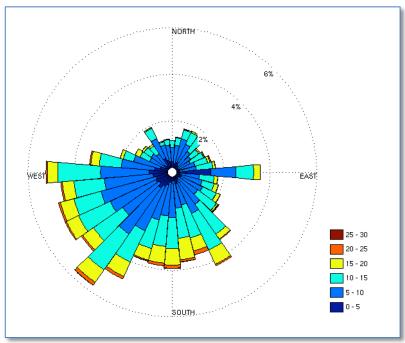
An Historical Hourly Climate Database and its Value-Added Resource Potential





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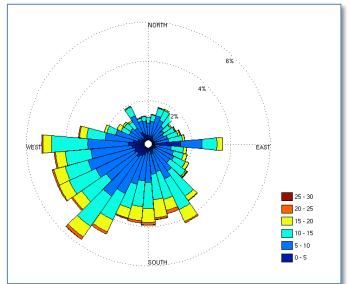
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Stakeholder Demand

- Atmospheric moisture climatology
 - Dew point temperature
 - Relative humidity
- Winds
 - Speed
 - Direction
 - Gusts
- Derived
 - Wind chill
 - Heat Index









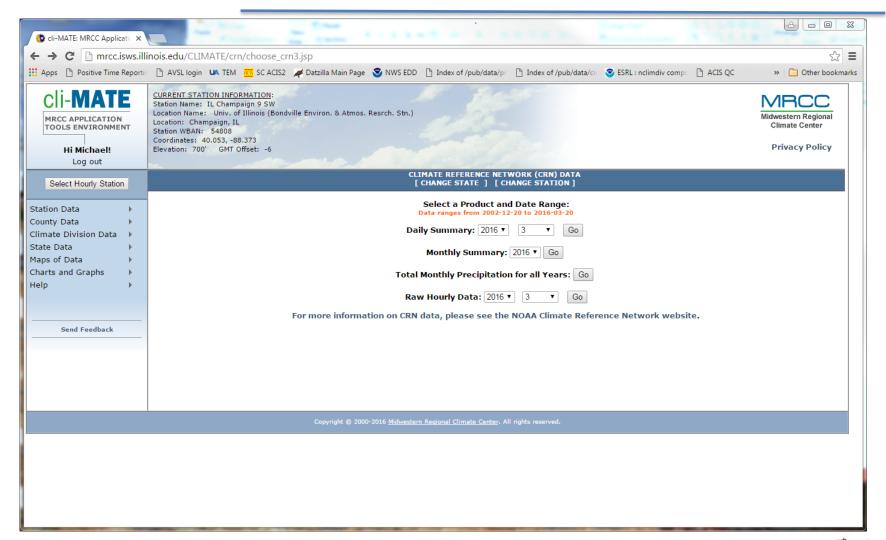
What Most RCCs have

- Existing hourly data at MRCC
 - Climate Reference Network (CRN)
 - METAR
 - QCLCD
- Available in cli-MATE (MRCC Application Tools Environment)
- Stored on internal SQL database





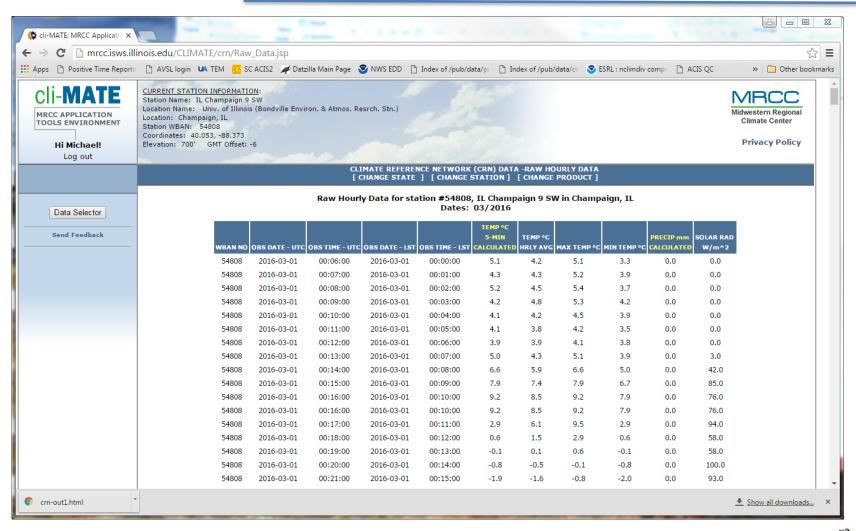
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Challenge

- Internal (MRCC) storage inconsistencies across RCCs
- Clunky for custom tool development
- Complicated metadata
 - Sub-hourly
 - Changing over time (e.g., winds, moisture)
- Proprietary datasets





Opportunity

- Existing hourly at WRCC
 - Missing data for recent years**
 - Organized by data networks
 - Federal
 - State
 - Local
 - Research
 - Proprietary
 - Password protection option
 - Multiple value-added tools developed
 - Simple design
- Plan to integrate web service calls
- Solution: MRCC & WRCC team up = synched hourly database with WS potential



Progress so far...

