

BigQuery Usage for EV Cyberattack Data

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Problem Statement

At Lucid Motors, our EV charging stations have been increasingly targeted by cyberattacks that disrupt our services and negatively affect our operating costs. At the present, we lack visibility into which attacks are the most destructive to our bottom line, making it difficult to determine where to allocate our resources most efficiently. By identifying and analyzing which cyberattacks cause the greatest operational and financial damage, we aim to determine how to best allocate company resources to curb losses as quickly as possible.



The Business of EV and Cyber

EV & Lucid Motors:

- Lucid Motors relies on software-driven cars
- Cybersecurity is crucial to protect vehicle data, charging infrastructure and passenger safety
- EV network security helps prevent financial loss & operational issues

Cyberattacks & Security:

- Cyberattacks disrupt operations, costs and damage brand image
- Important to invest in prevention, detection and data protection



Dataset Understanding

Our dataset was chosen from the University of New Brunswick's Canadian Institute of Cybersecurity.

The data was collected in a lab-environment where researchers set up multiple Level-2 EV charging stations and deliberately attacked them with various cyberattacks. Measurements of several system parameters were taken during both attack and benign conditions to determine the overall operational impacts on their charging infrastructure.



Types of Cyberattacks in Dataset

Vulnerability Scans (vuln-scan): an attack scans a system looking for security flaws, like a burglar who checks for unlocked doors and windows. Usually precedes an attack.

TCP Flood: A type of Denial of Service (DoS) in which a system is overwhelmed with service requests.

Backdoor Attack: an attack that bypasses authentication through malware. Can also be a precursor for future attacks.

SYN-Flood: Another type of DoS attack that exploits the TCP handshake process in which connect processes are initiated but never completed, which overwhelms the system.

Cryptojacking: an attack installs cryptocurrency mining software to steal cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin.

Stealth Scan (SYN-Scan): attacks probe open ports without using the TCP handshake system. Unlike the TCP Flood, this does not overwhelm the system.



Data Prep with OpenRefine-Before

Main Issues:

- Inconsistent column title casing
- Multiple unintuitive column titles
- Timestamps treated as text strings instead of times/dates
- Numbers treated as text strings instead of numerical values
- Inconsistent rounding of numerical values



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Resolved

Issues:

- All columns now have consistent title casing
- Column titles are more intuitive to the viewer
- All timestamps are now in recognized time/date format
- All numbers are now treated as numerical values
- All numbers are consistently rounded in each column



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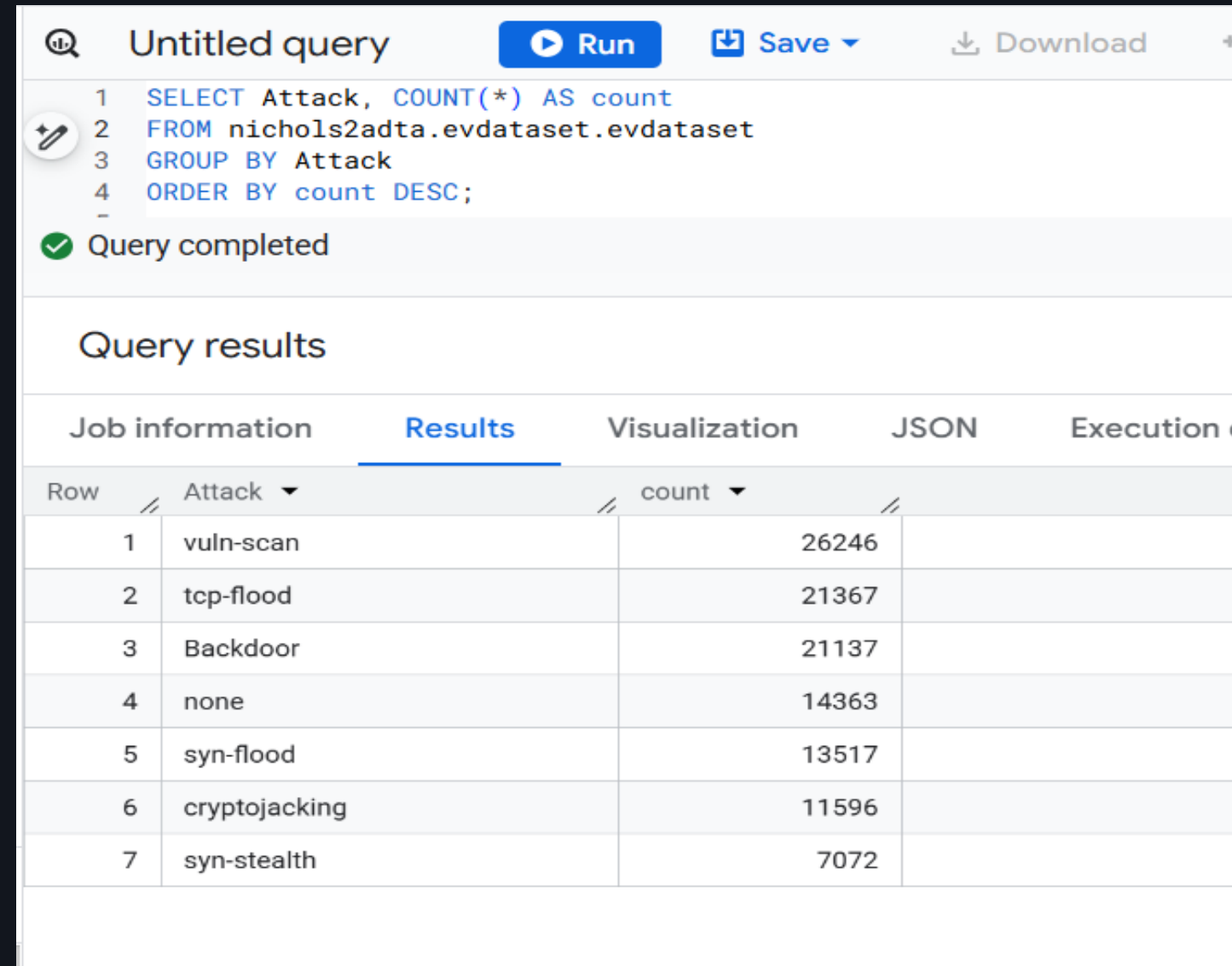
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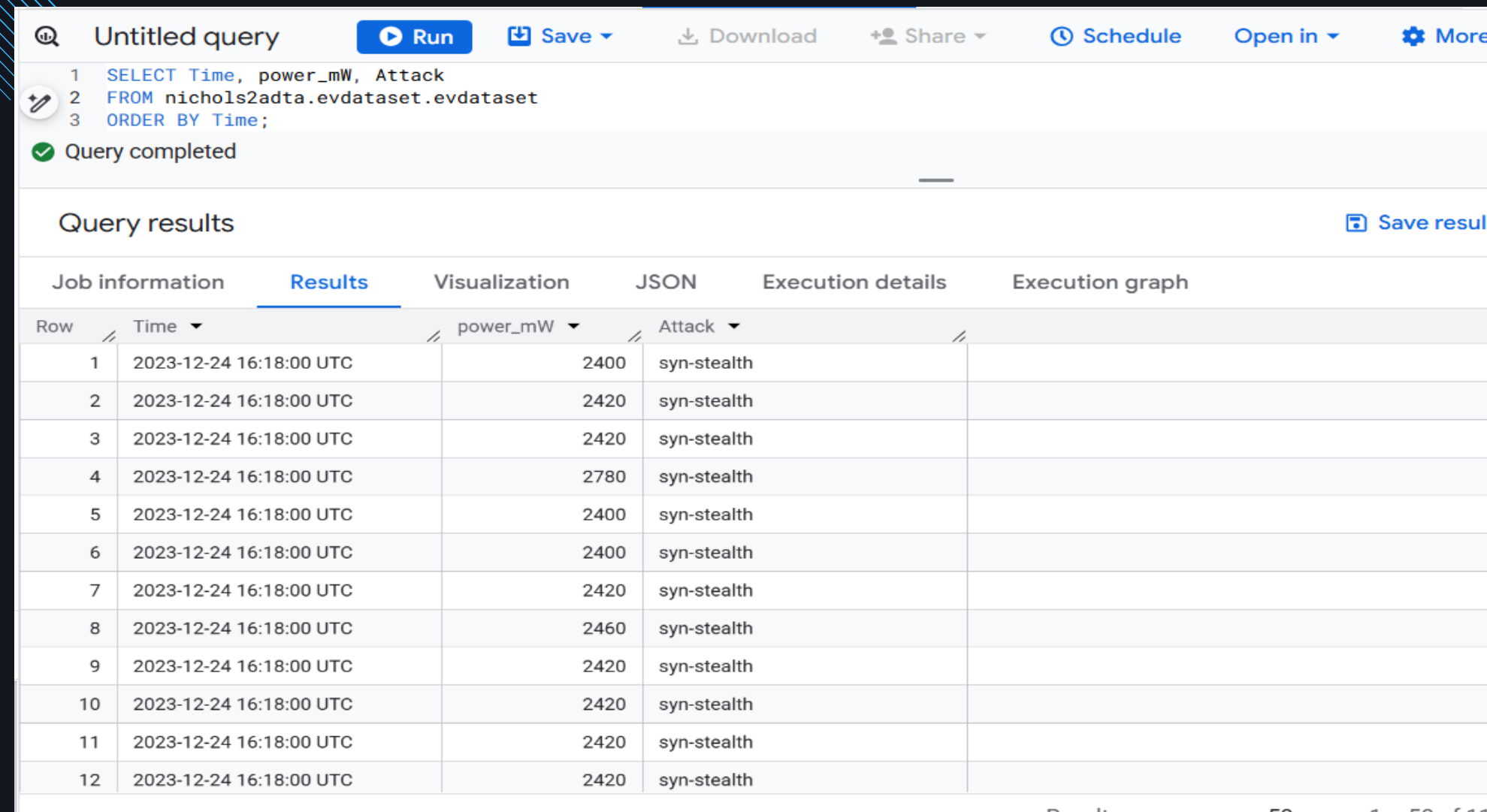
The screenshot shows a BigQuery console interface. At the top, there's a search bar and buttons for 'Run', 'Save', and 'Download'. Below that, the SQL query is displayed: `SELECT Attack, COUNT(*) AS count FROM nichols2adta.evdataset.evdataset GROUP BY Attack ORDER BY count DESC;`. A green checkmark indicates 'Query completed'. The 'Query results' section is active, showing a table with columns 'Attack' and 'count'. The table lists seven attack types with their respective counts, ordered from highest to lowest.

