



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

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

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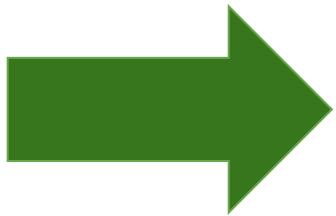


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Historical scientific study and analysis ...



Instrument

Data



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.

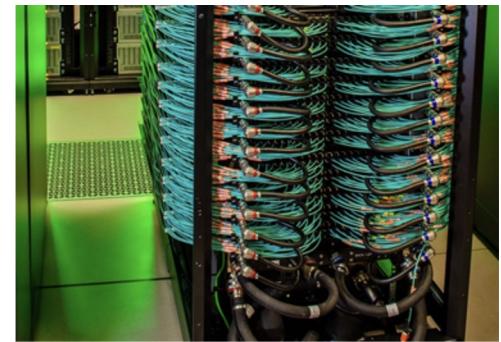
The Digital Continuum



IoT Facilities

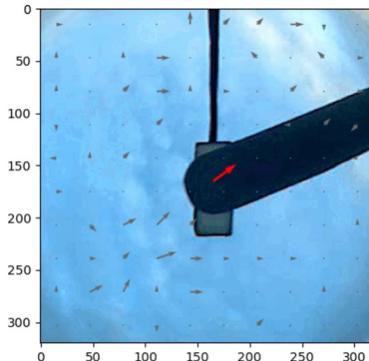


Analyse full resolution data,
find highest value data for
the science



Analysis

Why Live on the Edge?



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- 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

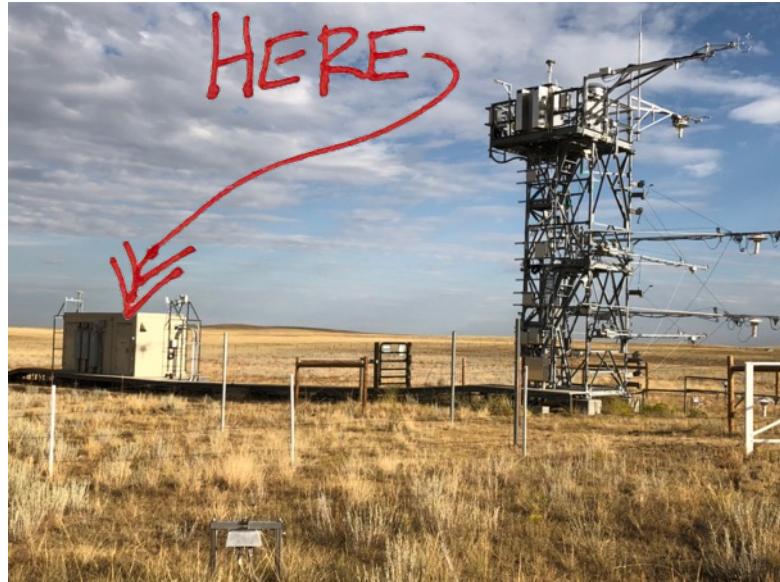
- Build a novel cyberinfrastructure
 - High-quality, resilient, well-documented software
 - Leverage best Open Source frameworks
 - PyTorch, OpenCV, TensorFlow, Kubernetes, Docker, etc.
- Build community of AI@Edge scientists
 - New AI-based measurements
 - Software-defined sensors
 - New AI algorithms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



Building on
NSF Array of Things
(2016-2018)



Put AI@Edge



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

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What is a “Software Defined Sensor”?

