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# Real-Time Sensor Data Integration for BIM-Based Hydraulic Structure Monitoring

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## Project BIMxD Building Monitoring



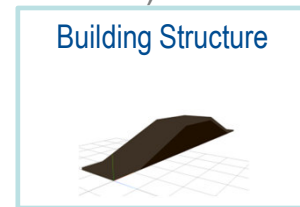
- Development of an advanced, BIM-based monitoring system for hydraulic structures
- Combines real-time sensor data with BIM models, forming a Digital Twin for predictive maintenance and proactive infrastructure management
- Development parts of 
  - Sensor data acquisition, preprocessing, and transmission
  - Sensor data storage structure based on web services
  - Linked data model for coupling the sensor and BIM data model
  - Processing web services for connecting the evaluation module
- Project partners:





## Sensor data system architecture

- Sensor data capturing (observations)
  - At building structure
- Preprocessing
  - Data Filtering
  - Data Aggregating
  - Validation
  - Forwarding
- Data Transmission → Message Queuing Telemetry Transport (MQTT)
- Data storage and providing → OGC SensorThings API
- Data Visualization → Desite MD pro



Observations  
(I<sup>2</sup>C)

Data Collection  
(Python/C)

IPC

Preprocessing

- Filtering
- Aggregating
- Validation
- Forwarding
- (Tasking)

Add Observations  
HTTP POST  
MQTT

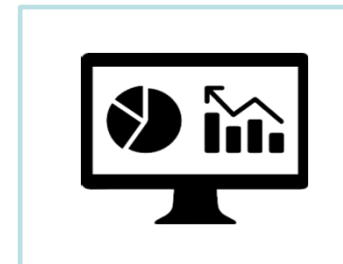
Tasking

Timeseries  
(HTTP)  
GET observations

RESTful APIs

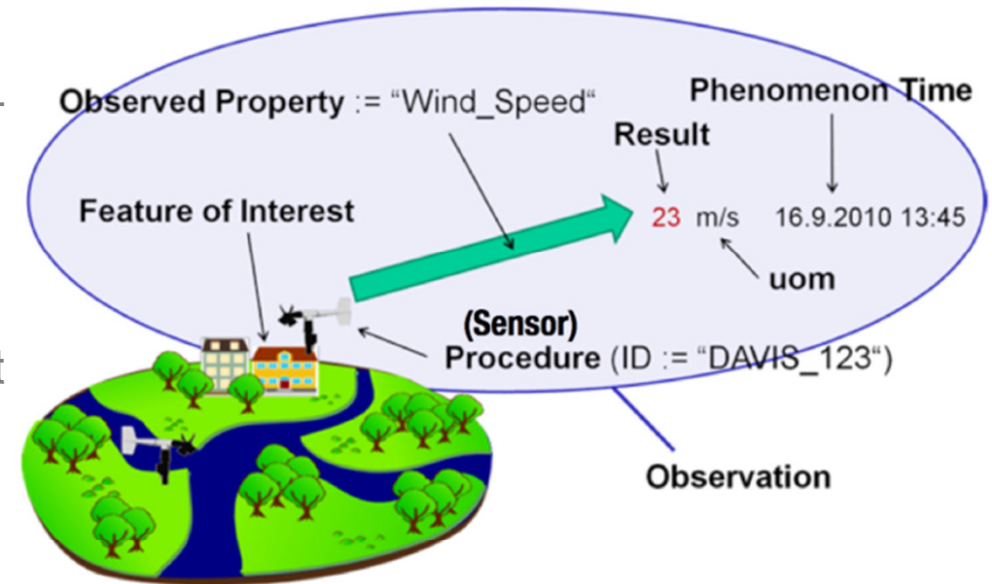
 **FROST**  
Server

Live Data  
(MQTT):  
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observations



## OGC SensorThings API – designed and tailored for internet of things (IoT)

- Developed by the OGC (Open Geospatial Consortium) → international voluntary consensus standards organization
- RESTful Architecture: SensorThings API adheres to REST principles
- Resource-Oriented: The API defines a set of resources, which can be accessed via standard URIs
- JSON Format: Data is typically exchanged in JSON format
- Scalability and Interoperability: SensorThings API is designed to be scalable and interoperable.
- Geospatial Data Support: Strong support for geospatial data



