



## Parallel Computing at the Edge: Deploying Parallel Computers and Sensors on Chicago Street Poles

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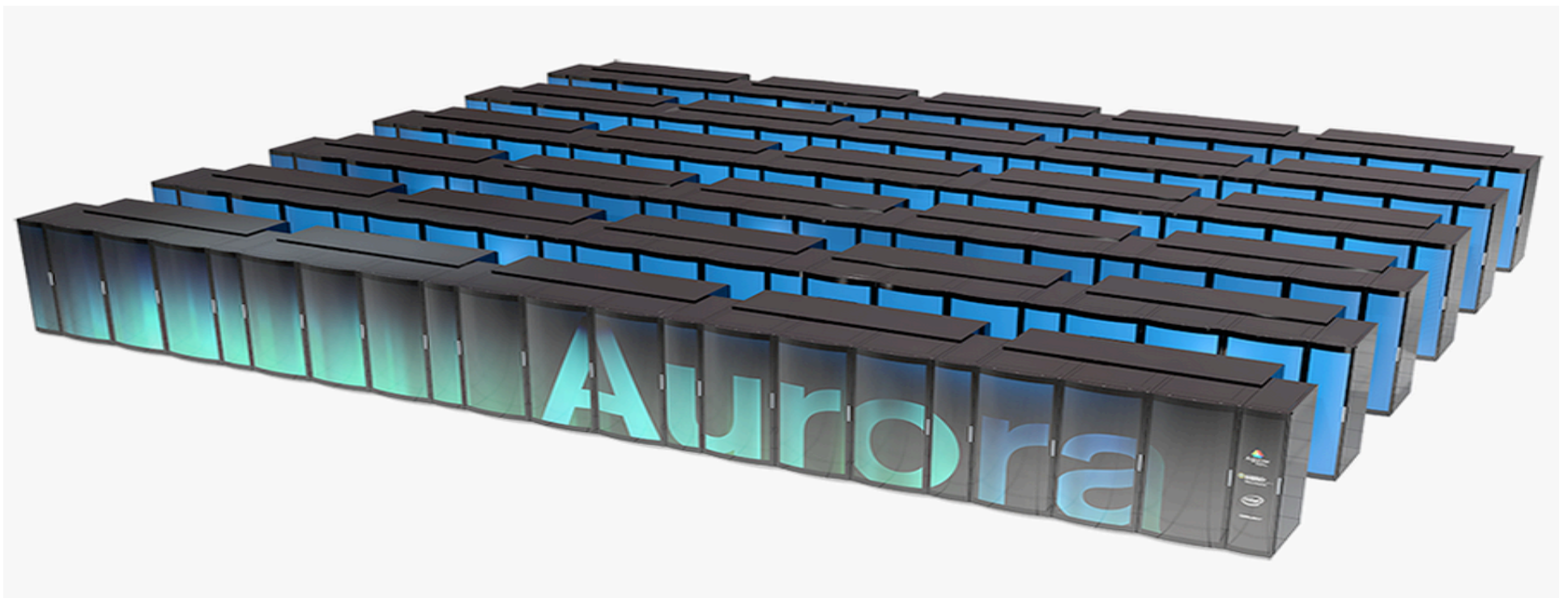
# Argonne National Laboratory

An aerial photograph of the Argonne National Laboratory campus. The central feature is a large, circular, multi-story building with a white facade, surrounded by green lawns and trees. Other buildings of various sizes and colors (brick, white, grey) are scattered across the campus, interspersed with parking lots and roads. The entire facility is set within a lush, green, wooded area. In the background, more trees and some distant structures are visible under a clear sky.

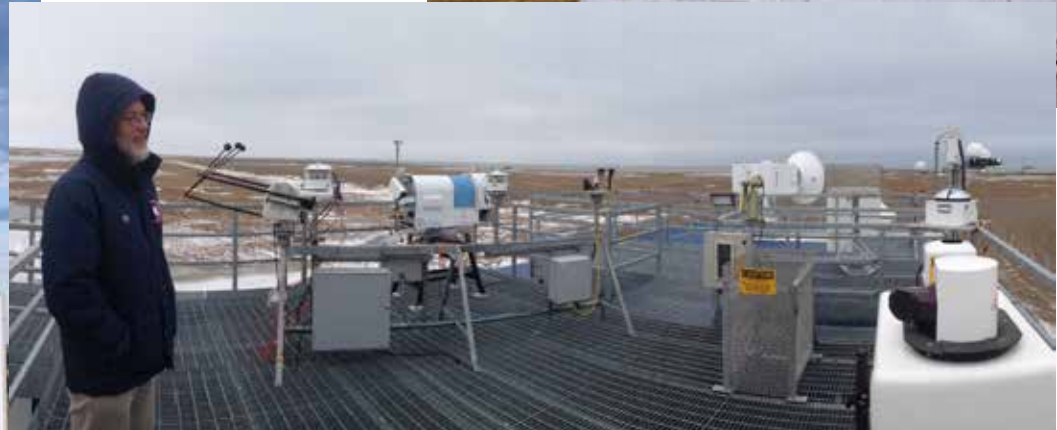
- \$675M /yr budget
- 3,200 employees
- 1,450 scientists/eng
- 750 Ph.D.s

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# Argonne's Next Big Supercomputer: Aurora

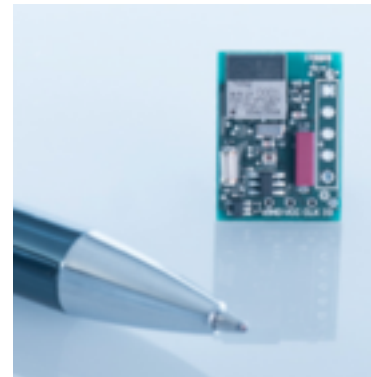
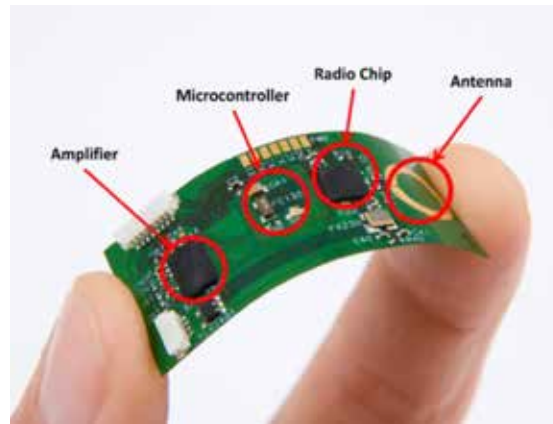