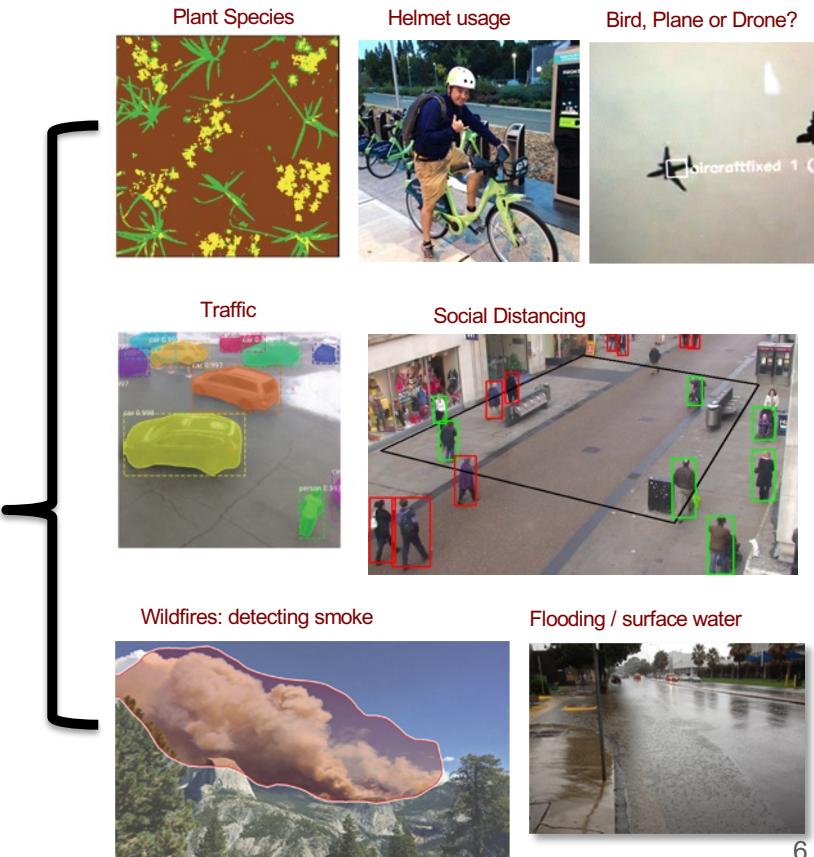


Your software container
running here

Analysis produces
live results

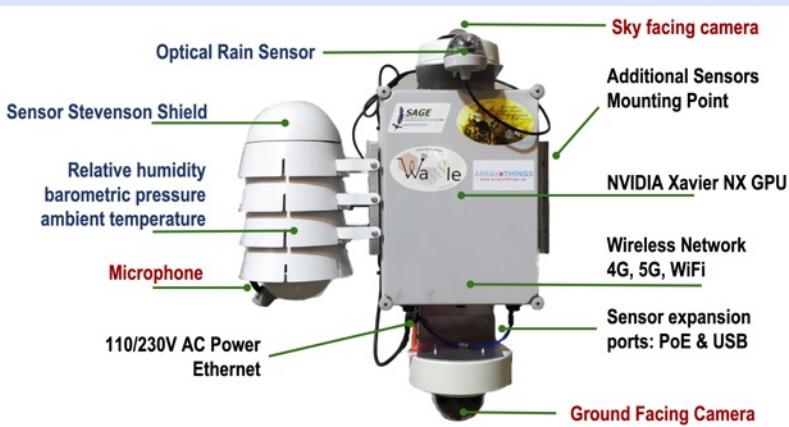
Many measurements cannot be
“sensed” directly but can be
computed from image,
microphone or other devices or
datastreams

AI-Based Measurement & Anomaly Detection, & Control



Delivering AI@Edge Platforms: Two⁺ Forms

Wild Sage Node



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

Sage Blade

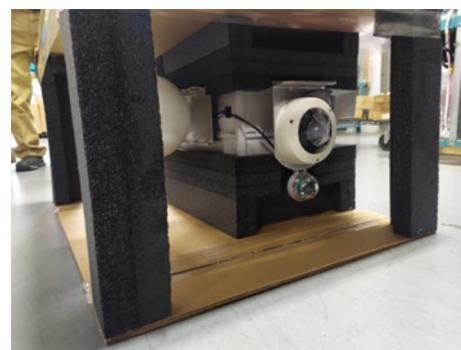
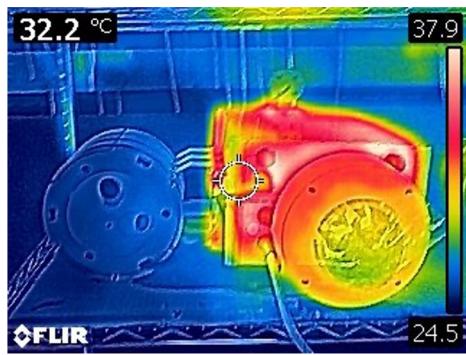
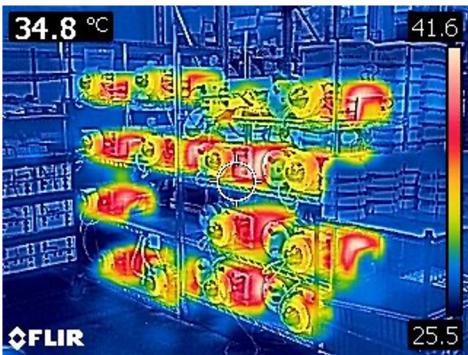


(Sage software stack + pure commodity server)

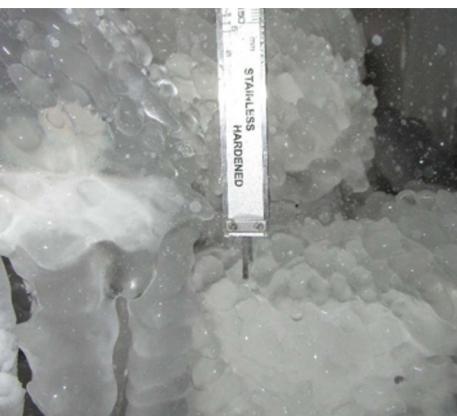
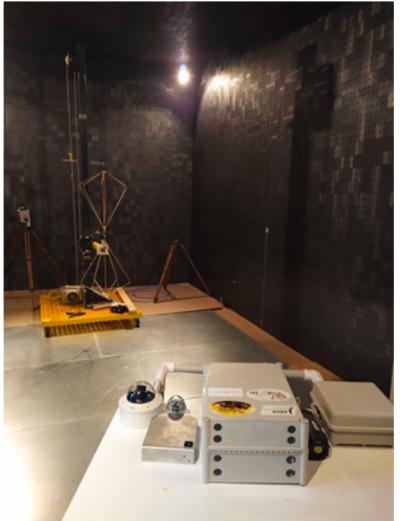
Rugged server for instrument huts, new sensors easily added

Research Credit: Edge Architecture led by Rajesh Sankaran, Northwestern University

Wild Sage Node: Manufacturing



Wild Sage Node: Design Qualification



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

Lahaina, Maui
(Planned October 2024)



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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.

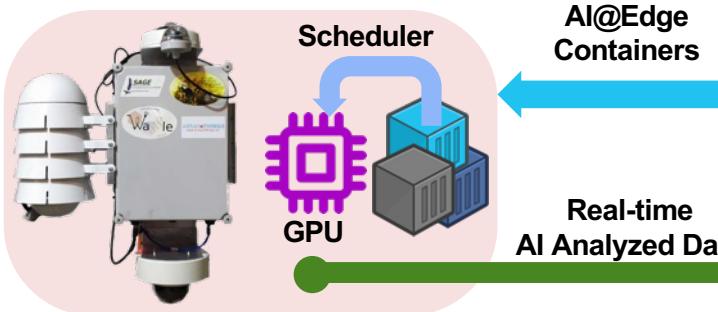
Sensors: Sage node with cameras, microphone, TPH, precipitation, dust and thermal camera.



