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A Software-Defined Sensor Network  
Cyberinfrastructure for AI@Edge Computing

Sage Digital Continuum

# Sage Edge Computing Platform and Self-Learning AI at the Edge

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TAPIA  
Workshop  
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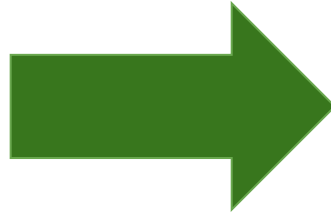
# Historical scientific study and analysis ...



**Instrument**



**Data**



**Katherine Johnson (née Coleman)**

**Analysis**

**Katherine Johnson (née Coleman)**, one of the first African-American women to work as a NASA scientist - played a key role in the mathematical calculations for John Glenn's orbital mission and made sure that the equations controlling Glenn's capsule were programmed accurately, ensuring a safe lift off and splashdown.

# The Digital Continuum

Instrument

HPC/Cloud



IoT



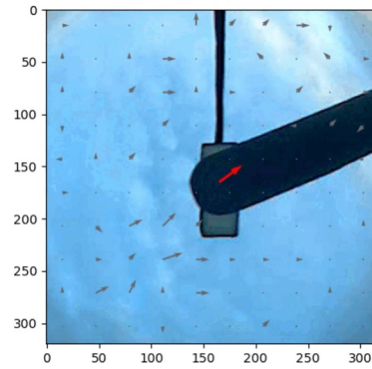
Facilities



Analysis

*Analyse full resolution data,  
find highest value data for  
the science*

# Why Live on the Edge?



Analyse full resolution data,  
find highest value data for  
the science

- More data than bandwidth
  - Imaging, LIDAR, SW defined radios, radar, audio, hyperspectral, large facilities, ...
- Latency is important
  - Quick local decision, experimental control & actuation; adaptive sensing
- Privacy/Security requires short-lived data: process and discard
  - Compromised devices have no sensitive data to be revealed
- Resilience requires distributed processing, analysis, and control
  - Predictable service degradation, autonomy requires local (resilient) decision-making
- Quiet observation and energy efficiency
  - Vigilant low-power sensors, transmit only essential observations

# Sage Goals

- Build a novel cyberinfrastructure
  - High-quality, resilient, well-documented software
  - Leverage best Open Source frameworks
    - PyTorch, OpenCV, TensorFlow, Kubernetes, Docker, etc.
- Build community of AI@Edge scientists
  - New AI-based measurements
    - Software-defined sensors
  - New AI algorithms for edge
- Deploy experimental testbed into production facilities
- Provide new capabilities for live data and triggered responses
- Teach and train students, explore new ideas



Put AI@Edge



(Sensors sample at 40hz, aggregate to 30min)

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# AI-Based Measurement & Anomaly Detection, & Control

## What is a “Software Defined Sensor”?

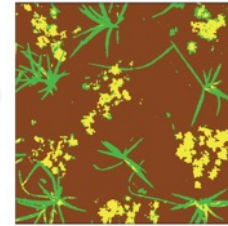


*Your software container running here*

*Analysis produces live results* →

Many measurements cannot be “sensed” directly but can be computed from image, microphone or other devices or datastreams

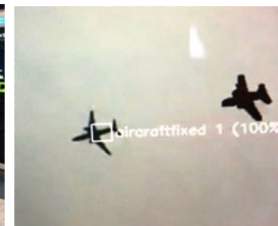
Plant Species



Helmet usage



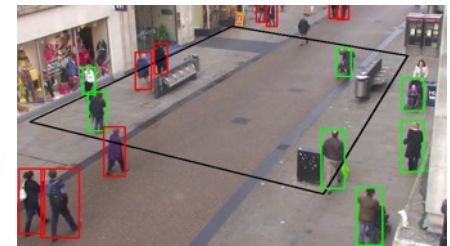
Bird, Plane or Drone?