Row	Attack	count
1	vuln-scan	26246
2	tcp-flood	21367
3	Backdoor	21137
4	none	14363
5	syn-flood	13517
6	cryptojacking	11596
7	syn-stealth	7072

Here the count of each type of attack is tabulated and group by type of attack. We can see the top three types of attacks were vulnerability scans, TCP Floods, and Backdoor attacks.



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2 FROM nichols2adta.evdataset.evdataset
3 ORDER BY Time;
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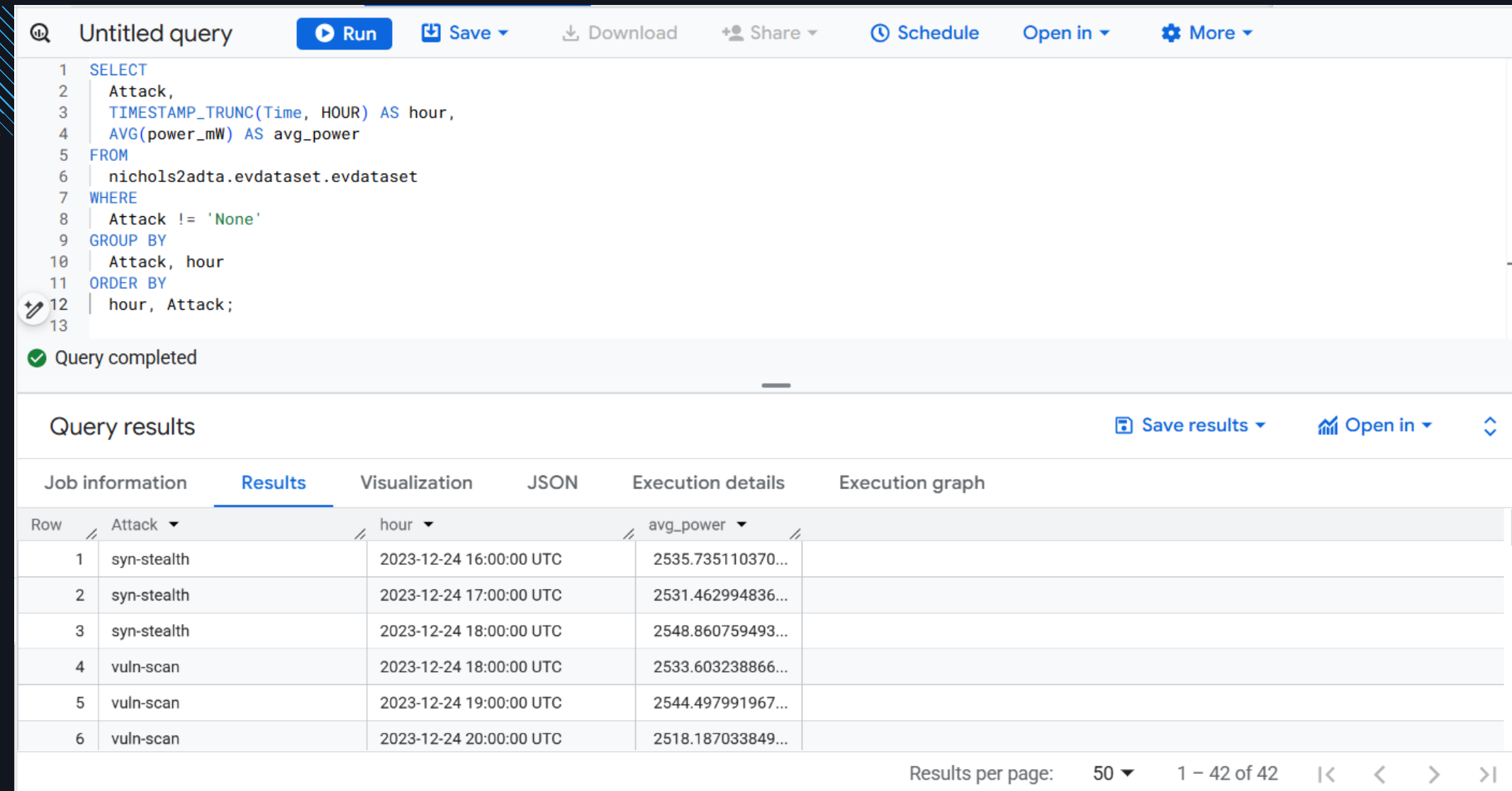
The query is completed, and the results are displayed in a table with the following columns: Row, Time, power_mW, and Attack. The results show 12 rows of data, all with the same time (2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC) and attack type (syn-stealth). The power_mW values range from 2400 to 2780.

Row	Time	power_mW	Attack
1	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	2400	syn-stealth
2	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	2420	syn-stealth
3	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	2420	syn-stealth
4	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	2780	syn-stealth
5	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	2400	syn-stealth
6	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	2400	syn-stealth
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11	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	2420	syn-stealth
12	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	2420	syn-stealth

In this query, we are showing the different attacks and what the battery power in mW was during the attack. In this image, we mainly are focusing on the SYN-stealth attack on 12/24/2023 which occurred multiple times on 12/24/2023 during the 6:00 hour.



Making Queries in BigQuery



The screenshot shows a BigQuery interface with a query editor and a results table. The query is as follows:

```
1 SELECT
2   Attack,
3   TIMESTAMP_TRUNC(Time, HOUR) AS hour,
4   AVG(power_mW) AS avg_power
5 FROM
6   nichols2adta.evdataset.evdataset
7 WHERE
8   Attack != 'None'
9 GROUP BY
10  Attack, hour
11 ORDER BY
12  hour, Attack;
13
```

Below the query, a status bar indicates "Query completed". The results table is displayed with the following data:

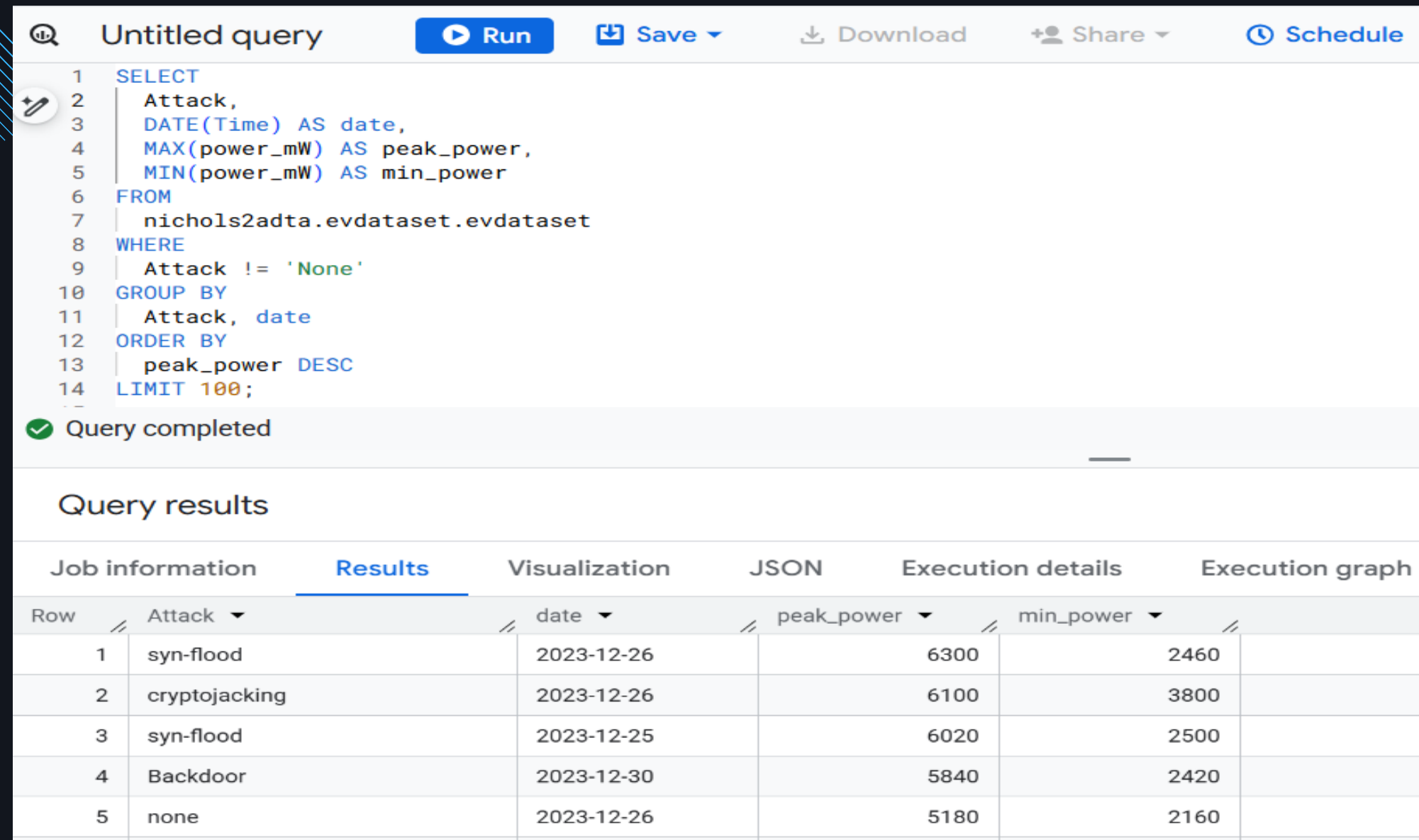
Row	Attack	hour	avg_power
1	syn-stealth	2023-12-24 16:00:00 UTC	2535.735110370...
2	syn-stealth	2023-12-24 17:00:00 UTC	2531.462994836...
3	syn-stealth	2023-12-24 18:00:00 UTC	2548.860759493...
4	vuln-scan	2023-12-24 18:00:00 UTC	2533.603238866...
5	vuln-scan	2023-12-24 19:00:00 UTC	2544.497991967...
6	vuln-scan	2023-12-24 20:00:00 UTC	2518.187033849...

