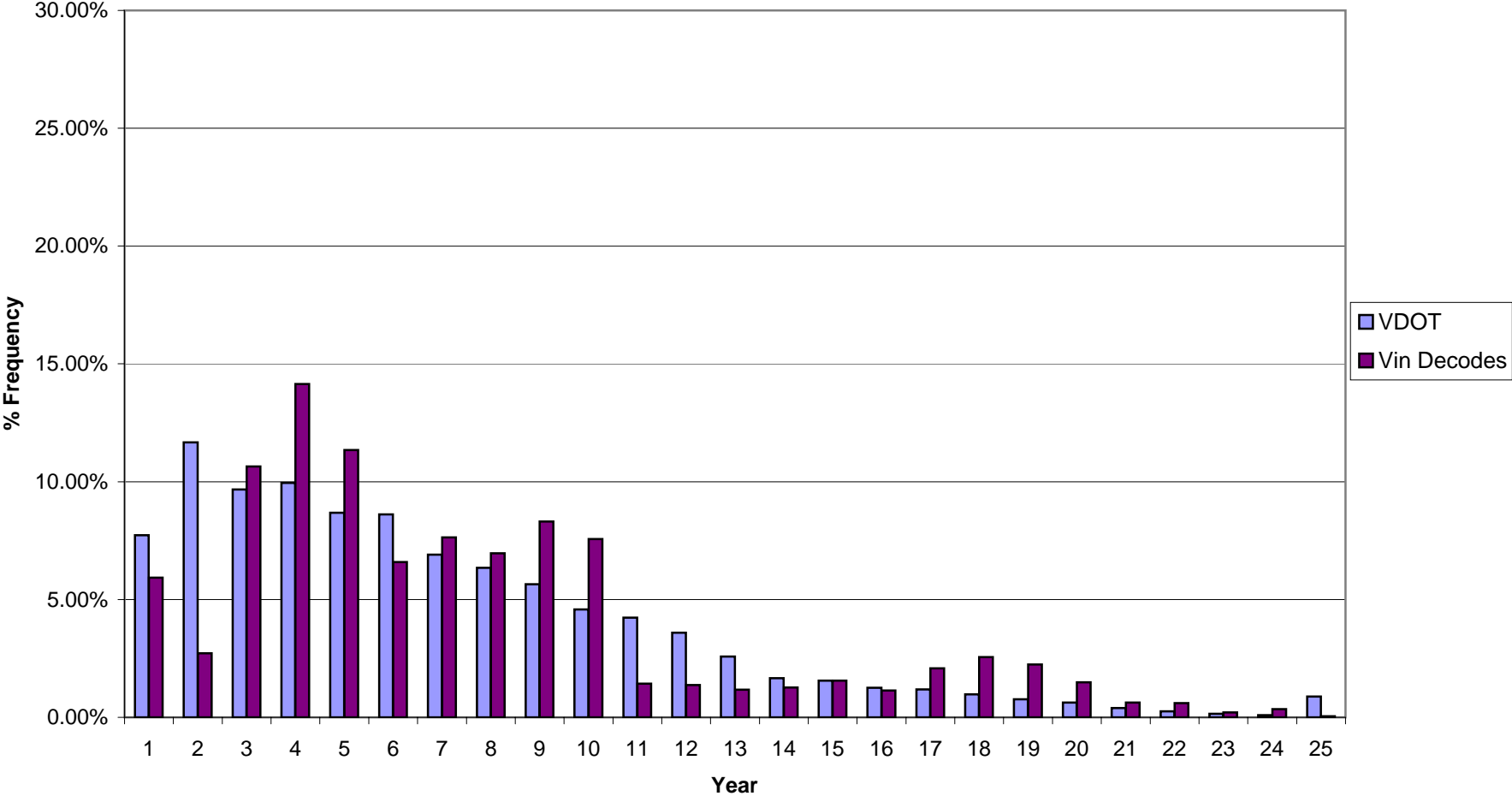
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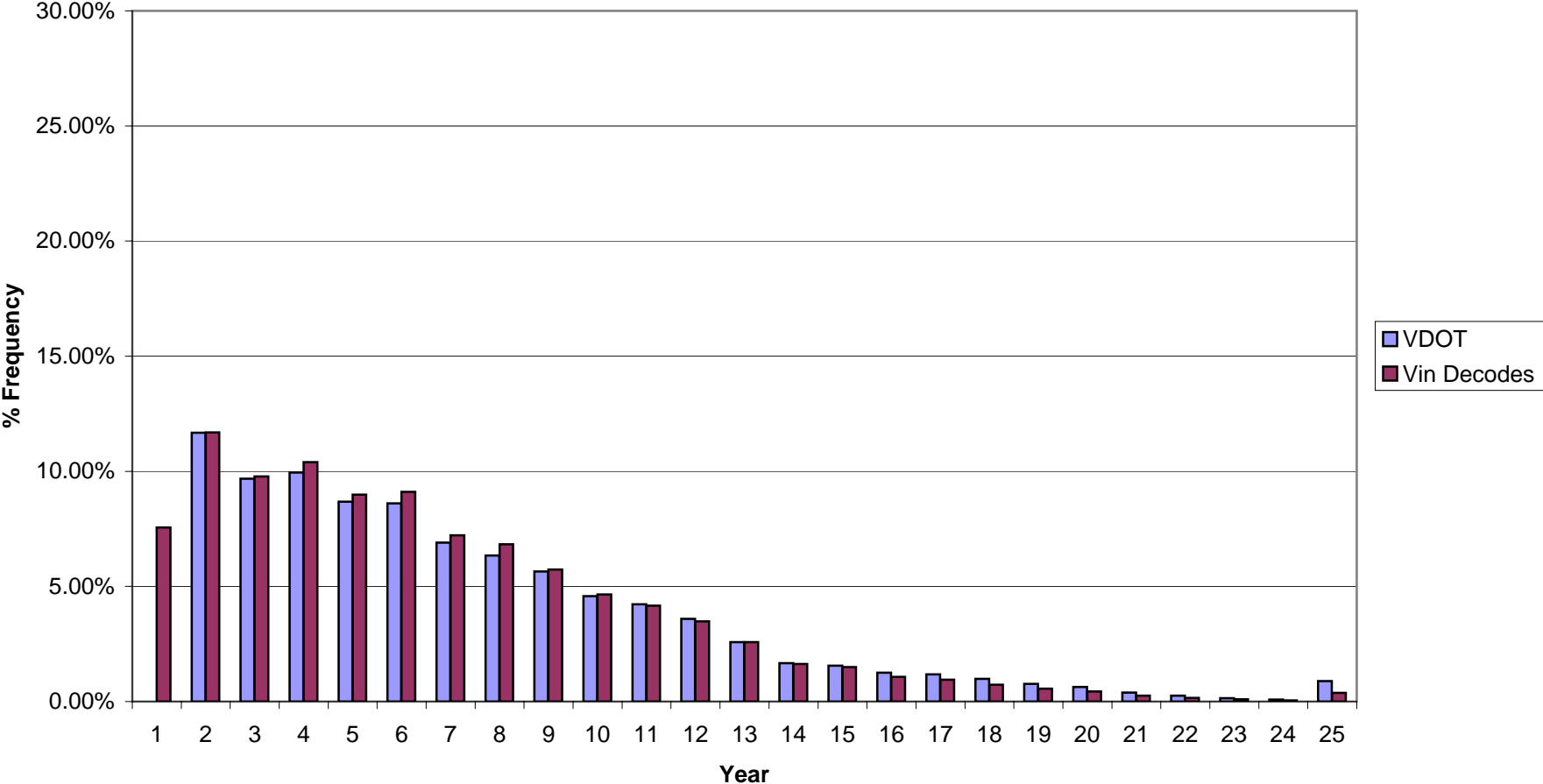
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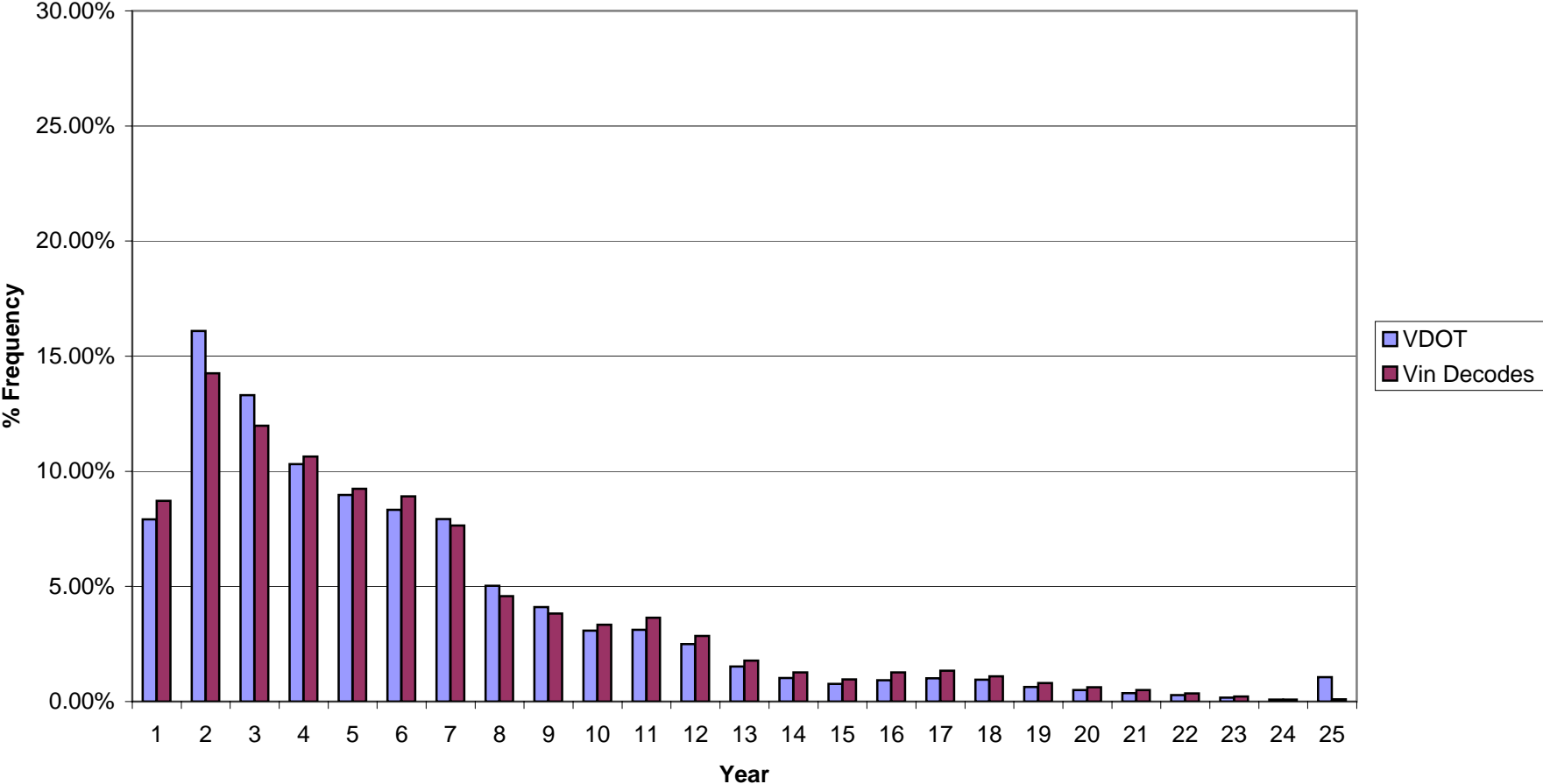
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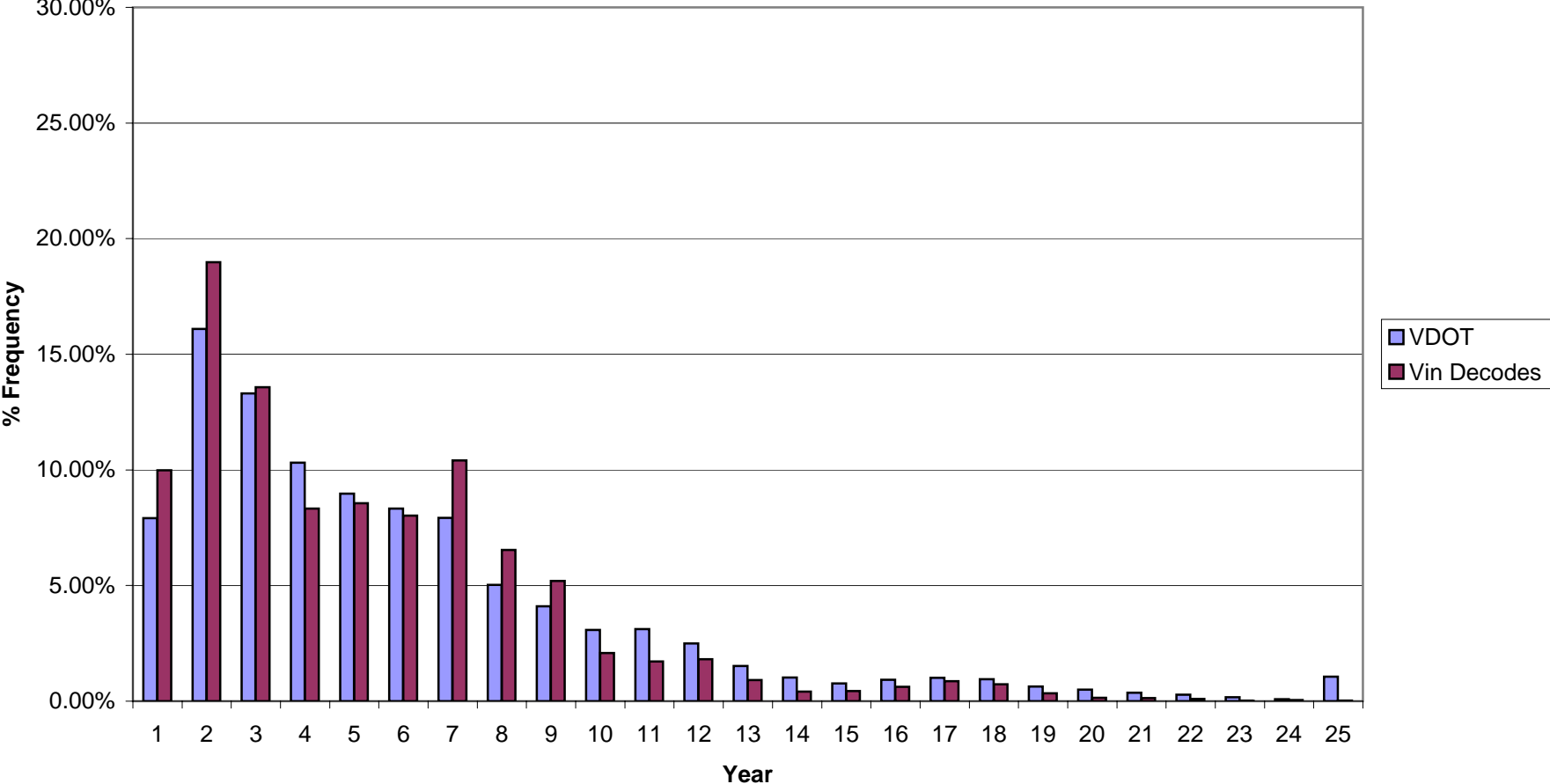
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Comparison of Vehicle Age Distributions (VDEQ / VDOT vs. Vin Decodes)  
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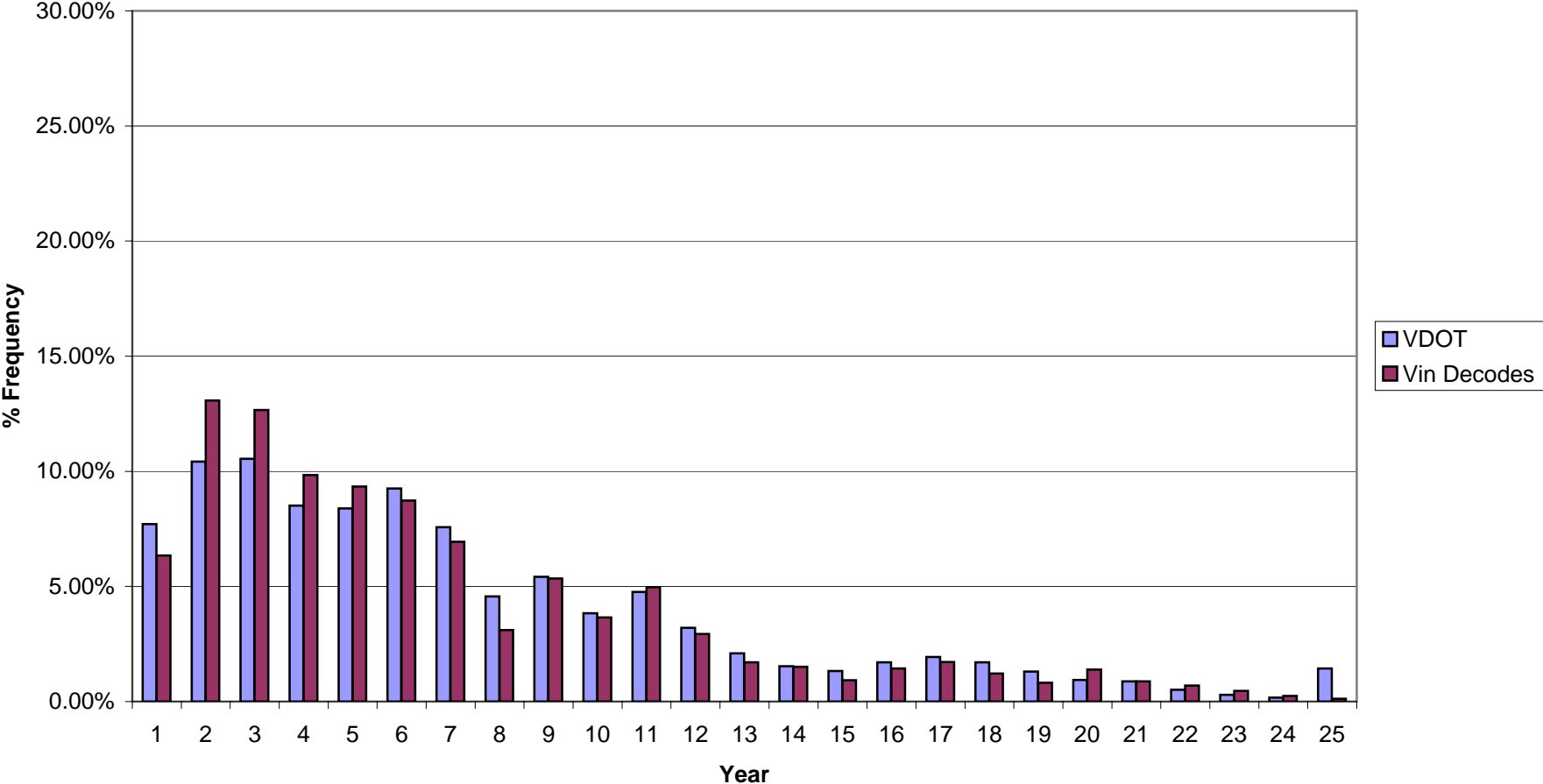


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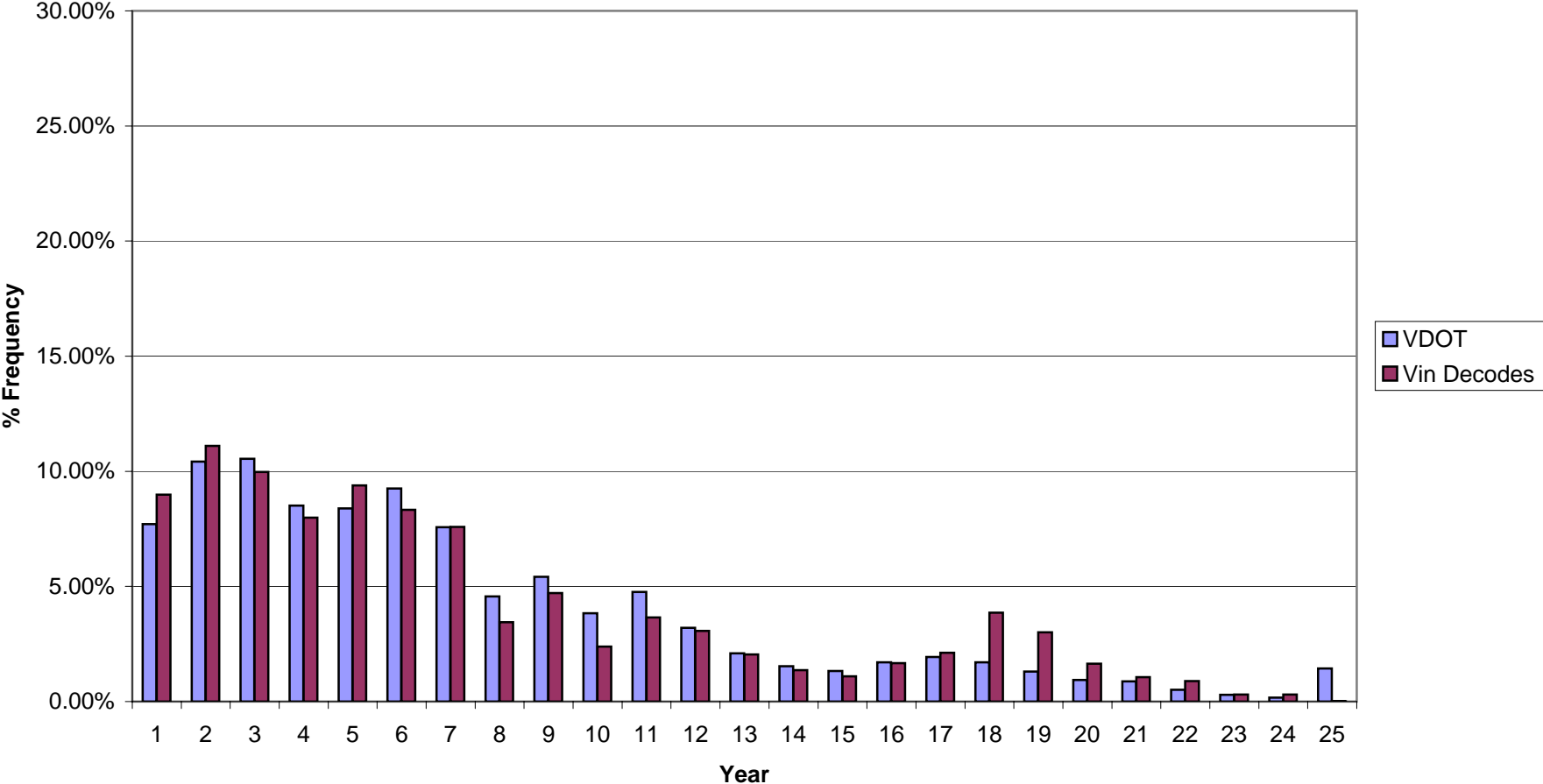