Traffic



Social Distancing



Wildfires: detecting smoke

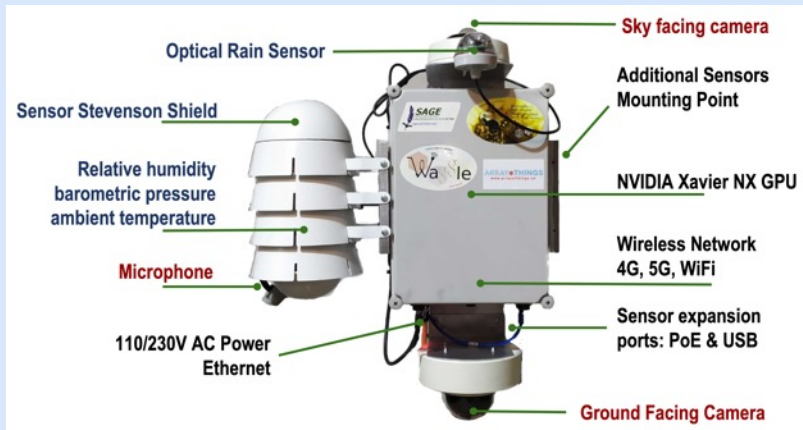


Flooding / surface water



# Delivering AI@Edge Platforms: Two+ Forms

## Wild Sage Node



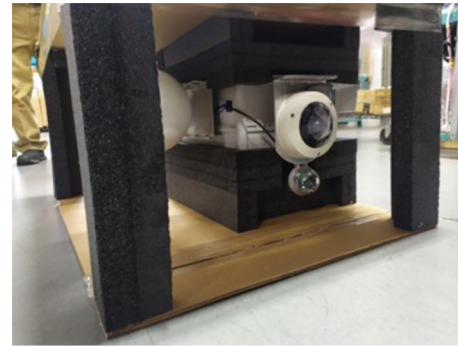
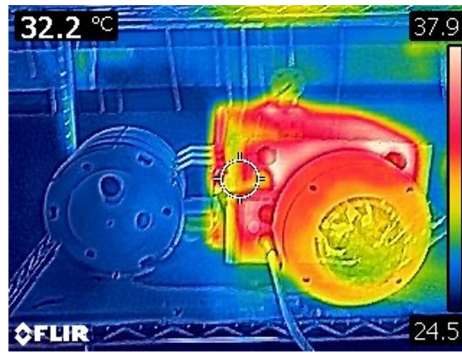
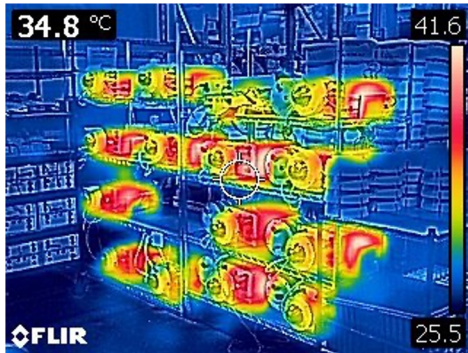
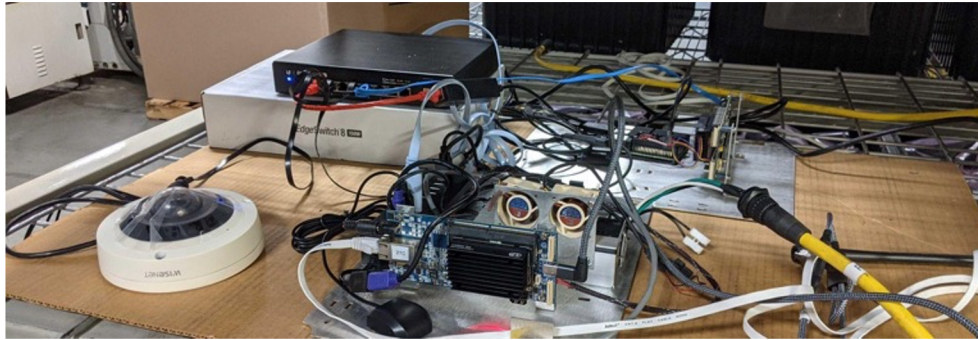
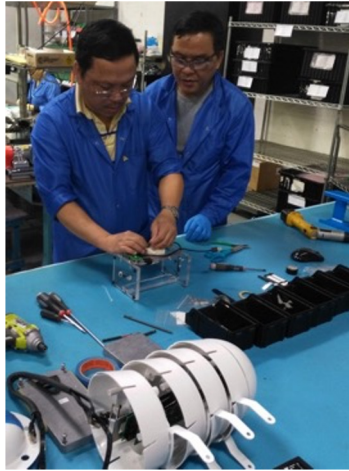
Ready for mounting **outside**, any PoE sensor can be easily added

## Sage Blade



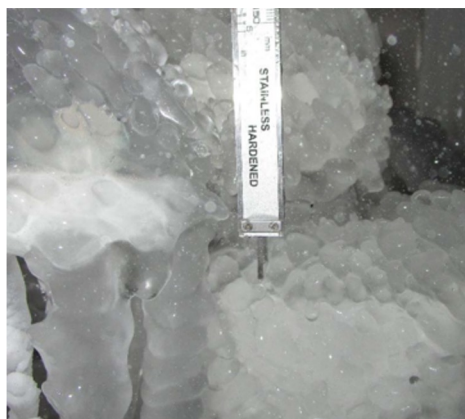
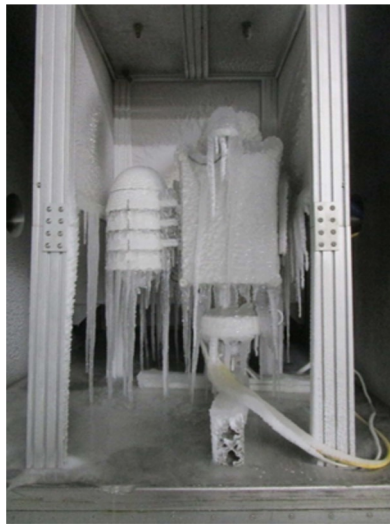
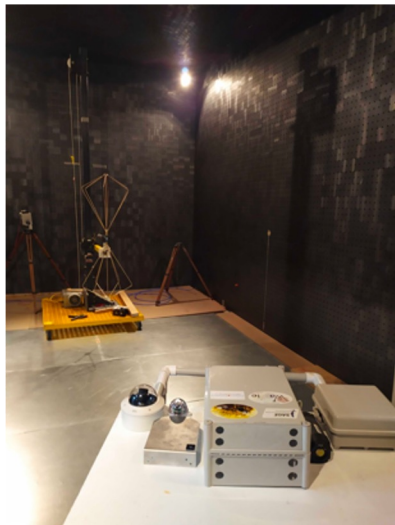
Rugged server for instrument huts, new sensors easily added

# Wild Sage Node: Manufacturing



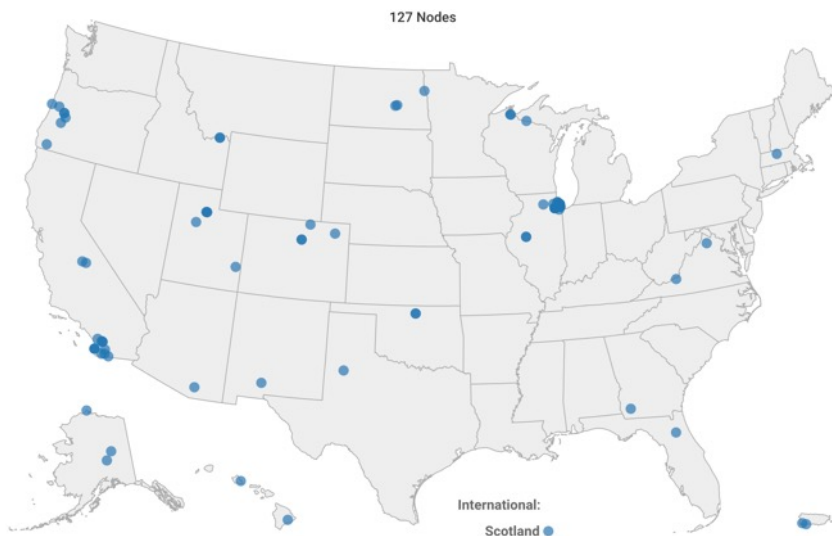
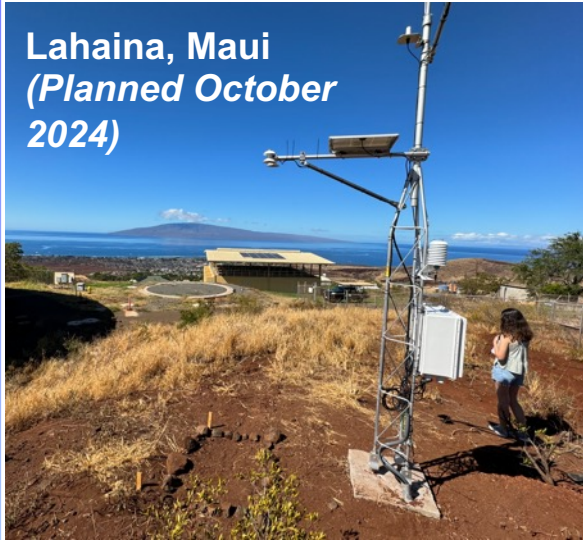


# Wild Sage Node: Design Qualification



Electrical, EMI, and physical environmental tests to qualify the design.