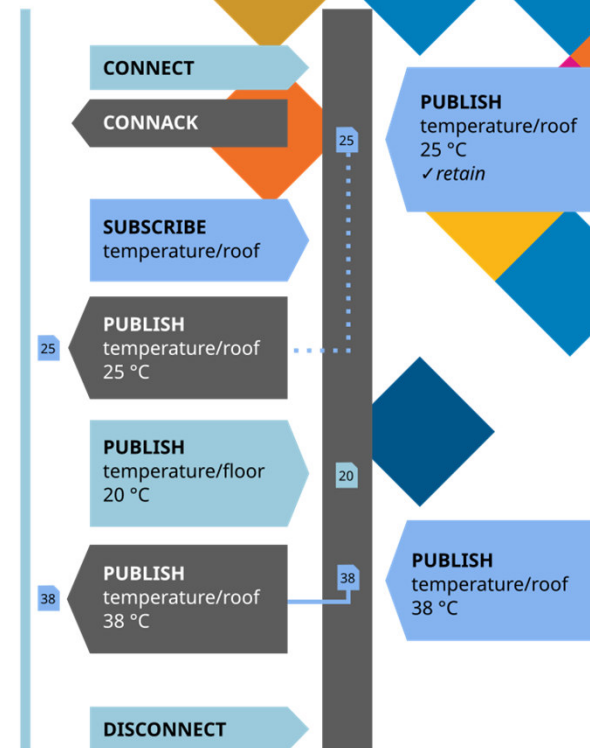
## Message Queue Telemetry Transport Protocol (MQTT)

- Lightweight, publish-subscribe network protocol.
- Designed specifically for machine-to-machine (M2M) communication.
- Suitable for devices with limited resources and bandwidth (e.g., IoT applications).
- Uses a broker-based messaging model (Publish/Subscribe).
- Requires a reliable, lossless, ordered transport protocol (typically TCP/IP).
- Enables efficient real-time data exchange with remote locations/devices.
- Ideal for constrained environments (low battery, limited network connectivity)