## Big Sensor Science



Big, Expensive, Precise, Sparse

## Little Sensor Science



Small, Cheap, Imprecise, Dense  
(almost no on-board processing)



# Waggle: An Open Platform for *Intelligent* Sensors

Exploiting Disruptive Technology, *Edge Computing*, Resilient Design

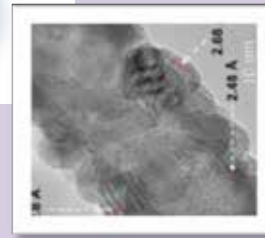
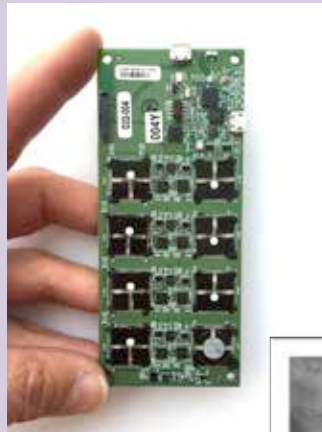
## Machine Learning

Computer Vision



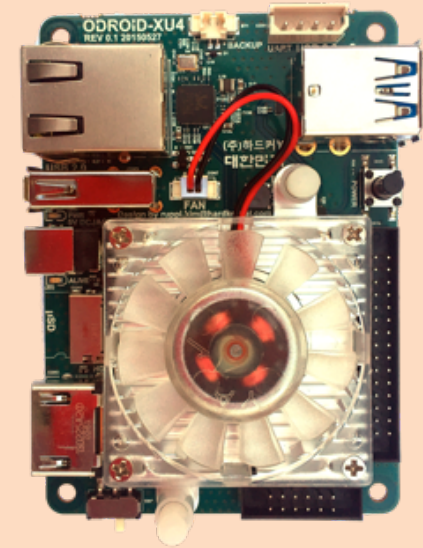
## Novel Sensors

Nano / MEMS



## Low Power CPUs

GPU / Smartphones



IBM BlueGene/P  
Supercomputer, 2007  
4 cores @ 0.85 GHz  
Peak: 13.6 GF/s

IBM BlueGene/Q  
Supercomputer, 2011  
16 cores @ 1.6 GHz  
Peak: 205 GF/s

ODROID XU4  
Hobby SBC, 2015  
8 cores + GPU @ 2.0 GHz

Peak  
GPU: 102 GF/s SP  
GPU: 20 GF/s DP

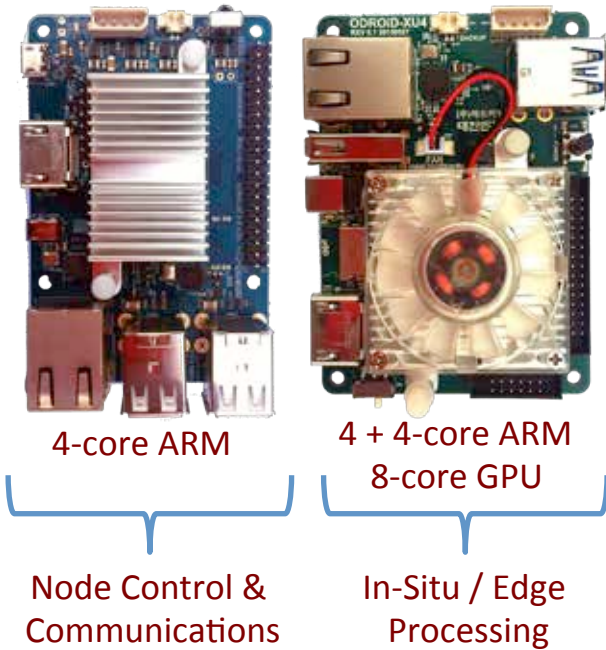






# Powerful, Resilient & Hackable

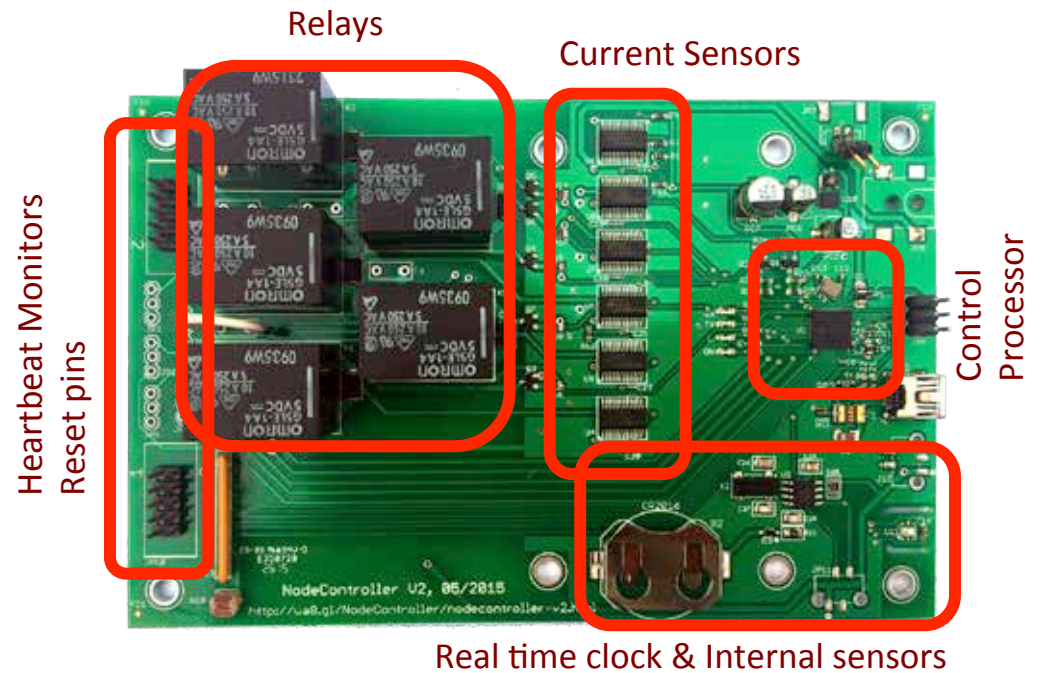
Multiple boot media ( $\mu$ SD / eMMC)



