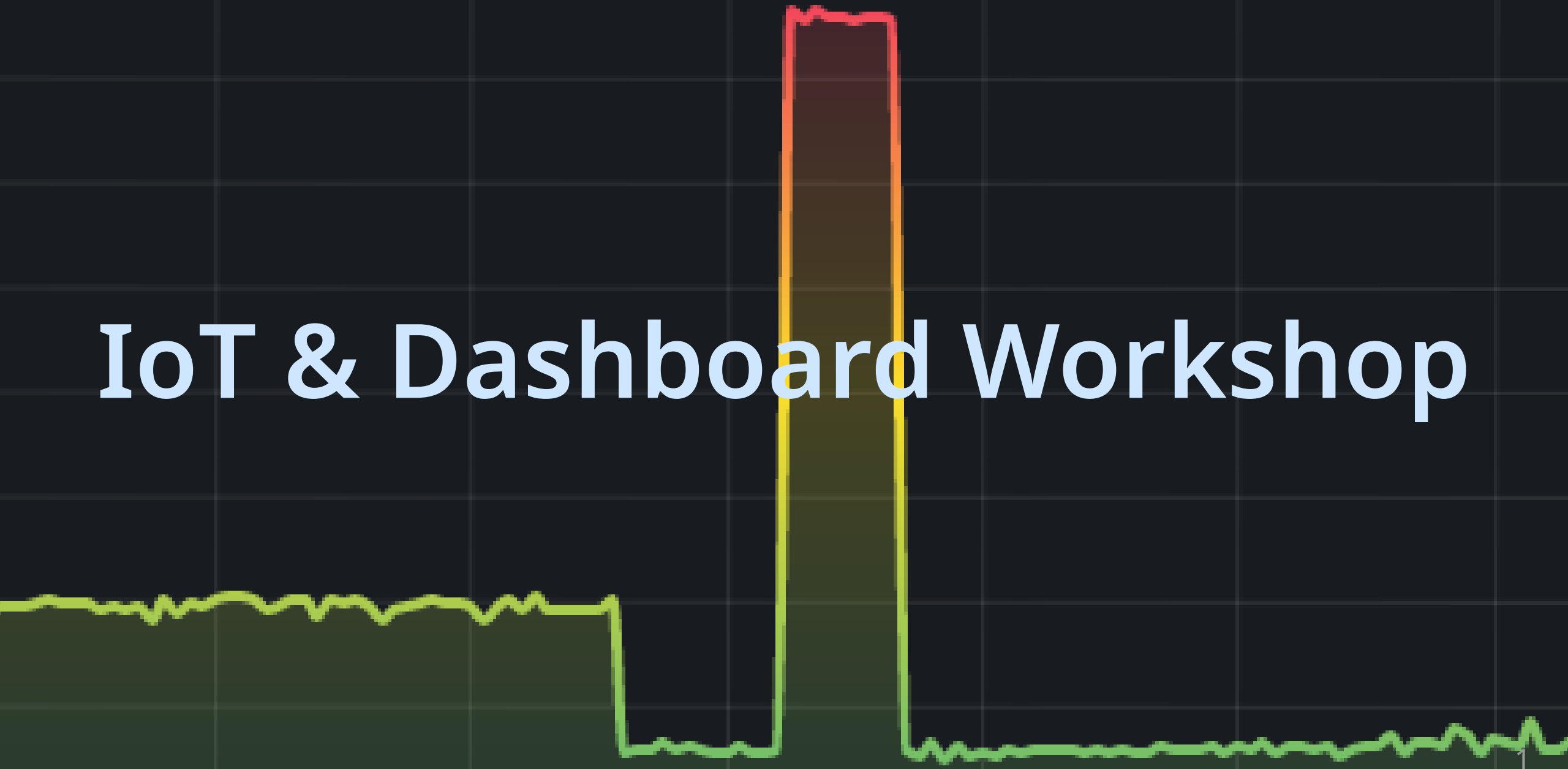


IoT & Dashboard Workshop



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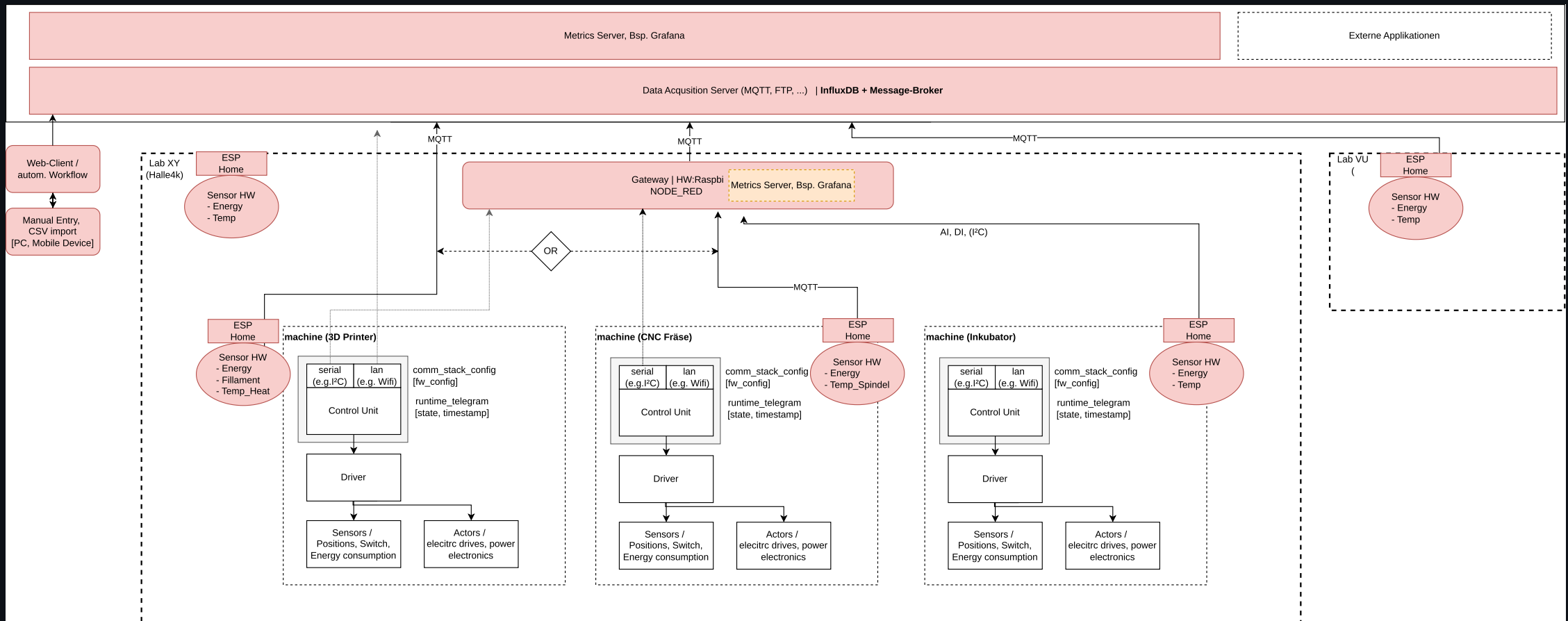
To exchange information digitally during and after the workshop we use [Matrix as a chat solution](#). You don't know this yet? Don't be hesitant and join us!

<https://matrix.to/#/#iot-platform:curious.bio>



Fab City Dashboard

This is a prototype of data management platform for Fab City Hamburg based on existing open source solutions.



Features

- [Eclipse Mosquitto](#): MQTT broker
- [Node-RED](#): Flow-based development tool for visual programming and data flow automation
- [InfluxDB](#): High-performance data storage
- [Grafana](#): Real-time data visualization and monitoring dashboard

Today's Goal

- install the stack
- configure one or two data sources
- transform data and store them in a database
- visualize data stored in the database