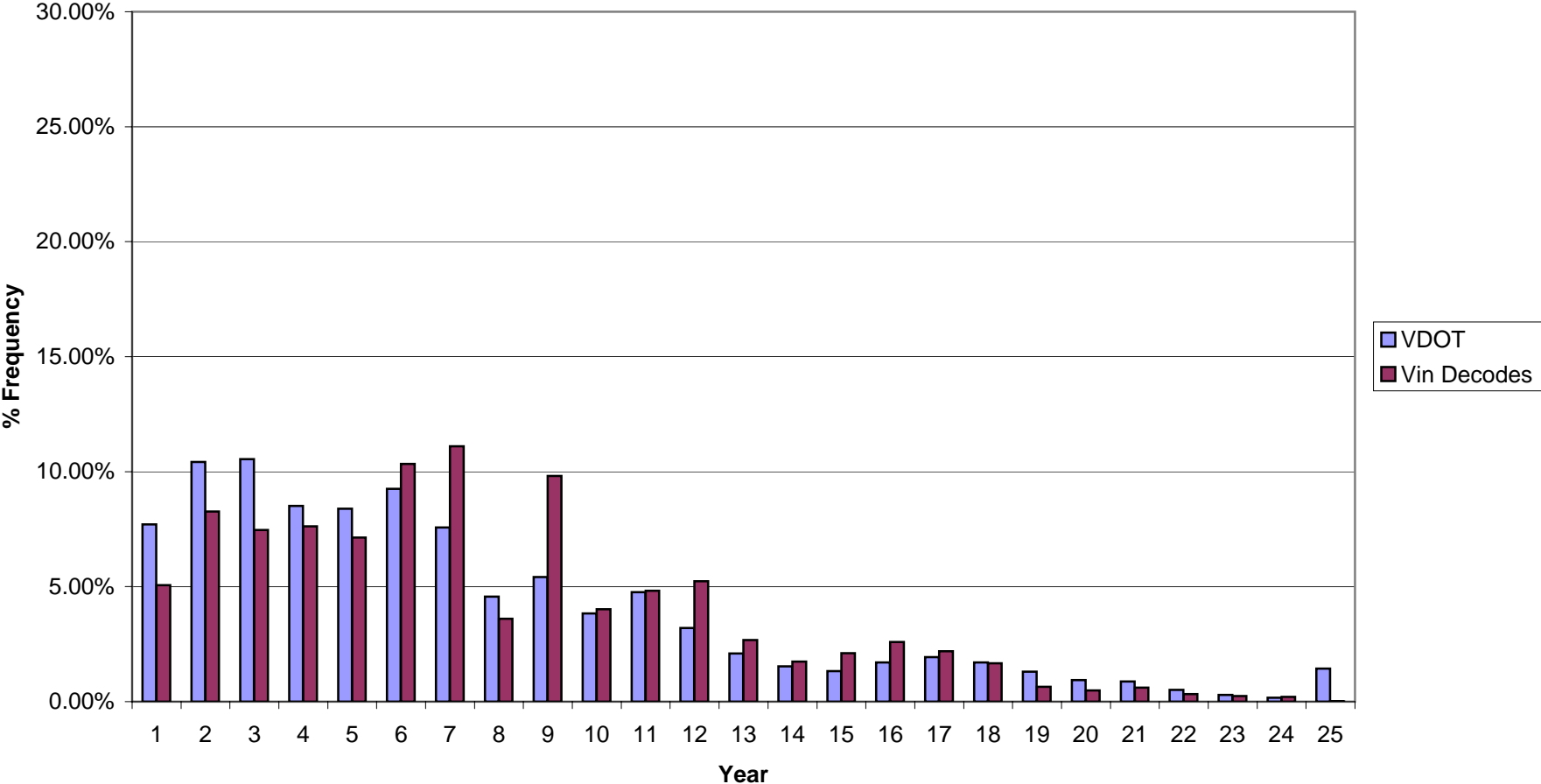
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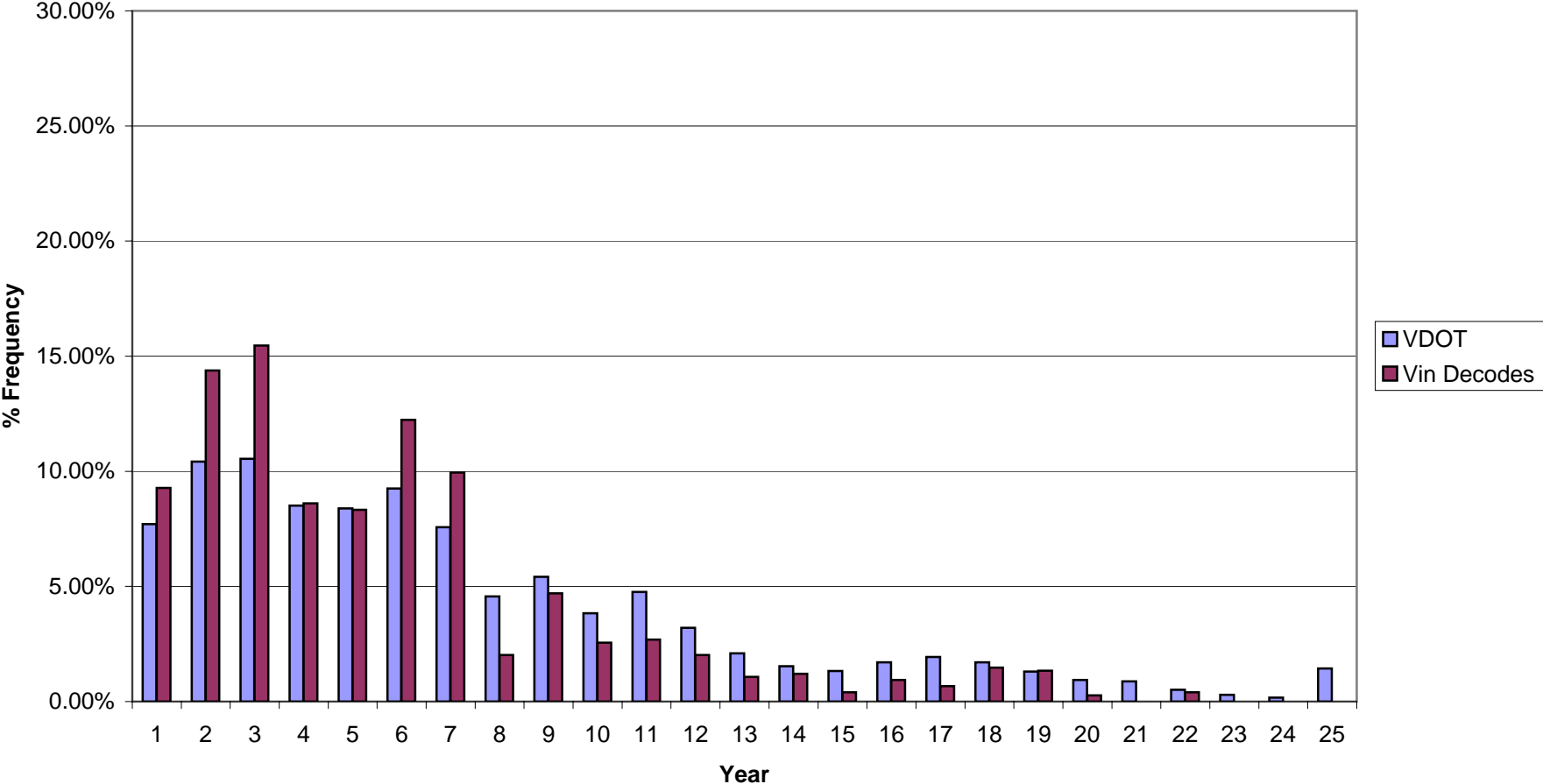
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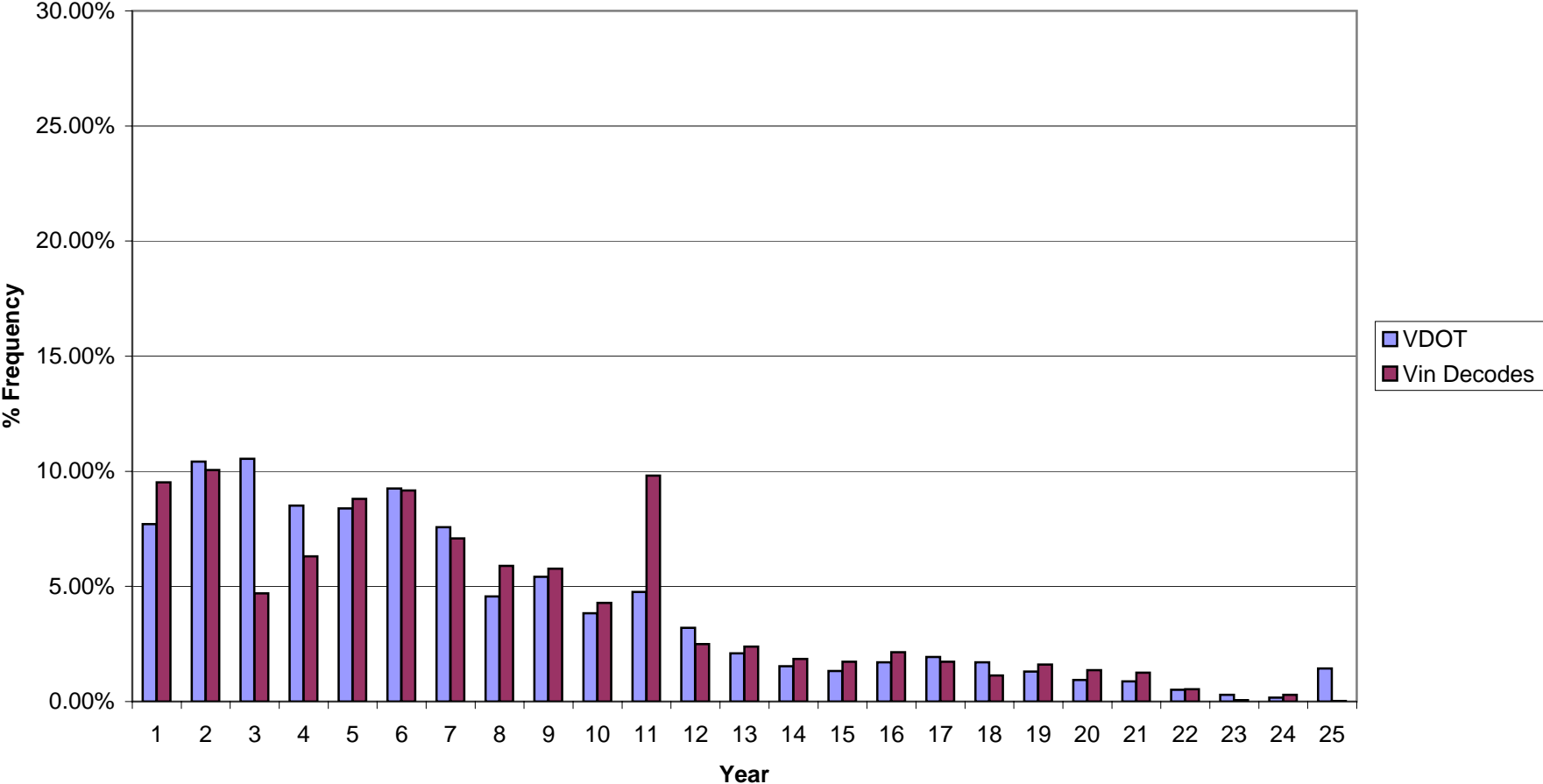
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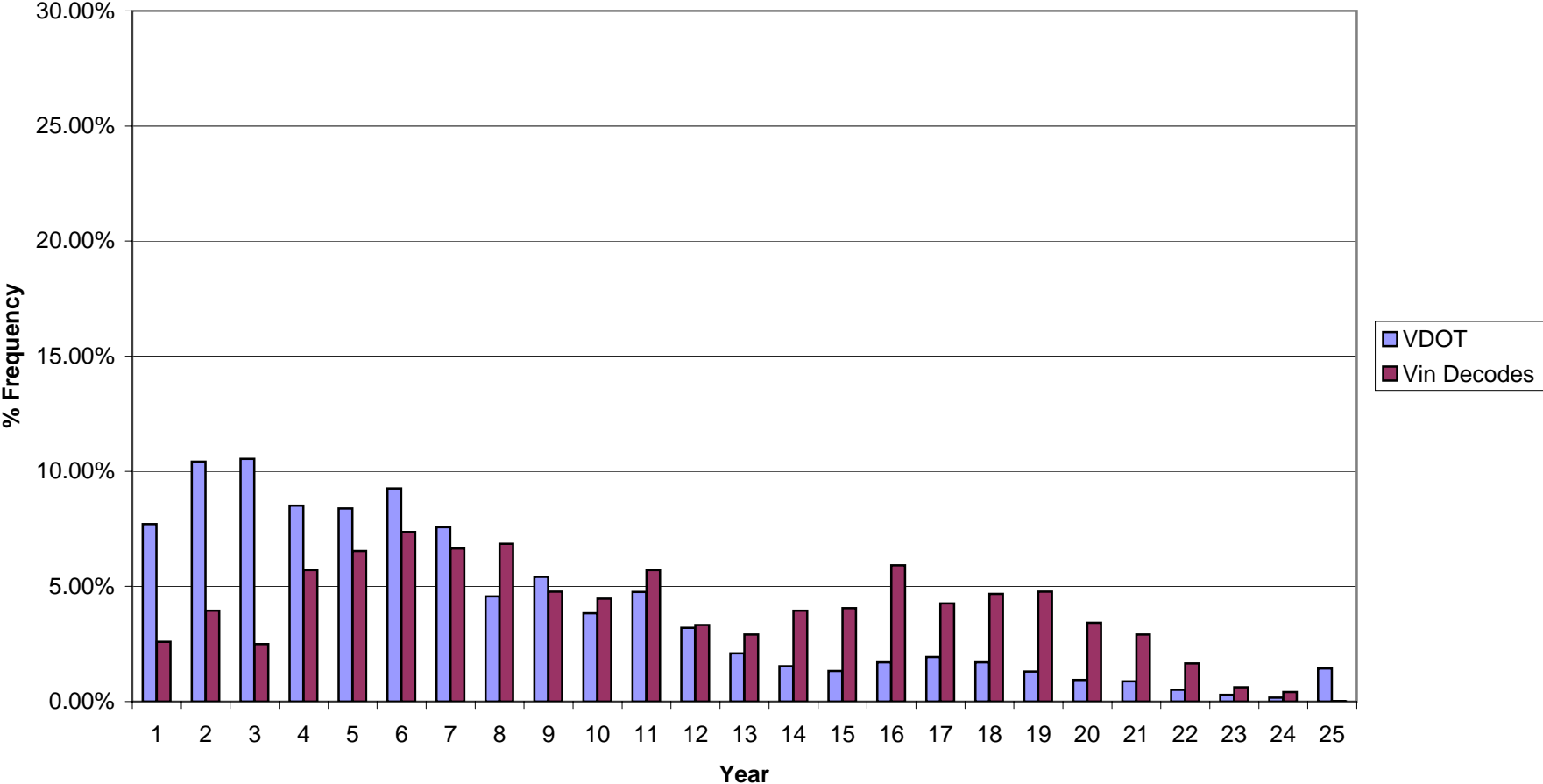
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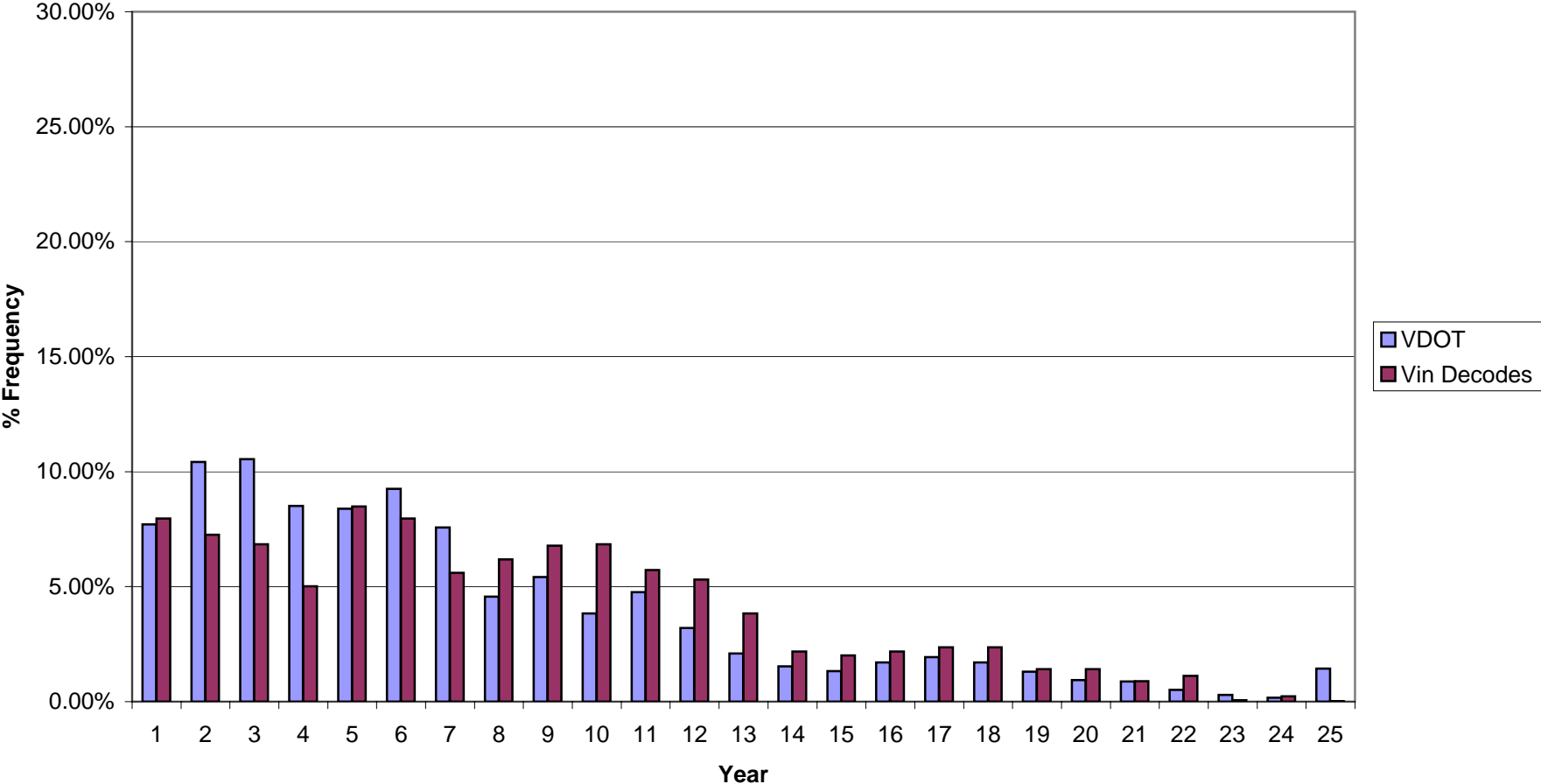
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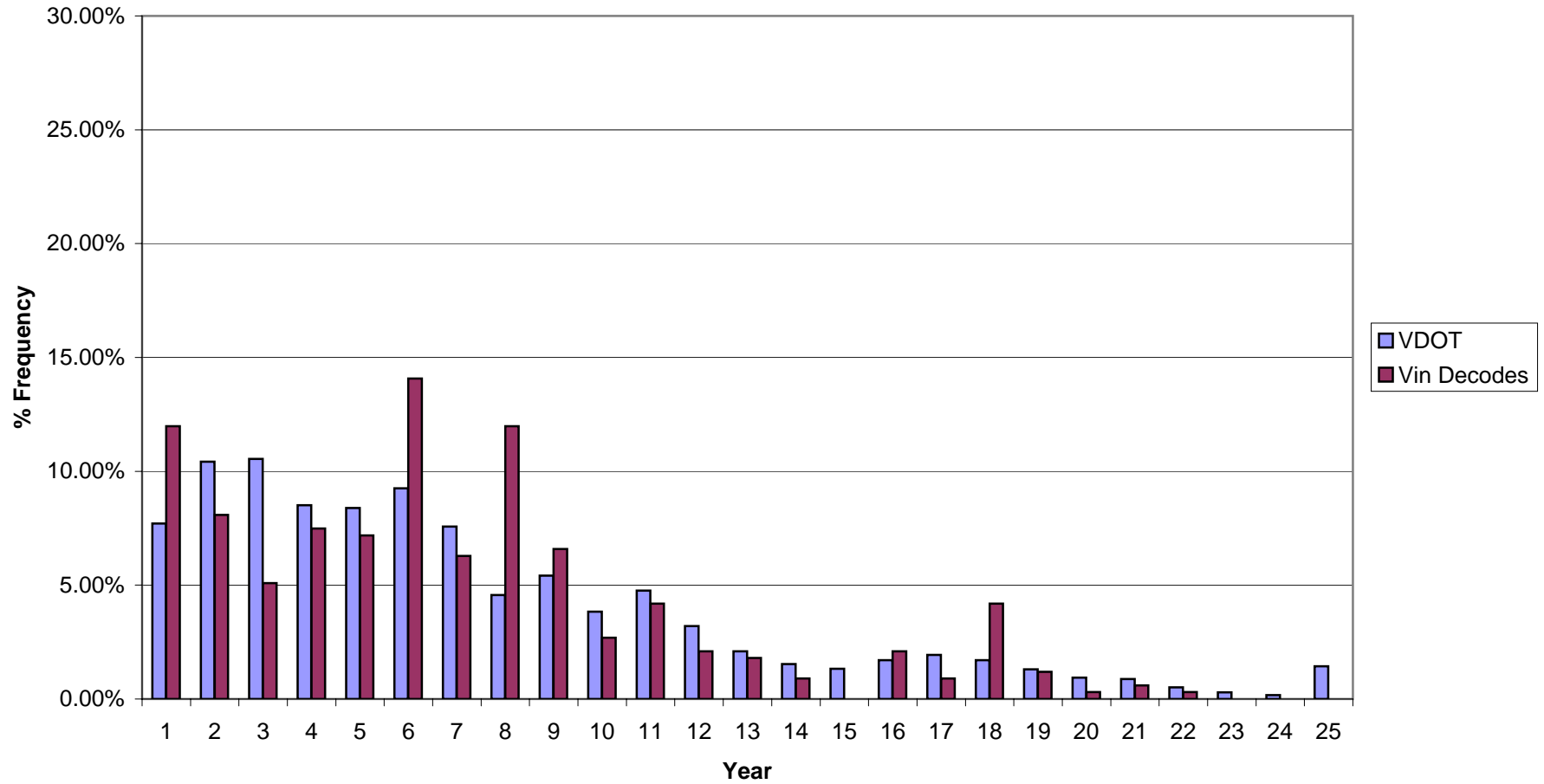
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Vehicle Type = HDV7  
Number of Decoded Vins = 963



Comparison of Vehicle Age Distributions (VDEQ / VDOT vs. Vin Decodes)  
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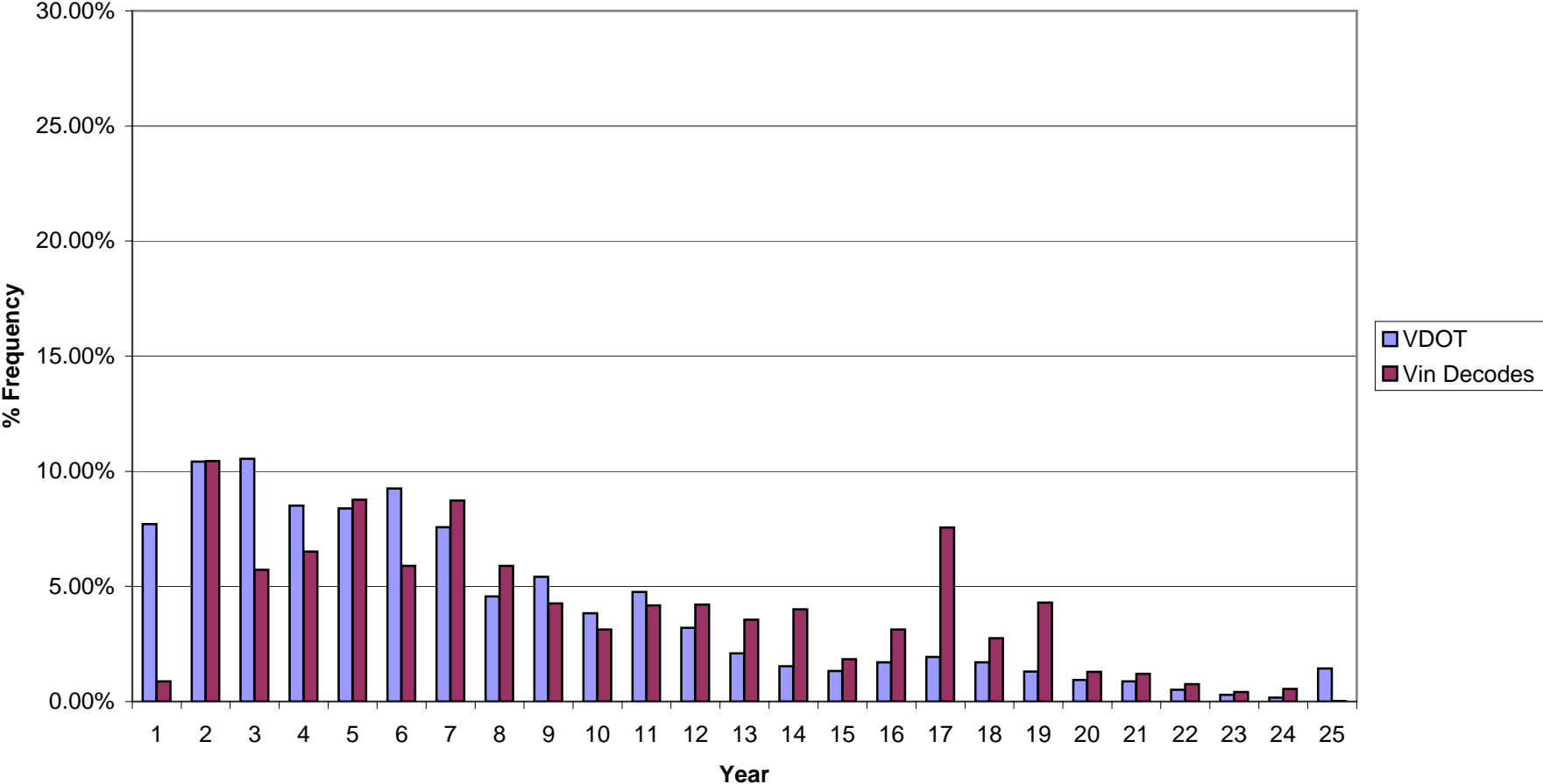


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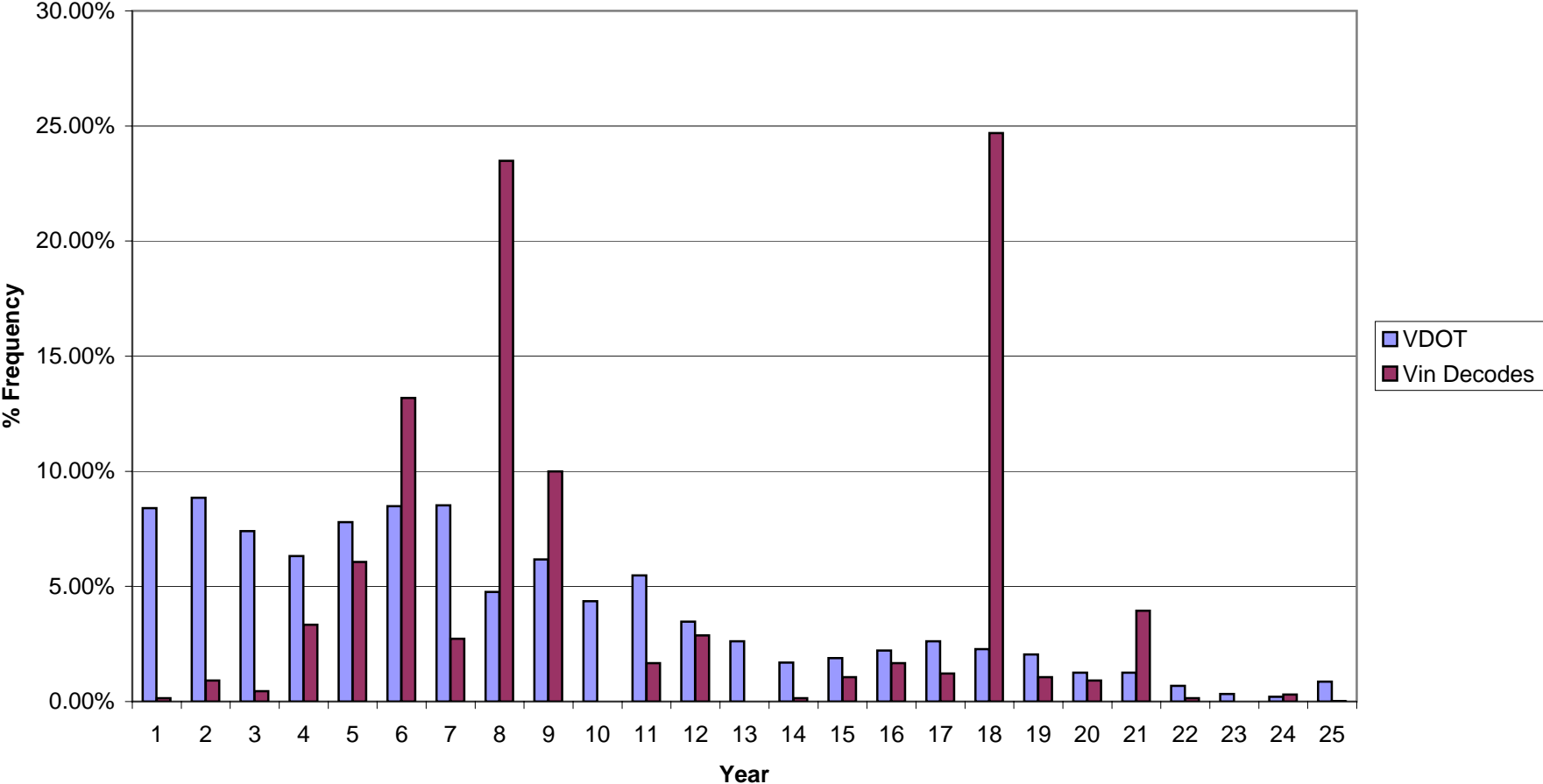




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Comparison of Vehicle Age Distributions (VDEQ / VDOT vs. Vin Decodes)  
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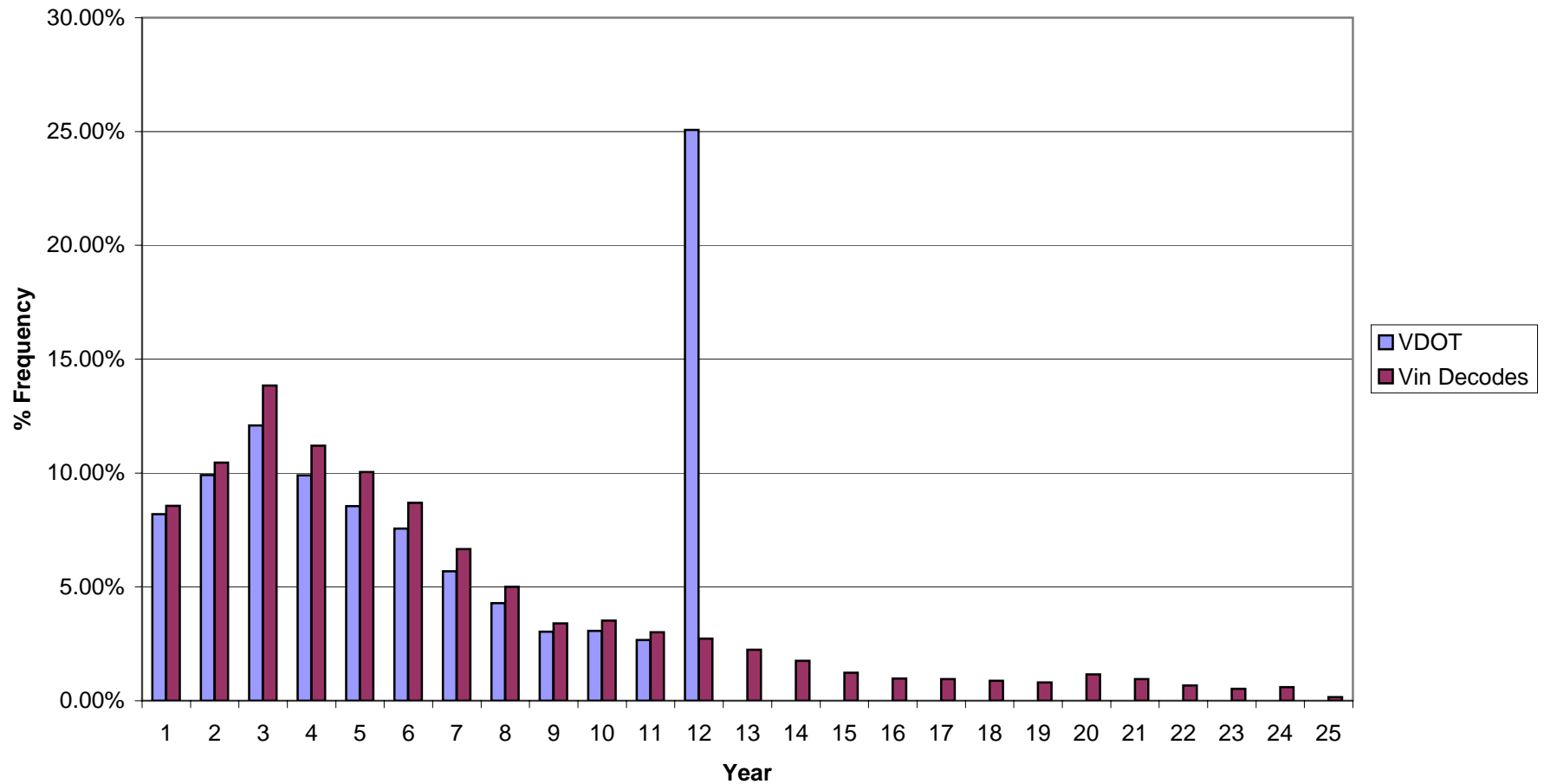


