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# Temperature

## Importance of temperature

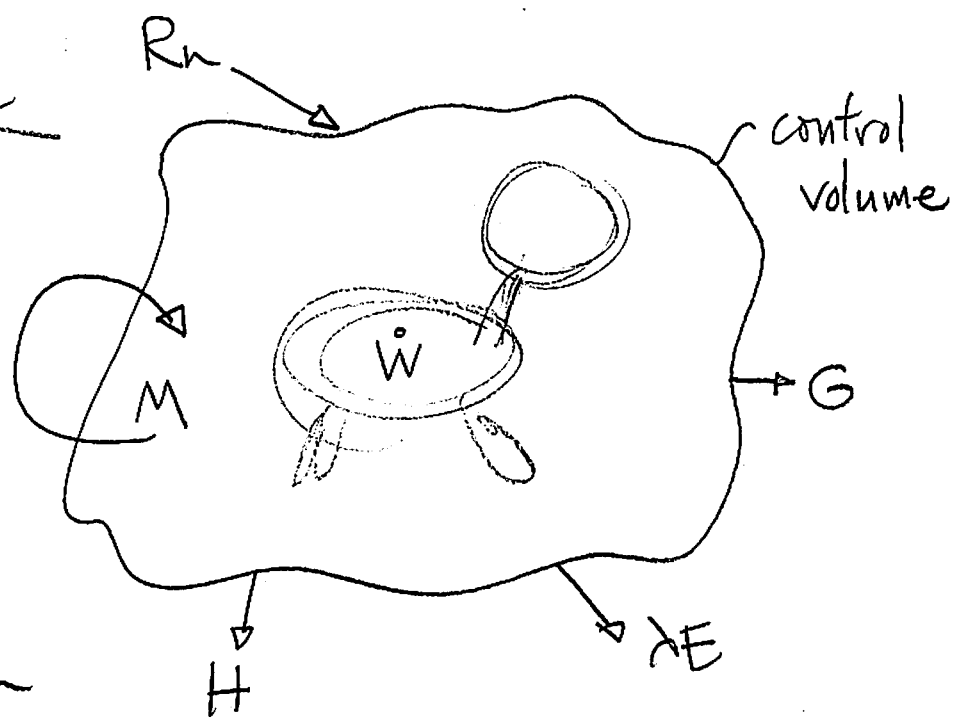
Consider an animal.  
We now know that

$$H = g(T_s - T_a)$$

Hence temperature plays an important role in the energy balance of an organism.

Other processes also depend on temperature...

e.g. biological activity, saturation water vapor pressure, ...



energy balance

$$R_n + M = \dot{W} + G + H + \lambda E$$

(inputs) = (storage + outputs)

## Definition of Temperature

Temperature is the measure of the average kinetic energy (KE) of the molecules of a substance. As molecular KE increases, temperature increases.

## Measures of Temperature

Temperature is measured in degrees Fahrenheit (°F), degrees Celsius (°C), or kelvin (K).

$$^{\circ}F = \frac{9}{5}(^{\circ}C) + 32 \quad , \quad K = (^{\circ}C) + 273.15$$

ask for reverse

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Diurnal Variation of Temperature near Earth's Surface

diurnal = variation over the course of a day <sup>ask</sup>

Have students in groups of 2 or 3 examine figures. Students list as many features as possible, and attempt to explain why features exist, or what causes them.

