# Frost: prediction of minimum temperature for frost forecasting in agriculture

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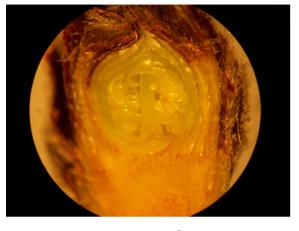








# ¿De dónde vienen los frutos?







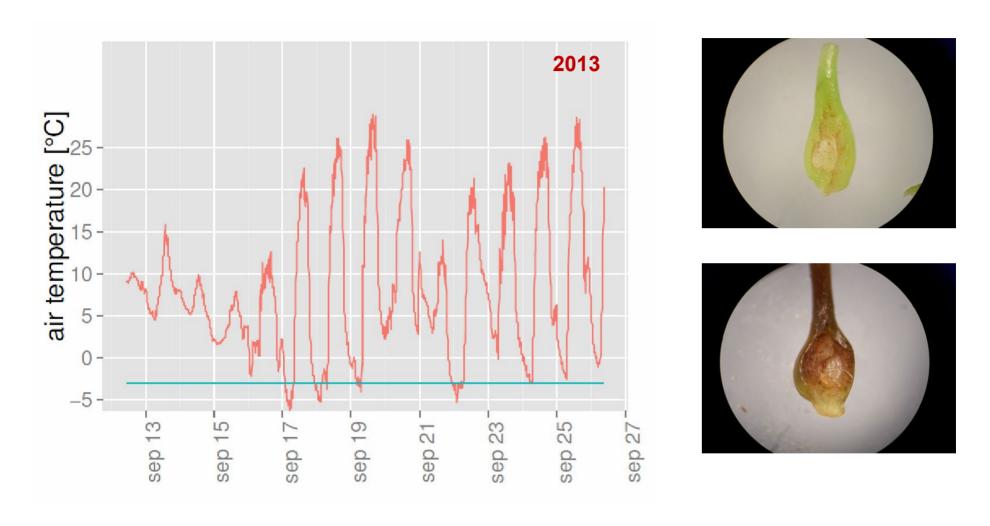
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Flor abierta



# A los cultivos no les agradan las heladas



2013 - 85% producción durazno perdida • 10,000 puestos de trabajos

### Combatir un evento de helada







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#### Casi 30 mil hectáreas afectadas por heladas

Se trata de un relevamiento estimativo hecho por la Provincia por las heladas que se registraron el mes pasado. La fruta de carozo es la más afectada.



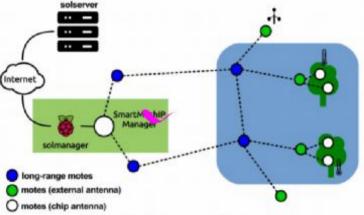
Hay muchas formas de combatir la helada, lo que es complicado es predecirla.

. PrEcision Agriculture through Climate researcH

 In parallel to sensor measurements. each device produces large amounts of network statistics Every 15min, each device produces

- · Packet counters
- · Charge consumed
- · Battery state
- · Neighbors heard
- · Neighbors communicating with
- · Link quality





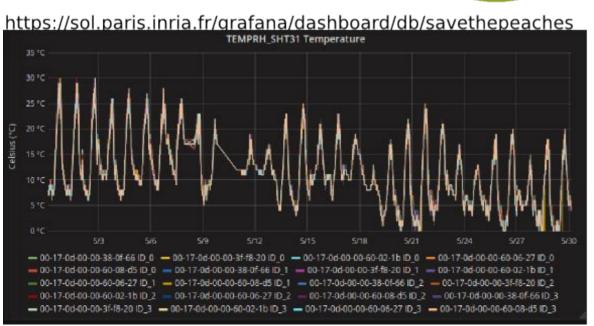
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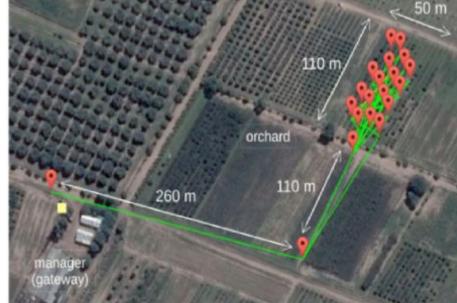
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The deployment architecture

