

Comparison of Infrasound Wind Noise Reduction Systems for Use in Temporary Deployments



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1. Background
2. Noise Reduction Methods for Permanent Stations
3. Experiment Setup
4. Methods
5. Results and Discussion
6. Conclusions
7. Future Implementation

Turbulence within the atmosphere (wind) generates noise within frequency band of interest.

Infrasound sensors measure pressure fluctuations,

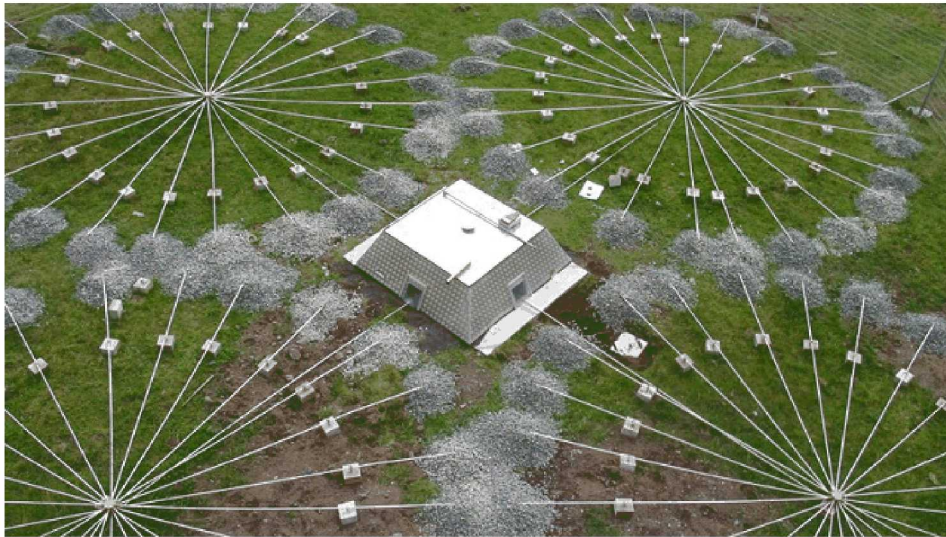
