Green Metrics Tool

Measuring energy use of arbitrary applications & software stacks



What?

What is the Green Metrics Tool

- Open Source tool to measure the energy / co2 consumption of software
 - Network I/O, CPU energy, DRAM energy, Hard-Disk energ, AC / DC Total Energy
- Measurement according to its "typical use case" (Standard Usage Scenario)
- Visualization on board
- API on board



Why?

Why did we build the Green Metrics Tool? Technical parts

- Measuring software energy consumption is still too hard.
 - Goal: Easy as starting a docker container and happen transparently

- Measuring software is complex
 - Best practices and system configuration should be automatically applied

Why #2

Why did we build the Green Metrics Tool?

- Comparing software is complex
 - Software must be classified and attributed automatically

- We are missing transparency on the energy consumption of software!
 - Blue Angel has here a good approach (Coming back on this later)

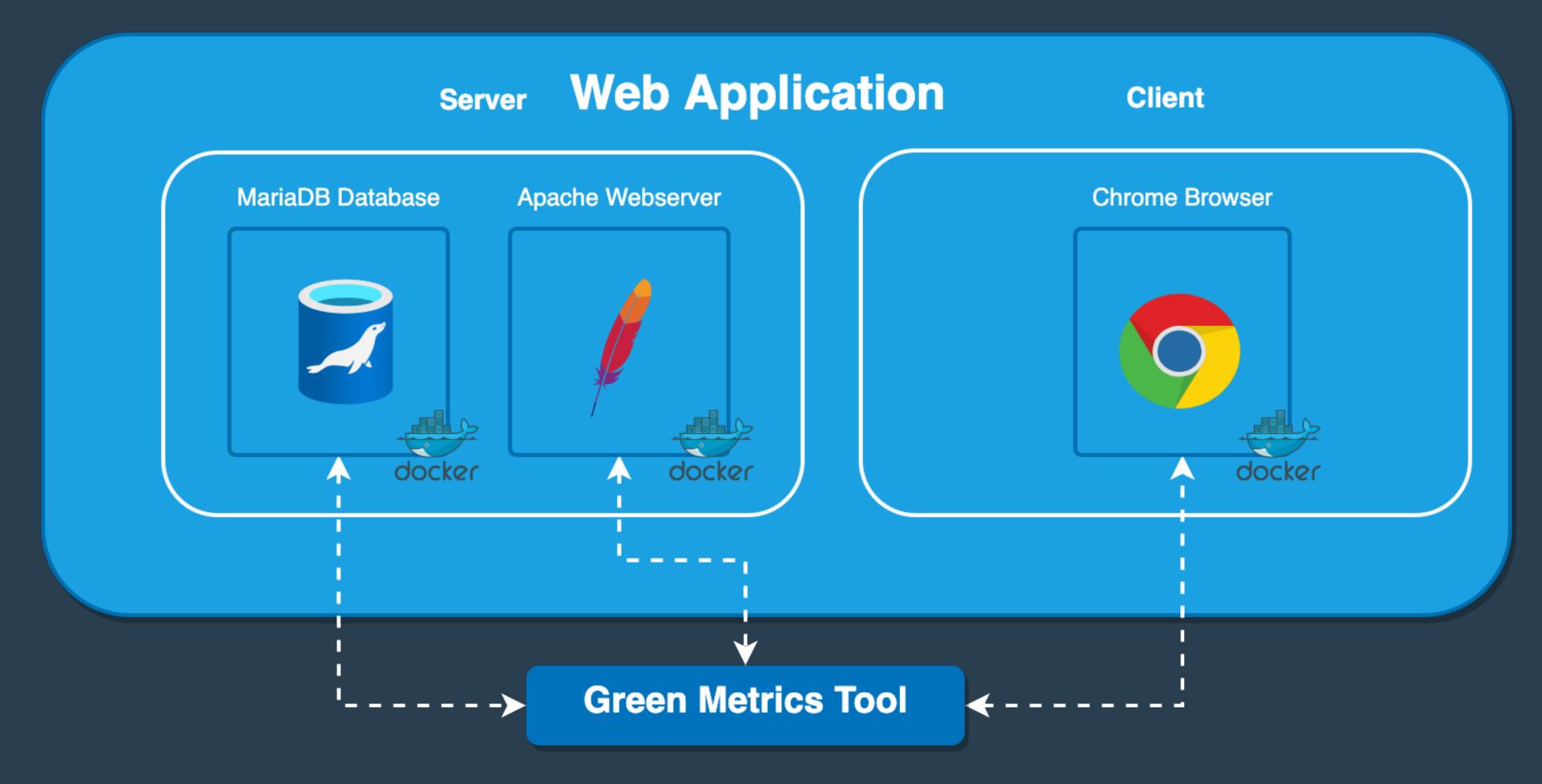
What is the concept of the tool?

