

# Intelligent Sensors for the Internet of Things: Parallel Computing on Chicago Street Poles

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# Argonne National Laboratory

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

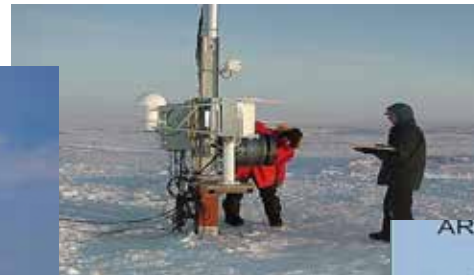




# Argonne: Develops new sensors Runs large sensor networks Climate modeling and simulation

- ... **chemical, biological, nuclear and explosive materials**

Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Climate  
Research Facility



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# Internet of Things... Sometimes Silly



University of  
Cambridge, 1991

Amazon Dash



## IoT: Canonical and GE's FirstBuild Collaborate on Smart Refrigerator

By Canonical on 11 May 2015

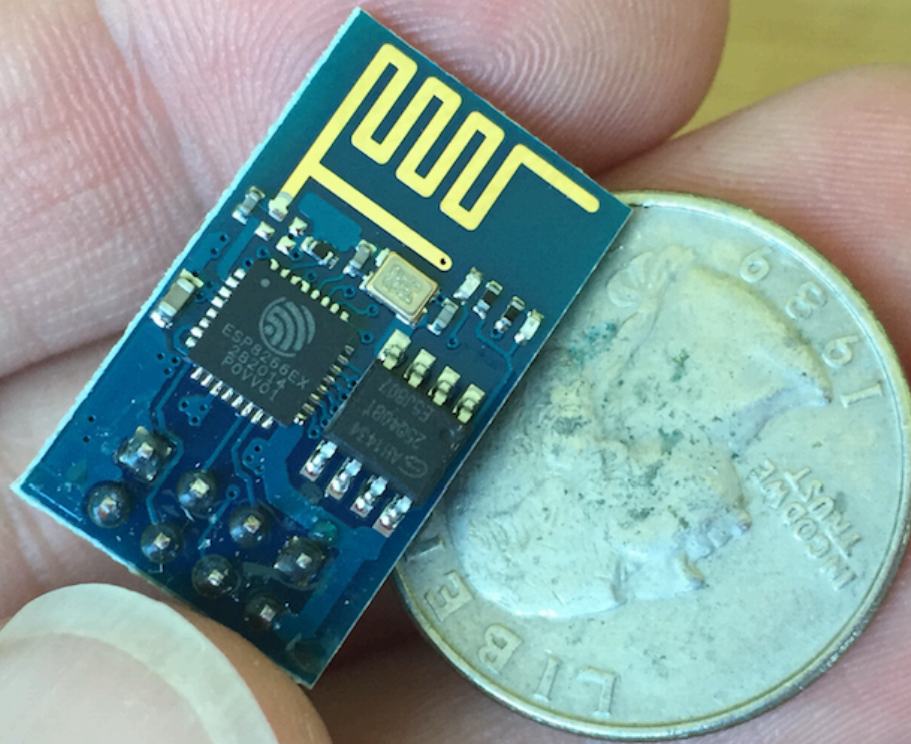


“ChillHub is a refrigerator with two USB ports and built-in Wi-Fi connectivity. In addition, ChillHub has an open-source iOS-compatible app [...] Ubuntu is the favored platform for developers of all kinds – particularly those innovating around the Internet of Things.”

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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

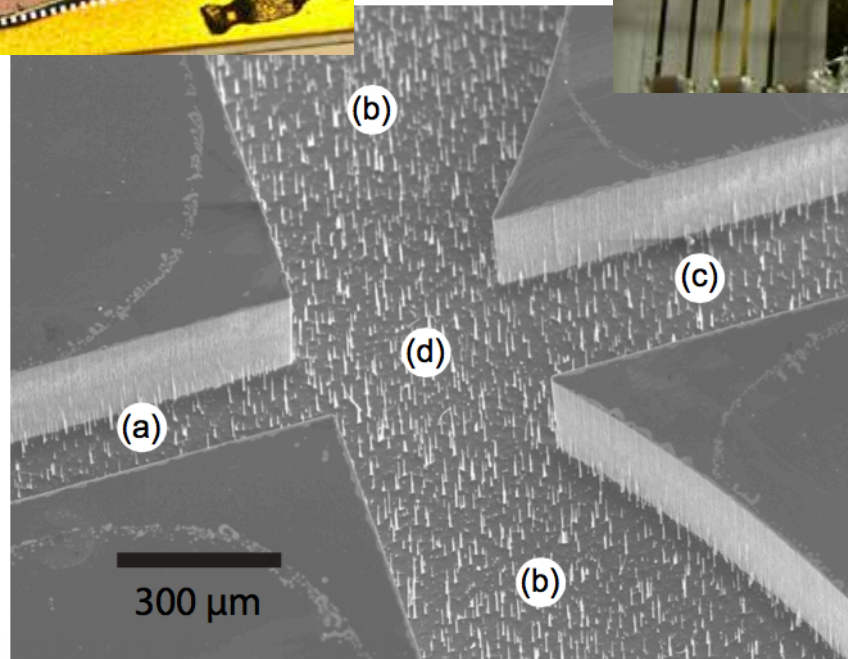
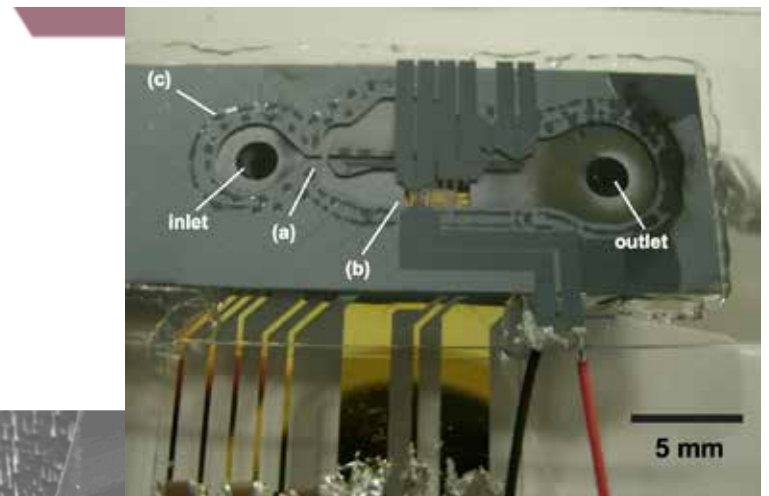
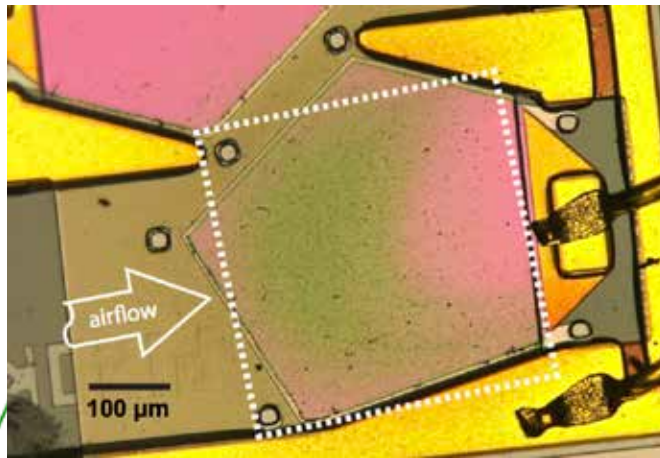
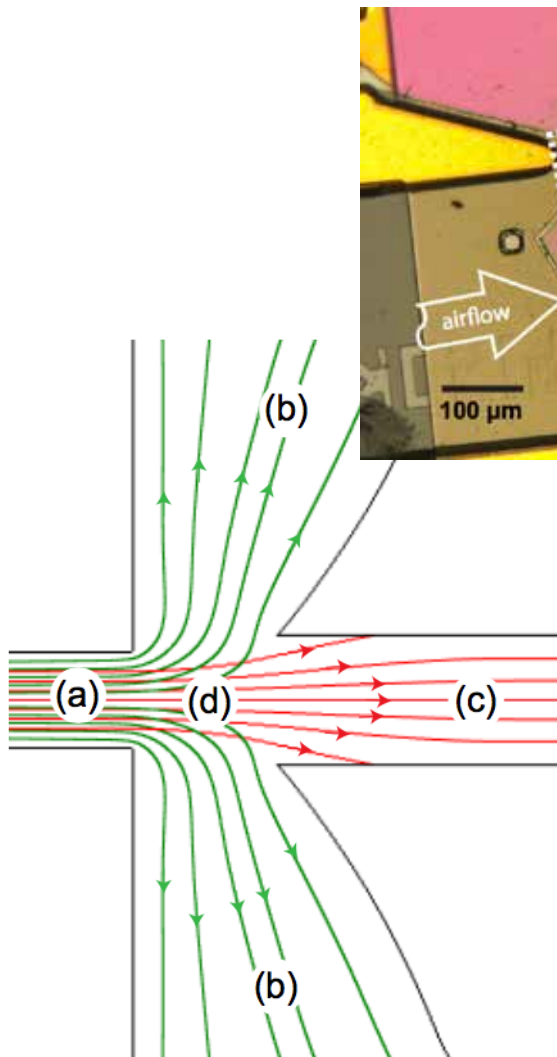


