Wind machines for frost protection

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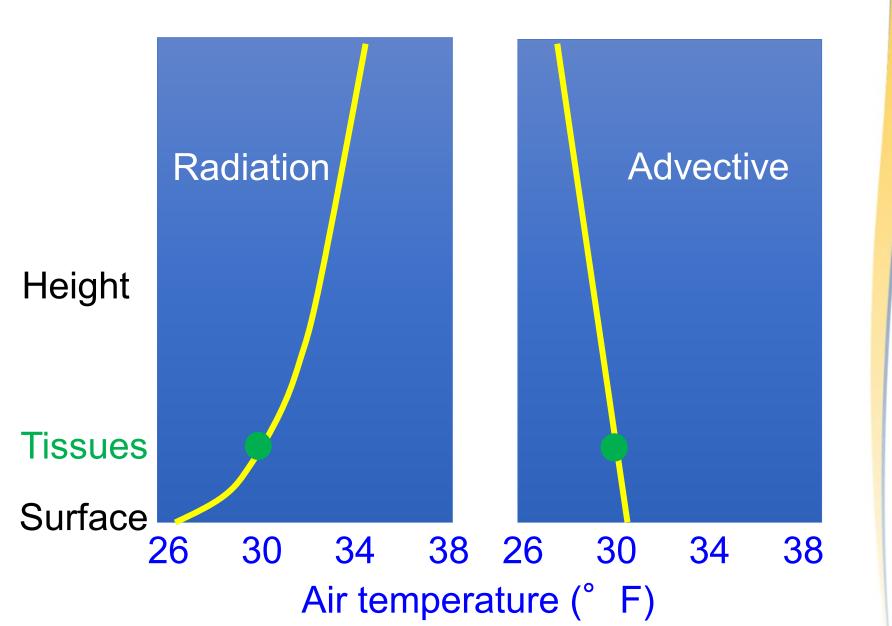
Expect wind machine use to increase*