Talking architecture design



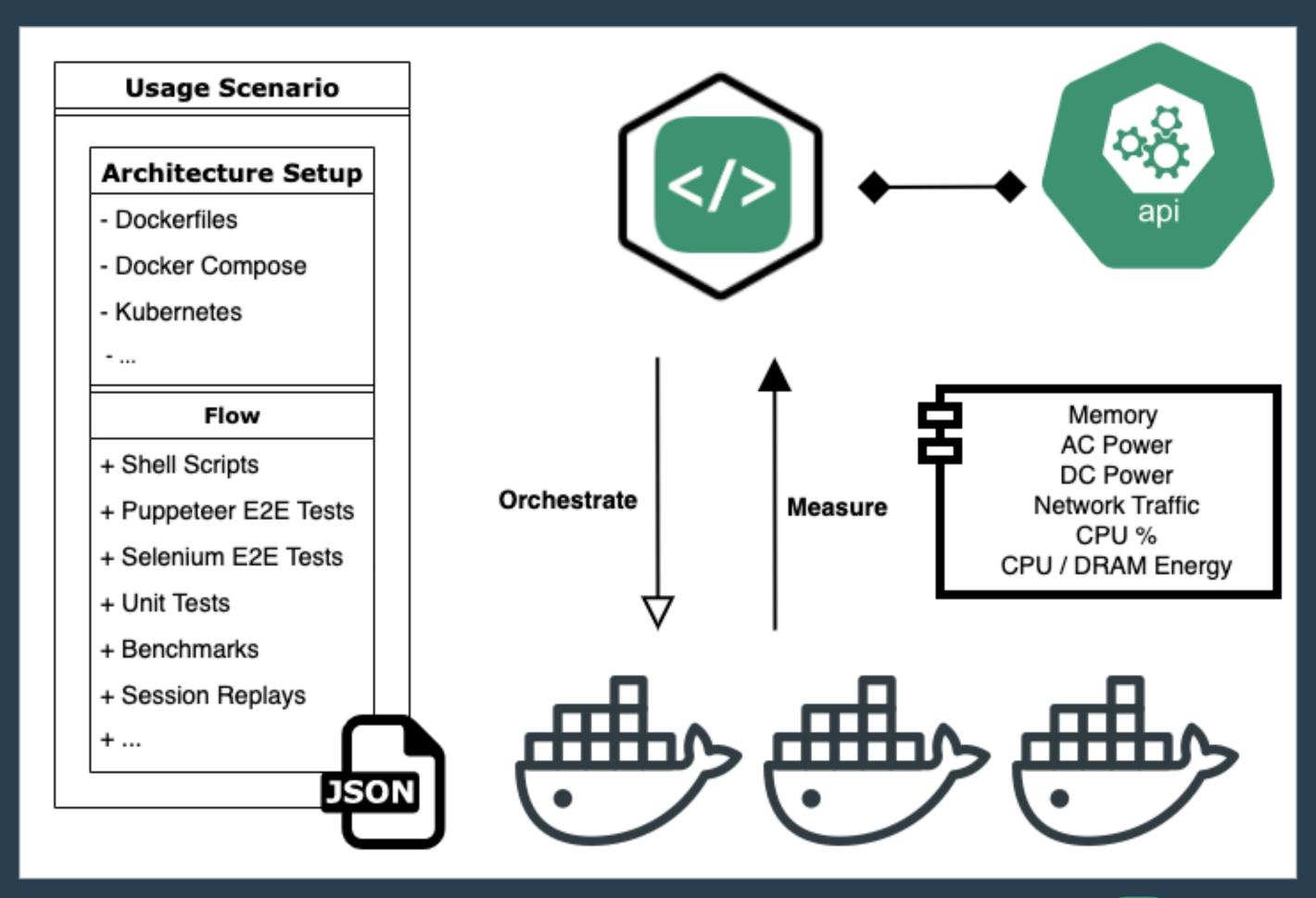
Concepts of the Green Metrics Tool

Adoption of container approach. Every functionality is a container



Data Flow in Framework