- Pressure fluctuations scale with the ambient density and velocity fluctuations of ground winds:

$$\delta p \sim \rho v \delta v$$

Reducing the wind velocity reduces its impact on the signals recorded at the sensor.

- Extensive studies done for permanent deployments
- Anecdotal evidence for temporary deployments

IMS WIND NOISE REDUCTION SYSTEMS



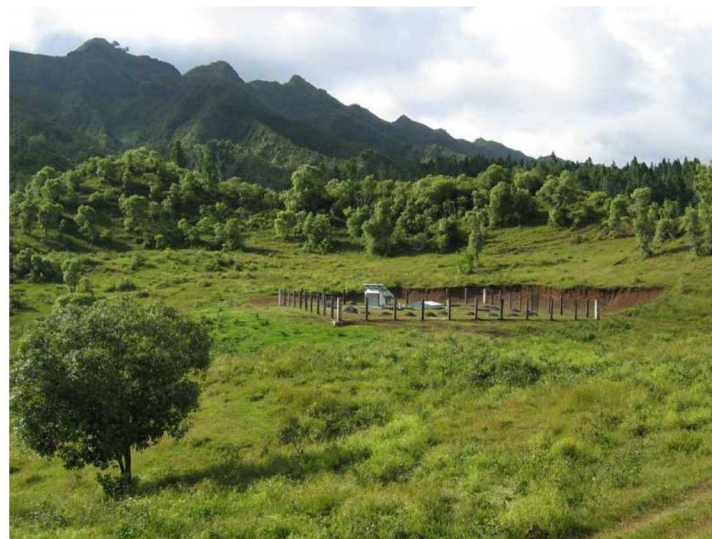
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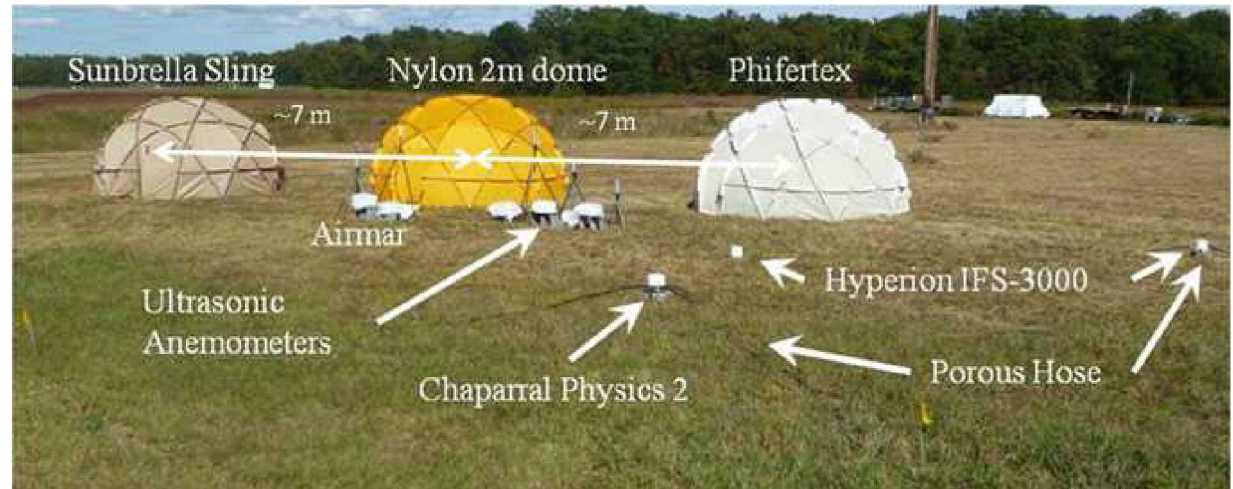