Architecture

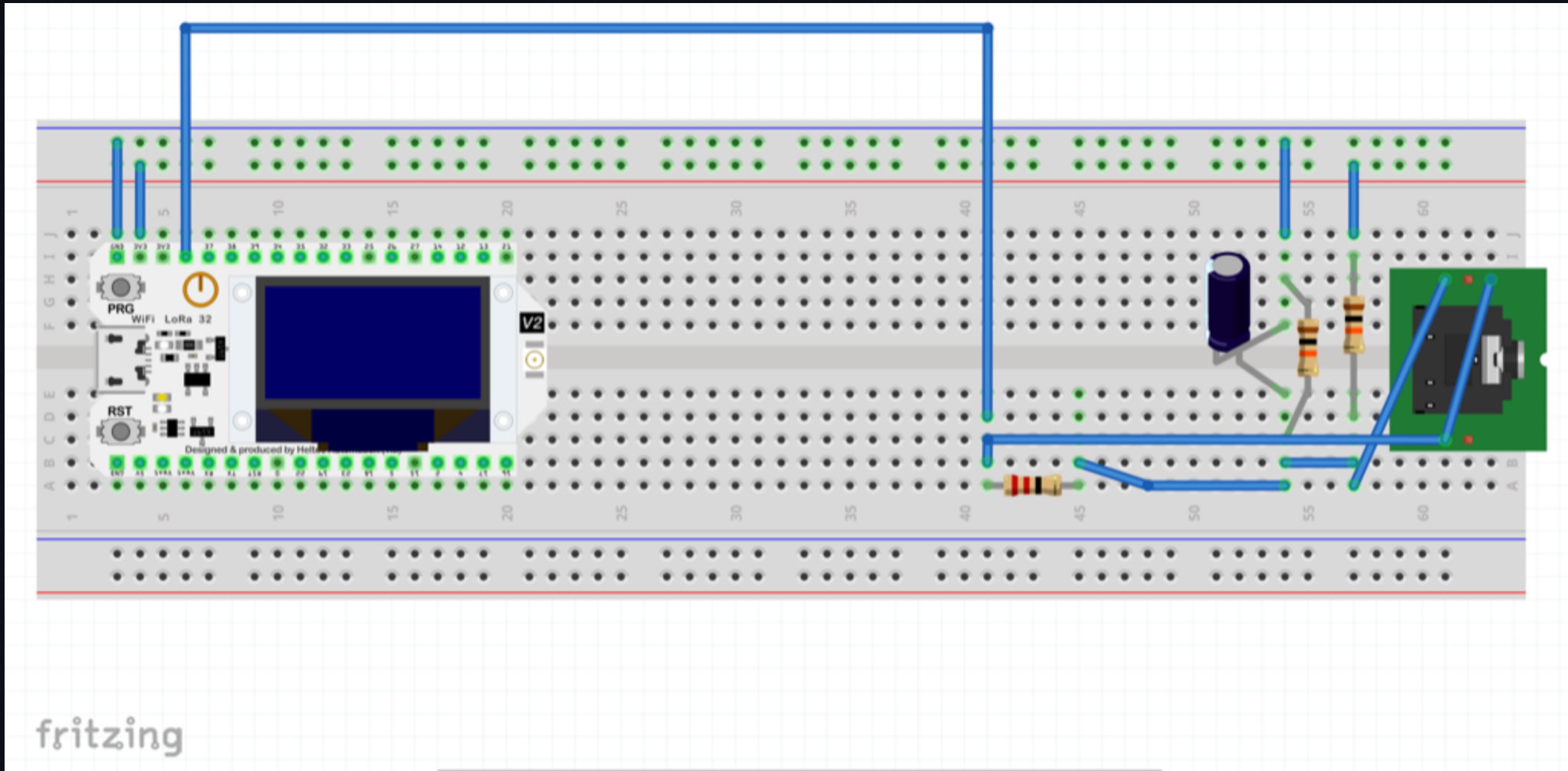
- Data is collected by IoT devices, e.g. an ESP32 based power monitor. These devices publish their data via MQTT into a topic in a message broker. We use Eclipse Mosquitto as a MQTT message broker.
- Node-RED is used to read and transform or combine data and to implement more sophisticated use cases like notifications or workflow. Node-RED subscribes to topics in Mosquitto and can be used to save transformed data into a database.
- As our data is based on time, we are using a time series database to store information. We used InfluxDB as this database.
- Dashboards can already be created in Node-RED, but to be more flexible (and include more options) we are using Grafana. Grafana reads data from our database and other sources (like CSV files on the Internet) and displays them in a nice dashboard.