Ingesting standard infrastructure files. Output as POSIX stream

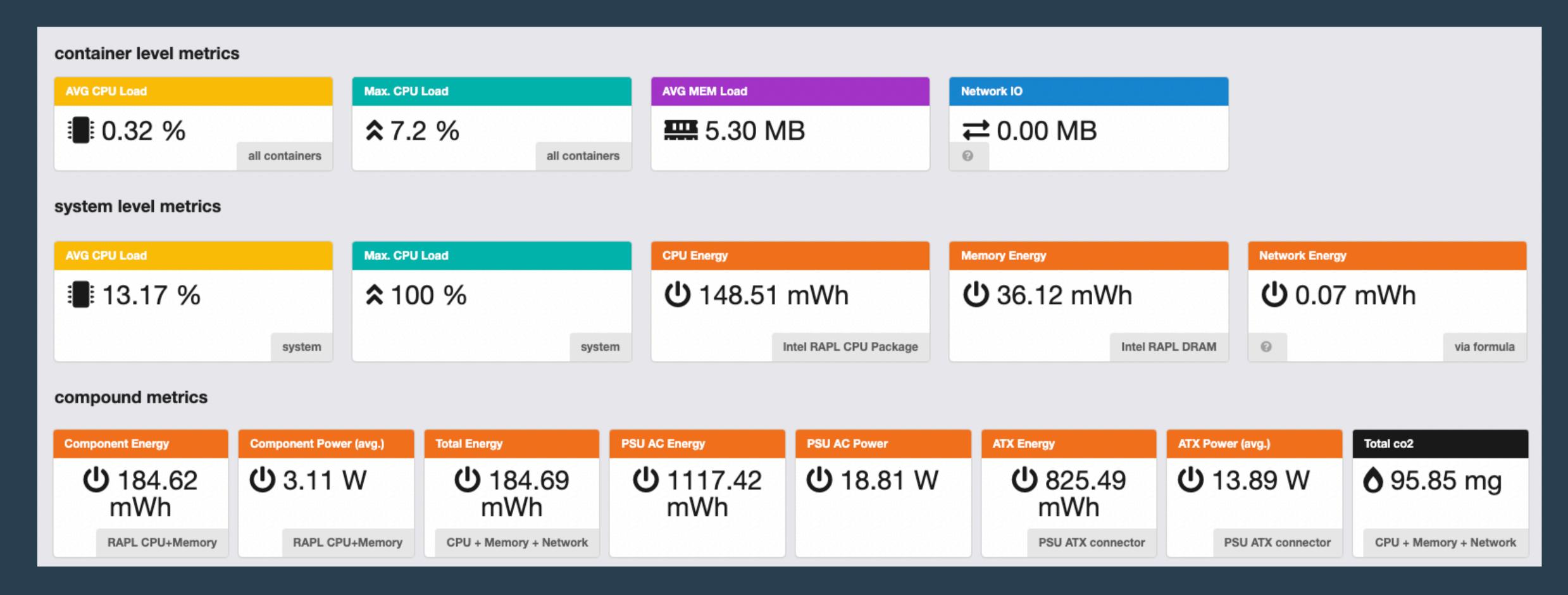


How the tool output looks like

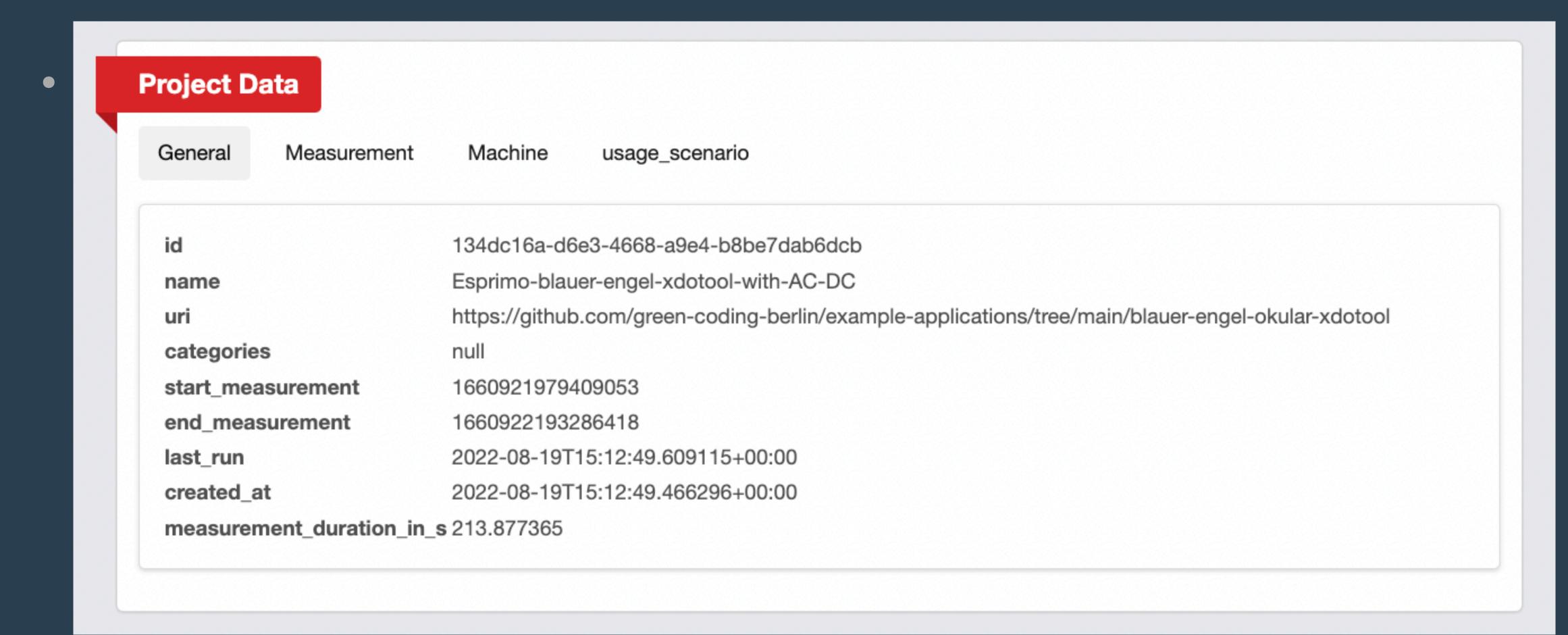