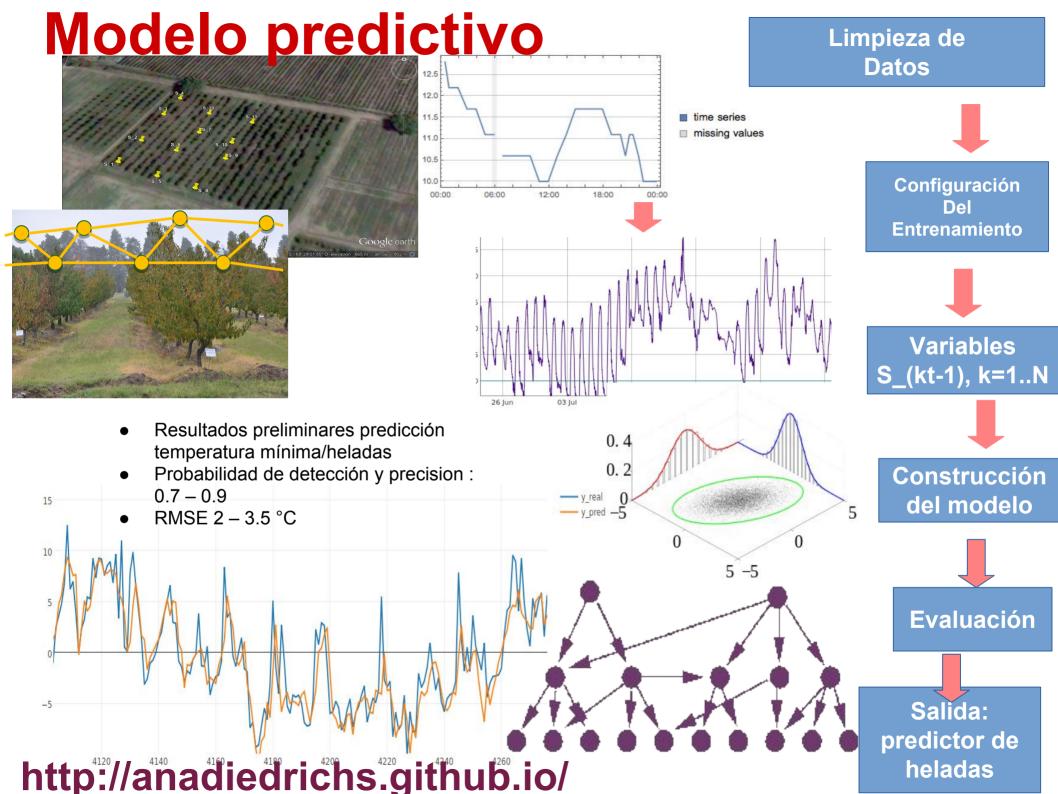








The nodes and wireless links of the PEACH deployment





# Fórmulas empíricas

$$T_{min} = T_w(t) - a T(t) - b$$
 $T_{min} = T_w(t) - \frac{1}{4} \times (T_d(t) + a)$ 
 $T_{min} = T_d(t) - a$ 
 $T_{min} = T_d(t) + ae(t) - b$ 
 $T_{min} = a T(t) + b T_d(t)$ 
 $T_{min} = a T(t) + b T_d(t) + c$ 

$$T_{min} = T_d(t) + a + bf(t) + cf^2(t)$$

$$T_{min} = T_d(t) - \frac{f - a}{4}$$

$$T_{min} = T_d(t) - \frac{f-a}{4} + Vd + Vh$$

Smith et al.: 1920.

Donnel: 1912.

Young: 1920.

Jefferson: 1951. m(x)] + e m(x)] + e m(x)] + f(v, n)McKenzie: (citado por

Angström: 1920, 1921,

1923.

Allen: 1957.

Pick: 1928.

Ueki: 1950.

Peatfield: 1937.

Flower y Davies: 1934

MacDonald: 1939.

(1)

Brunt: 
$$T(t_{\text{sunset}} + \Delta t) = T_{\text{sunset}} - 0.129 \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} R_{\text{L}} \uparrow \frac{\sqrt{K\Delta t}}{k}$$

where  $T_{\text{sunset}}$  is the temperature at sunset (°C),  $t_{\text{sunset}}$  the sunset time, K the soil thermal diffusion coefficient (m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>), k the soil thermal conductivity coefficient (W m<sup>-1</sup> °C<sup>-1</sup>),  $R_{\text{L}} \uparrow$  the long-wave radiation balance (positive if outgoing) (W m<sup>-2</sup>) and  $\Delta t$  is the time elapsed from sunset (h).

 $R_{\rm L}\uparrow$  in Brunt's equation has been calculated in two different ways (eqs. 2.1 and 2.2):

Brunt: 
$$R_{\rm L} \uparrow = \sigma T^4 (a_0 - b_0 \sqrt{e})(1 - ac) \quad (\text{W m}^{-2})$$
 (2.1)

Swinbank: 
$$R_{\rm L} \uparrow = 5.31 \times 10^{-13} \, T^6 \, (\text{W m}^{-2})$$
 (2.2)

where  $\sigma$  is the Stefan–Boltzmann constant (=5.671 × 10<sup>-8</sup> W m<sup>-2</sup> K<sup>-4</sup>), T the temperature (K),  $a_0$  and  $b_0$  are the constants, respectively = 0.526 and 0.0065, a the constant depending on cloud type, c the sky cover (in 10ths) and e is the vapour pressure (Pa):

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build passing

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#### https://github.com/anadiedrichs/frost

#### Description

This package contains a compilation of empirical methods used by farmers and agronomic engineers to predict the minimum temperature to detect a frost event.