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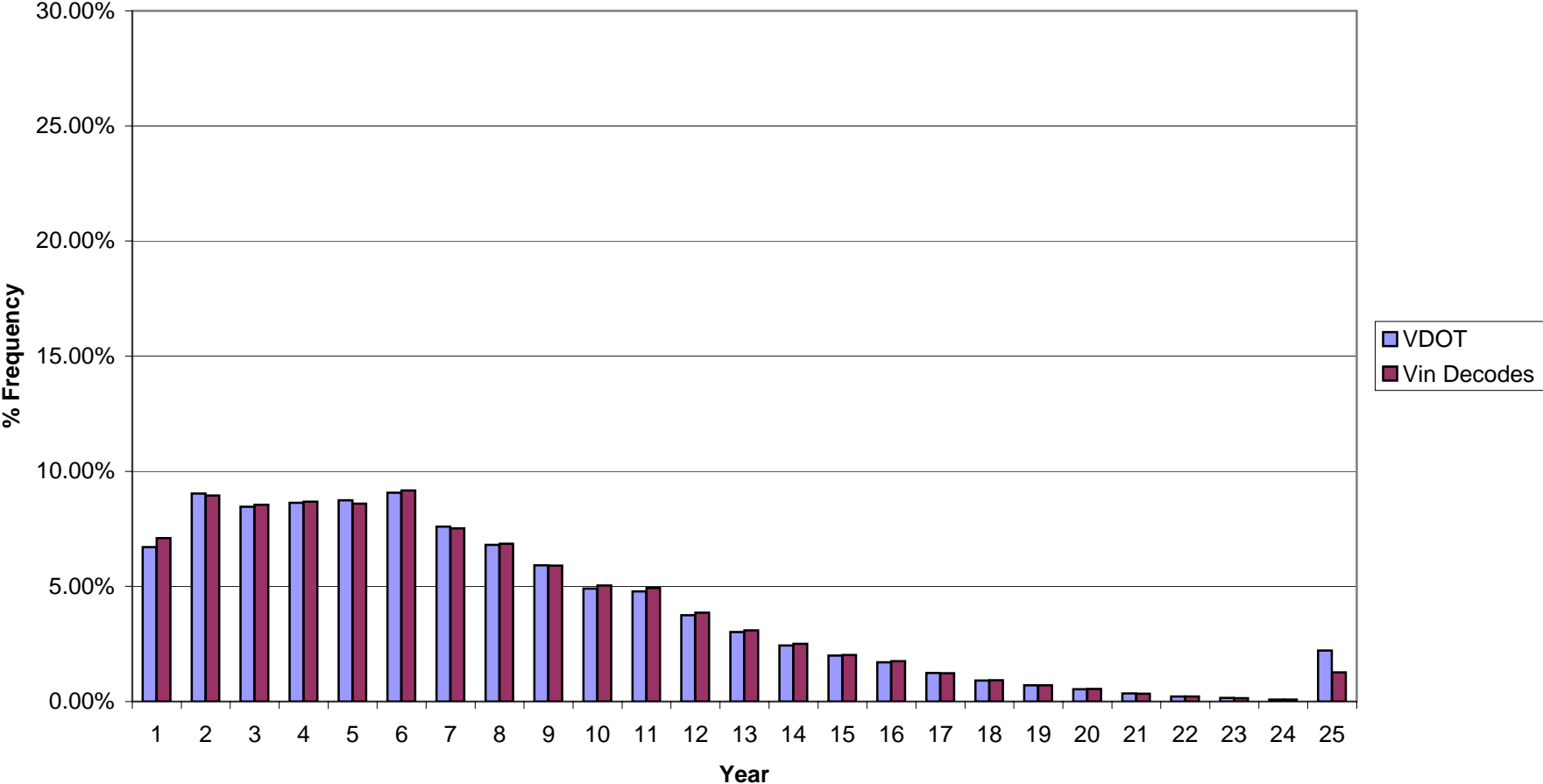
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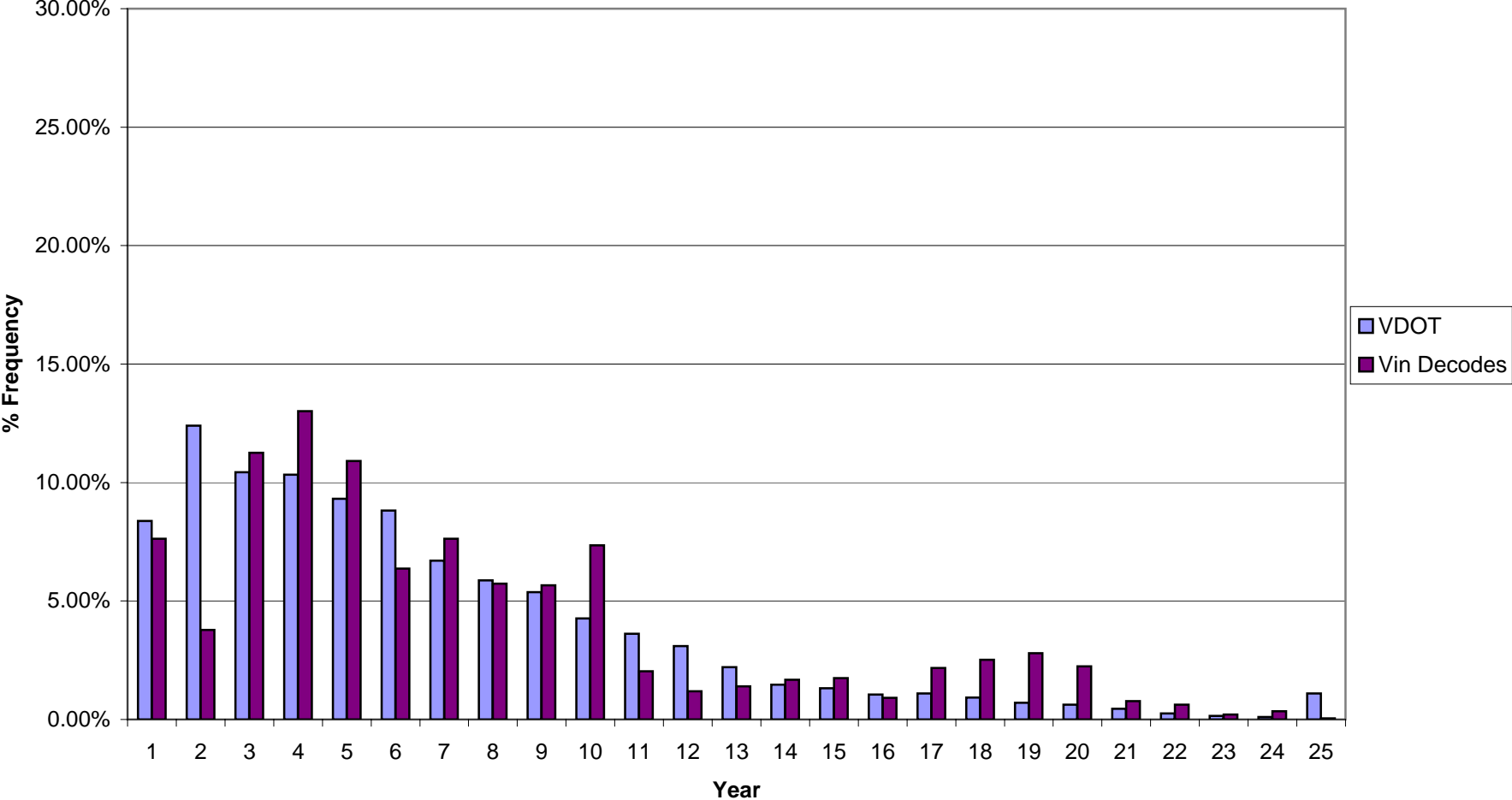
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Number of Decoded Vins = 92,847



Comparison of Vehicle Age Distributions (VDEQ / VDOT vs. Vin Decodes)  
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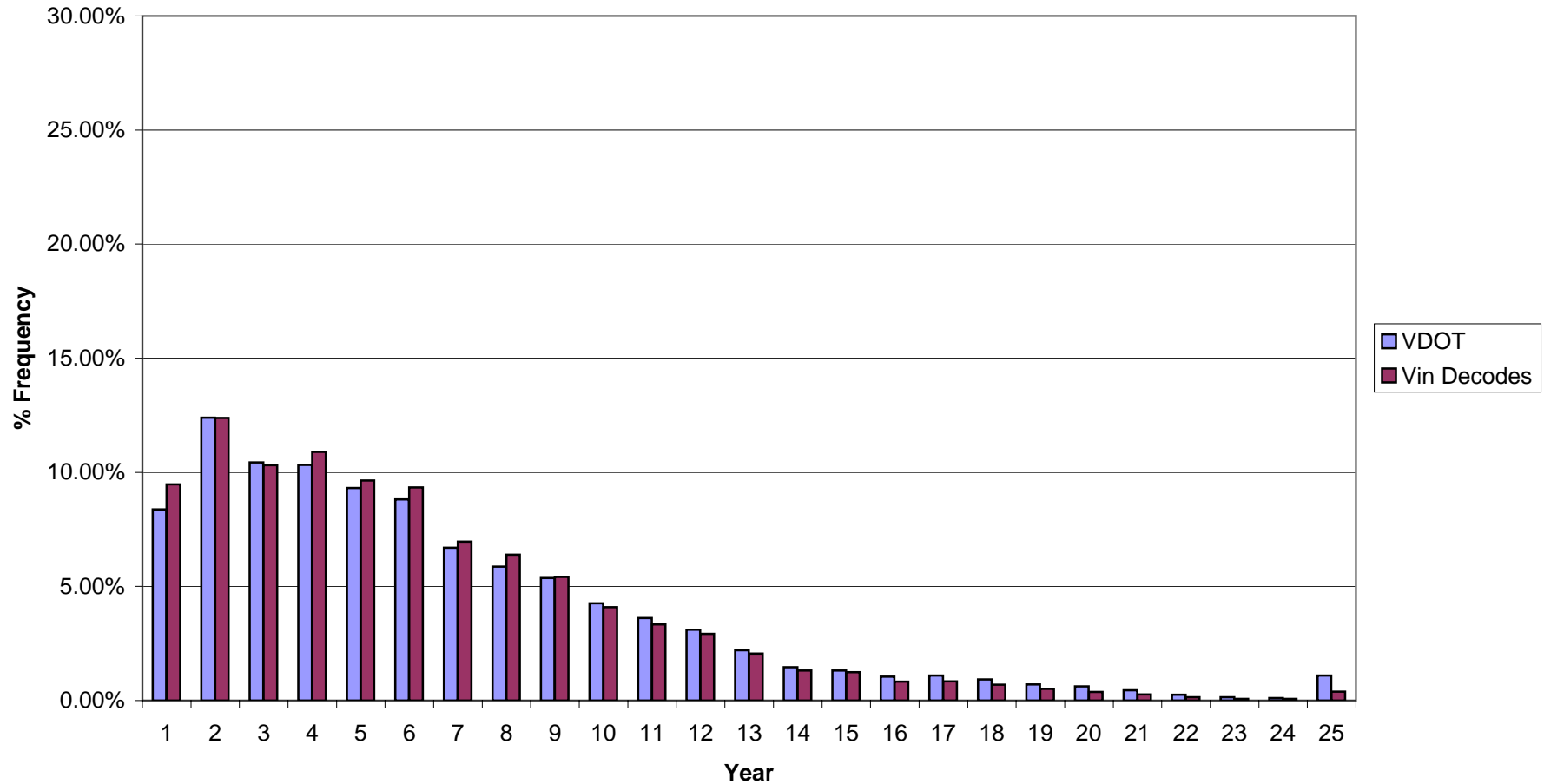


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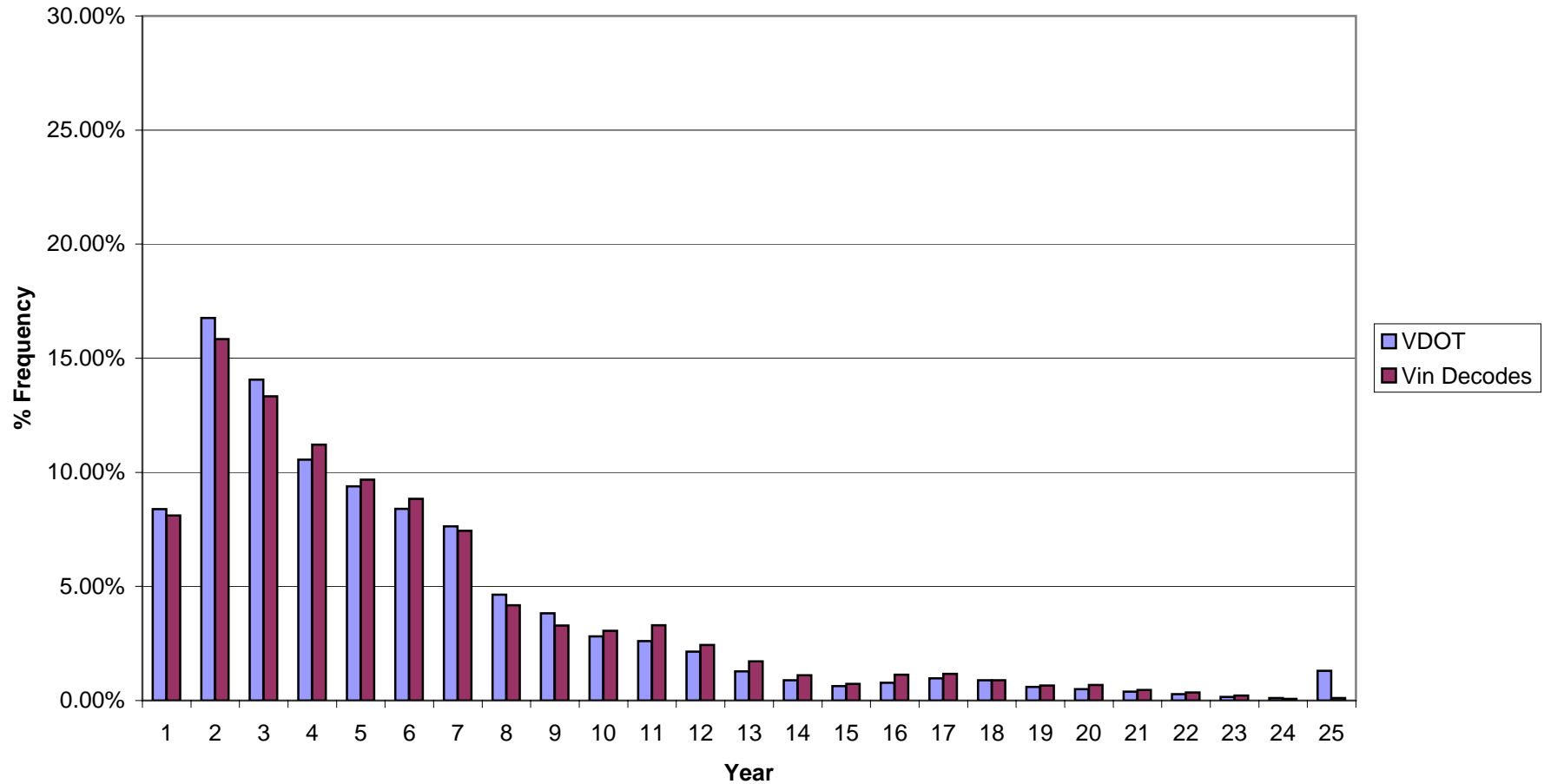


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Vehicle Type = LDT3

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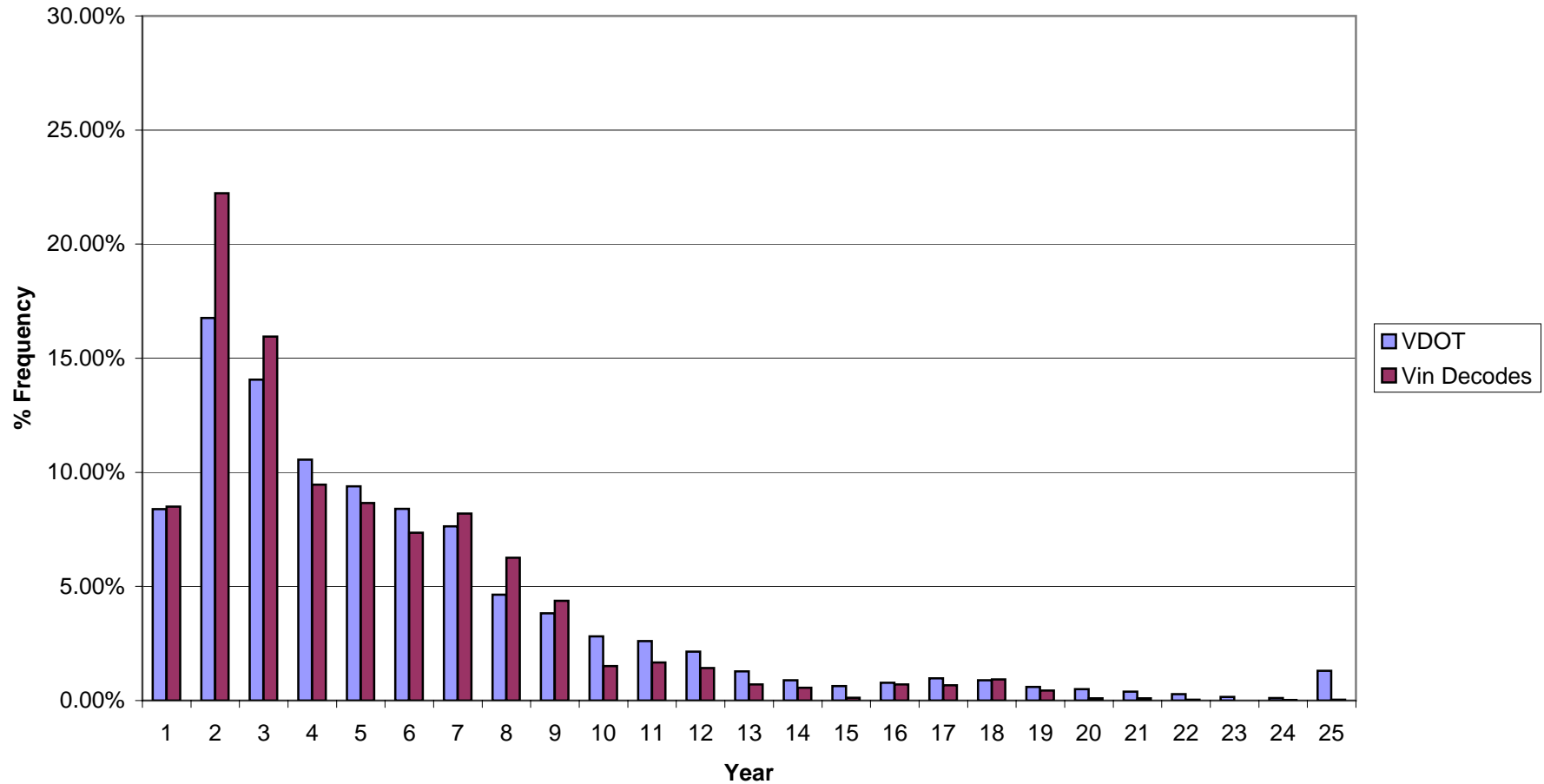


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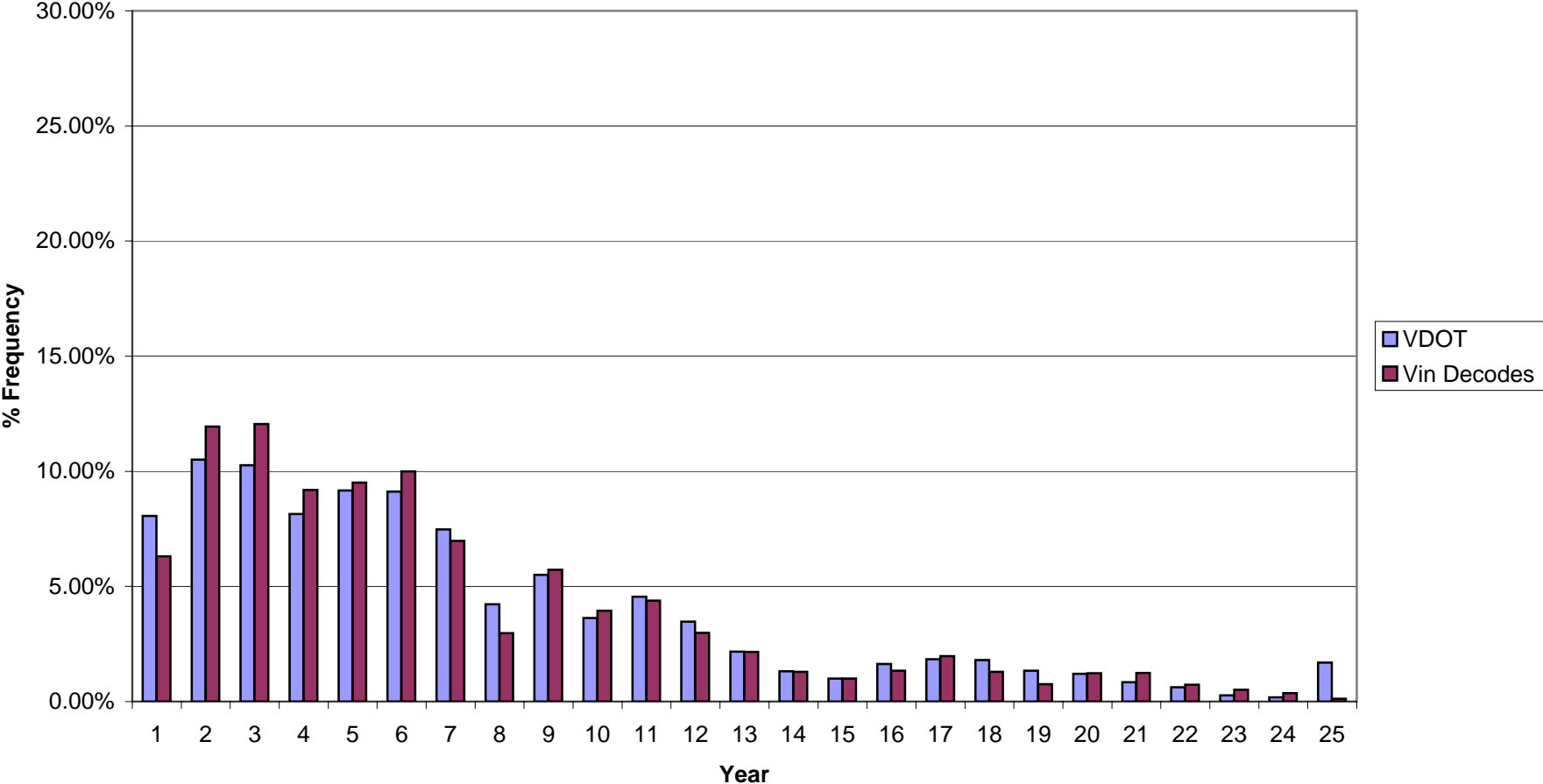
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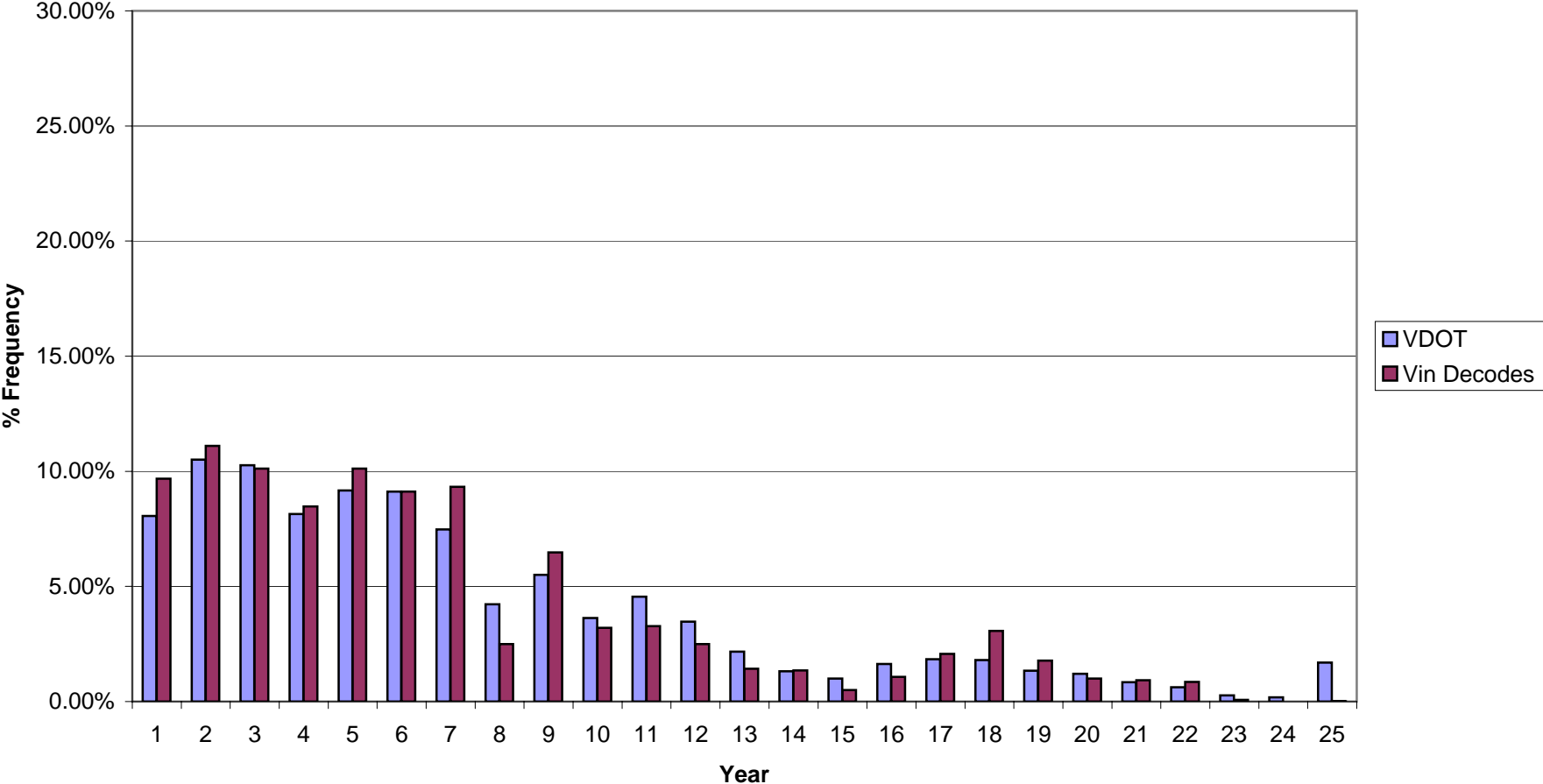




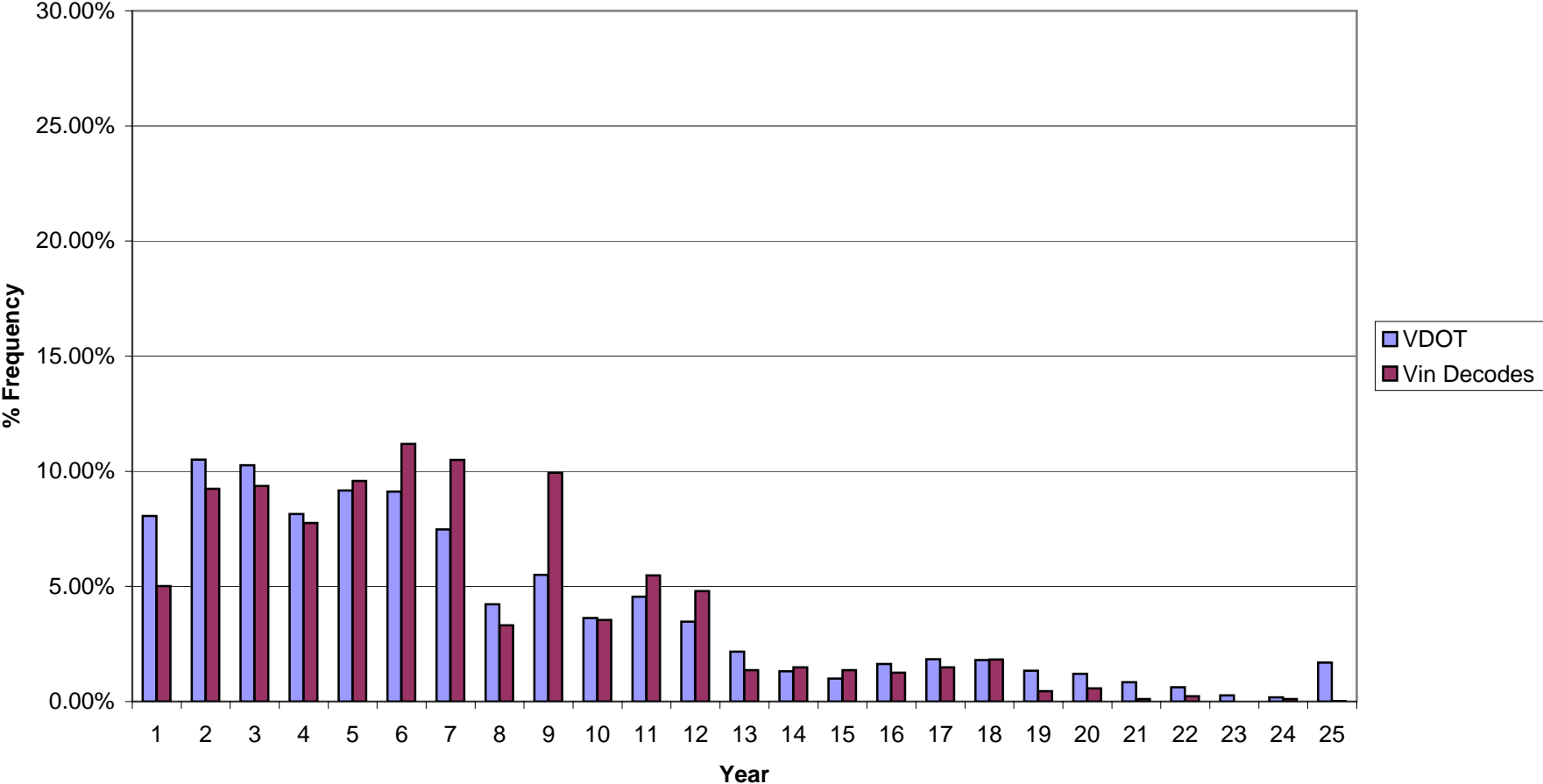
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Comparison of Vehicle Age Distributions (VDEQ / VDOT vs. Vin Decodes)  
Developed from 2005 Vehicle Registration Data  
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Vehicle Type = HDV3  
Number of Decoded Vins = 1,404