At the bottom of the results table, it shows "Results per page: 50" and "1 - 42 of 42".

In this query, we are tracking the average battery power usage during charging by the hour on 12/24/2023. We can see what types of attacks are occurring for during each hour in our dataset. In the image, we can see that a SYN-stealth and vulnerability scan both happened at around 6:00 on that day.



Making Queries in BigQuery



The screenshot shows a BigQuery interface with a query editor and a results table. The query is as follows:

```
1 SELECT
2   Attack,
3   DATE(Time) AS date,
4   MAX(power_mW) AS peak_power,
5   MIN(power_mW) AS min_power
6 FROM
7   nichols2adta.evdataset.evdataset
8 WHERE
9   Attack != 'None'
10 GROUP BY
11   Attack, date
12 ORDER BY
13   peak_power DESC
14 LIMIT 100;
```

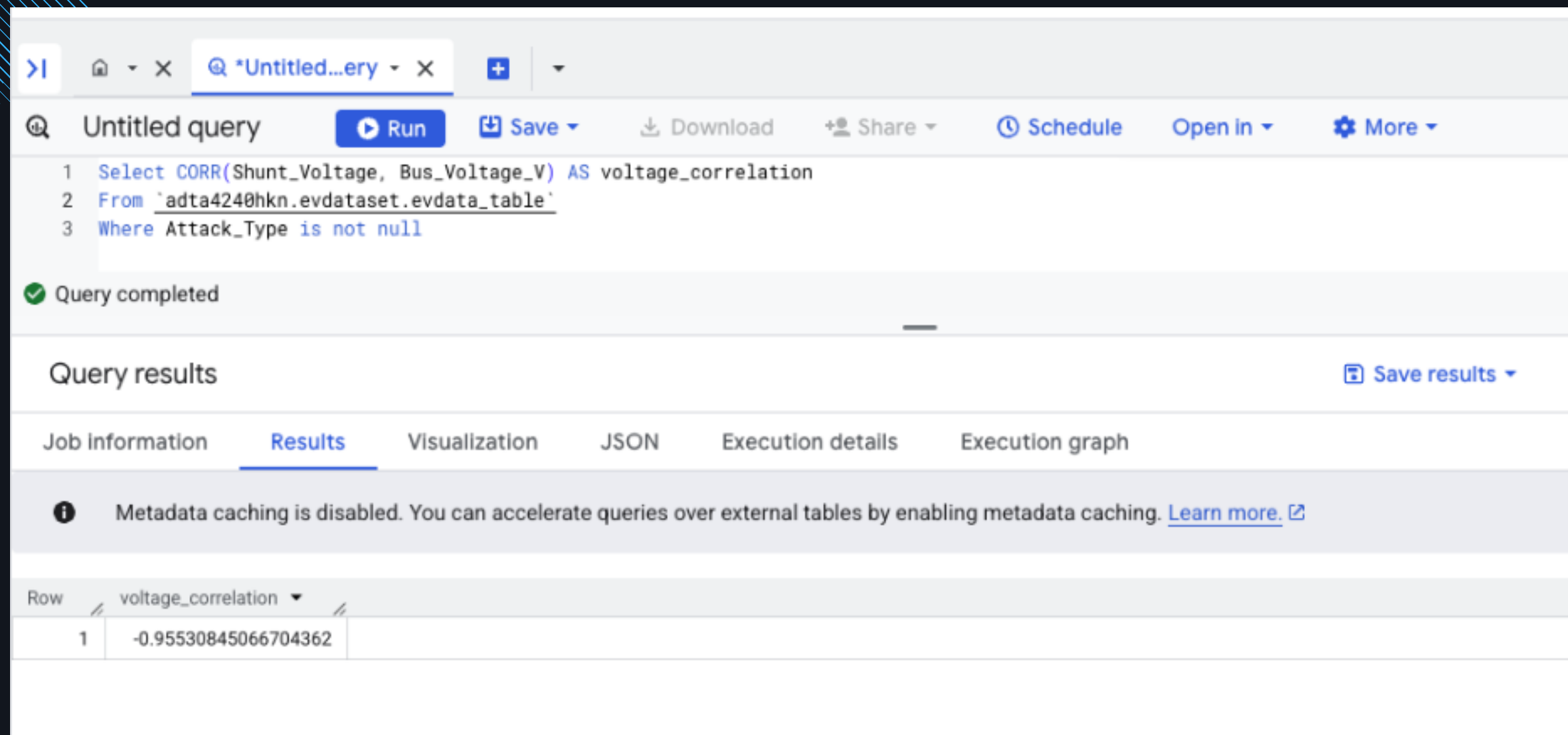
Below the query editor, a status bar indicates "Query completed". The results are displayed in a table with the following columns: Row, Attack, date, peak_power, and min_power.

Row	Attack	date	peak_power	min_power
1	syn-flood	2023-12-26	6300	2460
2	cryptojacking	2023-12-26	6100	3800
3	syn-flood	2023-12-25	6020	2500
4	Backdoor	2023-12-30	5840	2420
5	none	2023-12-26	5180	2160

In this query, we are seeing what the peak and minimum battery powers were during specific days for each type of attack in order to find patterns when predicting future attacks.



Making Queries in BigQuery



The screenshot displays the BigQuery interface. At the top, the query editor shows the following SQL code:

```
1 Select CORR(Shunt_Voltage, Bus_Voltage_V) AS voltage_correlation
2 From `adta4240hkn.evdataset.evdata_table`
3 Where Attack_Type is not null
```

Below the query, a green checkmark indicates "Query completed". The "Query results" section is active, showing a table with one row:

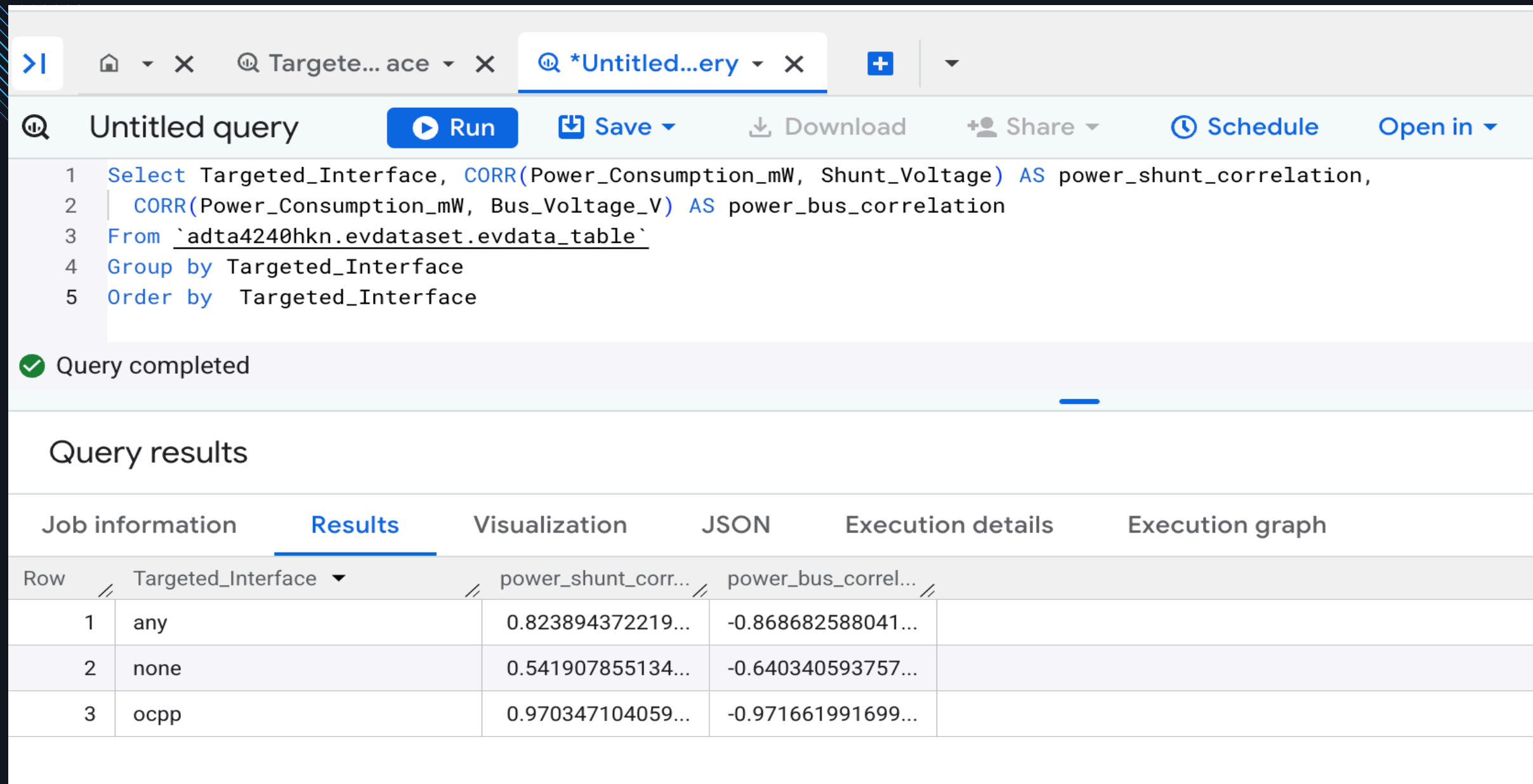
Row	voltage_correlation
1	-0.95530845066704362