ODROID XU4  
Hobby SBC, 2015  
8 cores + GPU @ 2.0 GHz

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





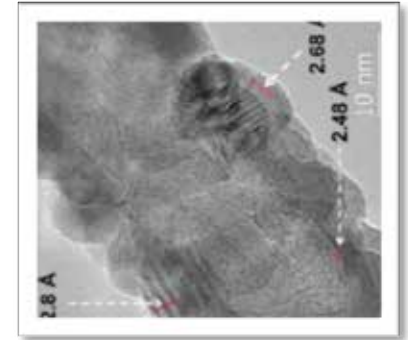


Courtesy  
Igor Paprotny, UIC



# Disruption: **Intelligent, Attentive Sensors**

- **Sensors:**
  - Explosion of nano & imaging tech
- **CPUs:**
  - Powerful, low-power, embedded with network
- **In-situ/Edge Computing:**
  - Data in flight, can't store it all
  - Sensors+CPUs = new programming model for *in-situ computation*
- **Open Source:** Reusable, extensible software communities



CNM carbon nanotube  
methane sensor

## **Opportunity:** Predictive Models:

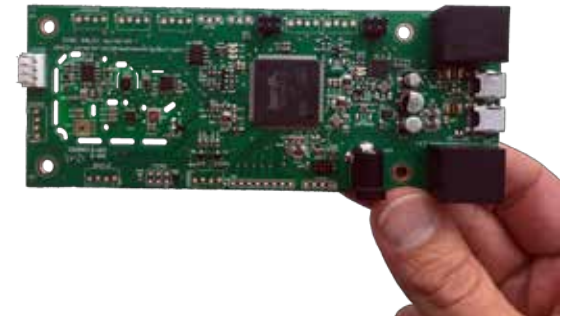
Smart Sensors + Supercomputers = predictions and analysis



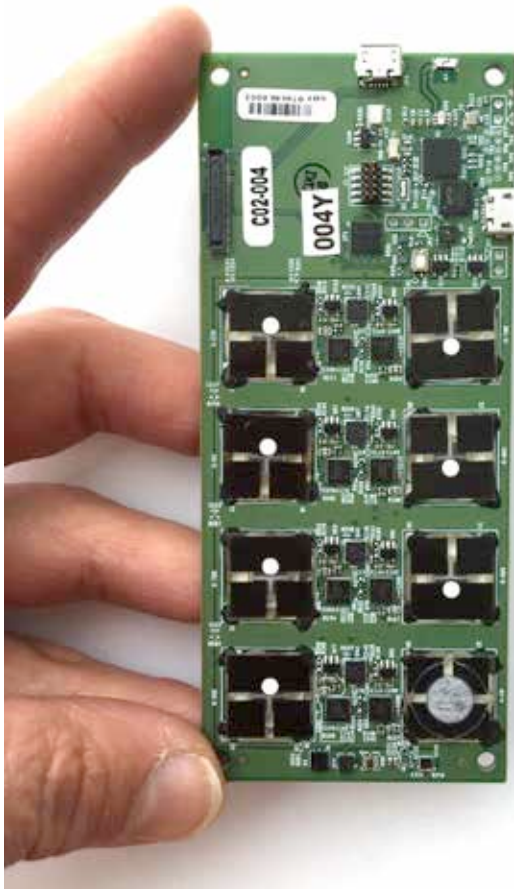
## Introducing Waggle ([www.wa8.gl](http://www.wa8.gl))

Argonne investment in new science platform

- **Powerful CPU**, accurate sensors
- **In-Situ Analysis** for adaptive feature detection, attentive control
- “Deep Space Probe” design for resilience
  - (safe mode, multiple kernels, heartbeats)
- Scalable to 100Ks of nodes; streaming data to supercomputer predictions
- Scalable/hackable Open Source platform adaptable for new science & sensors
  - host active education community



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## New Advanced Sensors

( via a partnership with Intel & SPEC)

- NO<sub>2</sub> (Nitrogen Dioxide): <2 ppb
- O<sub>3</sub> (Ozone) < 5 ppb
- CO (Carbon Monoxide) < 1 ppm
- SO<sub>2</sub> (Sulfer Dioxide) < 15 ppb
- H<sub>2</sub>S (Hydrogen Sulfide) < 2 ppb
- TOX (total oxidizing index) < 1 ppm CO equiv
- TOR (total reducing index) < 2 ppb NO<sub>2</sub> equiv
- Future:
  - HCHO (Formaldehyde)
  - VOC (Volatile Organic Compound)
  - CH<sub>4</sub> (Methane)

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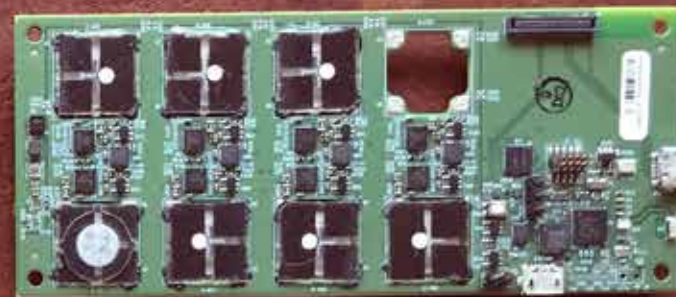
AirSense Board



Camera



ChemSense Board



WagMan Board + ODROID  
(Amlogic quad ARM A7)

ODRIOD  
(Samsung Exynos5422, A15 & A7)



