P2P Food Lab

Get started



Make 3D vegetables!

How to make the P2P Food Lab greenhouse and sensorbox, and how to start growing food.

Early draft, Sept 2013

Greenhouse

- 1. structure
- 2. cover
- 3. finishing

Sensorbox

- 1. hardware
- 2. software

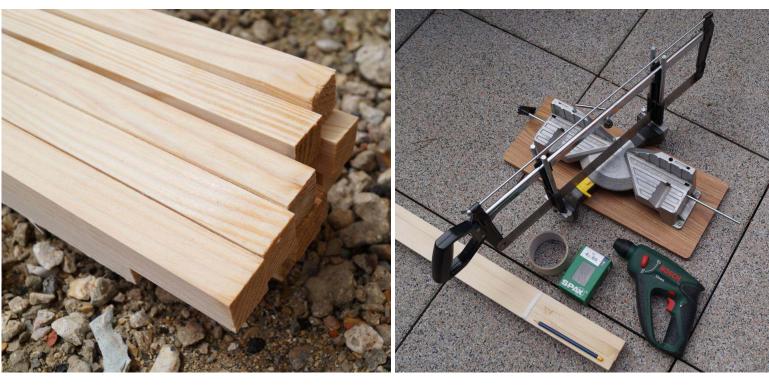
Web site

- 1. sensor data
- 2. know-how & sharing

Make food!

re-Make the world!

Greenhouse 1. structure

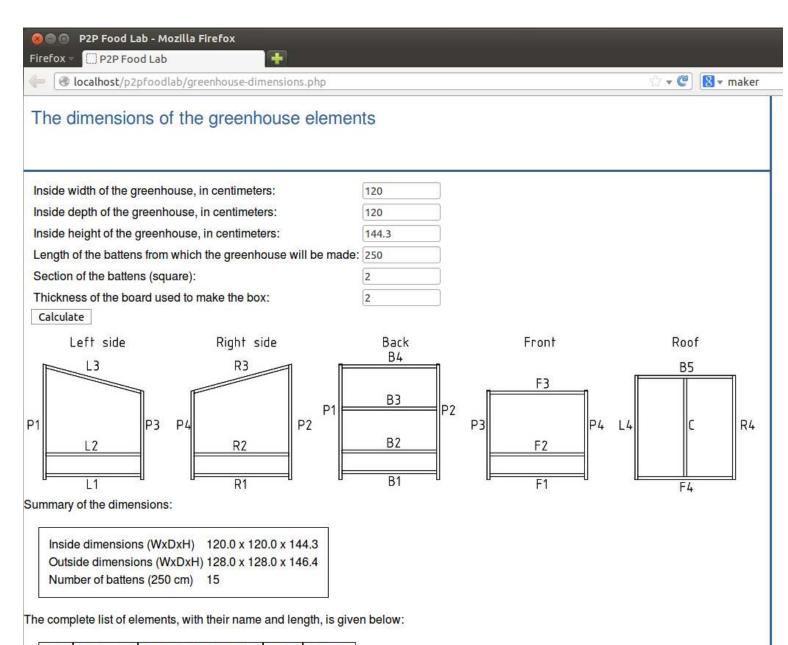








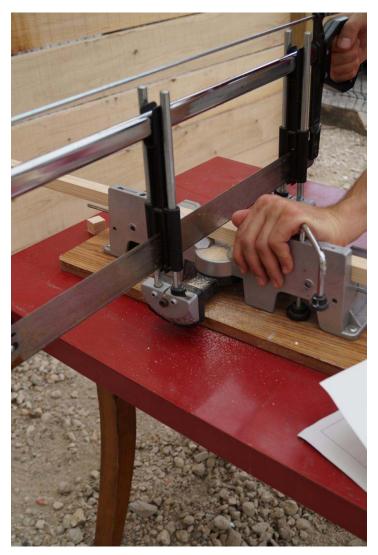




Name	Length (cm)	Length including edges	Angles	Batten
P1	144.3		90, 75	Batten 1
P2	144.3		90, 75	Batten 2
P3	110.5		90, 75	Batten 3
P4	110.5		90, 75	Batten 4
L1	124.0		90, 90	Batten 14
L2	124.0		90, 90	Batten 15
L3	128.4	128.9	75, 75	Batten 7
L4	132.5		90,90	Batten 3
R1	132.5		90, 90	Batten 4
R2	132.5		90, 90	Batten 5
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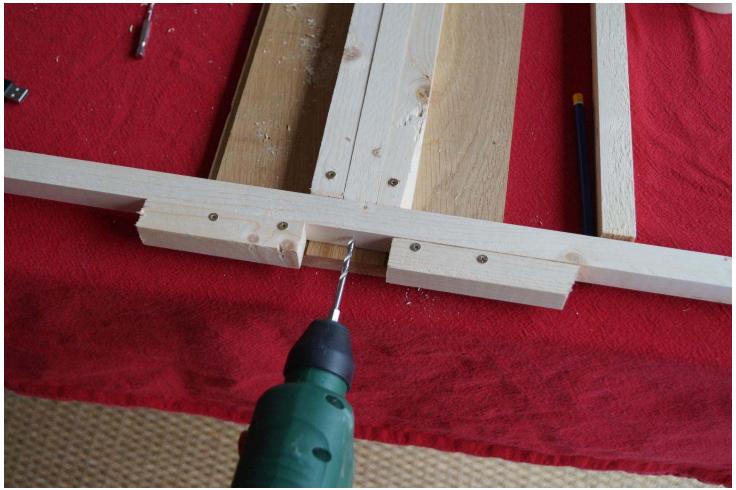


