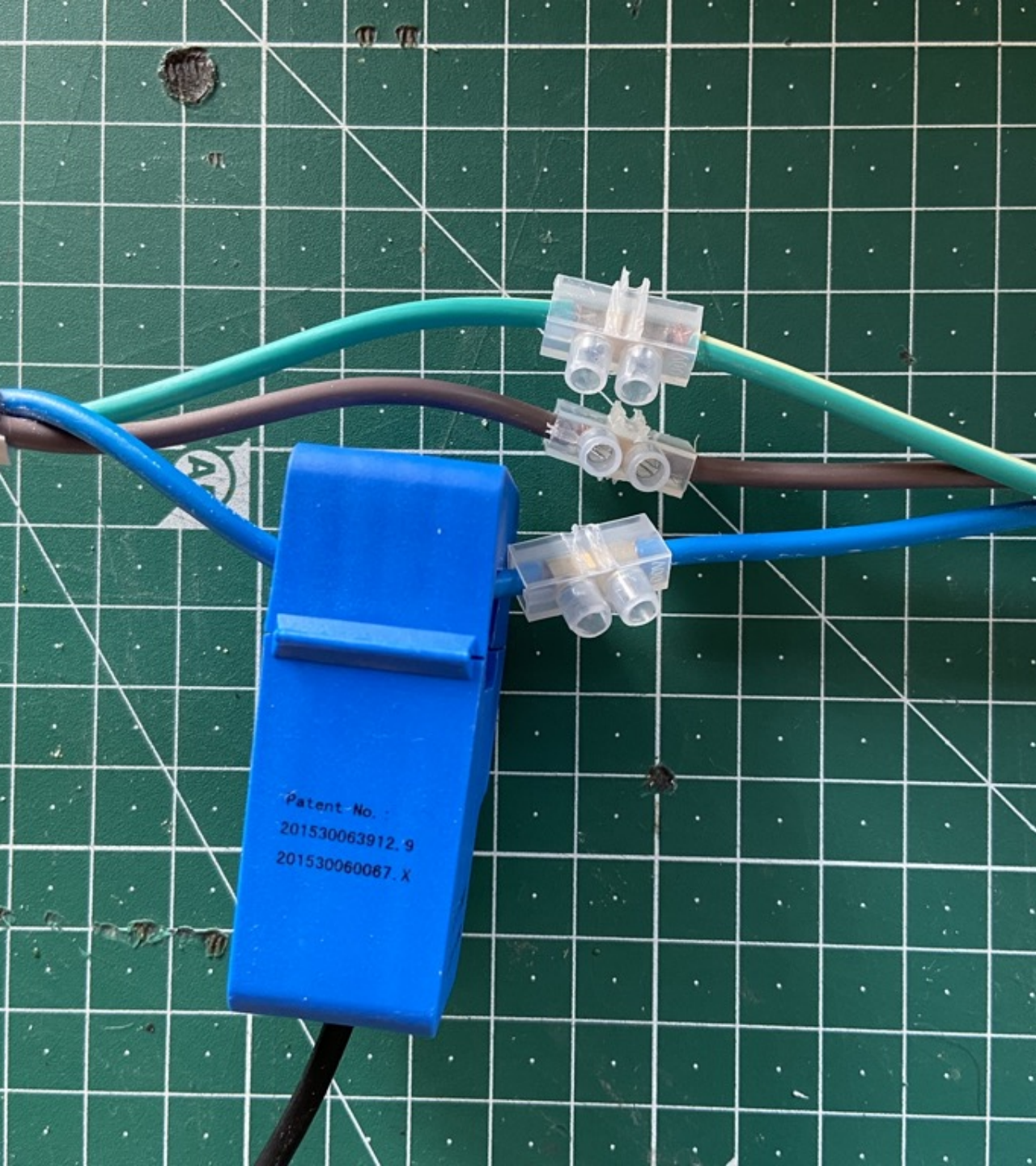
Sensor level: Physical acquisition of measured values

Sensors can be build or bought:

- Sensor head
 - ESP32 or equivalent
 - OpenHardware or COTS (commercially of the self)
 - Analog/Digital acquisition
 - Communication gateway via WLAN / MQTT
- Examples measurements
 - Energy measurement
 - Temperature sensor -> temperature measurement
 - Pulse sensor -> incremental measurement of filament