Node Control & Communications

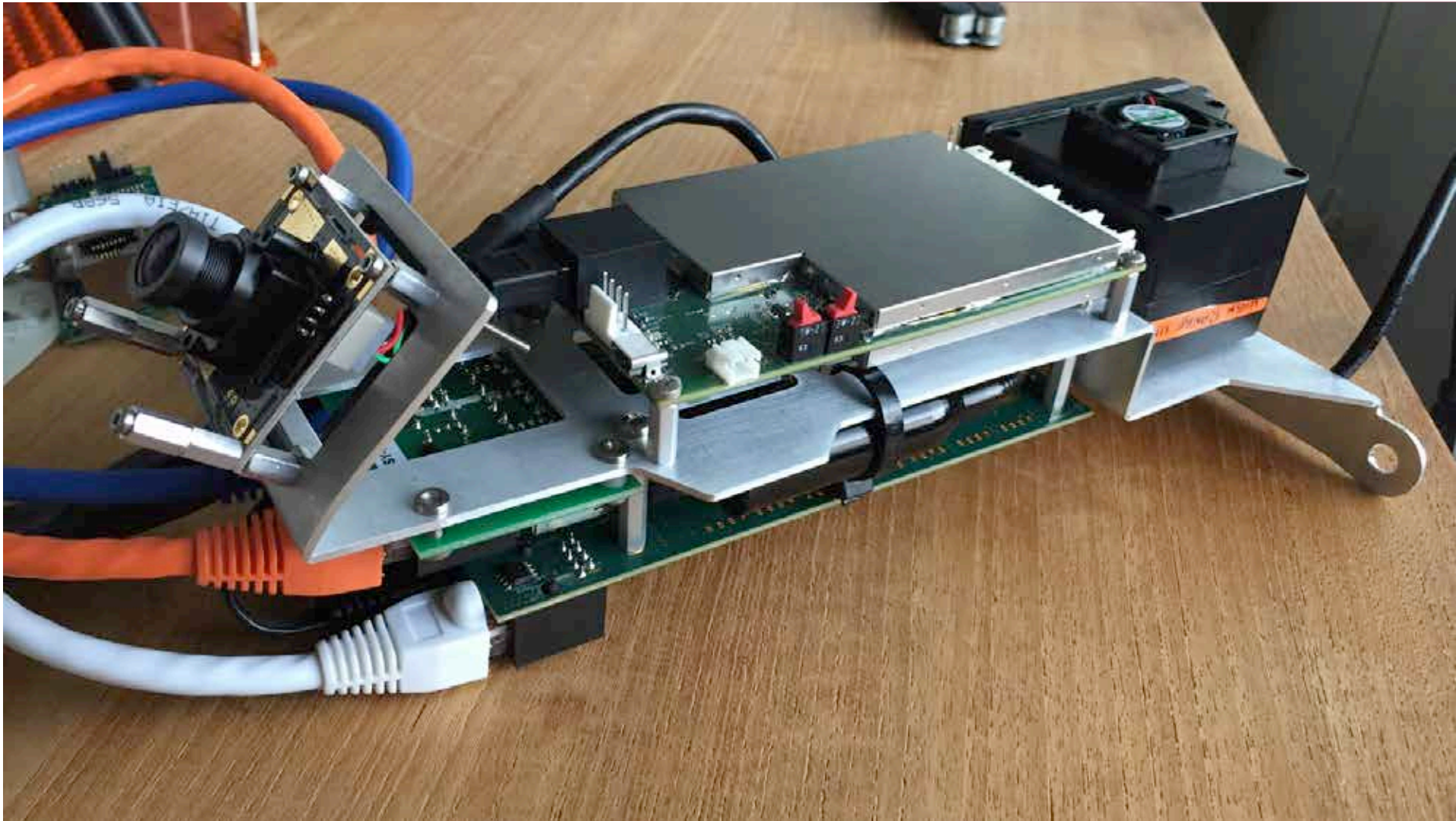
In-Situ / Edge Processing

Linux Development Environment



“Deep Space Probe” Design





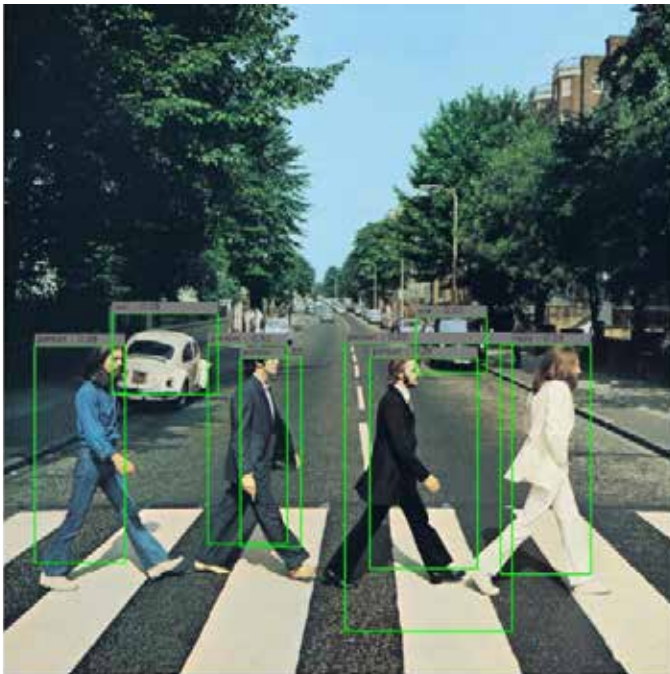




## Edge Computing: Analysis and Feature Recognition

- Parallel Computing
- Open Platform
- Deep Learning

# Waggle Machine Learning & Edge Computing



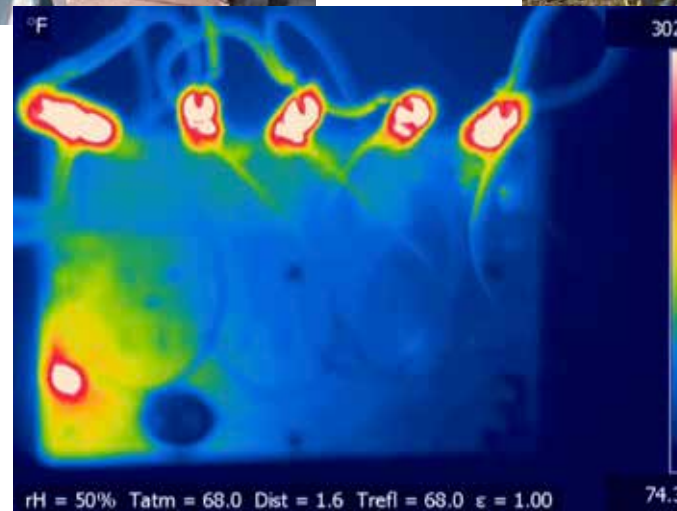