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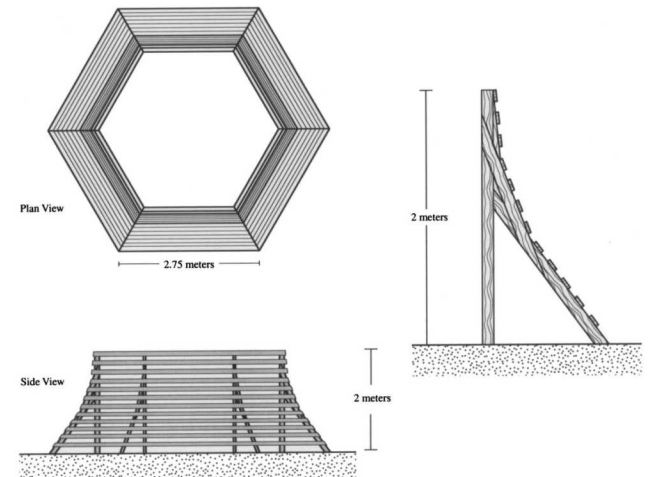
OTHER SYSTEMS FOR WIND NOISE REDUCTION



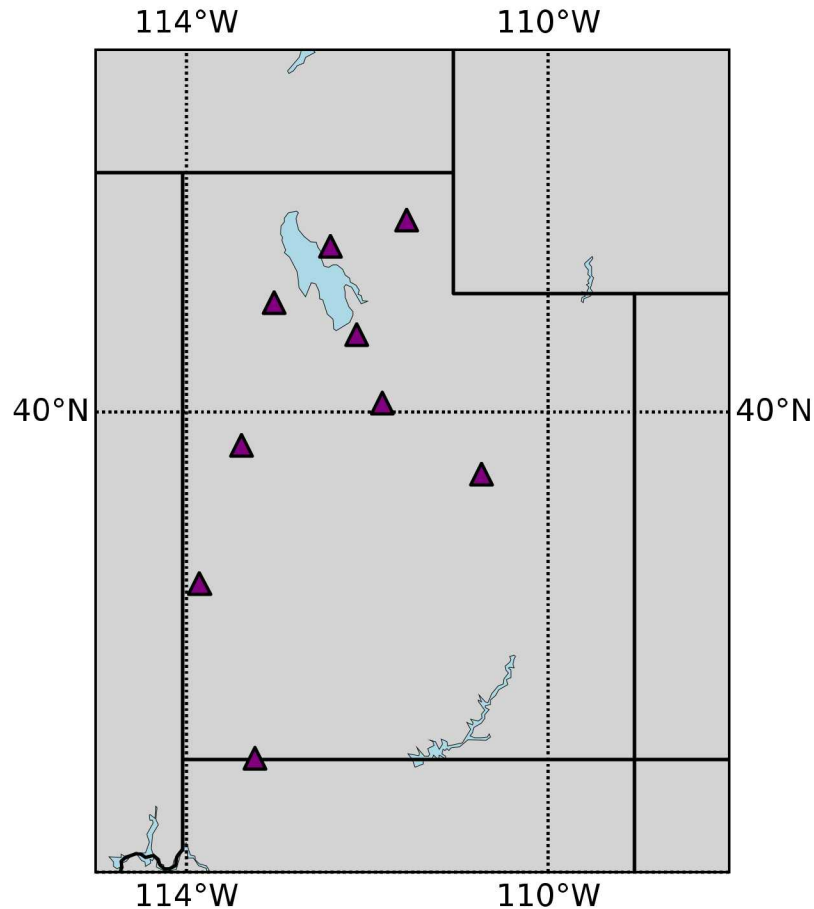
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