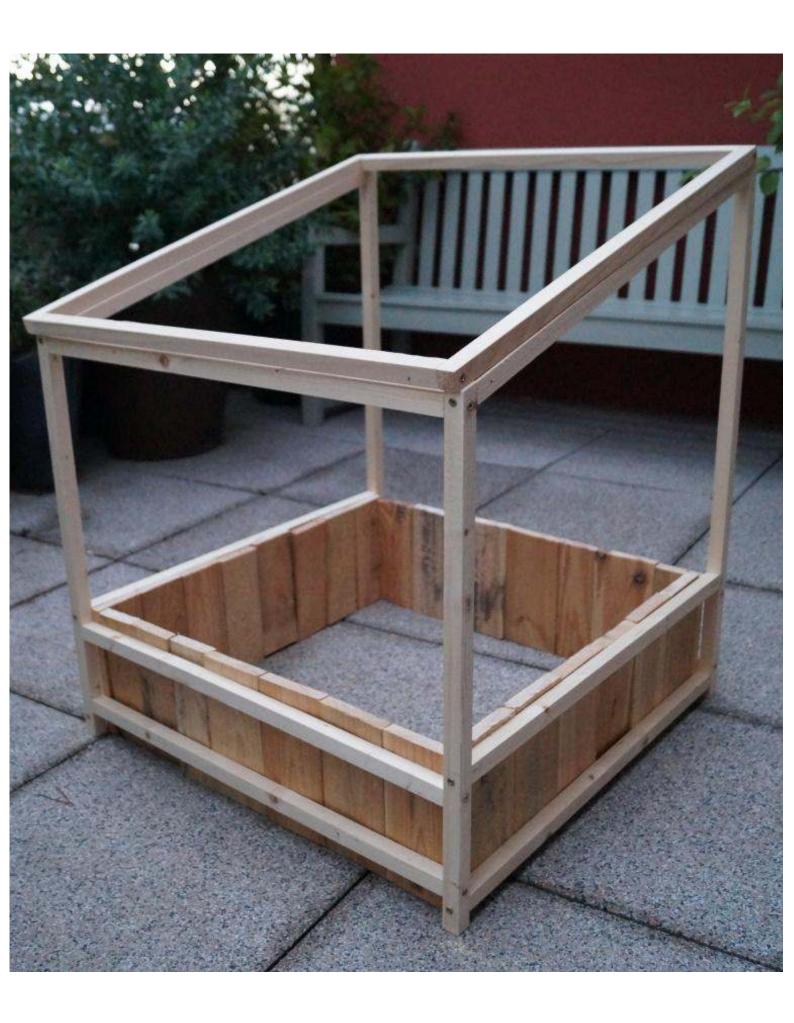












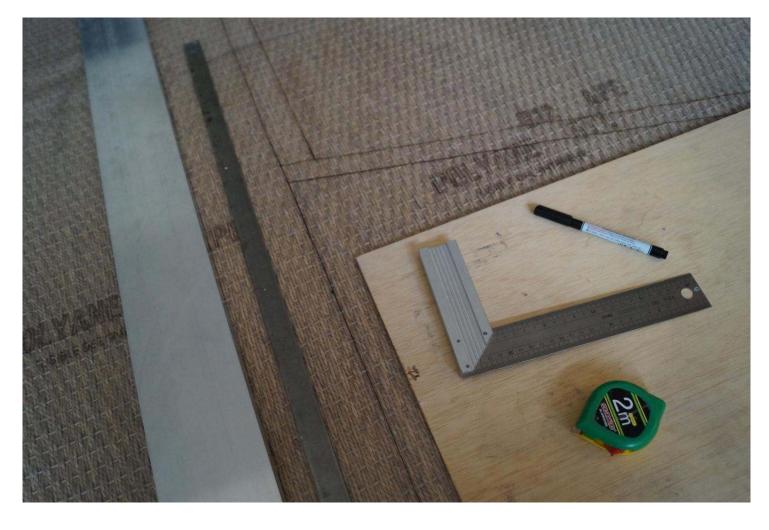
Greenhouse 2. cover





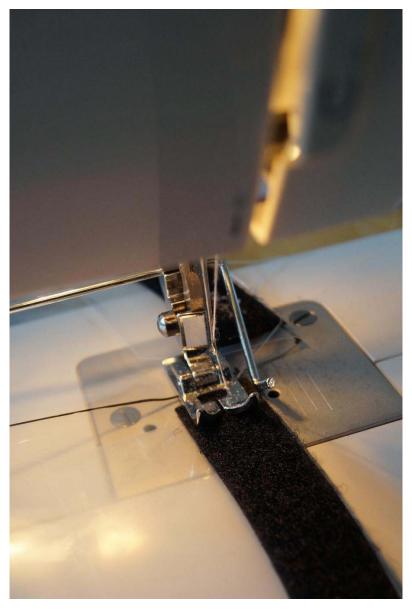




















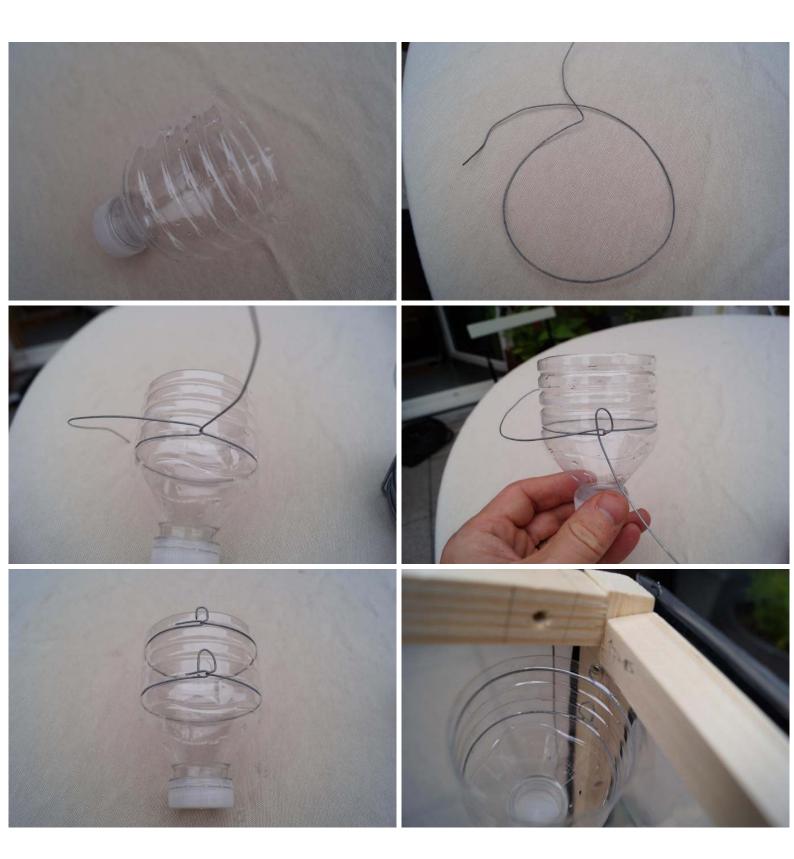
Greenhouse 3. finishing



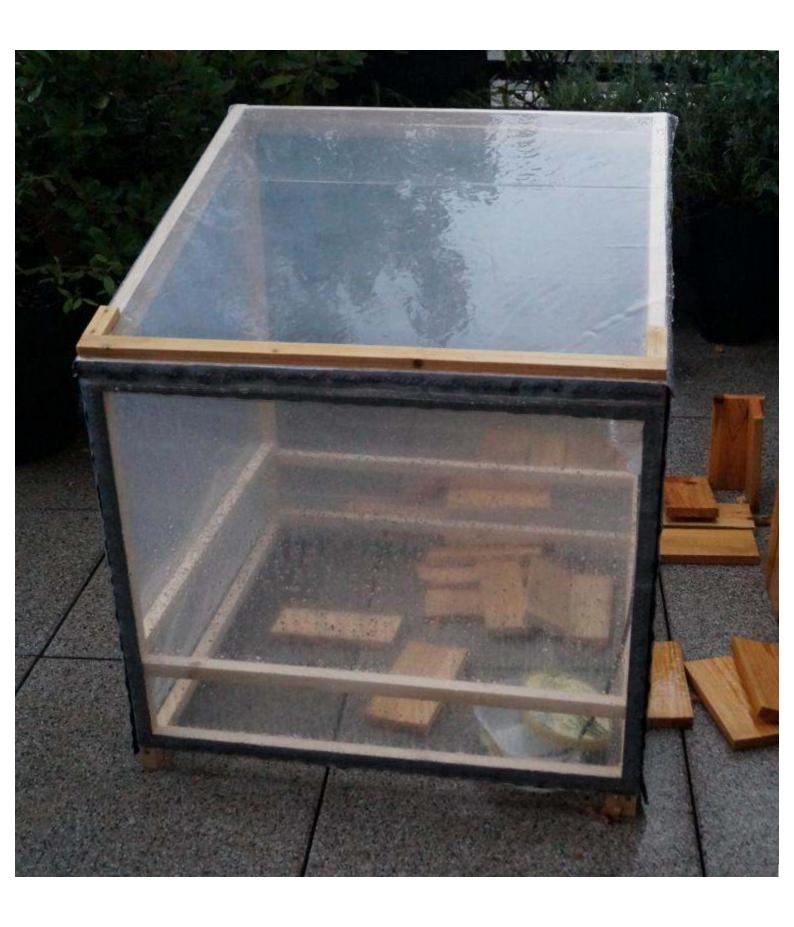












