



# Cyberinfrastructure for AI@Edge

## Sharing scientific data via OSN

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Example: Hyperspectral SPECIM Camera:  
PFD VNIR with 768 bands  
 $(2734 \times 1312) \times 768 \times 2\text{bytes} = \mathbf{5.1\text{GB image}}$

1 sample every 5 min  
Twilight to twilight on June 21 = **1TB**

**We need a parallel computer with each sensor!**

# AI @ Edge

## Sensors



LIDAR

Software  
Defined  
Radios



Hyperspectral  
Imaging



## Facilities



## Actuators



Servos

Dynamic  
adaptation



Powerful  
Parallel Edge  
Computing



Artificial Intelligence  
Deep Learning Inference  
Lightweight Training

Edge computing and deep learning  
with feedback for continuous  
improvement



Reduced, Compressed data

New inference (model)  
Adaptive steering

## HPC

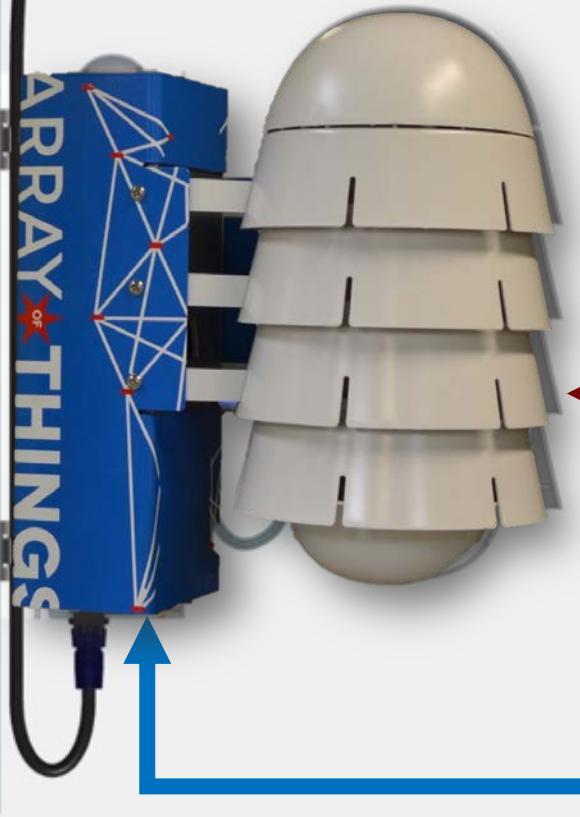


Deep Learning Training  
Simulation / Forecast

# Why Live on the Edge?



- **More data than bandwidth**
  - Spallation neutron source, light source, SW defined radios, HD Cameras, LIDAR, radar, hyperspectral imaging, grid micro-synchrophasors, etc.
- **Latency is important**
  - Quick local decision & actuation; adaptive sensing & control systems
- **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
- **Quiet observation and energy efficiency**
  - Vigilant sensors, transmit only essential observations, not big data streams



# Array of Things

(First units built and deployed in 2016)



## Environment

Ambient, UV, IR light  
Visibility  
Magnetic Field  
Vibration  
Sound pressure  
Temperature  
Relative humidity  
Barometric pressure