Let's look at some screenshots



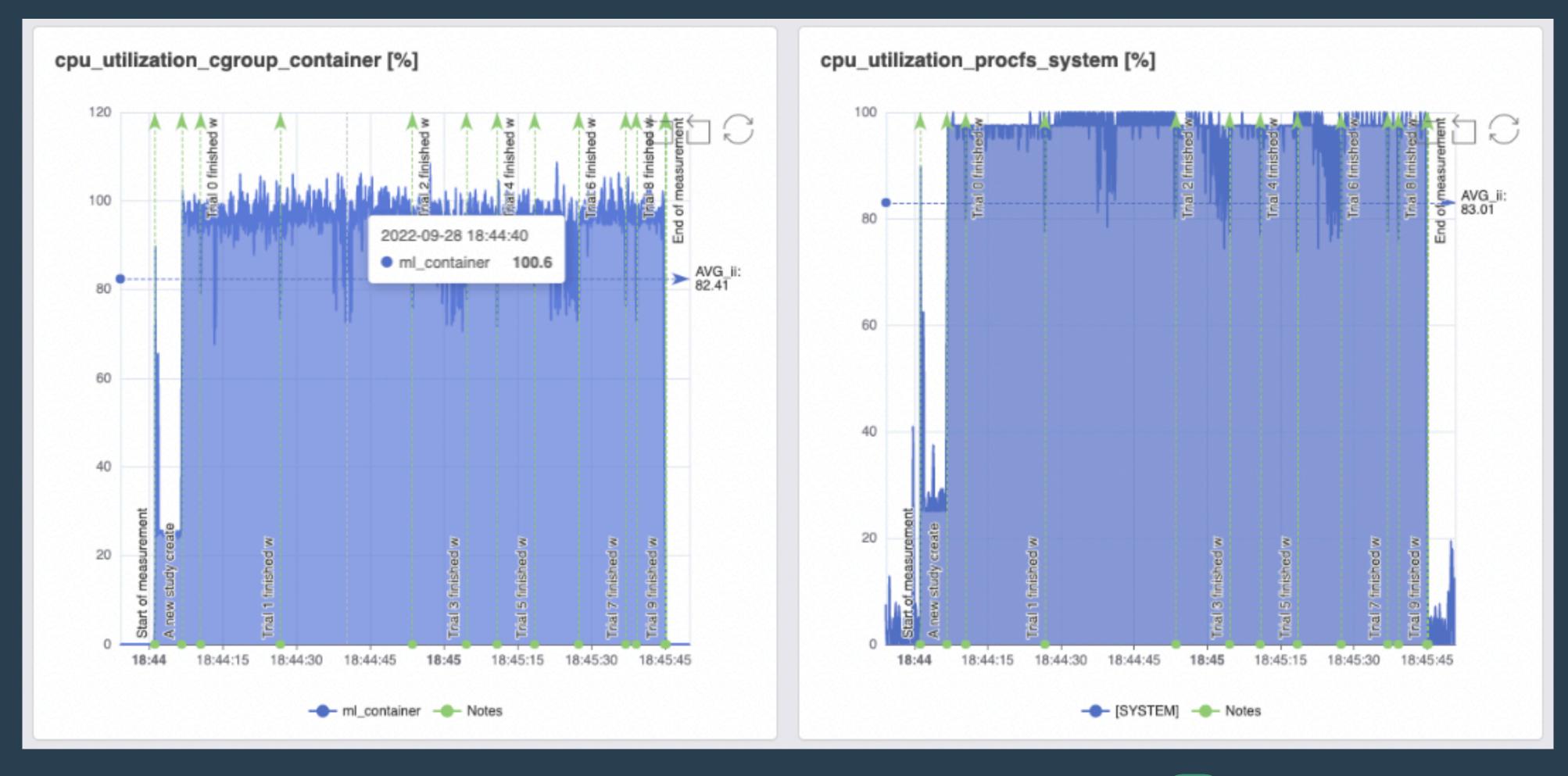
Container, System and compound metrics



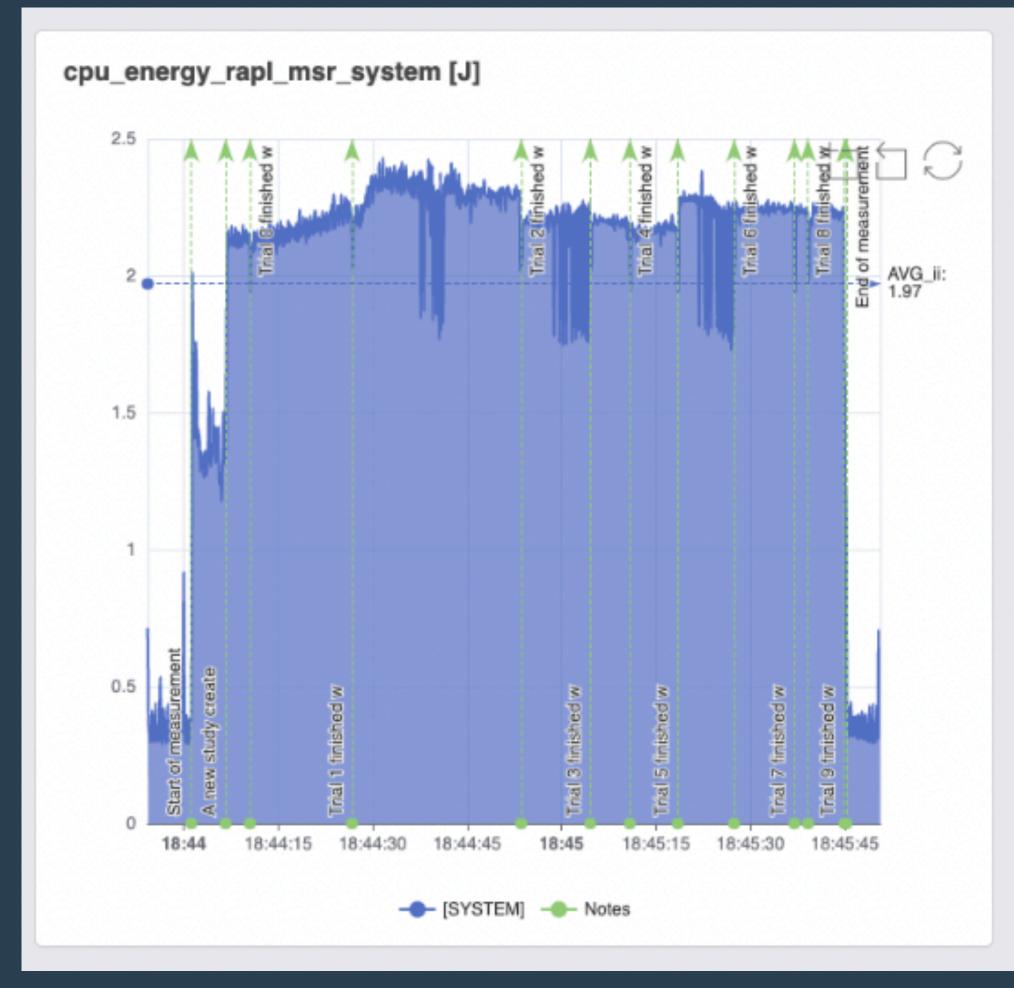
Reproducibility through Github repository pinning