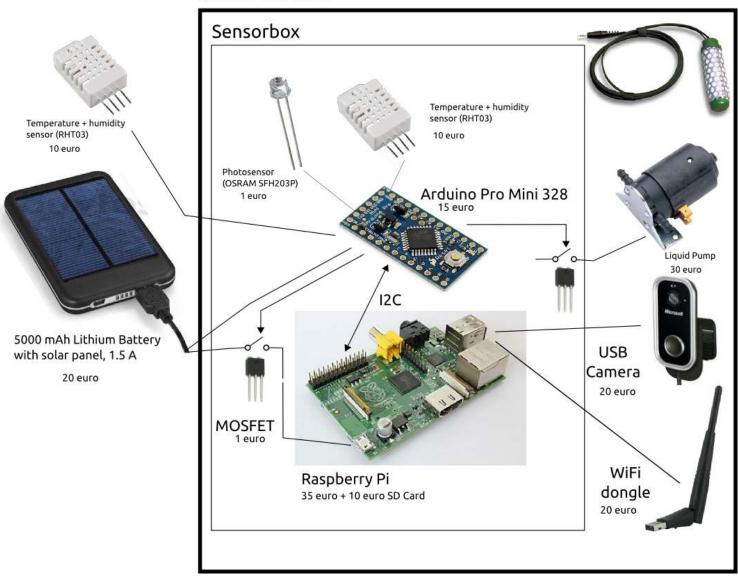
Cost

TODO

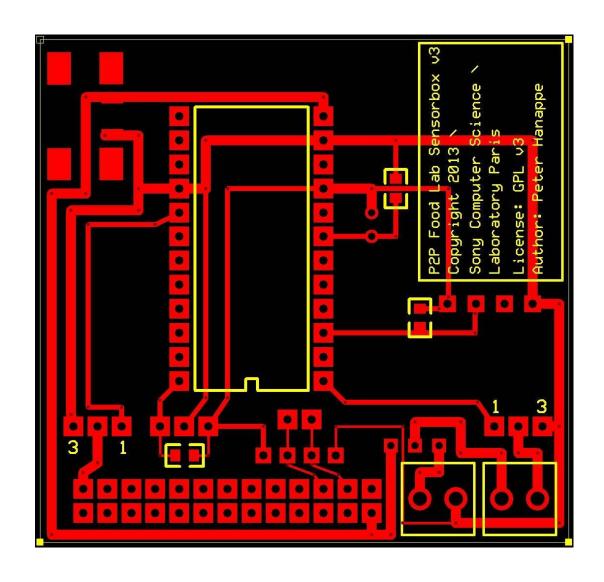
- * Improve insulation to keep the greenhouse warm in winter
- * Improve heat storage to avoid overheating in summer (sun screen, heat storage) to retain warmth of winter sun
- * Improve ventilation
- * Add frame for vertical crops.