Example sensor - Open Energy Monitor

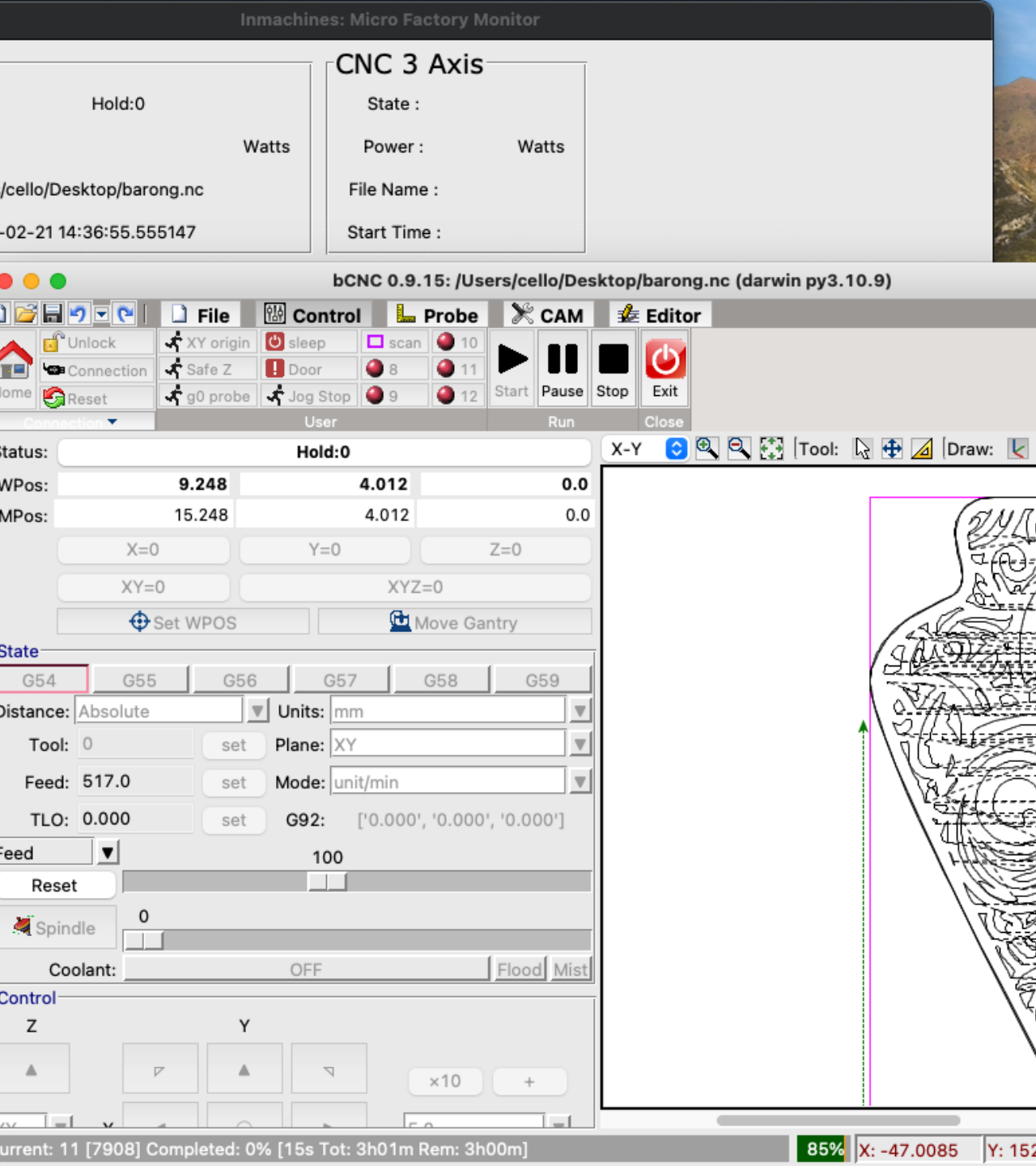




Example sensor - Open Energy Monitor

Example sensor - Shelly Plug





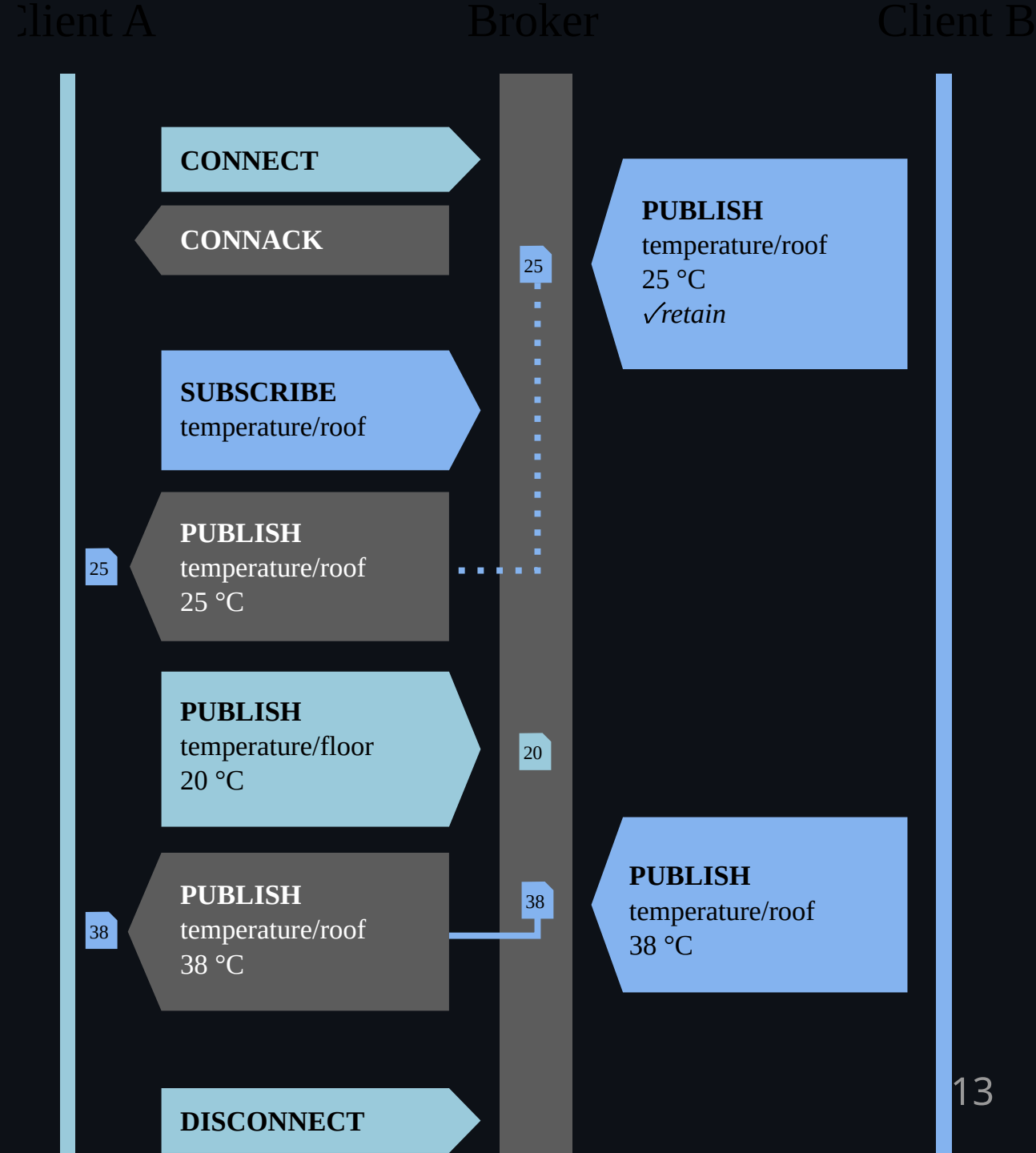
Example sensor - GCode Sender

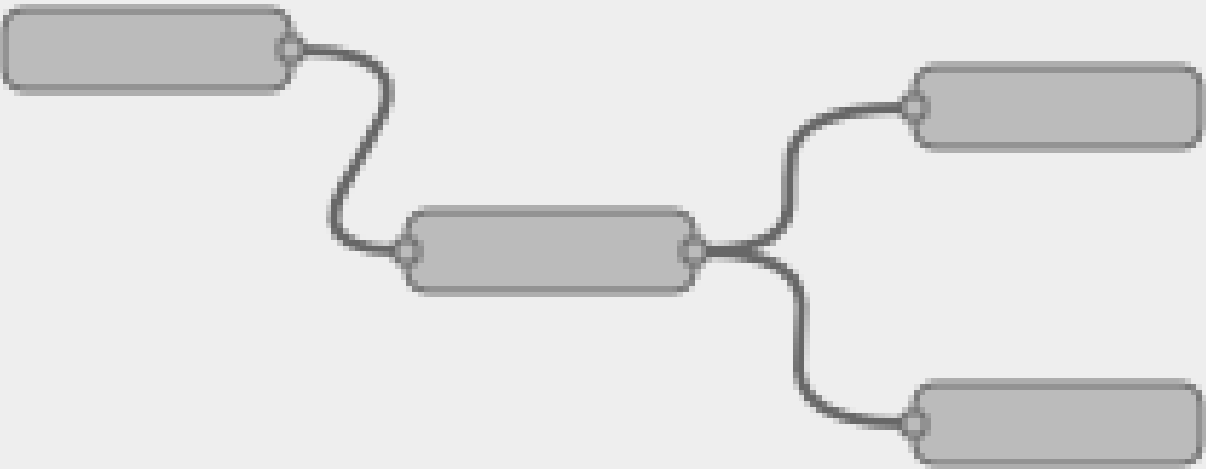
MQTT (Message Queuing Telemetry Transport)

- publish-subscribe, machine to machine network protocol
- designed for connections with remote locations
 - devices with resource constraints
 - limited network bandwidth
 - Internet of Things (IoT)
- runs on top of TCP/IP, QUIC (UDP) or Bluetooth

MQTT - Components

- one message broker (Mosquitto) and many clients
- broker receives published messages from clients
- routes them to subscribed clients
- clients subscribe to topic patterns





Flow - Node-RED

The idea behind it is to make it very easy to connect APIs, hardware devices, and anything else accessible over some type of network connection.