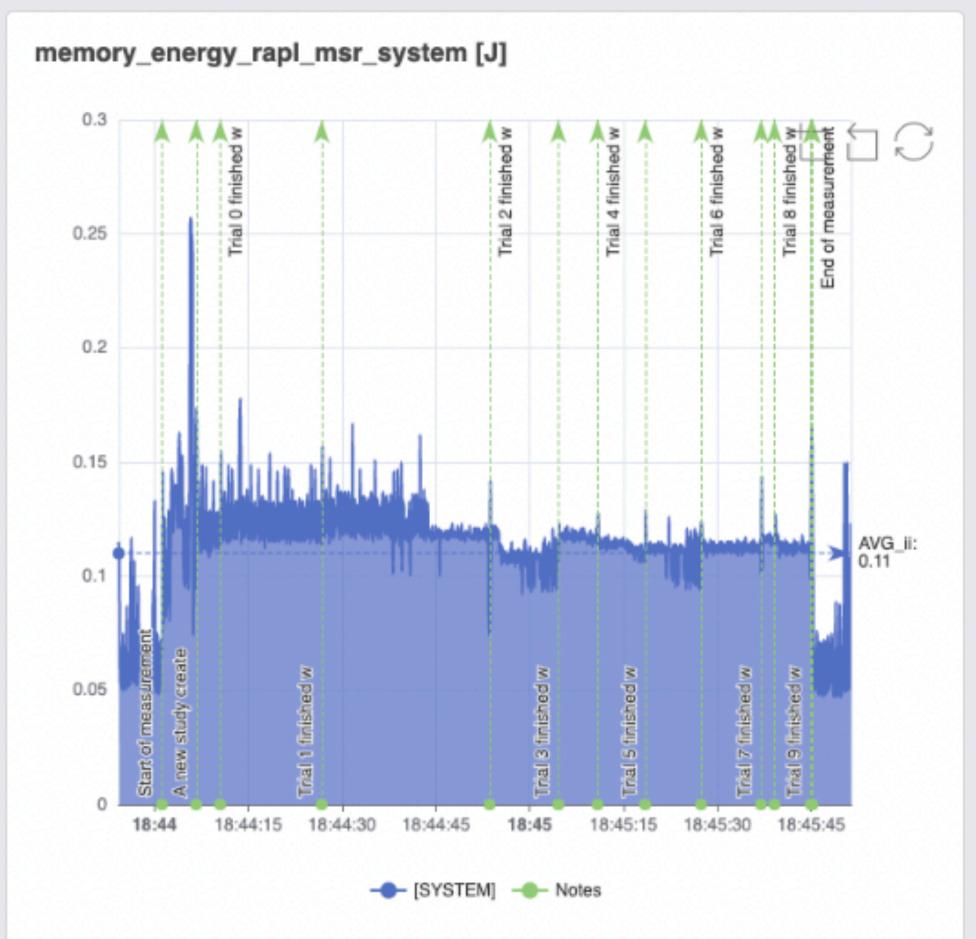


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All reporters are modular and stand-alone Network, DC, AC, Memory, CPU, Energy etc.

Project Data Measurement General Machine usage_scenario idle-time-end 5 idle-time-start 5 100 psu.energy.ac.system.provider.PsuEnergyAcSystemProvider 100 cpu.energy.RAPL.MSR.system.provider.CpuEnergyRaplMsrSystemProvider 100 network.io.cgroup.container.provider.NetworkloCgroupContainerProvider memory.energy.RAPL.MSR.system.provider.MemoryEnergyRaplMsrSystemProvider 100 100 cpu.utilization.procfs.system.provider.CpuUtilizationProcfsSystemProvider memory.total.cgroup.container.provider.MemoryTotalCgroupContainerProvider 100 cpu.utilization.cgroup.container.provider.CpuUtilizationCgroupContainerProvider 100 flow-process-runtime 600

What kind of applications are supported?

in the Green Metrics Tool



Deeper dive into possible application types

What applications can the tool consume

- Desktop applications like Firefox that allow containerization
- Command Line applications
 - Console tools
 - Machine-Learning Models
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- Web Applications / Web Stacks

What can you do with it?

in terms of analysis ...

What analysis can you do with the tool?

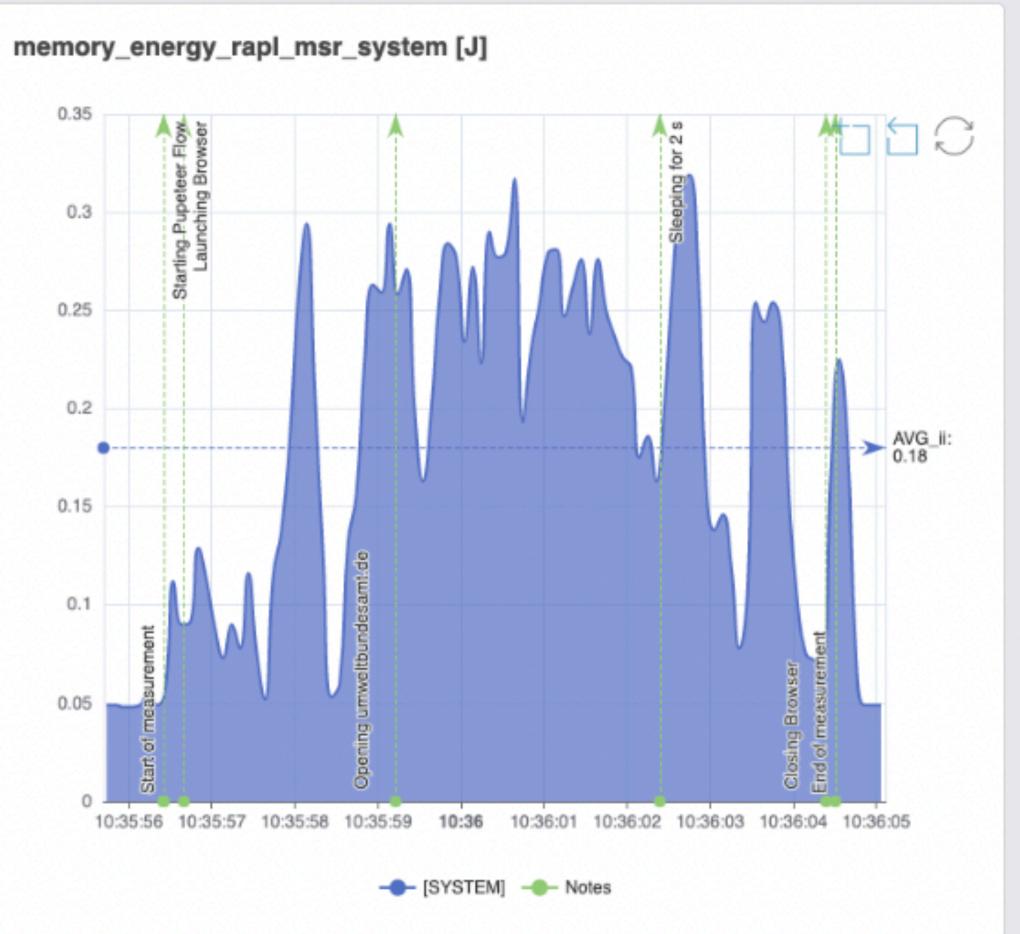
Different code, different scopes

- For machine learning apps or long running codes it is more important to understand energy budgets, anomalies and total runtime, cause usually all cores are utilized
- For web applications it is important to identify idling systems and nonscaling systems
- For **algorithms** it is important to understand how your code behaves when the system is differently configured (TurboBoost, C-States etc.)

