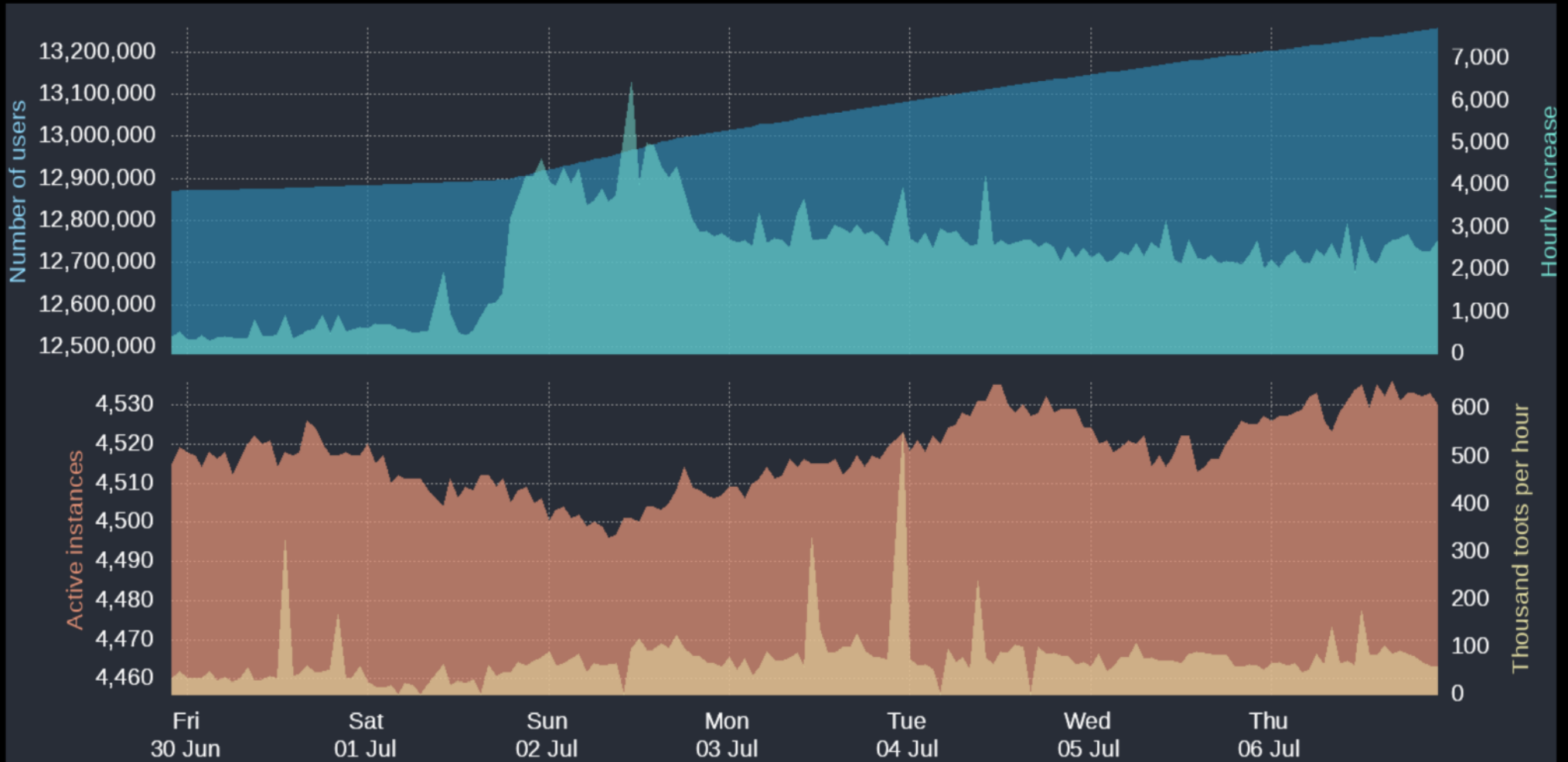


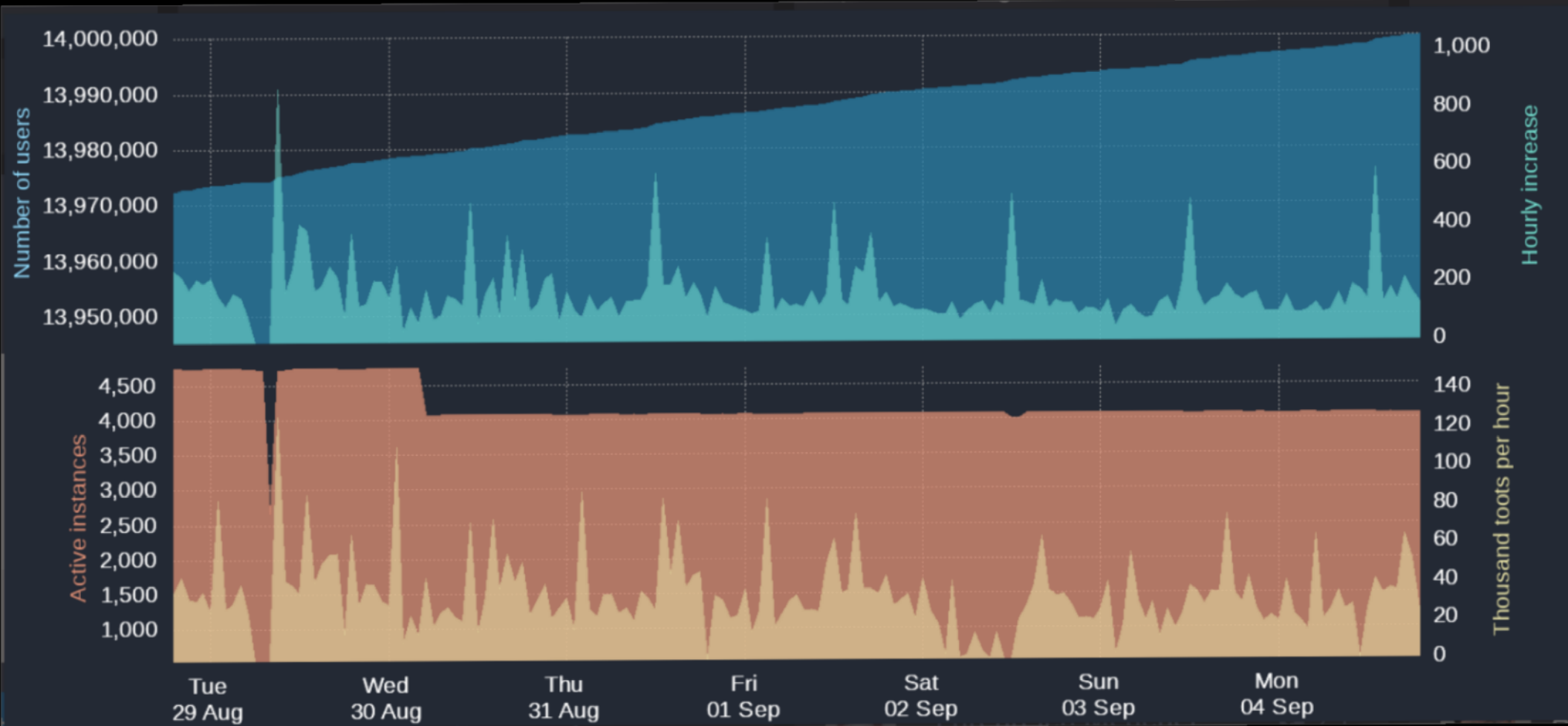
# The Rise of the Fediverse

In a timespan of seven years the fediverse – pars pro toto known as **Mastodon** - has grown to 14+ million accounts. The fediverse is not another social network, but an antithesis to all existing „social“ networks run by commercial entities

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# Major Mastodon milestones

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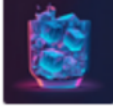









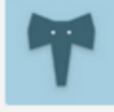
- 2016 Eugen Rochko publishes a first version of a new microblogging service called Mastodon.
- 2017 W3C standard ActivityPub protocol implemented, the fediverse is compatible with all sites using ActivityPub
- mstdn.jp set up, tens of thousands new accounts, a million accounts overall count.
- numerous new features introduced 2018 to 2020
- 2022 translation support, toots can be edited, a feature toxic networks like Twitter can't afford to introduce
- from April 2022 one spike in usage after another sponsored by Elon Musk. 10+ mio accounts, 1.8 mio active users.