- open-source
- low-code
- visual programming tool
- flow-based development

Node-RED - Core Concepts

Nodes are the important part of Node-RED, they:

- are triggered by either receiving a message object from a previous node or an external event like an MQTT event
- process messages or events and then passes them on to the next node

A node can:

- Inject: Starts a flow by injecting a message or a payload.
- Change: Here you can do basic transformation or modification on the message object.
- Debug: Can be used to help developing flows by sending messages to the side bar.
- Switch: Here you can add logic (like sending the message to different nodes).
- Function: Add custom JavaScript for uses cases where simple nodes do not do the trick.

Node-RED - Plugins

Node-RED uses plugins:

- extend functionality (like dashboard)
- connectors (like influxdb)
- libraries (like aggregating watts and transform them to kwh)

Node-RED - Simple Flow

The screenshot displays the Node-RED web interface. At the top, the 'Node-RED' logo is on the left, and a 'Übernahme (deploy)' button is on the right. Below the header, there are tabs for 'MQTT2Influxdb', 'CSV2Influxdb', and 'Debug Dashboard'. The main workspace is a grid where a flow is built. The flow starts with an MQTT node with the topic '/iot-platform/energy-monitor/test-device/watt' and a status of 'Verbunden'. This node is connected to a 'toNumber' function node. The output of the function node is split into two paths: one leading to a 'debug 1' node and another leading to an 'Influx watt' node. On the left sidebar, the 'Allgemein' and 'Funktion' categories are visible, listing various nodes like 'inject', 'debug', 'complete', 'catch', 'status', 'link in', 'link call', 'link out', 'comment', 'function', 'switch', 'change', and 'range'. On the right, the 'Debug' console shows a list of messages with their payloads and timestamps.

```
graph LR; MQTT["/iot-platform/energy-monitor/test-device/watt"] --> toNumber["toNumber"]; toNumber --> debug["debug 1"]; toNumber --> influx["Influx watt"];
```

Debug Console Output:

Timestamp	Node	msg.payload
23/02/2023, 16:45:31	debug 1	3501
23/02/2023, 16:45:32	debug 1	1501
23/02/2023, 16:45:32	debug 1	3001
23/02/2023, 16:45:33	debug 1	4501
23/02/2023, 16:45:34	debug 1	1001
23/02/2023, 16:45:35	debug 1	2501
23/02/2023, 16:45:36	debug 1	4001

Database - InfluxDB

InfluxDB is a database for any time series data. Time series data is everywhere, since time is a constituent of everything that is observable. As our world gets increasingly instrumented, sensors and systems are constantly emitting a relentless stream of time series data. For example:

- Electrical activity in the brain
- Rainfall measurements
- Monthly subscribers
- Heartbeats per minute
- Electricity consumed by a chain saw

Database - InfluxDB

Data Explorer

Graph CUSTOMIZE Local SAVE AS

Query 1 (0.03s) + View Raw Data CSV Past 1h SCRIPT EDITOR SUBMIT

FROM

Search for a bucket

- test
- _monitoring
- _tasks
- + Create Bucket

Filter

_measurement 1

Search _measurement tag values

- influxdb_uptime_seconds
- influxdb_users_total
- msg
- qc_all_active
- qc_all_duration_seconds
- qc_compiling_active
- qc_compiling_duration_seconds
- qc_executing_active
- qc_executing_duration_seconds
- qc_memory_unused_bytes
- qc_queueing_active

Filter x

_field 1

Search _field tag values

- value

No tag keys found in the current time range

WINDOW PERIOD

CUSTOM AUTO

auto (10s)

Fill missing values ?