<https://waggle-sensor.slack.com/files/noaholsman/F243LQL66/output.jpg>

- We are exploring Caffe & OpenCV
  - Convolutional Neural Networks
- Training will be done on systems at Argonne
- Classification on Waggle



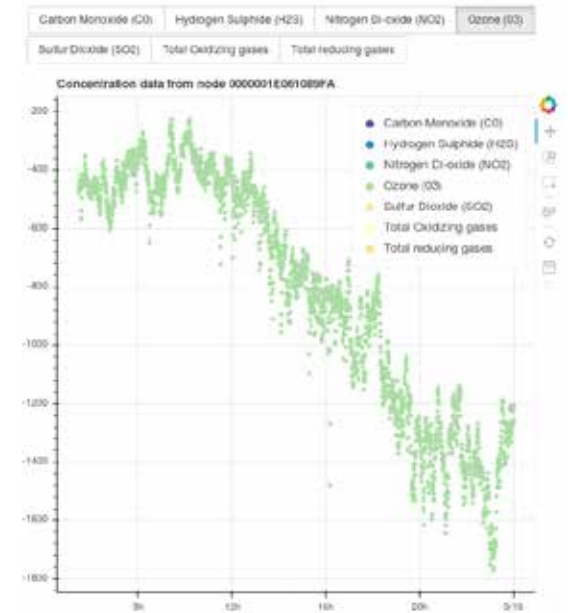
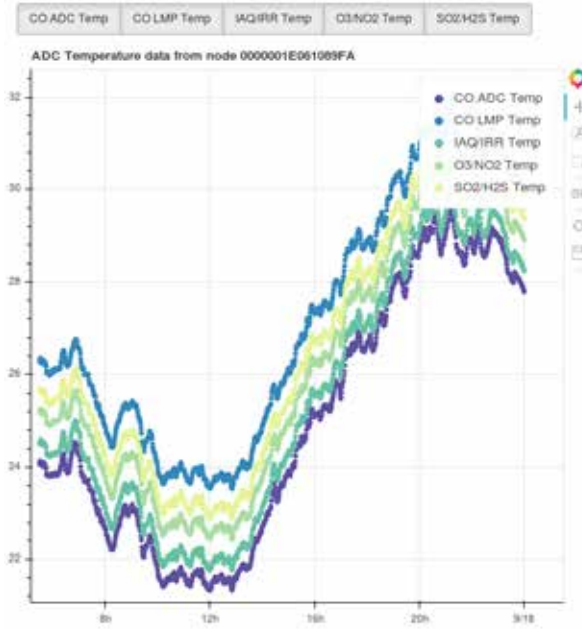
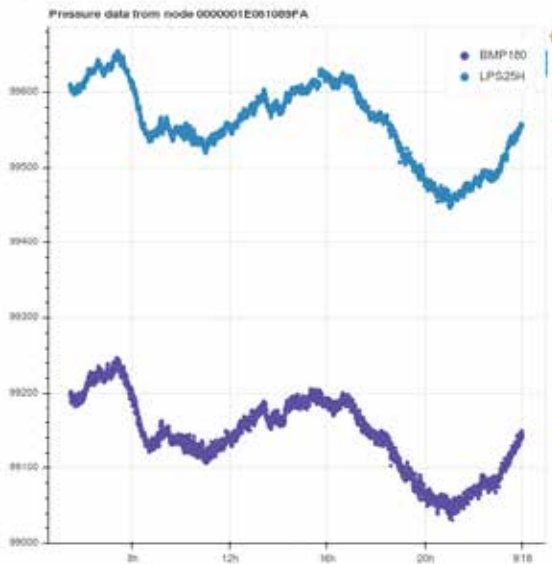
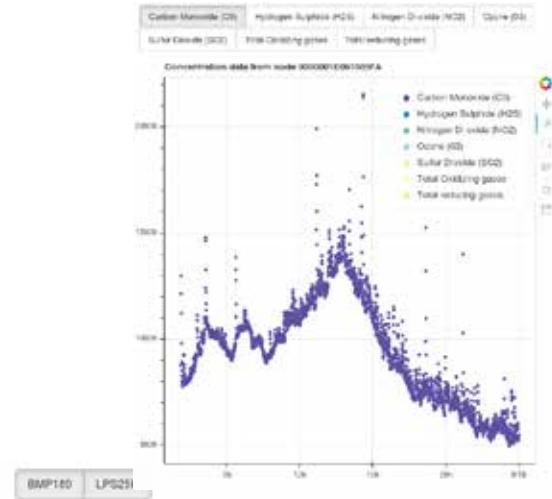
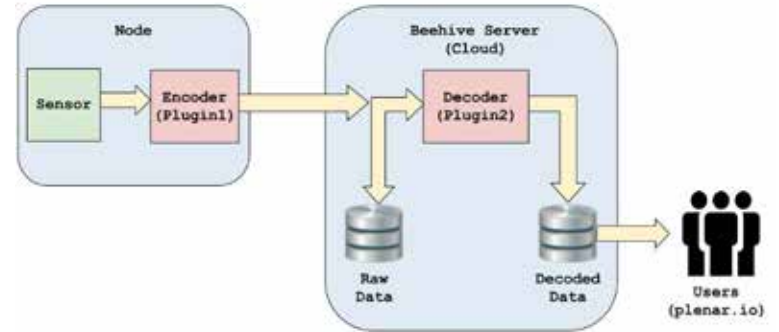


