REST NO MORE
USING ACTORS FOR THE INTERNET OF (LEGO) TRAINS & RASPBERRY PIS

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Disclaimer:
No Lego was harmed beyond repair during the project.

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WHY?


Why?


The Internet of THINGS

GETTING STARTED

MINIMAL INGREDIENTS FOR 1 TRAIN ABOUT € 50

- Raspberry Pi A+ / Raspberry Pi Zero
- Wifi dongle
  - EDUP Ultra-Mini Nano USB 2.0 802.11n
- USB battery pack
  - Anker® 2. Gen Astro Mini 3200mAh
- Infrared transmitter
  - Keyes 38KHz IR Infrared Transmitter Module for Arduino

COMPARISON

	Idle (mA)	Memory (MB)	CPU (Mhz)	Size (mm)
RPi A+	100	256	700	65 *56
RPi Zero	100	512	1000	65 * 30
RPi B+	200	512	700	85 *56
RPi 2 B	230	1024	4*900	85 *56
Particle Photon	80-100	128KB	120	38 * 21

ARCHITECTURE


Architecture

LTCC
(Angular)

LTCC
(Java)

RPi-Cam-Web-Interface
(C)

DeviceControl
(Java)

SwitchControl
(Java)

Infrared
(C and LI

Servo
(Python)

RFID
(C)

LTCC
(Angular)

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(Scala/Akka)

RPi-Cam-Web-Interface
(C)

DeviceCon
(Scala/Akka)

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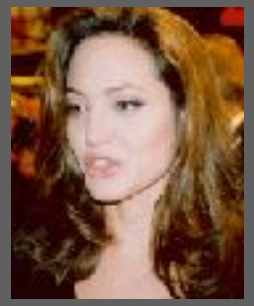
(Scala/Akka)

Leds with Photon
(C)



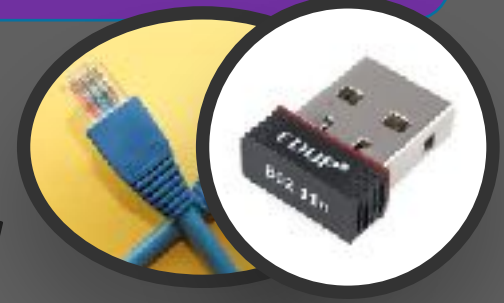
Infrared
(C and

RFID
(C)

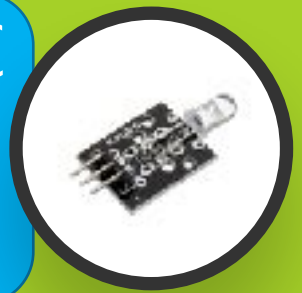
SwitchControl (Pi)

LTCC (Laptop / Pi)

Camera (Pi)



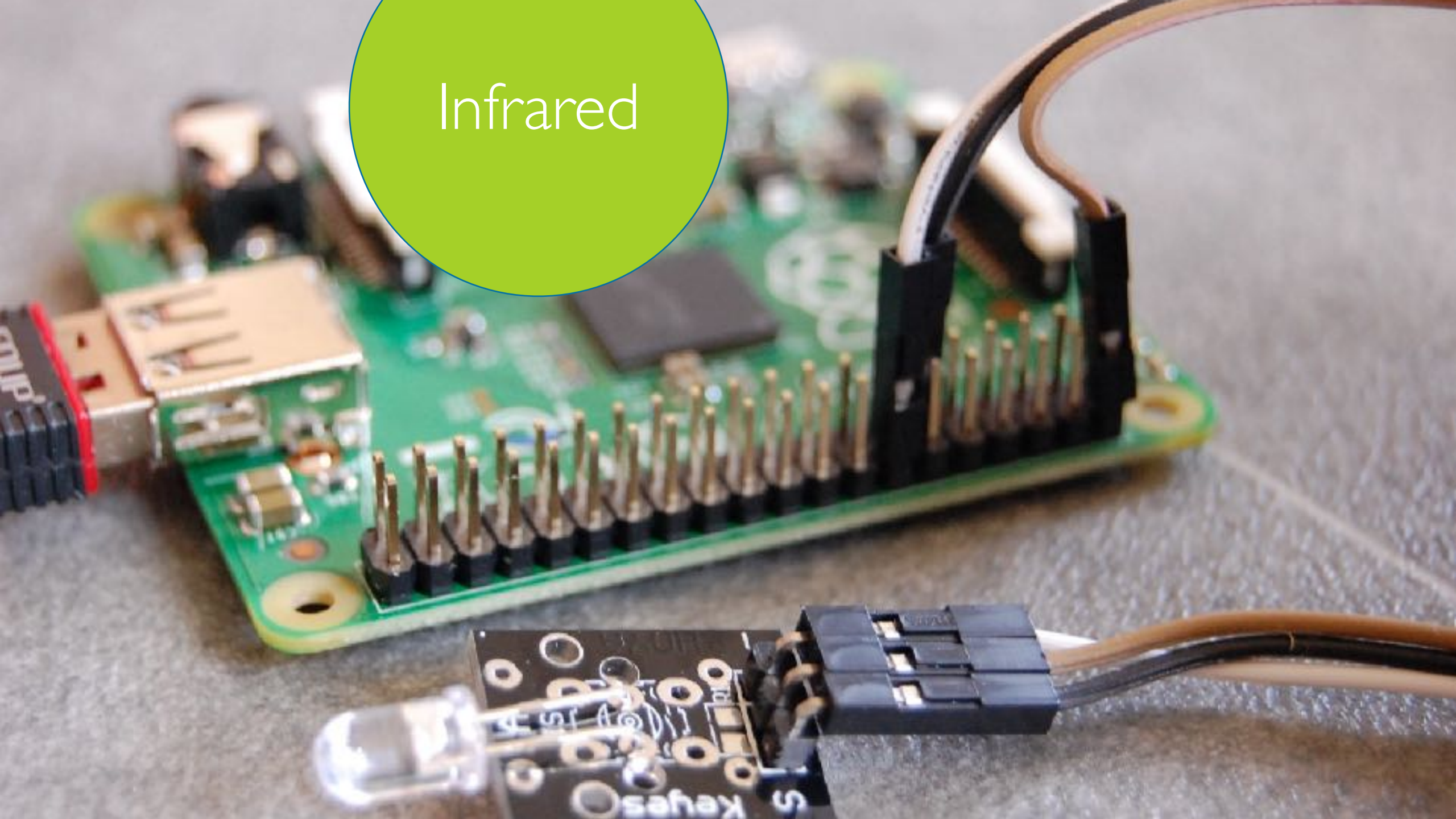
DeviceControl (Pi)