Client A

Broker

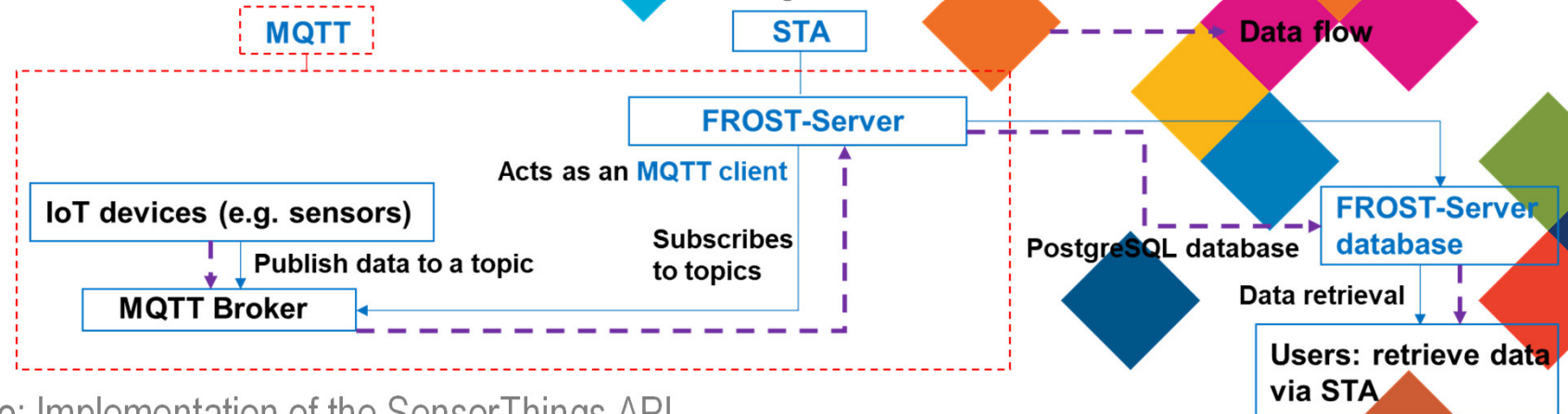
Client B





## Data transmission: MQTT protocol + SensorThings API

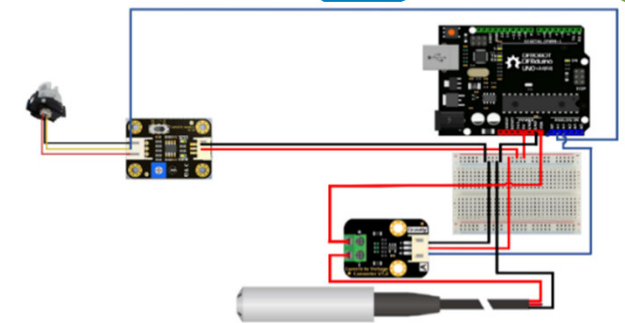
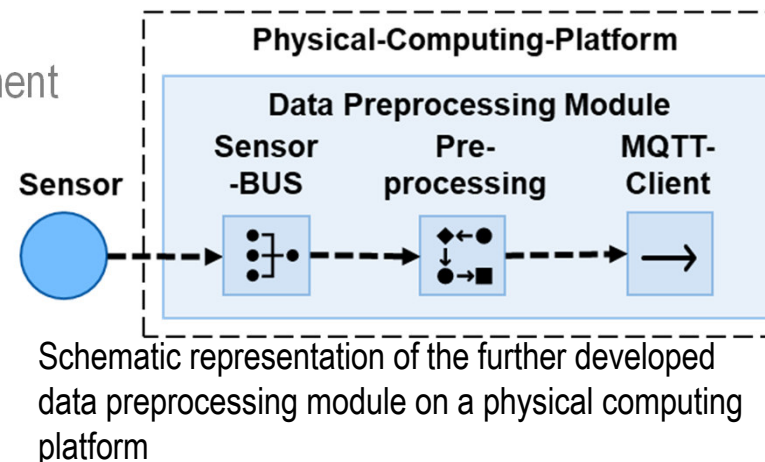
- MQTT for Real-Time Transmission of the sensor data to the SensorThings API



- FROST Server as Core: Implementation of the SensorThings API,
  - which serves as the main database and processing hub for sensor data,
  - which is a standardized framework for managing and accessing sensor observations and metadata
  - Which acts as an intermediary supporting both live data streaming and historical data queries in the database

## Data acquisition and data stream transmission optimization

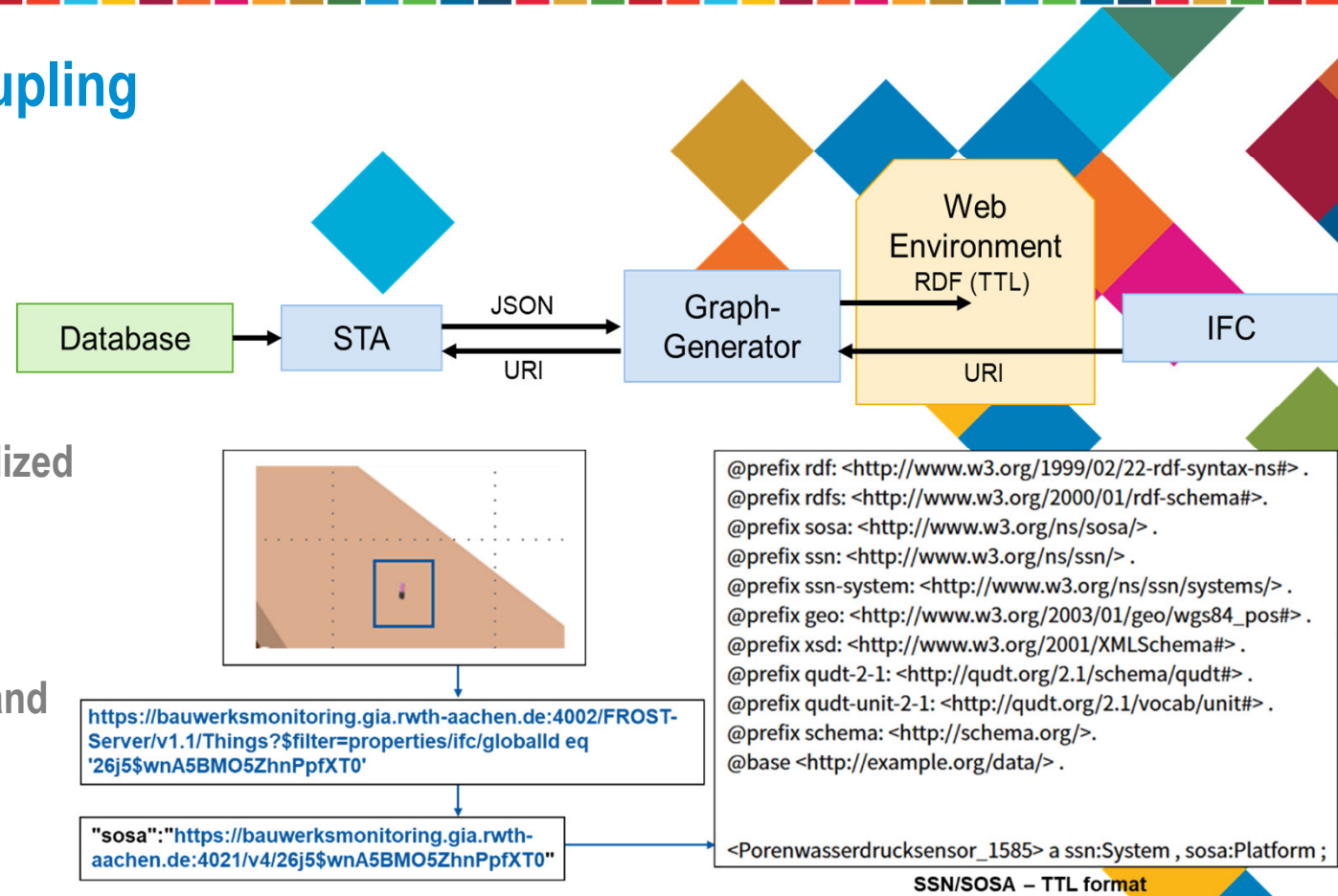
- By transitioning from a Python application on a measuring computer to an application on a physical computing platform
  - Sensors** used can be directly connected to the physical computing platform and integrated into the data preprocessing module
  - Physical computing platform** is significantly smaller and consumes much less energy compared to the measuring computer
  - No Need to transfer measurement data to a separate preprocessing module