Lahaina, Maui  
(Planned October 2024)



📶 Nodes  
**127**

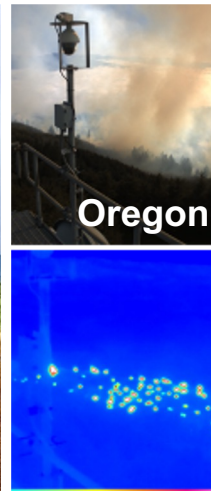
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**93**

📄 Recent Apps  
**36**

📊 App Data  
**2,147,782**  
Records in the last 24 hours\*



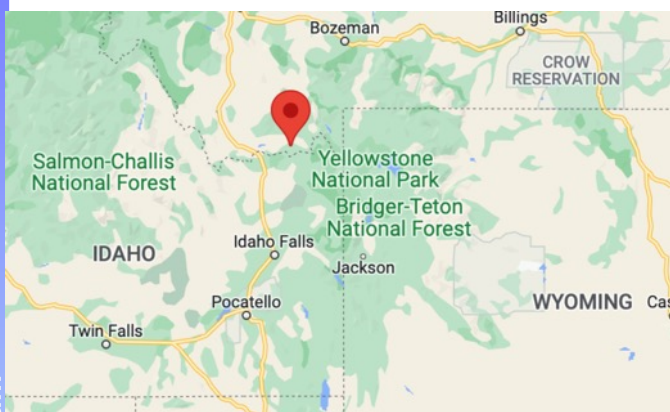
Colorado



Oregon



Illinois



# Wild Sage Node Deployment: University of Utah's Taft-Nicholson Center in Montana

Motivated by the success of a deployment with NEON at a controlled burn on the Konza prairie, we are planning deployment of ~5 mobile Sage towers. The first deployment was at a remote site in Montana last fall.

## Two phase deployment:

Initial Deployment on campus with line power and Starlink Internet (university network as back up).

Final deployment on a hilltop powered by solar and wind, and Starlink.

**Sensors:** Sage node with cameras, microphone, TPH, precipitation, dust and thermal camera.

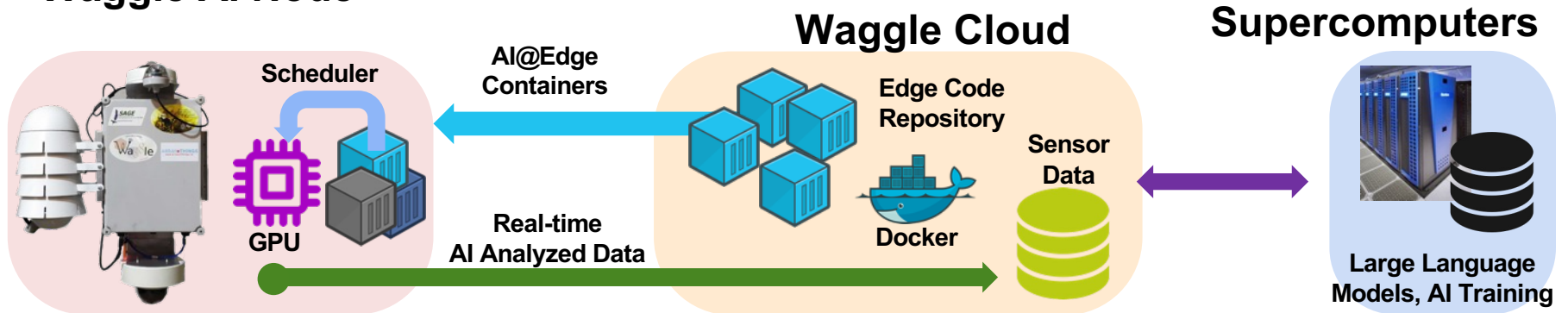


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# Architecture

## Waggle AI Node

# Architecture and Software Stack for AI@Edge Computing & Sensing




**AI toolchain** for secure, real-time, distributed AI

*Built on industry components...*

### Waggle AI@Edge Software Stack

- AI toolchain for the edge
- Goal-based scheduler & resource manager
- Fully containerized AI@Edge applications
- Support for multi-tenancy
- Extreme cybersecurity
- Resilient data movement
- Cloud-based data store and management



Software Team led by Sean Shahkarami

# A National AI@Edge Resource for the Community

## The Edge Code Repository

The Edge Code Repository displays 12 community-contributed projects:

- weather-classification** (rjackson, 15 tags): An app for identifying cloud or rain coverage from the ARM Doppler ...
- cloud-motion** (bhupendraraut, 10 tags): Cloud Motion Estimator (Optical Flow) for the Sky Camera. Uploads i...
- avian-diversity-monitoring** (dariodematties, 1 tag): Records environmental sounds, identifies birds by such sounds and f...
- water-depth-estimator** (seonghapark, 3 tags): Water Depth Estimator
- motion-detector** (seonghapark, 1 tag): A general-purpose motion detection system that locates and tracks m...
- solar-irradiance** (seonghapark, 4 tags): Solar Irradiance Estimator Using U-Net
- traffic-state** (seonghapark, 7 tags): Traffic State Estimator
- object-counter** (yonghokim, 2 tags): Object Counter
- surface-water-classifier** (seonghapark, 2 tags): Surface Water Classifier
- wildfire-smoke-detection** (iperezx, 3 tags): Wildfire Smoke Detection
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- motion-analysis** (seonghapark, 6 tags): Motion Analysis