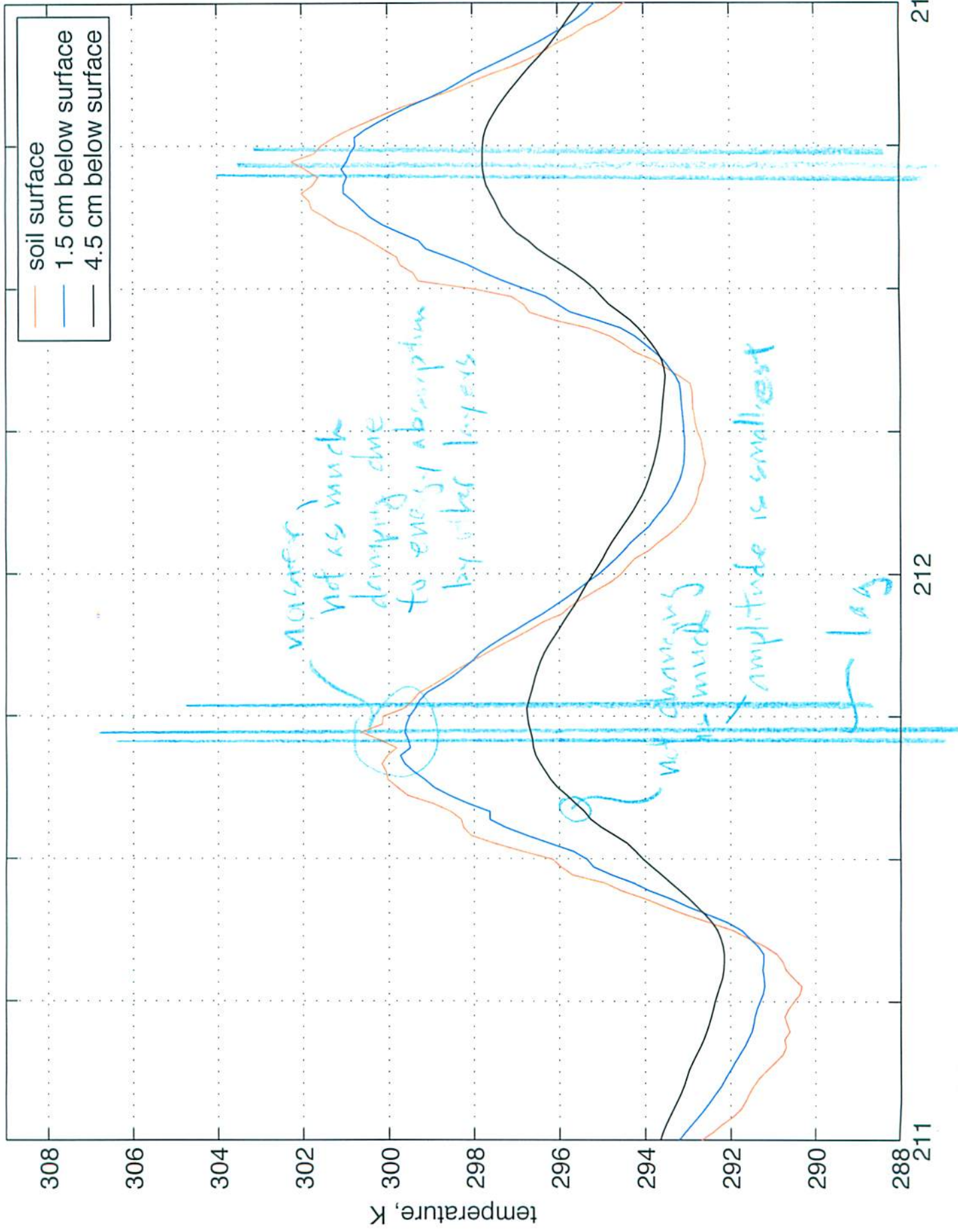
First explain/describe instruments that recorded data. Bring IVS temp sensors and air temp/rh probe, IR thermometer.