Comparison of Vehicle Age Distributions (VDEQ / VDOT vs. Vin Decodes)  
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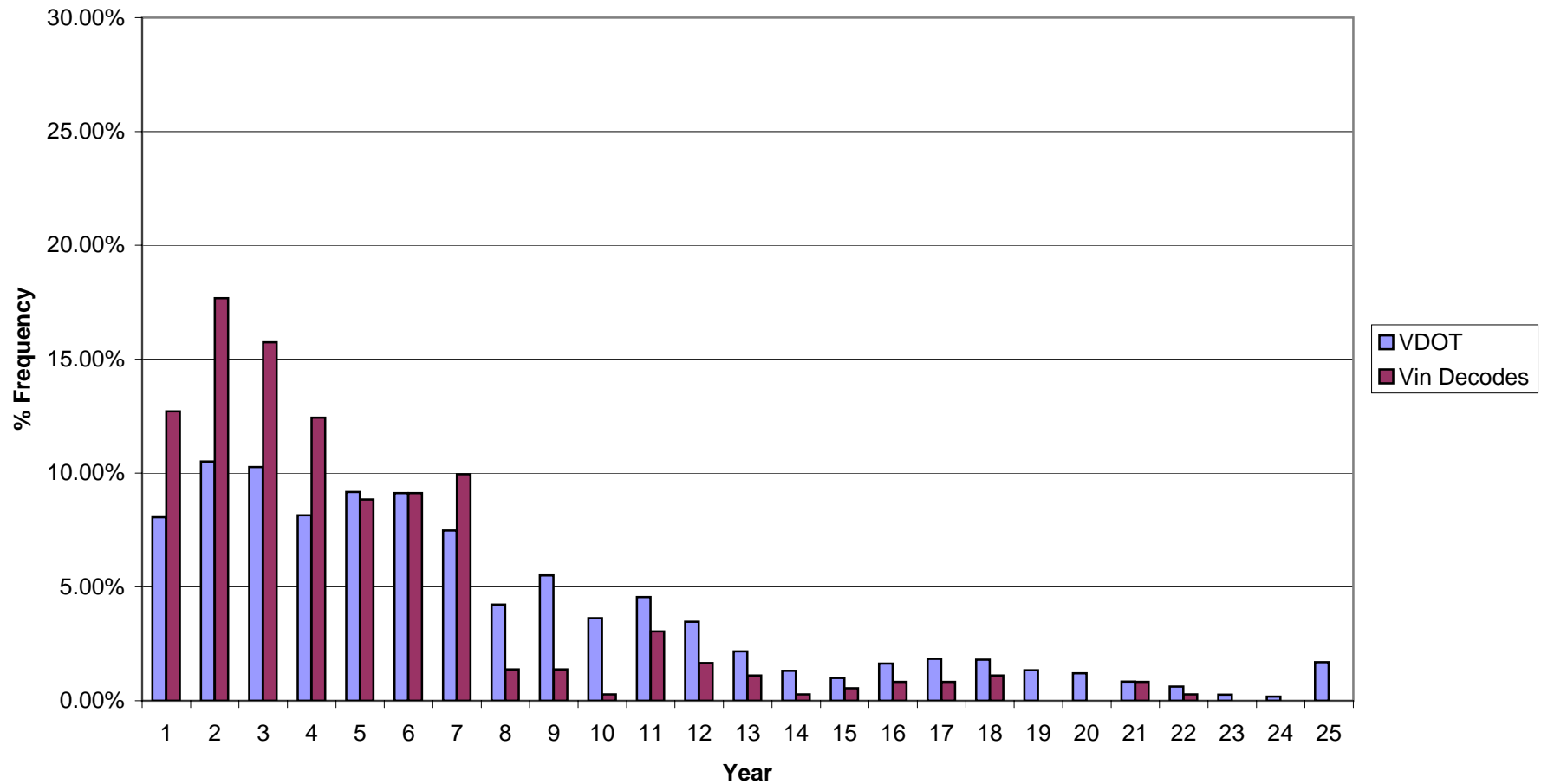


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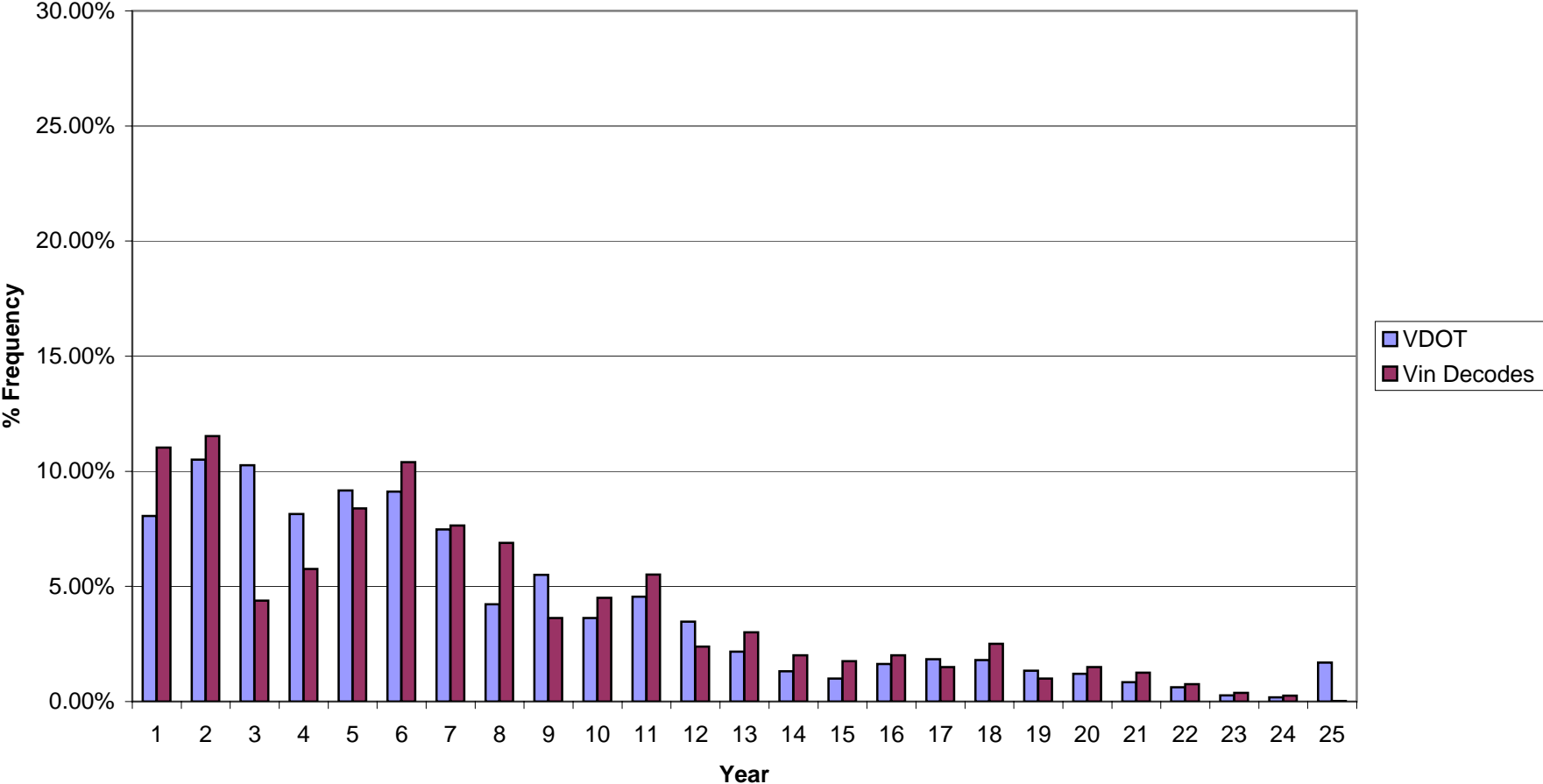
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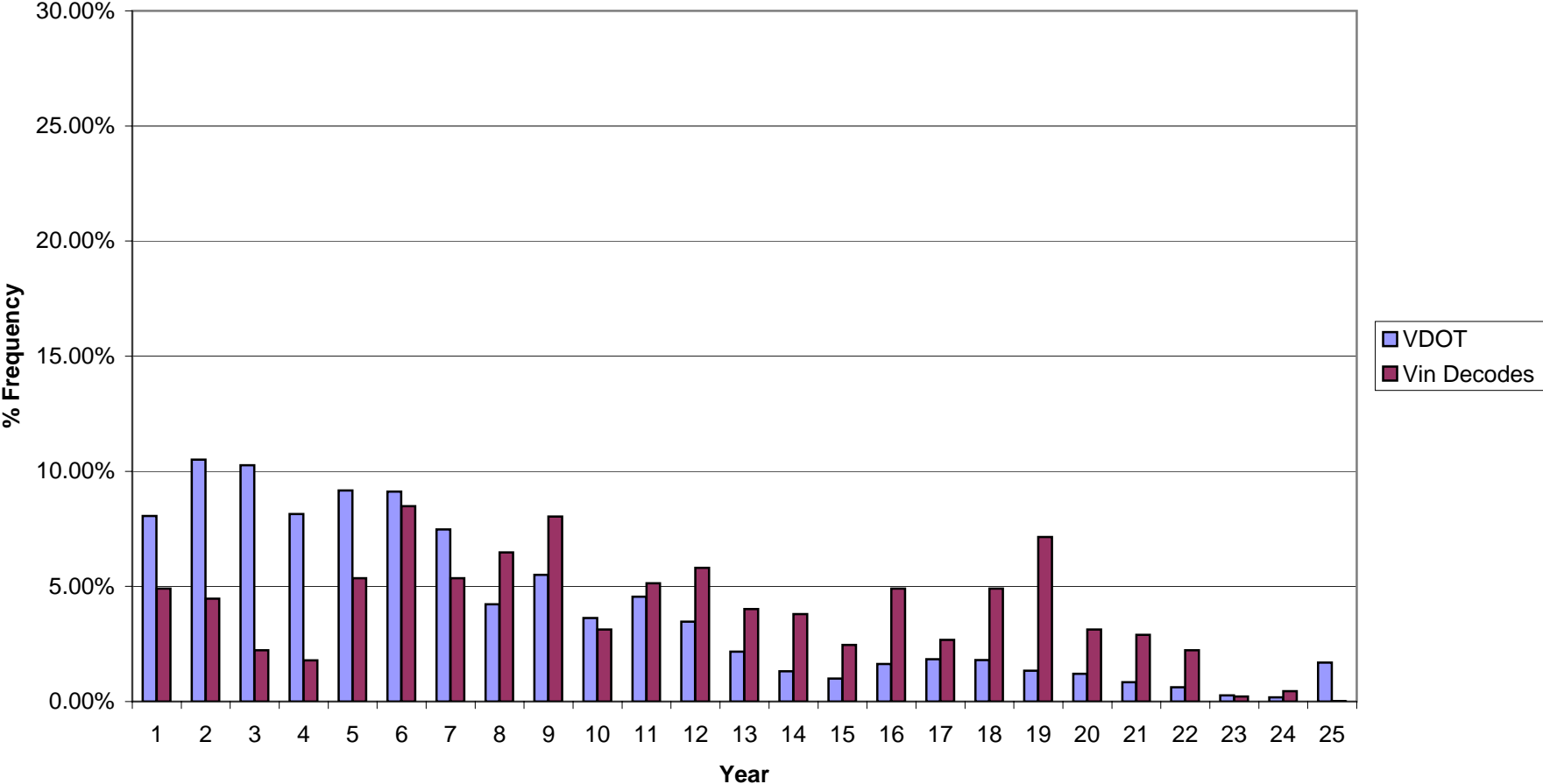
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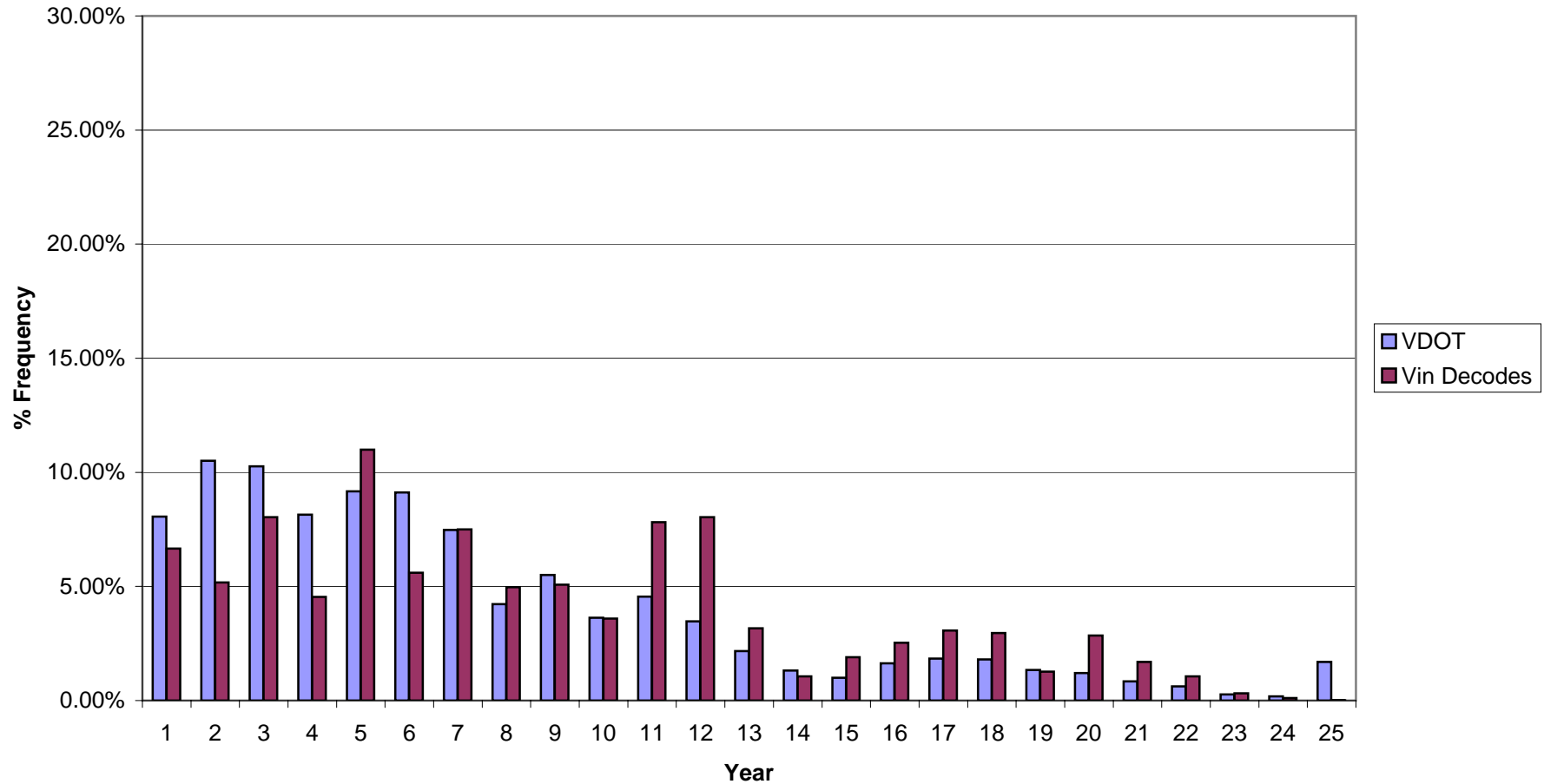
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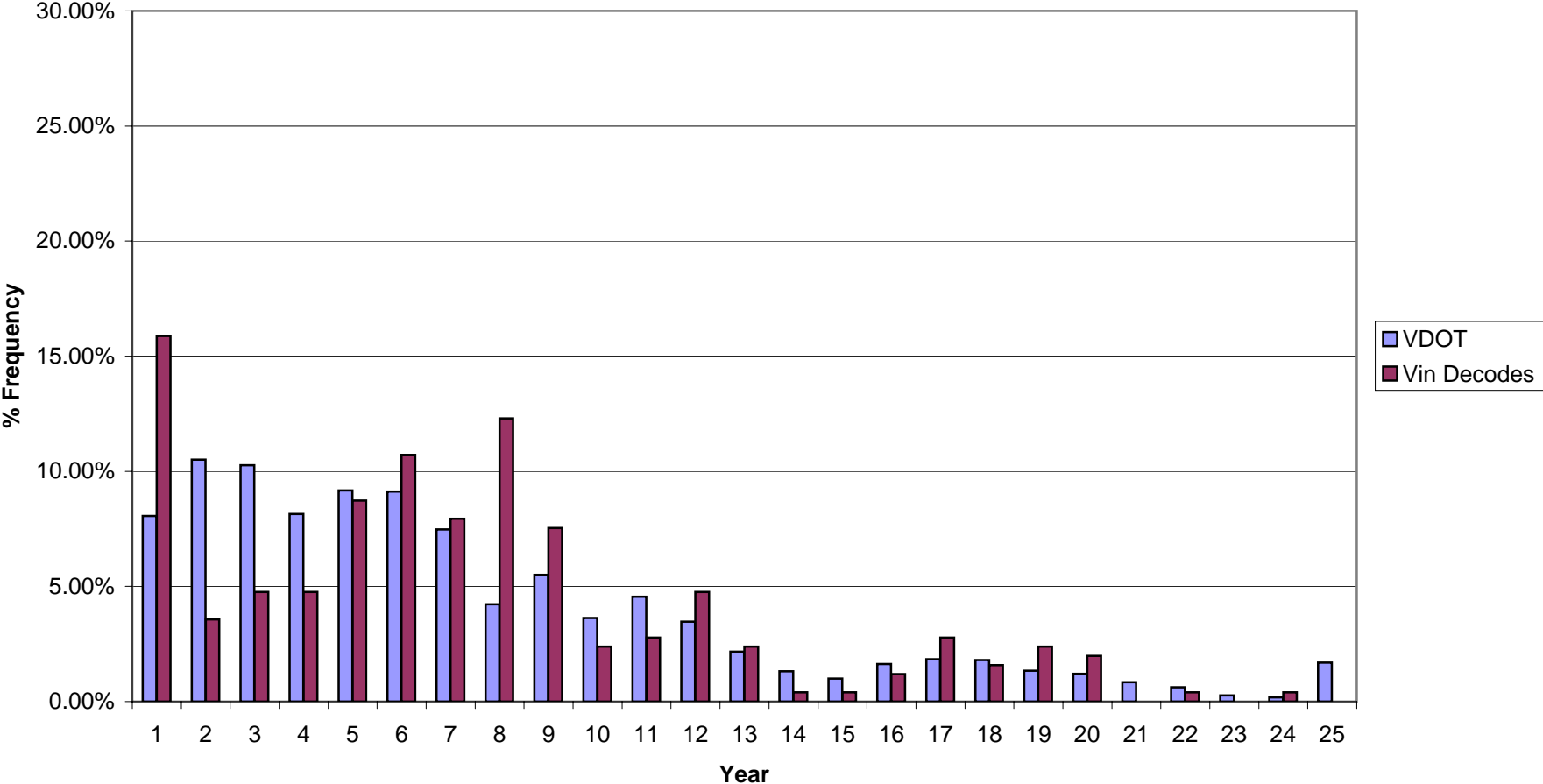
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Number of Decoded Vins = 448



Comparison of Vehicle Age Distributions (VDEQ / VDOT vs. Vin Decodes)  
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Vehicle Type = HDV8A  
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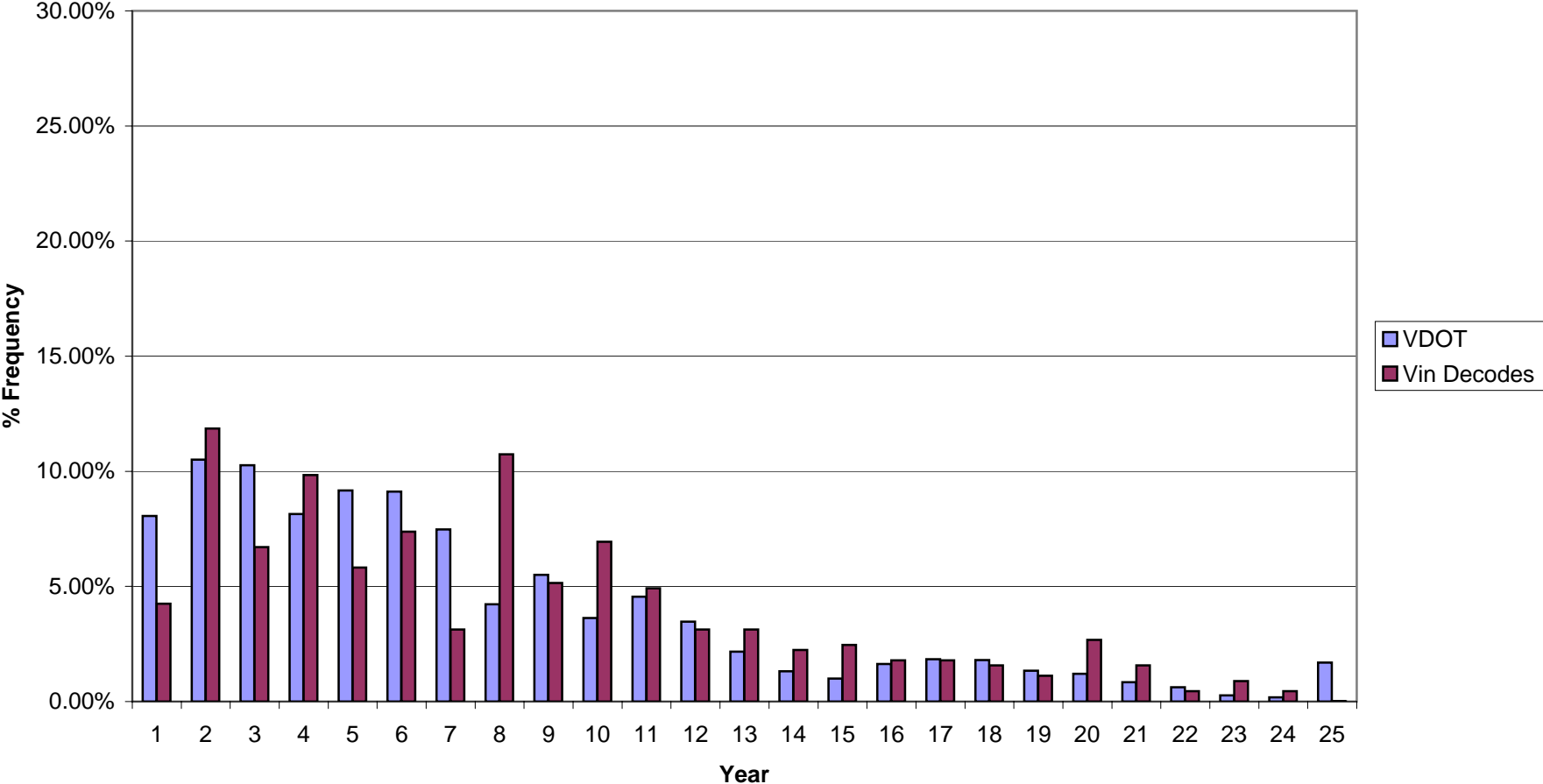


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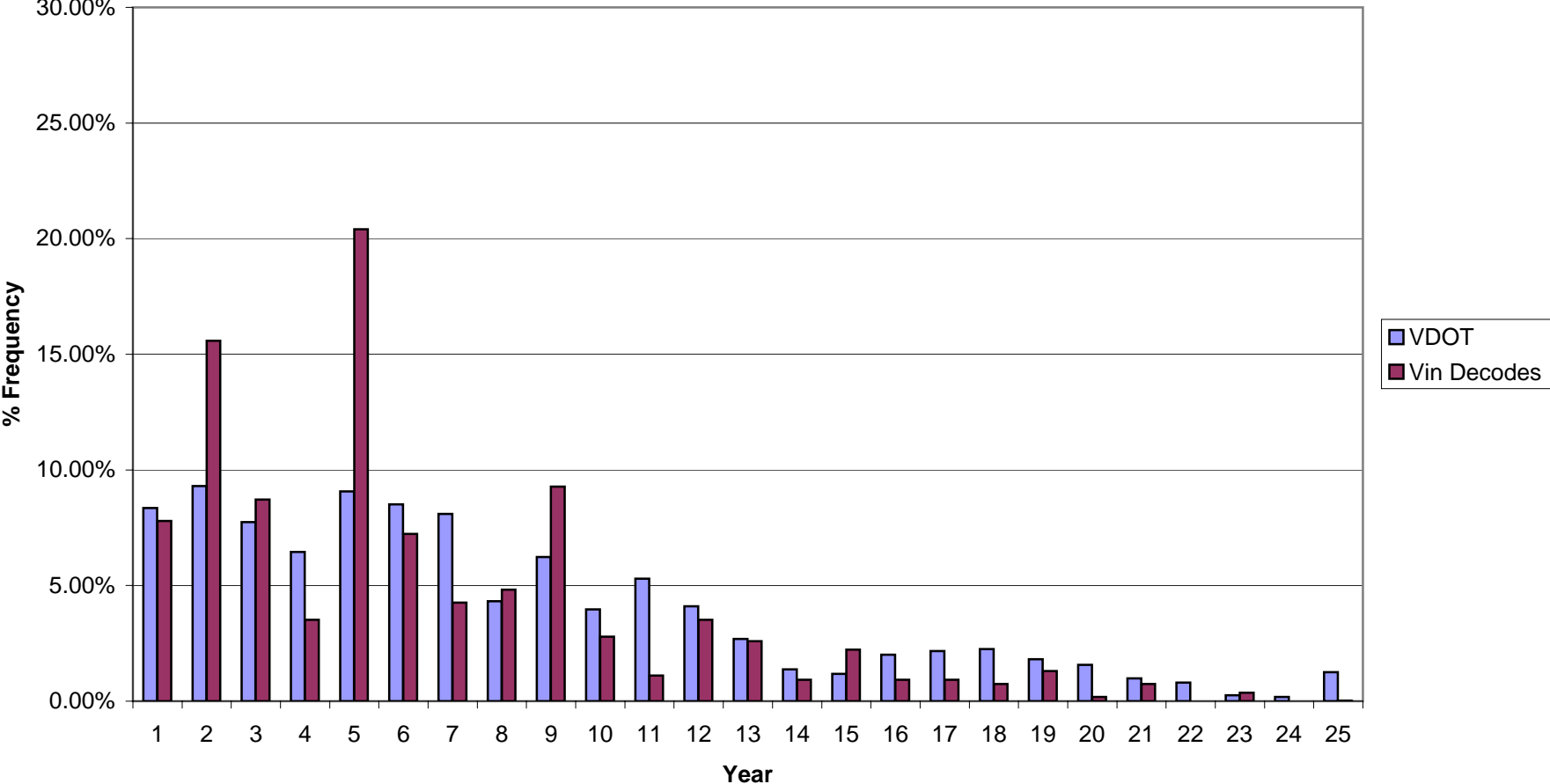




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Vehicle Type = HDBS  
Number of Decoded Vins = 447