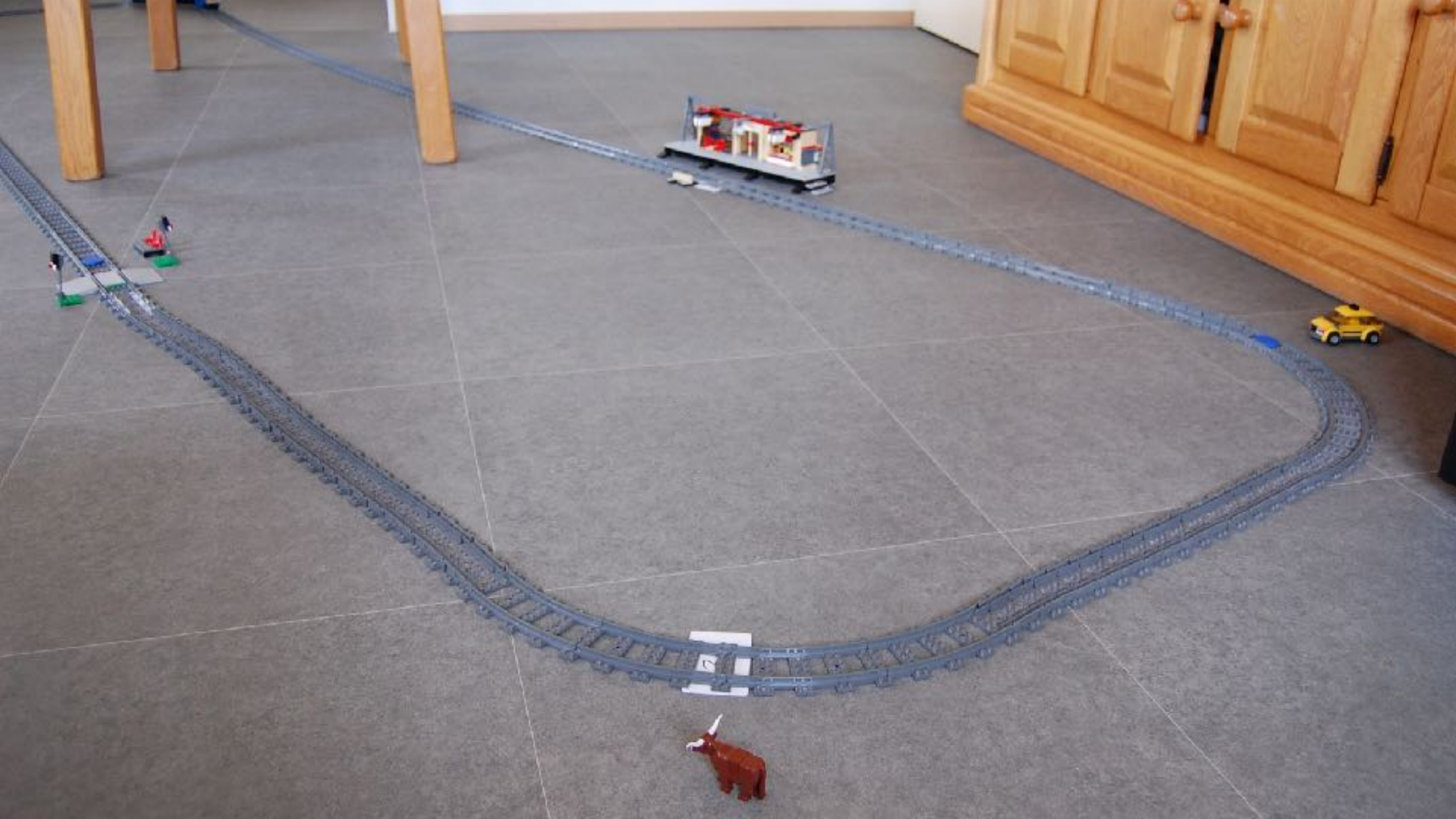
Lego Train


Original
controls

Infrared




Sound




Camera

RPi Cam Control v4.3.0: mycam@raspberrypi

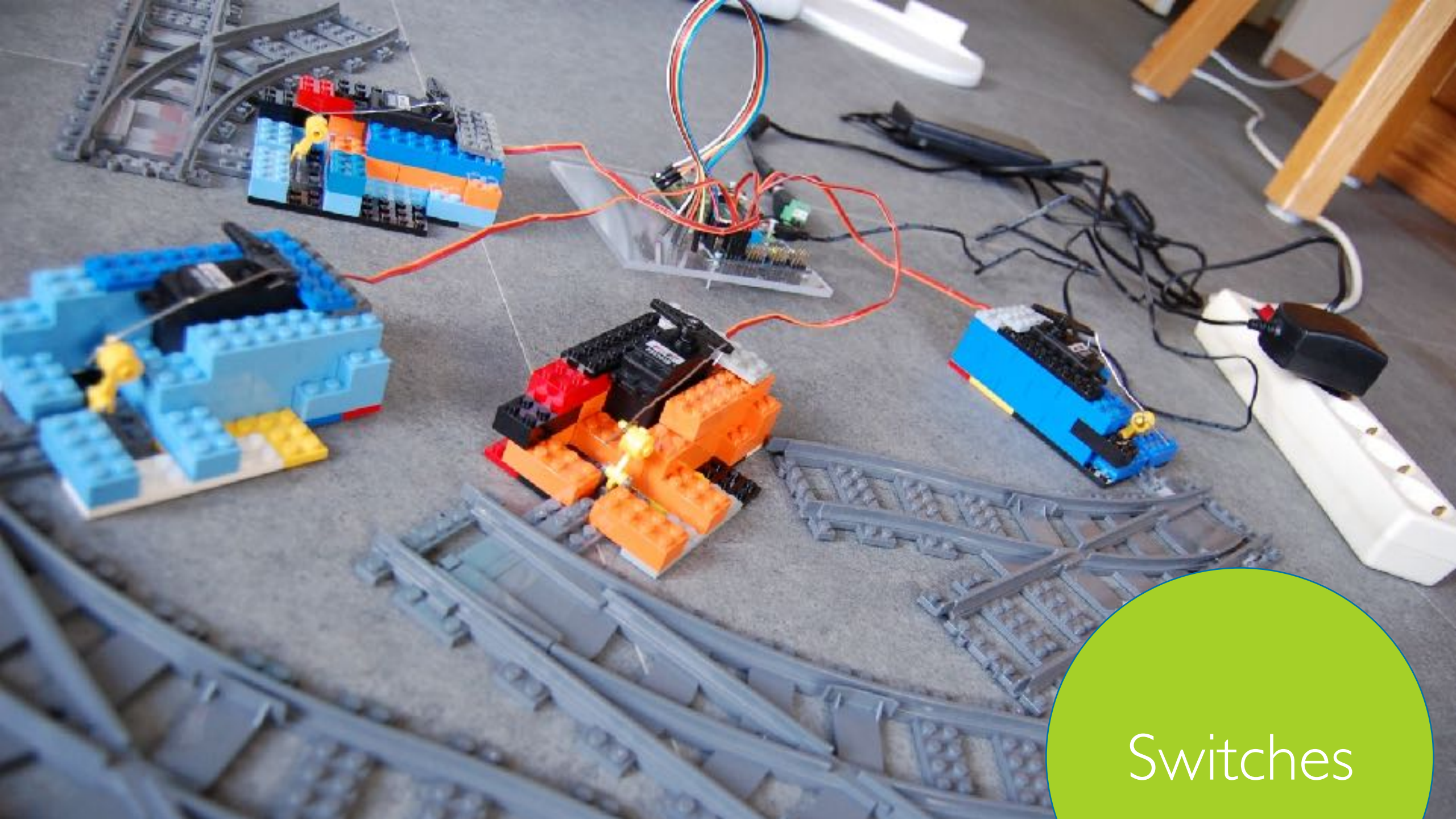
record video start | record image | timelapse start