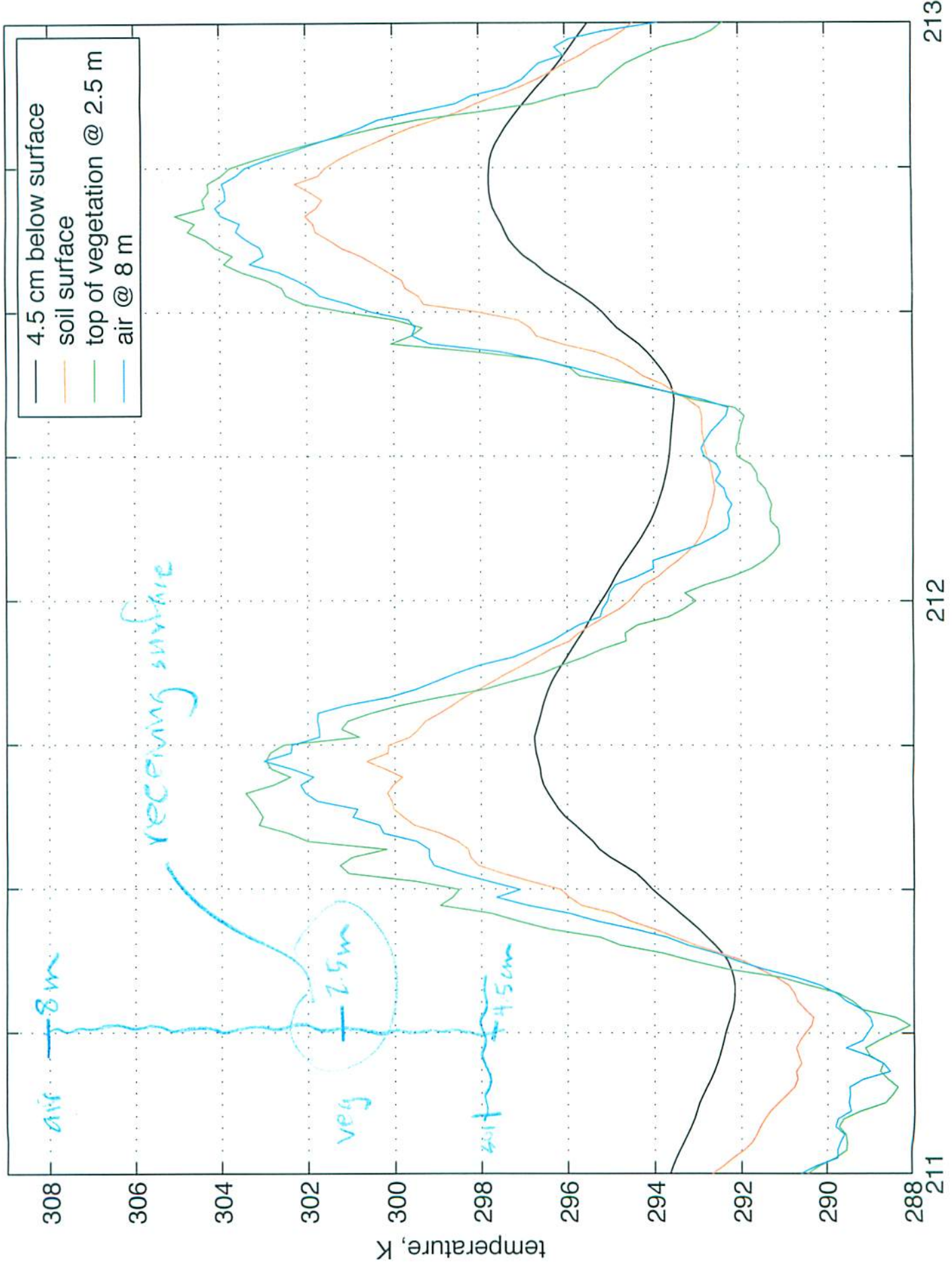
PSX  
soil surface  
1.5 cm below  
4.5 cm below

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air temp  
veg temp  
soil surface  
4.5 cm below

Some observations

- largest extremes at receiving surface for solar radiation
- diurnal change due to solar angle
- smooth curve for soil temp (damping), jagged
- change in amplitude and lag w/ distance away from receiving surface due to storage of energy and resistance to energy transfer (or finite conductance)
- change in amplitude occurs more quickly in soil → conduction in soil vs. conduction + convection in atmosphere
- amplitude decreases, lag increases as you move away from receiving surface