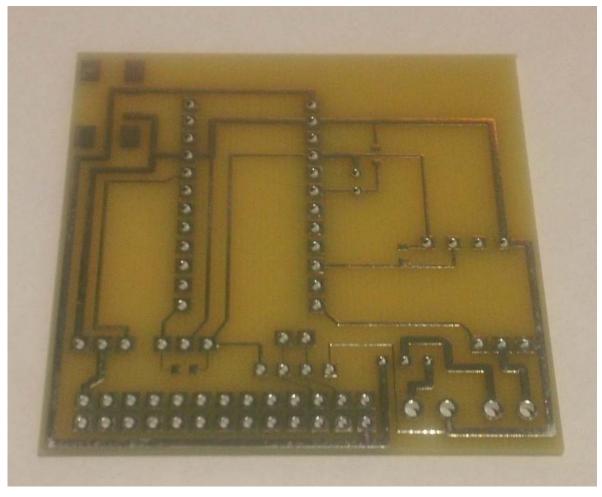
Sensorbox 1. hardware

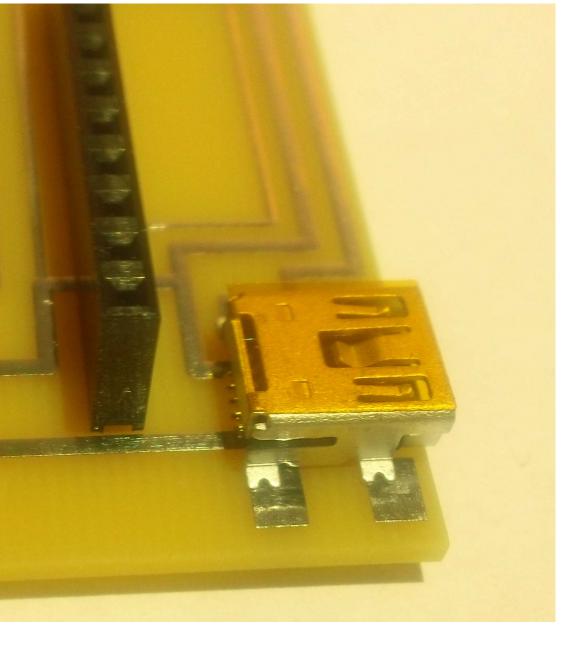
Greenhouse

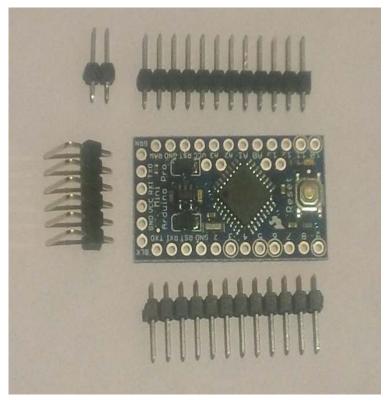


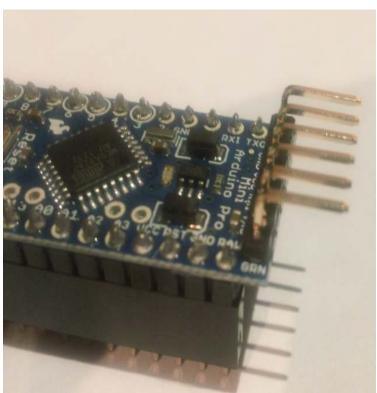
Component list

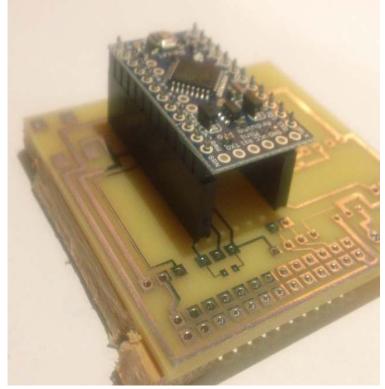


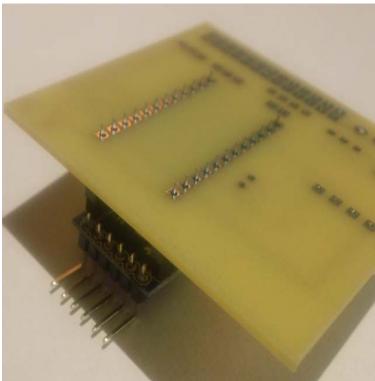


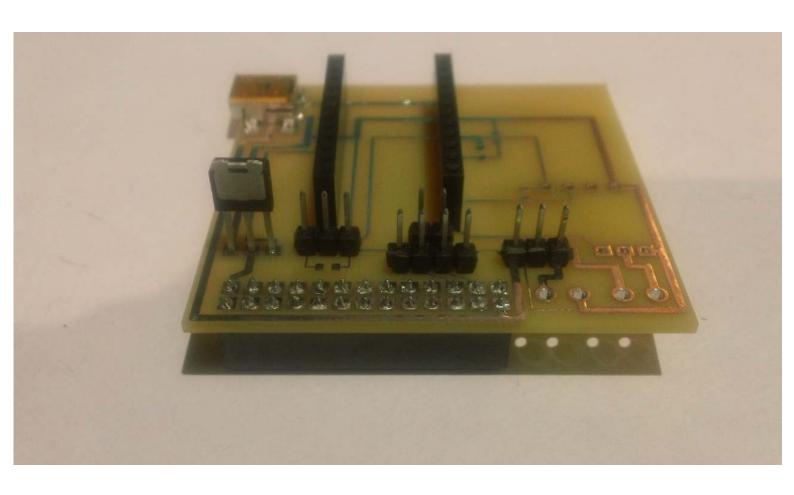


