Evaluating Temperature Data

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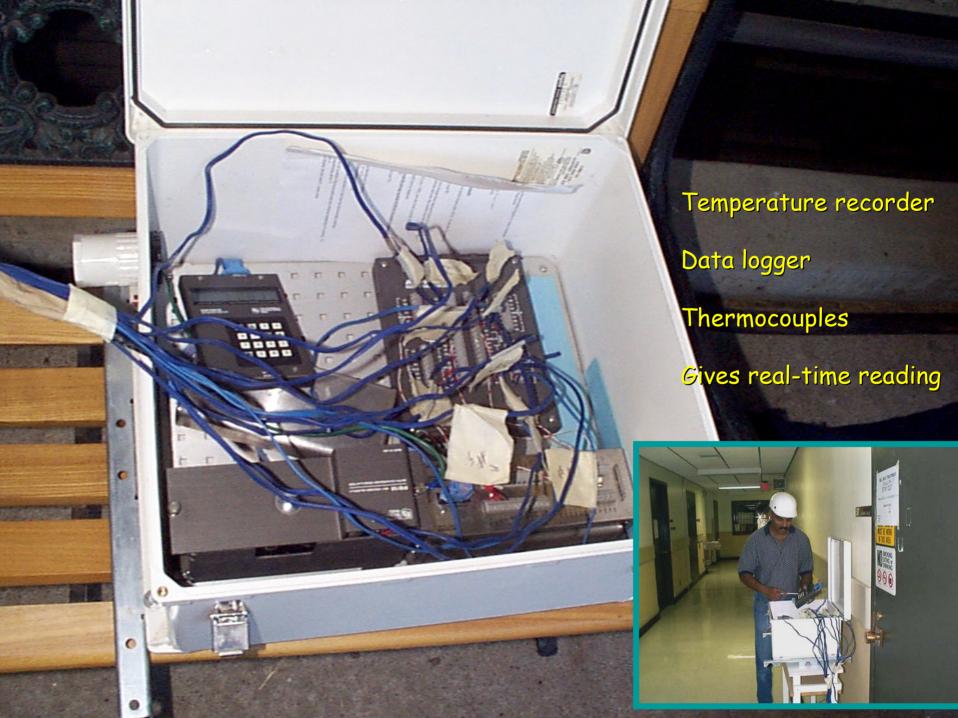
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Importance of Measuring Temperatures

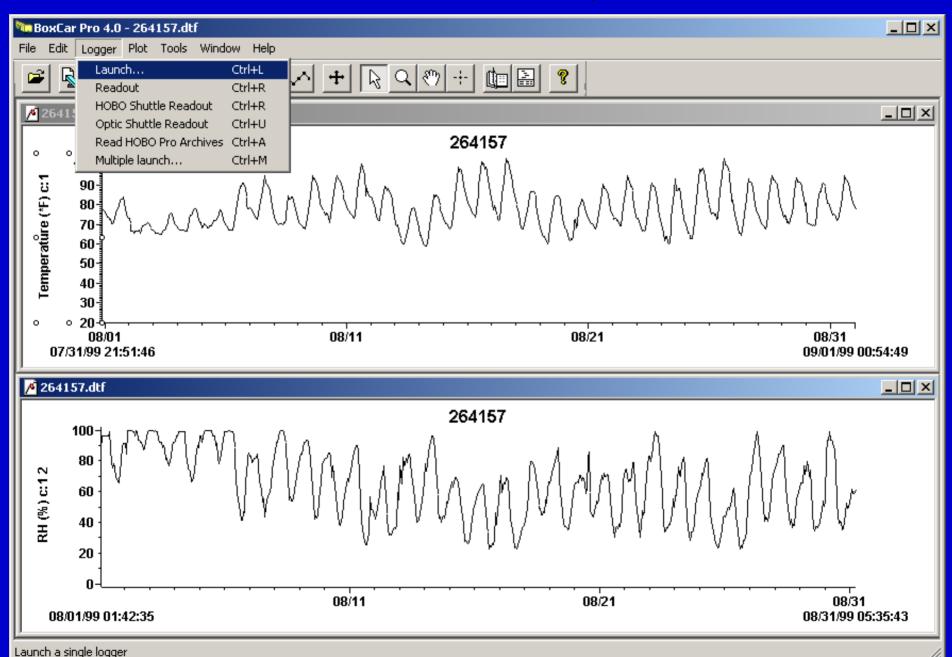
- Determine rate of heating
- · Determine uniformity of heating
 - Take corrective action
 - Regulate heat input and distribution
- Determine rate of cool down
- Determine if minimum temperature-time combinations have been attained to kill insect species and stages
- Protect heat sensitive equipment
- Estimate heat treatment costs