These functions use variables such as environmental temperature, relative humidity, and dew point.

#### Installation

If you don't have package devtools installed, run the following commands.

install.packages("devtools")

library(devtools)

To install the package from the GitHub repo, run

install\_github("anadiedrichs/frost")



#### How to cite this package

```
> citation("frost")
```

To cite package 'frost' in publications use:

Ana Laura Diedrichs (2018). frost: Prediction of minimum temperature for frost forecasting in agriculture. R package version 0.0.2. https://github.com/anadiedrichs/frost

A BibTeX entry for LaTeX users is

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#### Temperature conversions

Most of the predictive methods use temperature in degree Celsius, so maybe you want to convert your temperature values to this unit. You can use the method convert temperature to achieve this, and convert from/to Kelvin (K), Fahrenheit (F) or Celcius (C).

```
library(frost)

convert.temperature(from="K", to="C",350)

#> [1] 76.85

cels <- convert.temperature(from="F",to="C",c(120,80,134,110)))

k <- convert.temperature(from="C", to="K",cels)</pre>
```

#### Dew point estimation

Given that several methods used dew point as an input variable, this package provides methods to estimate the dew point (in Celsius degree) given ambient temperature and relative humidity.

```
library(frost)

temp <- 25
rh <- 54

calcDewPoint(rh,temp,mode="A")
#> [1] 14.99222
calcDewPoint(rh,temp,mode="B")
#> [1] 24.07111
calcDewPoint(rh,temp,mode="C")
#> [1] 15.04884
```

#### Empirical formula used in Mendoza

The empirical formula for estimating the minimum temperature is  $T_{min} = \frac{T_{max} + T_{dew}}{2} - K$ . For calculating K, we call

buildMdz function. Then for prediction we use predMdz.

```
# just an example

dw <- c(-2,-5,2,6,8)

tempMax <- c(10,20,30,25,29)

tmin <- c(-1,-2,3,5,10)

out <- buildMdz(dw,tempMax,tmin)

print(out)

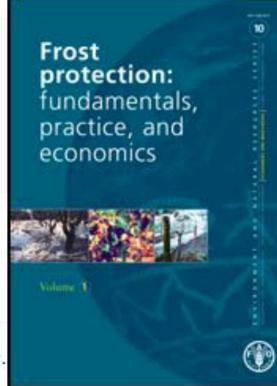
#> $model
```

#### Prediction of minimum temperature

#### FAO approach

The empirical formula for estimating the minimum temperature is  $T_{min} = a * T + b * T_{dew} + c$ . coefficientes a, b and c we call buildFAO (dw, temp, tmin).

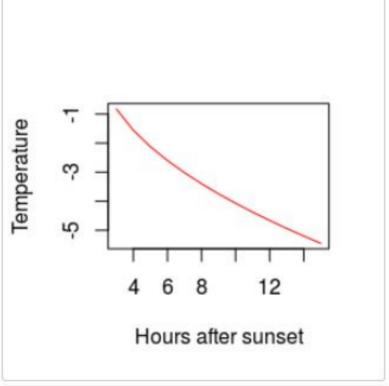
```
library(frost)
# We create random data
x1 <- rnorm(100, mean=2, sd=5)
x2 <- rnorm(100, mean=1, sd=3)
y <- rnorm(100, mean=0, sd=2)
buildFAO(dw = x2, temp=x1, tmin=y)
#> $a
#> [1] -0.01026935
#>
#> Sb
```

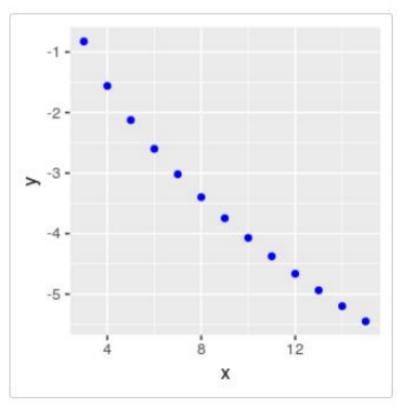


We can use the output of plotTrend to plot using other libraries such as ggplot2.

```
library(frost)
var <- getTrend(Tmin = -5.45,t2 = 0.95,n = 15) # in °C degress
require(ggplot2)
#> Loading required package: ggplot2
# just plotting points
ggplot(var,aes(x=x,y=y)) + geom_point(color="blue")
# add trend line
ggplot(var,aes(x=x,y=y)) + geom_point() + geom_smooth(color="red")
#> 'geom_smooth()' using method = 'loess' and formula 'y ~ x'
```









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