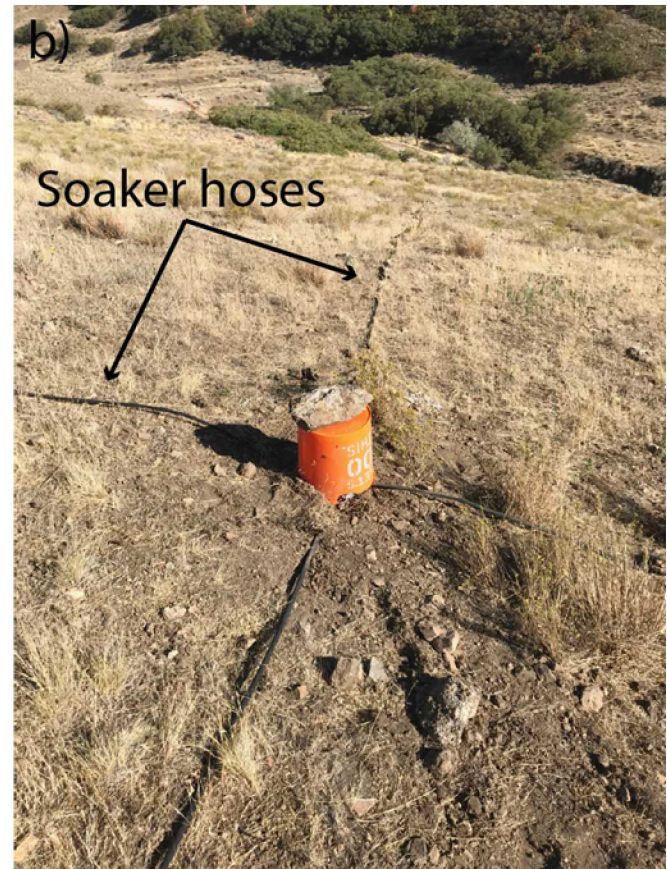
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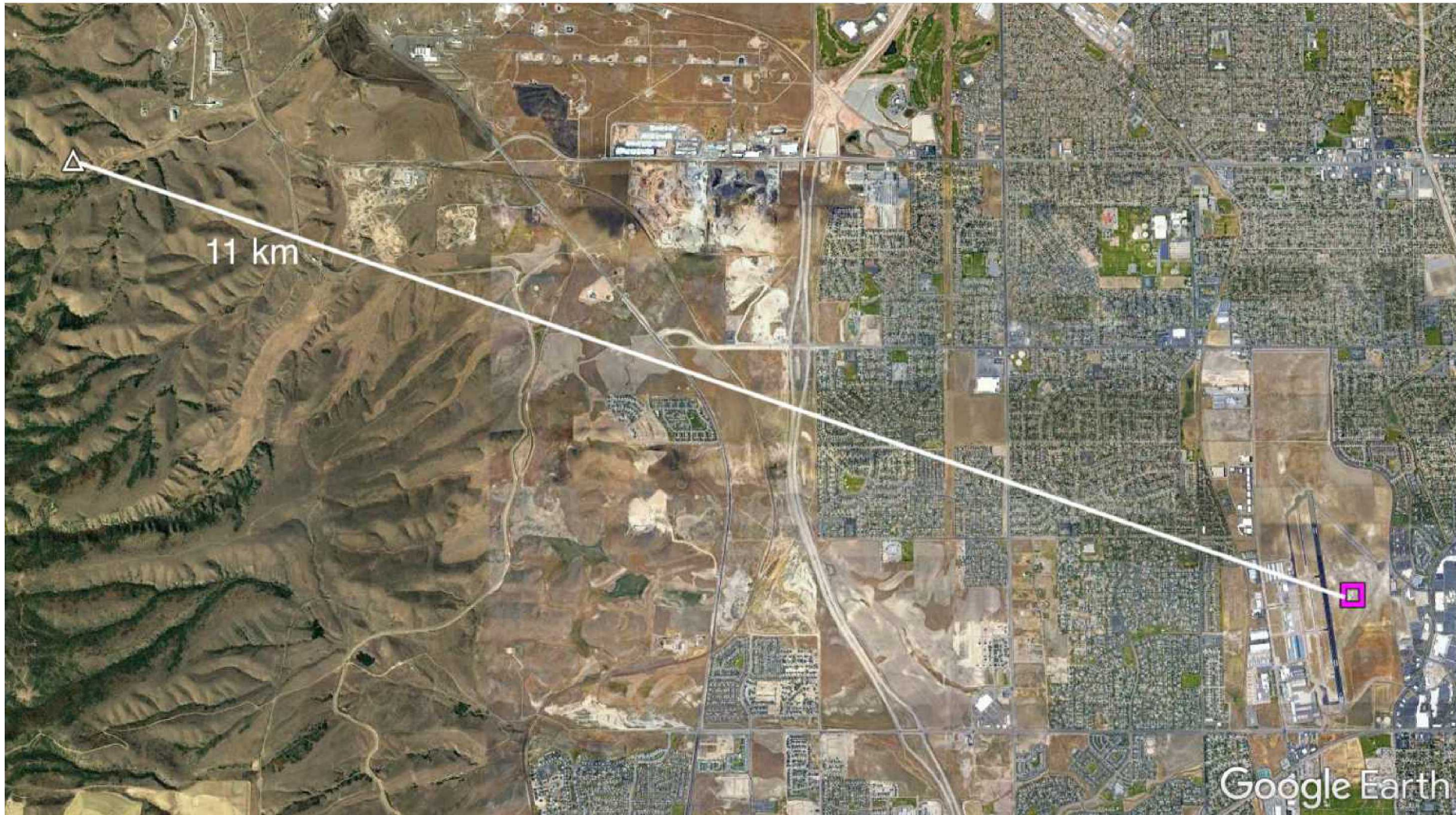
Need to replace/augment the infrasound arrays in Utah for a temporary (5 year) deployment.