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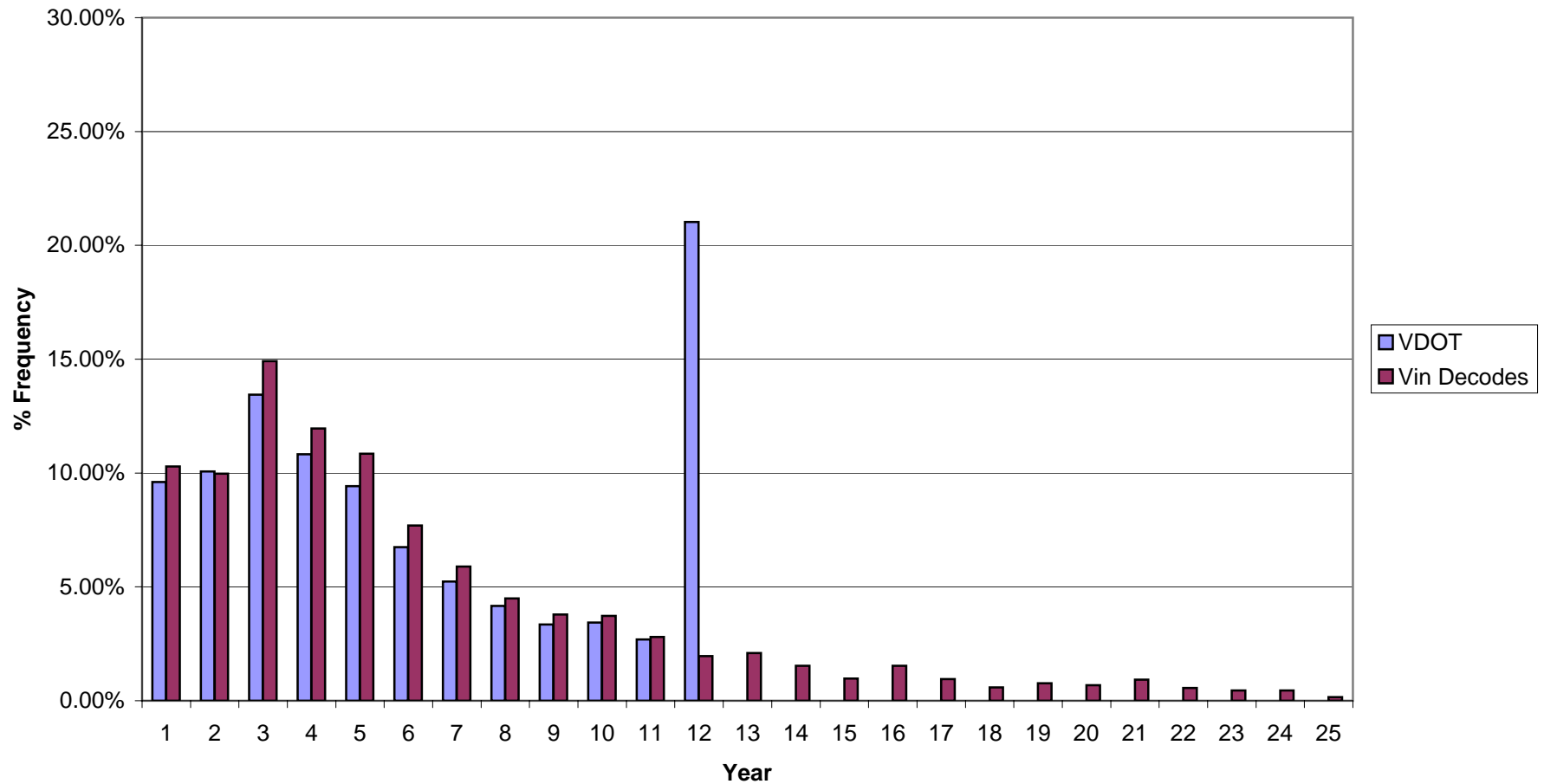


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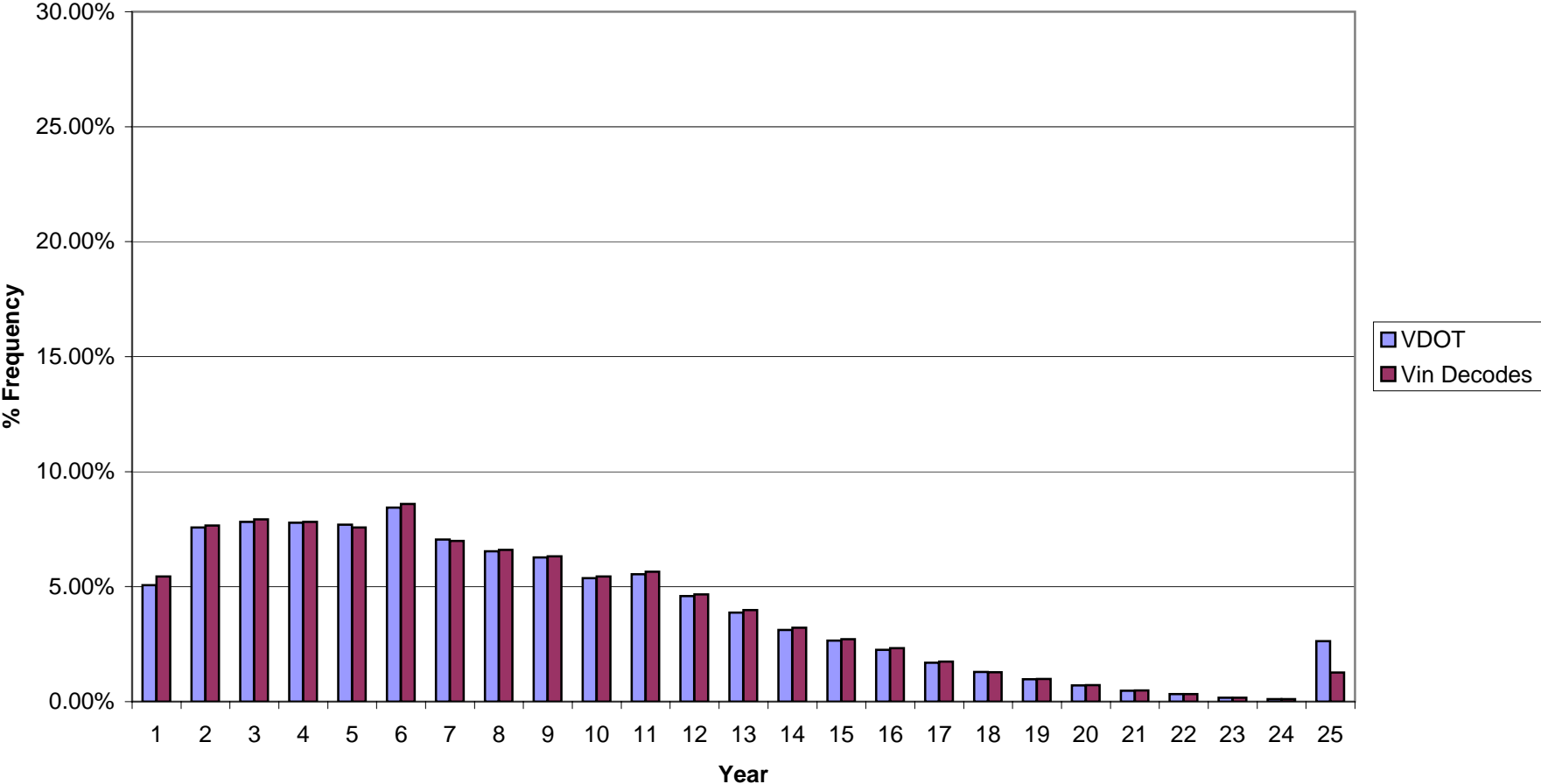
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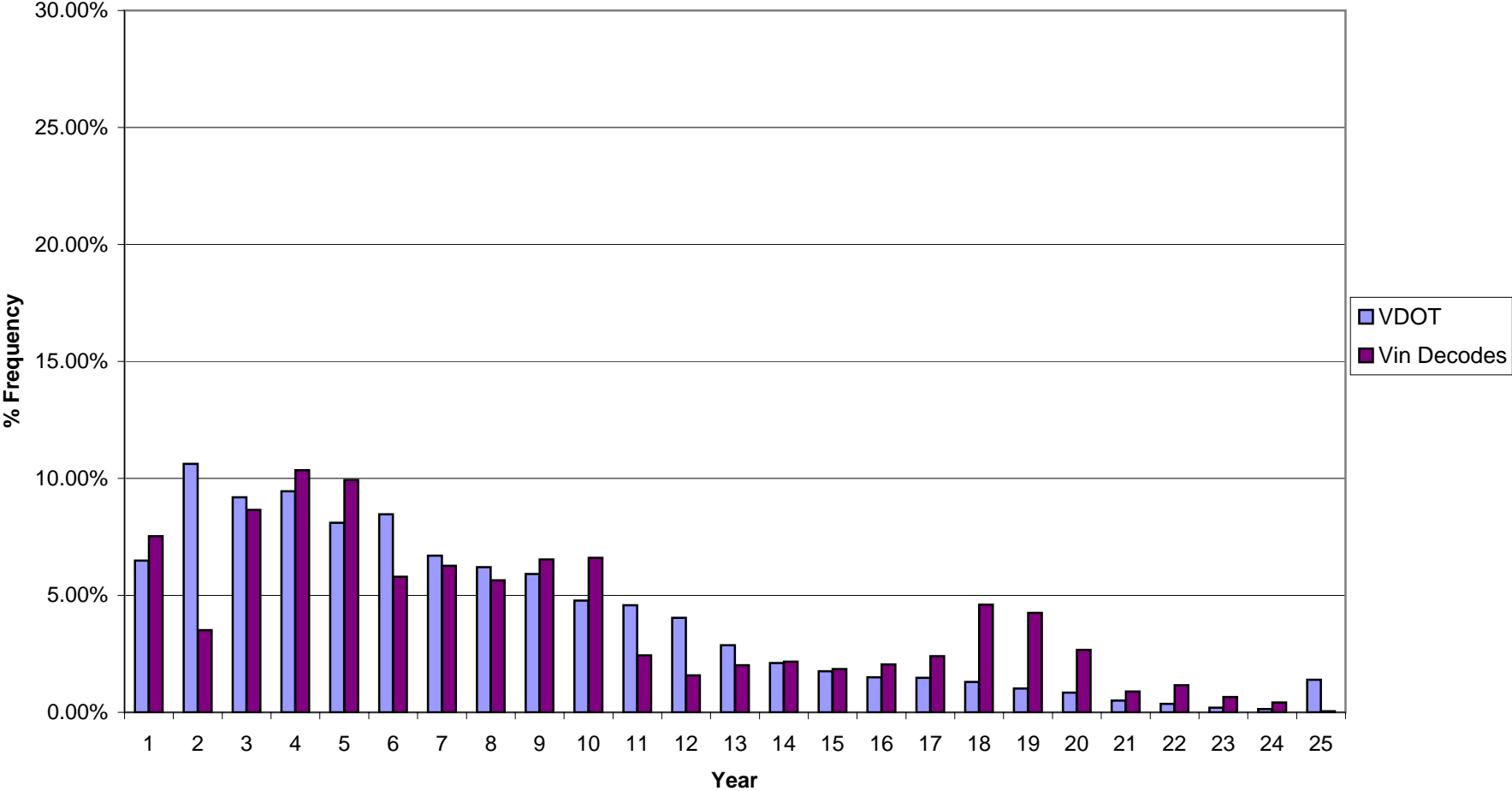
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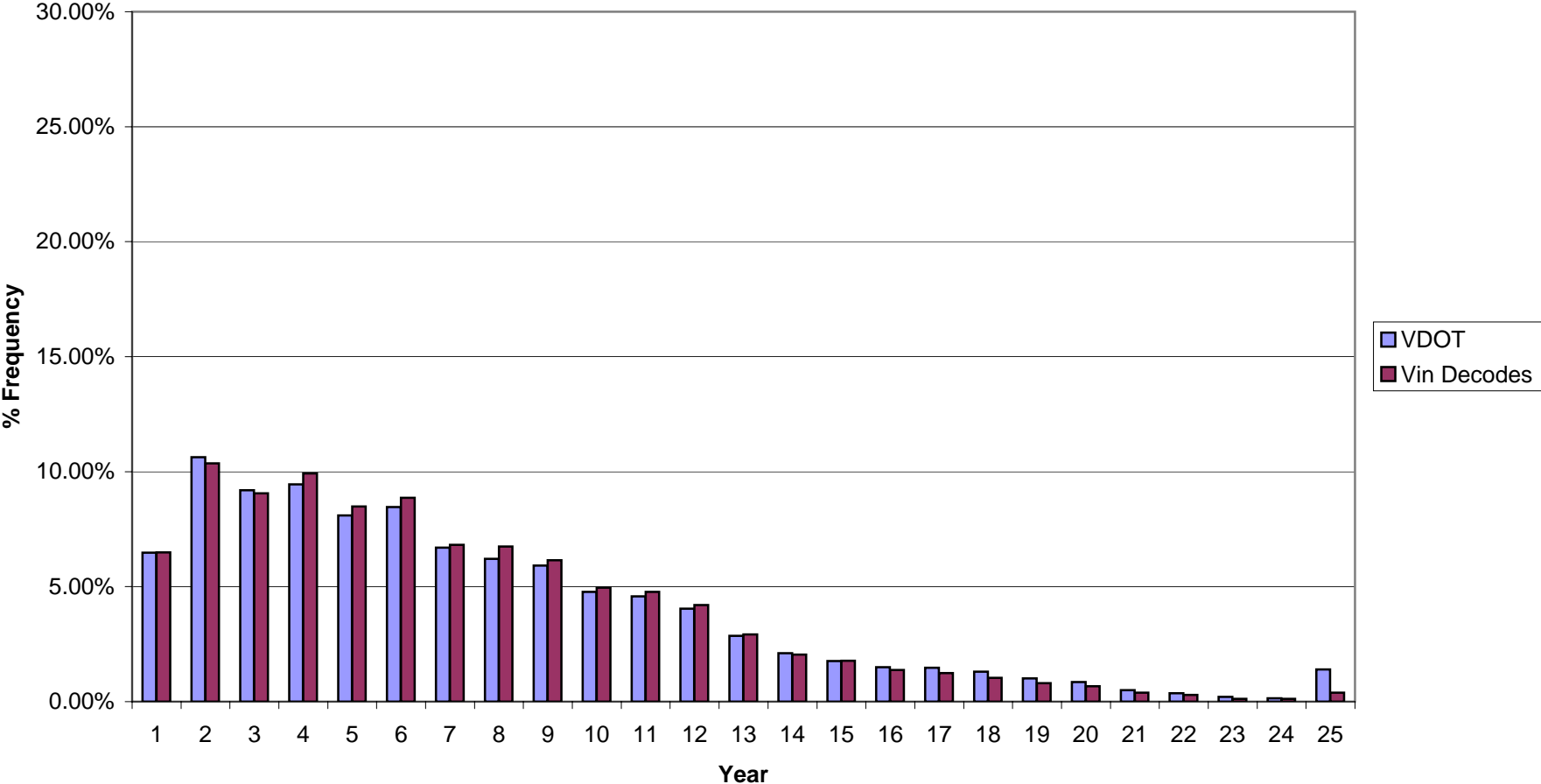
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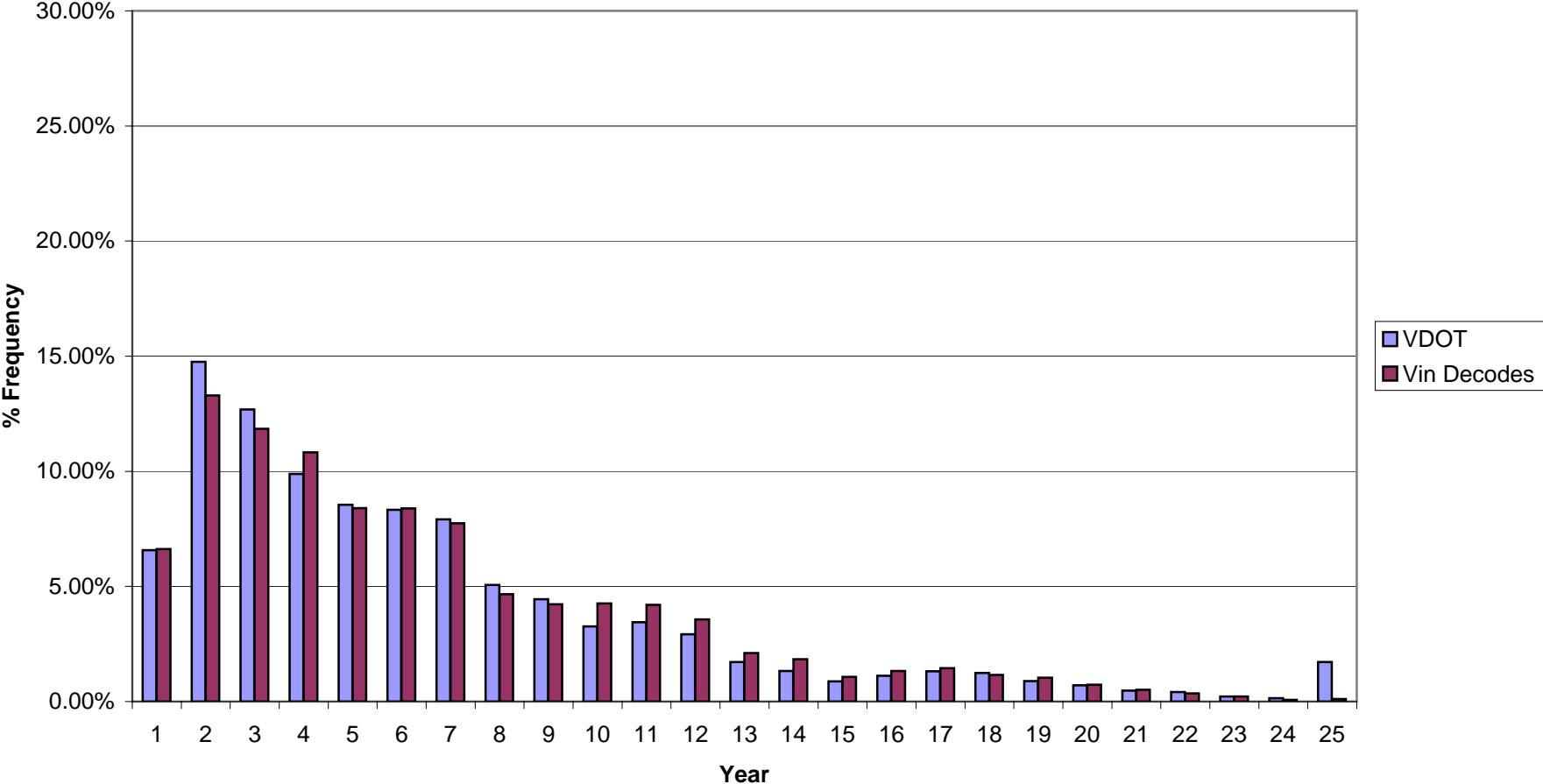
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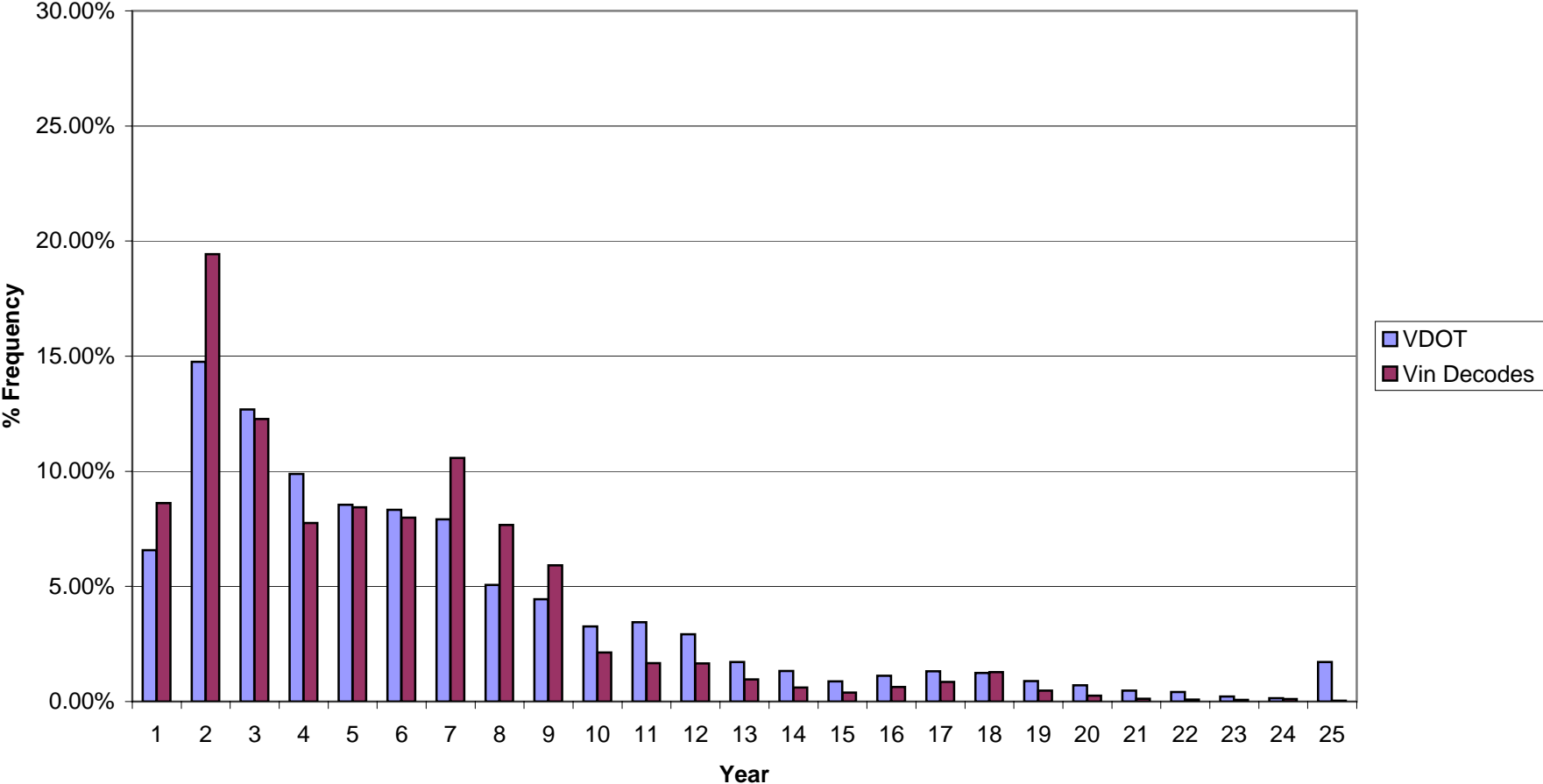
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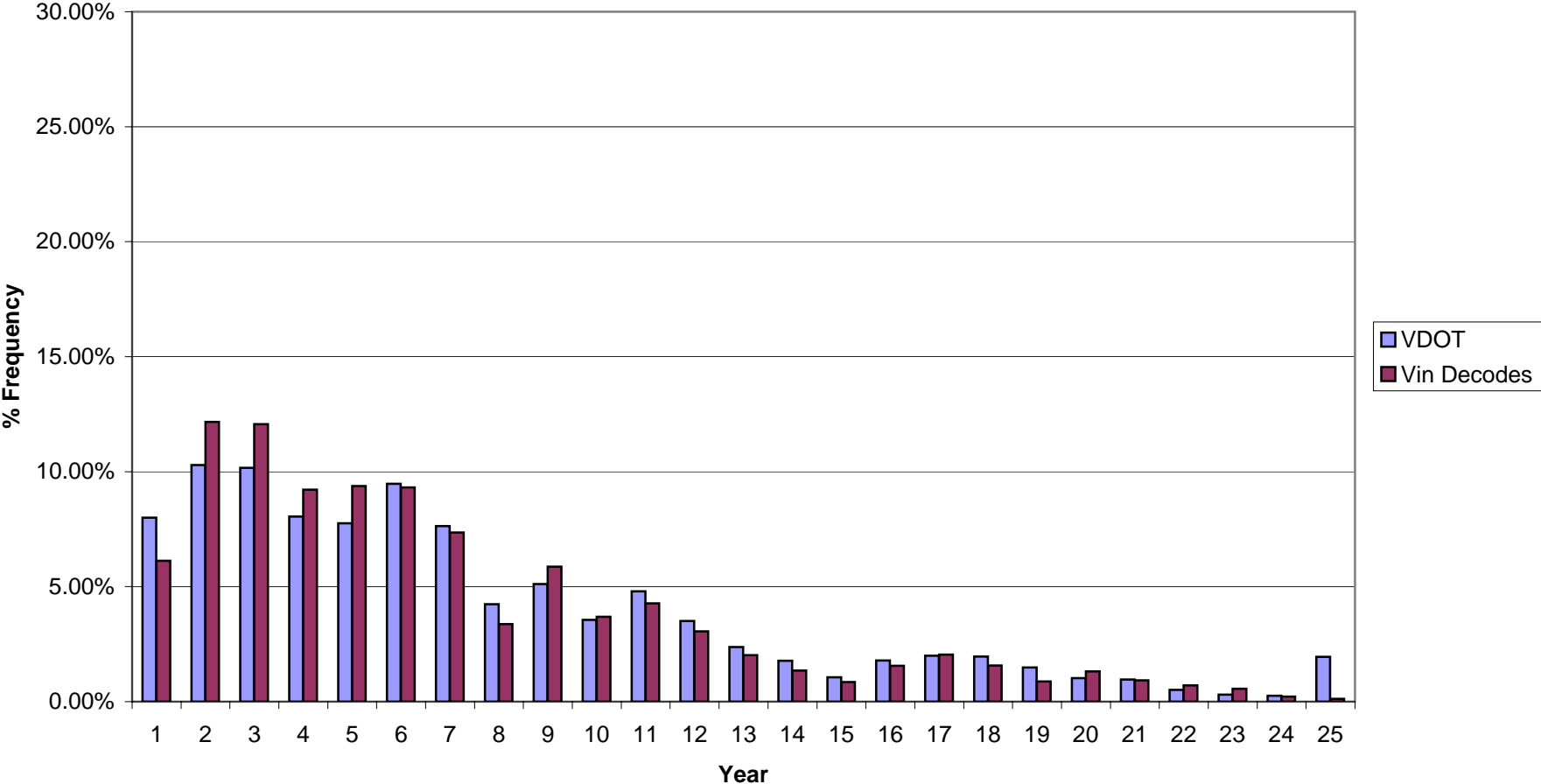


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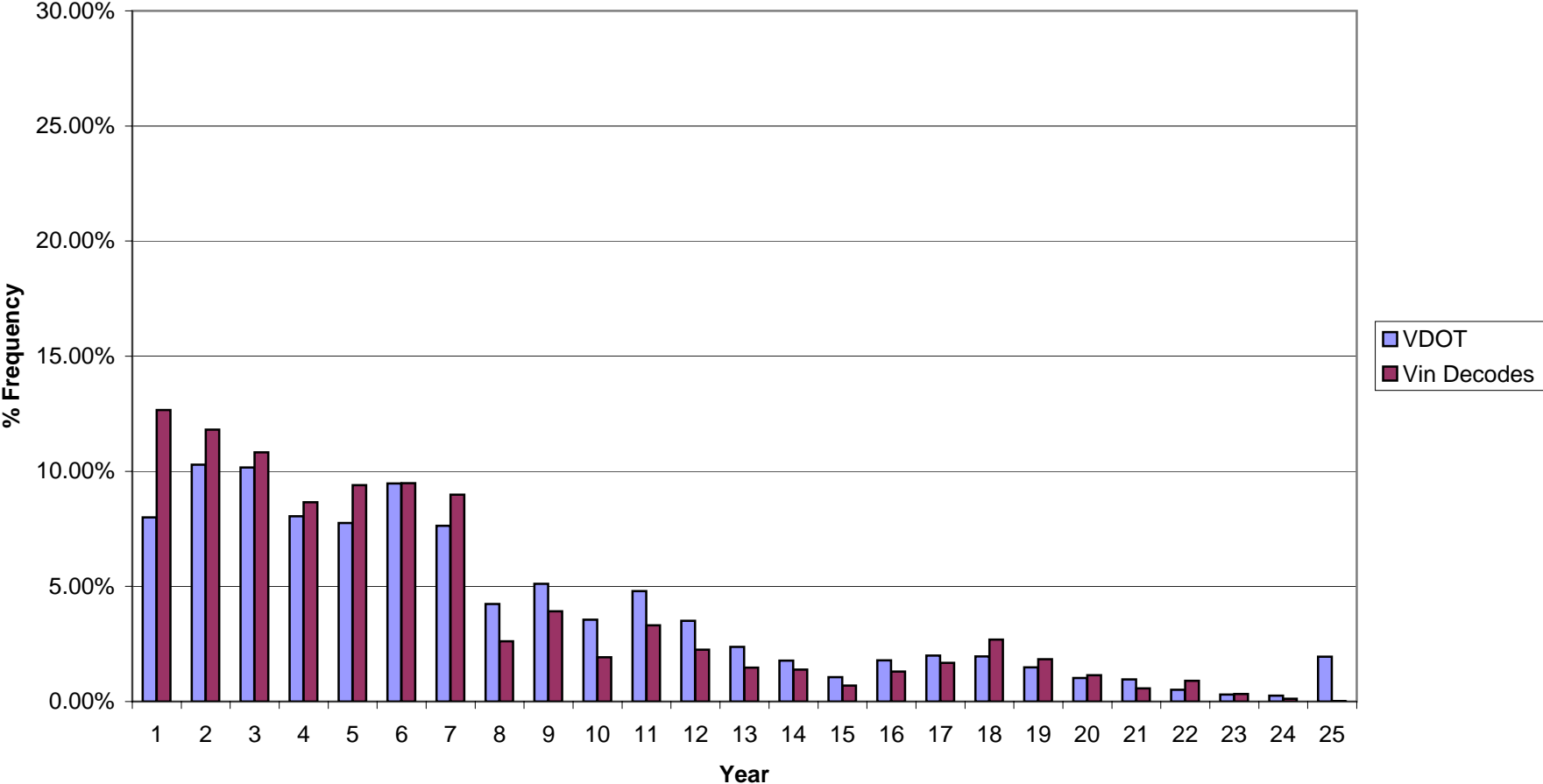