## Waggle / AoT Robust Testing



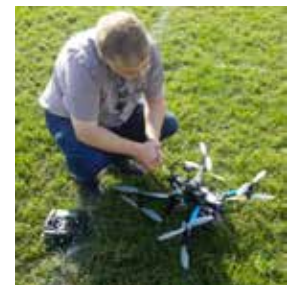


# The Data





## Deploying Waggle



# Waggle: A Platform for Research

- **Open Source / Open Platform**
  - Reusable, extensible software communities
- **Machine Learning: Computer Vision**
  - Data must be reduced in-situ
- **Novel Sensors: Nano / MEMS /  $\mu$ fluidics**
  - Explosion of nano/MEMS & imaging tech
- **Low-Power CPUs: GPU / Smartphones**
  - Powerful, low-power, smartphone CPUs

## **Opportunity:** Big Data + Predictive Models

Smart Sensors + Supercomputers/Cloud Computing = predictions and analysis

# The Array of Things



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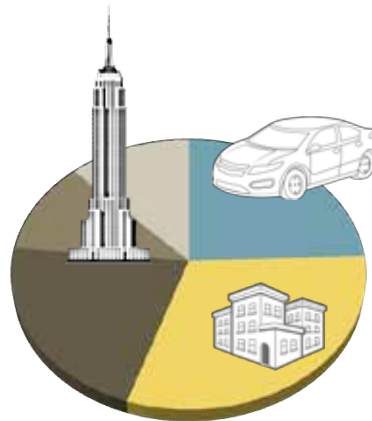
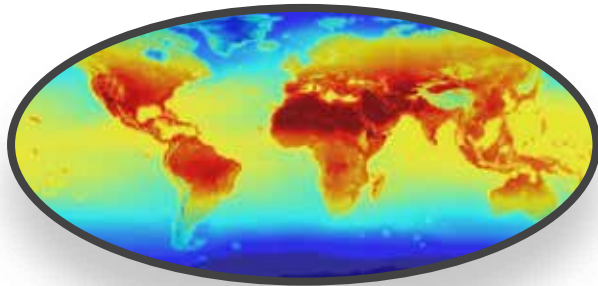
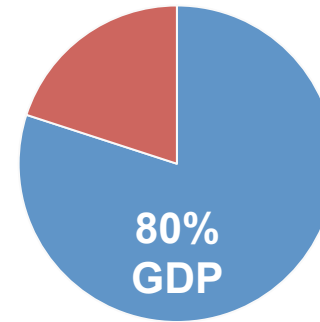
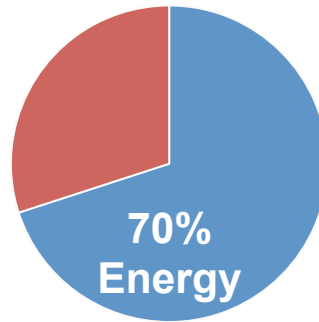
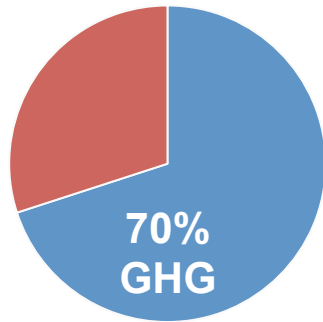
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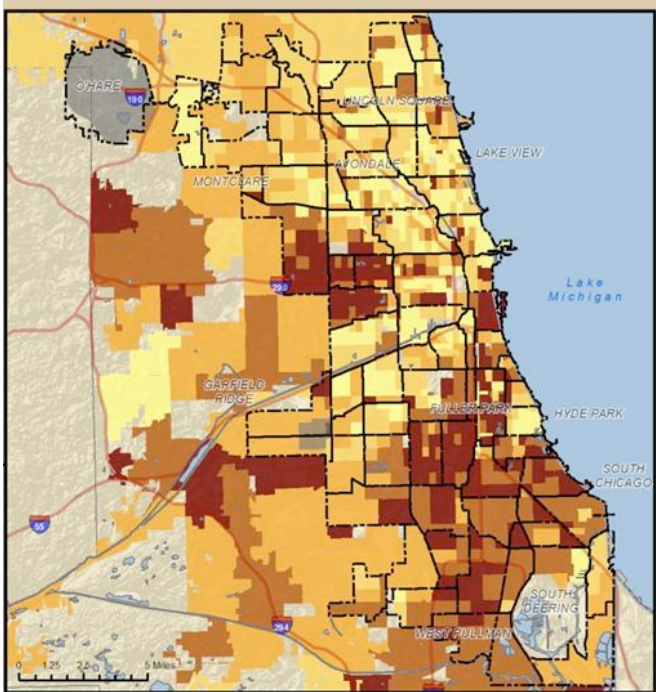


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# Why Focus on Cities?