- MRCC backfilled missing hourly data
- Servers set up at MRCC & WRCC to synchronize data
- Data lister developed to access historical data from database
 - Password protection setup for proprietary datasets

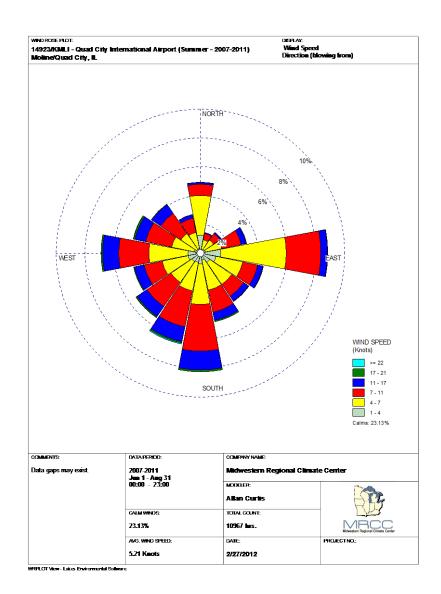




- Wind rose interface
- Advancement to the MRCC ReMAPP (Regional Mesoscale Application Partners Project) and MMC (Midwest Mesonet Consortium) online program
- Integration with MRCC VIP hourly products (duration of freeze events; chilling hours)