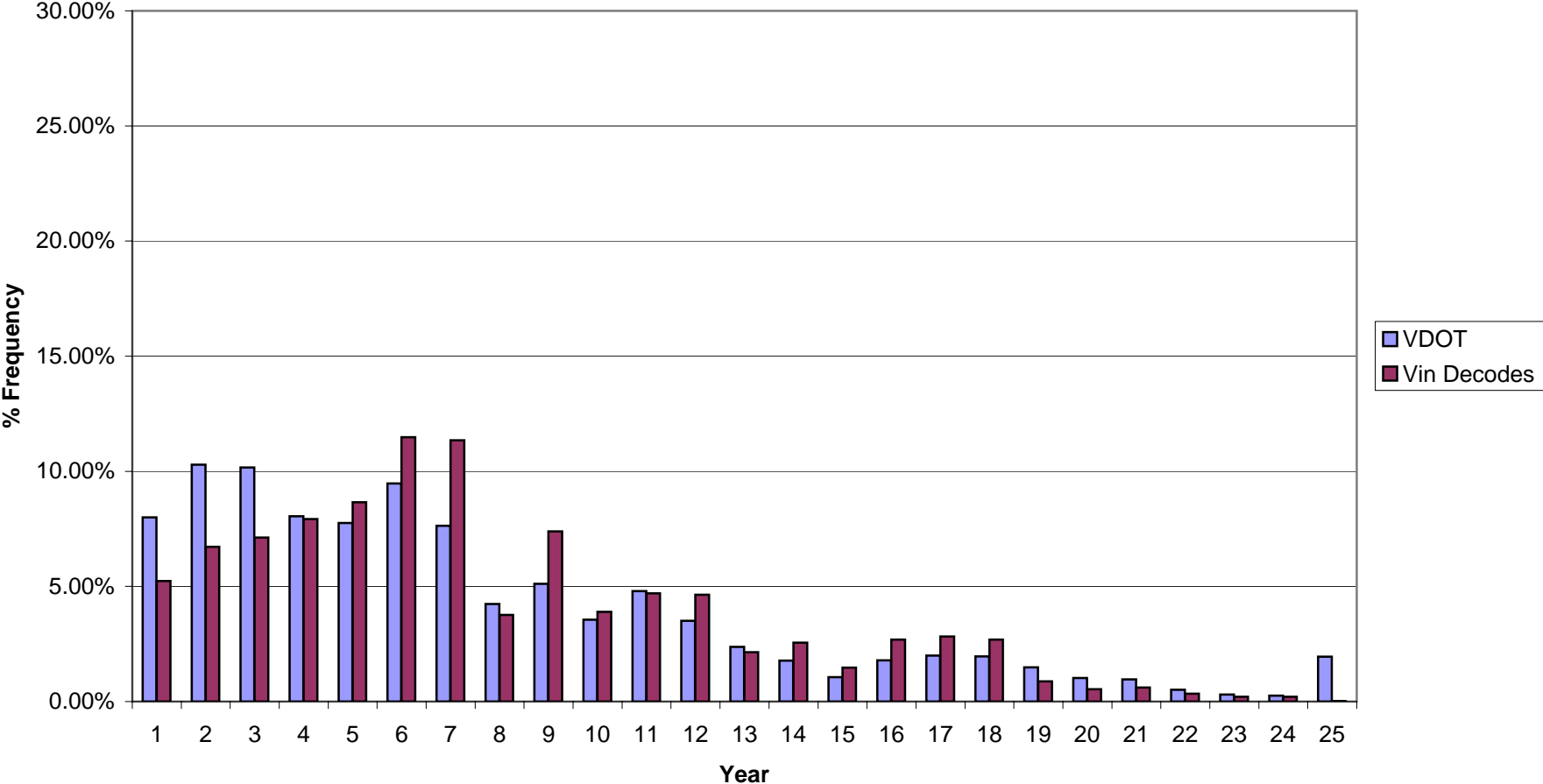
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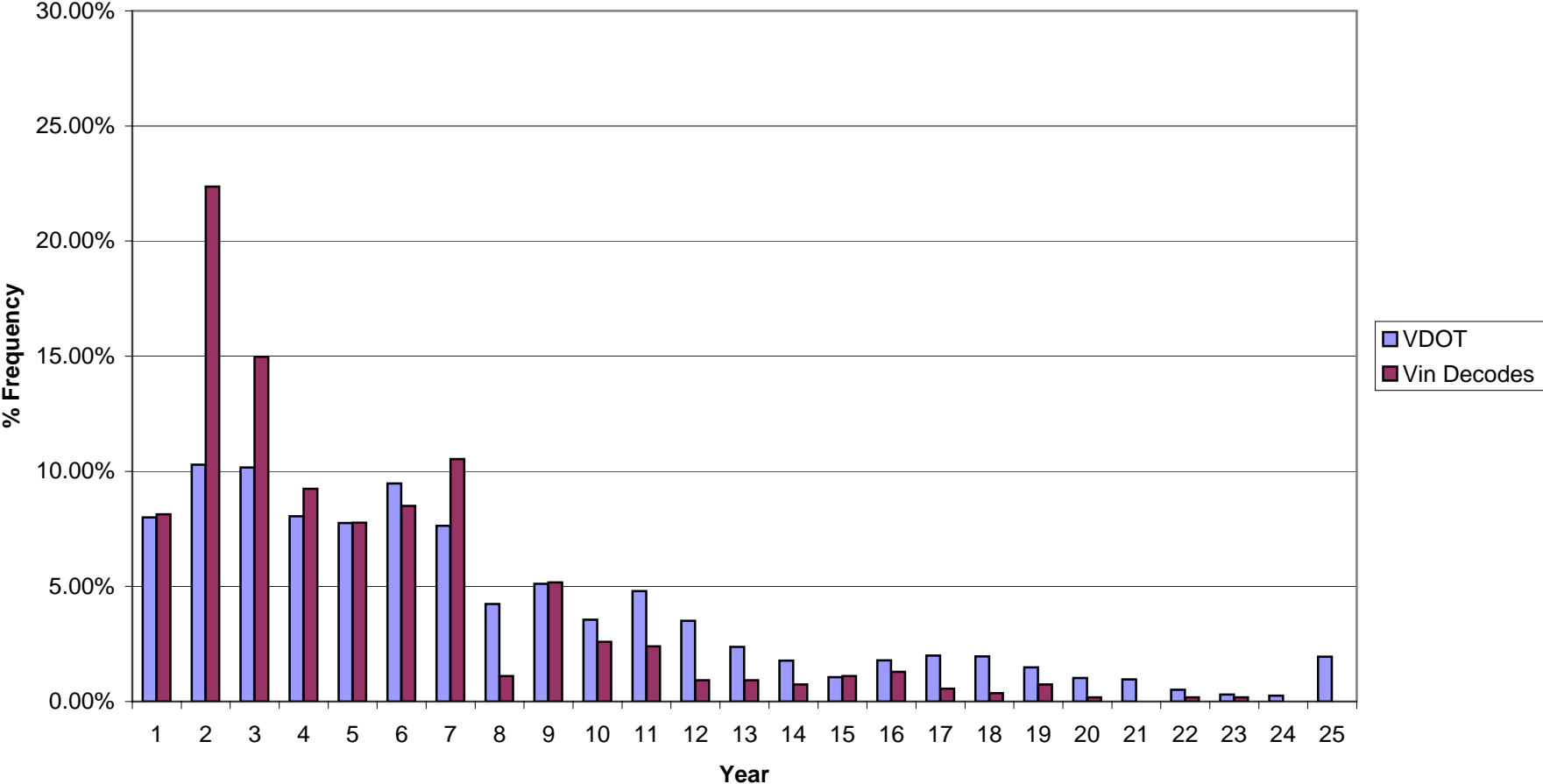
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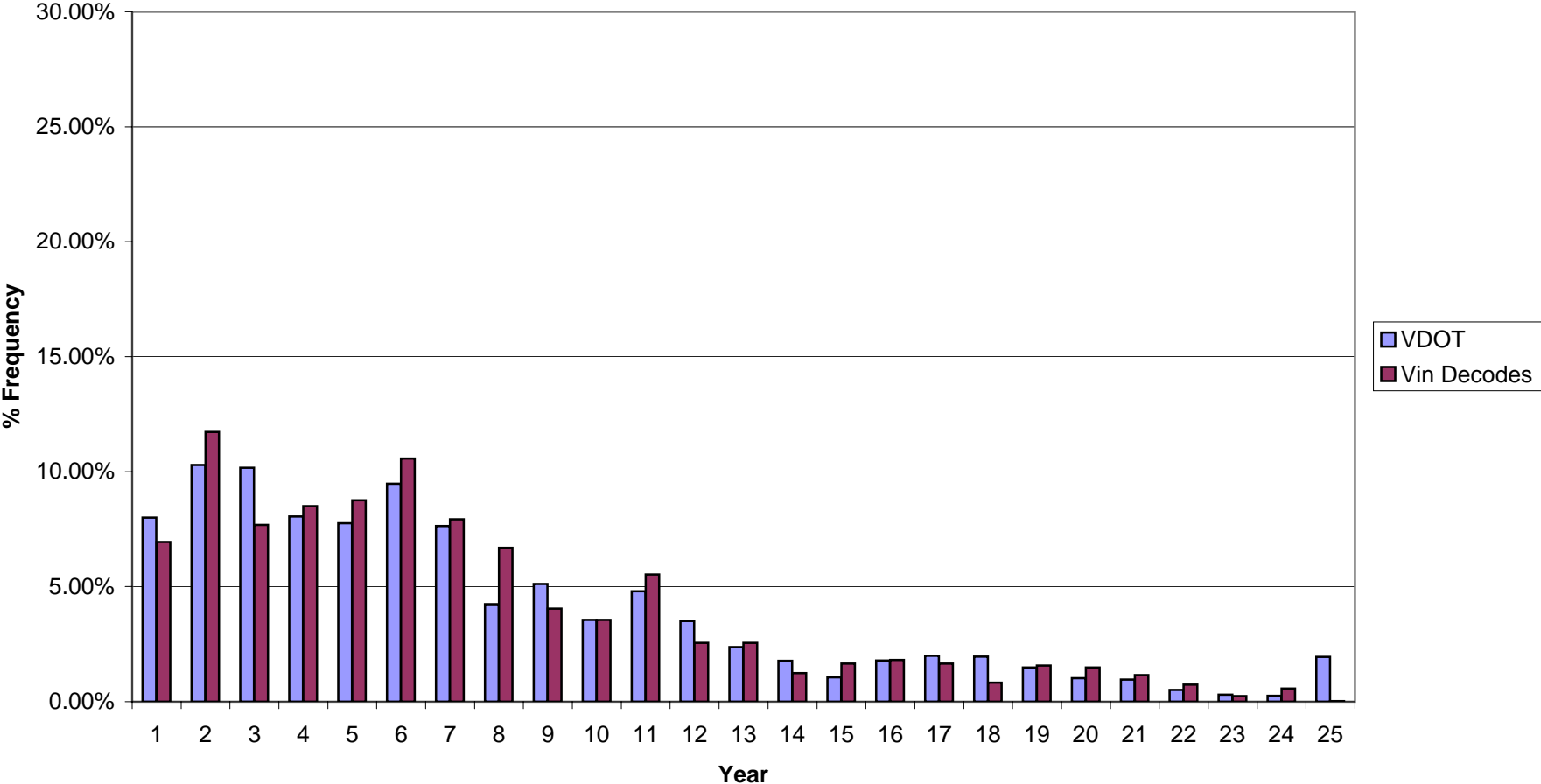
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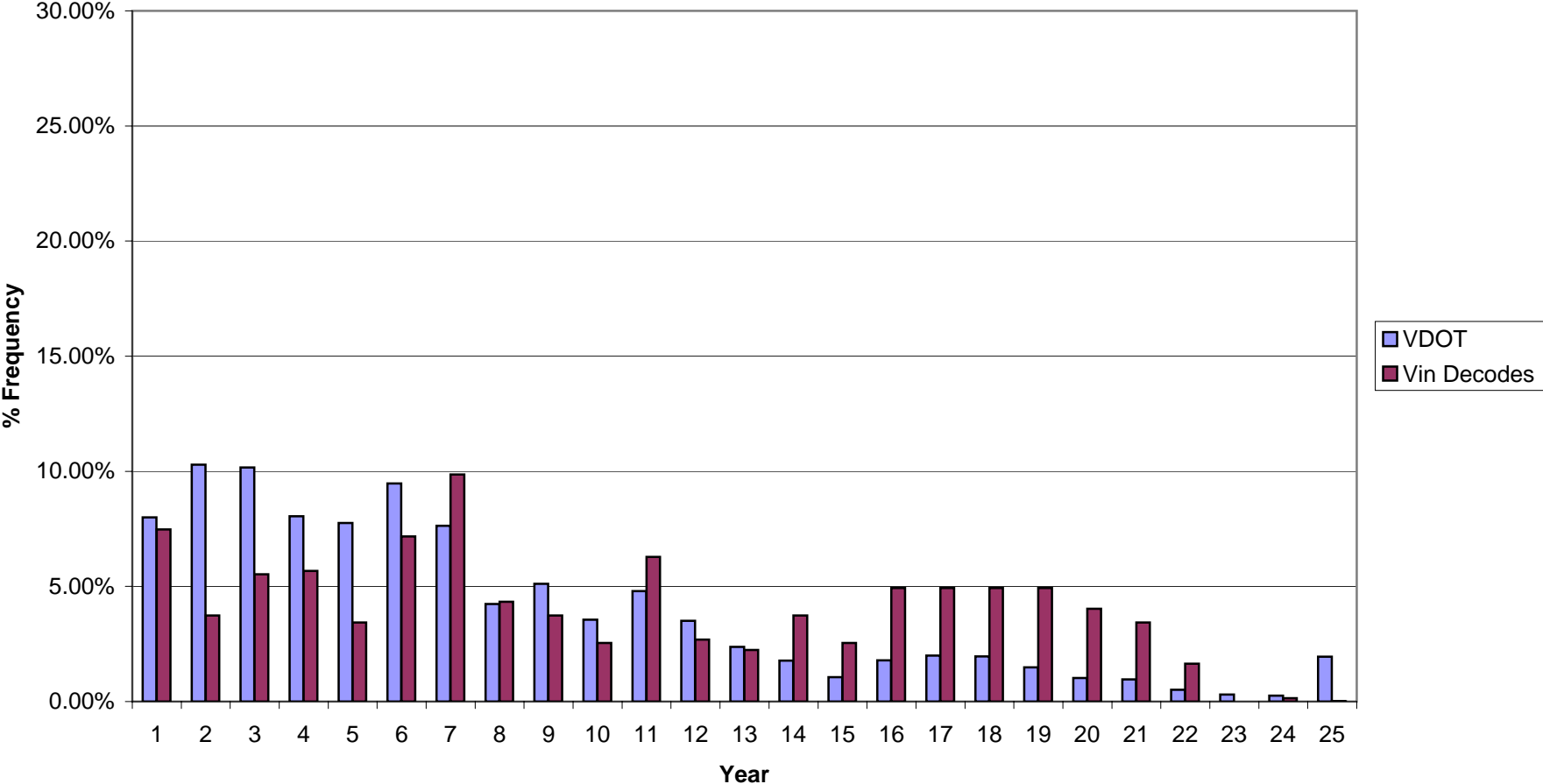
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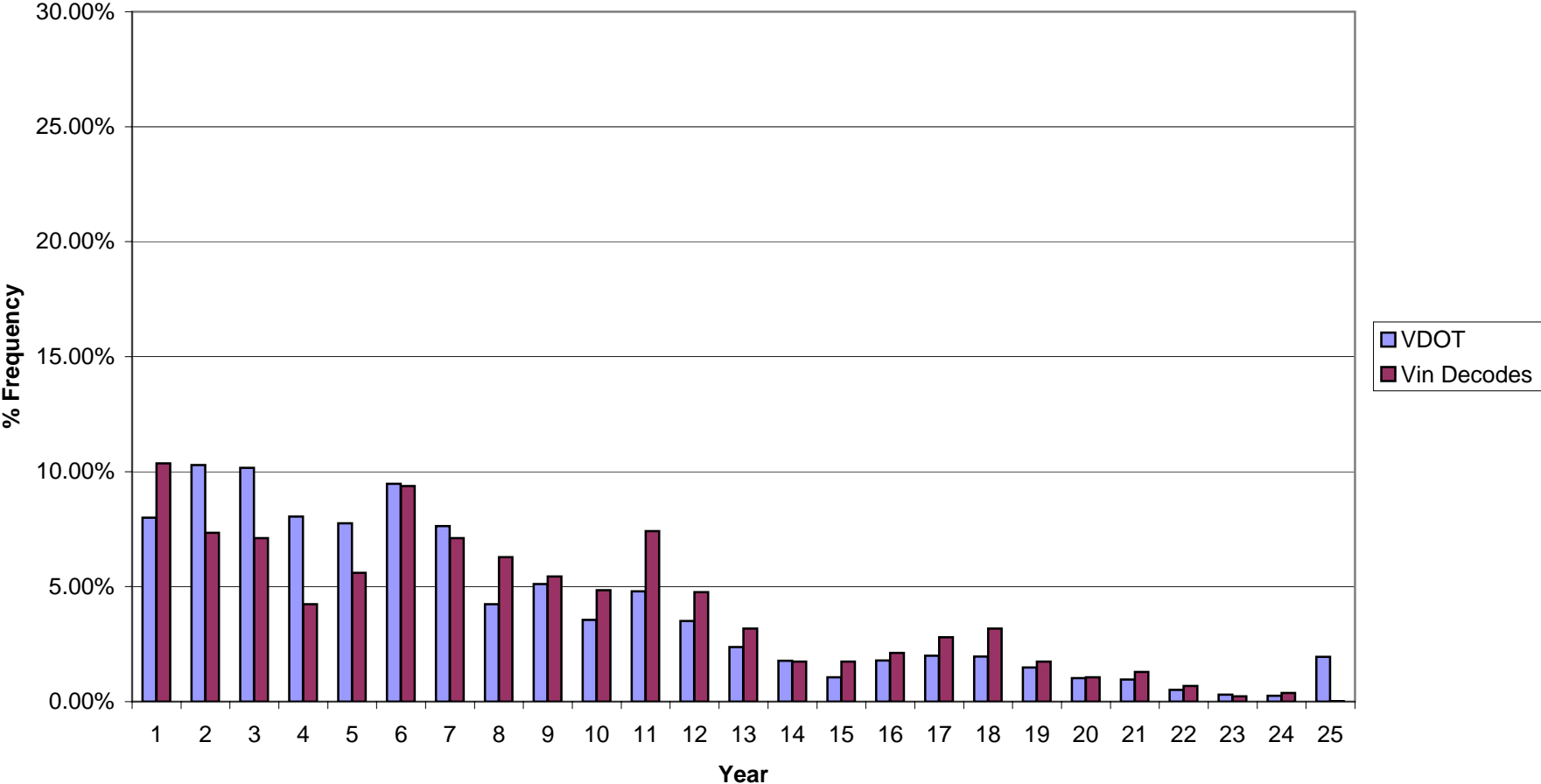
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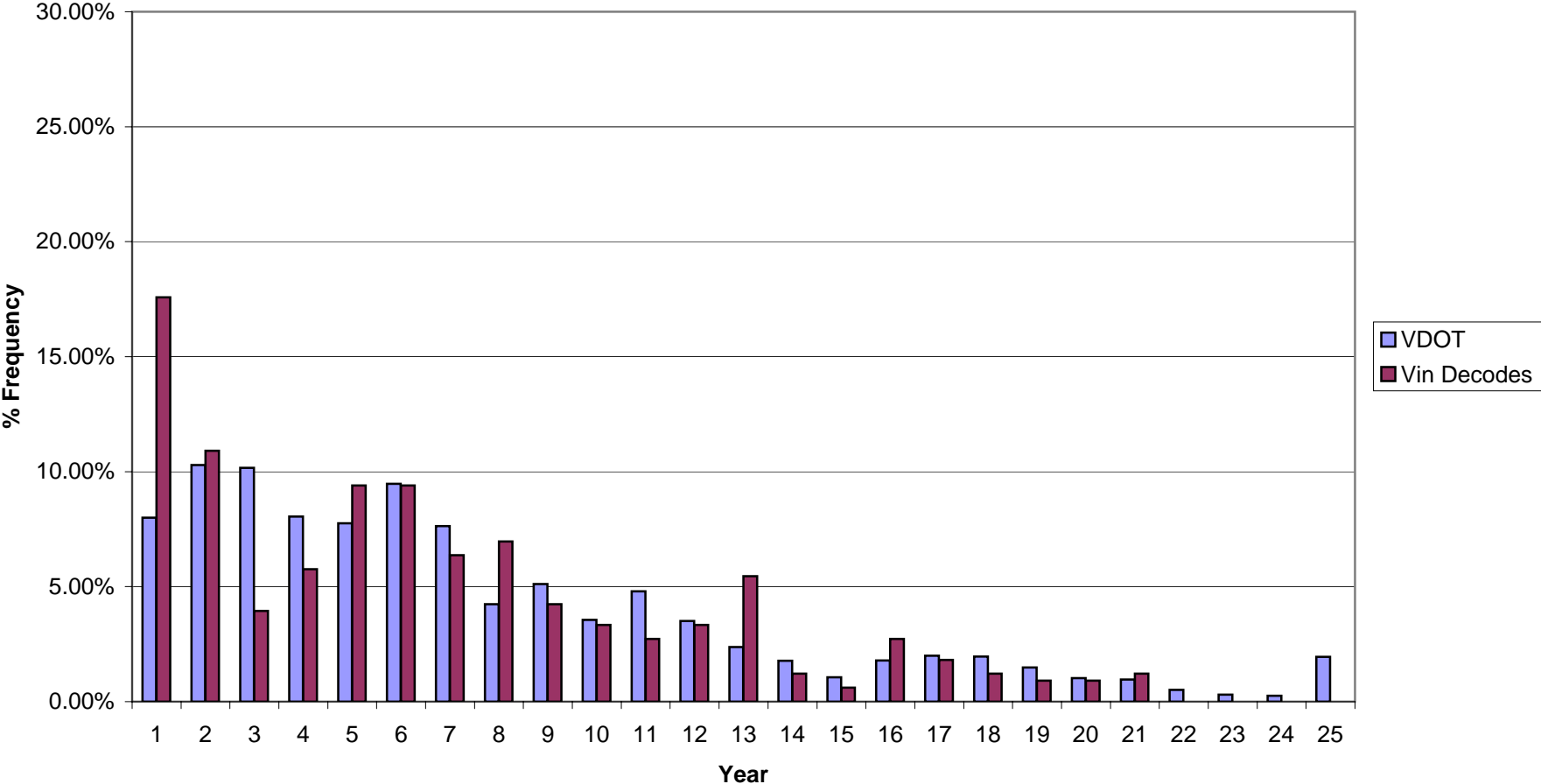
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Comparison of Vehicle Age Distributions (VDEQ / VDOT vs. Vin Decodes)  
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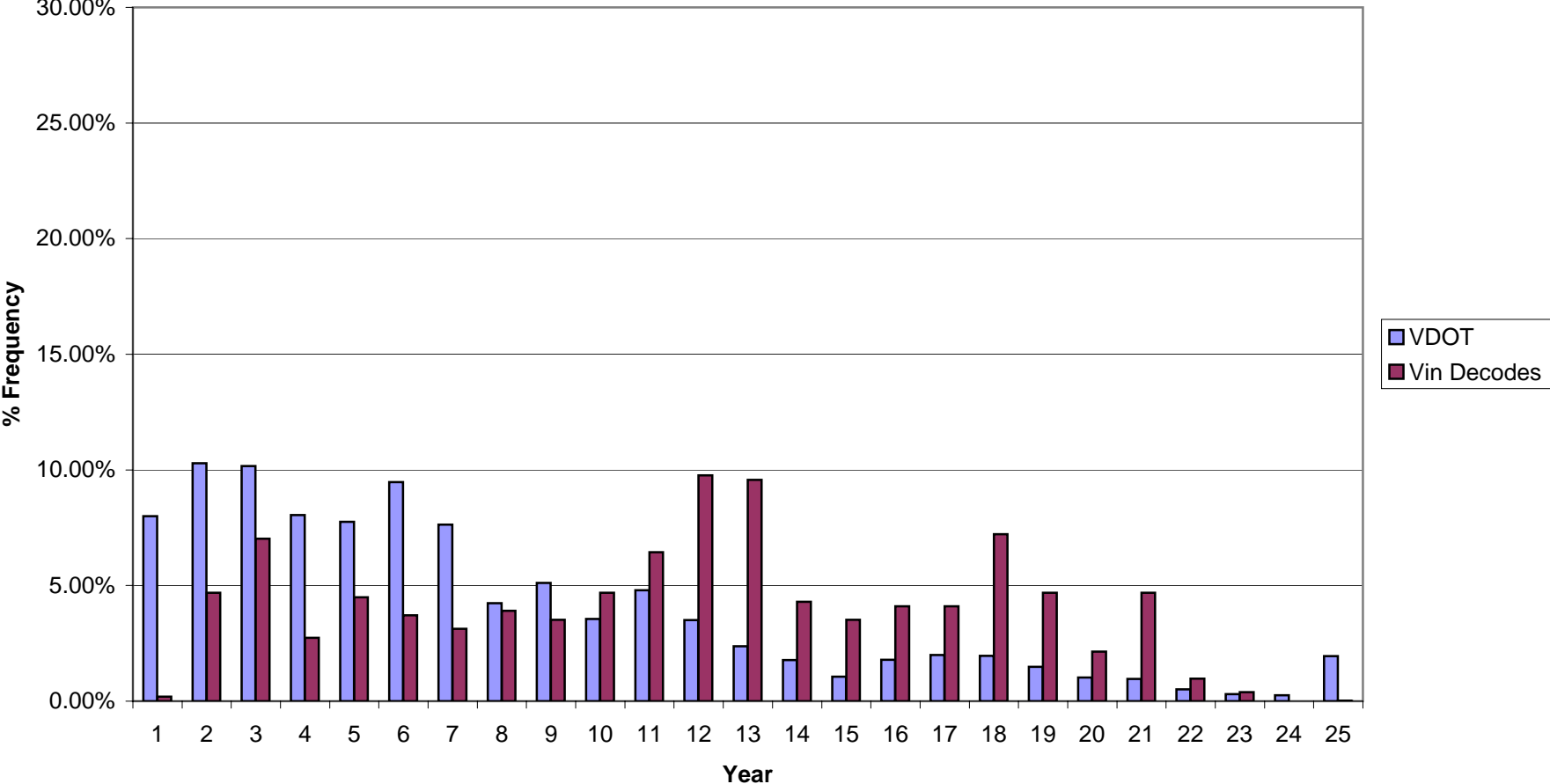