- Water scarcity
- Fall frost
- Climate change



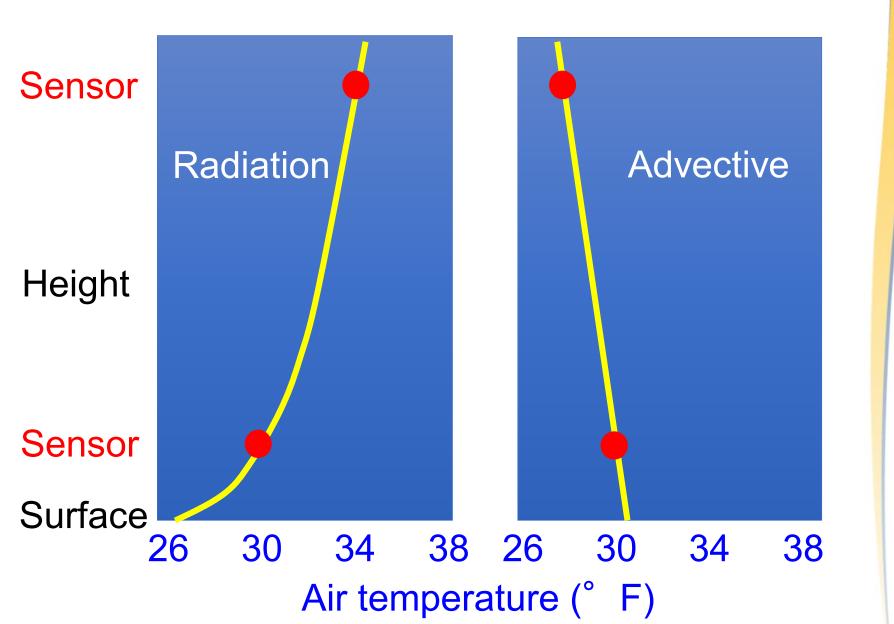


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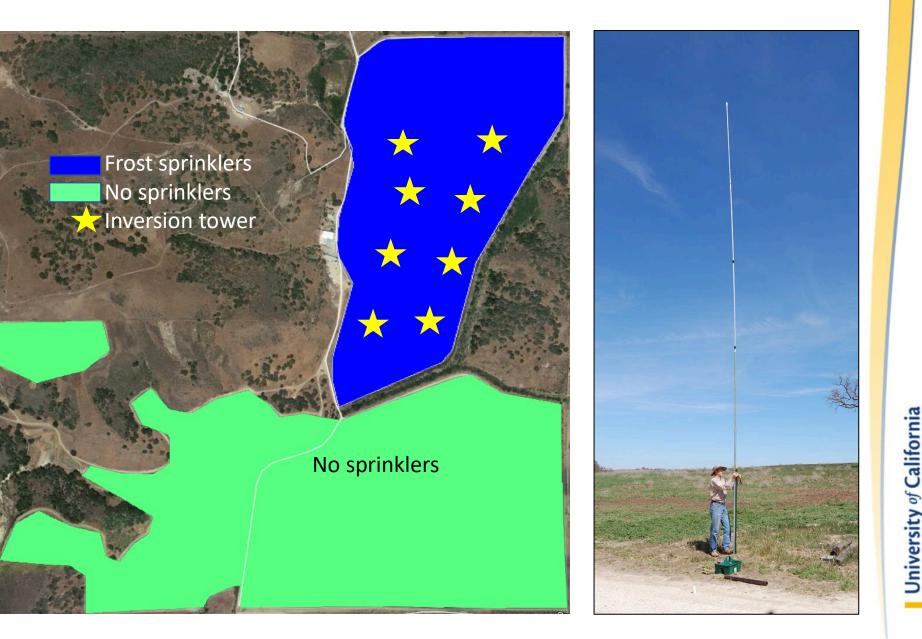
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Two approaches to measuring inversions

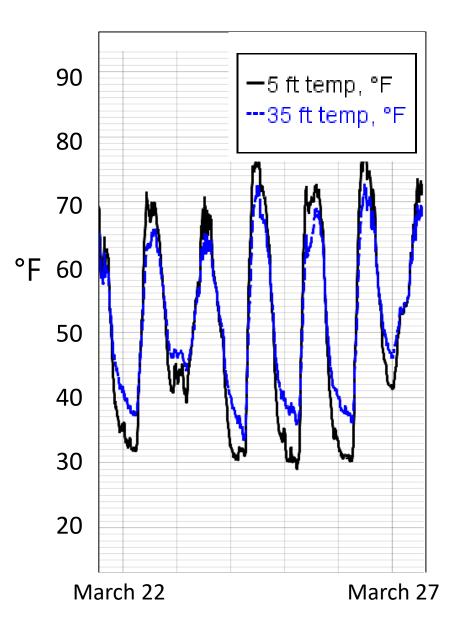
- Short-term, site-specific, dense measurements
 - Cheap and easy to do
 - Data not available in real time
 - How representative is the limited time frame studied?
- Permanent, regional, real-time data
 - Real time data for decision-making
 - Expensive to install
 - Expensive to operate
 - Data can be used for other purposes

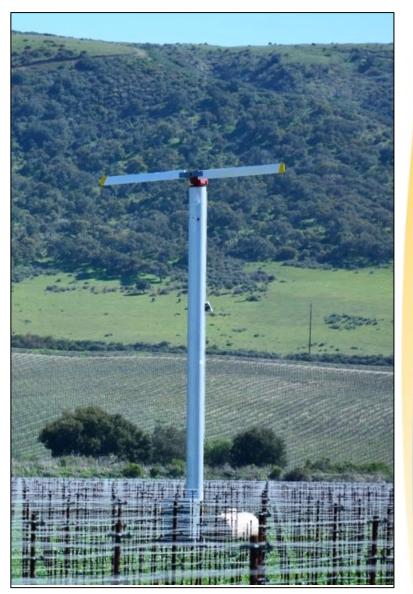
Example of a short-term assessment



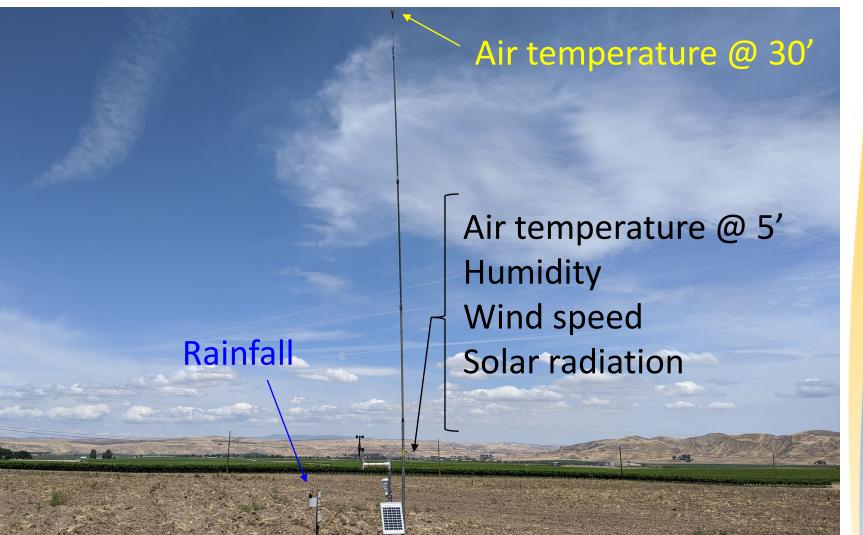
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Example of a short-term assessment