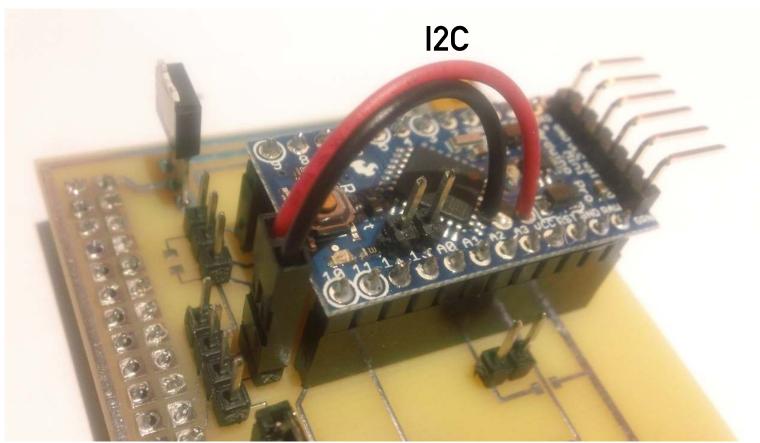


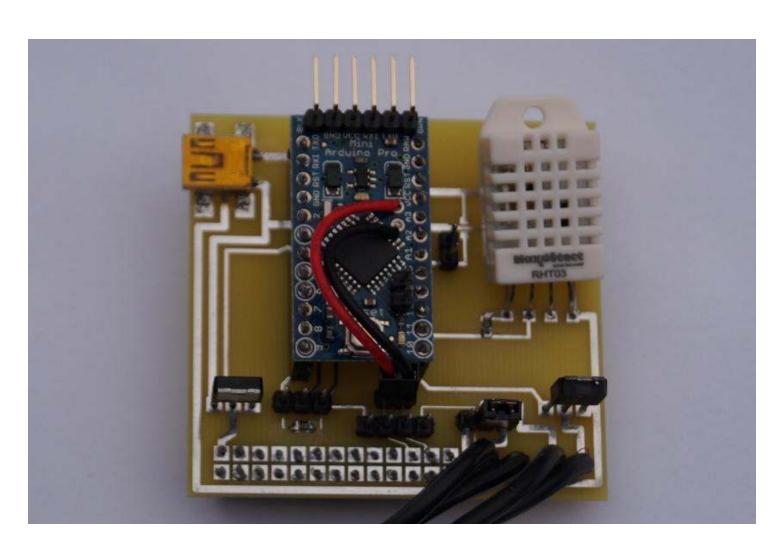


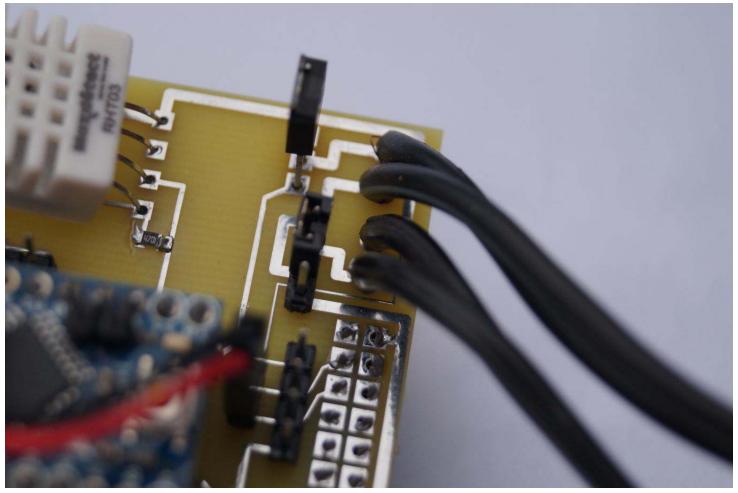


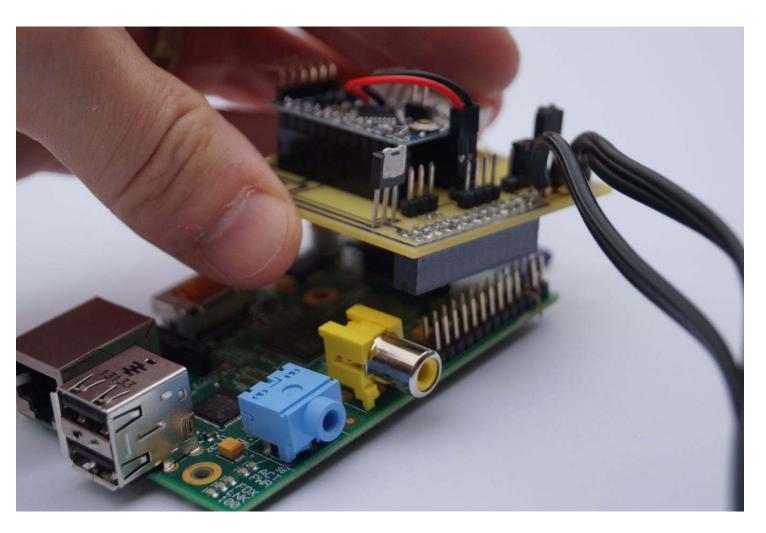


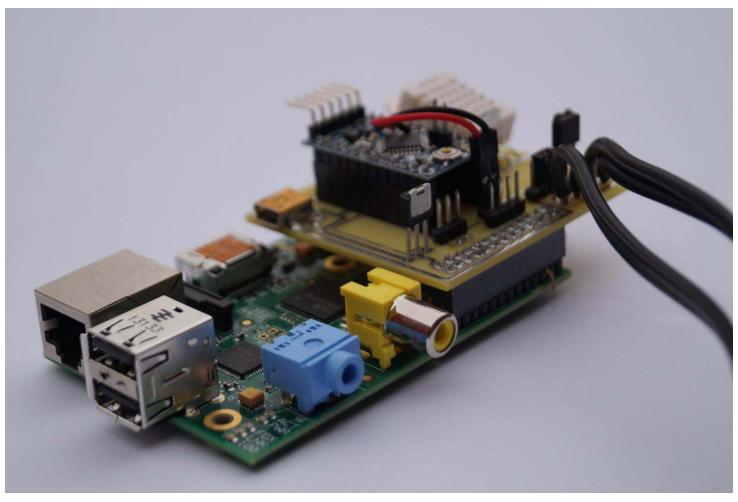


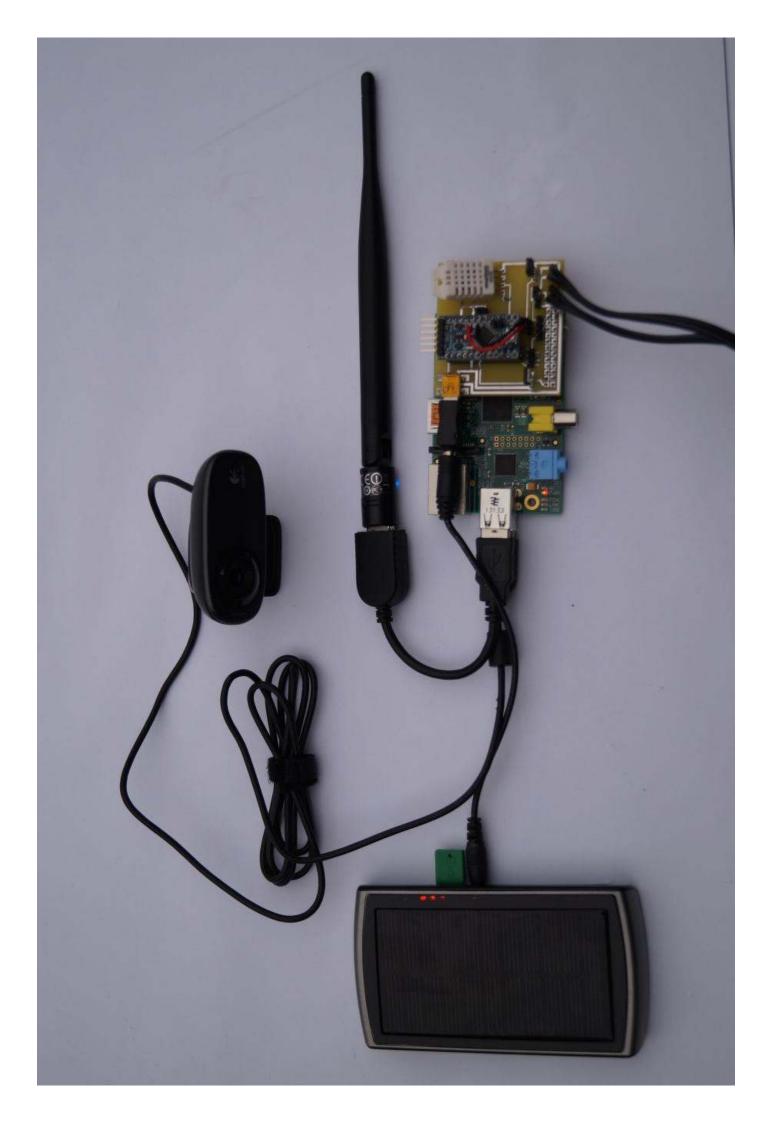


















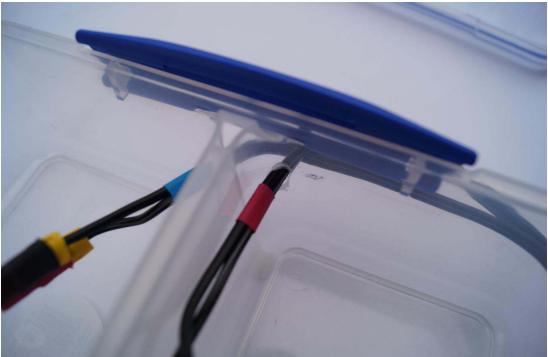