LightSense Board



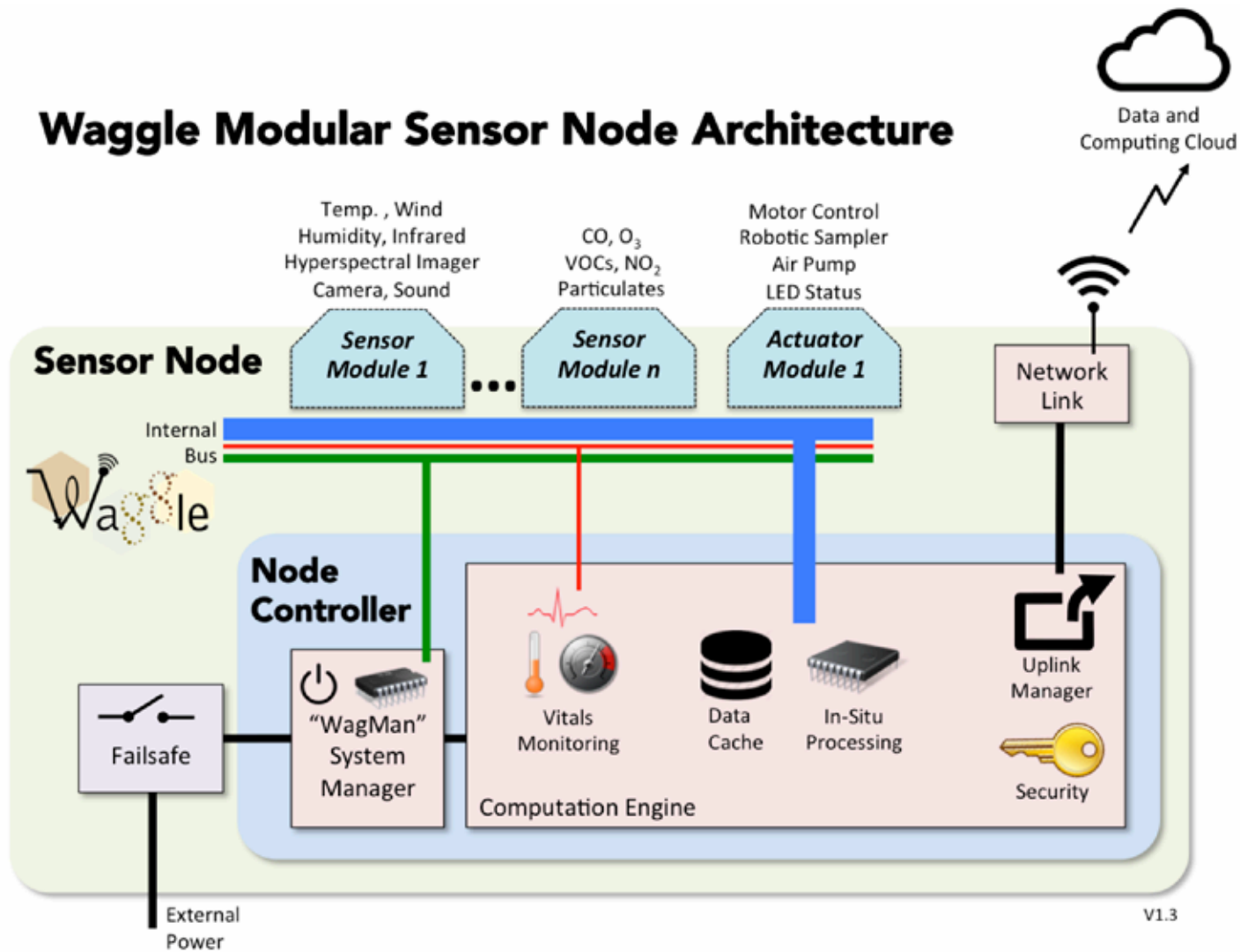
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Temp