## Air Quality

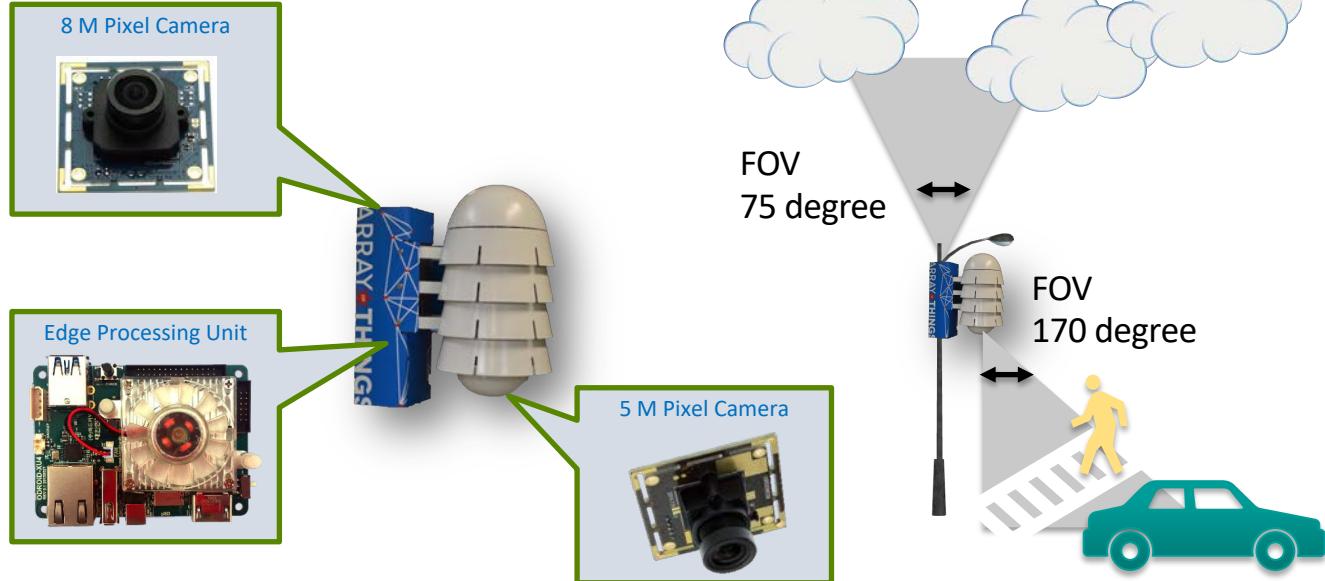
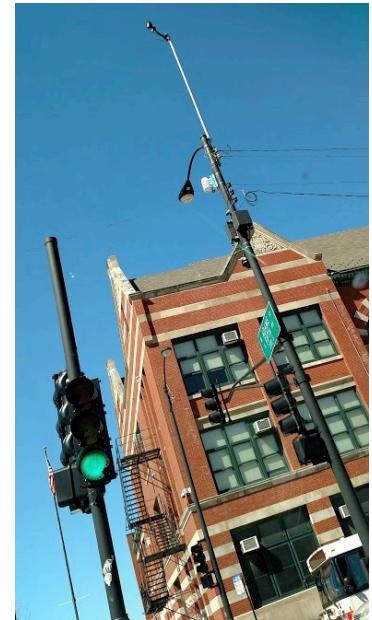
PM 1, 2.5, 10  
Carbon monoxide  
Ozone  
Sulfur dioxide  
Nitrogen dioxide  
Hydrogen sulfide  
Total reducing gases  
Total oxidizing gases

## Edge Computing or “AI at the Edge” Research:

Computer Vision: Flooding, traffic flow, safety (bike helmet use, pedestrian patterns...), use patterns of public spaces, cloud cover  
Computer Audio: Noise components, sound events

The “Array of Things” (AoT) was an NSF-funded Major Research Instrumentation project in partnership with the City of Chicago, led by the University of Chicago and Argonne National Laboratory. The underlying hardware and software used is Argonne’s Open WAGGLE platform. ([wa8.gl](http://wa8.gl))

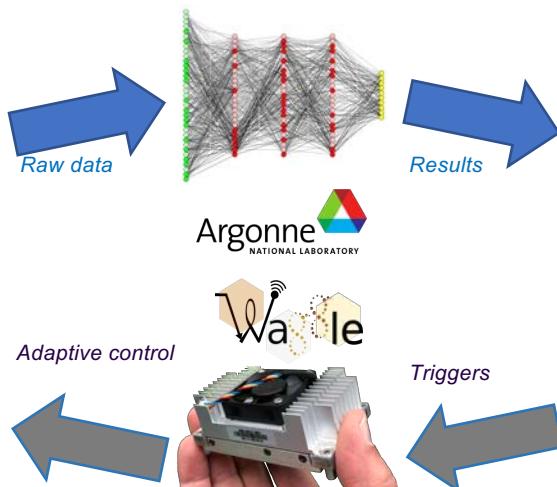
# Edge Vision Cameras on Array of Things Nodes



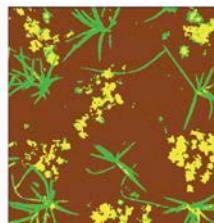
# WHAT DOES “AI-AT-THE-EDGE” ENABLE?