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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

A National AI@Edge Resource for the Community

The Edge Code Repository

 weather-classification An app for identifying cloud or rain coverage from the ARM Doppler rjackson · 15 tags data	 cloud-motion Cloud Motion Estimator (Optical Flow) for the Sky Camera. Uploads i... bhupendraraut · 10 tags data	 avian-diversity-monitoring Records environmental sounds, identifies birds by such sounds and f... dariodematties · 1 tag data	 water-depth-estimator Water Depth Estimator seonghapark · 3 tags data
 motion-detector A general-purpose motion detection system that locates and tracks m... seonghapark · 1 tag data	 solar-irradiance Solar Irradiance Estimator Using U-Net seonghapark · 4 tags data	 traffic-state Traffic State Estimator seonghapark · 7 tags data	 object-counter Object Counter yonghokim · 2 tags data
 surface-water-classifier Surface Water Classifier seonghapark · 2 tags data	 wildfire-smoke-detection Wildfire Smoke Detection iperezx · 3 tags data	 surface-water-detection Surface Water Detection seonghapark · 8 tags data	 motion-analysis Motion Analysis seonghapark · 6 tags data

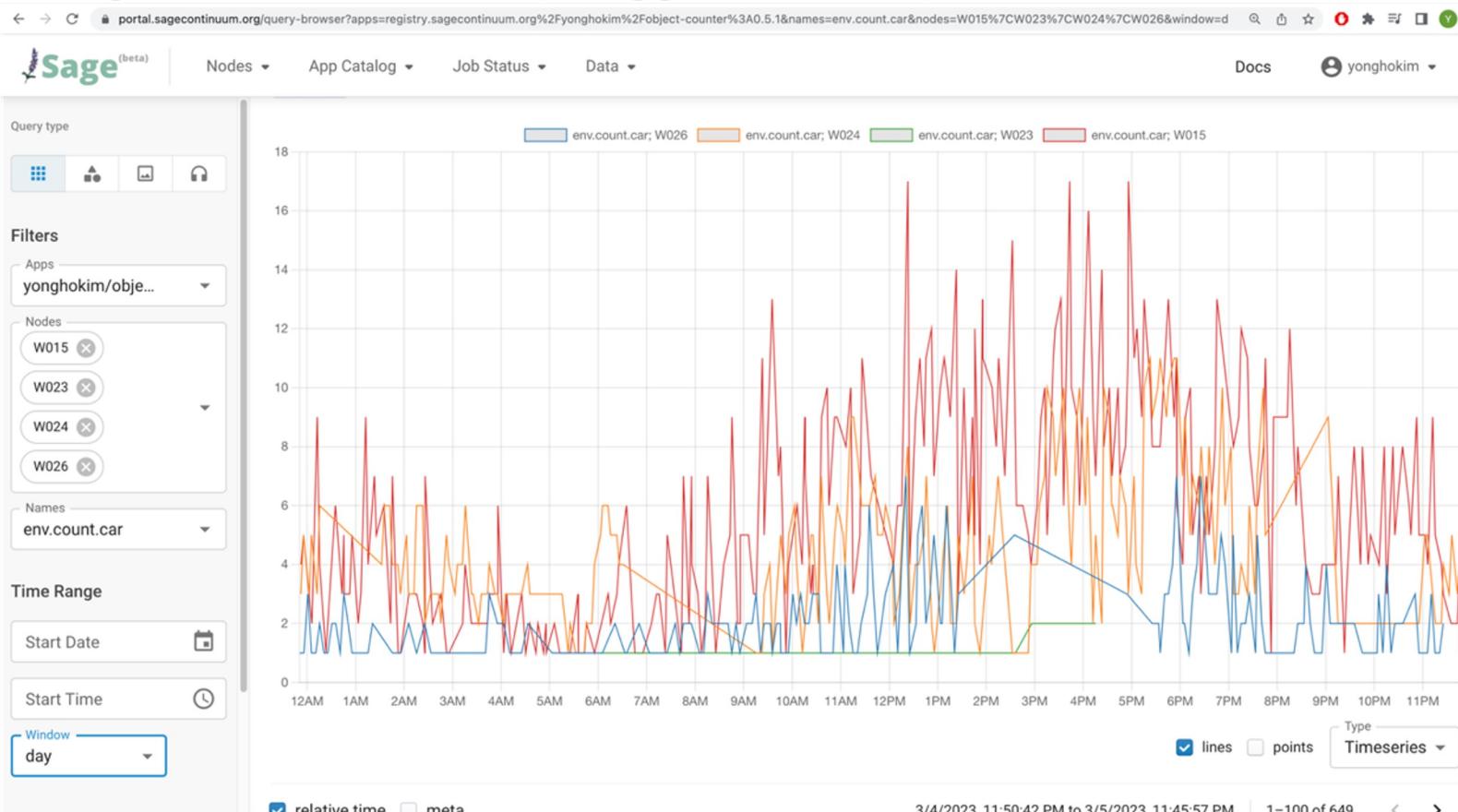
<https://portal.sagecontinuum.org/apps/explore>

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)