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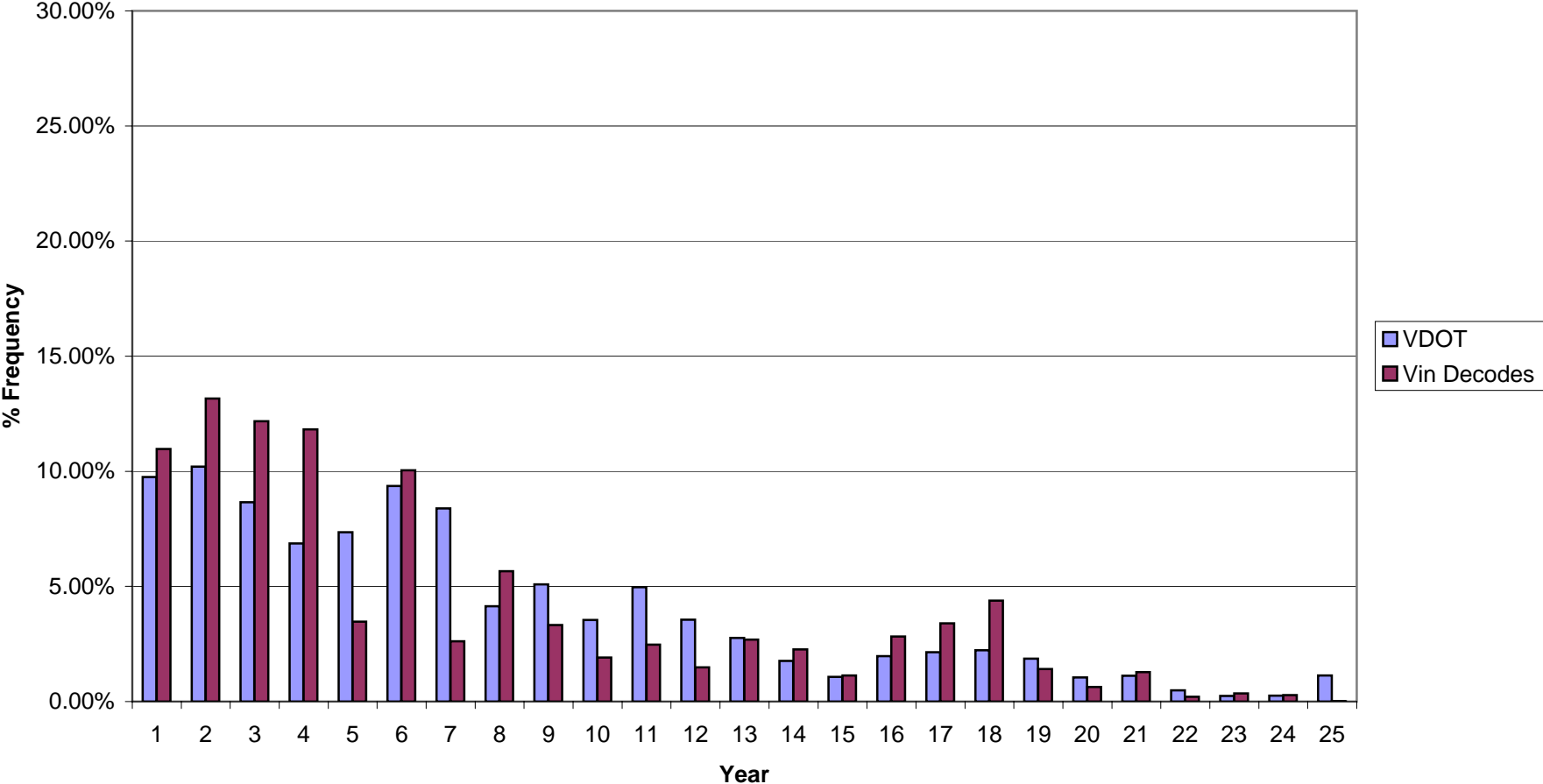




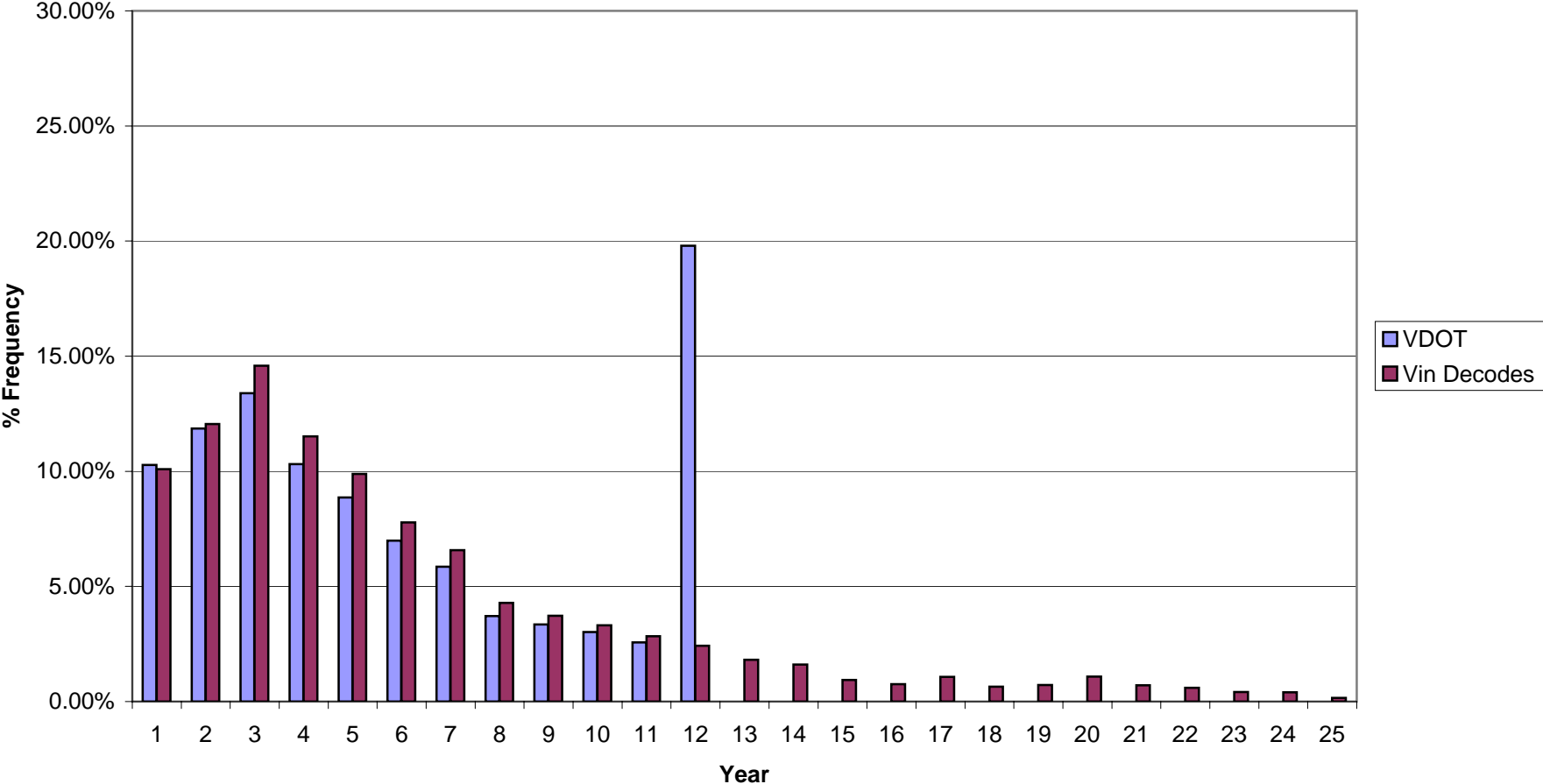
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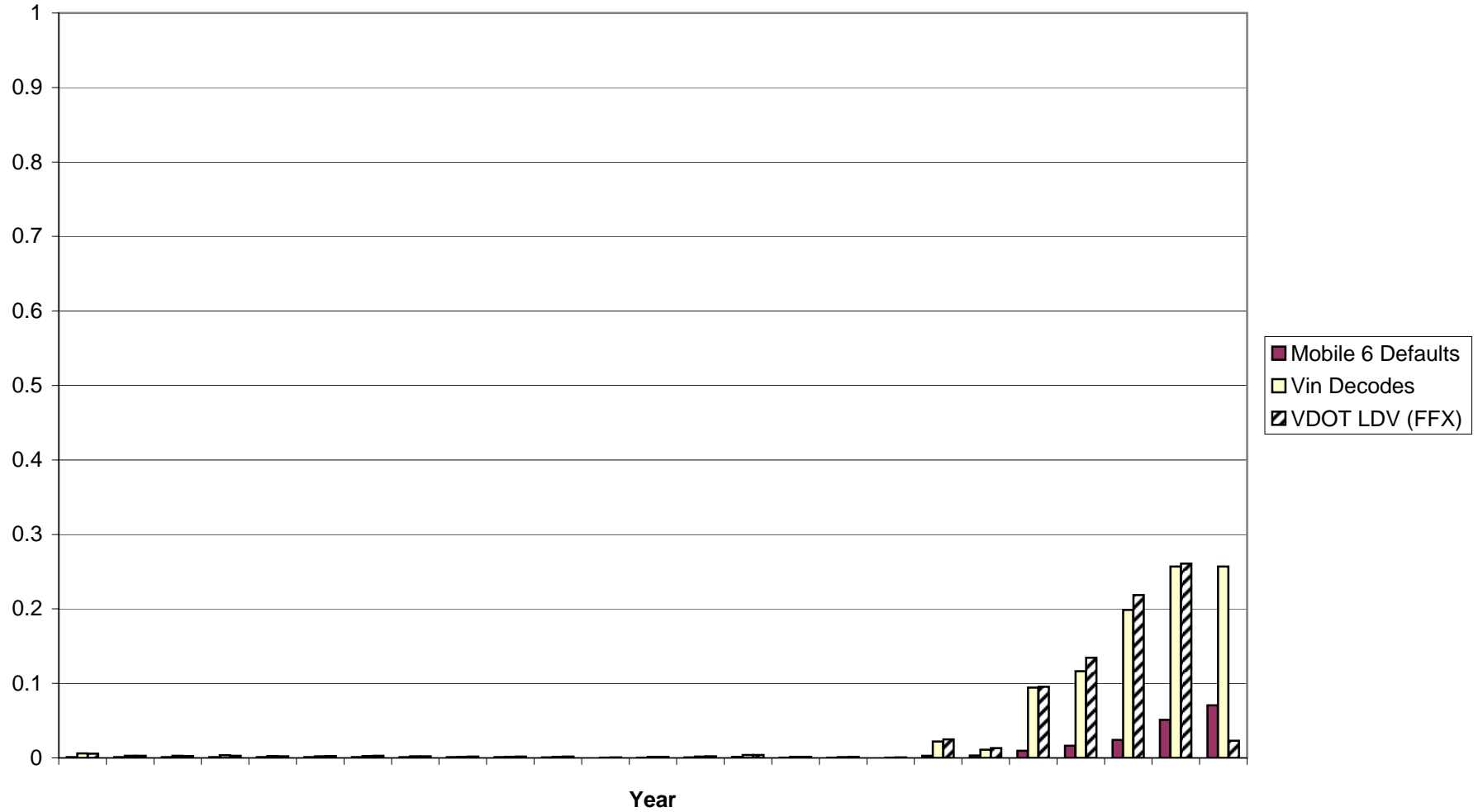
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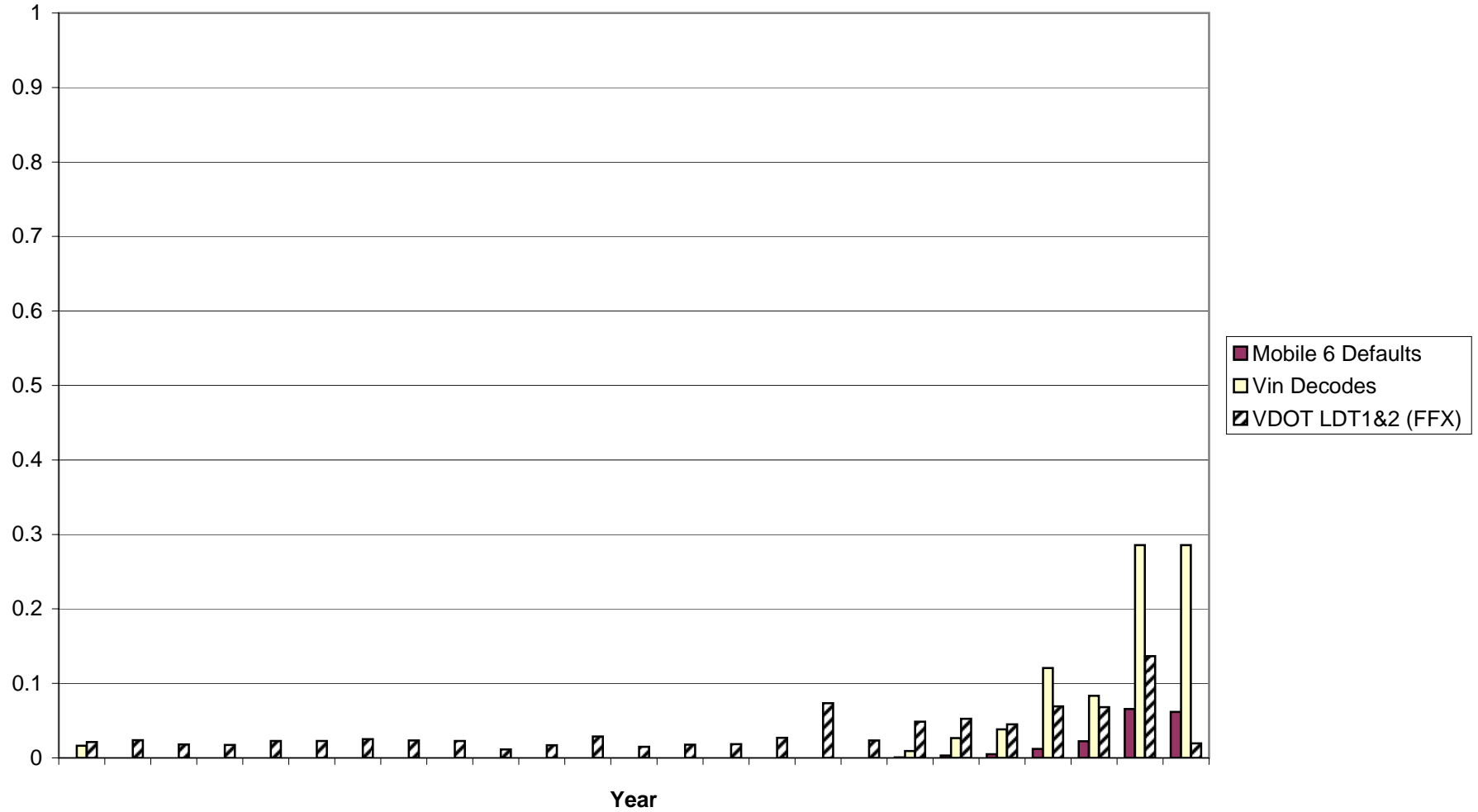
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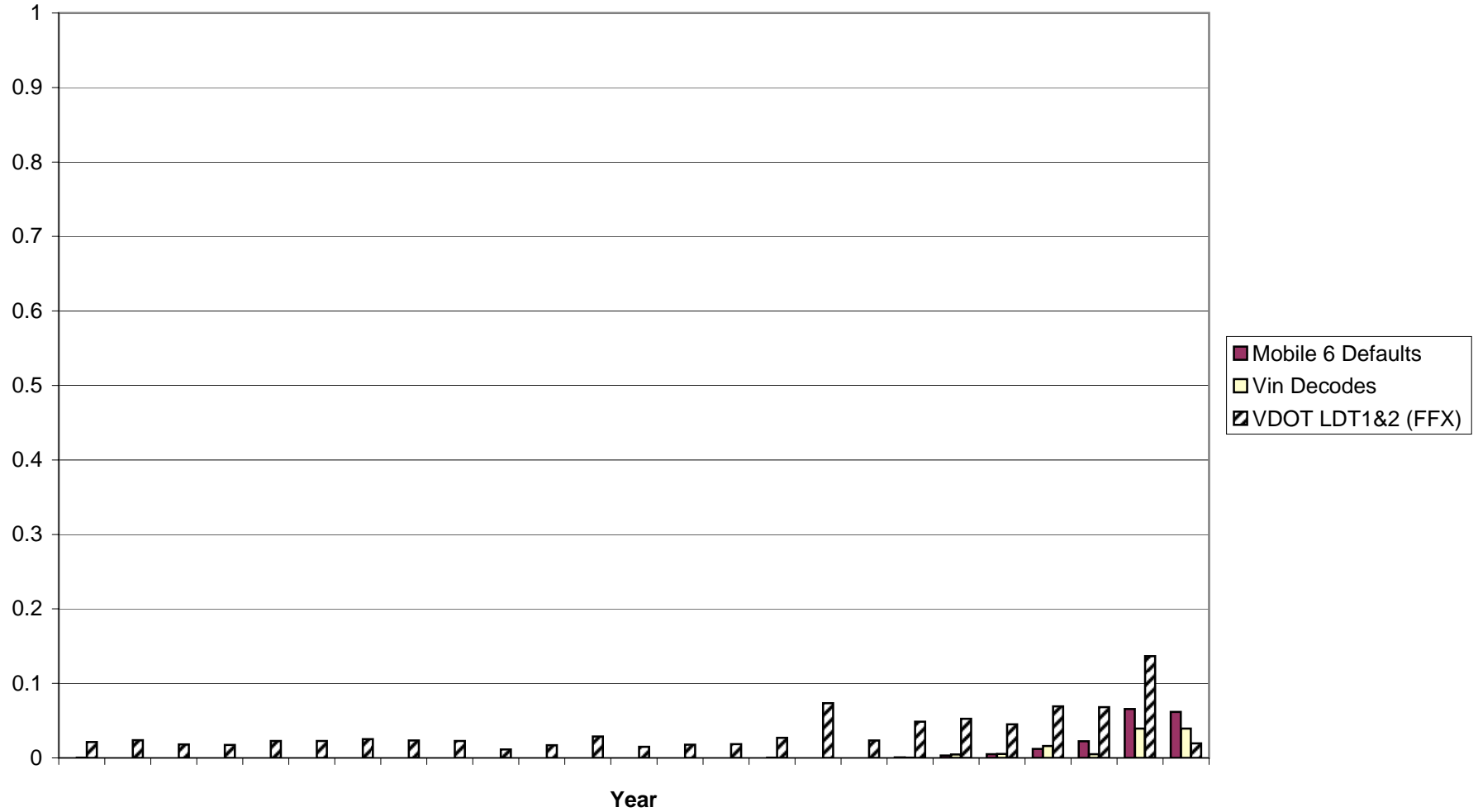
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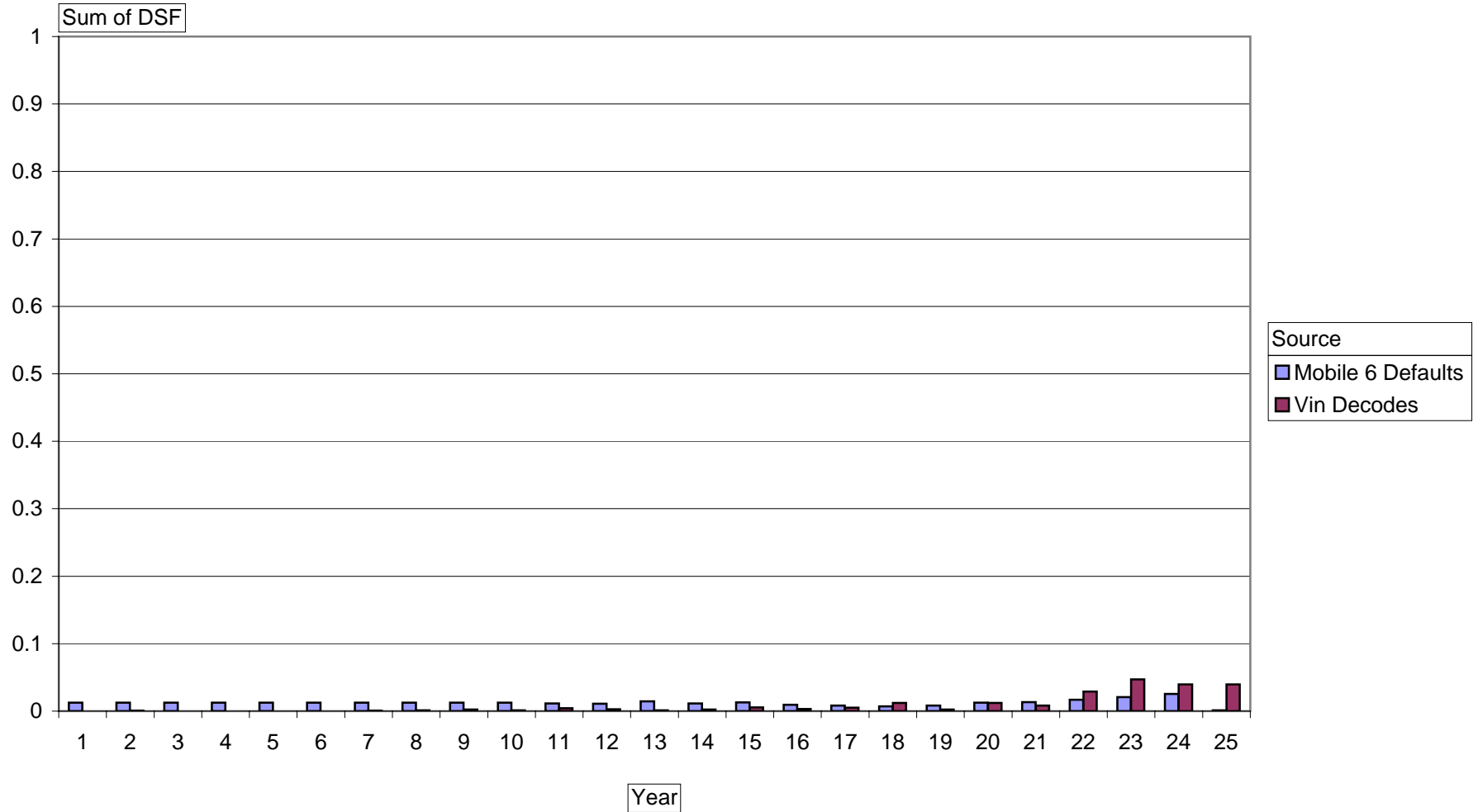