# Why measure cities?



## Life Expectancy in Years

- Average Life Expectancy = 69.2 Years
- Average Life Expectancy = 74.5 Years
- Average Life Expectancy = 78.6 Years
- Average Life Expectancy = 81.8 Years
- Average Life Expectancy = 86.7 Years

City of Chicago

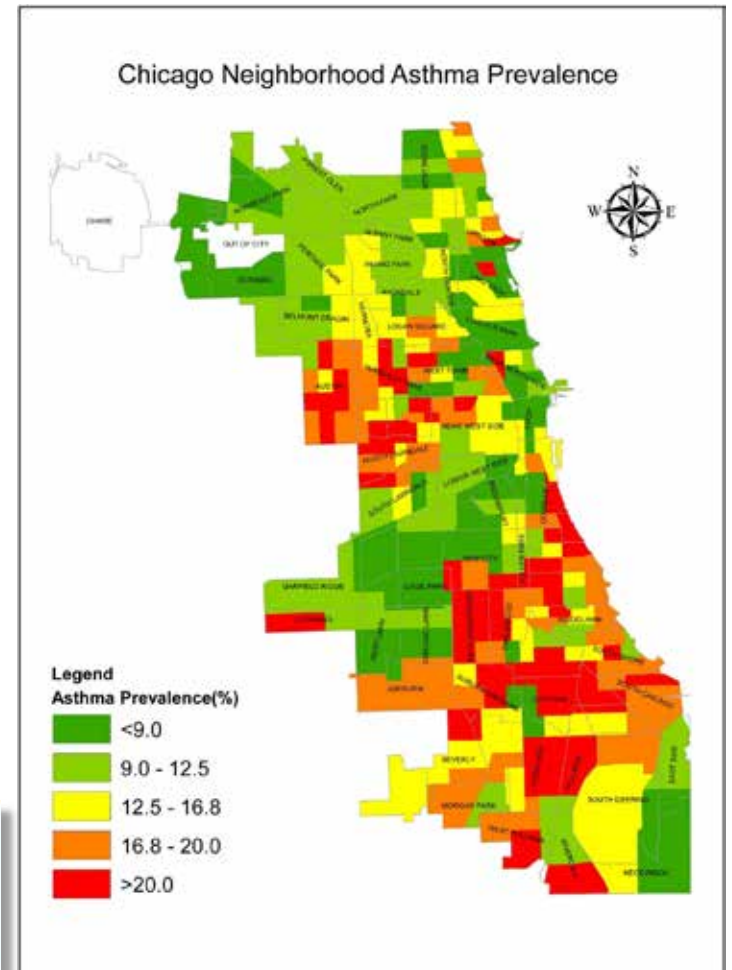
- Airports
- Interstate
- Water

Data Sources:  
 City of Chicago, 2010; 2009-2014  
 Estimates Premium Package,  
 GeoLytics, Inc., New Brunswick,  
 NJ, 2008; Esri, Inc., 2009; VCU  
 Center on Human Need, 2011



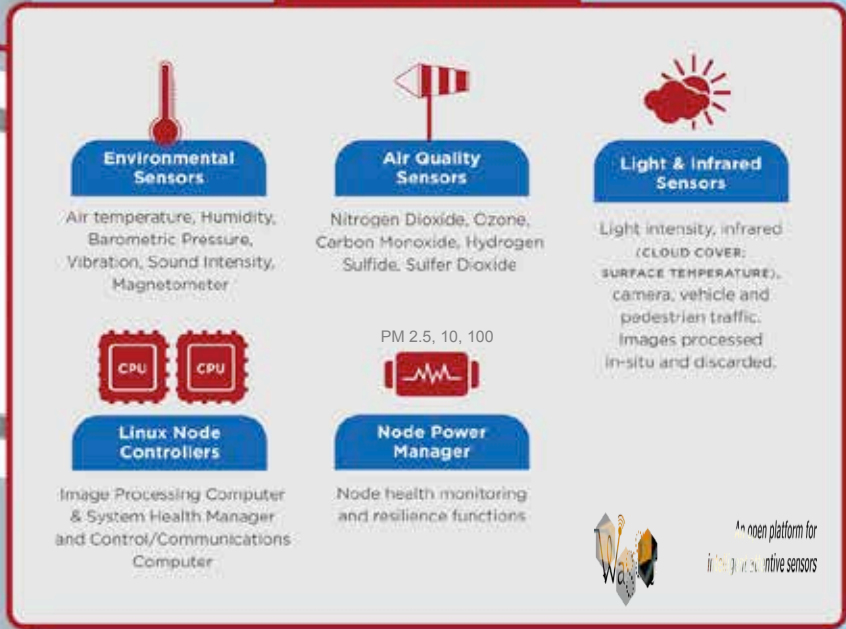
**VISION 4-RO**  
**FOCUS CITIES**

Austin | Boston | Chicago | DC | Fort Lauderdale | LA | NYC | Portland | San Francisco | Seattle