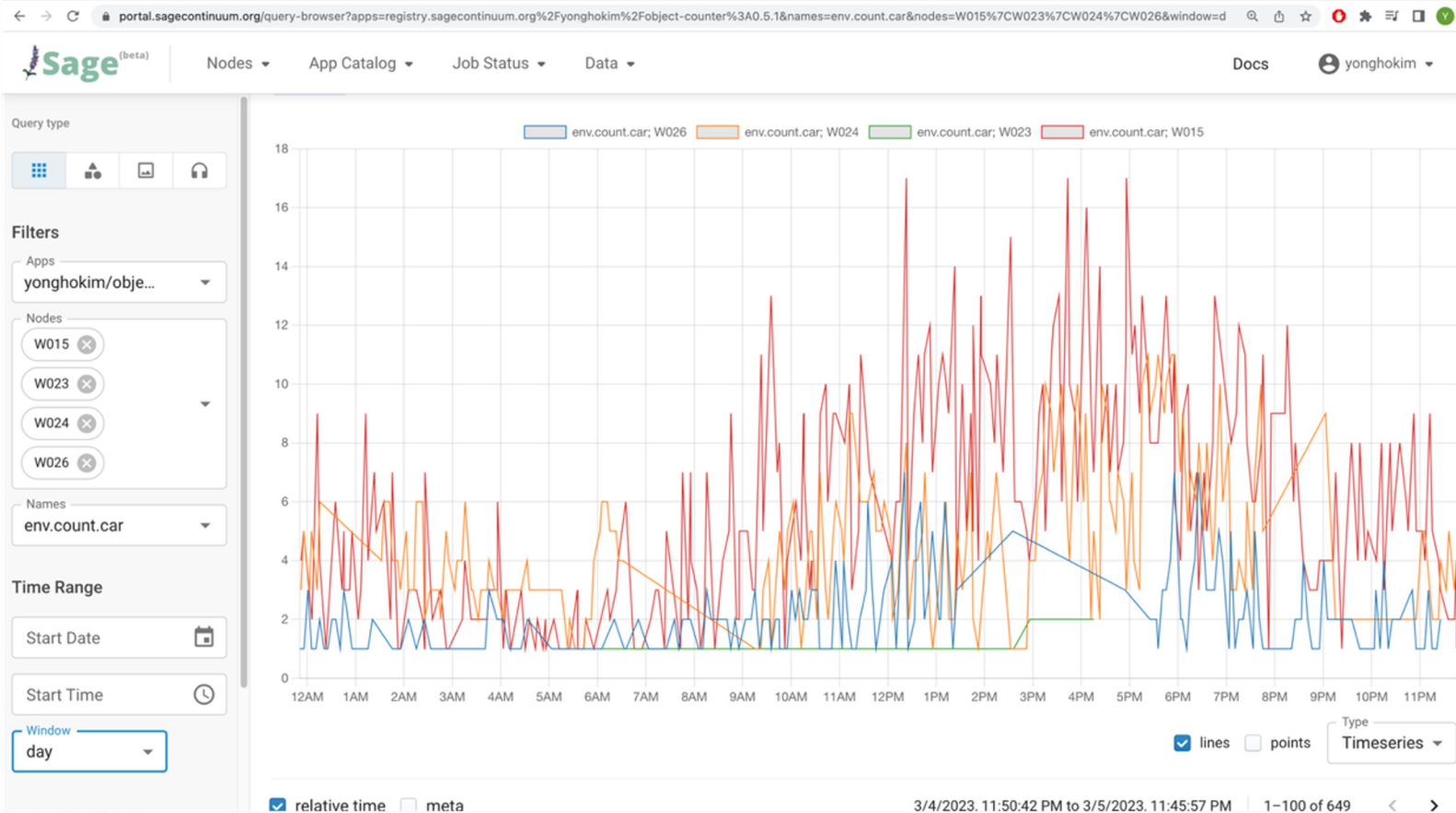
<https://portal.sagecontinuum.org/apps/explore>

[www.sagecontinuum.org](http://www.sagecontinuum.org)



Community contributions will increase software defined sensing capabilities of the nodes – additions to Edge Code Repository benefit SAGE users.

# Viewing data from Cloud (Waggle Beehive)

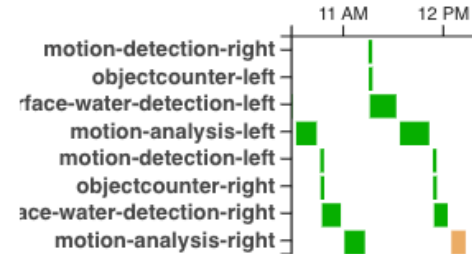
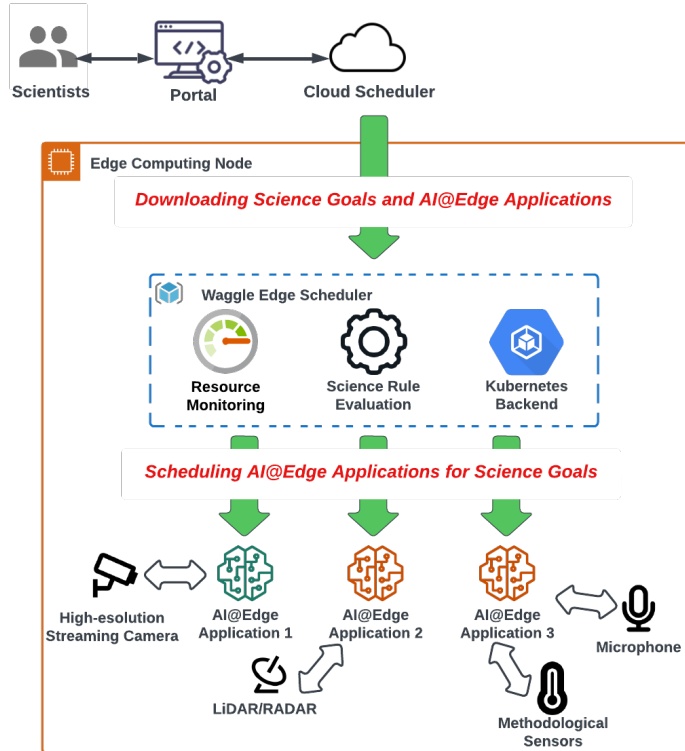