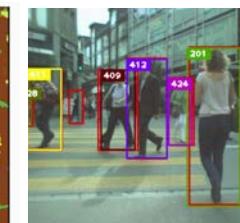
## Software-Defined Sensors



Plant Species



Pedestrian Flow



Drone detection



Traffic Flow



Wildlife



Cloud Coverage



*Autonomous Adaptive Sensing*



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Jim Olds  
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Eugene Kelly  
(CSU; NEON)

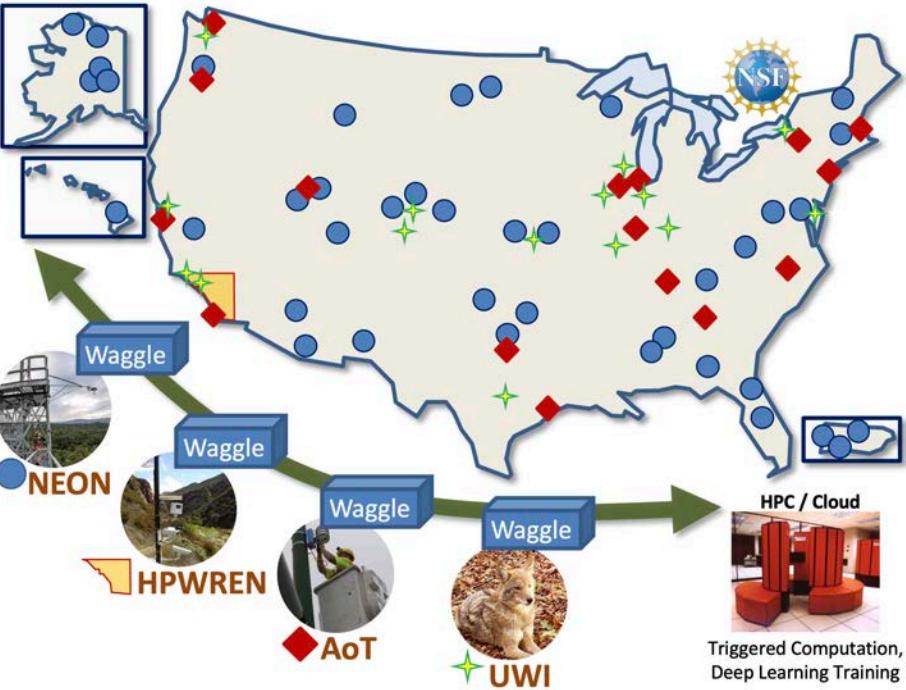


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# SAGE

*Cyberinfrastructure for  
AI at the Edge*  
[sagecontinuum.org](http://sagecontinuum.org)



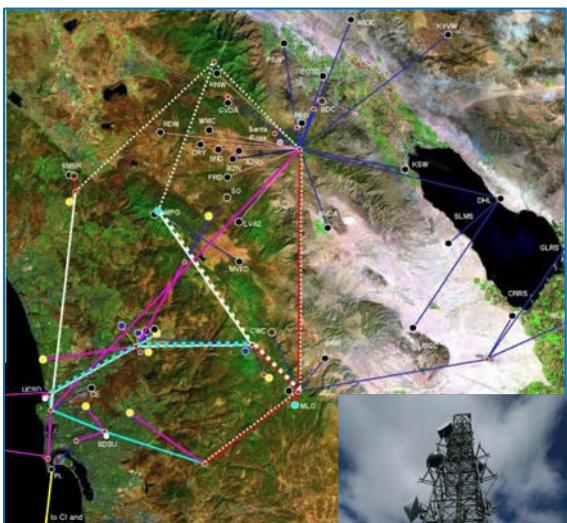
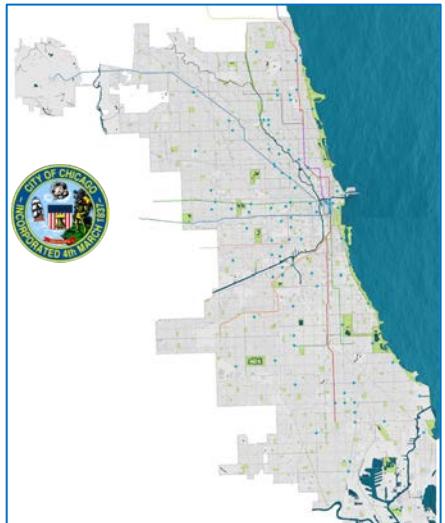
## Education & Training



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Argonne  
NATIONAL LABORATORY