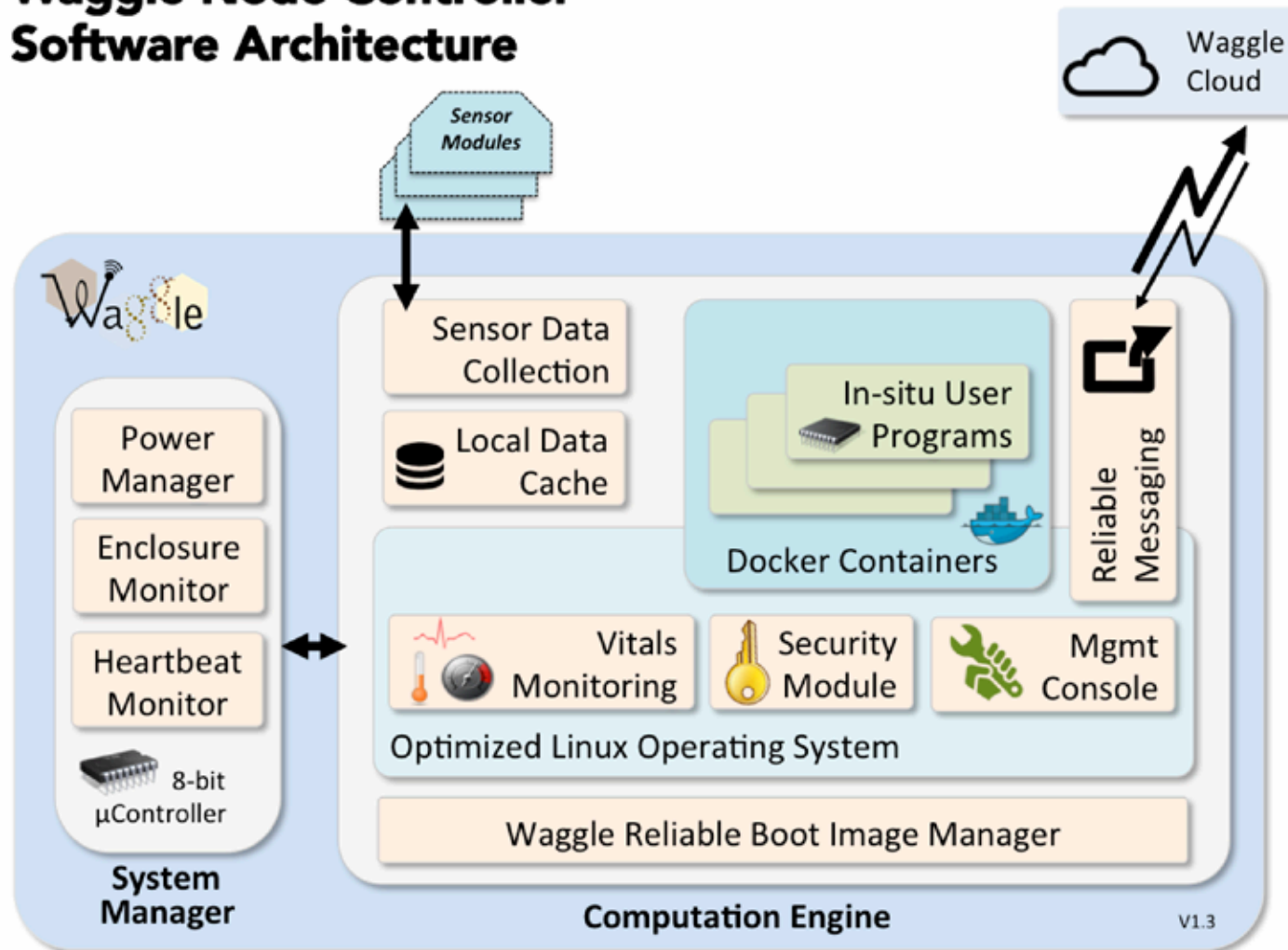
Camera



## Waggle Modular Sensor Node Architecture



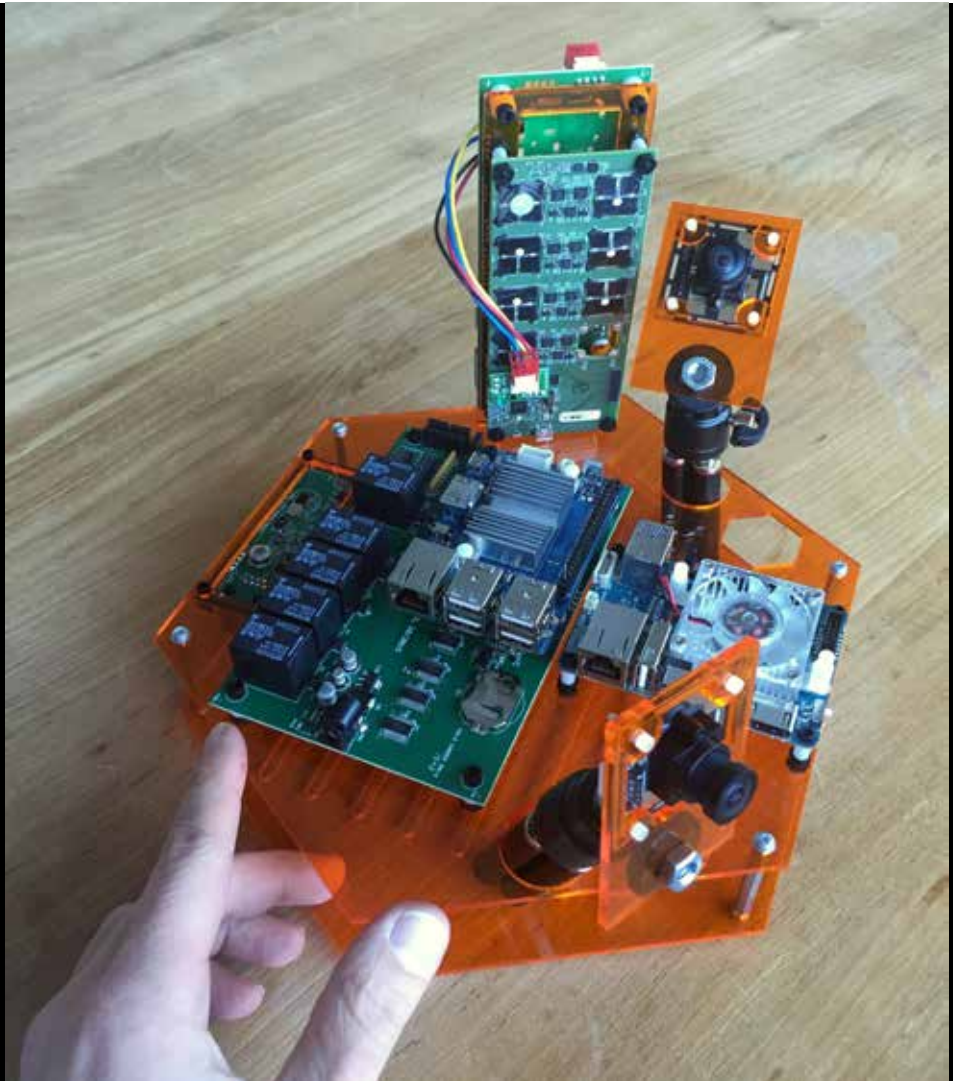
# Waggle Node Controller Software Architecture



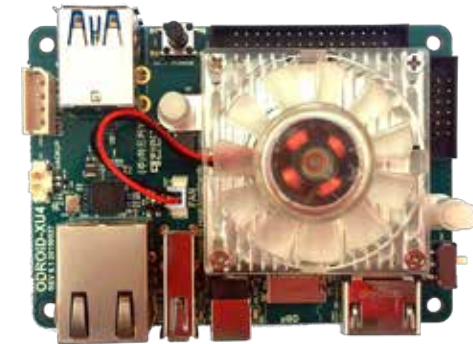
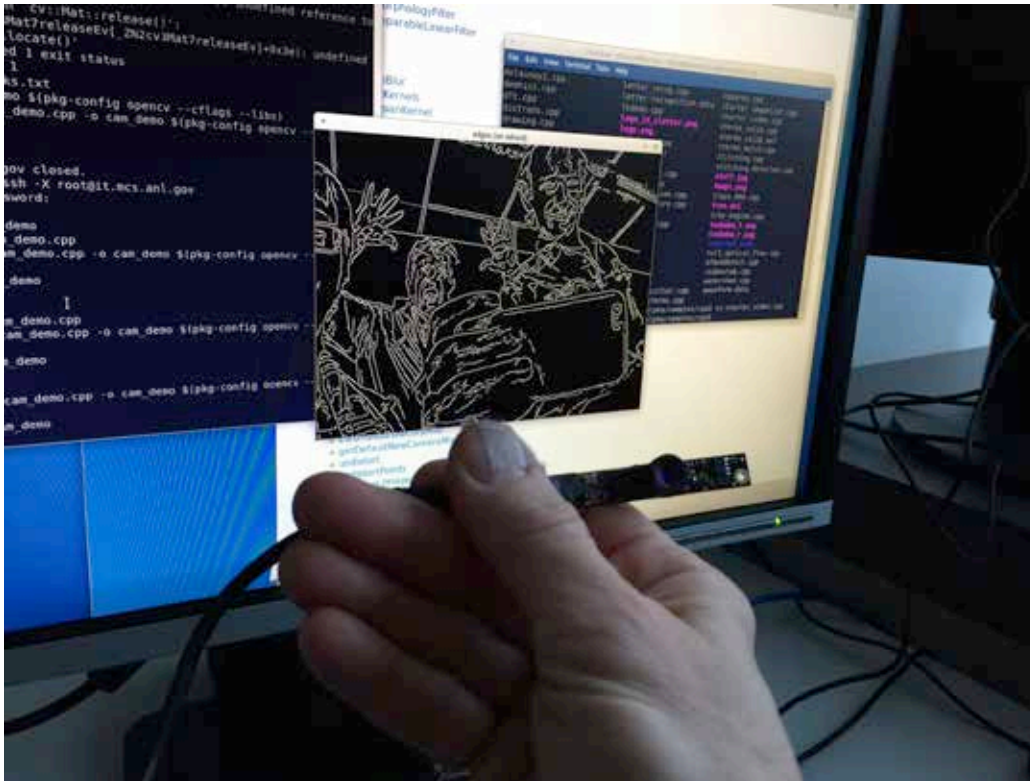