# Demo: Analyzing the local temperatures from nodes

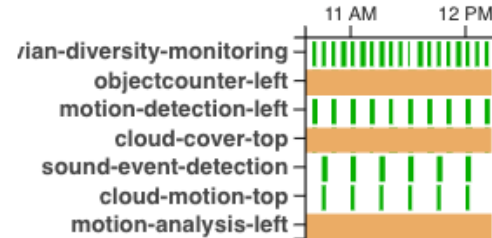
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# Multi-tenancy with Sage Edge Scheduler

- Jobs include a “Science Goal”
- Science rules are evaluated to schedule applications for different scientific studies



Round-robin scheduling policy



GPU-aware scheduling policy

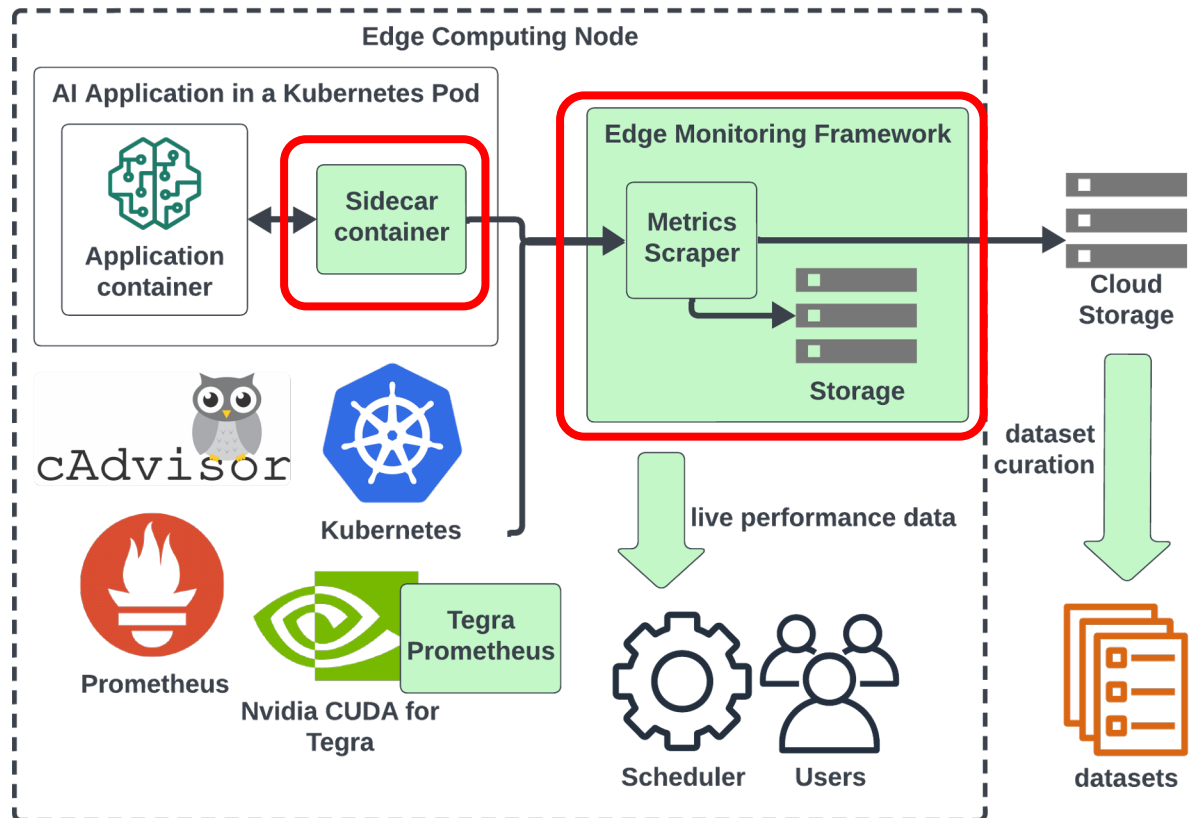


# CS and Systems: Enhancing Resource Monitoring

**Edge Monitoring Framework:**  
System resource monitoring

**Application Sidecar:**  
Application resource  
and performance monitoring

We are currently testing the  
framework and moving it into  
production



# Demo2: Pulling node performance data

- <https://github.com/waggle-sensor/edge-scheduler>
- [https://github.com/waggle-sensor/edge-scheduler/blob/main/scripts/analysis/analyze\\_node\\_performance.ipynb](https://github.com/waggle-sensor/edge-scheduler/blob/main/scripts/analysis/analyze_node_performance.ipynb)

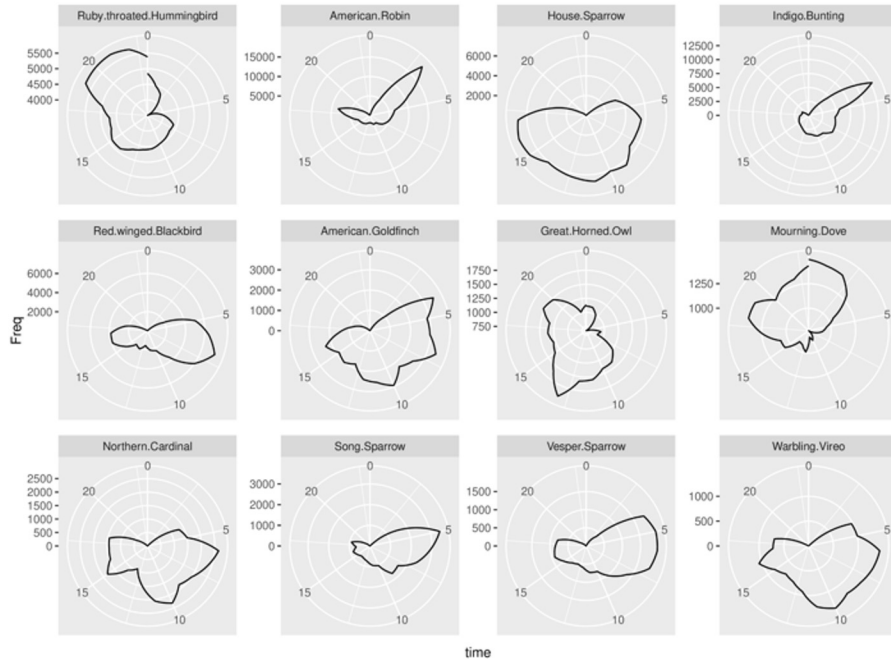
# Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Sage: Examples