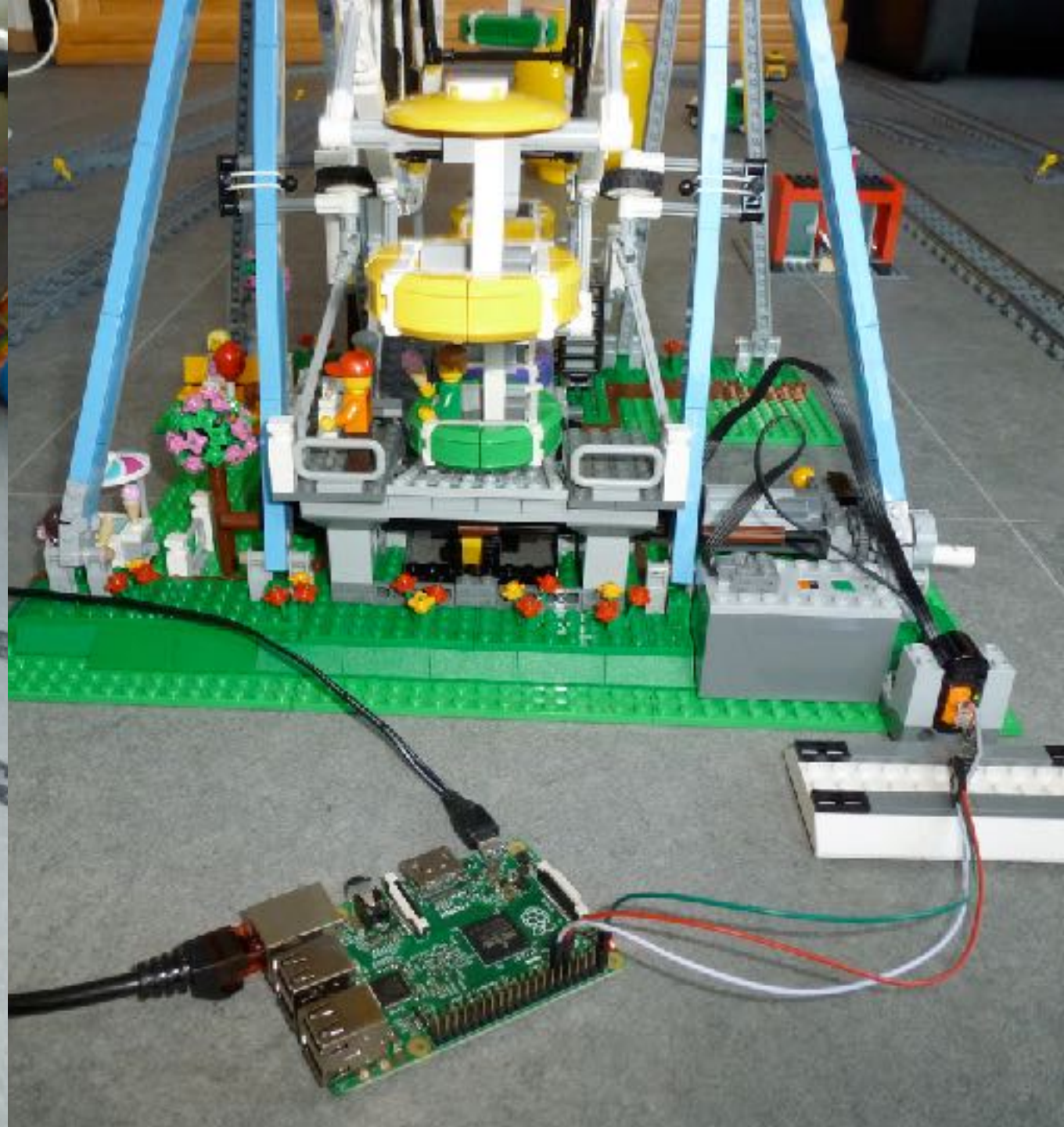
motion detection start | stop camera

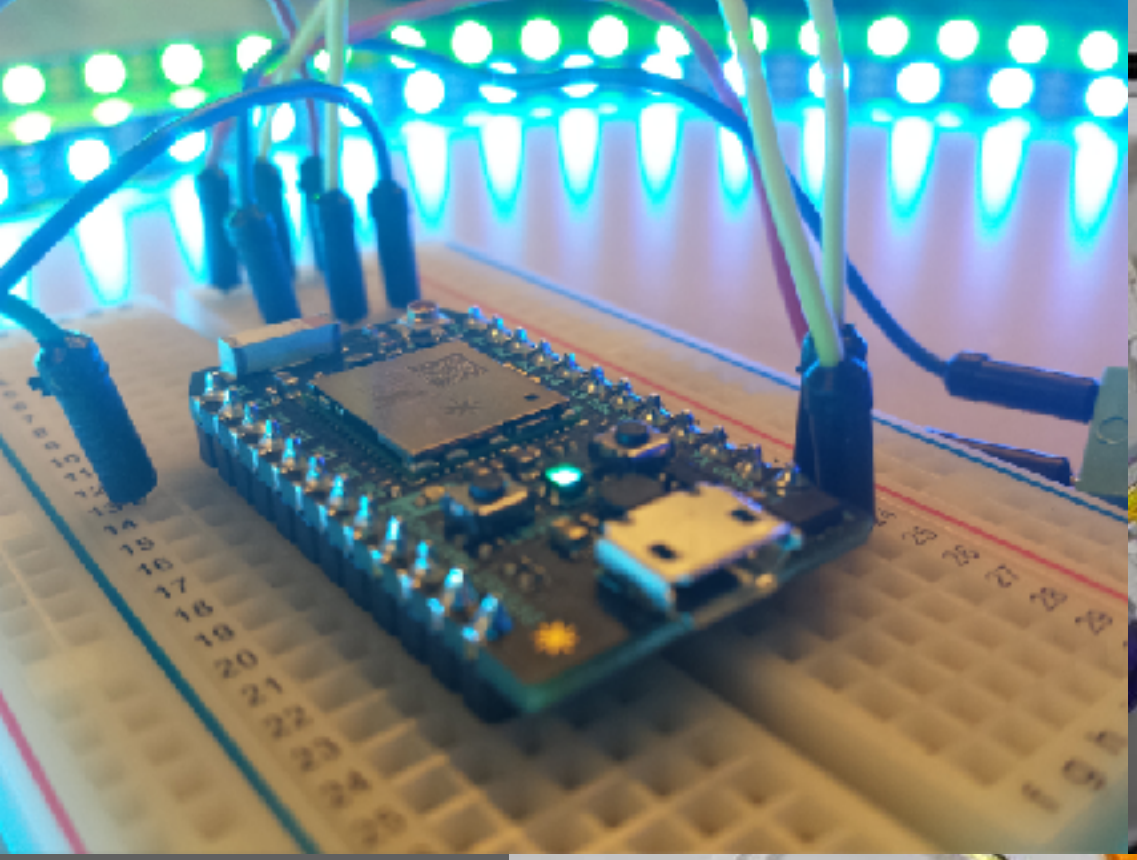
Download Videos and Images

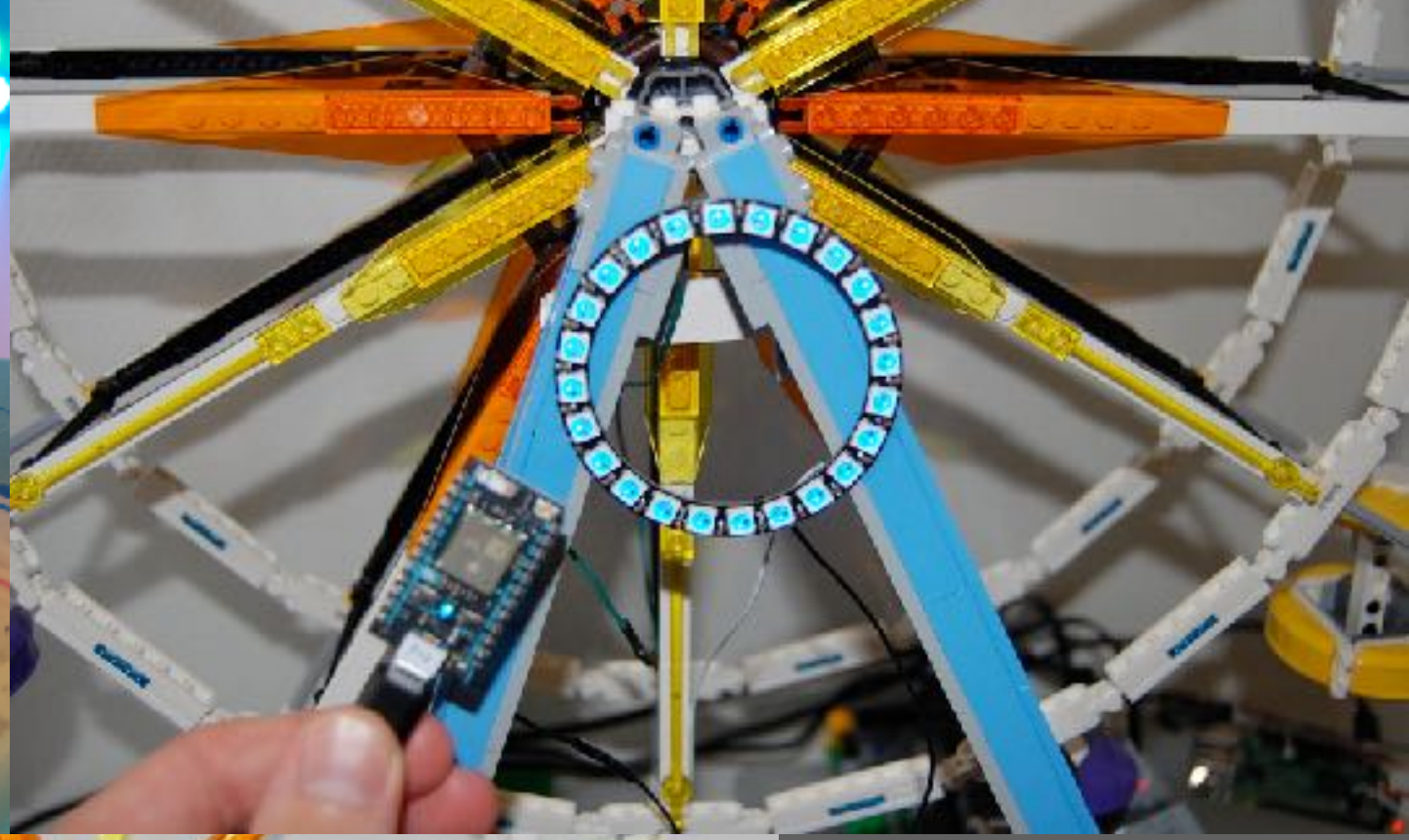
Settings

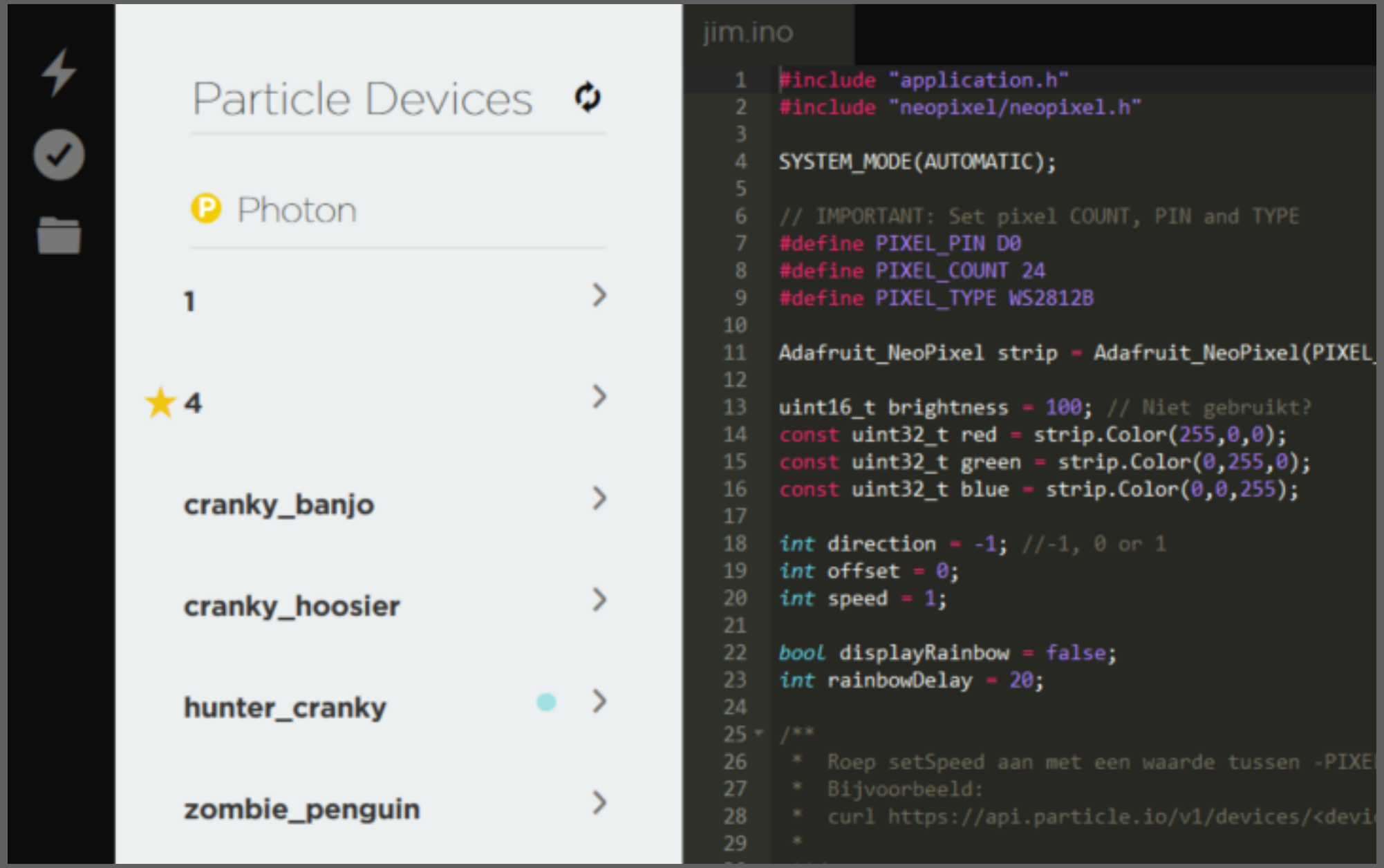
System


Switches

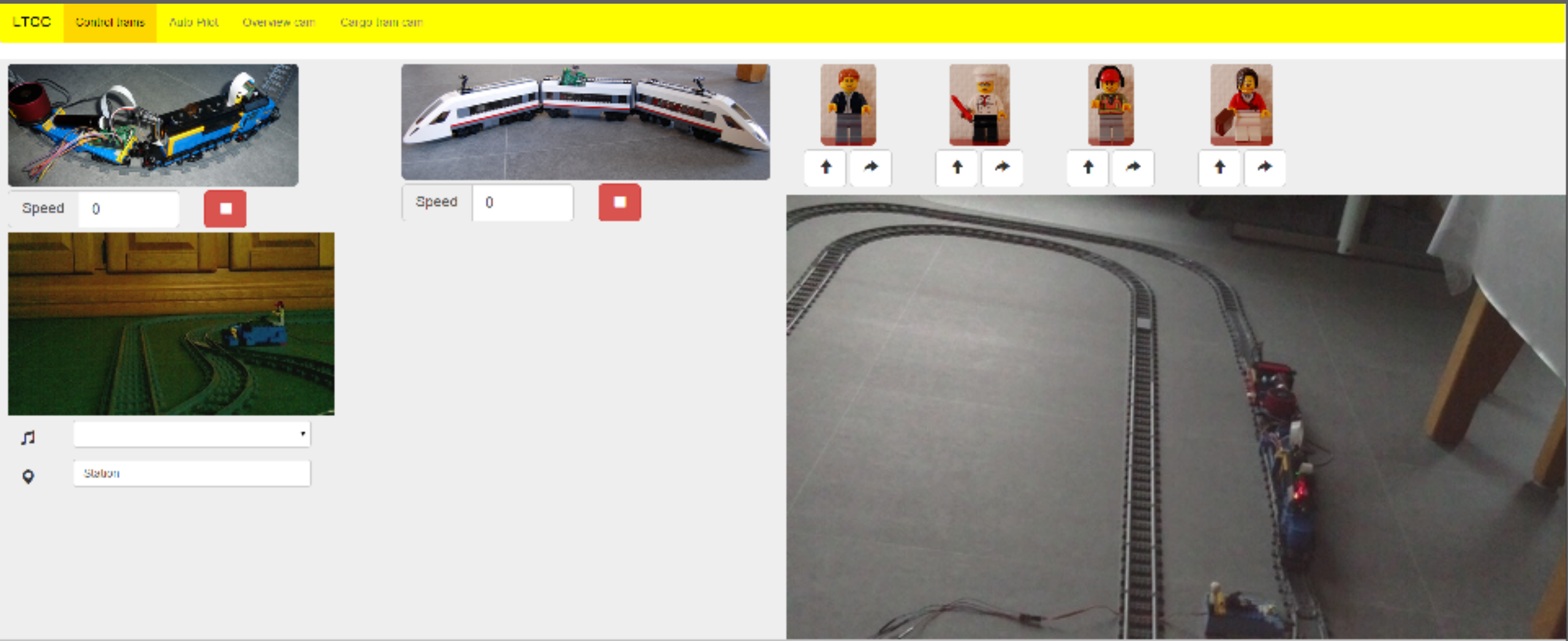







Particle Devices
Photon
1
4
cranky_banjo
cranky_hoosier
hunter_cranky
zombie_penguin
jim.ino
#include "application.h"
#include "neopixel/neopixel.h"
SYSTEM_MODE(AUTOMATIC);
// IMPORTANT: Set pixel COUNT, PIN and TYPE
#define PIXEL_PIN D0
#define PIXEL_COUNT 24
#define PIXEL_TYPE WS2812B
Adafruit_NeoPixel strip = Adafruit_NeoPixel(PIXEL
uint16_t brightness = 100; // Niet gebruikt?
const uint32_t red = strip.Color(255,0,0);
const uint32_t green = strip.Color(0,255,0);
const uint32_t blue = strip.Color(0,0,255);
int direction = -1; //-1, 0 or 1
int offset = 0;
int speed = 1;
bool displayRainbow = false;
int rainbowDelay = 20;
/**
* Roep setSpeed aan met een waarde tussen -PIXE
* Bijvoorbeeld:
* curl https://api.particle.io/v1/devices/<devi
*