Identfiy Memory Anomalies in terms of energy

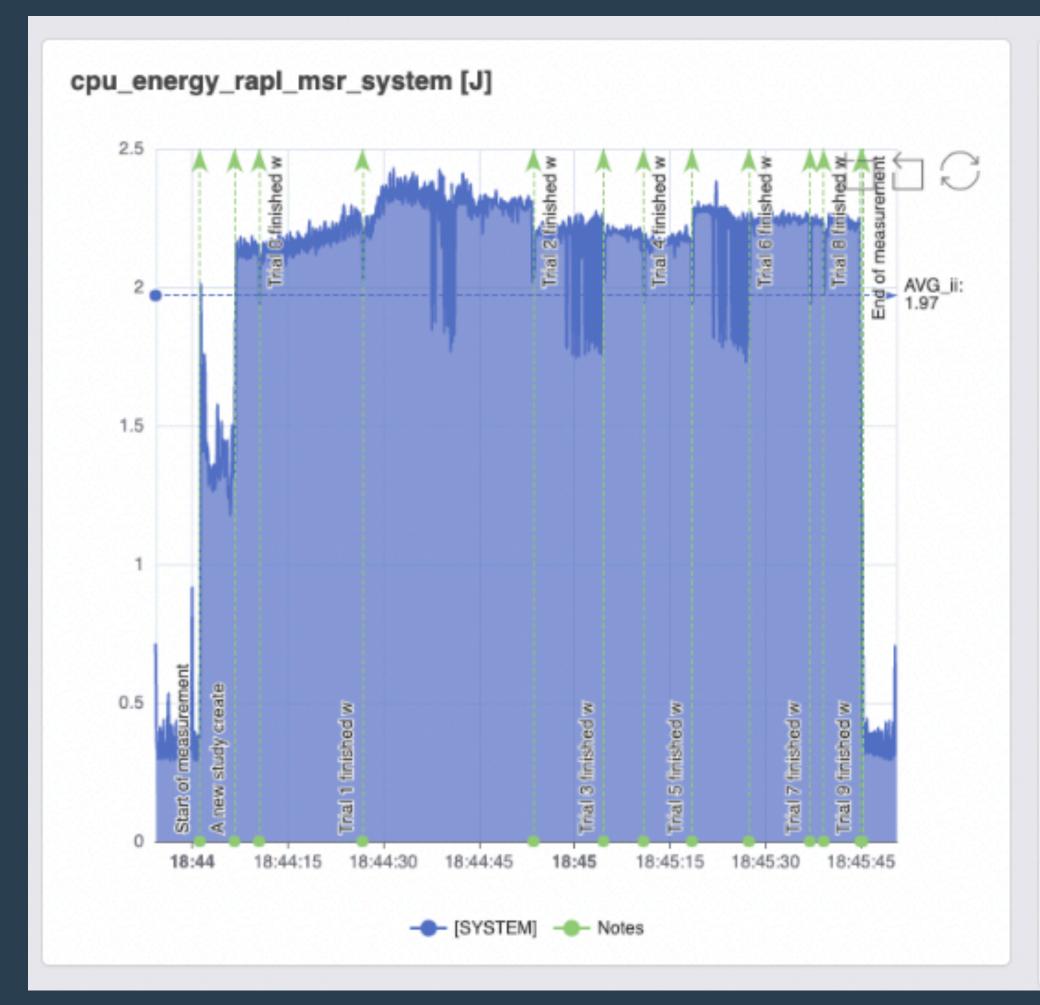
Memory energy does not equal "memory usage"