# SAGE Partner Instruments

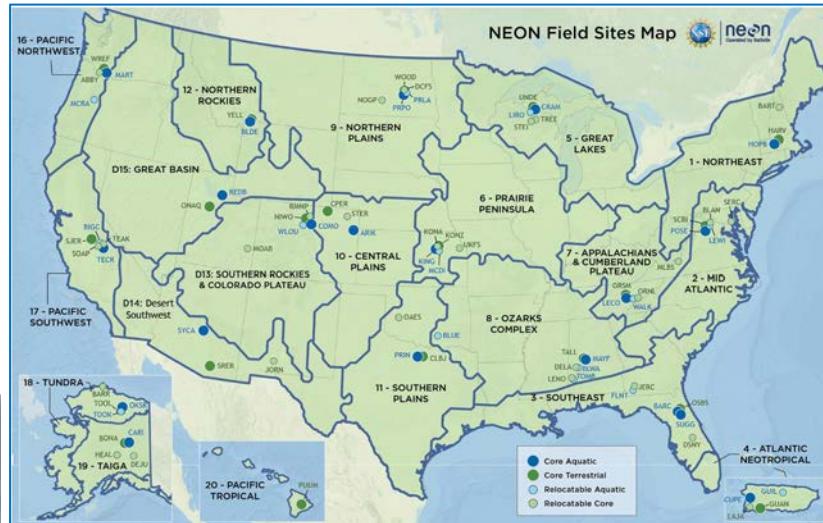


HPWREN/WIFIRE:  
*Regional*  
Environmental  
Conditions and Events.



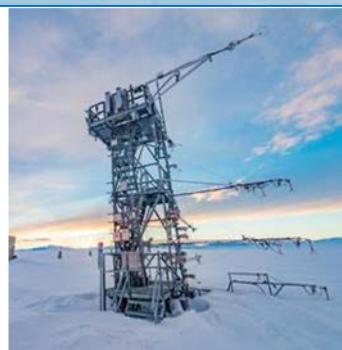
AoT: *Neighborhood* scale  
urban environment and activity.

**HPWREN**  
**SDSC**  
SAN DIEGO SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER



NEON: *Continental* scale  
ecology and environment.

**neon**  
National Ecological Observatory Network



# Ecology: NSF NEON & Sage

AI@HPC + AI@Edge = Intelligent Forecast & Sensing



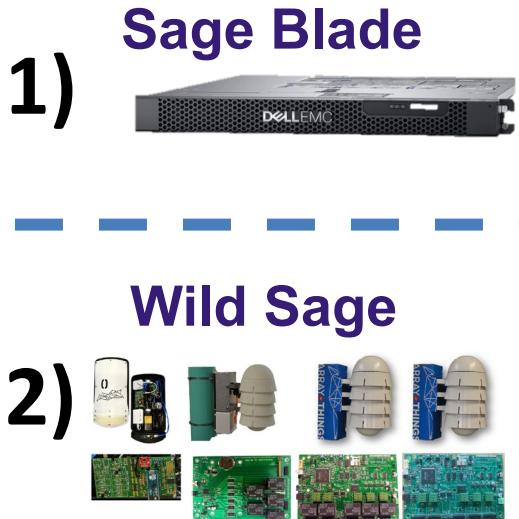
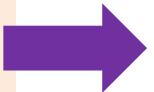
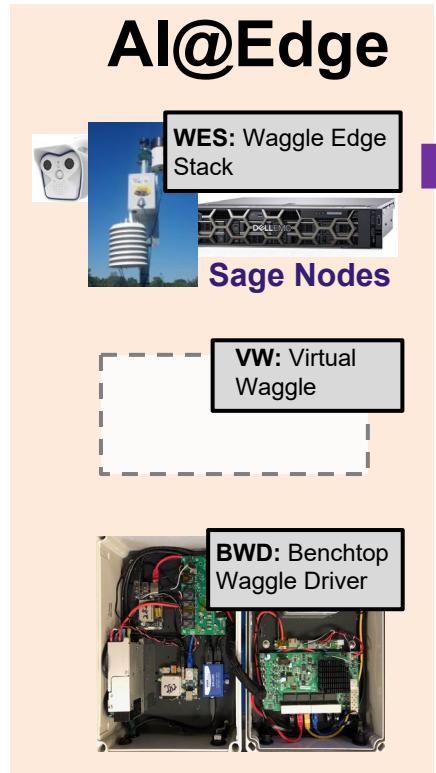
NEON: National Ecological Observatory Network. Multi-decade project to understand changing ecosystem

81 field sites, 100K data samples each year.