Schematic representation of the connection of a pressure and a turbidity sensor to an Arduino UNO R4 WiFi

## Linked Data Model – data coupling

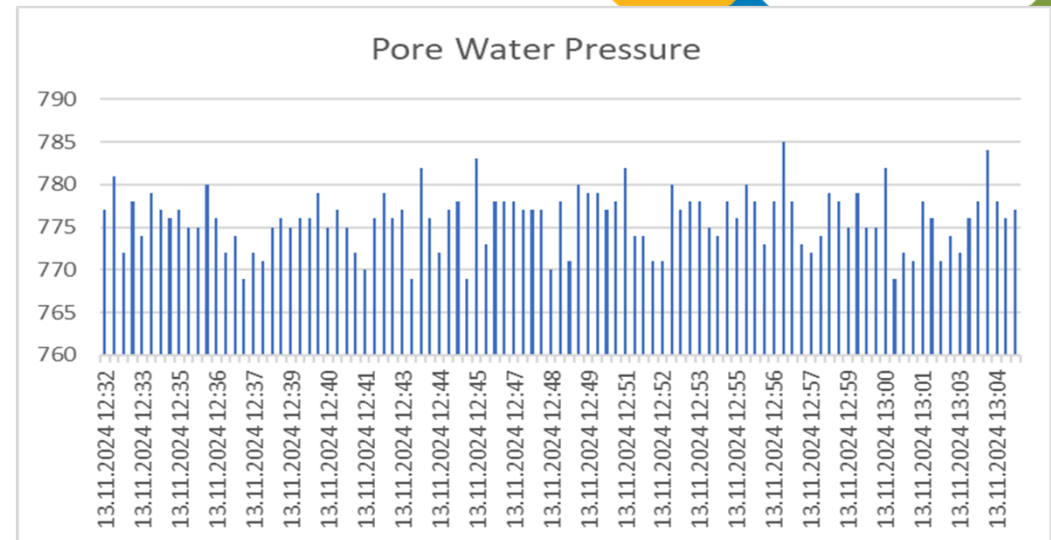
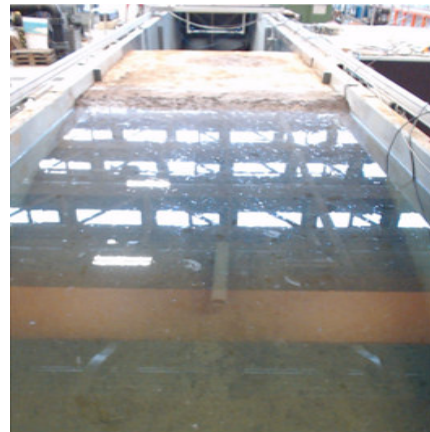
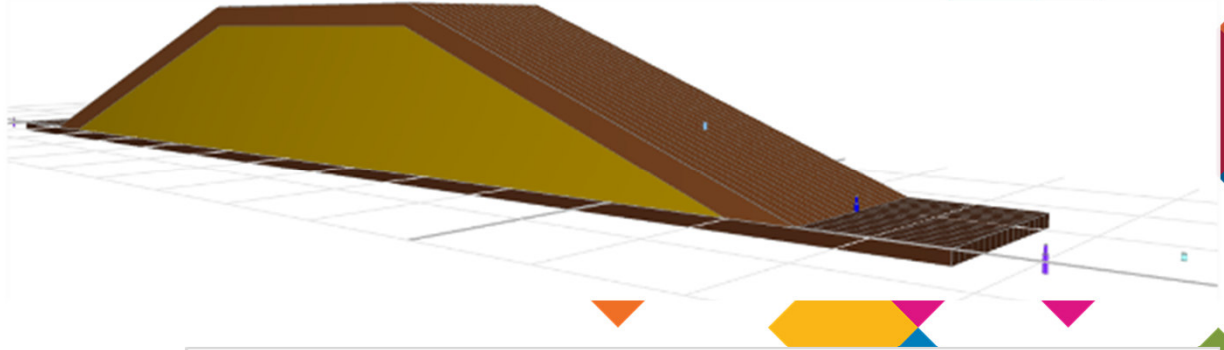
- Establishes a **semantic connection** between sensor data and structural elements in the BIM model.
- Sensor Metadata Storage – **Metadata**.
- Data Consistency** – Creates a **centralized single source of truth**, maintaining alignment with sensor measurements.
- Use of **Semantic Web Technologies**.
- RDF format - ensure **interoperability and scalability**.