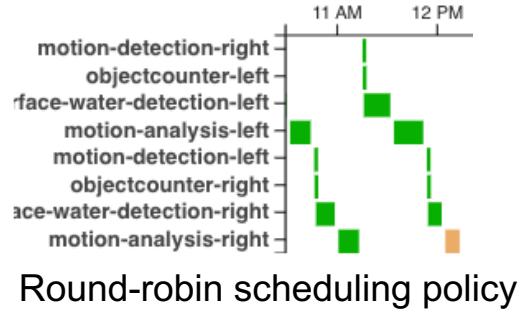
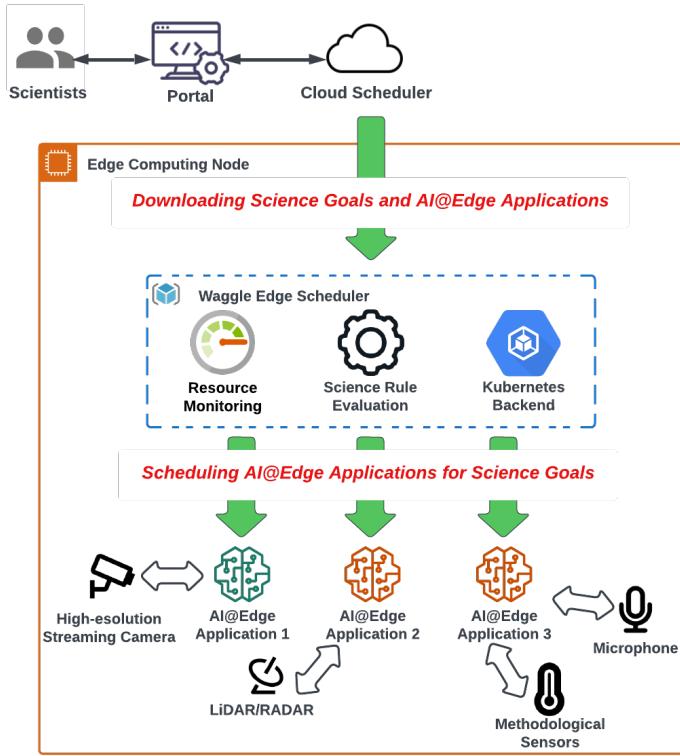


Demo: Analyzing the local temperatures from nodes

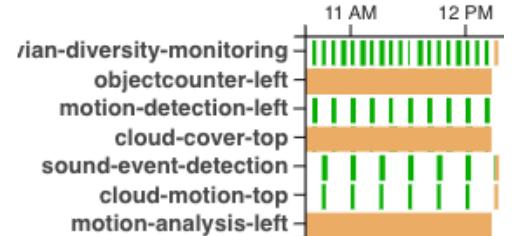
- <https://github.com/sagecontinuum/sage-data-client>
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Multi-tenancy with Sage Edge Scheduler

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



Round-robin scheduling policy



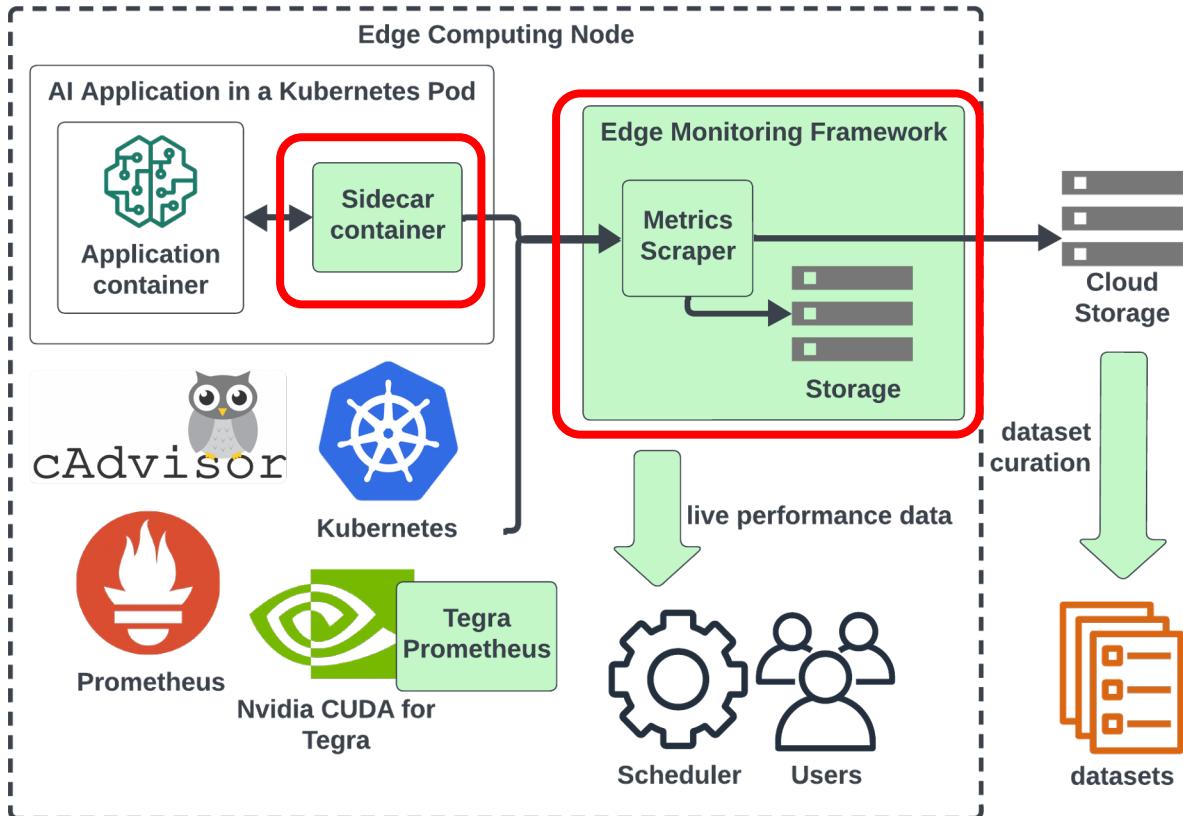
GPU-aware scheduling policy

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

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Sage: Examples

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

The screenshot shows the Sage website's "Recent projects" page. The header includes the Sage logo, navigation links for About, AI/Science, News, Publications, Team, and Docs, and a search bar. The main section features four large project cards:

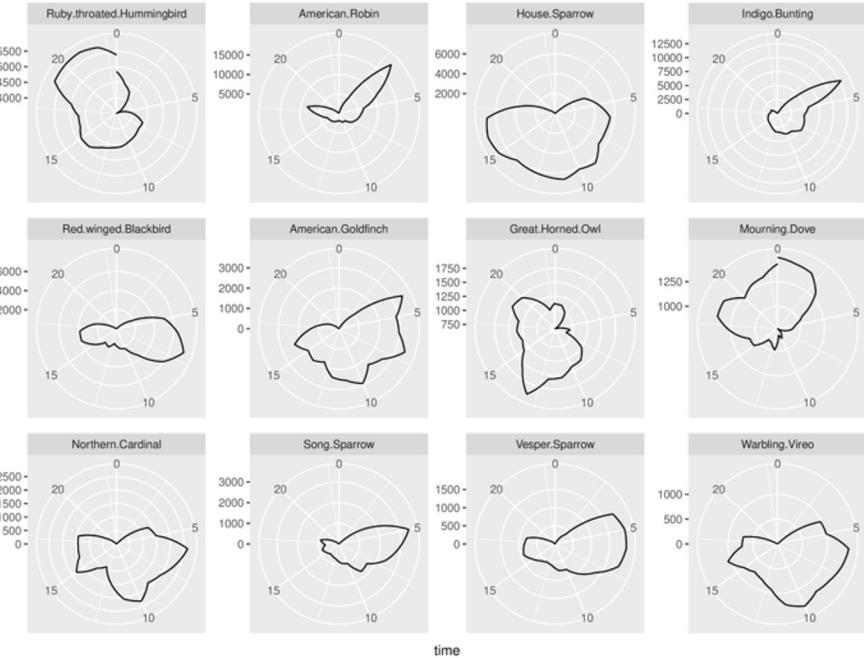
- Autonomous Camera Control**: An image of two white cameras mounted on a pole.
- Finding Events in Real-Time**: A diagram showing a Dell Blade notifying a cloud service where to schedule ML tasks based on user events.
- Resource Management at the Edge**: A line graph comparing CPU and GPU usage over time, noting a limit to 1 logical CPU core.
- Sound Separation**: An image of multiple colored spectrograms.

Below these are four smaller project cards:

- Real-ESRGAN**: Comparison images of a landscape at 10 seconds and 100 seconds.
- SUPIR (with prompt)**: Comparison images of a landscape at 10 seconds and 70 seconds.
- LIDAR for Solar Estimation and Sky Classification**: A visualization of LIDAR data with a color-coded legend.
- Unleashing the Power of Collaboration**: A visualization of a network of colored dots.
- Super Resolution Image Enhancement**: Comparison images of a landscape at 10 seconds and 100 seconds.
- Lightning Detection w/ Software Defined Radio**: An image of a black USB dongle labeled "SAGE-SDR.COM".

Paintbrush Prairie Bird Detection

Sage Digital Continuum

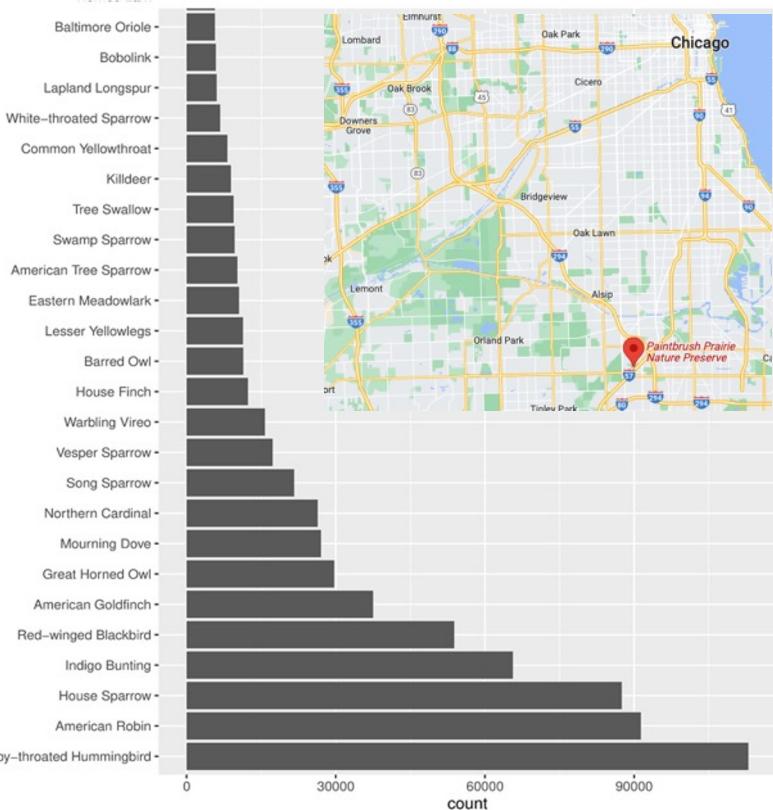


Total calls, for top 12 species, as a function of the hour of the day (UTC-06).