Sage will deploy AI@Edge to link with AI@HPC and detect interesting phenomenon and notify scientists in real time

From bats to migrating animals to clouds...

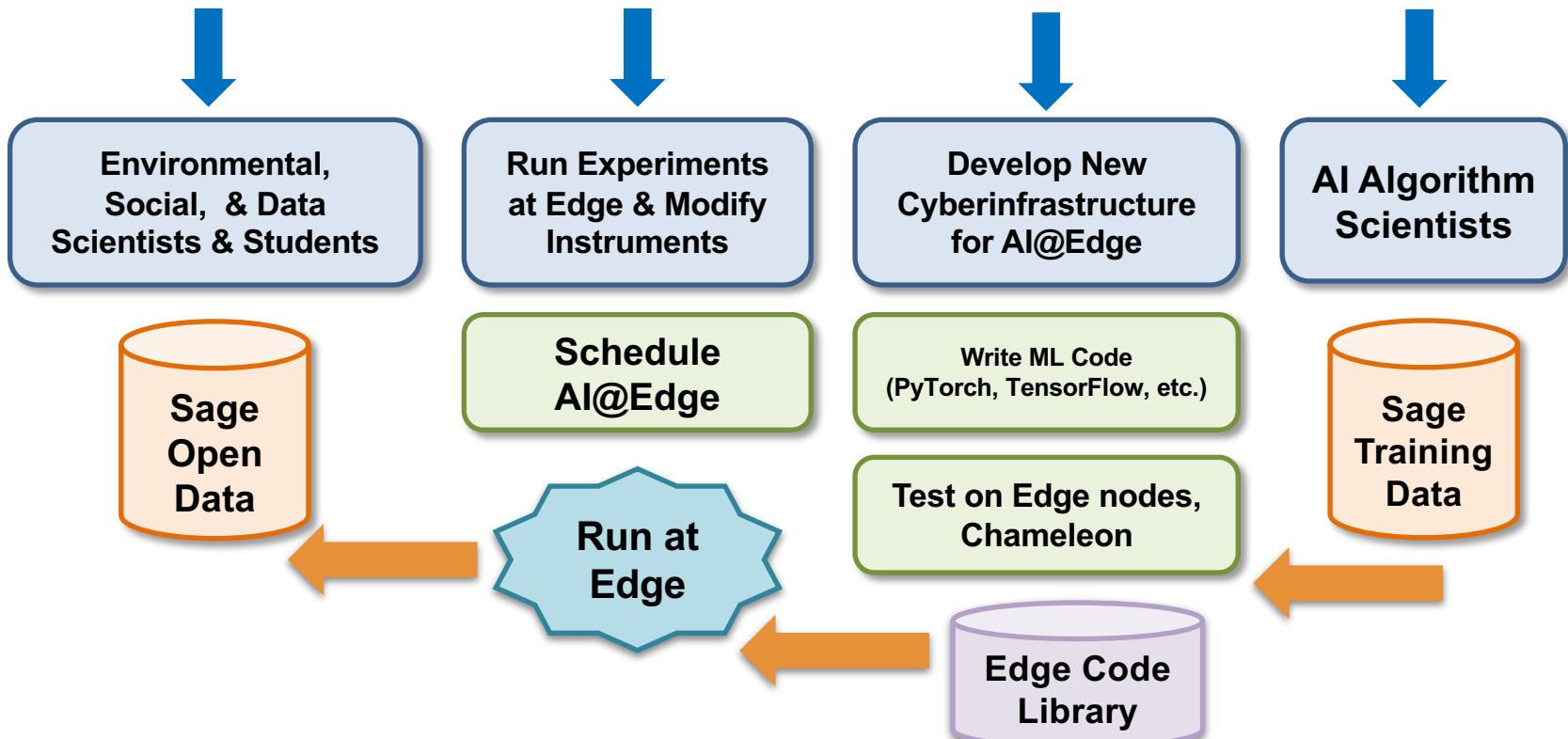
# The Edge



**Testbed for latest  
AI@Edge Hardware**

# What does AI@Edge Cyberinfrastructure need?

## A User-Driven, Science Architecture:

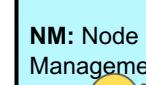


# SAGE Technical Architecture

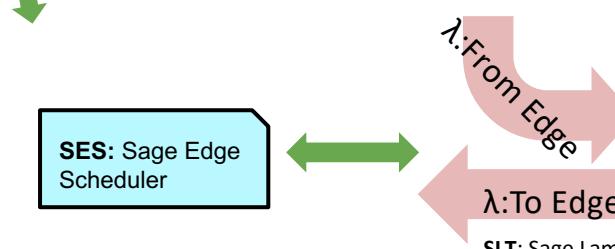
## AI@Edge



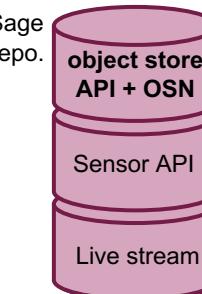
## Beehive



SES: Sage Edge Scheduler