What is the best wind noise reduction system to use overall?

How do smaller footprint systems compare?










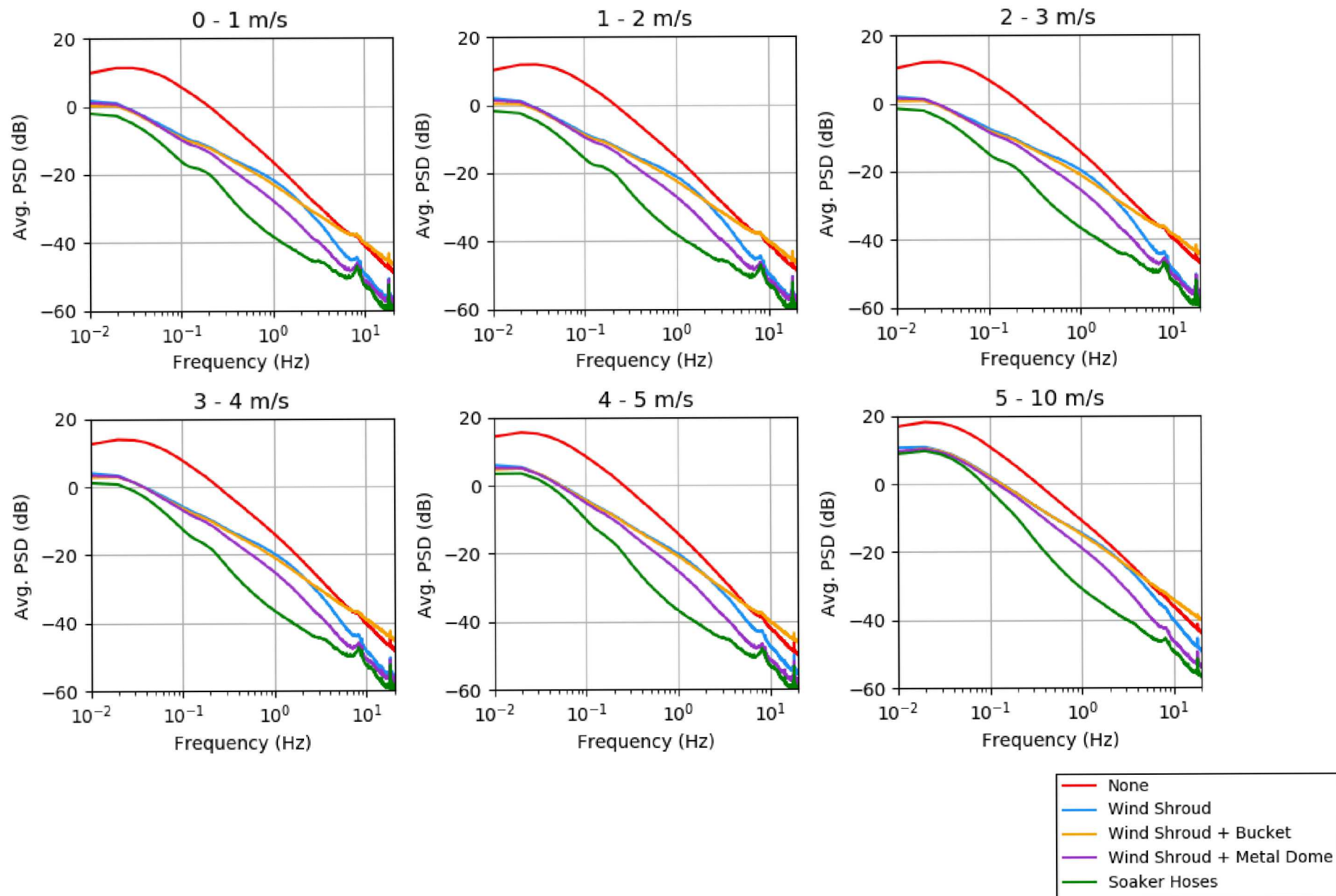
1. Reference
2. Hyperion HF shroud
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4. Hyperion HF shroud + metal mesh dome
5. Hyperion HF shroud + bucket
6. Hyperion Four Port Garden Hose shroud + 4 Miracle-Gro Soaker System hoses