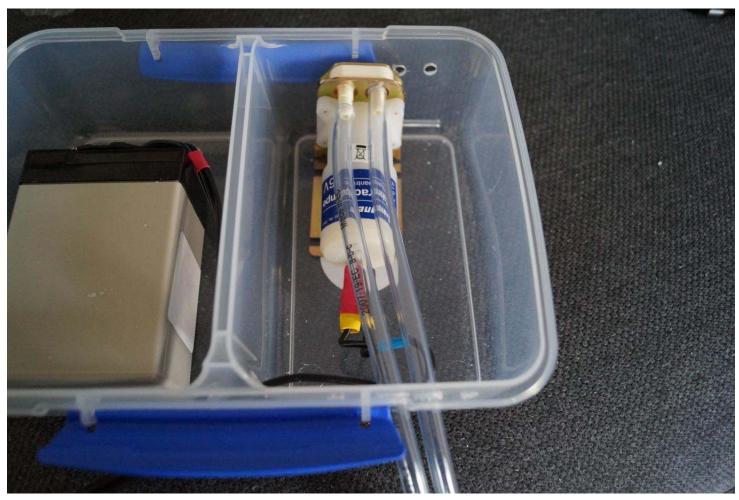






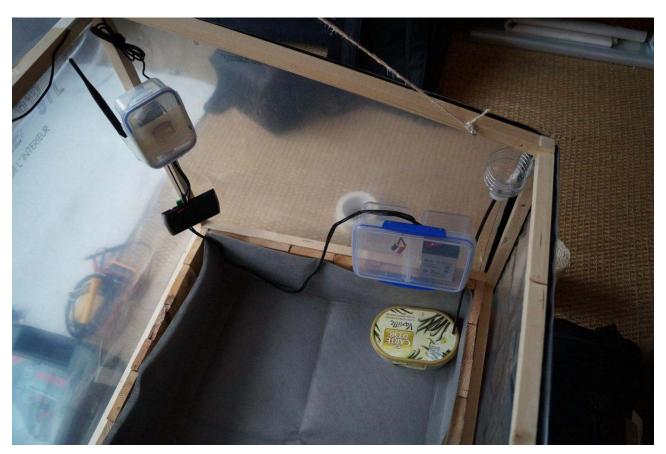














TODO

- * more testing of solar batteries
- * use one or two batteries?
- * detect water level / improve pump
- * cheap and reliable soil humidity sensor
- * renewable power source
- * network of sensors for large gardens?