LTCC APPLICATION



ACTORS

AKKA ACTORS

```
class Worker extends Actor {
  def receive = {
    case x =>
      println(x)
  }
}

val system = ActorSystem("ExampleActorSystem")

val workerActorRef = system.actorOf(Props[Worker])
workerActorRef ! "Hello conference"
```

REMOTE ACTORS

AKKA REMOTE ACTOR CALL

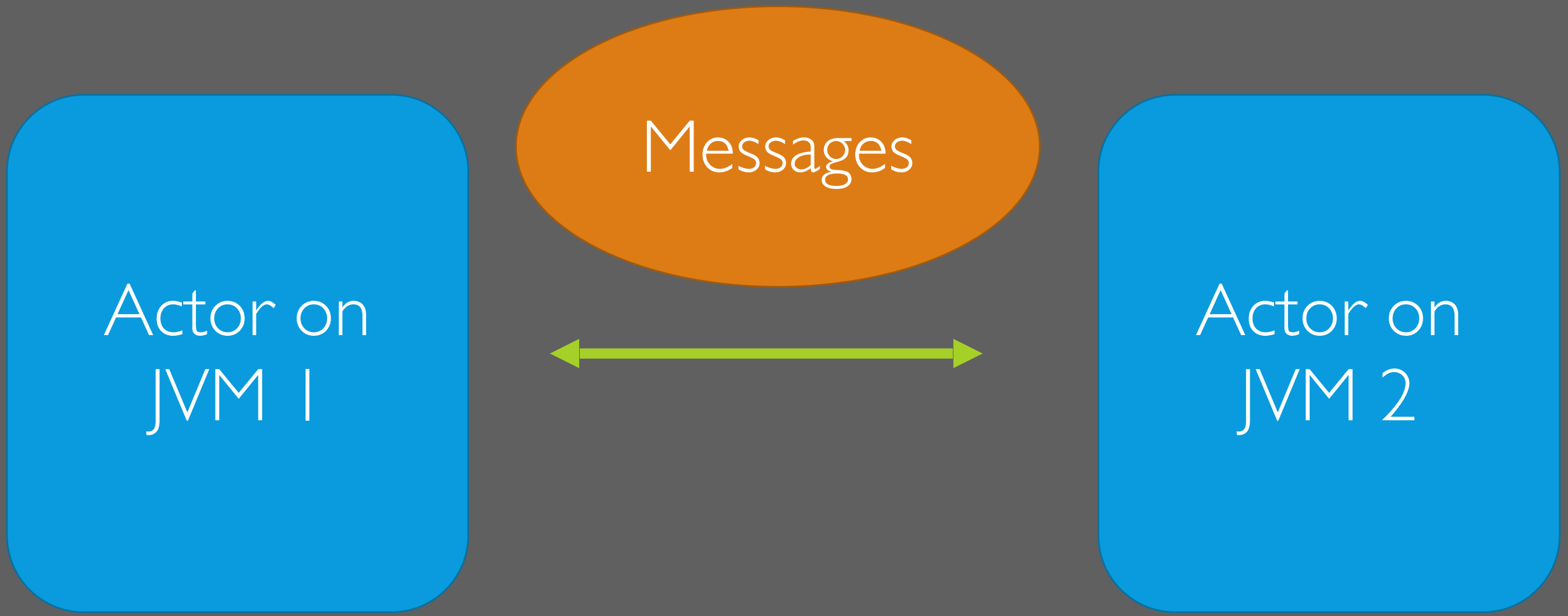
```
val workerActorRef =
system.actorOf(Props[Worker])
```

```
val workerActorRef =
system.actorSelection("akka.tcp://
ExampleActorSystem@127.0.0.1:9005
/user/workerActor")
```

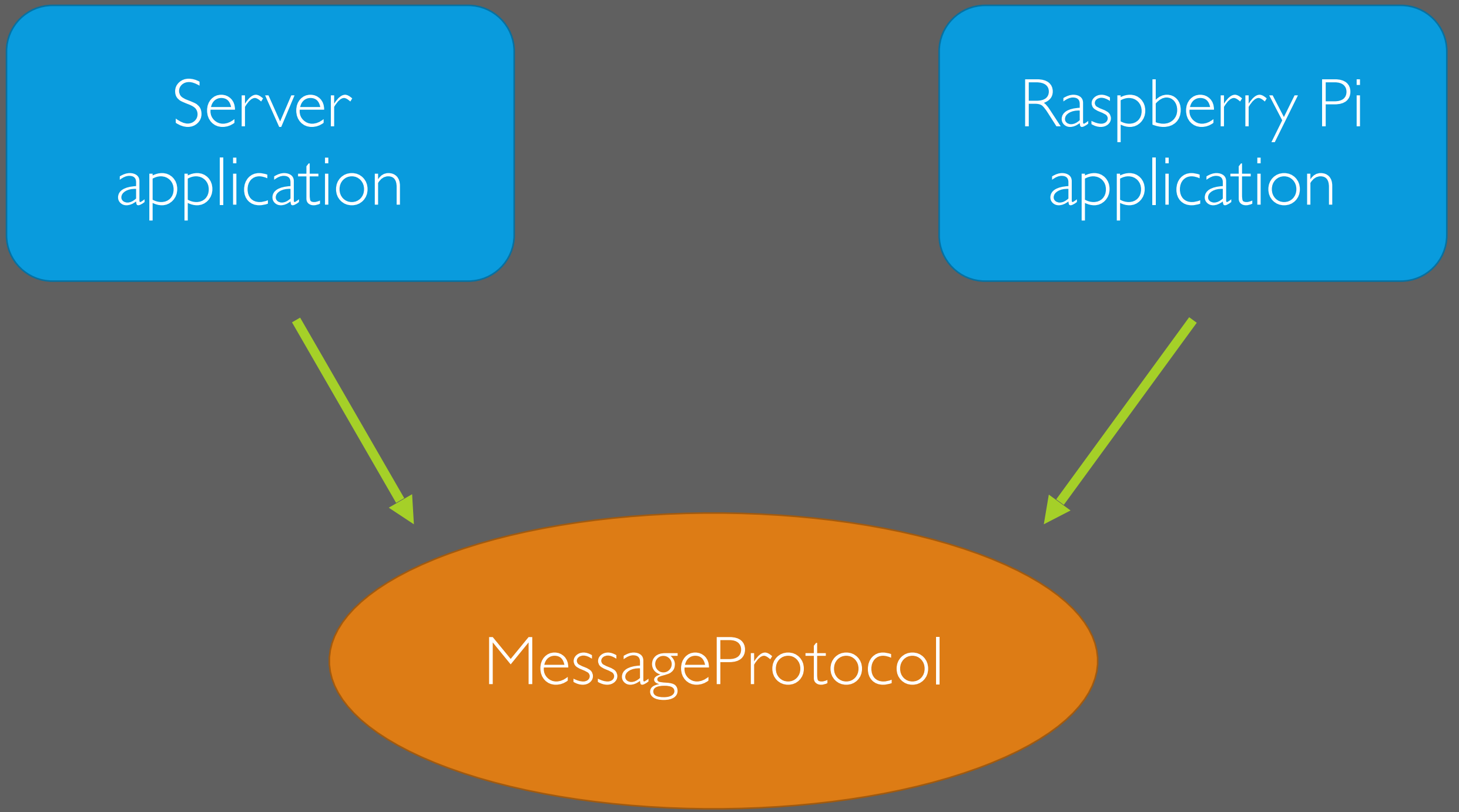
AKKA REMOTE ACTOR CONFIGURATION

```
akka {
  actor {
    provider = "akka.remote.RemoteActorRefProvider"
  }
  remote {
    enabled-transports = ["akka.remote.netty.tcp"]
    netty.tcp {
      hostname = "127.0.0.1"
      port = 9002
    }
  }
}
```

SHARED PROTOCOL


Messages
Actor on JVM 1
Actor on JVM 2

CONCRETE EXAMPLE


Server application
Raspberry Pi application
MessageProtocol

EXAMPLE MESSAGE

```
object MusicServiceMessage {
  case class Play(filename: String)
  case class MusicList(filenames: List[Song])
}
```

MESSAGE USED BY APPLICATION

```
val actorRef = context.actorSelection(
    "akka.tcp://[Actorsystem]@
    [IP]:[port]/user/musicservice")

actorRef !
[packagename].MusicServiceMessage.Play(filena
me)
```