# WaggleKit:

A Developer Kit for  
Smart Sensors and  
in-Situ Parallel  
Processing



# In-Situ/Edge Computing Analysis and Feature Recognition



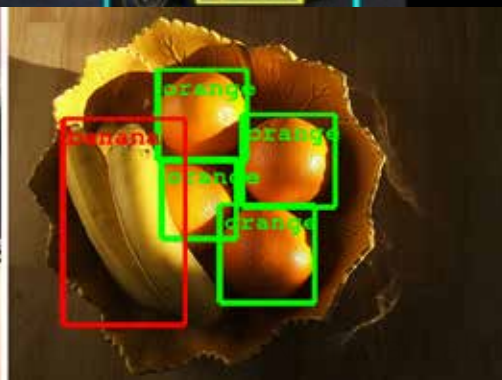
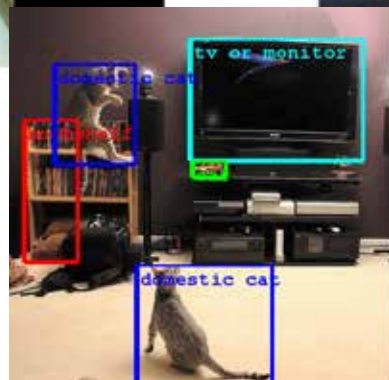
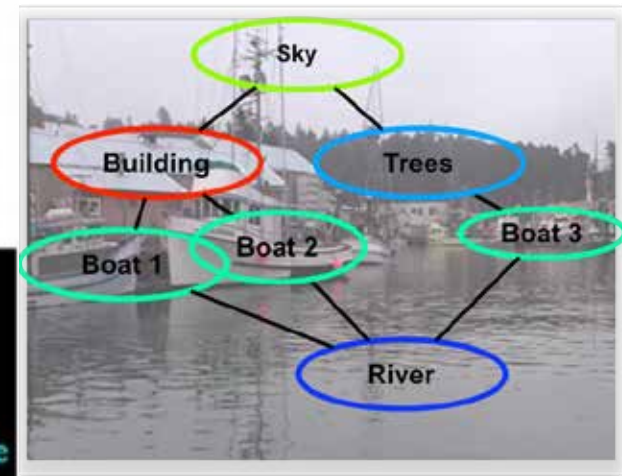
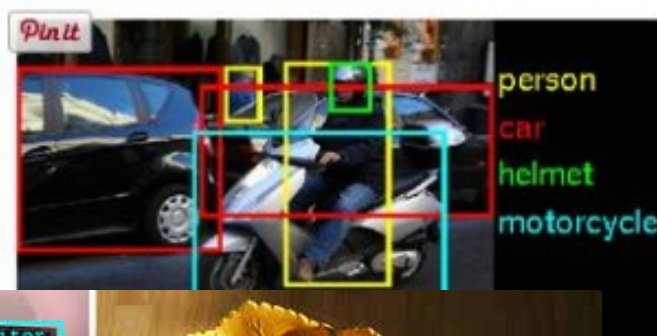
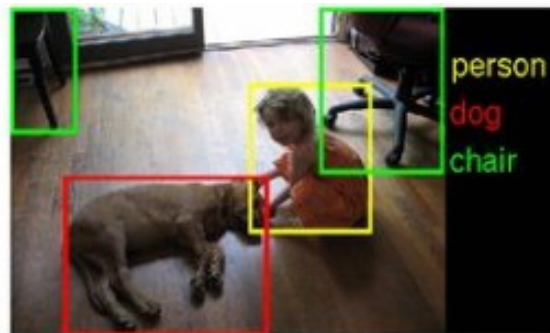
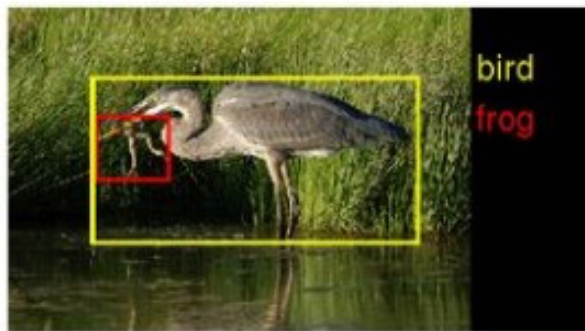
Parallel programming  
with OpenCL

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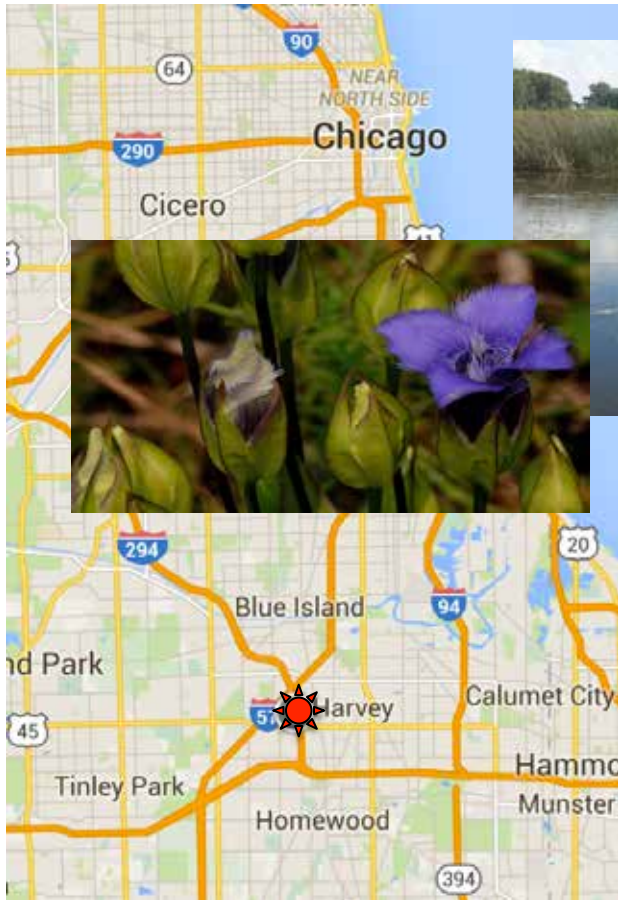
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# Gensburg-Markham Prairie

370 acres, owned/managed by Nature Conservancy and Northeastern IL Univ.  
Registered as National Natural Landmark

Lead: Aaron Packman@NU  
Cristina Negri





# Chicago Botanic Garden

## Green Roof Instrumentation

Lead: Cristina Negri



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# A Science-Driven Instrument: The Array of Things



## Climate, Environmental and Life Sciences

(Robert Jacob, ANL)

Potosnak (DePaul); Niyogi (Purdue); Gilbert, Graham, Kotamarthi, (UC/ANL); Fernando (Notre Dame)

## Urban Infrastructure Systems

(Danie Work, UIUC)

Markoupolou (IaaC); Negri, Snyder (UC/ANL); Buttlar, Peschel, Garcia (UIUC), Gonzales (MIT), Pancoast (SAIC), Guzowski, Rosner (UC/ANL), Claudel (UT); Liu (UMich), Chen (UW)

## Education, Health, Social and Behavioral Sciences

(Kathleen Cagney, UChicago)

Diez (UCL/IaaC); Contractor (Northwestern); Epley, Gilliam, Lindau, Meltzer, Hampton-Marcel, Zarraonaindia (UC); Bellingham (Strathclyde)

## Computer Science and Cyber-Physical Systems

(Michael Papka, UC/NIU/ANL)

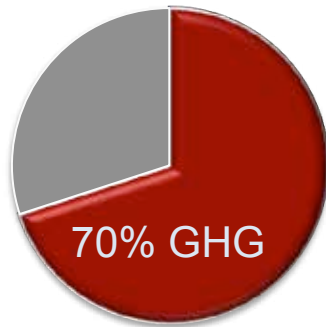
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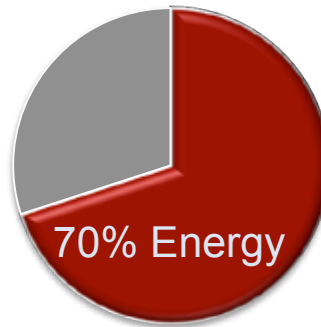
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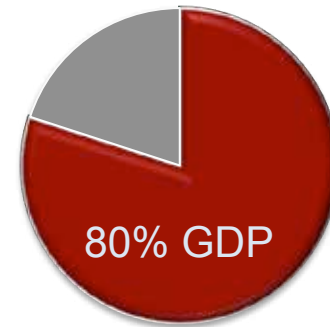
# The Centrality of Cities



Climate  
Change



Energy  
Security



Economic  
Vitality

*To address Climate Change and Energy Security while maintaining Economic Vitality will require understanding cities as multiscale, complex, dynamic, interconnected systems.*