## Cloud



Open Data Access



External HPC v2.0

# SDR: SAGE Data Repository

Currently: Sensor data in csv files:

## Data access in SAGE (work in-progress)

- Sensor data in database
  - API for sophisticated search queries
  - CKAN data portal for UI
- Live stream of sensor data
- Object store for large files



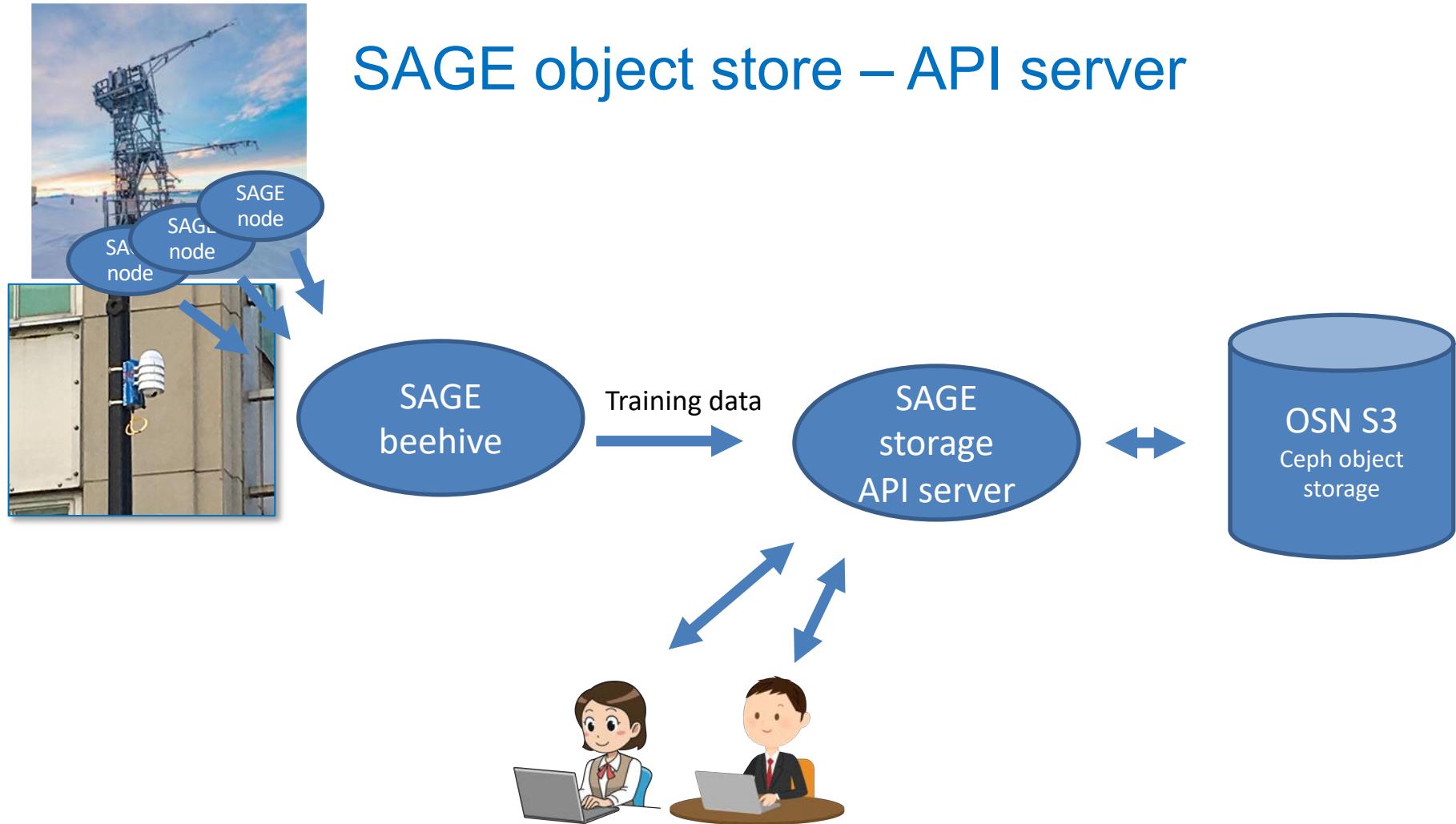
The screenshot shows a web page titled "Waggle Datasets:" with a sub-section "Recent CSV:". It lists seven CSV files with their sizes and last update times:

File	Size	Last Updated
NUCWR_MUGS_complete_recent.csv	65.00 B	October 21 2020 13:30:59 CST
Aut_Detroit_complete_recent.csv	65.00 B	October 21 2020 13:30:53 CST
Rome_Torino_complete_recent.csv	65.00 B	October 21 2020 13:30:59 CST
Aut_NIU_complete_recent.csv	65.00 B	October 21 2020 13:30:54 CST
Aut_Stanford_complete_recent.csv	65.00 B	October 21 2020 13:30:55 CST
Aut_Bristol_complete_recent.csv	65.00 B	October 21 2020 13:30:51 CST
Aut_Tokyo_complete_recent.csv	65.00 B	October 21 2020 13:31:01 CST

# SAGE object store

- Training data from SAGE nodes (and users)
  - Images
  - Videos
  - Sound files
  - LIDAR data
  - Multispectral images
  - ...
- Machine learning models created by SAGE users

# SAGE object store – API server

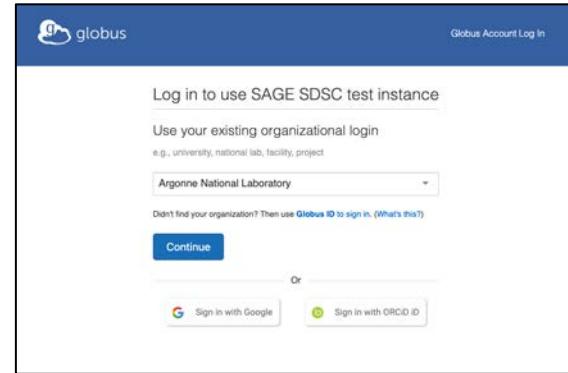


# SAGE object store – API server

- Supported storage backend: S3-style API
- RESTful API (similar to S3 path-style addressing model)
- “virtual” buckets:
  - UUID names to prevent namespace conflicts
  - One file (or dataset) per bucket
    - (A dataset consists of files sharing the same metadata)
  - Metadata
  - Ownership & Permission control
- Access:
  - JSON REST API
  - python client library
  - command line client
  - SAGE website (not yet)

# SAGE object store – API server

- Sage users authorize via OAuth2 access tokens
- Access management: **FULL\_CONTROL, WRITE, READ, WRITE\_ACP, READ\_ACP**
- Open source, Golang
- implementation & documentation:  
<https://github.com/sagecontinuum/sage-storage-api>



# SAGE object store – API server

For those interested...

The screenshot shows a browser window displaying the "Getting started" section of the SAGE object store API documentation at <https://github.com/sagecontinuum/sage-storage-api>. The page includes instructions for setting up a test environment using docker-compose, usage examples for creating buckets, and a sample curl command. It also shows an example response and optional query fields.

**Getting started**

```
docker-compose up
```

This starts a test environment without token verification.

**Usage**

```
export SAGE_USER_TOKEN=<your_token>
or
export SAGE_USER_TOKEN=user:testuser

export SAGE_STORE_URL="localhost:8080"
```

**Create bucket**

```
curl -X POST "${SAGE_STORE_URL}/api/v1/objects?type=training-data&name=mybucket" -H "Authorization: sage ${SAGE_USER_TOKEN}"
```

**Example response:**

```
{
  "id": "5c9b9ff7-e3f3-4271-9649-70ddad02f28",
  "name": "mybucket",
  "owner": "testuser",
  "type": "training-data"
}
```

**optional query fields:**

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# Questions?