HTTP VS REMOTE ACTOR

ADVANTAGES **REMOTE ACTORS**

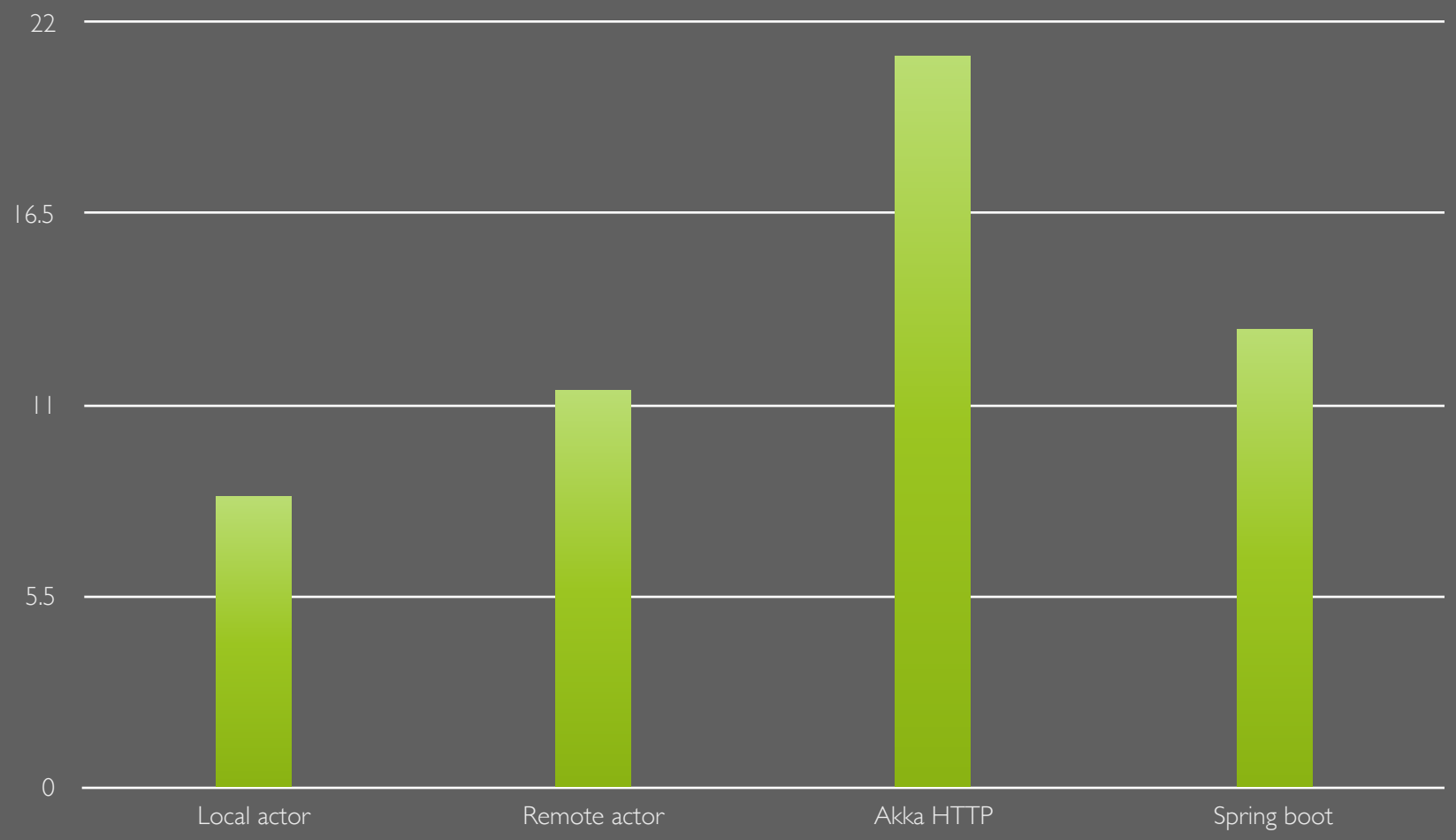
- No converting to JSON/SOAP
- More natural programming

- Concurrent on default
- Built-in load balancer
- Built-in circuit breaker

ADVANTAGES **HTTP**

- Indepedent of technology
- Loosely coupled

FAT JAR (SBT ASSEMBLY) IN MB



GATLING

```
class ExampleSimulation extends Simulation {
  val scn = scenario("My scenario").repeat(100) {
    exec(
      http("Ping")
        .get("http://localhost:8080/ping")
        .check(status.is(200))
    ).pause(100 millisecond)
  }

  setUp(scn.inject(
     rampUsers(1000) over (10 seconds) // Changing
  ))
}
```