Sensorbox 2. software



Ethernet | cross-cable

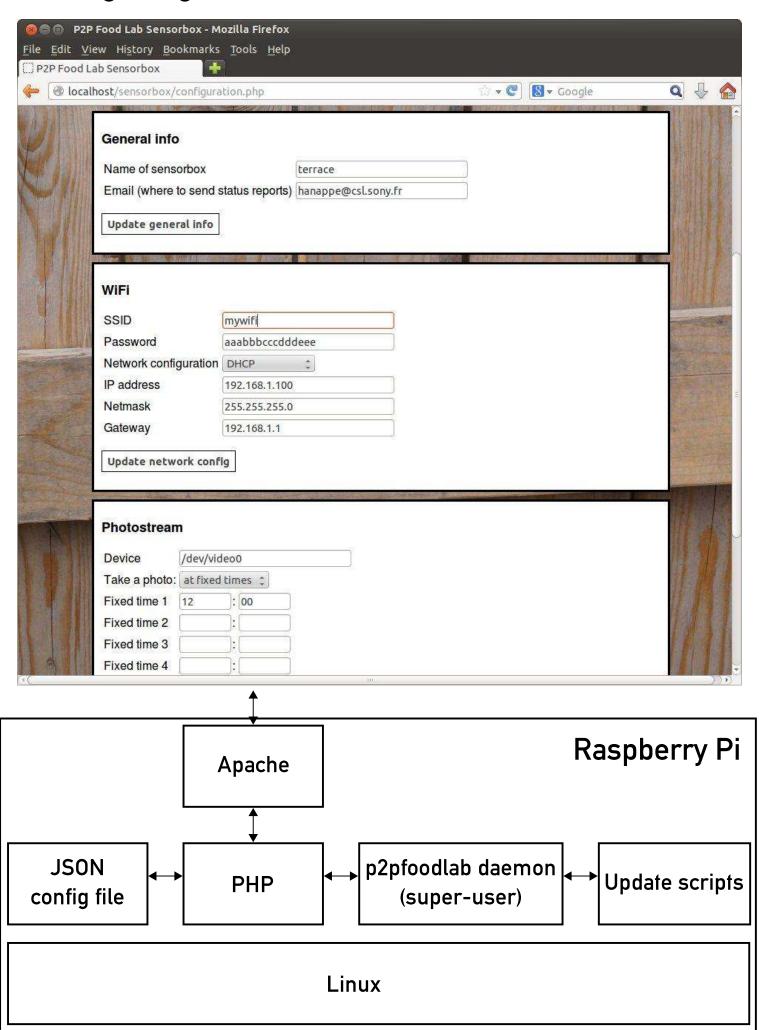
or

Ethernet | switch



DHCP server & HTTP server IP 192.168.3.14

Configuring the sensorbox



Communicating with the arduino:

We developed a small utility to talk to the arduino:

\$ arduino --help
arduino [command] [options]
Commands:

- enable-sensors flags
- store-data
- poweroff minutes
- millis
- pump seconds

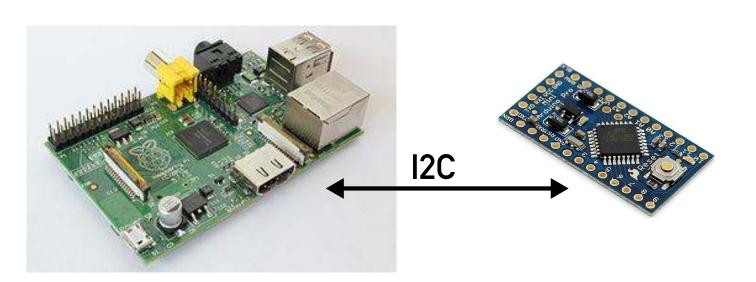
Enable sensors

Download and store sensor data

Shutdown the Raspberry Pi

Get the current clock

Turn on/off the pump



Linux: C-interface linux/i2c-dev.h>

Arduino: Wire library

Keeping time

The Raspberry Pi does not have a "real-time clock". This means that it does not know the current time when it starts.

It updates its time by asking another machine on the network, using the Network Time Protocol (NTP). For remote usage, over GSM networks for example, NTP is not reliable. The software package "fake-hwclock" assures that clock is set to the date and time that the RPi shut down.

We improved this strategy by adjusting the RPi clock using arduino's clock.

Web site 1. sensor data



P2P Food Lab web site

- view images
- view data

Data analyses

- amount of sunlight
- temperature efficiency of greenhouse
- growth patterns of plants

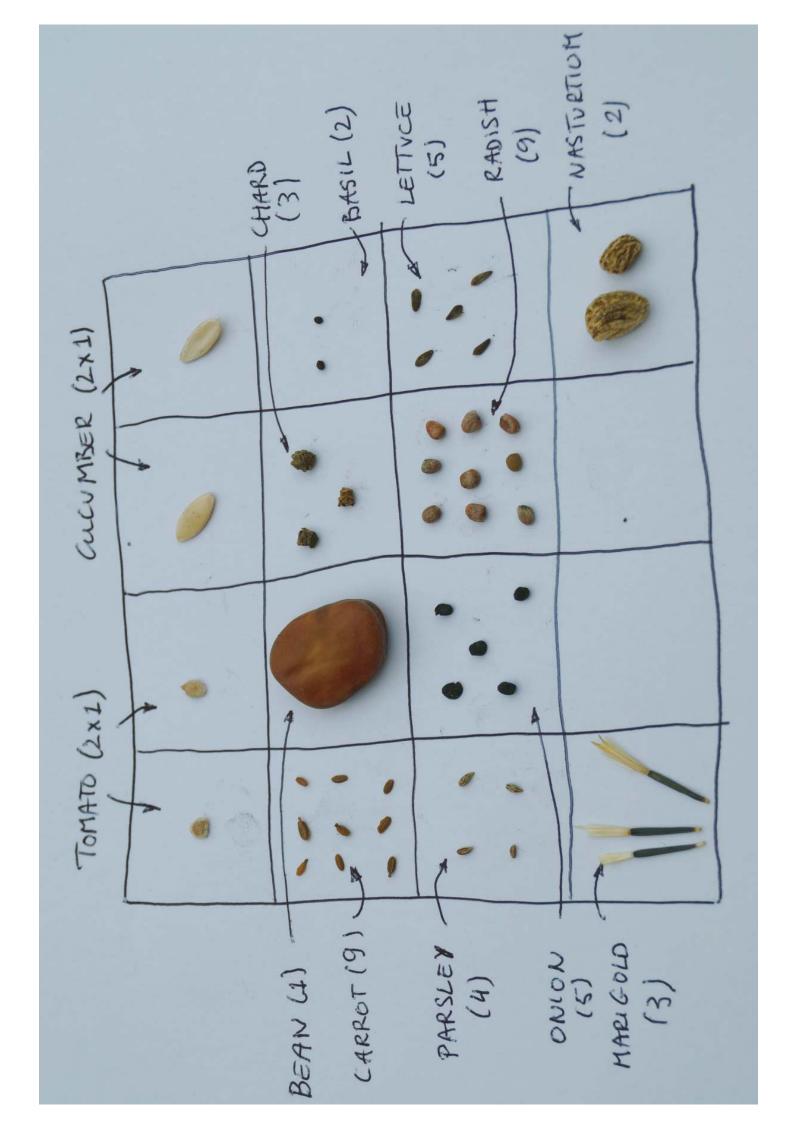
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Make food!