# The Centrality of Cities

**Table 3**

The 50 Largest Cities, C40 Cities, and Top 10 GHG Emitting cities<sup>4</sup>

Population (Millions)	GHG Emissions (M tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	GDP (billion \$ PPP)
1. China: 1,192	1. USA: 7,107	1. USA: 14,204
2. India: 916	2. China: 4,058	<b>2. 50 Largest Cities: 9,564</b>
<b>3. 50 Largest Cities: 500</b>	<b>3. 50 Largest Cities: 2,606</b>	<b>3. C40 Cities: 8,781</b>
<b>4. C40 Cities: 393</b>	<b>4. C40 Cities: 2,384</b>	4. China: 7,903
5. USA: 301	5. Russian Federation: 2,193	5. Japan: 4,354
6. Indonesia: 190	6. Japan: 1,374	<b>6. Top 10 GHG Cities: 4,313</b>
7. Brazil: 159	<b>7. Top 10 GHG Cities: 1,367</b>	7. India: 3,388
8. Russian Federation: 142	8. India: 1,214	8. Germany: 2,925
<b>9. Top 10 GHG Cities: 136</b>	9. Germany: 956	9. Russian Federation: 2,288
10. Japan: 128	10. Canada: 747	10. United Kingdom: 2,176

Source: See Annex D. Data for the urban agglomeration associated with each C40 city is used in calculations to maintain consistency with the 50 largest cities, 2005.

# Sensors, Instrumentation, Measurement

Most topics of urban inquiry require data with greater in temporal and spatial resolution.

- **Energy**

How can hyper-local weather information improve energy efficiency? Reliability?

- **Climate and Heat Islands**

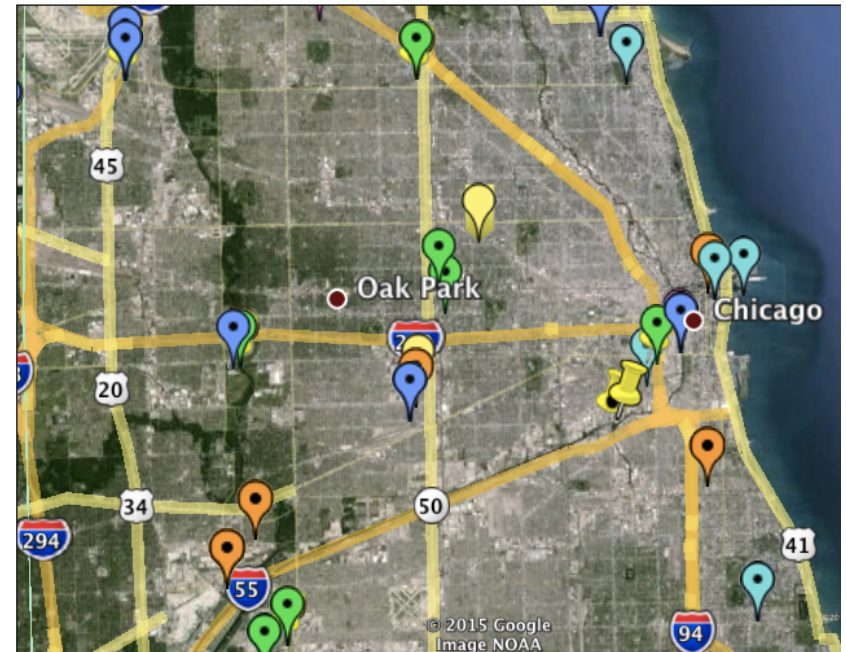
What is the impact of the Urban boundary layer on regional climate?

- **Air Quality, Transportation, and Health**

What are the dynamics of urban air pollutants and how can traffic flow be modified to improve air quality?

- **Social Sciences**

How might diverse data sources including ambient sensors provide data relevant to predictive analytics w.r.t. disease, public safety/sentiment?

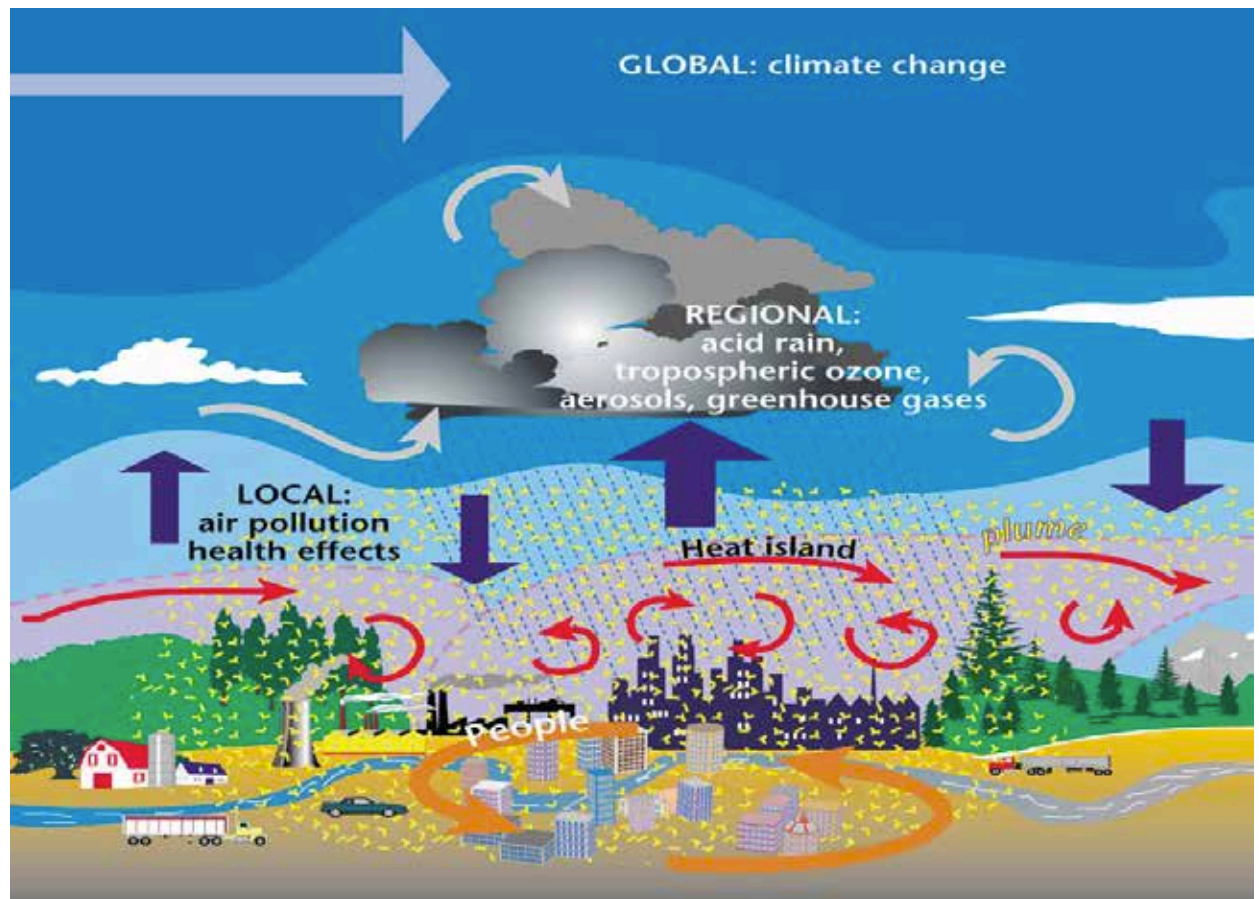


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Map of EPA monitoring sites from EPA.