Example of a permanent network



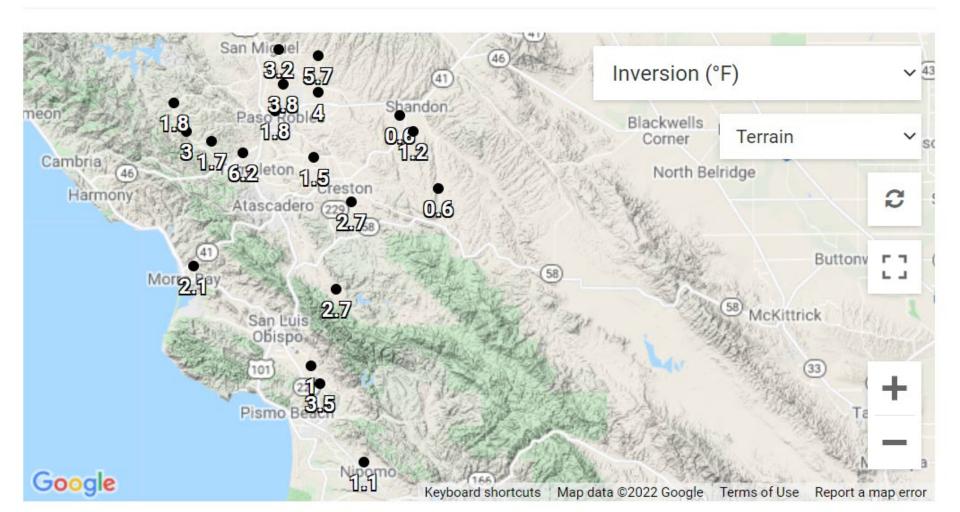
Example of a permanent network

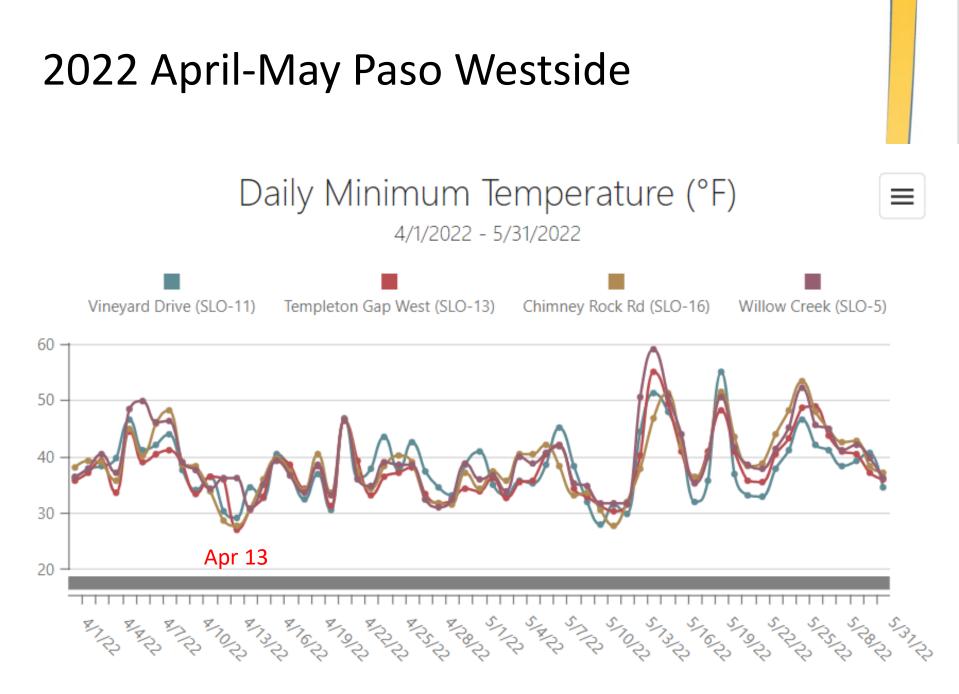
Latest Observations

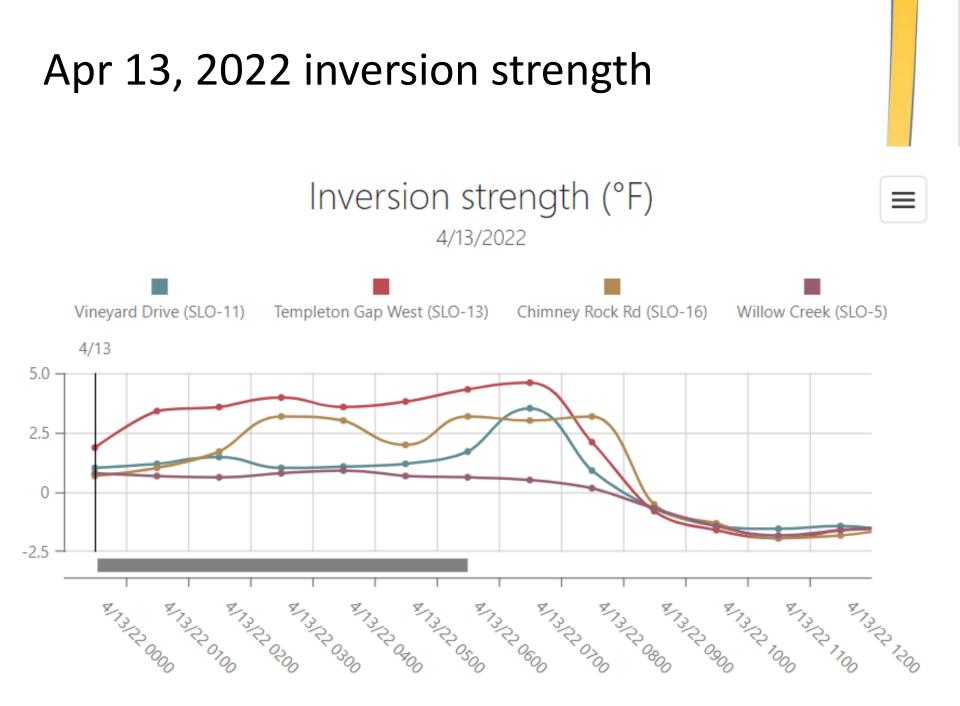