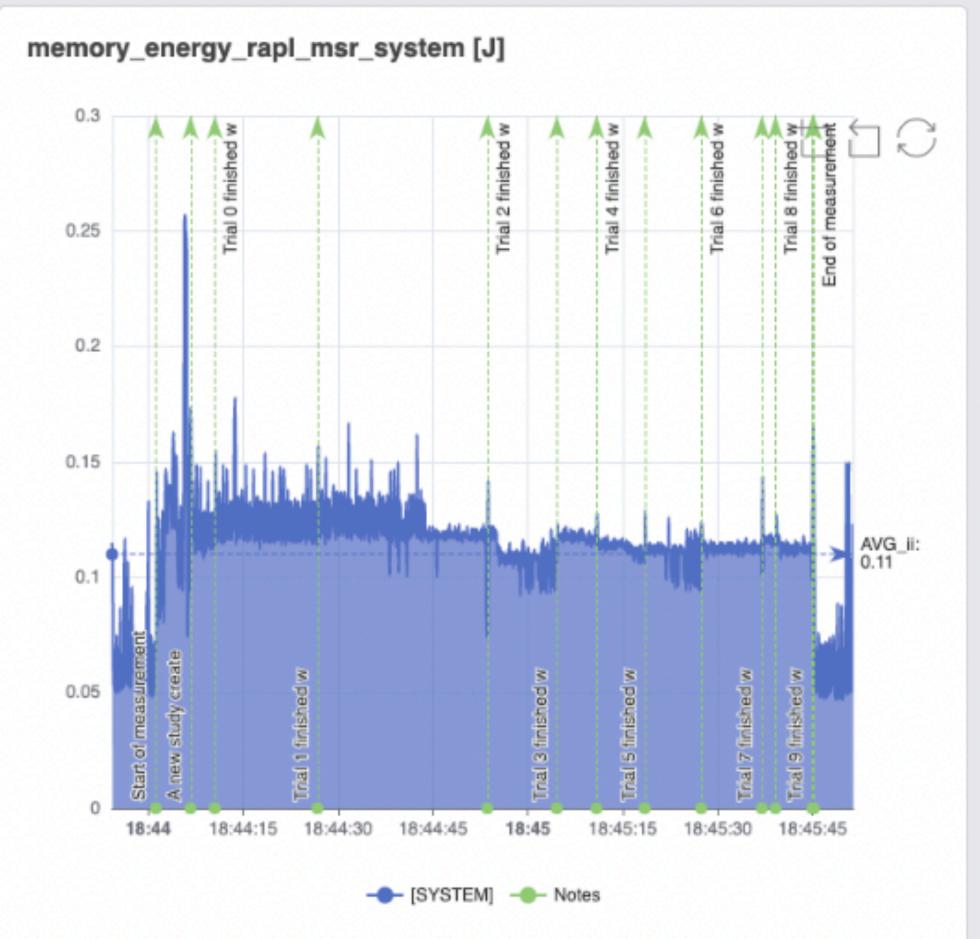




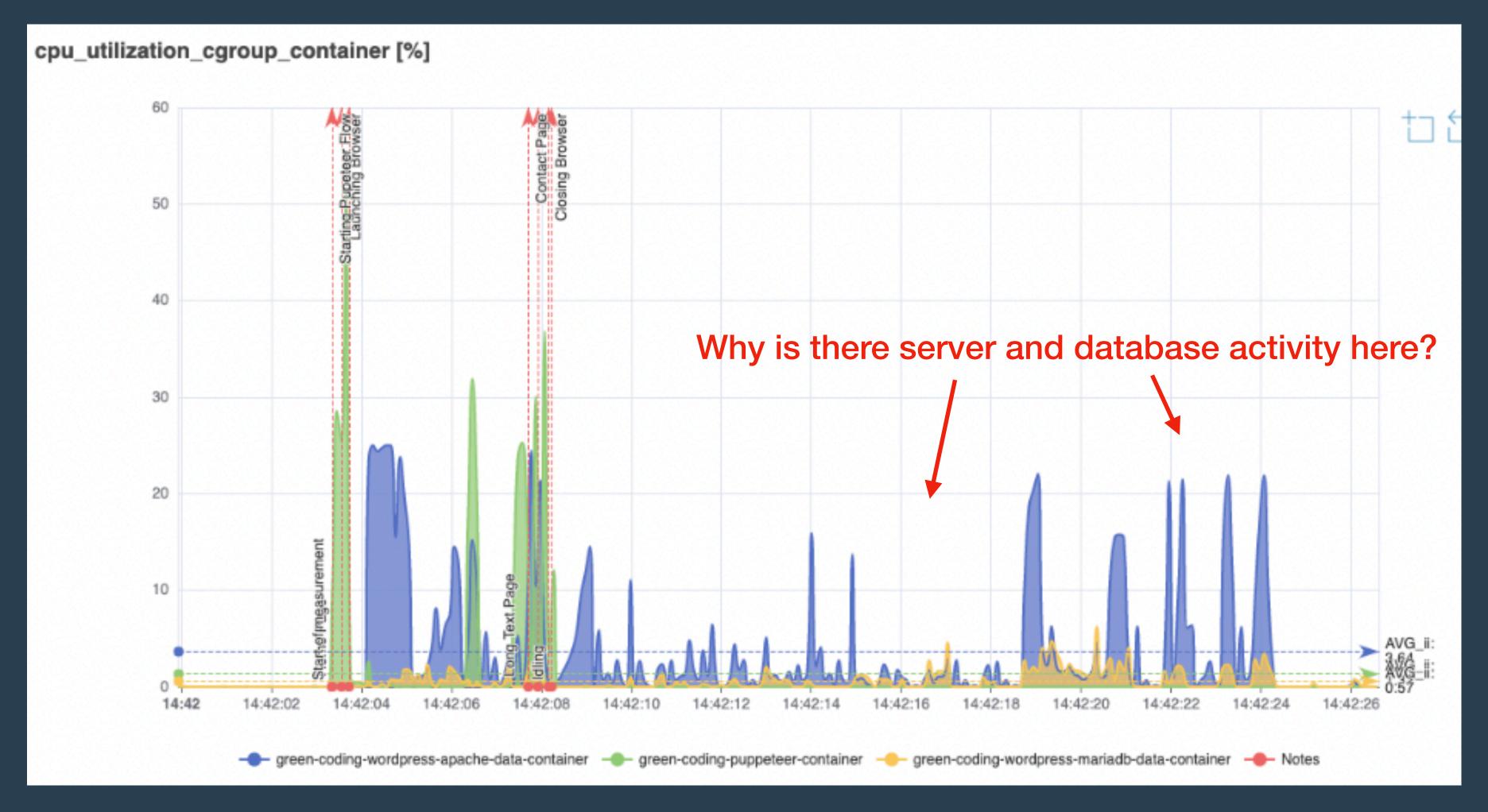
Energy anomalies in Machine Learning

Energy anomalies through TurboBoost and Overheating





Idle time optimizations in web applications



Roadmap

Features

- Android applications; Windows support
- Distributed applications (Kubernetes)
- Inline reporting in CI/CD Pipelines (Awareness of testing costs)
- Energy splitting on process / instruction level
- Provide recommendations for energy optimizations