# The connection between urban and regional climate

- Cities can alter their local climate through their built environment.
  - Temperature (urban heat island) and precipitation (storm splitting and initiation) are the most widely known examples.
- Cities alter the surrounding regional climate primarily through emissions carried downwind as an “urban plume”.
- Predicting urban climate change requires interactive modeling of regional and urban climate systems.



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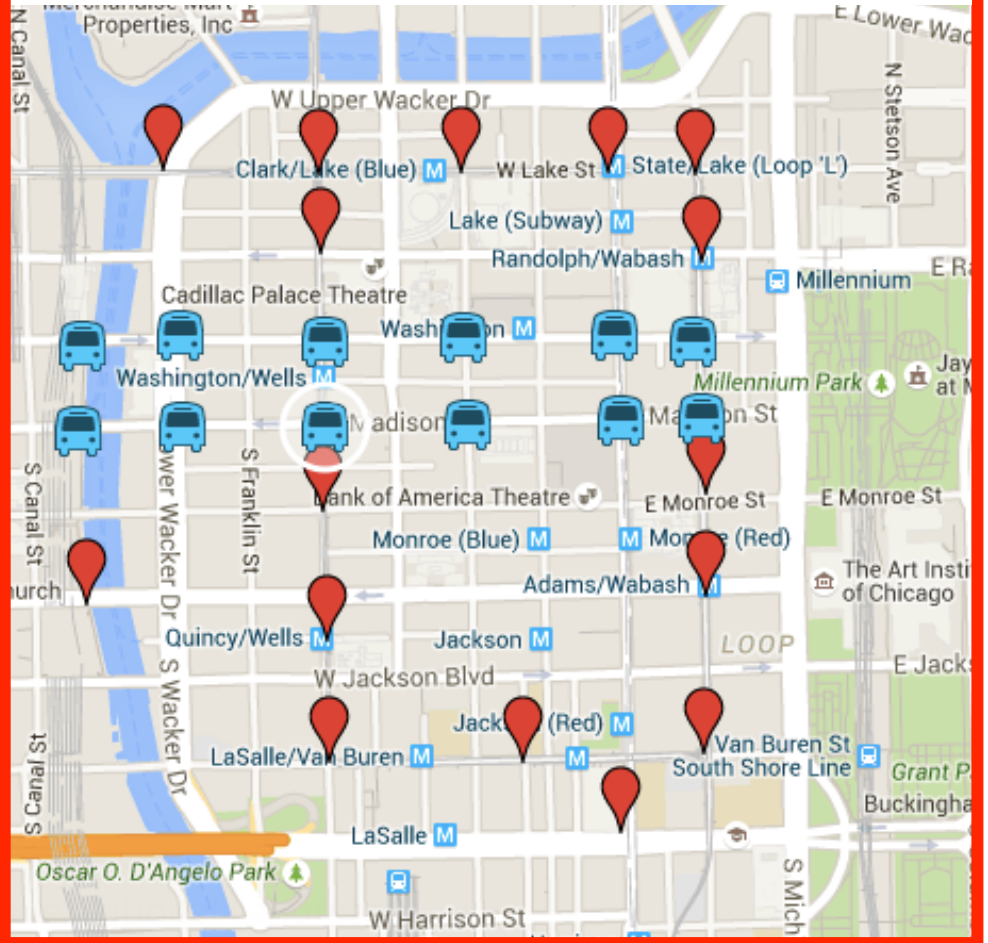
## Sustainable Green Infrastructure

(air quality, heat island, social cohesion, urban flooding)



## Rapid Bus Transit

(air quality, walkability, traffic congestion)











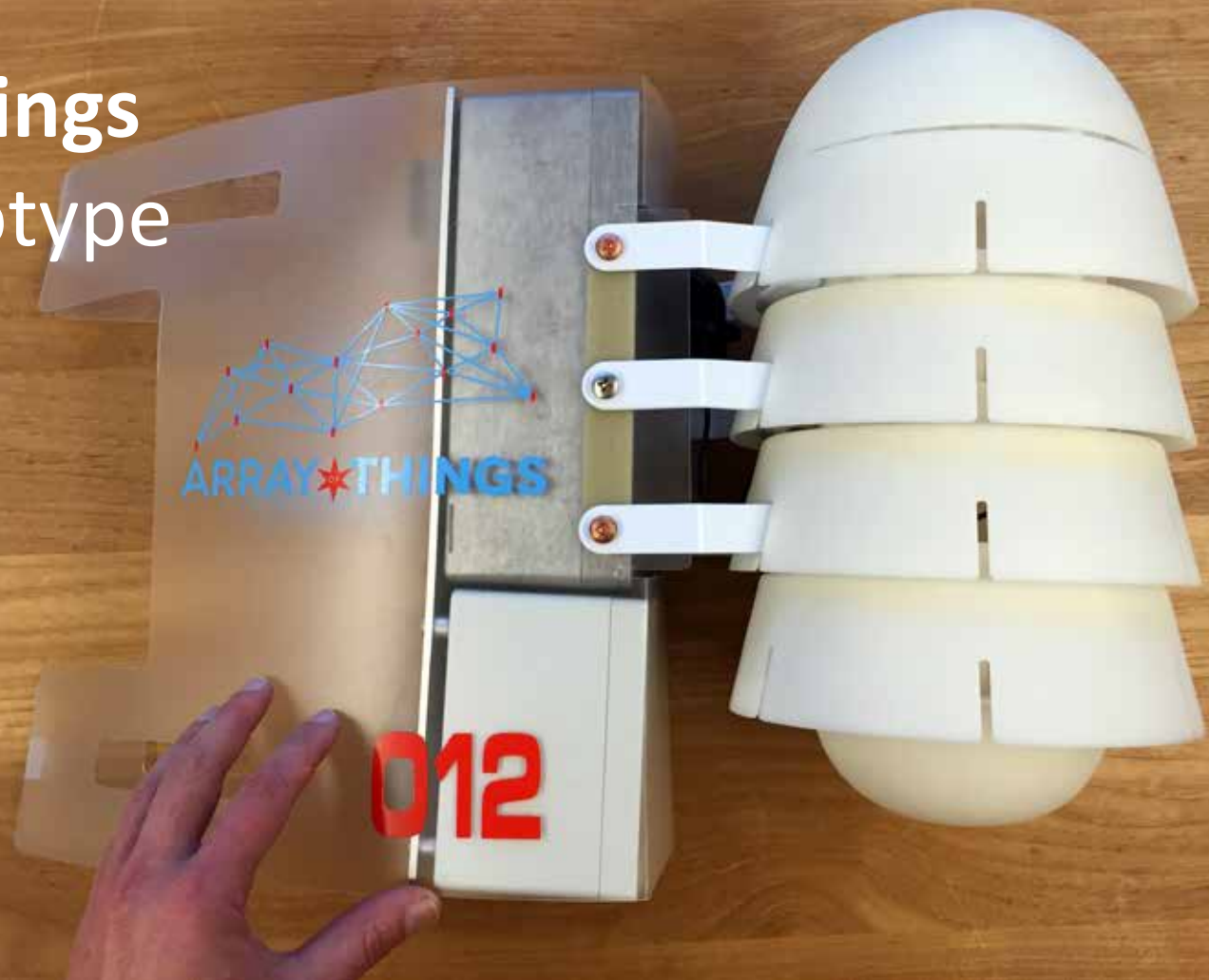
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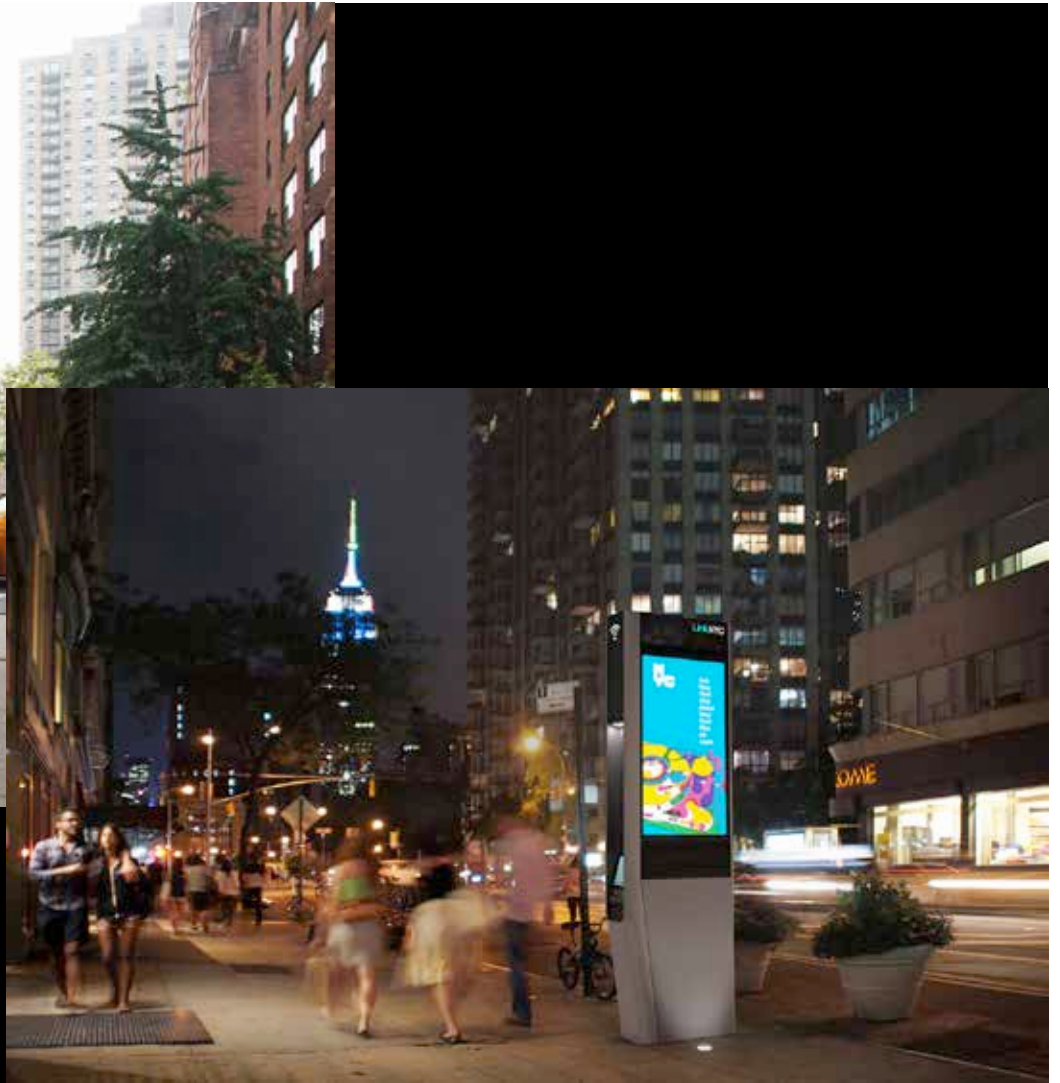