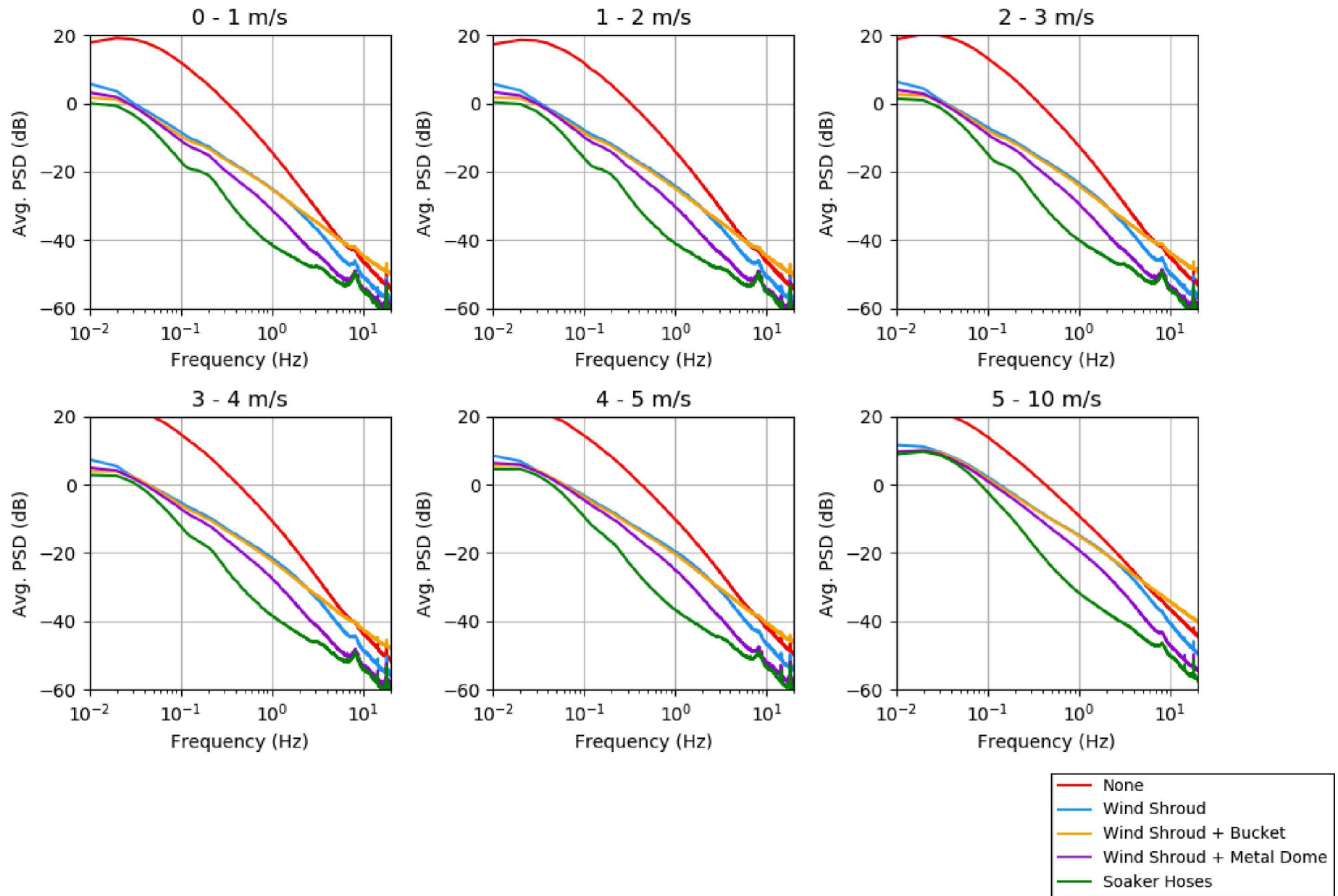
1. Wind speed intervals: 1 m/s increments up to 5m/s and 5-10 m/s
2. PSDs calculated for 20 s time window
 - Hann window with 50% overlap
3. Average PSD taken for each wind speed interval
4. Noise reduction calculated from reference