Navigation tabs include "Job information", "Results" (selected), "Visualization", "JSON", "Execution details", and "Execution graph". A message at the bottom states: "Metadata caching is disabled. You can accelerate queries over external tables by enabling metadata caching. [Learn more.](#)"

In this query, we are seeing the correlation between Shunt Voltage and Bus Voltage. The correlation value indicates, its negatively correlated. That means it's behaving in an inversely proportional manner. If **Bus Voltage** rises, the **Shunt Voltage** drops, or vice versa



Making Queries in BigQuery



The screenshot displays a BigQuery query editor and results page. The query is as follows:

```
1 Select Targeted_Interface, CORR(Power_Consumption_mW, Shunt_Voltage) AS power_shunt_correlation,  
2 | CORR(Power_Consumption_mW, Bus_Voltage_V) AS power_bus_correlation  
3 From `adta4240hkn.evdataset.evdata_table`  
4 Group by Targeted_Interface  
5 Order by Targeted_Interface
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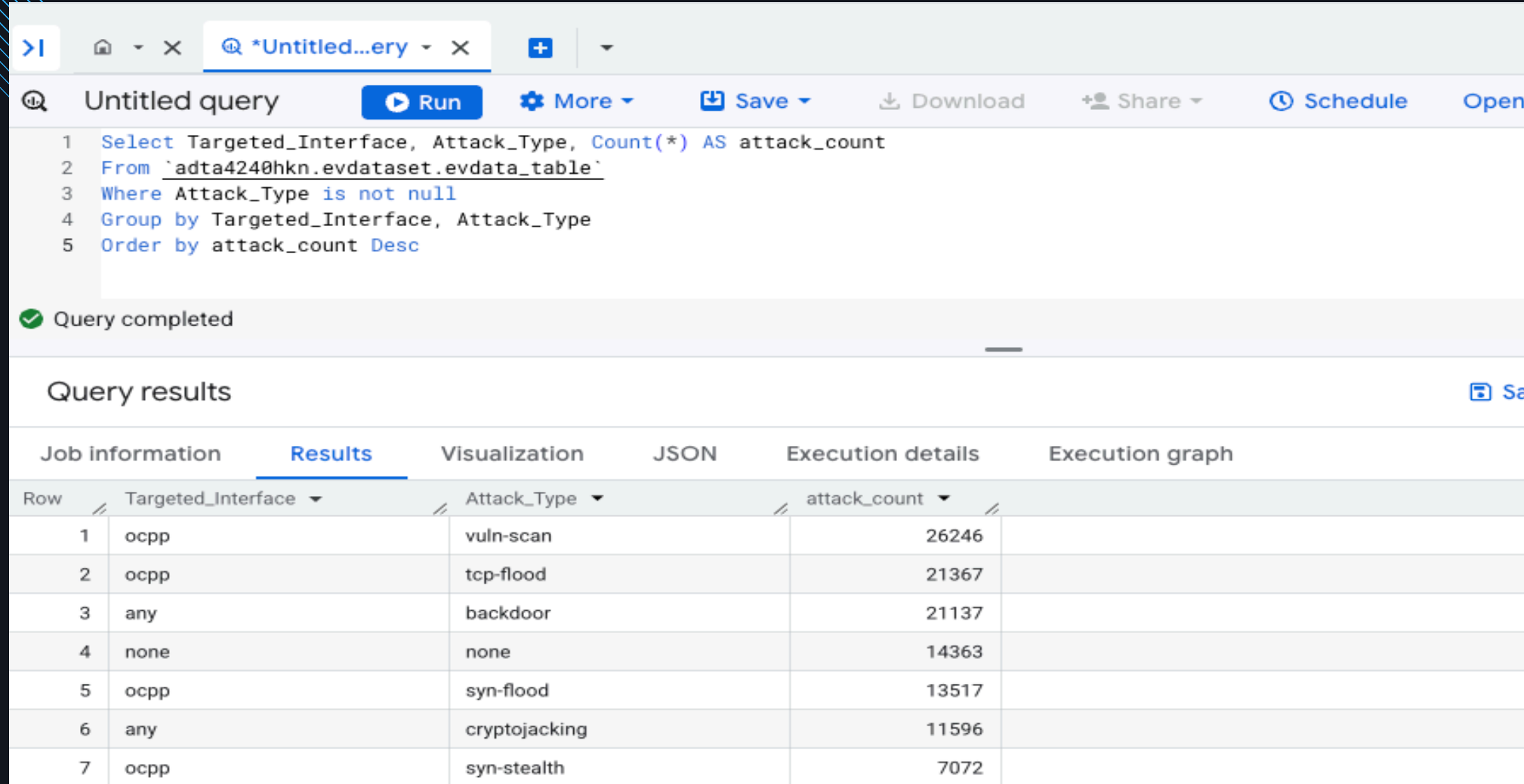
The query has completed successfully. The results are shown in a table with the following columns: Row, Targeted_Interface, power_shunt_corr..., and power_bus_correl....

Row	Targeted_Interface	power_shunt_corr...	power_bus_correl...
1	any	0.823894372219...	-0.868682588041...
2	none	0.541907855134...	-0.640340593757...
3	ocpp	0.970347104059...	-0.971661991699...

In this query, we are seeing the correlation between power consumption and shunt voltage, and the correlation between power consumption and Bus voltage. The results show that while the power shunt correlation is positive and strong, the power bus correlation is negative. This indicates that there is some potential to optimize the power system by adjusting voltage settings.



Making Queries in BigQuery



The screenshot shows a BigQuery console window with a query editor and results table. The query is as follows:

```
1 Select Targeted_Interface, Attack_Type, Count(*) AS attack_count
2 From `adta4240hkn.evdataset.evdata_table`
3 Where Attack_Type is not null
4 Group by Targeted_Interface, Attack_Type
5 Order by attack_count Desc
```

The query has completed successfully. The results table is displayed below, showing 7 rows of data:

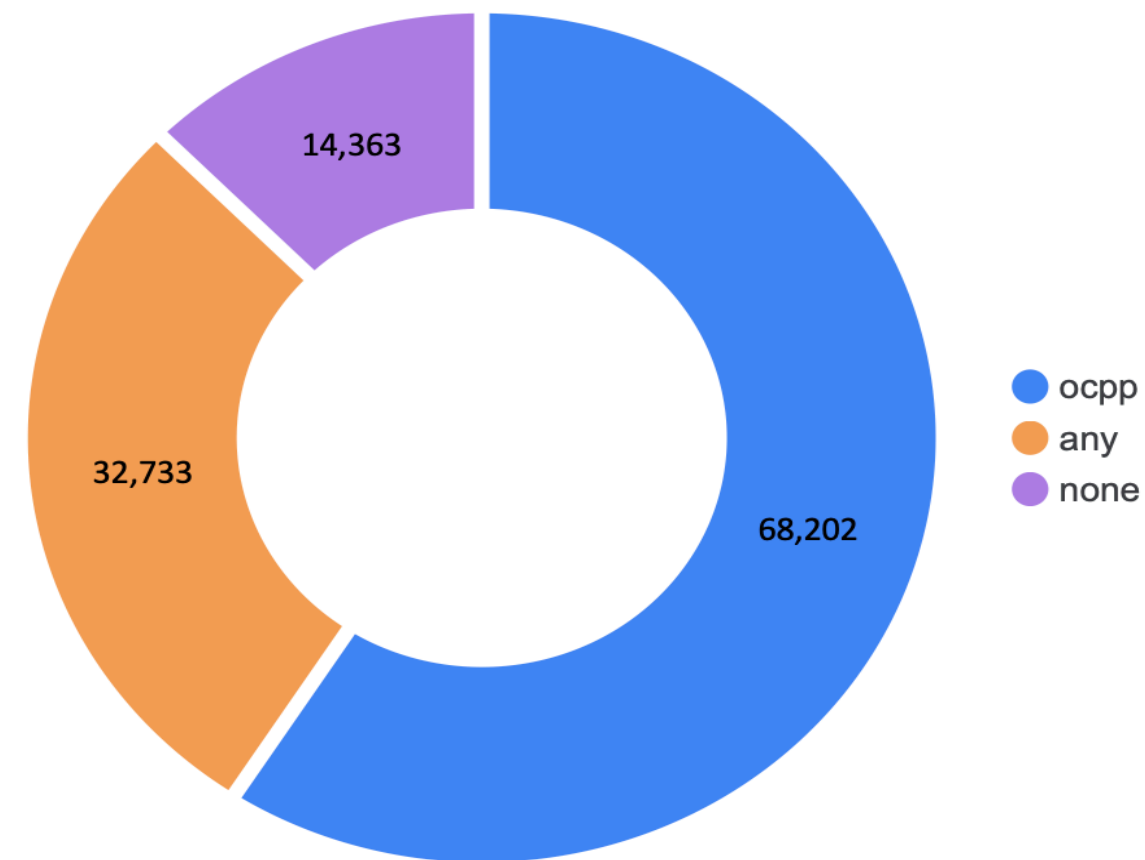
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5	ocpp	syn-flood	13517
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In this query, we are seeing the number of attacks by combination of **Targeted Interface and Attack types**. This helps to identify which communication protocols are more vulnerable to specific attack types. As per the query results, ocpp (Target Interface) and vuln-scan (Attack type) is experiencing more frequent and intensive attack activity



Visualization

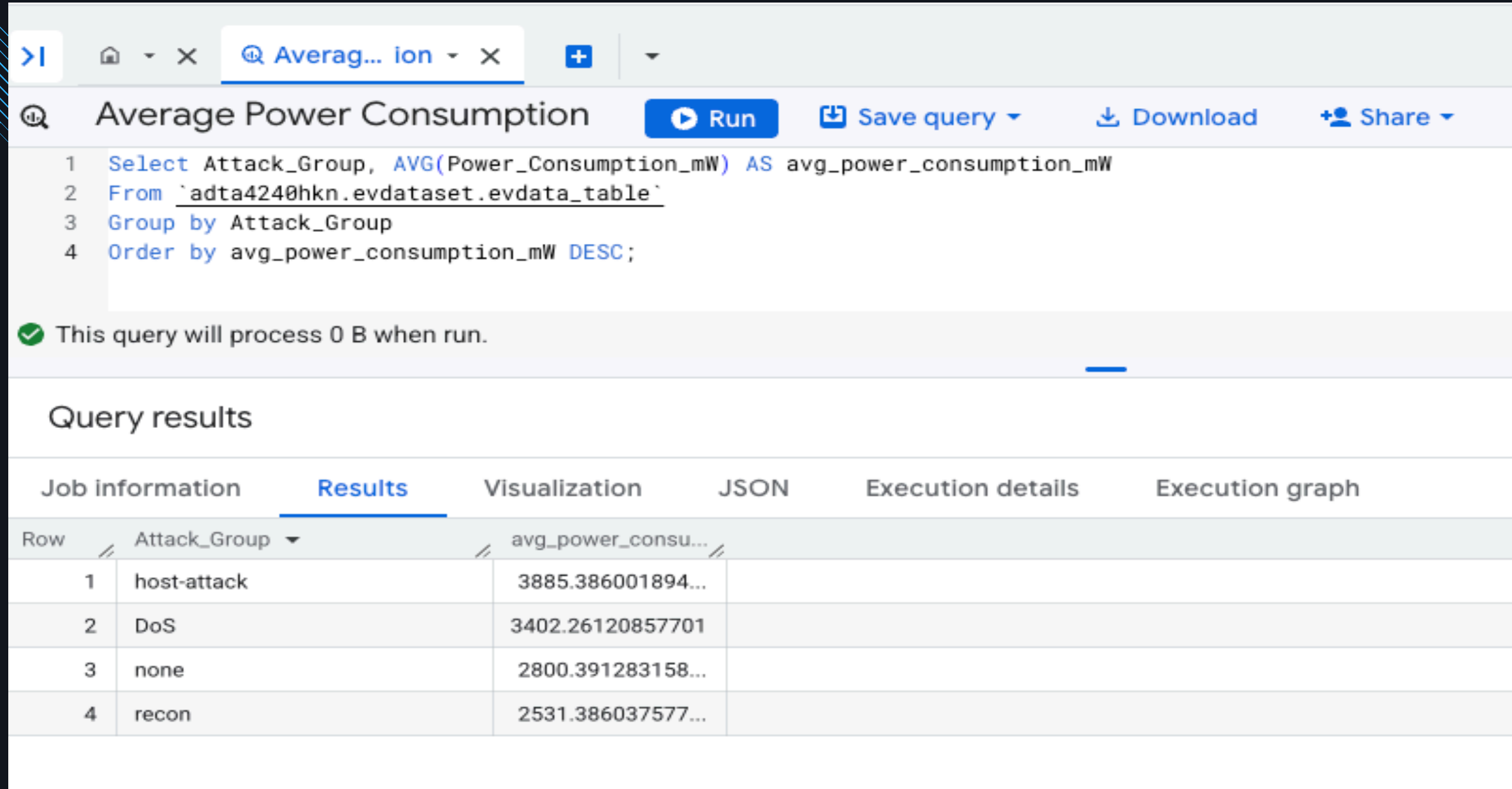
Attack Count for each Targeted Interface



This visualization demonstrates that the vast majority of cyberattacks target the interface labeled "ocpp", Open Charge Point Protocol with 68,202 attacks.



Making Queries in BigQuery



The screenshot shows a BigQuery console interface. At the top, there's a browser tab titled "Average Power Consumption". Below the tab, there's a search bar and a "Run" button. The SQL query is displayed in a text area:

```
1 Select Attack_Group, AVG(Power_Consumption_mW) AS avg_power_consumption_mW
2 From `adta4240hkn.evdataset.evdata_table`
3 Group by Attack_Group
4 Order by avg_power_consumption_mW DESC;
```

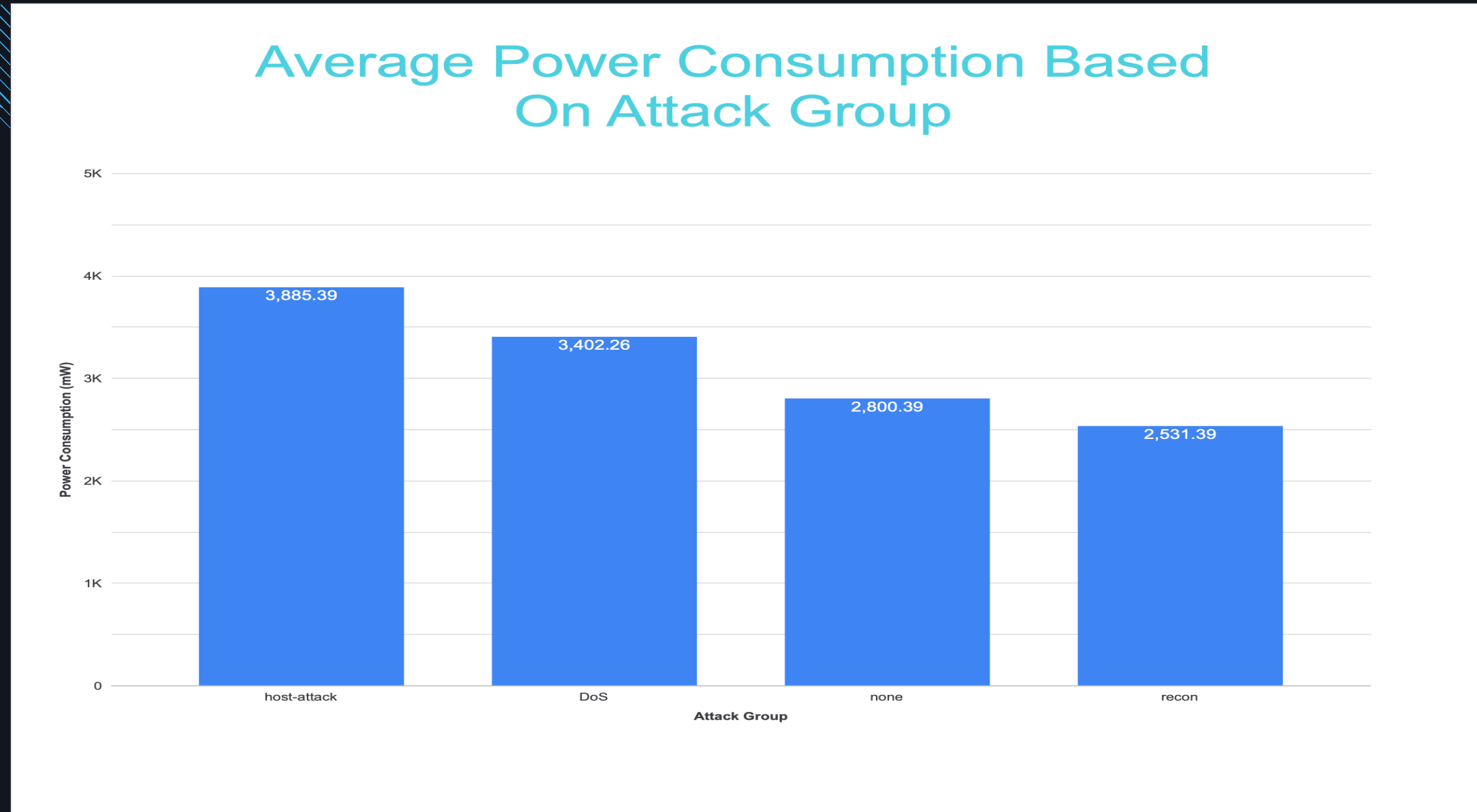
Below the query, there's a green checkmark and the text "This query will process 0 B when run." Underneath, the "Query results" section is visible, with tabs for "Job information", "Results", "Visualization", "JSON", "Execution details", and "Execution graph". The "Results" tab is selected, showing a table with the following data:

Row	Attack_Group	avg_power_consumption_mW
1	host-attack	3885.386001894...
2	DoS	3402.26120857701
3	none	2800.391283158...
4	recon	2531.386037577...

In this query, we are seeing the average current consumption by Attack group. While the average power consumption for host-attack and DoS are almost same, average power consumption for "host-attack" is highest. That means this attack group generates more network traffic and requires more processing power



Visualization



This visualization depicts the average power consumption based on the attack group using a bar graph.



Making Queries in BigQuery