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# Array of Things Alpha Prototype











## Airborne Waggle!

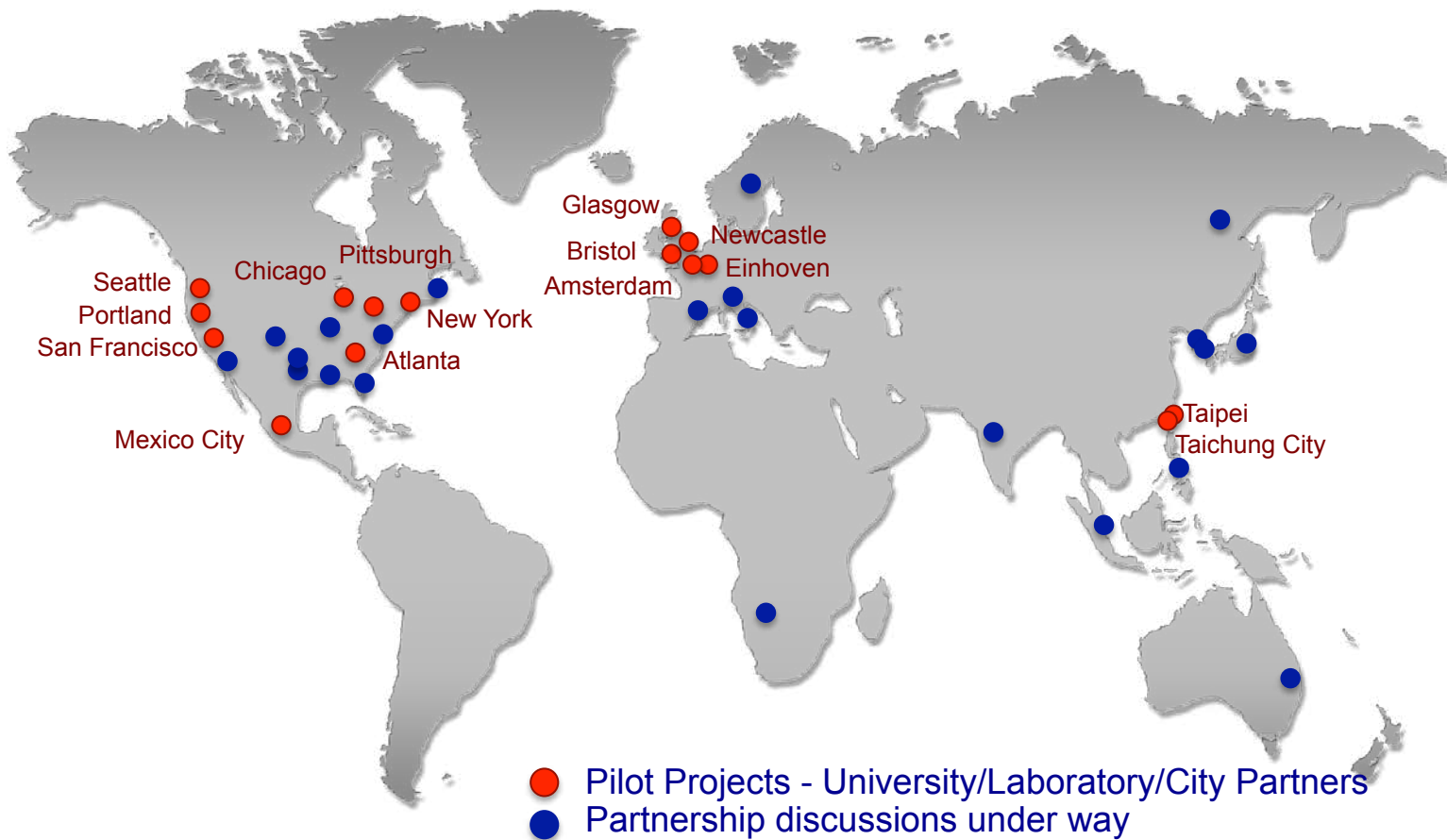
Students at Chicago City Colleges showing off their Arduino-enabled high-altitude balloon payload from a previous launch. They are hoping to Waggle-enable a launch this fall. **Waggle into Space**



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# Open Source to Create a global community



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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
  - 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 spacial resoluton: What is possible?



# Waggle Team & Collaborators



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