PERFORMANCE TEST SETUP

HTTP: /ping

pong

JVM 1
Akka HTTP

HTTP: /pong

pong

JVM 2
Akka HTTP

HTTP: /ping

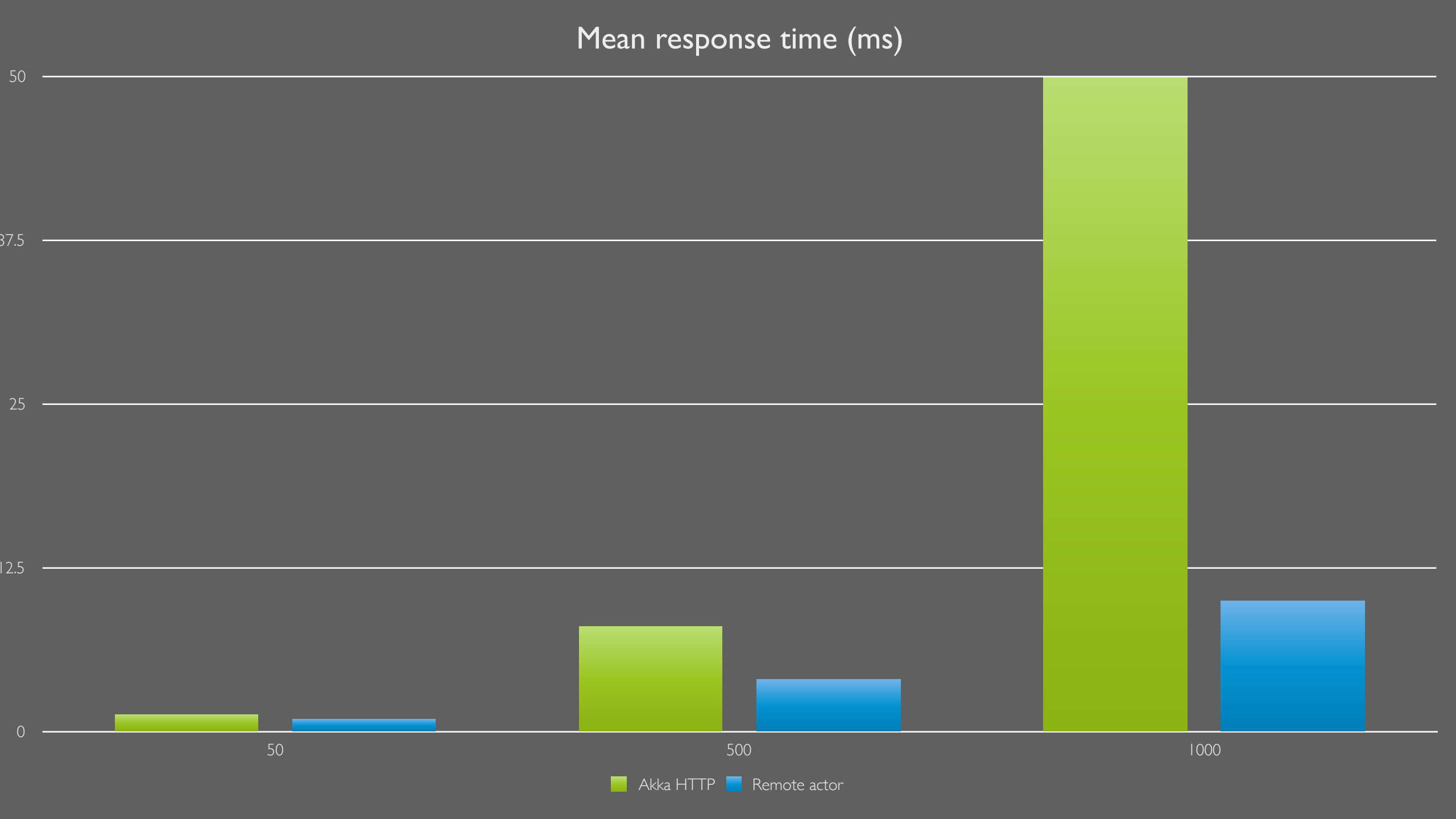
pong

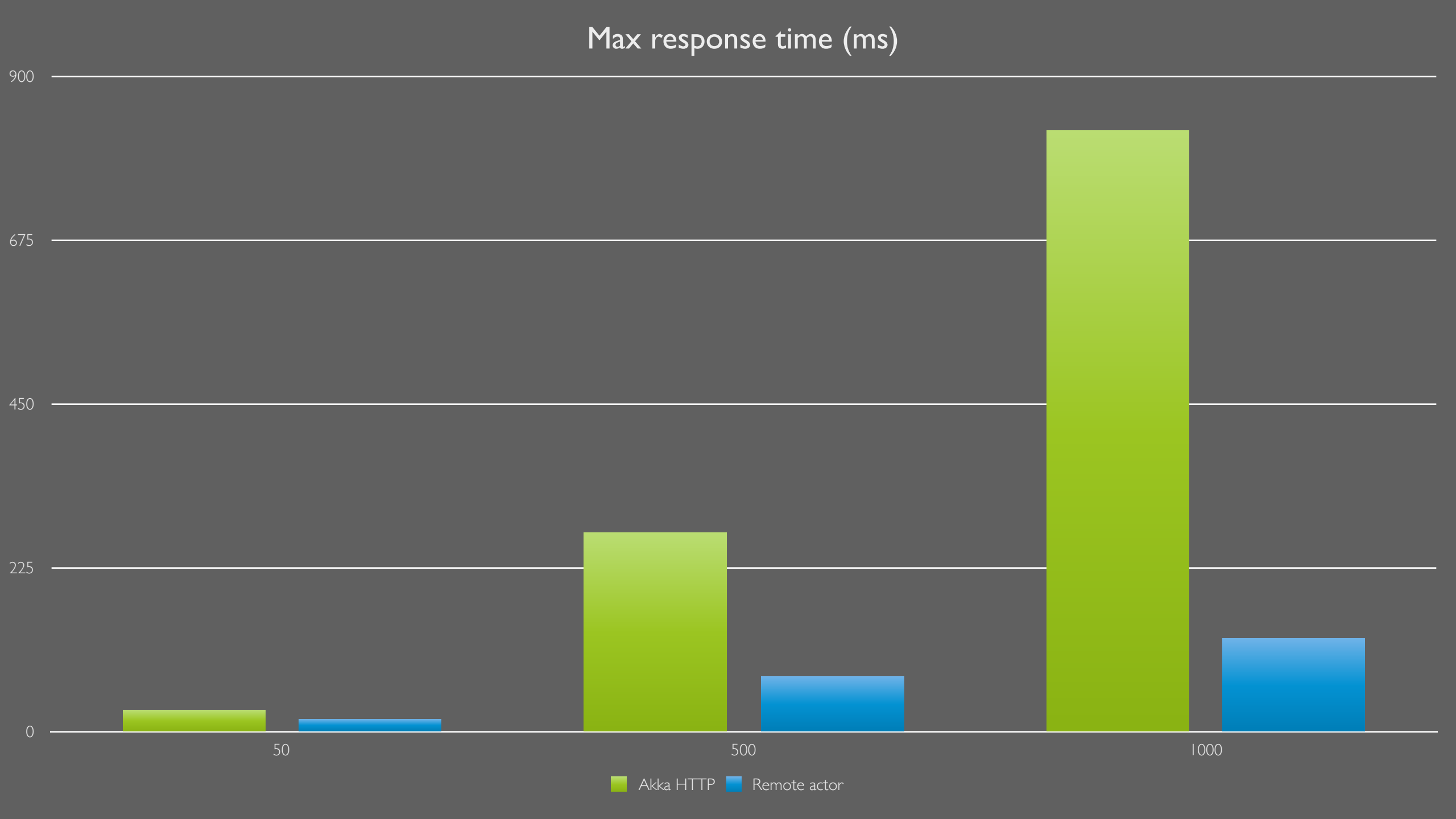
JVM 1
Akka HTTP

Akka over TCP: pong

pong

JVM 2
Akka remote actor


Mean response time (ms)
50
37.5
25
12.5
0
50
500
1000
Akka HTTP
Remote actor


Max response time (ms)
900
675
450
225
0
50
500
1000
Akka HTTP
Remote actor

GRADUATION STUDENT

- REST could handle around 600 users
- Remote actors probably around 3300 users

REST is dead,
long live remote actors!