BirdNet from Cornell University

Research Credit: Dario Dematties, Bhupendra Raut, Nicola Ferrier

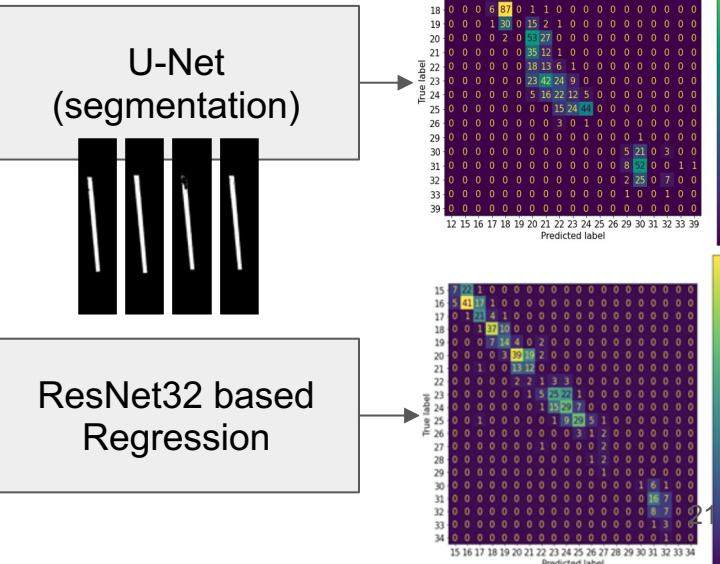
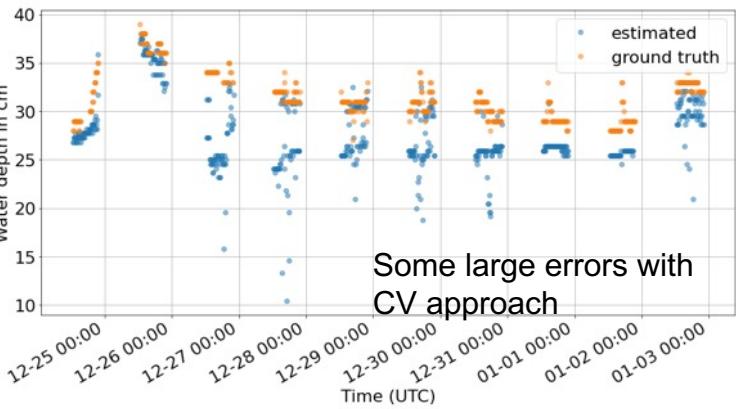


Top 25 bird calls recorded at the Paintbrush Prairie Natural Preserve (Nature Conservancy Site) from Sep 2020 to Dec 2021

Measuring Water and Snow Depth

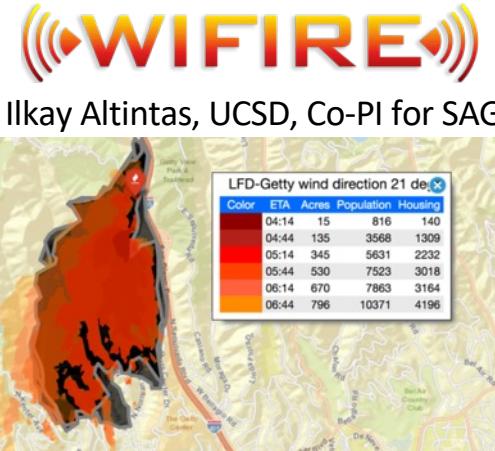
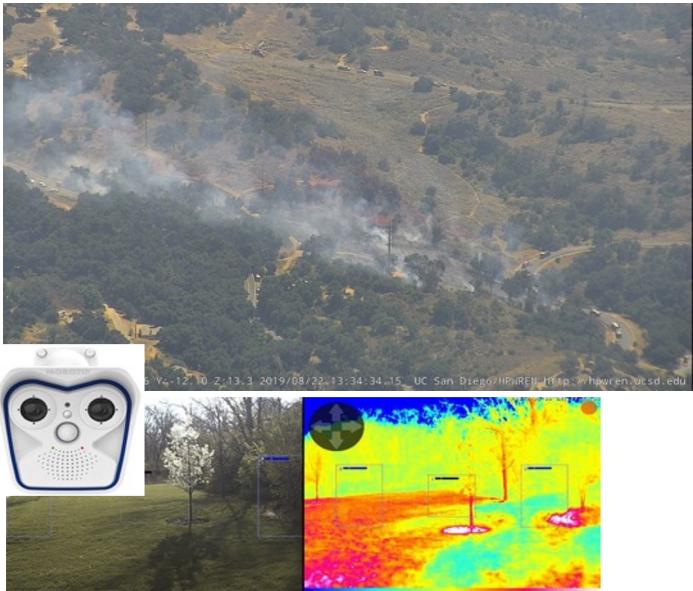
We are evaluating multiple approaches to estimate the water (or snow) level from images of rulers (in of a stream at a NEON site)

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



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

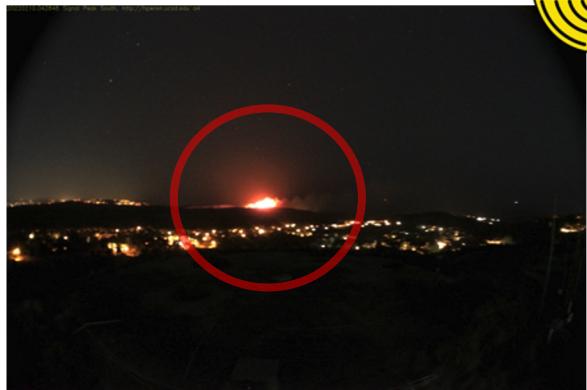
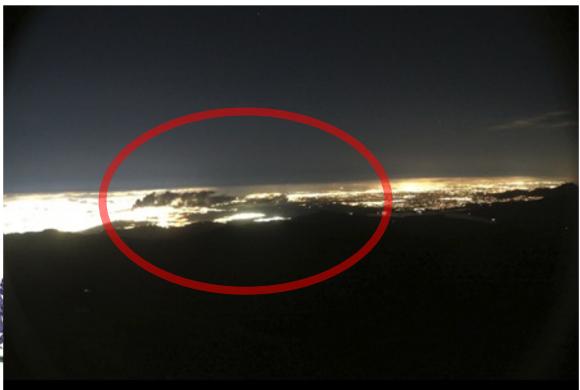
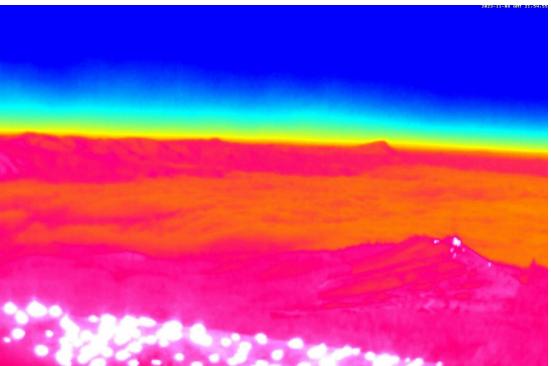