- <https://sagecontinuum.org/science/category/recent-projects>

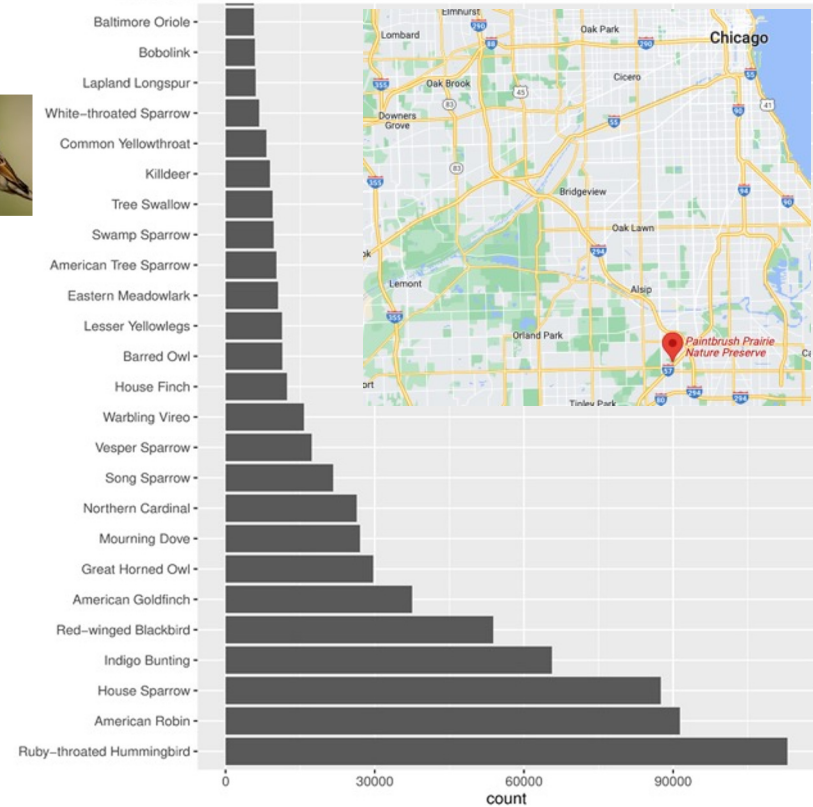
**Recent projects**

- Autonomous Camera Control
- Finding Events in Real-Time
- Resource Management at the Edge
- Sound Separation
- Super Resolution Image Enhancement
- LIDAR for Solar Estimation and Sky Classification
- Unleashing the Power of Collaboration
- Lightning Detection w/ Software Defined Radio

# Paintbrush Prairie Bird Detection



fact\_infreq(Common.Name)



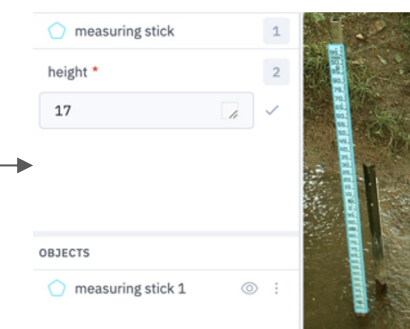
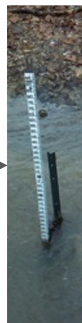
Total calls, for top 12 species, as a function of the hour of the day (UTC-06).

Top 25 bird calls recorded at the Paintbrush Prairie Natural Preserve (Nature Conservancy Site) from Sep 2020 to Dec 2021

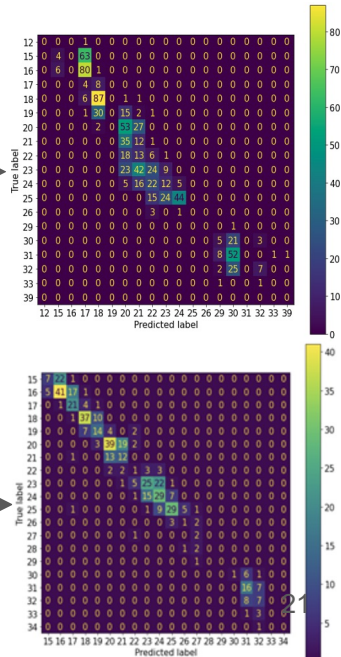
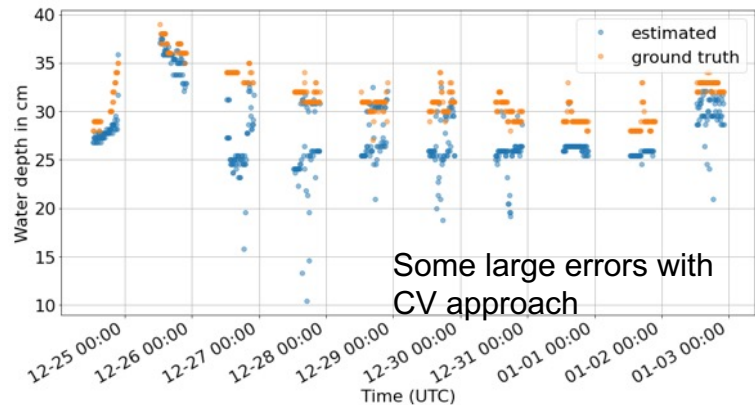
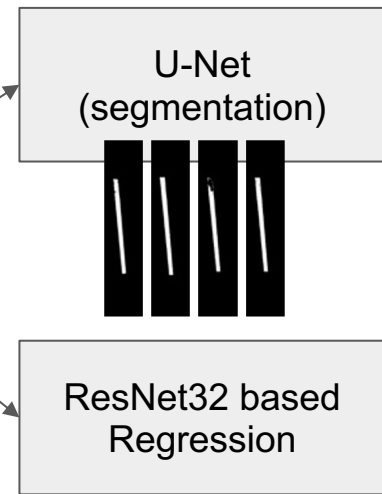
# Measuring Water and Snow Depth

We are evaluating multiple approaches to estimate the water (or snow) level from images of rulers (in of a stream at a NEON site)

- Computer vision (CV) based
- Machine Learning algorithms
  - U-Net, ResNet
  - Self-supervised Learning