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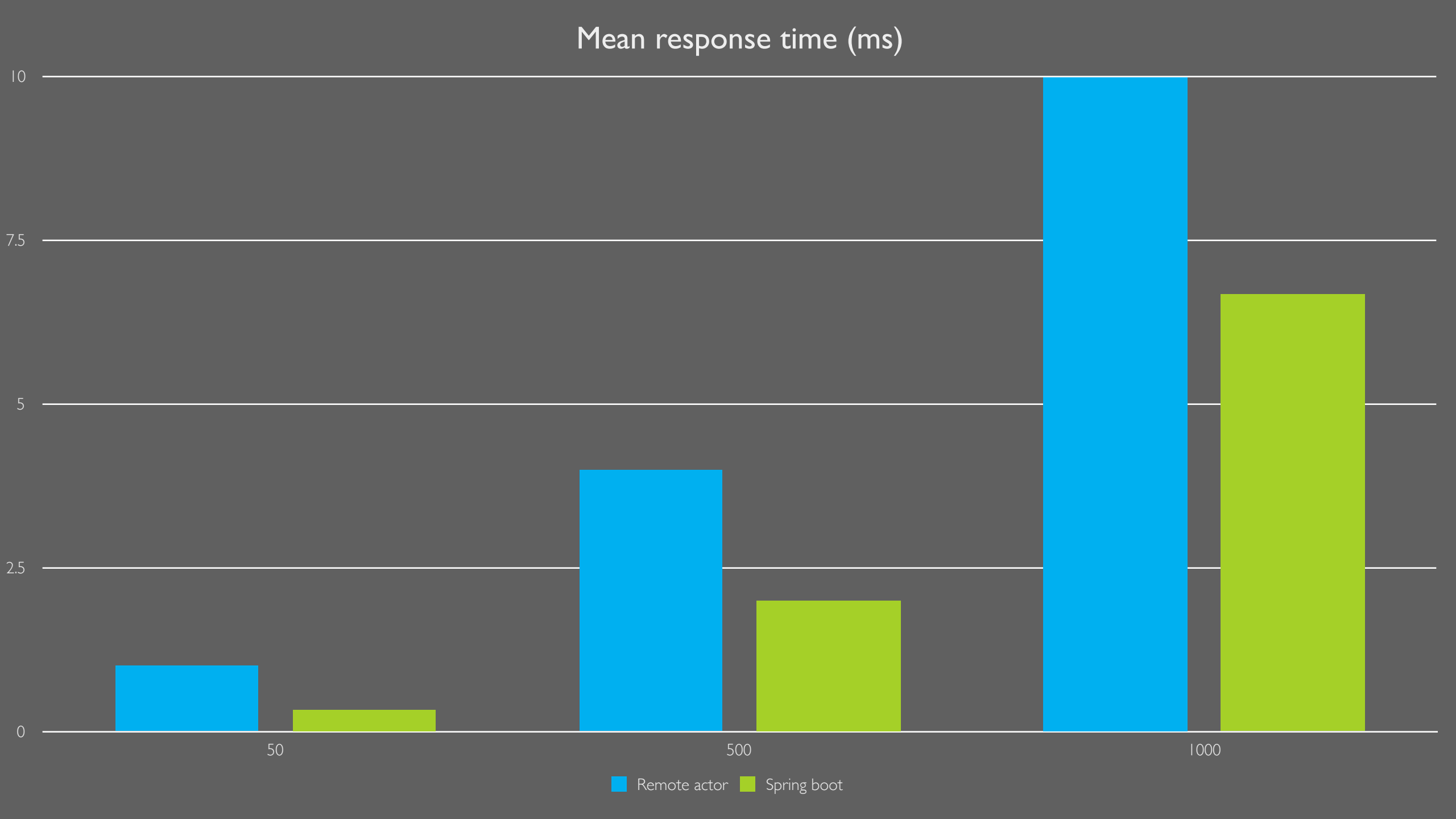
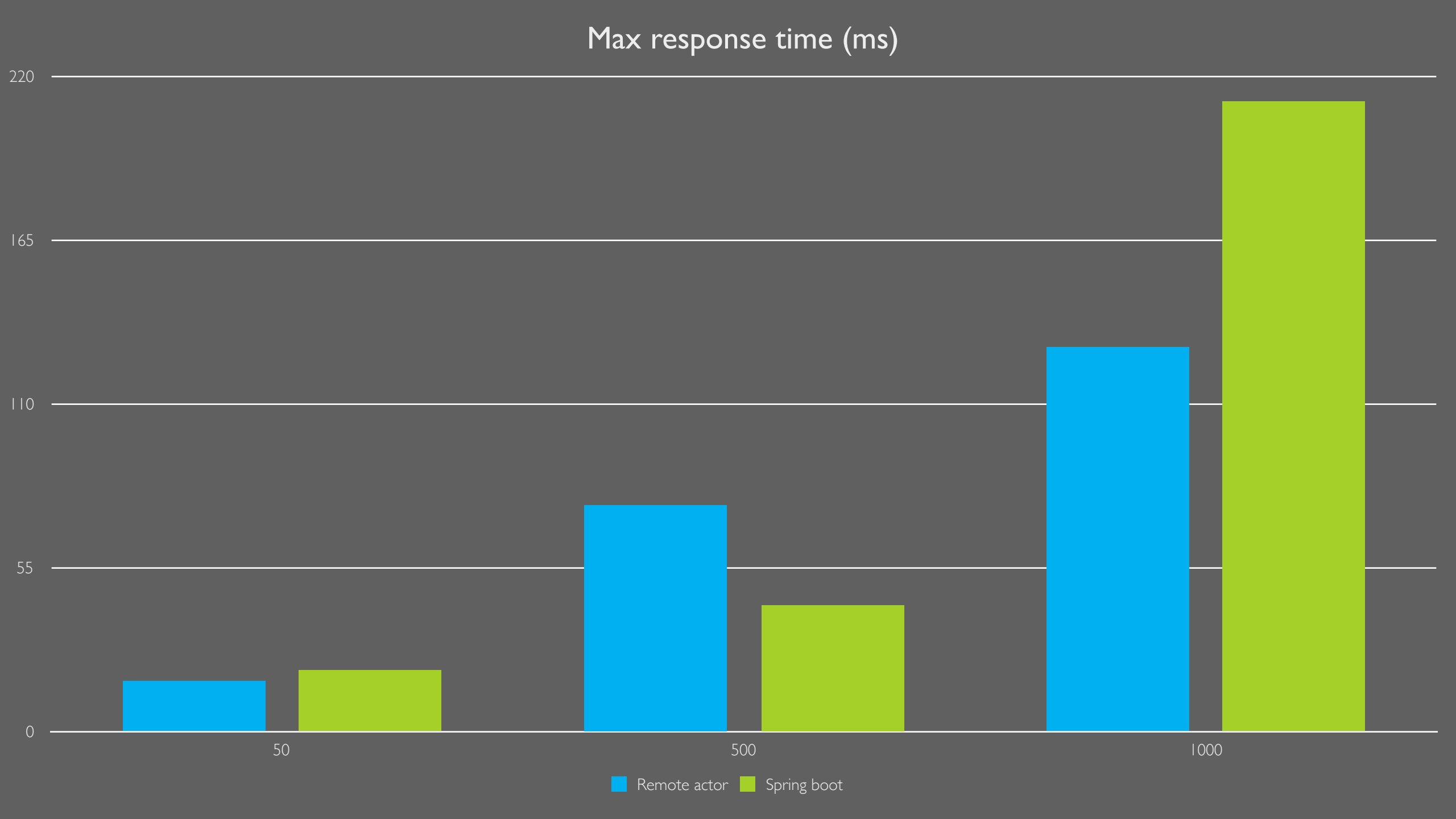
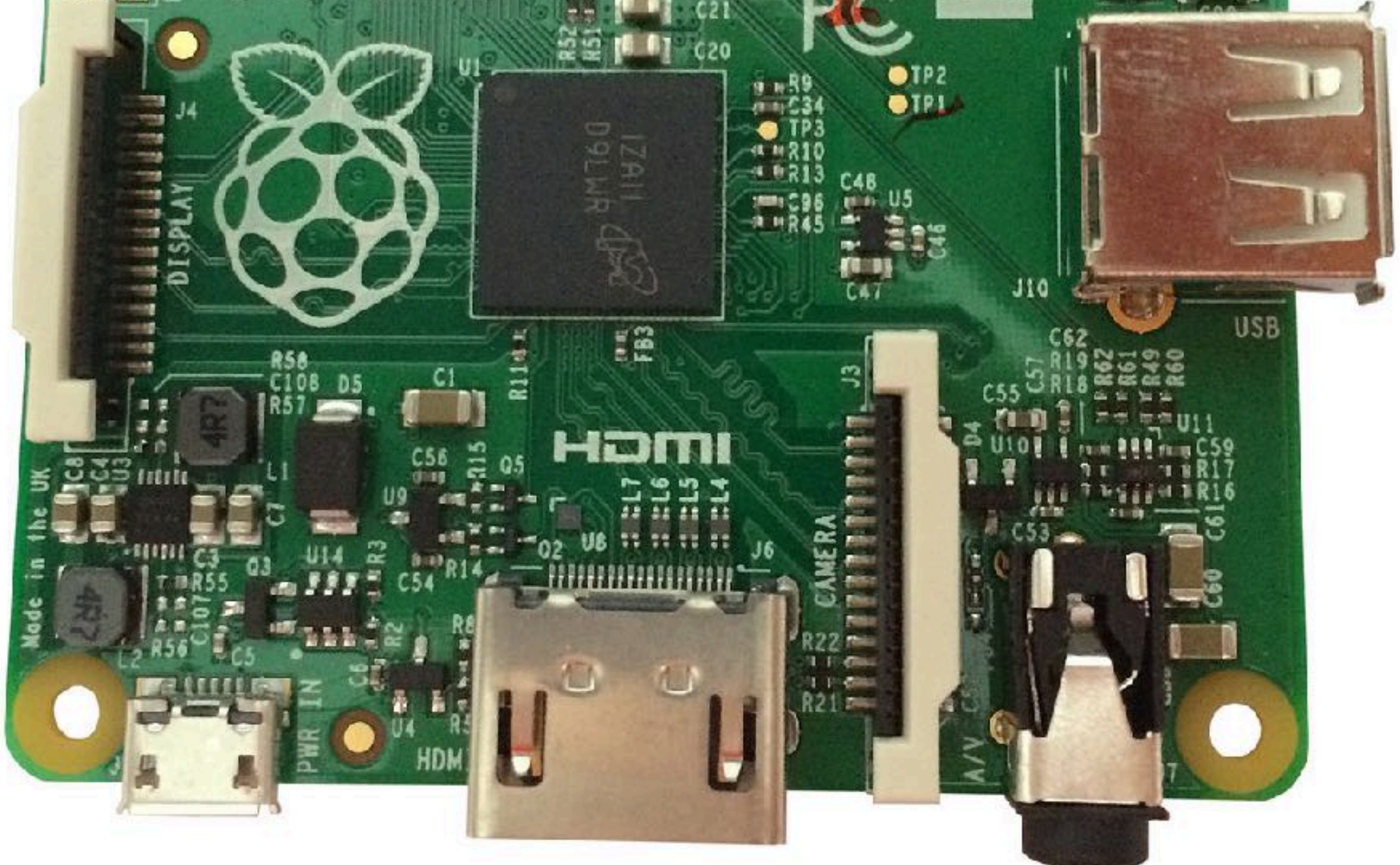

Mean response time (ms)
10
7.5
5
2.5
0
50
500
1000
Remote actor
Spring boot


Max response time (ms)
220
165
110
55
0
50
500
1000
Remote actor
Spring boot


Challenges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HDMI
CAMERA
USB
PWR IN
A/V
Made in the UK
U1
J4
J3
J6
J10
TP1
TP2
TP3
U5
U9
U8
U10
U11
U14
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РУСИЯ
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МАКЕДОНИЯ
324 км


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DO IT YOURSELF

- https://github.com/johanjanssen/
  - LCC
  - LCCInstallScript

CONCLUSION

Java

akka

The best part!!

QUESTIONS?

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