Map

15 Minute Data

as of 1/19/22 9:27 PM PST





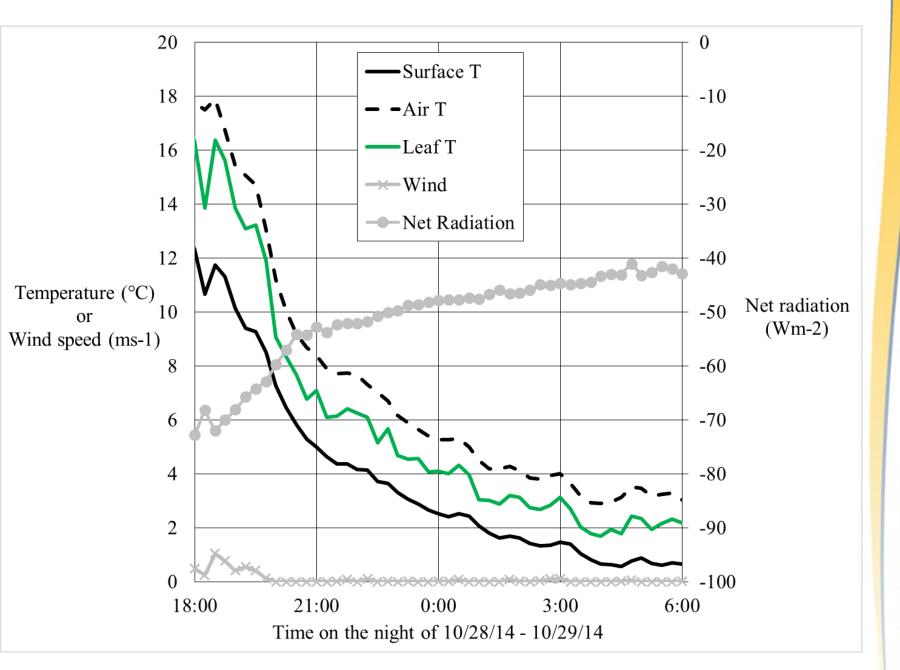


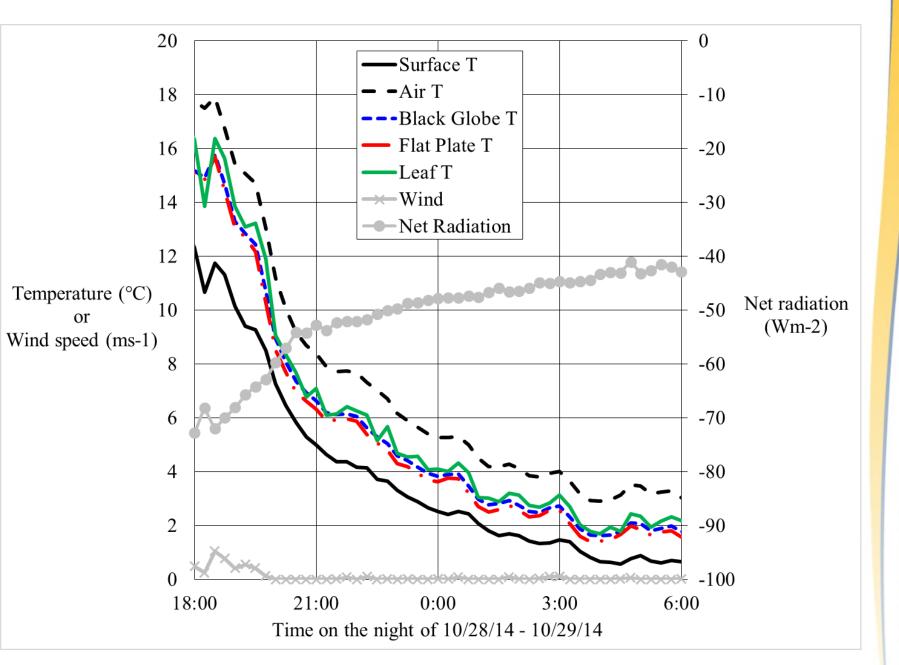
Wind machine types

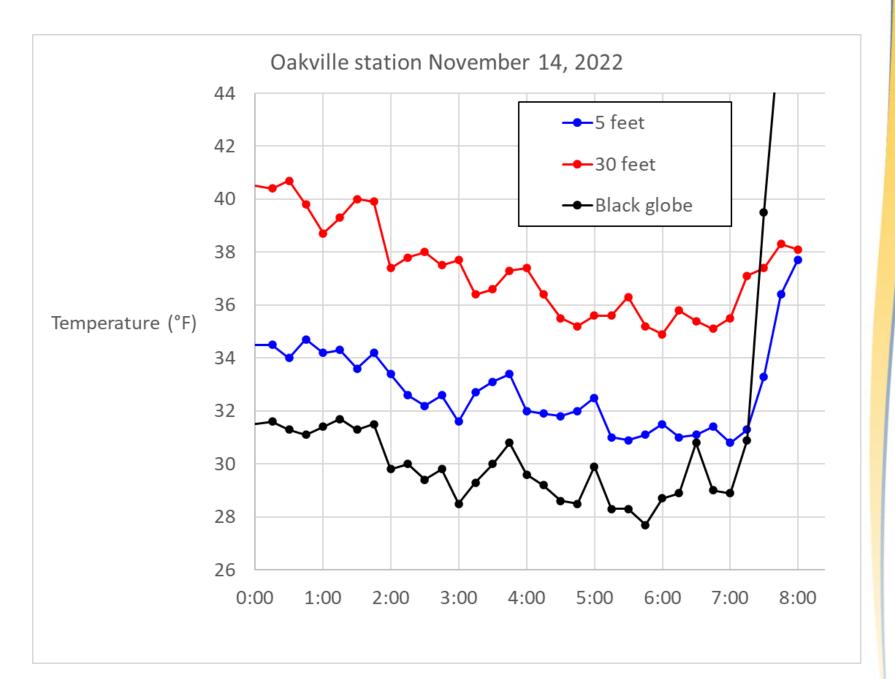












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SLO weather station network: https://ucce-slo.westernweathergroup.com/

Napa weather station:

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