AGGREGATE FUNCTION

CUSTOM AUTO

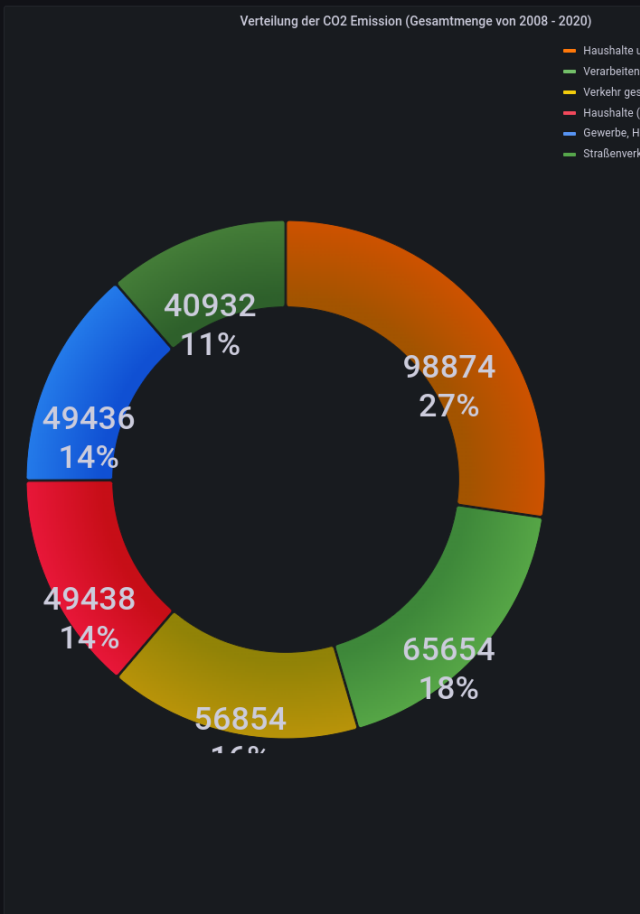
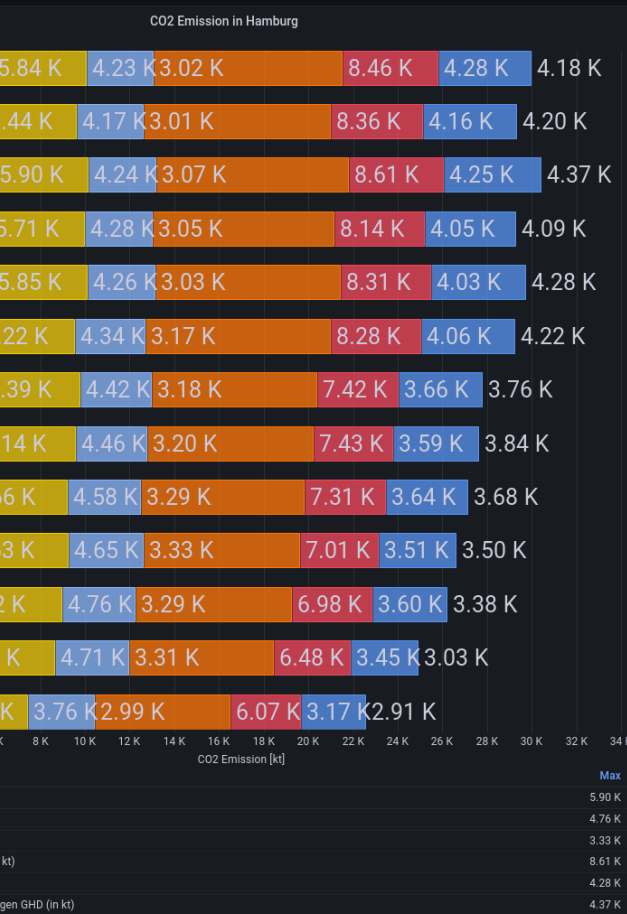
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Dashboard - Grafana

Grafana is an open source analytics and interactive visualization tool.

- charts
- graphs
- alerts for the web when connected to supported data sources.

As a visualization tool, Grafana is a popular component in monitoring stacks, often used in combination with time series databases such as InfluxDB.



Dashboard - Example

Let's start

- Check installation requirements
 - 64bit environment (AMD64, ARM64)
 - Docker
 - Docker-Compose
- Checkout the repository:
 - <https://code.curious.bio/curious.bio/iot-backend>
 - <https://code.curious.bio/curious.bio/smart-energy-monitor>
- Let's follow the README, together!



Hands on

Where can I find this presentation?

<https://code.curious.bio/curious.bio/iot-backend/src/branch/main/docs/workshop>