Human annotation using Labelbox

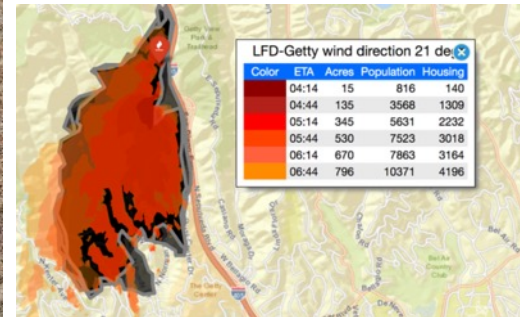


# Wildfire Detection and Prediction

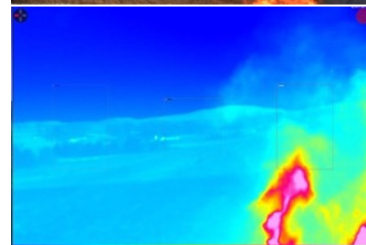
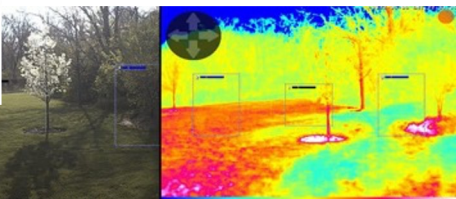
AI@Edge for wildfire detection  
(data used in HPC simulations)



Ilkay Altintas, UCSD, Co-PI for SAGE



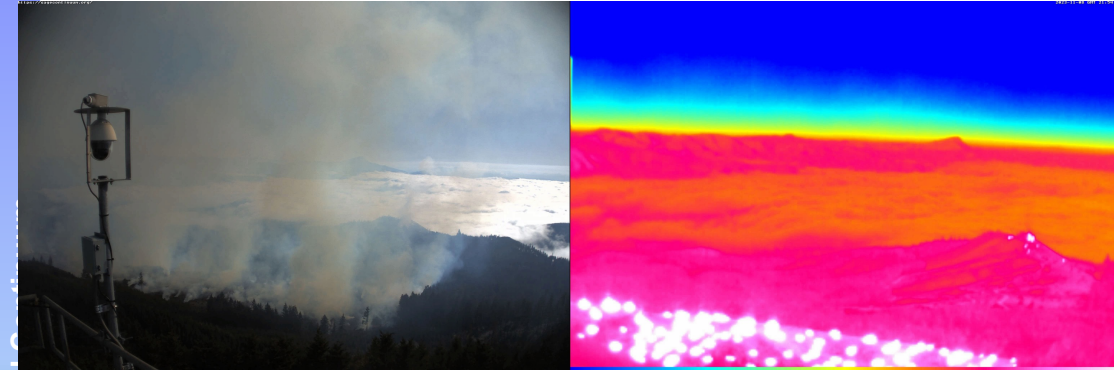
Sage project will move Pan-Tilt-Zoom cameras toward suspected outbreaks, and use infrared cameras to build self-supervised AI training



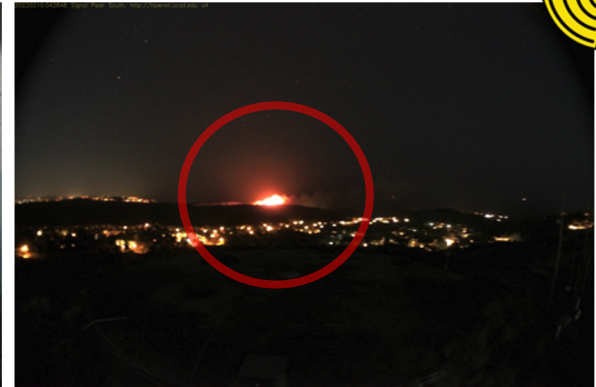
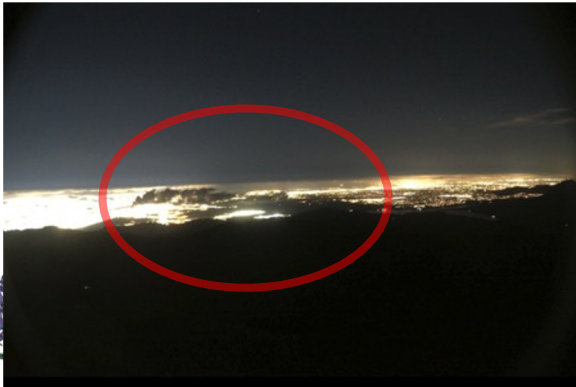
Exploring 2 approaches to improve predictions:

1. Use of thermal IR camera, and
2. Incorporating motion of the smoke in the DL models.

# AI to Detect Wildfires in Real Time

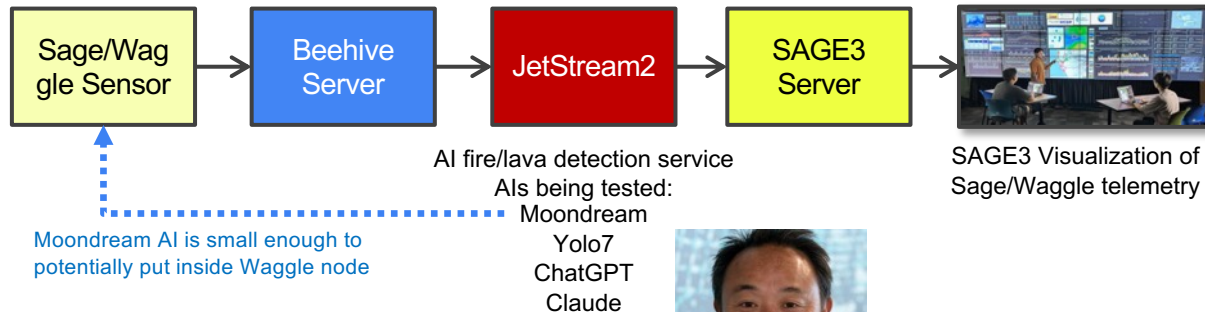


WIFIRE



# Sage/Waggle Detects Kilauea Volcanic Eruption

- June 3, 2024 at 2am: eruption occurred 5 miles away from Sage/Waggle sensor.
- Sage captures eruption on camera & while testing image against several AI Visual Language Models (Moondream, Yolo, ChatGPT, Claude) for fire detection, our AIs were able to identify the event as a “volcanic eruption”.
- Since then, we have built a workflow to keep the AI running to detect future potential events, and to test AI improvements.
- On Oct 1 we will finally install the sensor in Lahaina/Maui.