# The look and feel of the fediverse

The image shows a screenshot of the Mastodon web interface, divided into four main sections:

- Left Panel (Compose):** A search bar with the text "Suchen oder URL einfügen". Below it is a profile card for "@harkank" with a "Profil bearbeiten" button. A text input field contains "Was gibt's Neues?". At the bottom, there are icons for various social media services (e.g., CW, DE) and a character count of "500". A blue "Veröffentlichen!" button is at the bottom right.
- Home Page (Startseite):** Shows a post by "tagesschau" (@tagesschau@ard.social) from 3 hours ago. The post title is "22 Jahre nach 9/11: Warum sitzen noch immer Gefangene in Guantánamo?". The text discusses the 9/11 attacks and the ongoing detention of suspects in Guantanamo. A link to "tagesschau.de/ausland/guantana..." is provided. Below the text is a small image of the American flag and a "tagesschau.de" watermark. The post has 0 replies, 0 retweets, and 0 likes.
- Notifications (Mitteilungen):** Shows a notification from "jo3rg" (@jo3rg@infosec.exchange) from 16 minutes ago. The notification asks "What do you know about the alleged breach of A1?" and includes a link to "krone.at/3092242" and "web.archive.org/web/2023082906...". Below the notification is a poll titled "Cyber-Abwehr aktiv - Hacker richten myste..." from "Krone.at". The poll shows results: 14% for "Chrome (any flavor)" and 59% for "Firefox".
- Post Detail (Zurück):** Shows a post by "Ehrenreich Meuchel" (@harkank) from 3 hours ago. The post title is "8/mehr Hawley ist als einer der wichtigsten Unterstützer des Sturms aufs Kapitol inzwischen fest in der Bredouille. Dem 'Stop CSAM Act' hats jedenfalls nix genützt. Der pickt seit Mai im Justizausschuss gleich neben dem EARN IT Act. Keine Amendments, keine Unterstützer, nix. Warum? Der Gesetzesentwurf hätte Publikumsprovider haftbar gemacht, wenn irgendwer Material von Kindesmissbrauch verbreitet. #Chatkontrolle much?". The post has 0 replies, 0 retweets, and 0 likes.

# 40 Apps for fediverse access

 <p>Android, Bezahlt <b>Focus</b></p>	 <p>Android, Kostenlos <b>Tusky</b></p>	 <p>Android, Kostenlos <b>Subway Tooter</b></p>
 <p>Android, Kostenlos <b>Megalodon</b></p>	 <p>Android, Kostenlos <b>ZonePane</b></p>	 <p>iOS, Bezahlt <b>Toot!</b></p>
 <p>iOS, Kostenlos <b>iMast</b></p>	 <p>iOS, Kostenlos <b>Ice Cubes</b></p>	 <p>iOS, Bezahlt <b>Ivory</b></p>
 <p>iOS, Bezahlt <b>Woolly</b></p>	 <p>iOS, Bezahlt <b>Mona</b></p>	 <p>iOS, Bezahlt <b>Radiant</b></p>
 <p>Web, Kostenlos <b>Pinafore</b></p>	 <p>Web, Kostenlos <b>Elk</b></p>	 <p>Web, Kostenlos <b>Buffer</b></p>
 <p>Web, Kostenlos <b>Fedica</b></p>	 <p>Web, Kostenlos <b>Phanpy</b></p>	 <p>Web, Kostenlos <b>Trunks</b></p>

# Conclusiones principiaque

- Dutch, German & Swiss governments already run dedicated Mastodon servers.
- Mastodon is per se compatible with all relevant EU regulations like the Digital Services Act. Interoperability, portability of accounts etc.
- As for now Elon Musk deserves the epithet „godfather of Fediverse growth.”
- A considerable number of new account holders use Mastodon as a fallback channel. Just like me back in 2018.
- The real meat of Mastodon is in those features not yet implemented
- Finally there is a reason why the fediverse utopia is set in the past

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