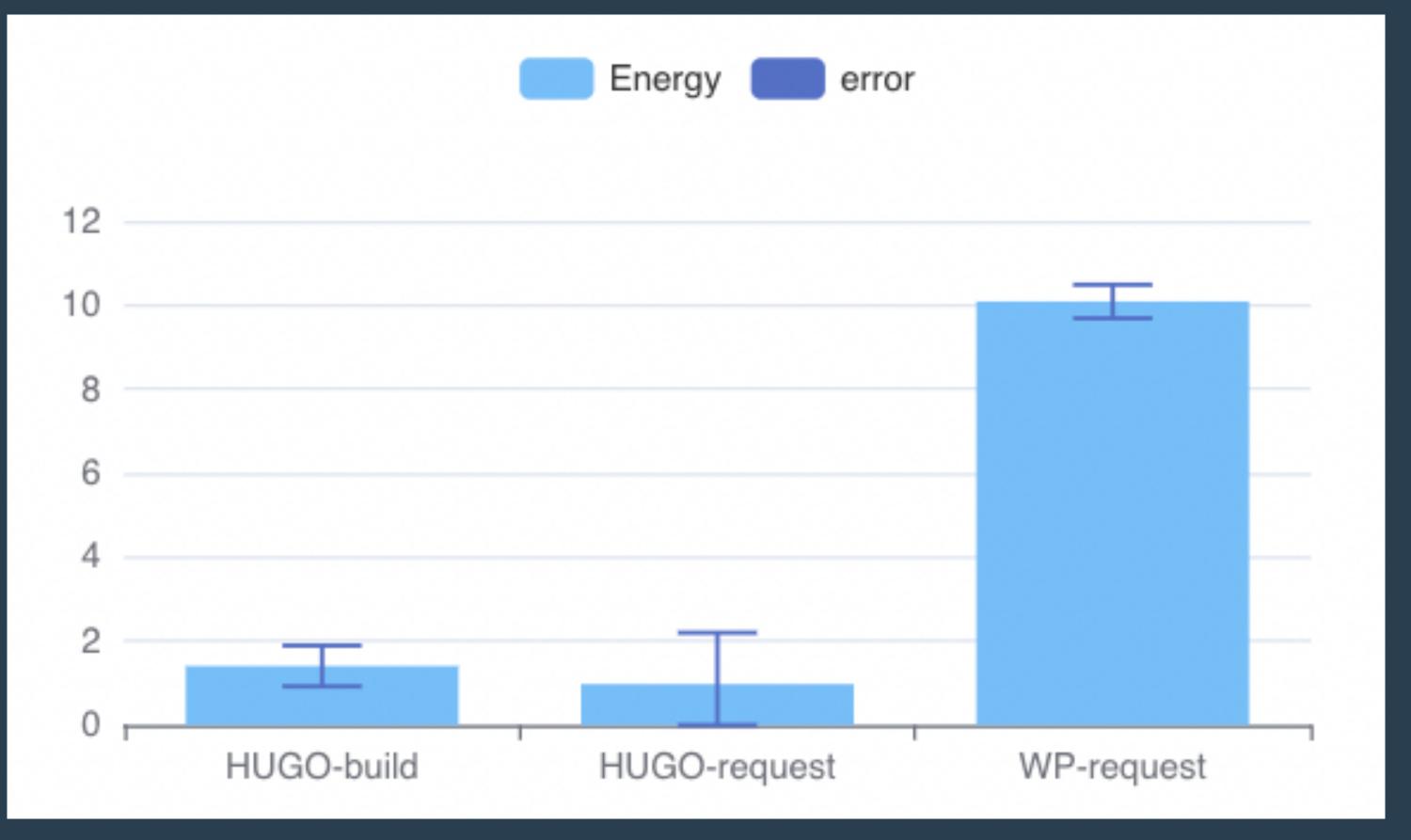
Providing developers with answers

- Energy efficiency of Wordpress vs. static site?
- Is podman more effective than docker for building?
- Is Flask better than FastAPI than Django for our workflow?
- Hardest goal to achieve: recommendations
- When to make energy optimizations
- What kind of saving do I want to have? 1 g of co2? 1 ton of co2? What is my budget?
- When should I switch architectures?



We want to provide insights

to developers and user. With case studies and comparisons



Comparing a Wordpress implementation with a Static-Site implementation (actual data)



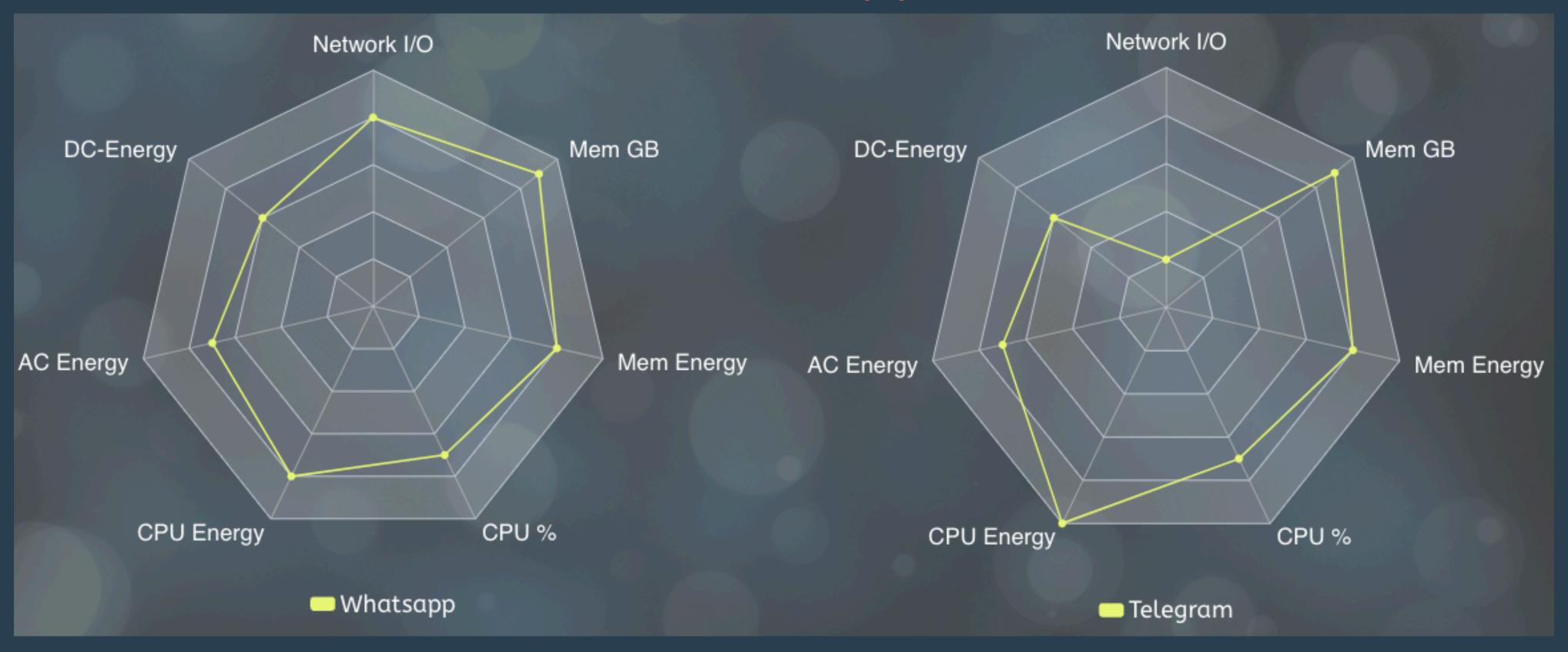
Providing users with answers

- Comparing software given boundary conditions / usage scenario
- Network level anomalies with Reverse Proxying request
 - Find out if application is calling specific URLs and in what frequency
- Issuing certificates like Blue Angel after min. sustainability criteria are met

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Providing users with answers to make actionable insights

No actual data! Concept picture!



Comparing Whatsapp vs. Telegram for sending 10 messages and opening app 30 times



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Another Tool?

Aren't there tools to do this already?

- Scaphandre
- Greenframe.io
- perf_events
- PAPI
- AMD uProf
- Intel Power Gadget
- Academic research ... lots of! But never with actual raw data ...
- more?