Exploring 2 approaches to improve predictions:

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

AI to Detect Wildfires in Real Time

Sage Digital

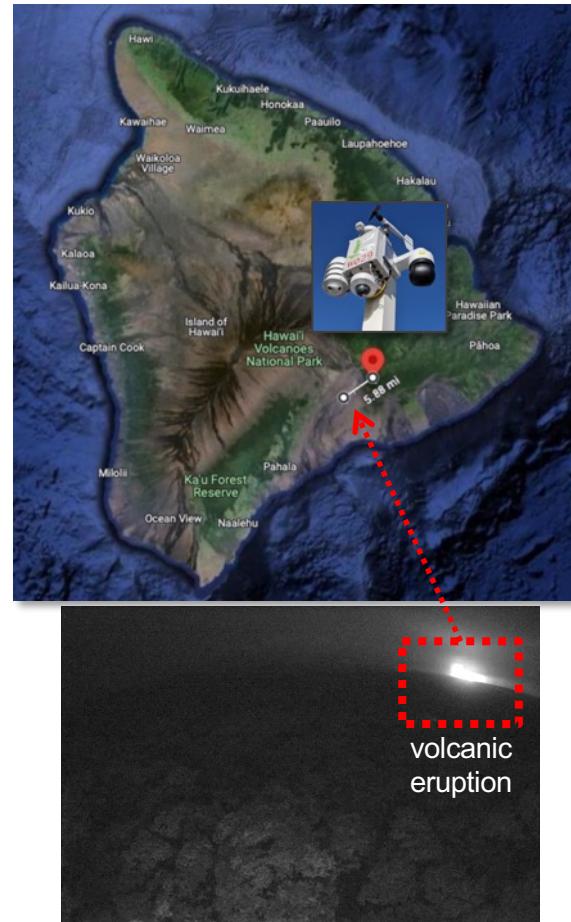
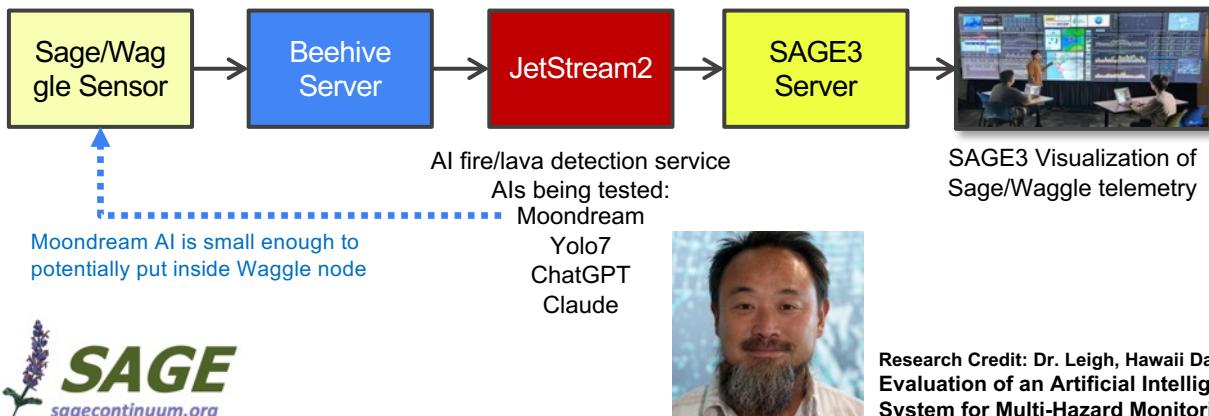


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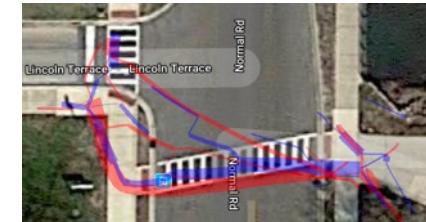
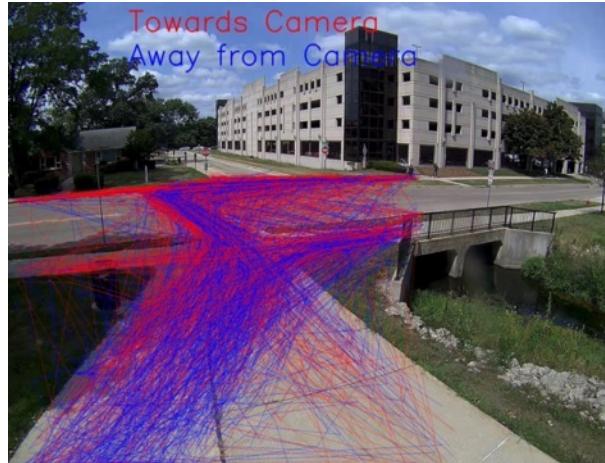


Sage/Waggle Detects Kilauea Volcanic Eruption

- 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.