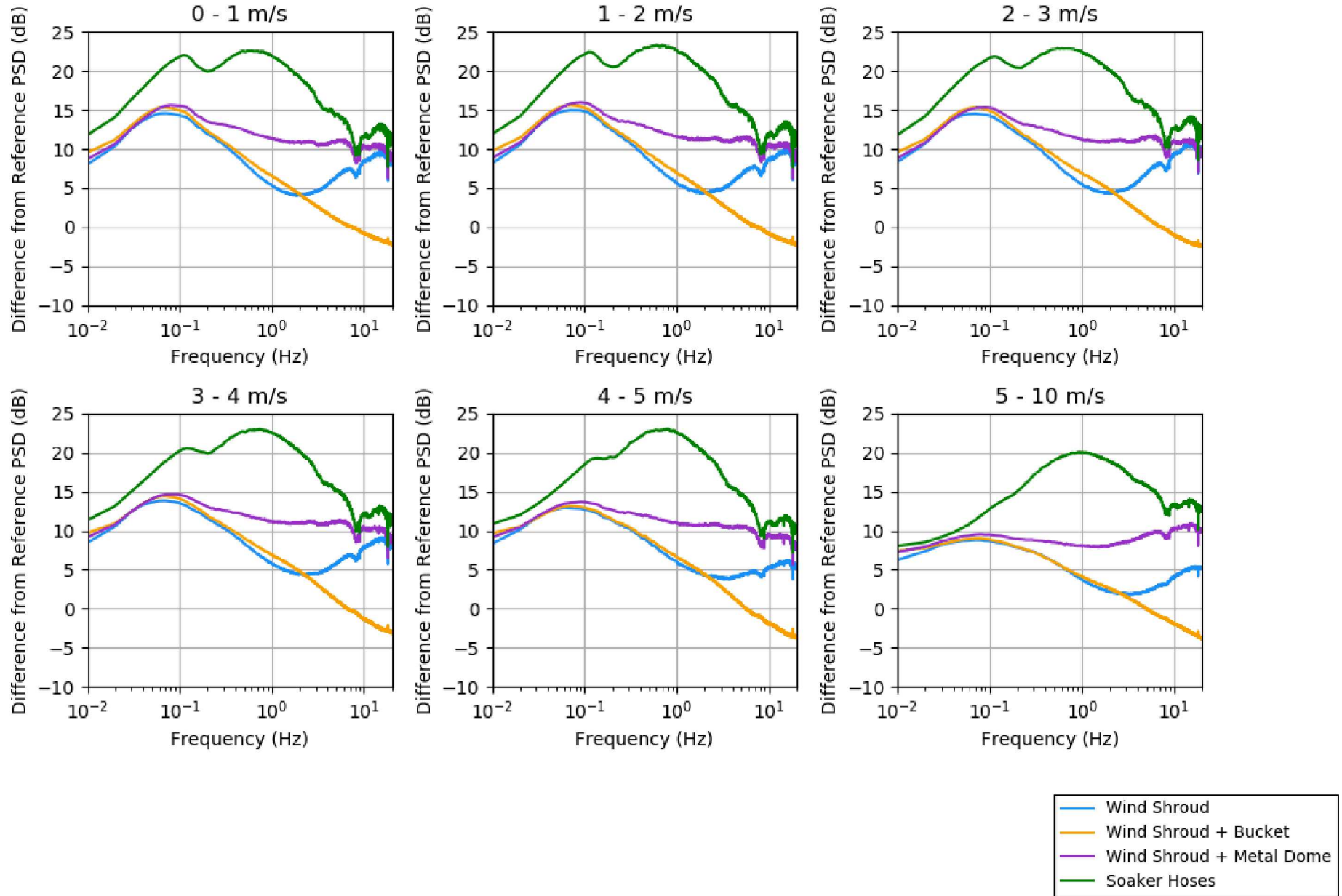
BEAUFORT SCALE

Force		Anemometer reading				Description		Effect on kite
		mph	kmh	m/s	knts			
0		0-1	<1	<0.3	0-1	Calm; smoke rises vertically.	Calm	Launch frustration
1		1-3	1-5	0.3-1.5	1-3	Direction of wind shown by smoke drift, but not by wind vane.	Light air	Very large lightweight deltas, Rokkaku etc. may fly on a light line
2		4-7	6-11	1.5-3.3	4-6	Wind felt on face; leaves rustle; ordinary vanes moved.	Light Breeze	Sutton #30 lofts 650g at 3.5mph
3		8-12	12-19	3.3-5.5	7-10	Leaves and small twigs in constant motion; wind extends light flag.	Gentle Breeze	Drogue needed on Flowform kites
4		13-18	20-28	5.5-8.0	11-16	Raises dust and loose paper; small branches are moved.	Moderate Breeze	
5		19-24	29-38	8.0-10.8	17-21	Small trees in leaf begin to sway; crested wavelets form on inland waters.	Fresh Breeze	Reduce kite size increase line weight & drogue size
6		25-31	39-49	10.8-13.9	22-27	Large branches in motion; whistling heard in telegraph.	Strong Breeze	