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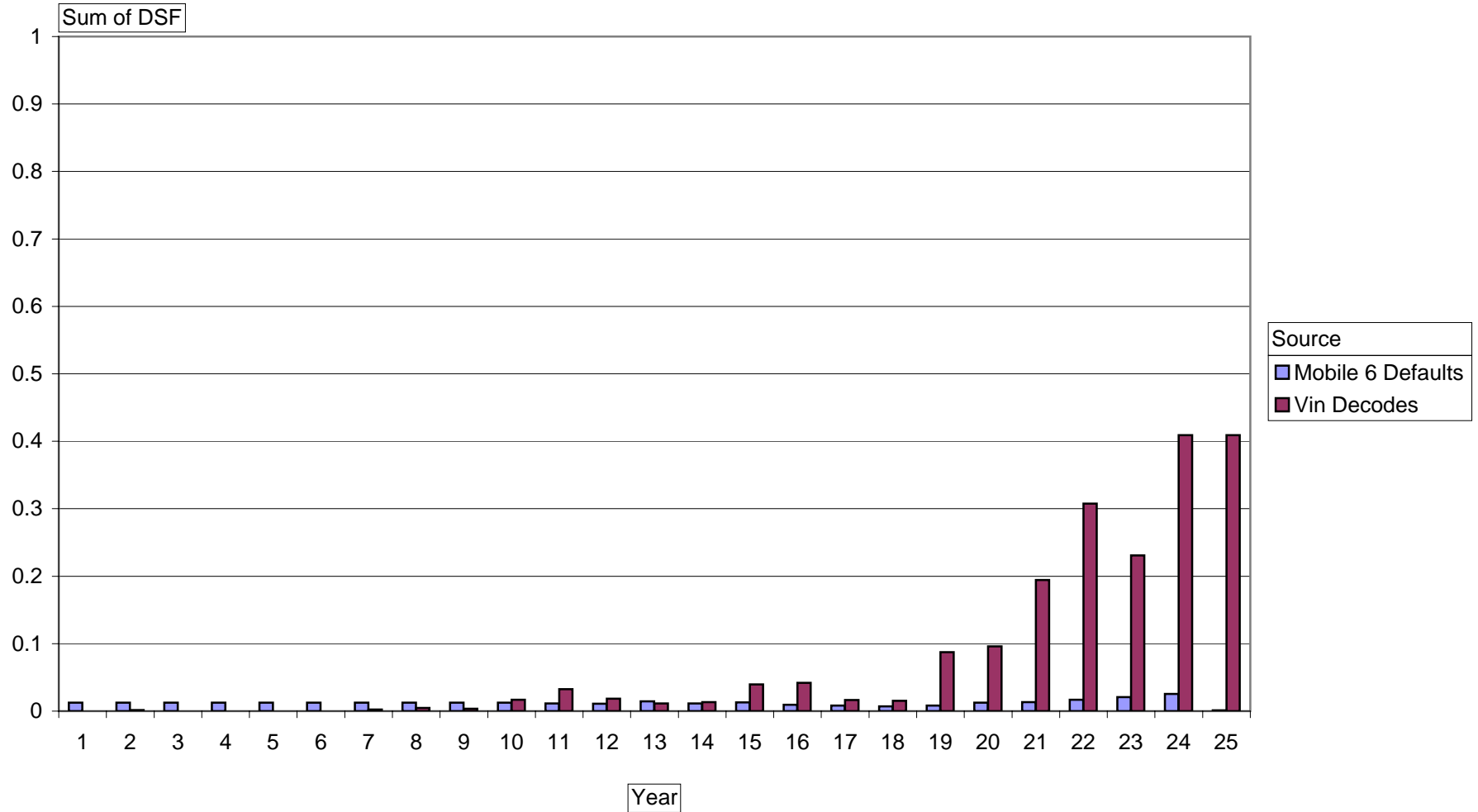
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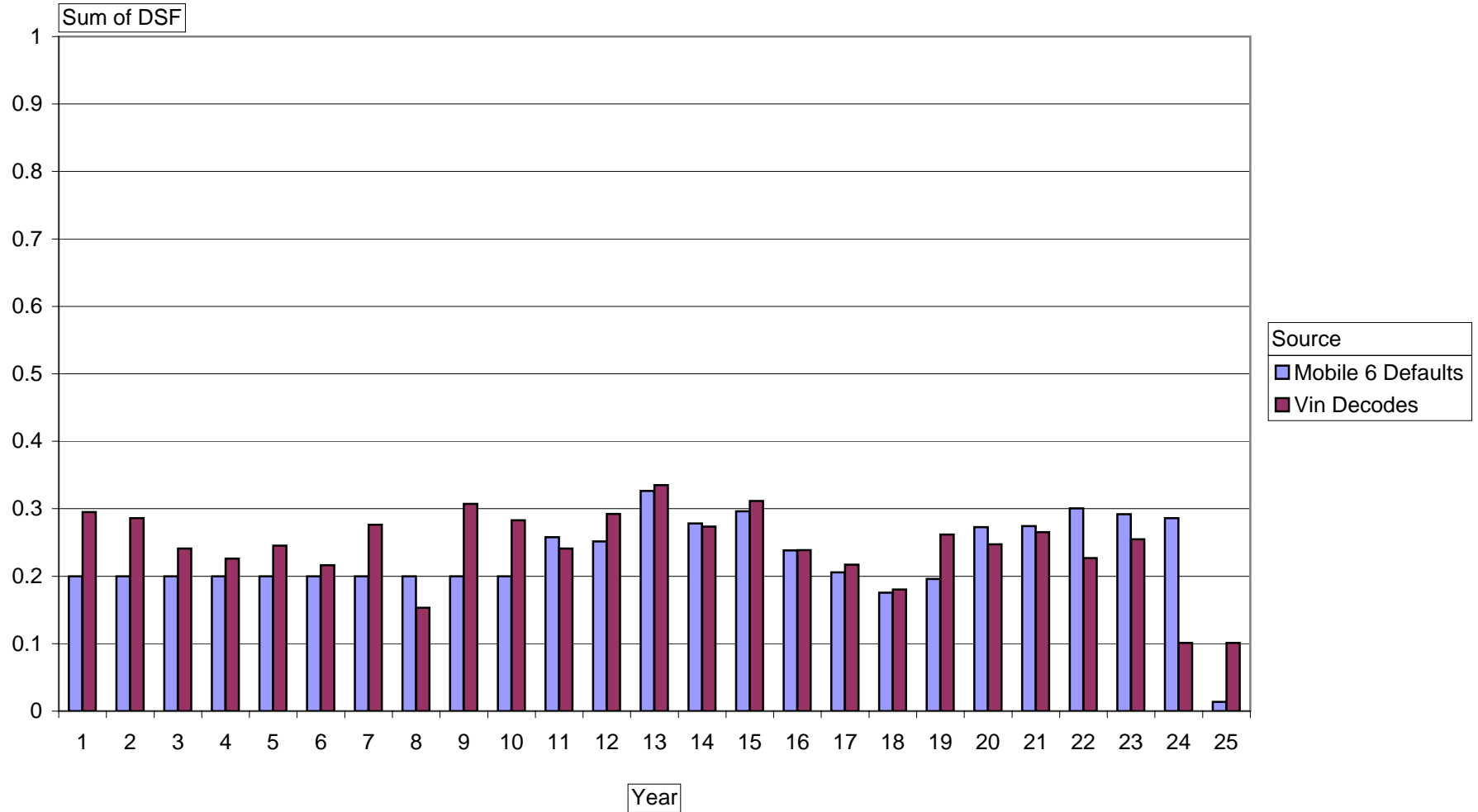
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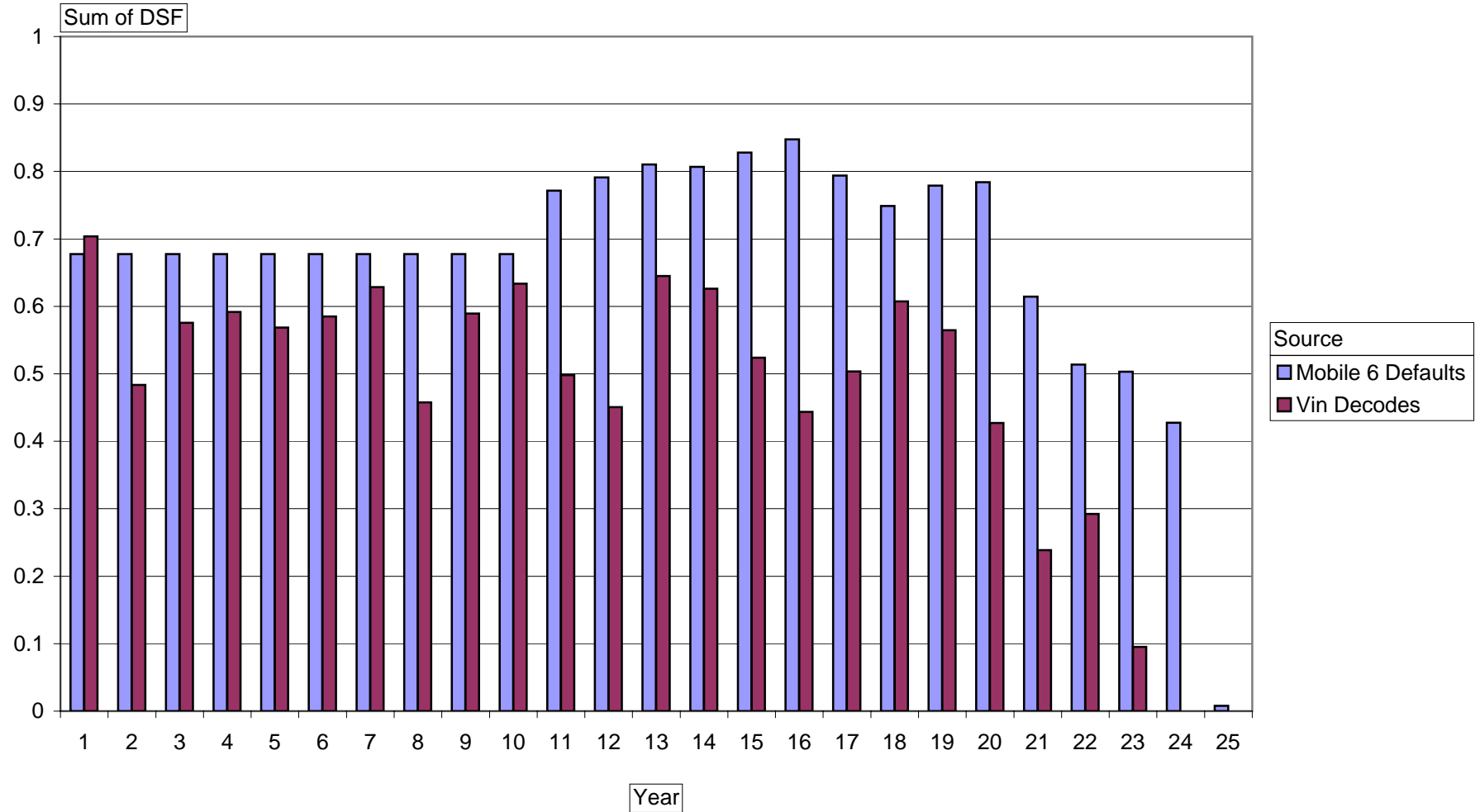
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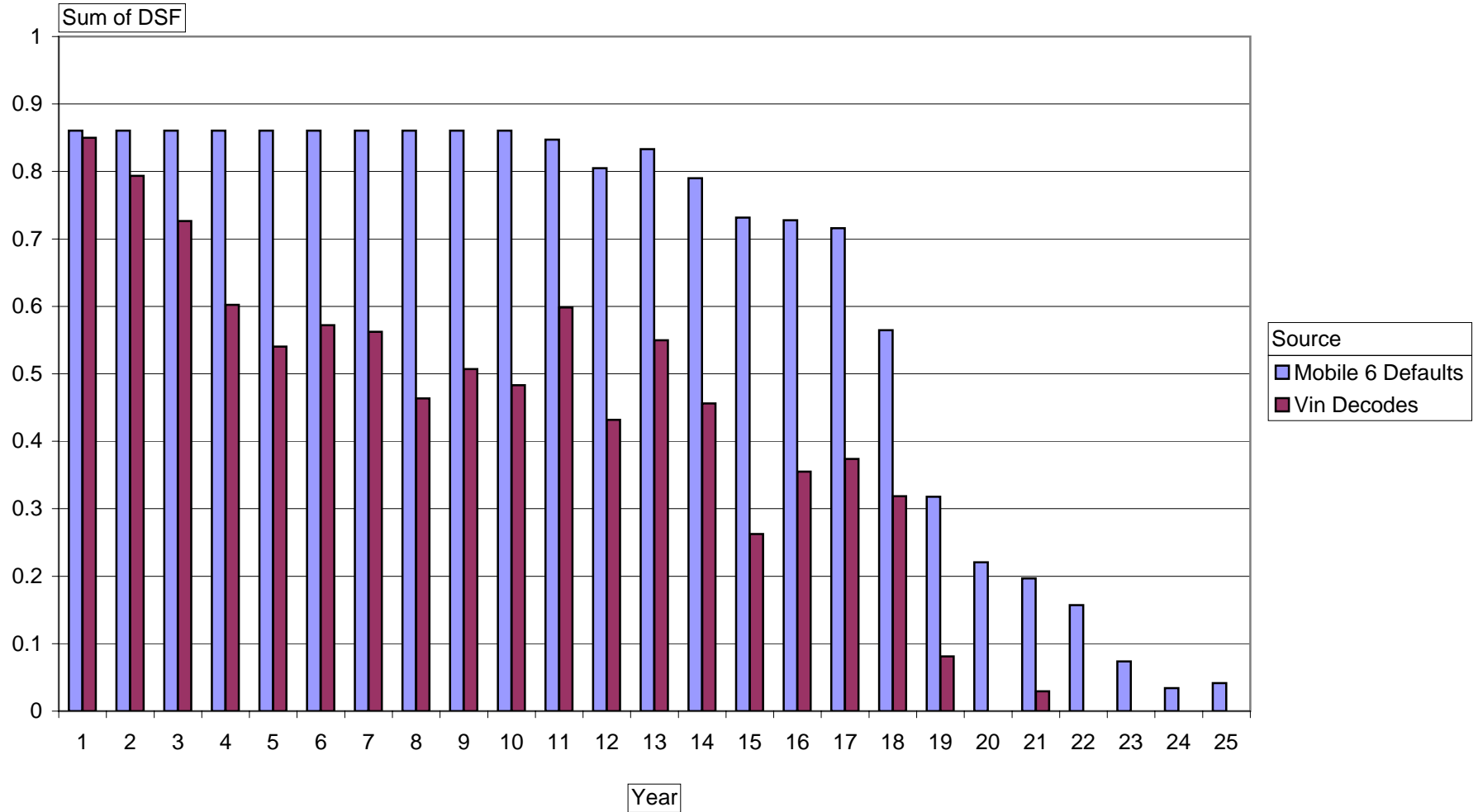
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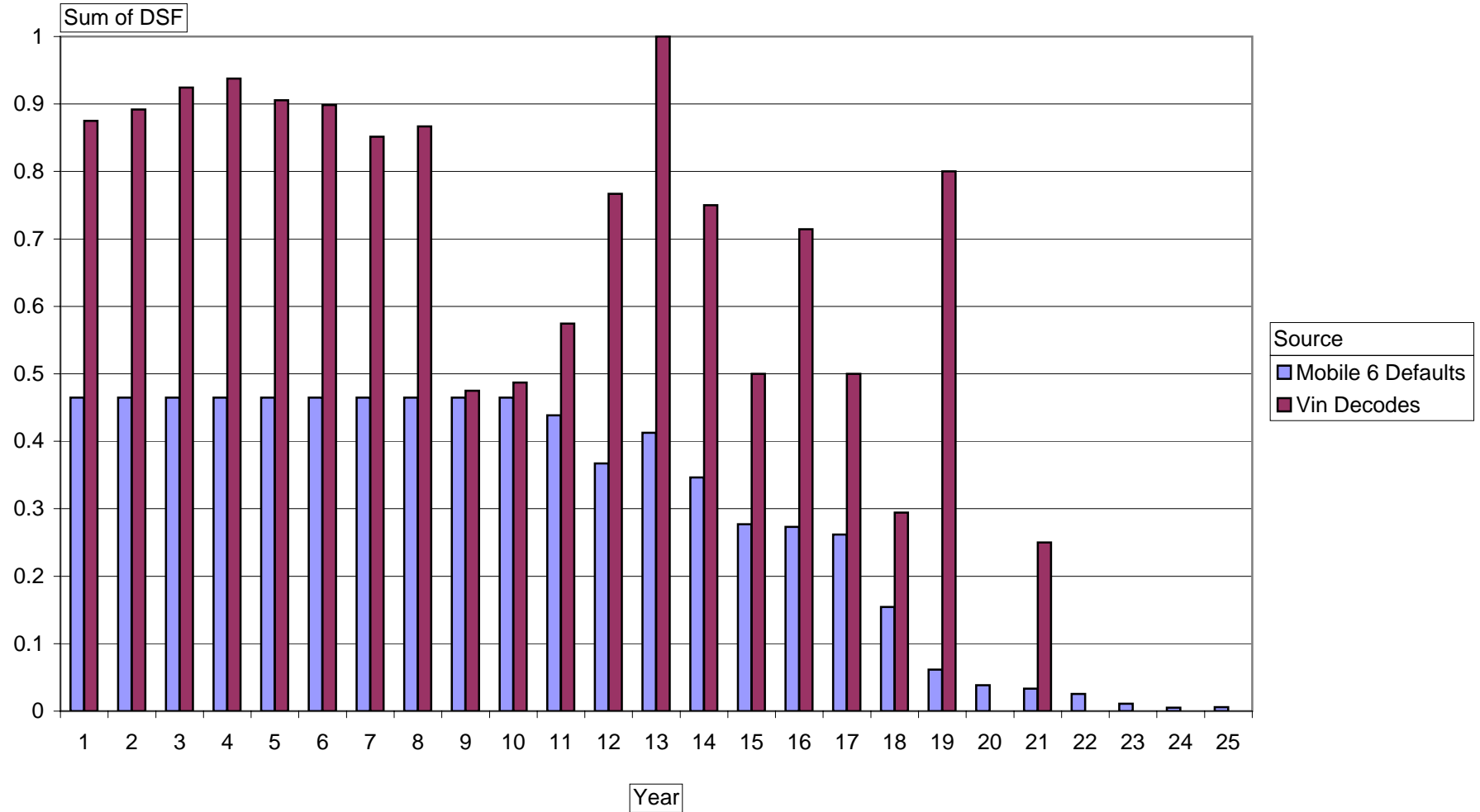
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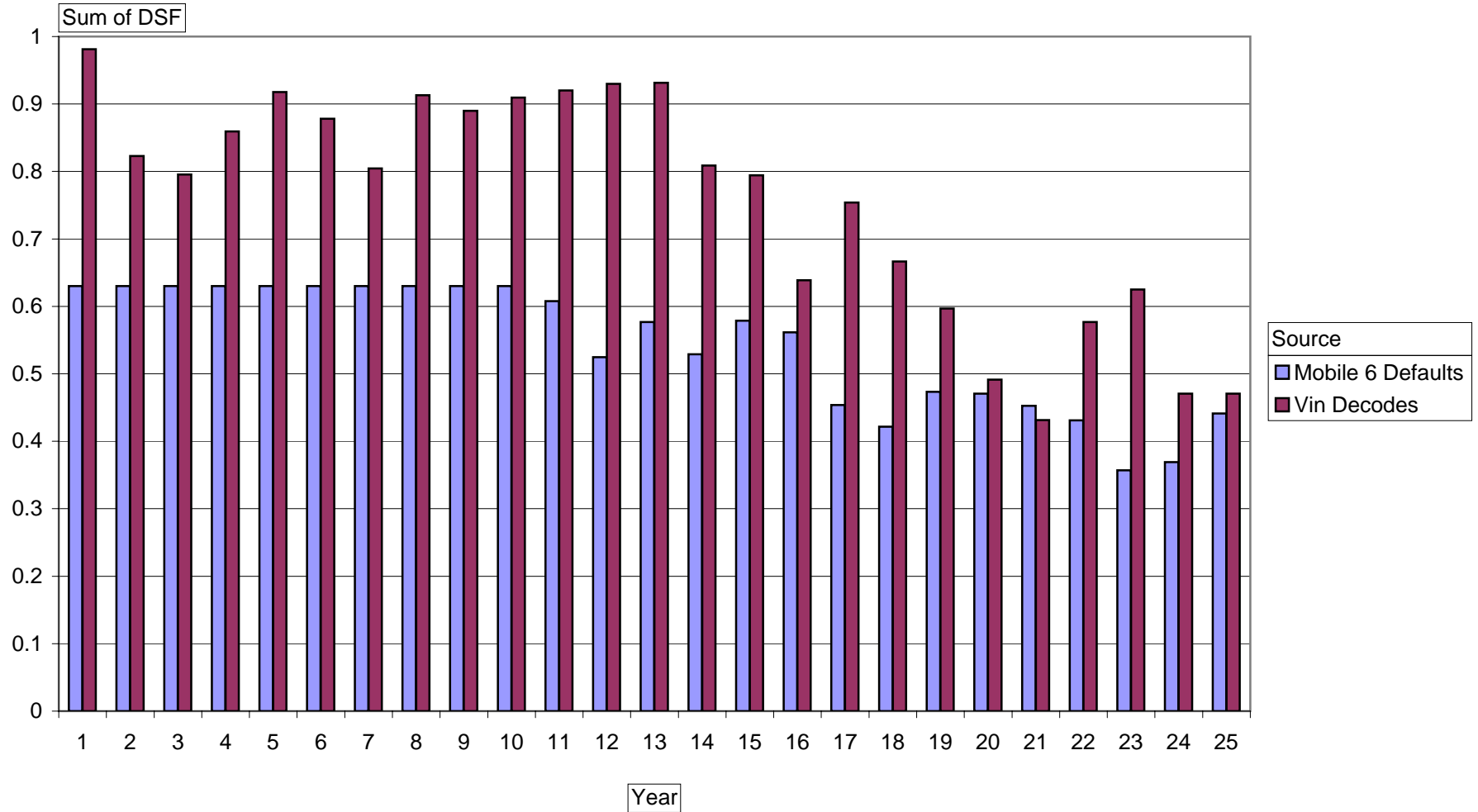
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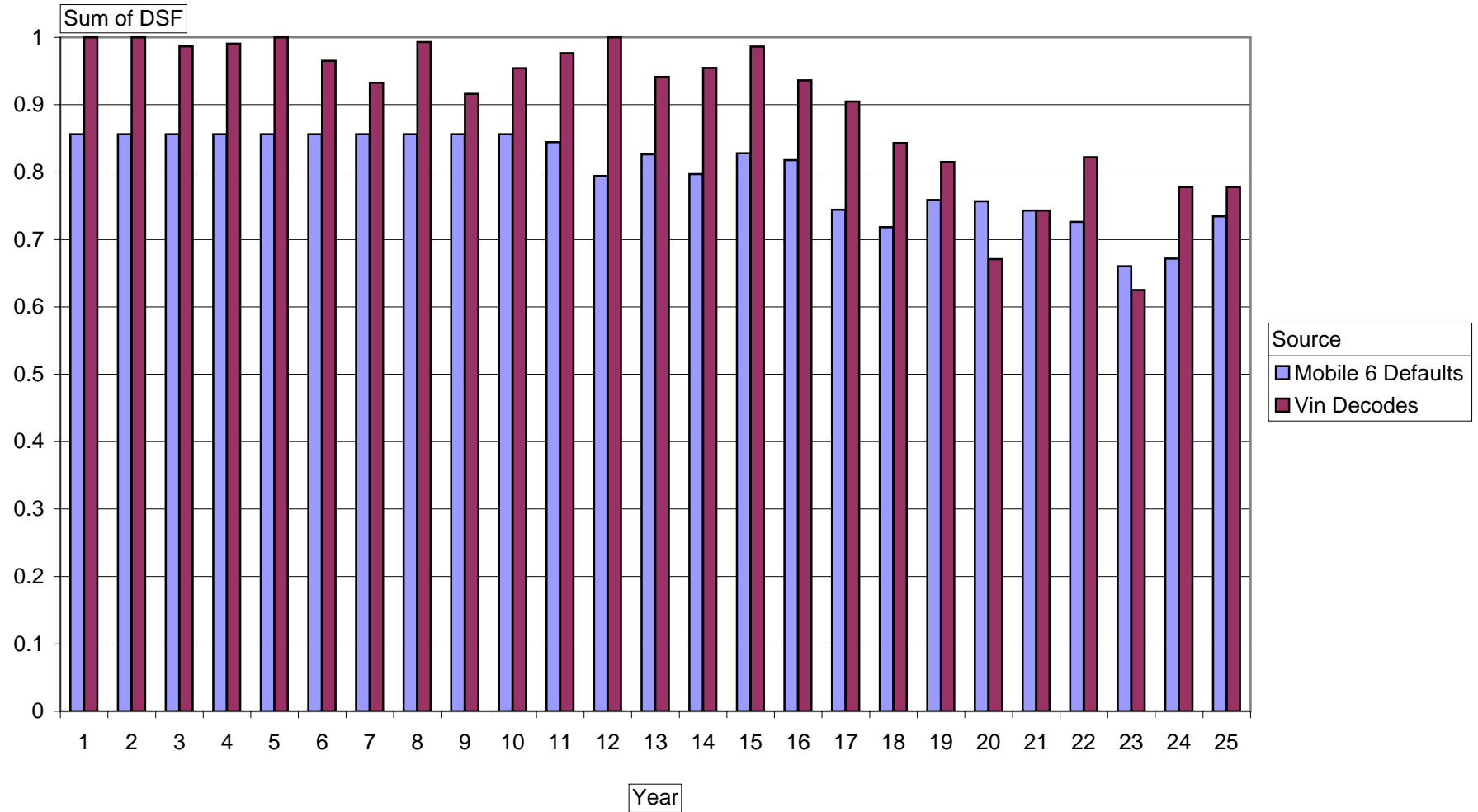
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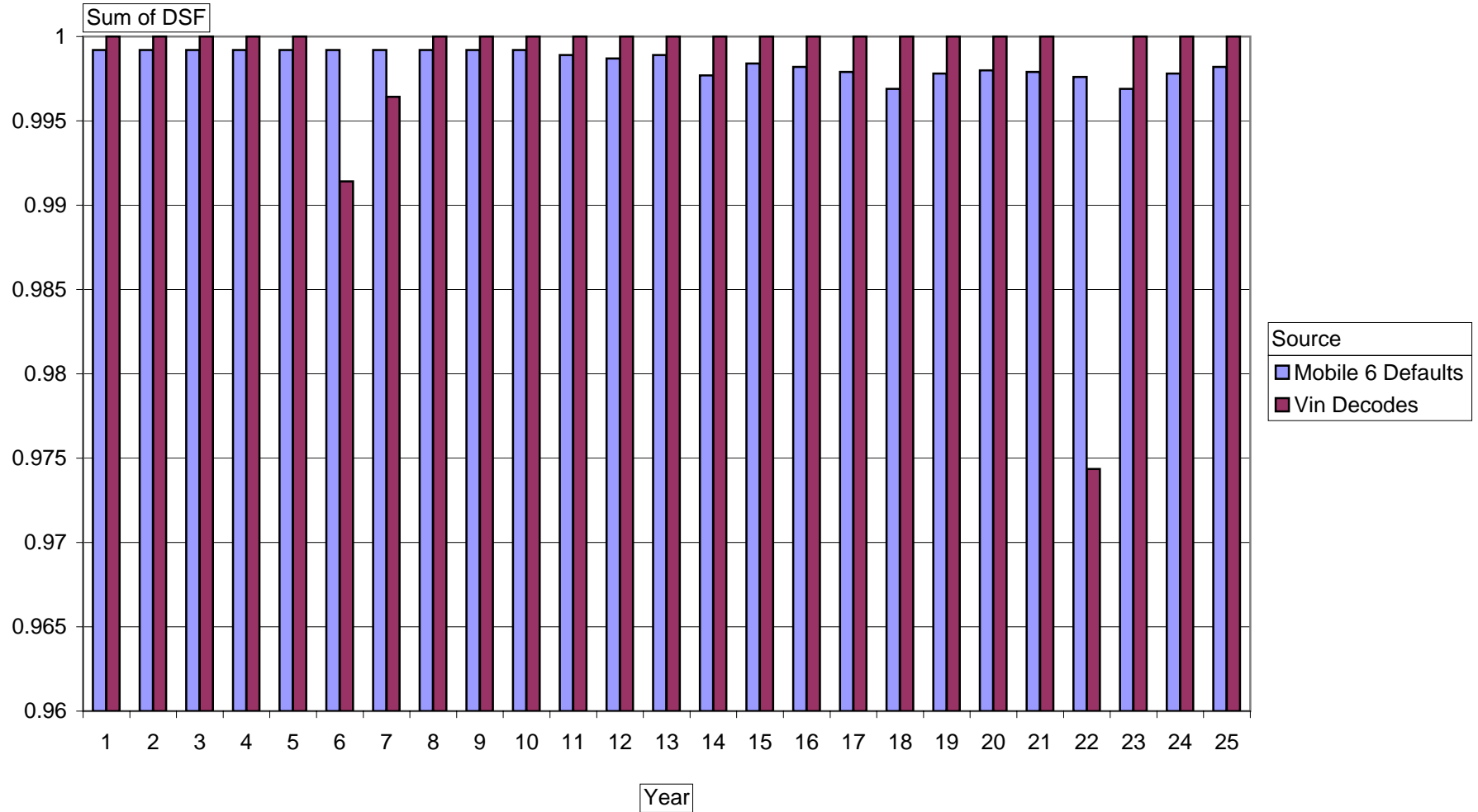
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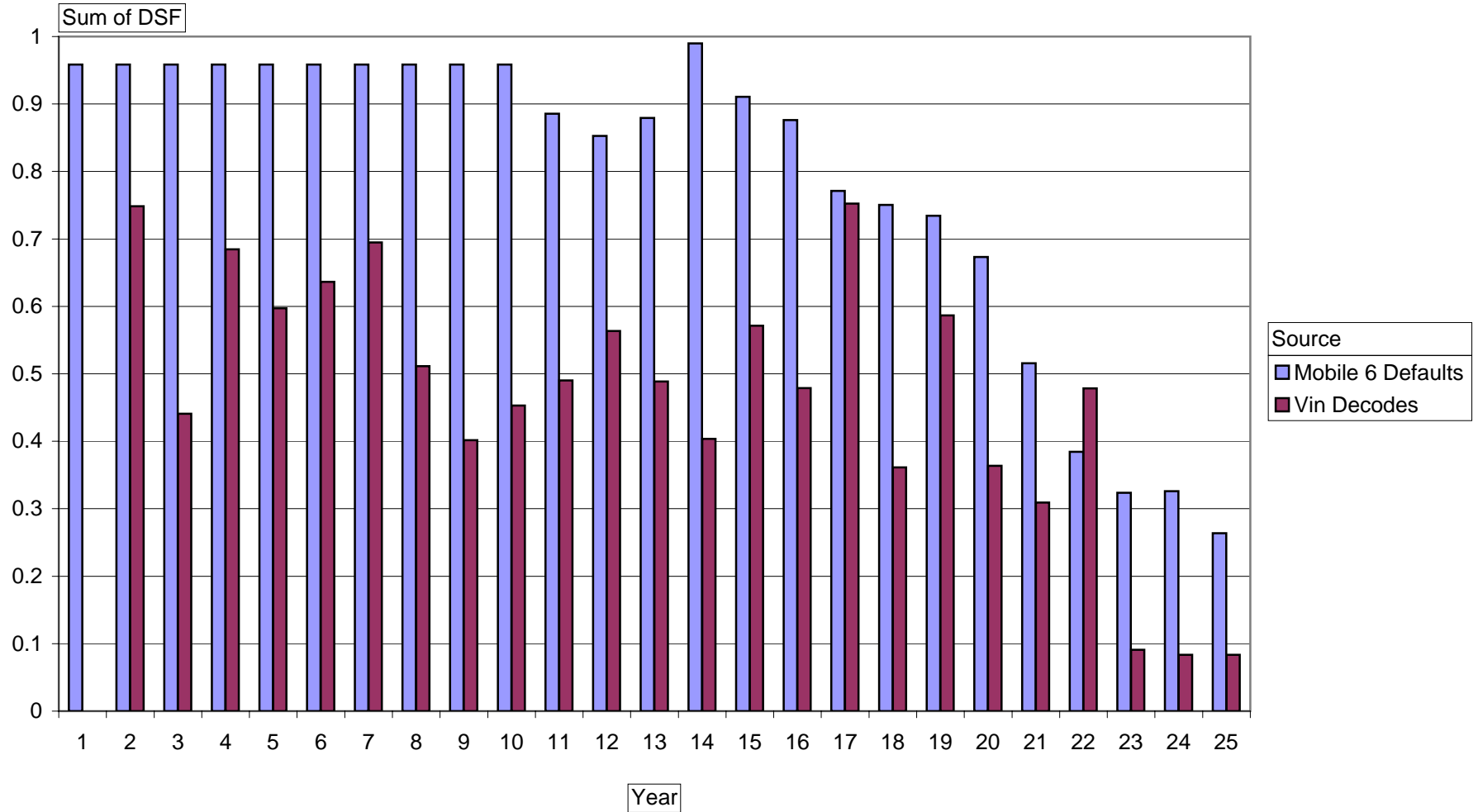
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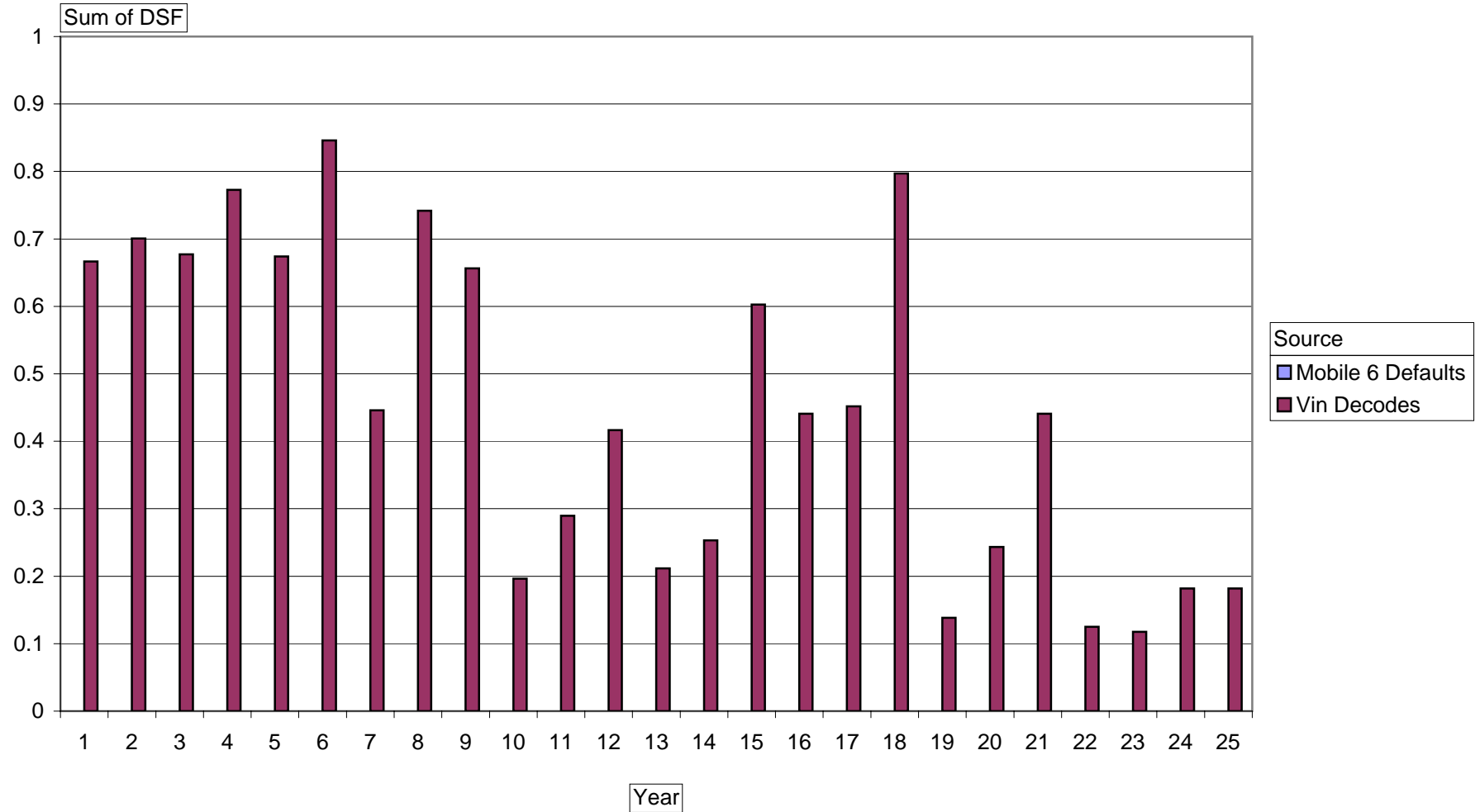
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