Moondream AI is small enough to potentially put inside Waggle node



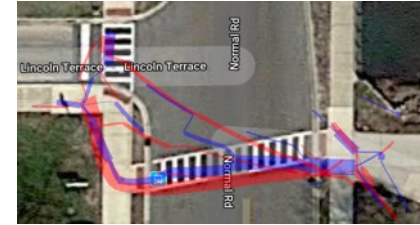
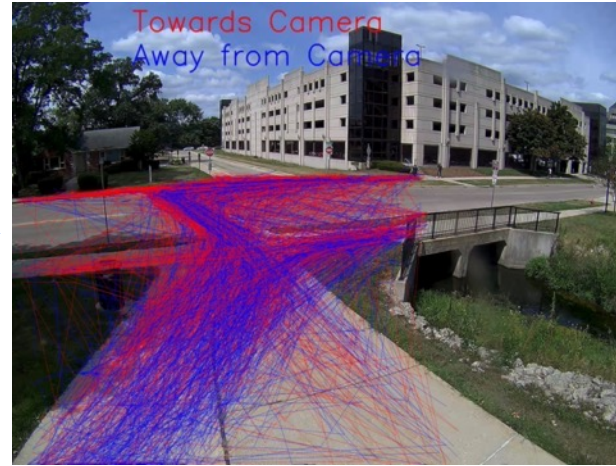
Research Credit: Dr. Leigh, Hawaii Data Science Institute, RAPID – an Evaluation of an Artificial Intelligence-enhanced Edge Sensor System for Multi-Hazard Monitoring and Detection (ACI 2346568)



volcanic eruption



# Undergraduate Research: Pedestrian Detection and Paths



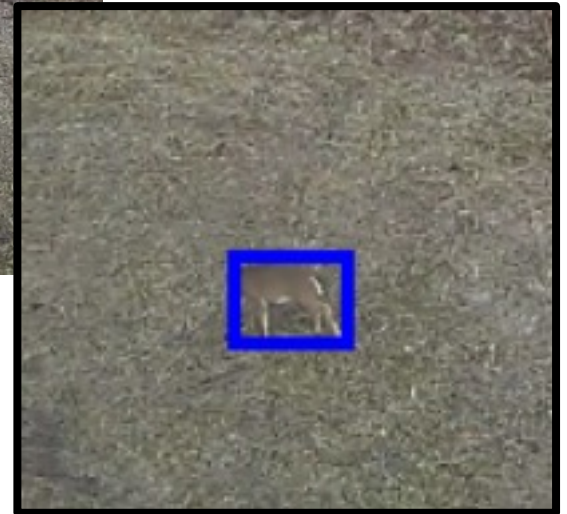
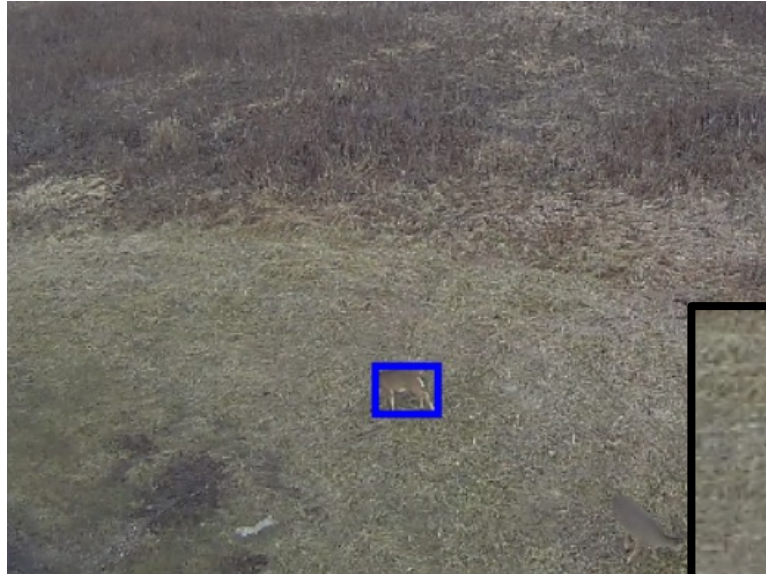
NIU experimental node with wired network connection

- Experiment with sampling rate and resolution
- Work is now being ported to Sage node

YOLO based model for identifying people and to check for use of crosswalk

Pedestrian data processed to understand patterns and transformed for top-down view then bundled to highlight patterns

# Future direction: Generative AIs + Actuators



Zooming in and follow!



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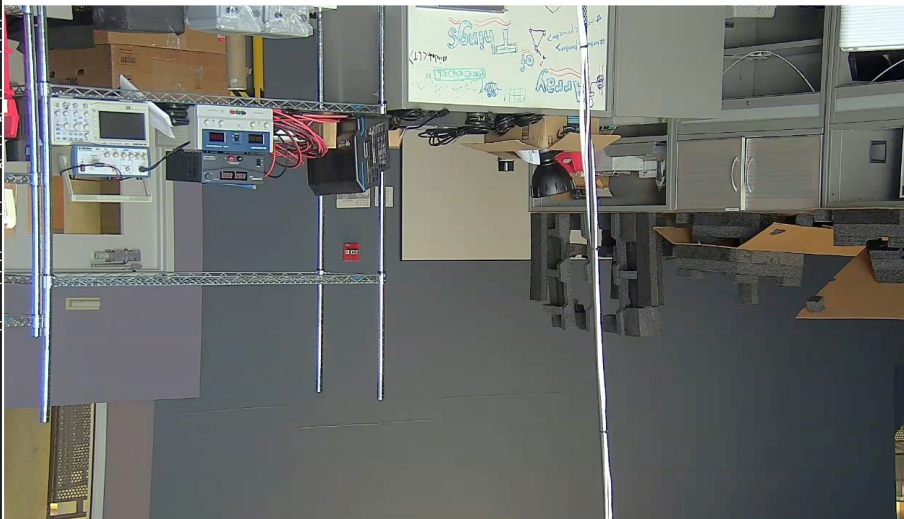
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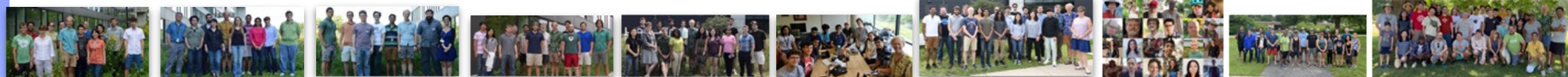
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