Square-foot gardening



- Images by Dale Calder
- Océane Peisey / Michka Mélo
- Peter Hanappe
 Stephen Ticehurst (mrmole)
 Erica Smith



tomato		cucumber	
carrot	bean	chard	basil
parsley	onion	radish	lettuce
marigold			nasturtium

All vegetable seeds are natural and free of rights. They were purchased from Kokopelli. Exception: the flower seeds (marigold and nasturtium). Below you find the english name and the french name of its variety.

Basil Basilic "Grec"

Carrot Carotte "COSMIC PURPLE"

Cucumber Concombre "Long Vert d'Alan"

Chard Côte de Blette "À Cardes Rouges Red Rhubarb"

Bean Fève "D'Aquadulce"

Lettuce Laitues à couper "Emerald Oak"

Onion Oignon "Rouge de Huy"

Parsley Persil "Persil simple (plat)"

Radish Radis "Flamboyant"

Tomato Tomates jaunes-oranges "Coeur de Boeuf Orange"



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P2P Food Lab is not a product. It's a cause.

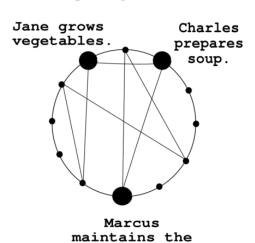
Current Food System

P2P Food Lab

in my neighbourhood

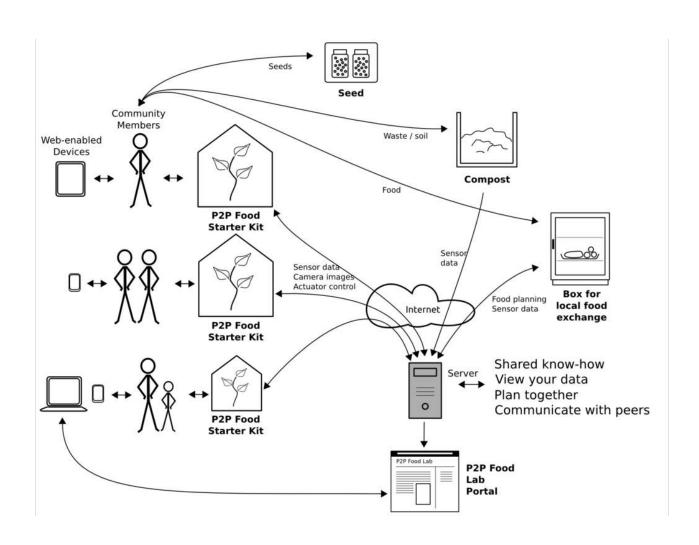




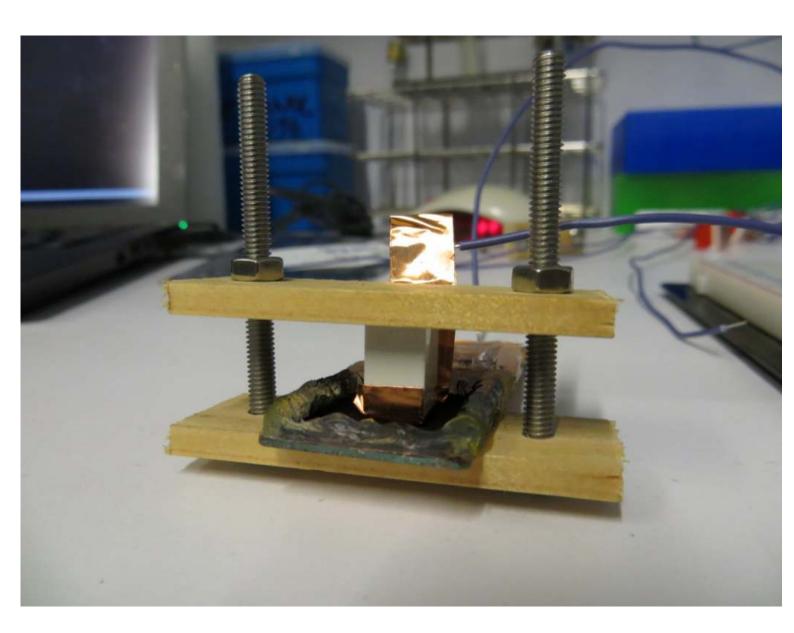


compost.

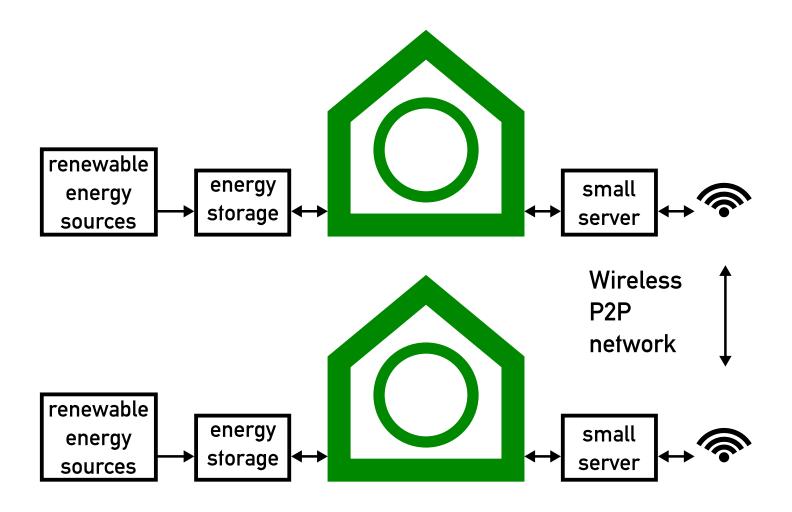
Food chain consolidation, by Jan-Willem Grievink. Used in "Hungry City", by Carlyn Steel.



Bio-degradable electronics (see neighbours)



The greenhouse as an energy and communication hub.



Join the P2P Food Lab project!

Build a greenhouse and tell us your experience.

Improve the design and share it with us.

Grow food and send us the pictures.

Provide tips and help for others on the web site.