## Test at a demonstrator dike at IWW

- Land side of the Scaled demonstrator dike – land side (below left) and water side (below right)
- 3D BIM model of the demonstrator dike
- Pore water pressure data (units: V/204,8)



# Integration of sensor data into the software environment of the digital twin

- Use of BIM software DESITE md pro
  - Storage and visualization of 3D model
  - Real-time sensor data access and visualization
  - Use of software API + JavaScript
- Access of sensor data from FROST server
  - Communication between server and software via HTTP protocol and SensorThings API
- Visualization of current and historic sensor data as time series

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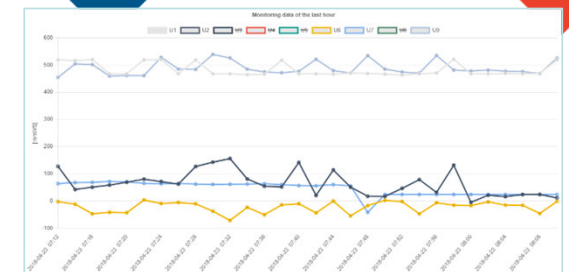
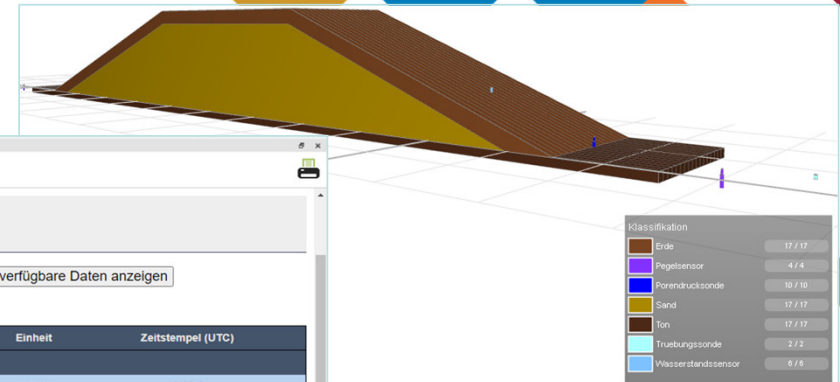
Sensorik

Real Time Monitoring

☐ Live update starten ☐ Live update stoppen ☐ Letzte verfügbare Daten anzeigen

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Trübung_aus	0.00	NTU	13:38:51
<b>Porendrucksonden</b>			
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## Conclusion and Future Work

- **Key Takeaways:**

- OGC SensorThings API + MQTT + Sensor Data Fusion enables **real-time data transmission**.
- Linked-data Model supports **real-time visualization**.

- **Future Work:**

- **Ensuring MQTT Message Order:** Implement mechanisms to maintain correct message sequence in high-frequency data streams.
- **GeoMQTT Implementation:** Enable geospatial and temporal filtering for more efficient data distribution.
- **Edge Computing Integration:** Introduce additional MQTT layers for on-site data filtering, aggregation, and compression.
- **System Optimization:** Enhance robustness, efficiency, and adaptability for structural health monitoring.

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