Node Components



Argonne Server



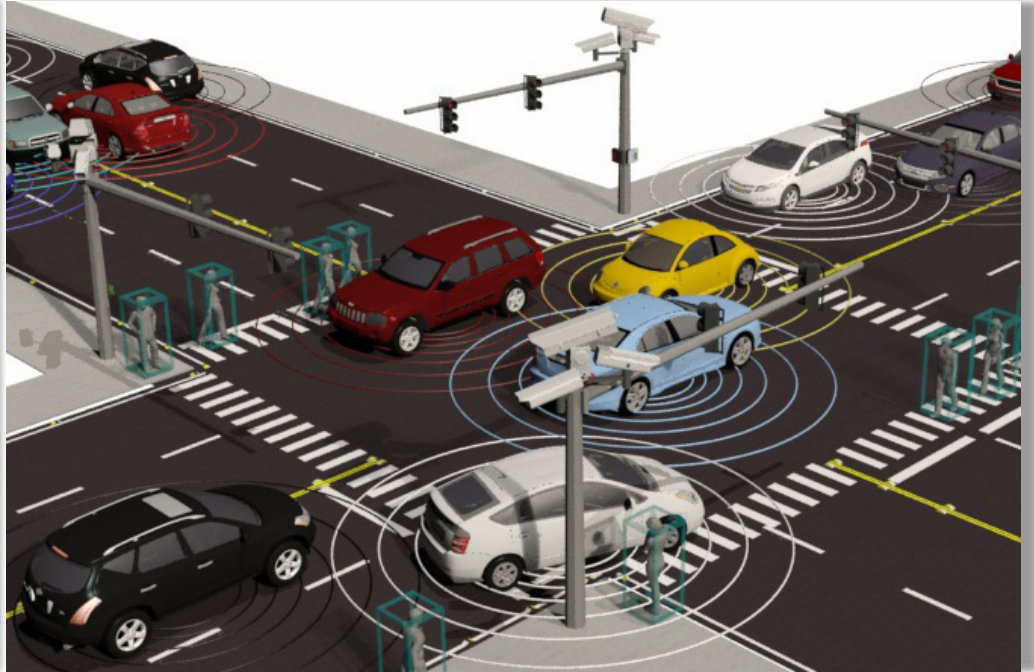
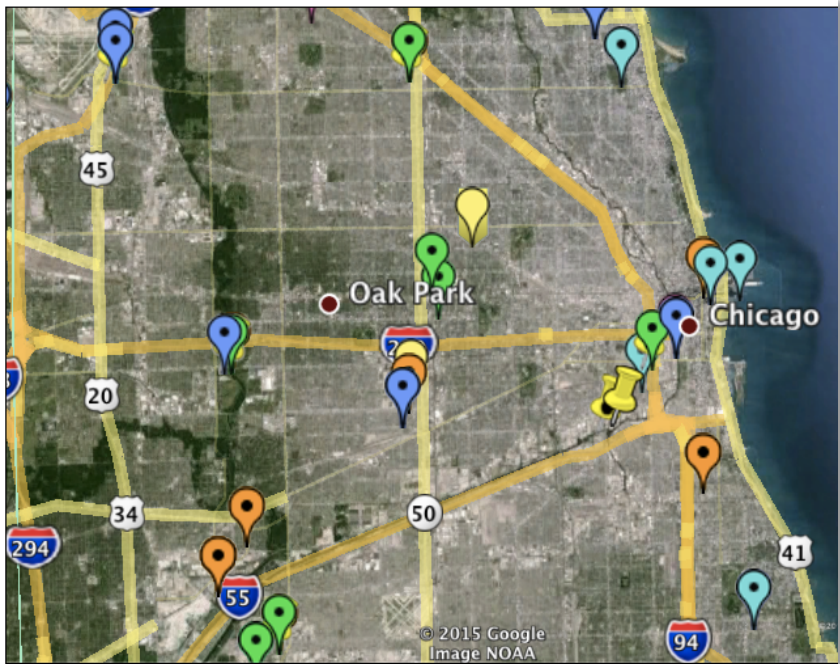
Plenario, Open Data Portals, Dashboards, and Apps