Measurement Devices





Boxcar Pro Software

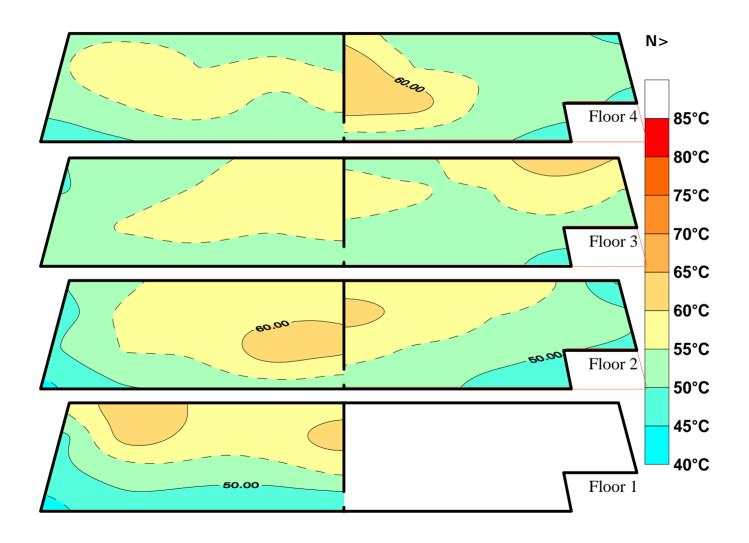




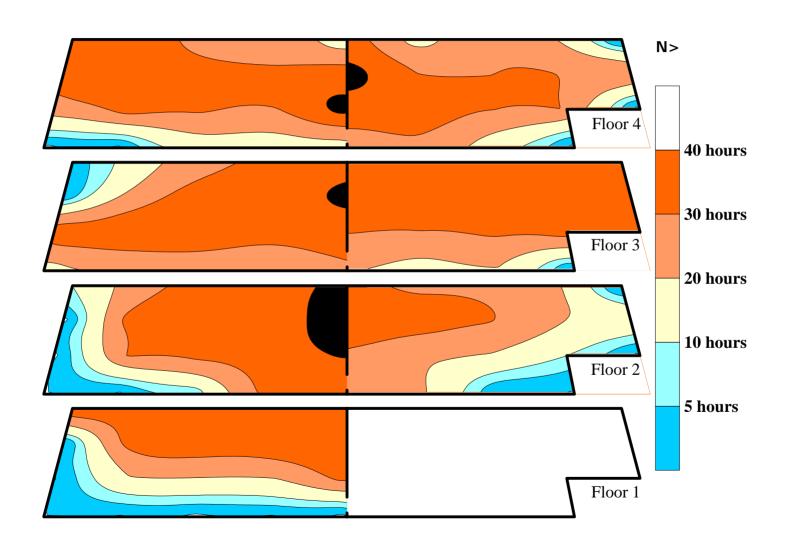
Batteries should be protected from heat



Maximum temperature attained at floor level during heat treatment in August, 1999



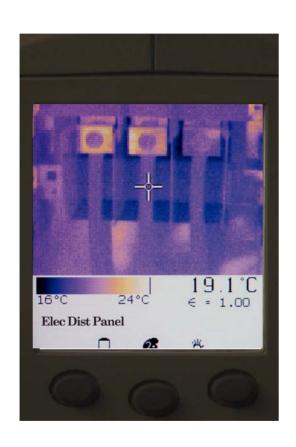
The length of time floor temperatures were above $50^{\circ}C$ during a heat treatment in August, 1999



Wireless Devices

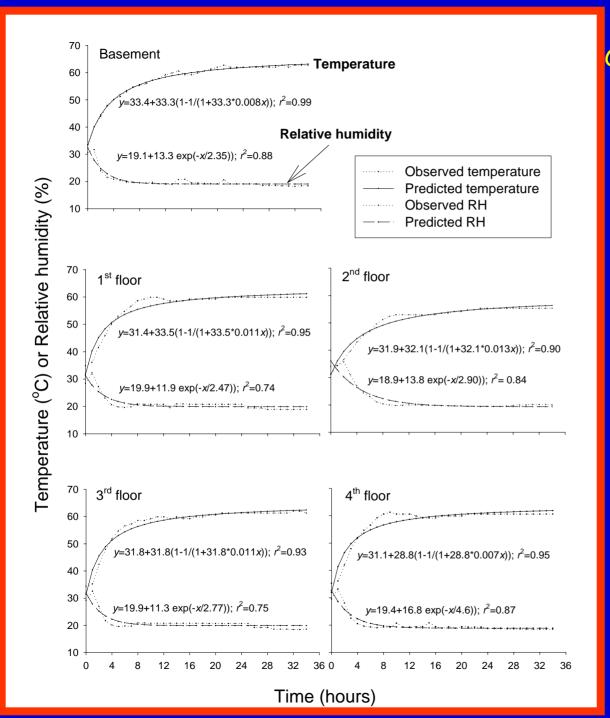
- Radio frequency
- Transmitter
- Receiver
- · Gives real time reading

Thermal Imager





Surface temperature vs radiant energy



Observed and fitted lines to temperature and RH data

August 4-6 gas heat treatment Feed mill, KSU

| Location | Hours to reach 50°C | Hours above 50°C | Maximum temperature (°C) |
|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Basement | 4-4.3 | 31.7-32 | 71.7 |
| 1st floor | 1.5-3.2 | 32.8-34.5 | 63.9 |
| 2 nd floor | 2.1-2.4 | 33.6-33.9 | 70.7 |
| 3 rd floor | 3.1-3.4 | 32.6-32.9 | 70 |
| 4 th floor | 7.2-8 | 28-28.8 | 64.4 |
| Warehouse | 1.3-2.3 | 33.7-34.7 | 65.6 |

Heater discharge: 62.8-104.4°C. Outside: 22.2-24.4°C. Mill: 28.3-30.6°C.

Bottomline

- Heat works!
- · Minimum temperature, 50°C or 122°F
- · Time, variable
 - Time of year (winter vs summer)
 - Spot or whole building
 - Insect species and stage