# Diurnal Variation of Temperature:

## Important Observations

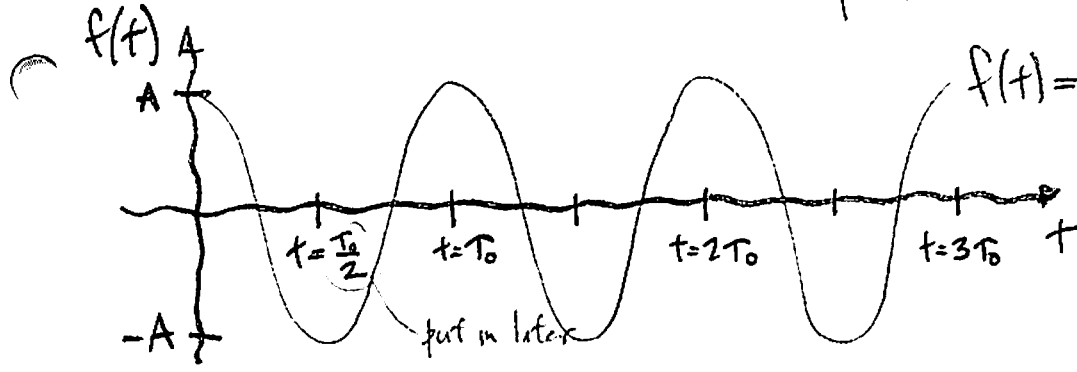
- \* amplitude of diurnal temperature change decreases as the distance from the surface receiving energy increases
- \* amplitude of diurnal temperature change decreases faster in the soil than in the atmosphere because the heat capacity of air is  $\sim 1000$  times smaller than soil heat capacity: less heat is stored by a layer of air between the energy receiving surface and an observation point in the atmosphere than in the layer in the soil, and consequently more of the energy is transferred through the air layer.
- \* time of maximum temperature at points away from energy-receiving surface lags the time of maximum temperature at the energy-receiving surface, and this lag is not as great in the atmosphere as in the soil because of the greater conductance of energy transfer in the atmosphere due to convective transport as compared to conductance via conduction in the soil.

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# Sinusoids

We will use sinusoids to model diurnal temperature change.

note



$$f(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t + \theta) \quad (1)$$

$\theta = 0$   
rad

$t$  = time,  $f(t)$  = function of time,  $A$  = amplitude,  
 $f_0$  = frequency = repetitions per second,  $\theta$  = phase

$360^\circ = 2\pi \text{ rad}$   
rad

$[t] = s$     $[f(t)] = [A]$     $[f_0] = \frac{1}{s} = \text{Hz}$     $[\theta] = \text{rad}$

We know  $\cos \phi = \cos(\phi + 2\pi n)$ ,  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$

The quantity  $(2\pi f_0 t + \theta)$  changes by  $2\pi$  when  $t$  changes by  $\frac{1}{f_0}$ .

$T_0 = \text{period} = \frac{1}{f_0} = \text{time it takes argument of (1) to change by } 2\pi$

Note:  $f(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t)$  when  $\theta = 0 \text{ rad}$ .

$f(t) = A \cos(2\pi f_0 t - \frac{\pi}{2}) = A \sin(2\pi f_0 t)$  when  $\theta = -\frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad}$ .

It is often convenient to use the angular frequency,  $\omega_0$ .

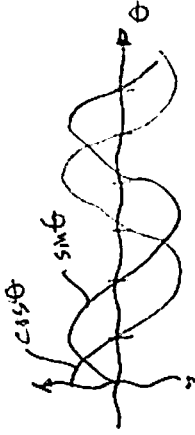
shifts function right, back in time

$\omega_0 = 2\pi f_0$ ,  $[\omega_0] = \frac{\text{rad}}{s} = \text{rad} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$  rad

Now (1) becomes

$$f(t) = A \cos(\omega_0 t + \theta)$$

and  $T_0 = \frac{1}{f_0} = \frac{1}{\frac{\omega_0}{2\pi}} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_0}$  rad



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## Annual Variations in Temperature

Use IEM to find daily average temperature for Shenandoah, Ames, and Waukon.

Note: variation with latitude, random variations, amplitude and phase, ...

## Temperature Variation Over Short Periods

Diurnal data shown earlier were 20-minute averages of temperature sampled every 10 seconds.

Over short periods of time random temperature variations dominate. These random variations cannot be predicted. Mean temperature and the variance can be modeled.

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## MATLAB demonstration

Data from IEM in m-file.