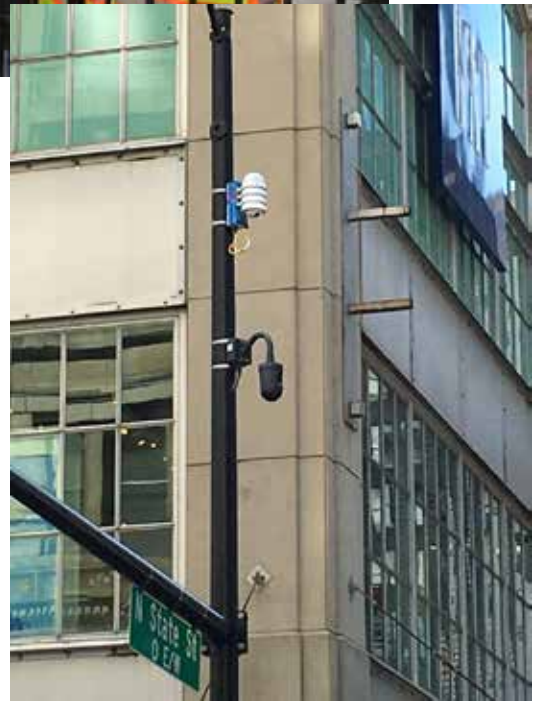


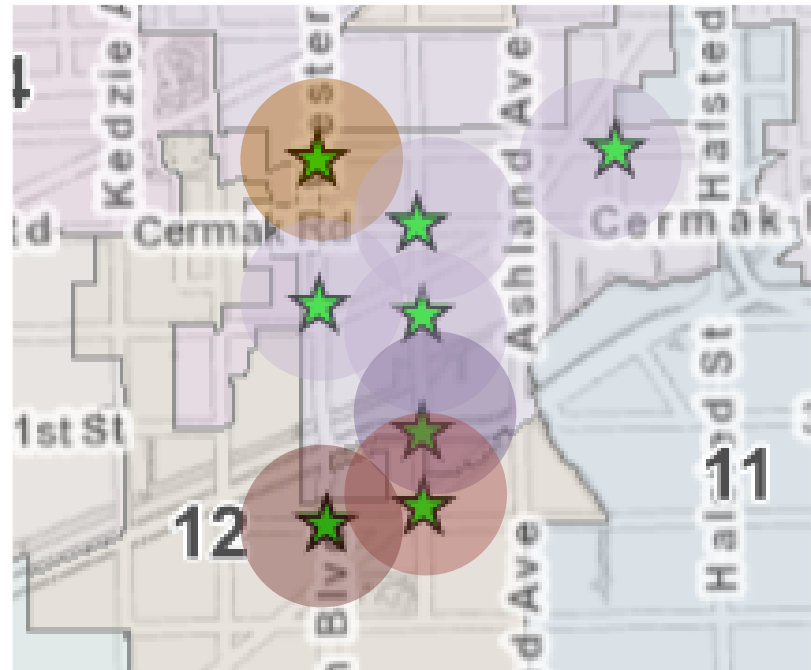
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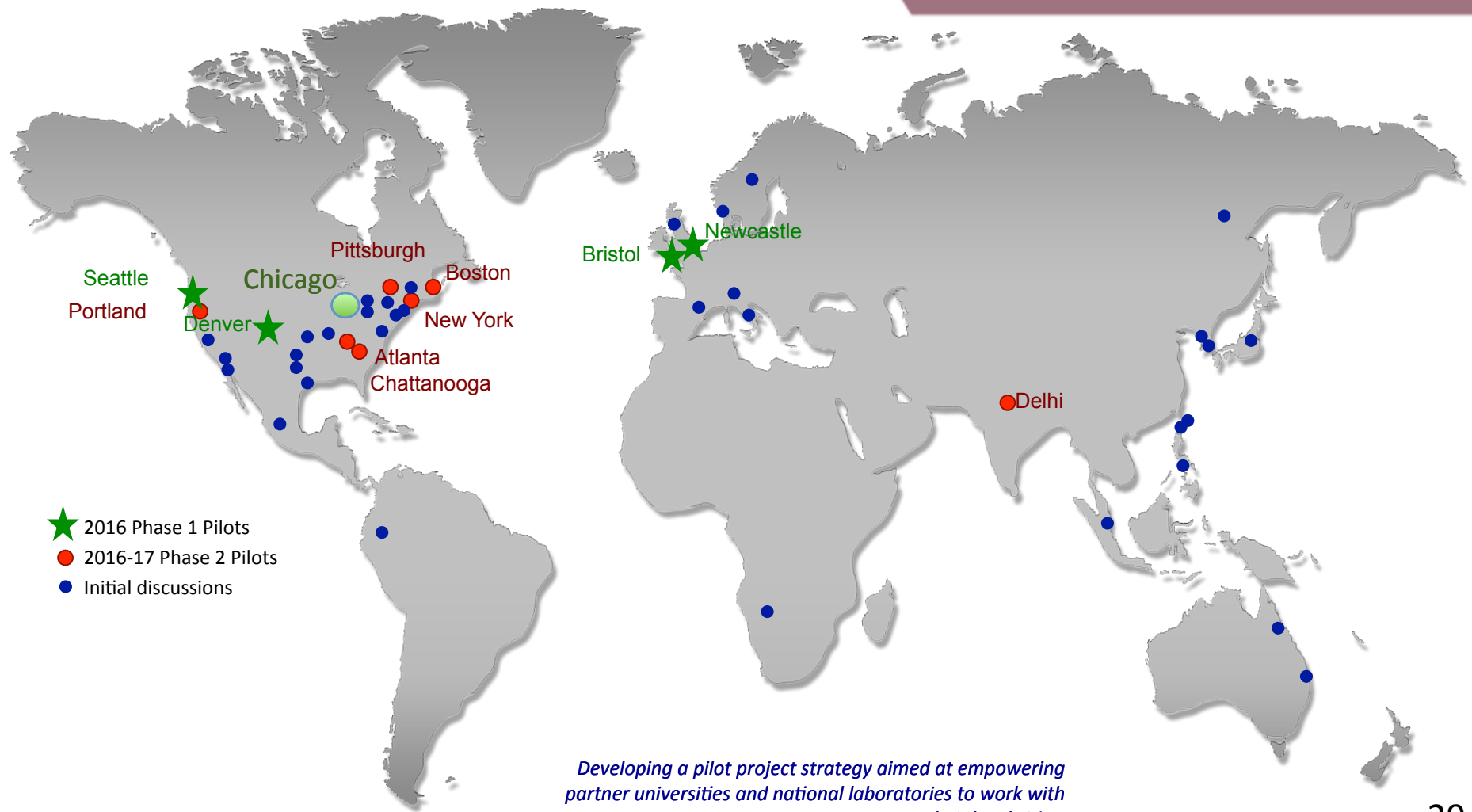


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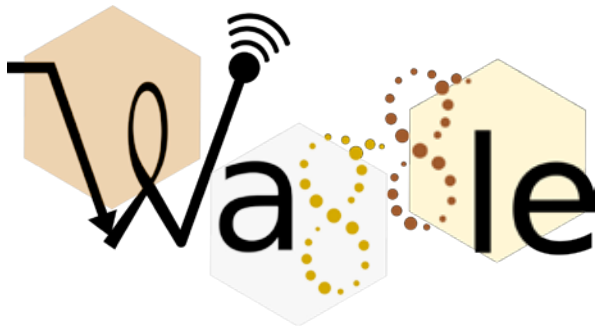


# Why HPC Geeks Should Care

- New sensors are **programmable parallel computers**
  - Multicore + GPUs & OpenCL or OpenMP
  - New algorithms for in-situ data analysis, feature detection, compression, deep learning
  - Need new progmod for “stackable” in-situ analysis (for sensors and HPC)
  - Need advanced OS/R resilience, cybersecurity, networking, over-the-air programming
- 1000s of nodes make a **distributed computing “instrument”**
  - New streaming programming model needed
  - New techniques for machine learning for scientific data required
    - Both for within a “node” and collectively across time series
- How will **HPC streaming analytics and simulation** be connected to live data?
  - Can we trigger HPC simulations after first approximations? (weather, energy, transportation)
  - Unstructured database with provenance and metadata for QA/collaboration
- Use novel HPC hardware to solve power issue?
  - Can we use neuromorphic or FPGAs to reduce power for in-situ analysis & compression?
- We are trading precision & cost for greater spatial resolution: What is possible?

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# Questions?



<http://www.wa8.gl>



<http://arrayofthings.github.io>