RESULTS – NIGHT ONLY

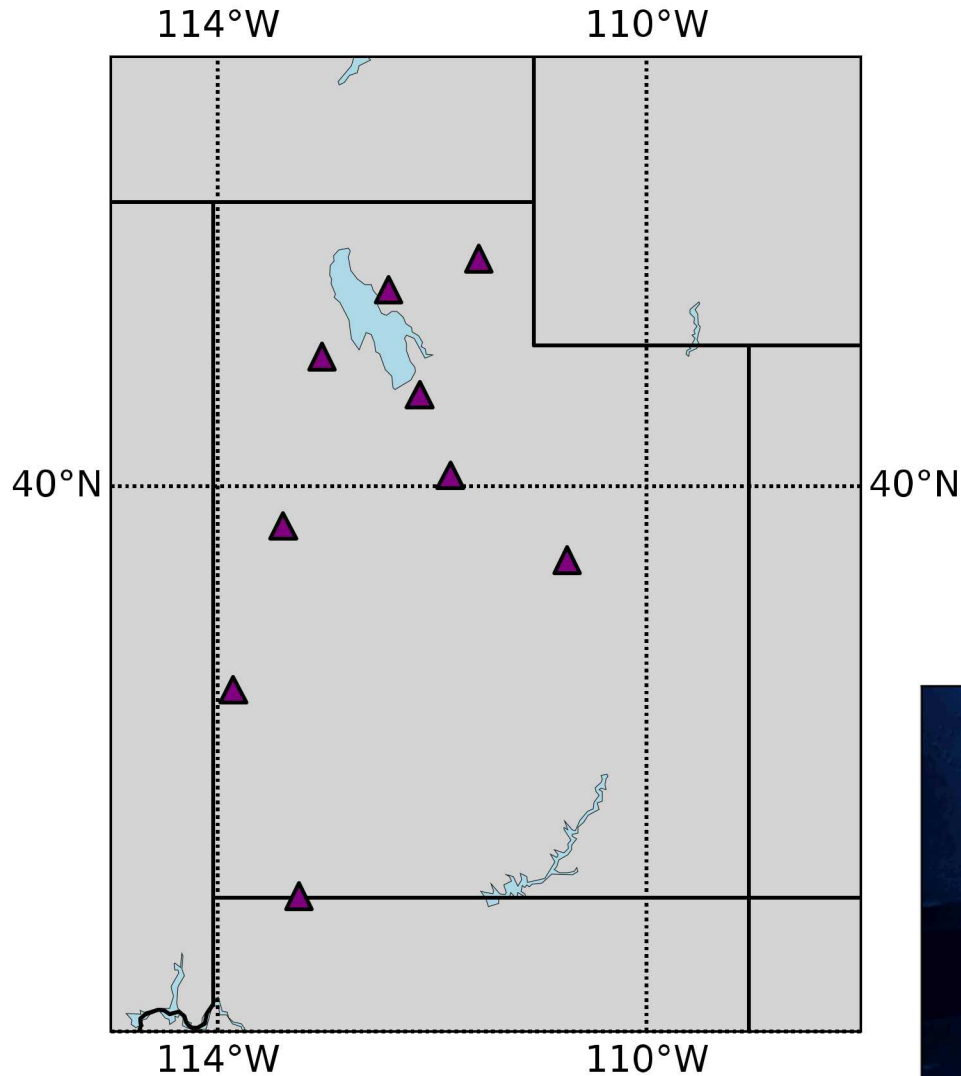




Final Standing:

1. Hyperion Four Port Garden Hose shroud + 4 Miracle-Gro Soaker System hoses
2. Hyperion HF shroud + metal mesh dome
3. Hyperion HF shroud
4. Hyperion HF shroud + bucket (not recommended)

Station Characteristics	Wind Noise Reduction System Recommended
Low-lying vegetation, ≥ 30 m space	Hyperion Four Port Garden Hose shroud + 4 Miracle-Gro Soaker System hoses
Low-lying vegetation, ≤ 30 m space	Hyperion HF shroud + metal mesh dome
Dense vegetation, ≥ 30 m space	Hyperion Four Port Garden Hose shroud + 4 Miracle-Gro Soaker System hoses OR Hyperion HF shroud + metal mesh dome
Dense vegetation, ≤ 30 m space	Hyperion HF shroud + metal mesh dome
On top of a steep slope	Hyperion Four Port Garden Hose shroud + 4 Miracle-Gro Soaker System hoses
Expecting high SNR signals	Hyperion HF shroud or anything better



Sources of infrasound:

1. Earthquakes
2. Mining explosions
3. Mine collapse
4. Aircraft