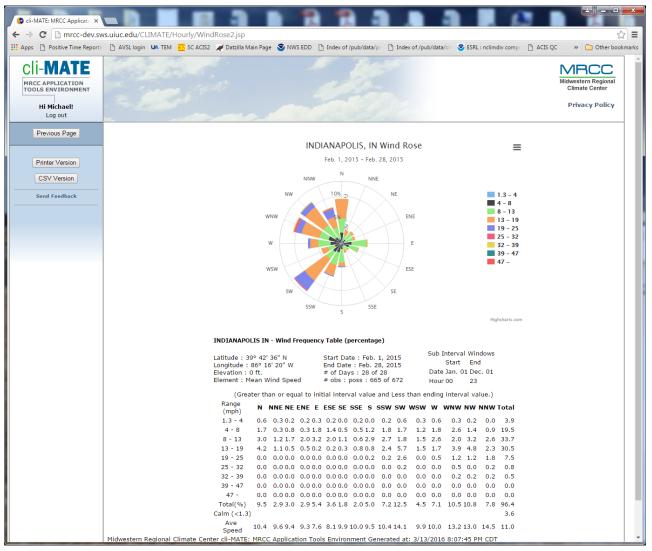






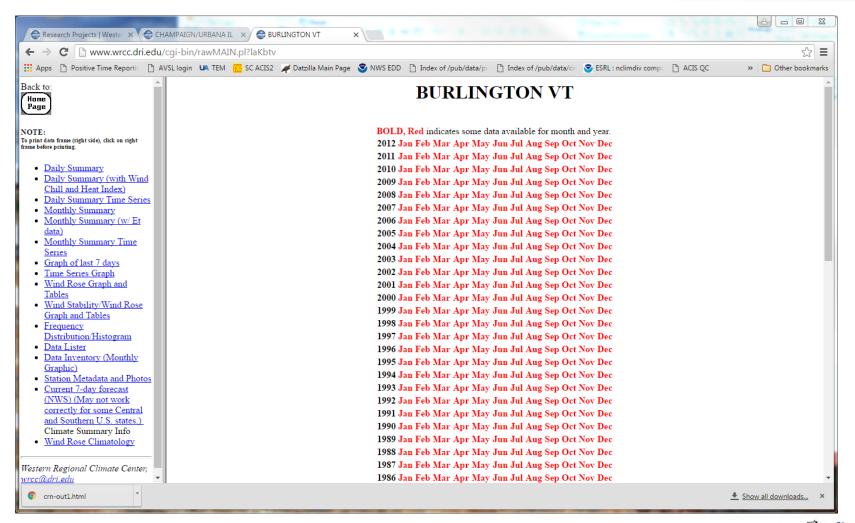






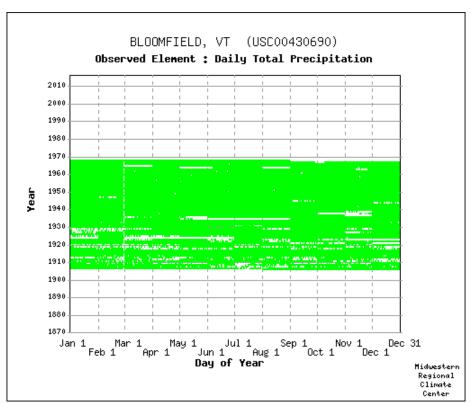


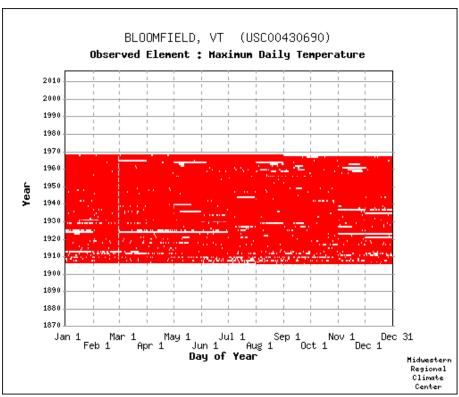






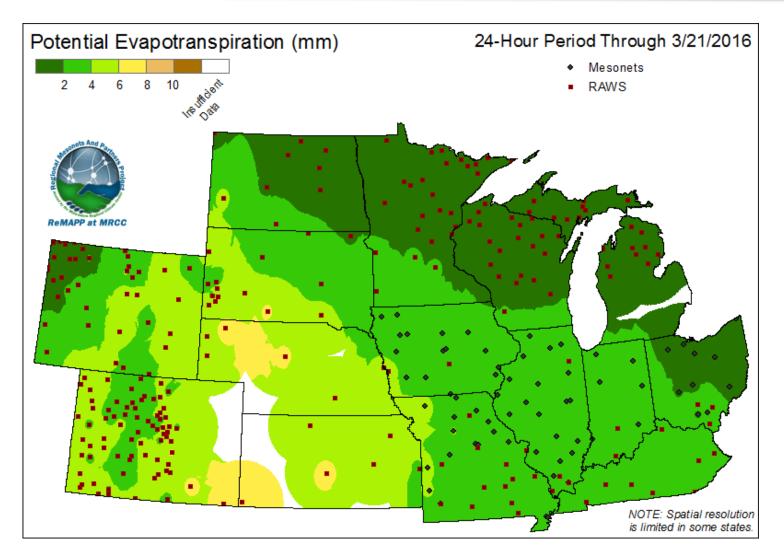






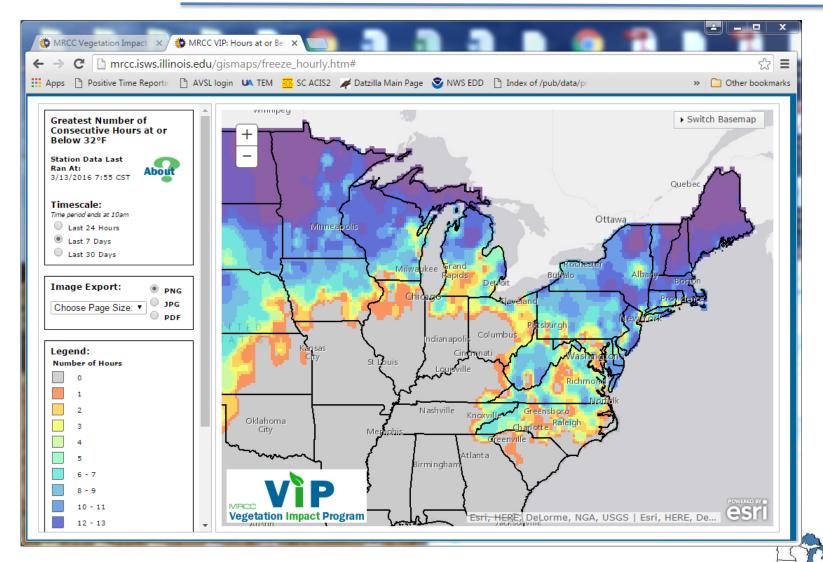














Over next 1-2 years

- Climatology interfaces
 - Dew point
 - Heat index
 - Wind chill
 - Wind roses
- Time series, graphing
- Custom mapping





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Conclusion

Demand for ...

- More value-added tools dependent upon hourly data
- Synchronized network of databases
- Better access for hourly data via RCCs, Web Services

Through RCC Partnerships ..

It can happen!