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

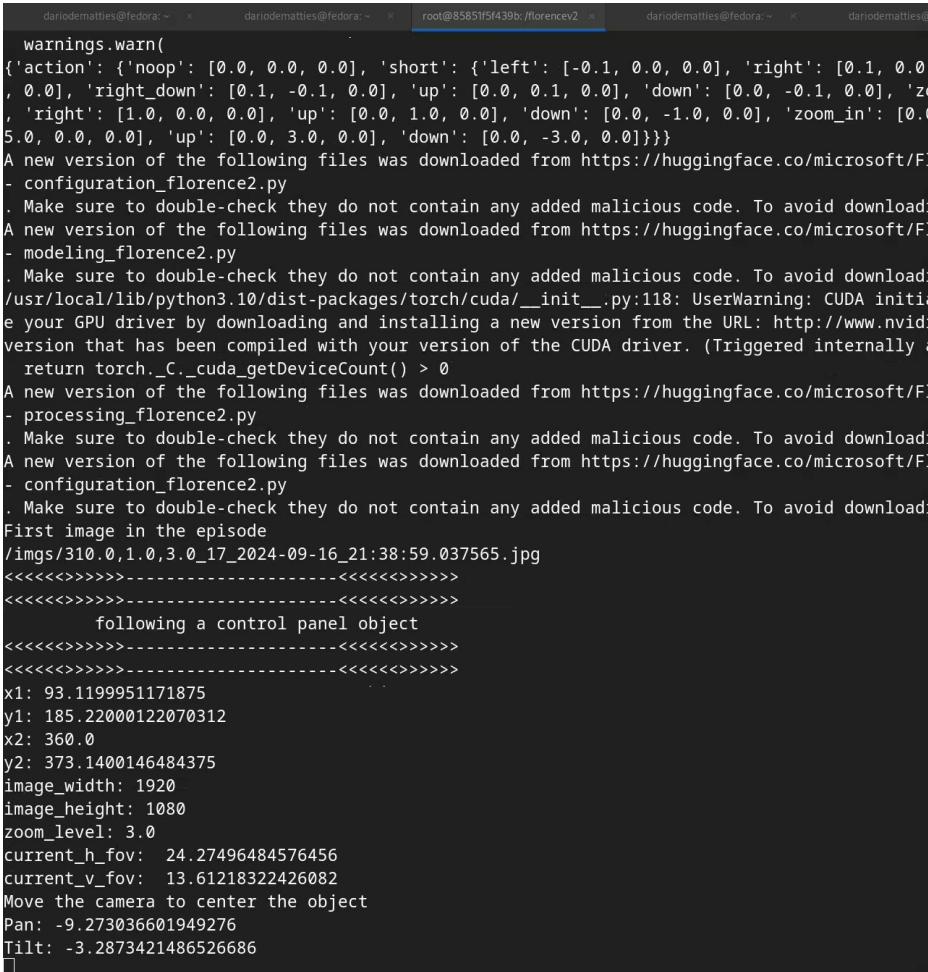
Future direction: Generative AIs + Actuators



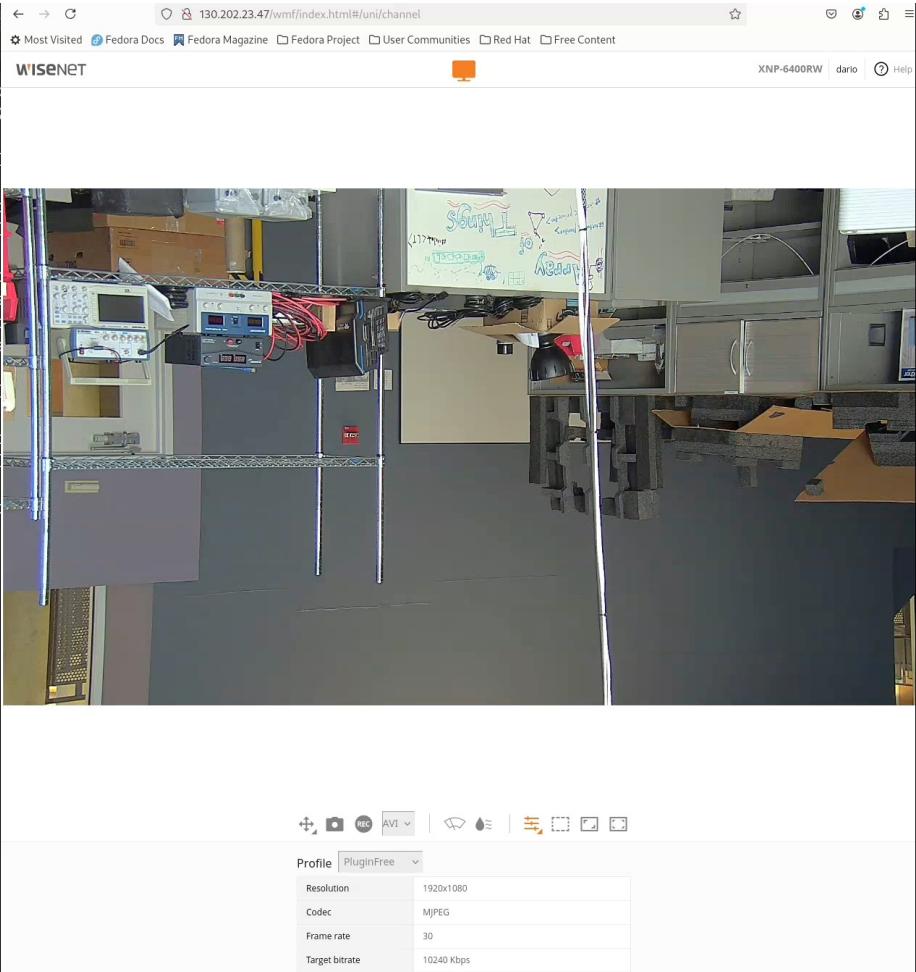
Zooming in and follow!



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