```
1 WITH voltage_differences AS (  
2   SELECT  
3     Time,  
4     Attack,  
5     shunt_voltage,  
6     LAG(shunt_voltage) OVER (ORDER BY Time) AS prev_shunt_volt,  
7     ABS(shunt_voltage - LAG(shunt_voltage) OVER (ORDER BY Time)) AS shunt_volt_diff  
8   FROM  
9     nichols2adta.evdataset.evdataset  
10  WHERE  
11    Attack IS NOT NULL  
12 )  
13  
14 SELECT  
15   Attack,  
16   MAX(shunt_volt_diff) AS max_voltage_jump  
17 FROM  
18   voltage_differences  
19 GROUP BY  
20   Attack  
21 ORDER BY  
22   max_voltage_jump DESC;  
23
```

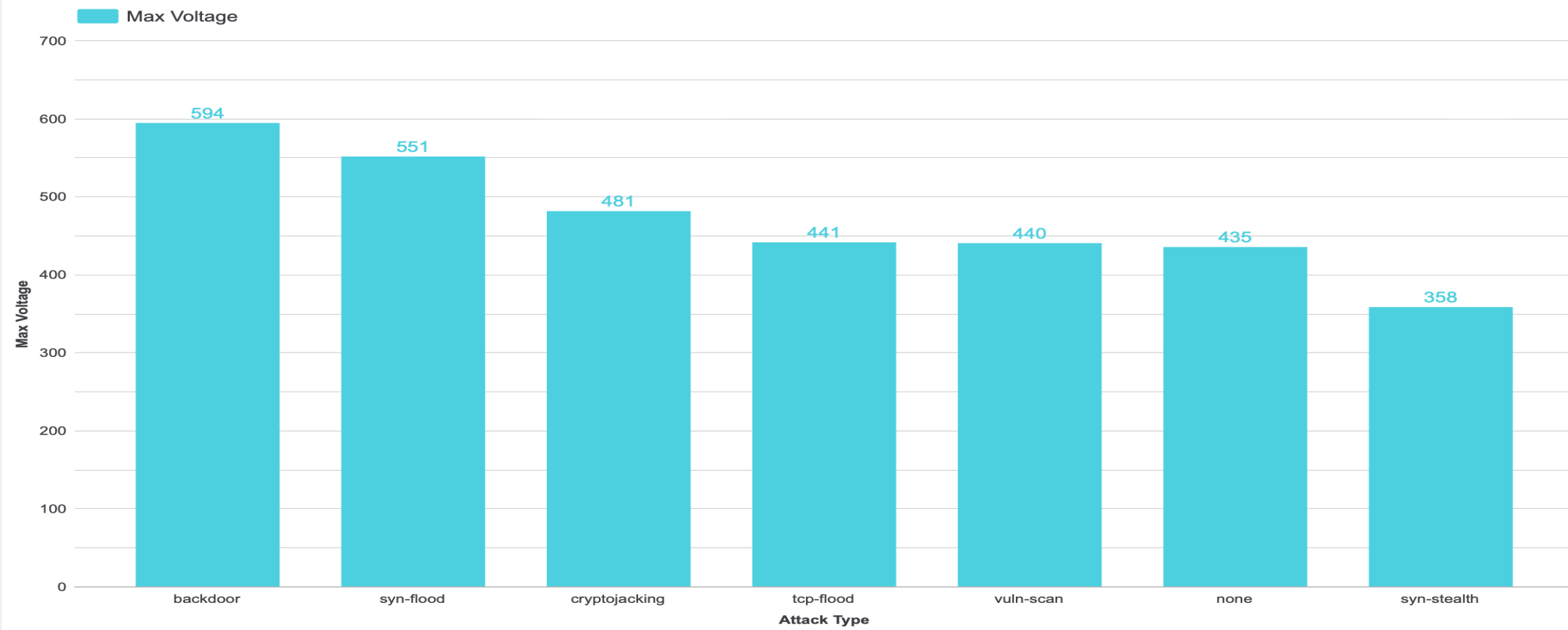
Job information		Results	Visualization	JSON
Row	Attack	max_voltage_jump		
1	syn-flood	606		
2	Backdoor	594		
3	tcp-flood	458		
4	none	444		
5	vuln-scan	440		
6	syn-stealth	358		
7	cryptojacking	331		

In this query, we are seeing how the shunt voltage, or voltage across a resistor in the battery changes for each type of attack. From the data, we can see the SYN-floods and Backdoor attacks cause the greatest voltage jumps while cryptojacking causes the least amount.



Visualization

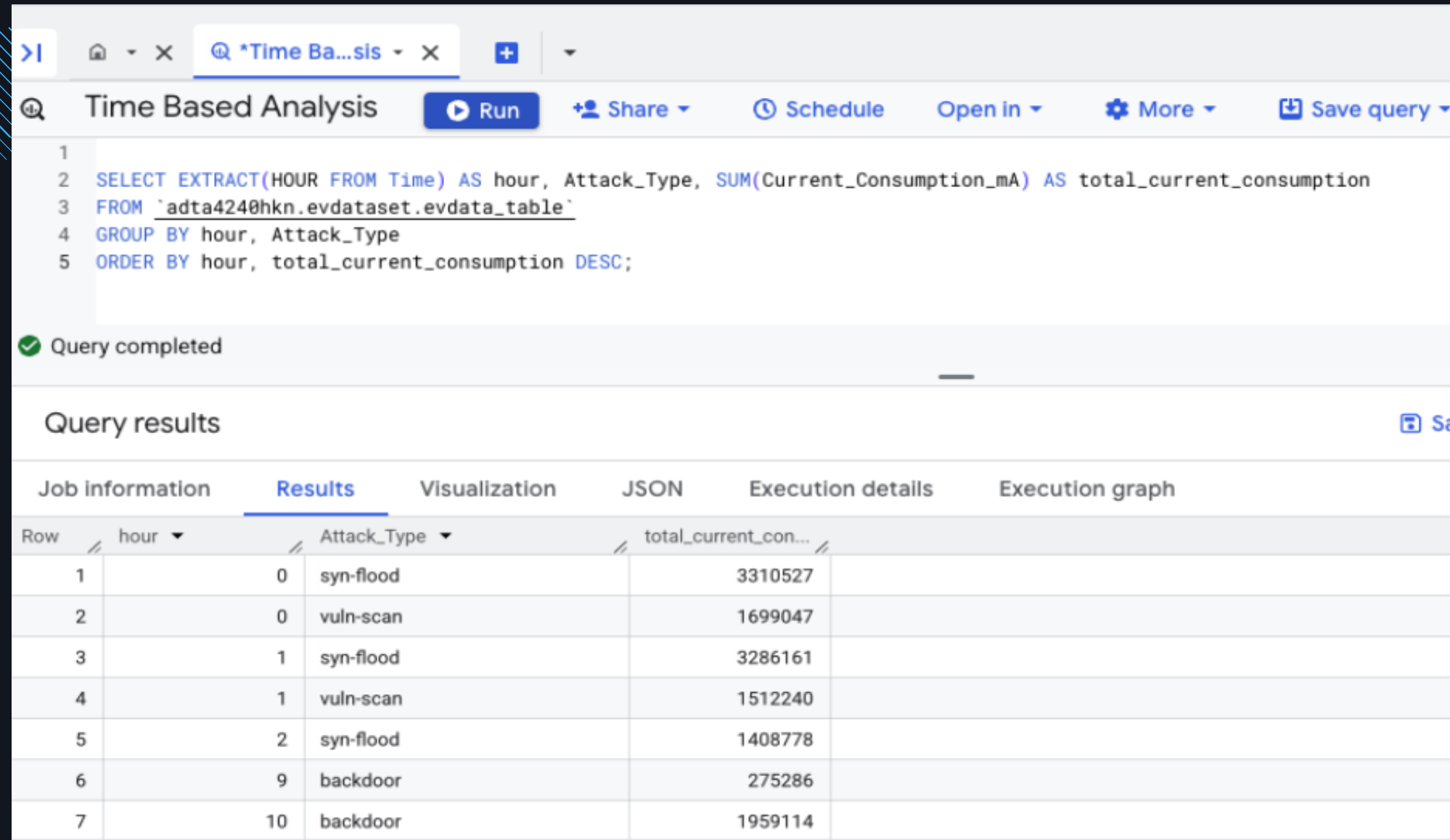
Max Voltage Jumps For Each Attack Type



This visualization depicts the maximum voltage jump for each attack type using a bar graph.



Making Queries in BigQuery



The screenshot shows a BigQuery console window with a query titled "Time Based Analysis". The query is as follows:

```
1 SELECT EXTRACT(HOUR FROM Time) AS hour, Attack_Type, SUM(Current_Consumption_mA) AS total_current_consumption
2 FROM `adta4240hkn.evdataset.evdata_table`
3 GROUP BY hour, Attack_Type
4 ORDER BY hour, total_current_consumption DESC;
```

The query has completed successfully. The results are displayed in a table with the following columns: Row, hour, Attack_Type, and total_current_consumption.

Row	hour	Attack_Type	total_current_consumption
1	0	syn-flood	3310527
2	0	vuln-scan	1699047
3	1	syn-flood	3286161
4	1	vuln-scan	1512240
5	2	syn-flood	1408778
6	9	backdoor	275286
7	10	backdoor	1959114

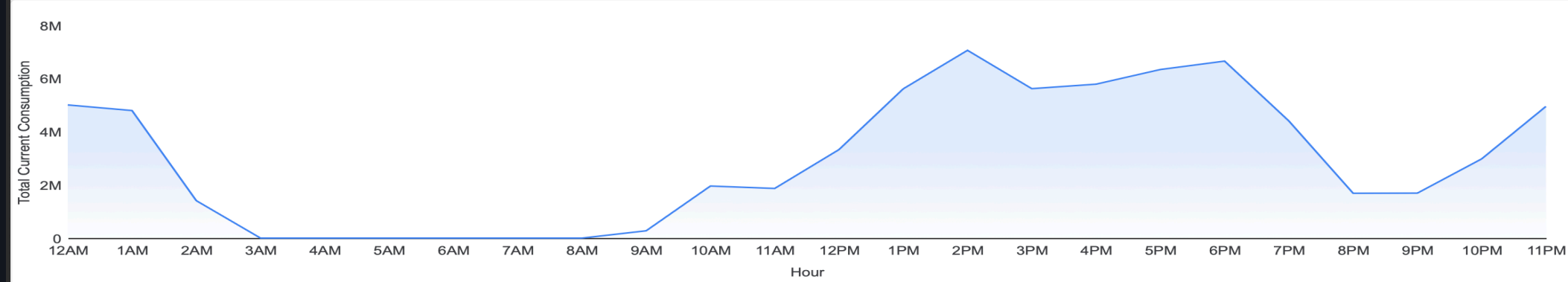
In this query, we are seeing the total current consumption by hour for each attack type. The current consumption is more at 0th (attach type - syn-flood), 1st (attach type - syn-flood), 18th (attach type - cryptojacking) and 23rd (attach type - syn-flood) hour



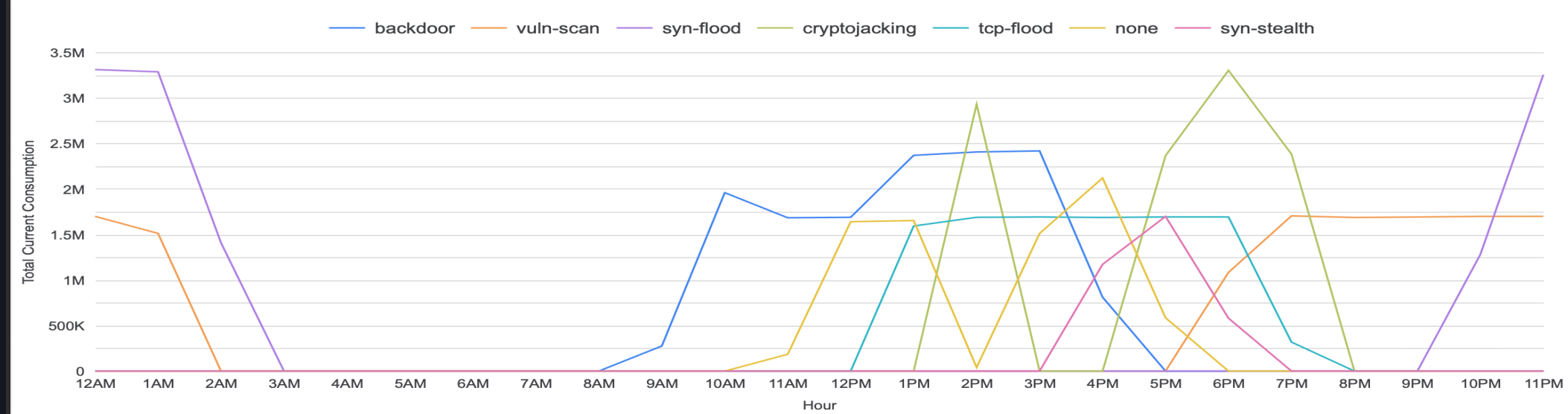
Visualization

Total Current Consumption By The Hour

Total Current Consumption By Hour For All Attack Types



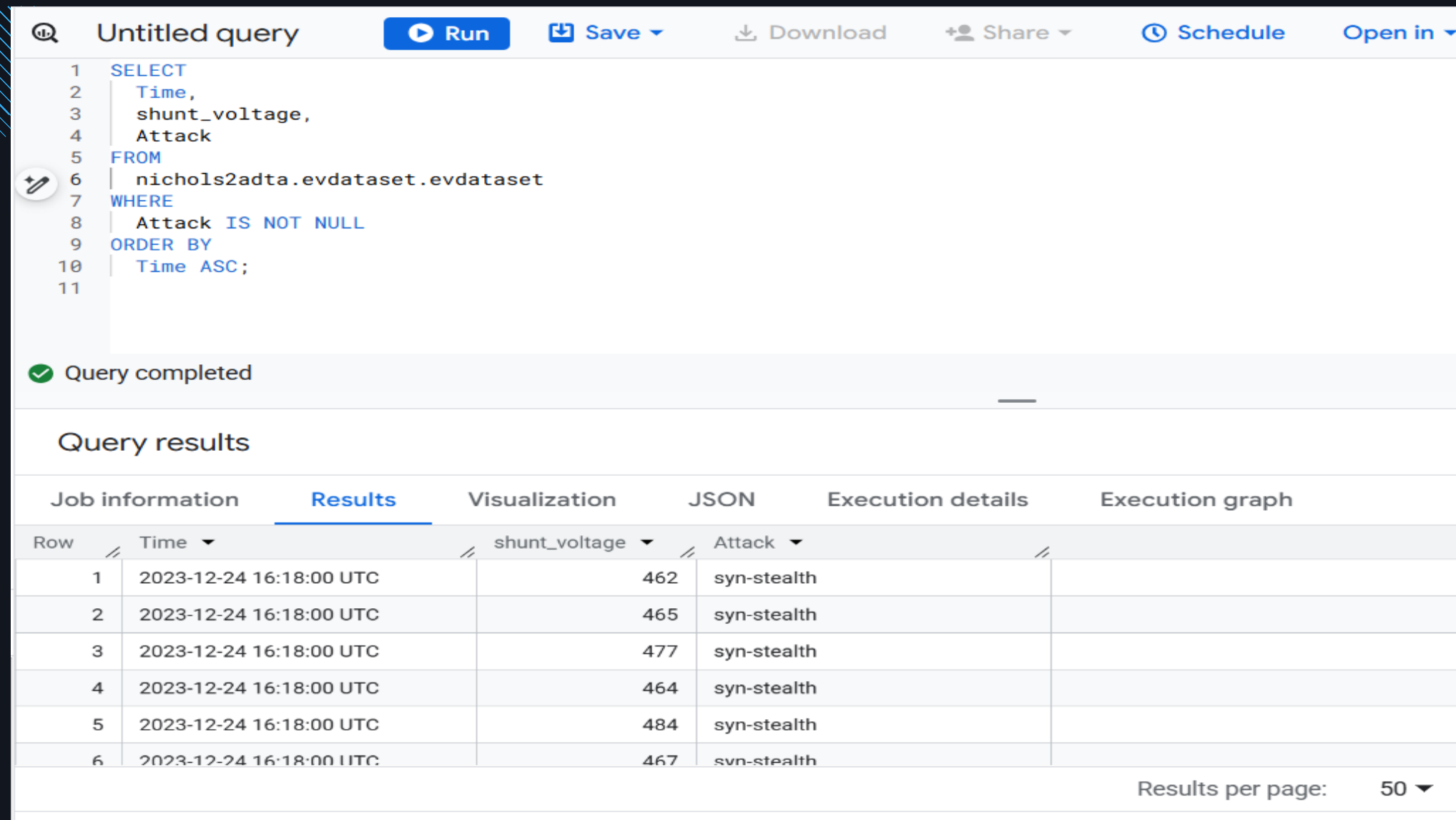
Total Current Consumption By The Hour For Different Attack Types



This visualization depicts the total current consumption by the hour. The top visualization shows the total consumption for all attack types by the hour, while the bottom shows the total current consumption for each attack type by the hour.



Making Queries in BigQuery



The screenshot shows the BigQuery interface with a query editor and a results table. The query is as follows:

```
1 SELECT
2   Time,
3   shunt_voltage,
4   Attack
5 FROM
6   nichols2adta.evdataset.evdataset
7 WHERE
8   Attack IS NOT NULL
9 ORDER BY
10  Time ASC;
11
```

Below the query editor, a message indicates "Query completed". The results are displayed in a table with the following columns: Row, Time, shunt_voltage, and Attack. The results show six rows of data for the date 2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC, with shunt_voltage values ranging from 462 to 484 and Attack values of syn-stealth.

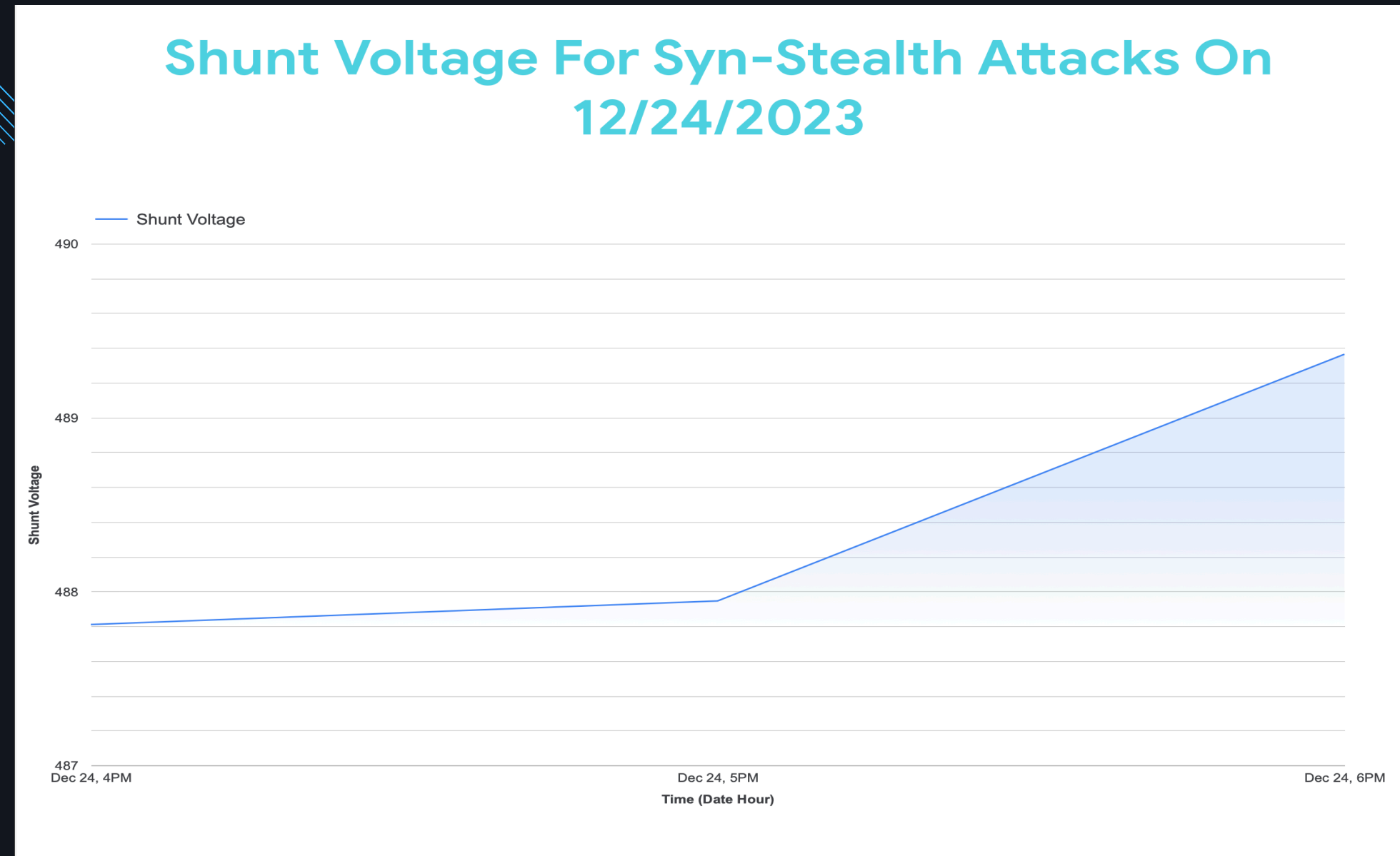
Row	Time	shunt_voltage	Attack
1	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	462	syn-stealth
2	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	465	syn-stealth
3	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	477	syn-stealth
4	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	464	syn-stealth
5	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	484	syn-stealth
6	2023-12-24 16:18:00 UTC	467	syn-stealth

Results per page: 50

In this query, we are seeing how the shunt voltage, or voltage across a resistor in the battery changes during specific cyberattacks during the day. In this example, we are tracking how the voltage changes on 12/24/2023 during a SYN-stealth attack.



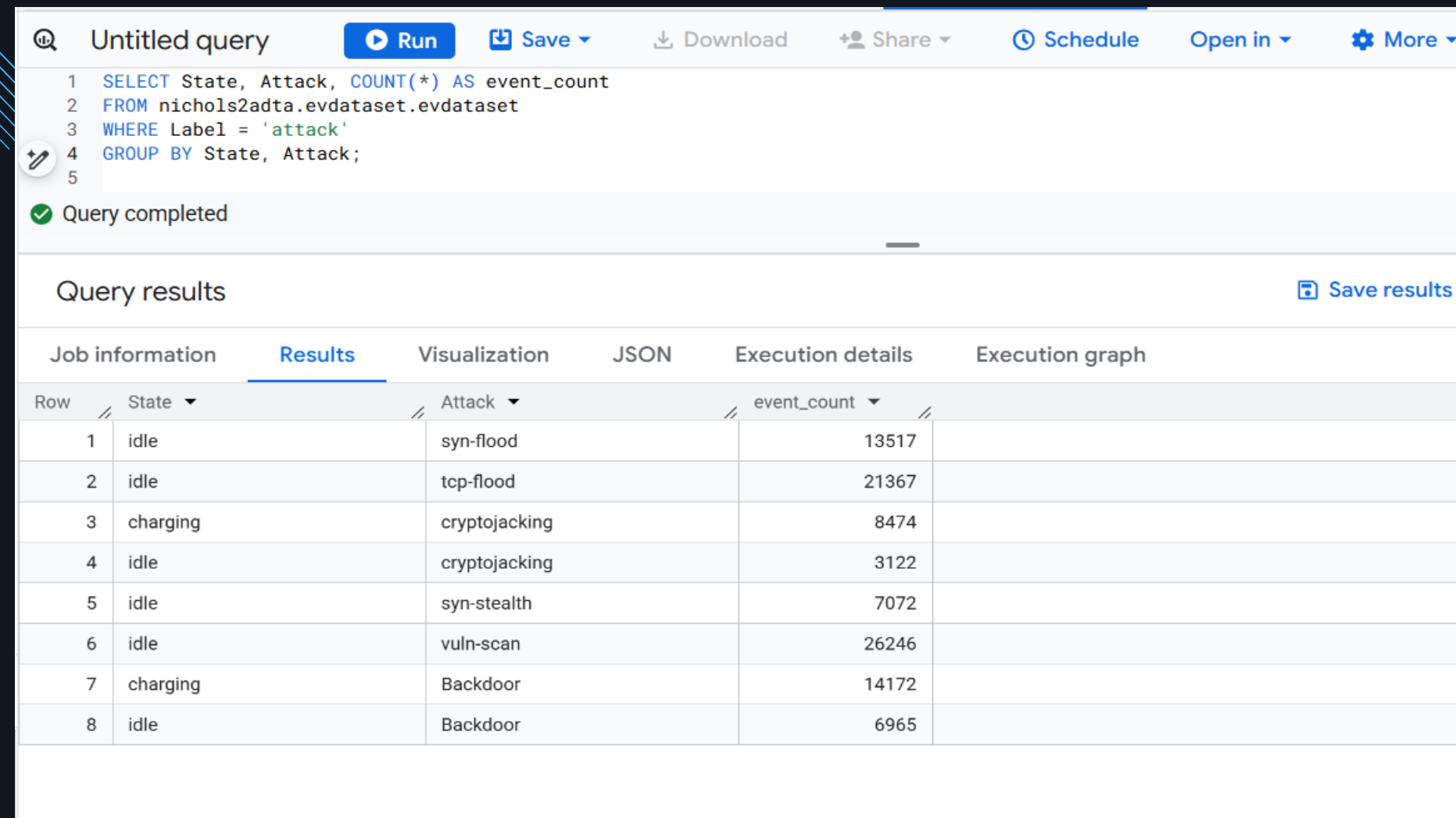
Visualization



This visualization depicts the shunt voltage by the hour for Syn-Stealth attacks on 12/24/2023, using a time series area chart.



Making Queries in BigQuery



```
1 SELECT State, Attack, COUNT(*) AS event_count
2 FROM nichols2adta.evdataset.evdataset
3 WHERE Label = 'attack'
4 GROUP BY State, Attack;
```

Query completed

Query results [Save results](#)

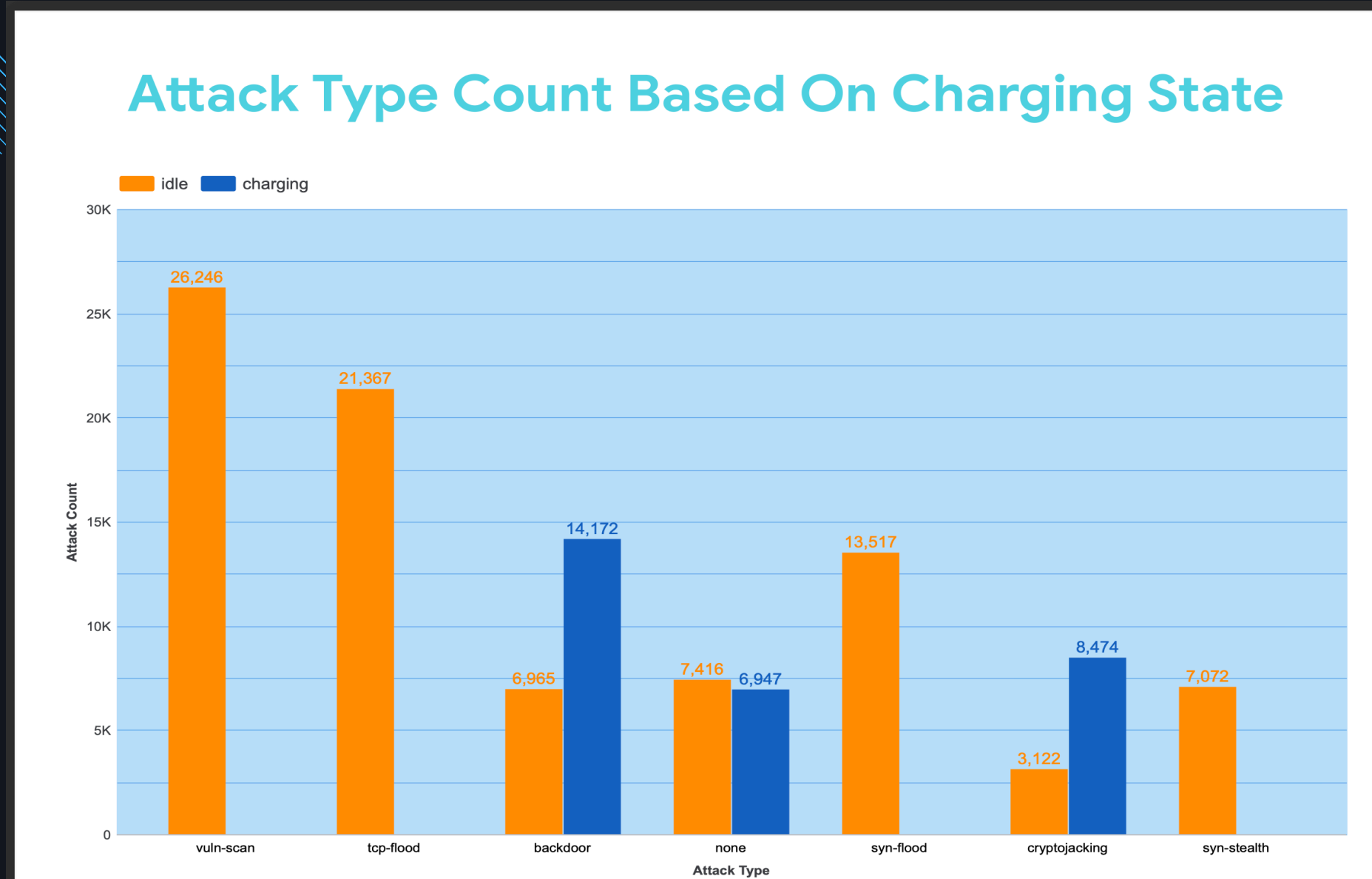
Job information **Results** Visualization JSON Execution details Execution graph

Row	State	Attack	event_count
1	idle	syn-flood	13517
2	idle	tcp-flood	21367
3	charging	cryptojacking	8474
4	idle	cryptojacking	3122
5	idle	syn-stealth	7072
6	idle	vuln-scan	26246
7	charging	Backdoor	14172
8	idle	Backdoor	6965

Here, we analyze which types of attack occur during idle or charging states of the EV's. We can see that floods (SYN or TCP), syn-stealth, and vulnerability scans mainly take place during idle states while cryptojacking and backdoor attacks occur in both idle and charging states.



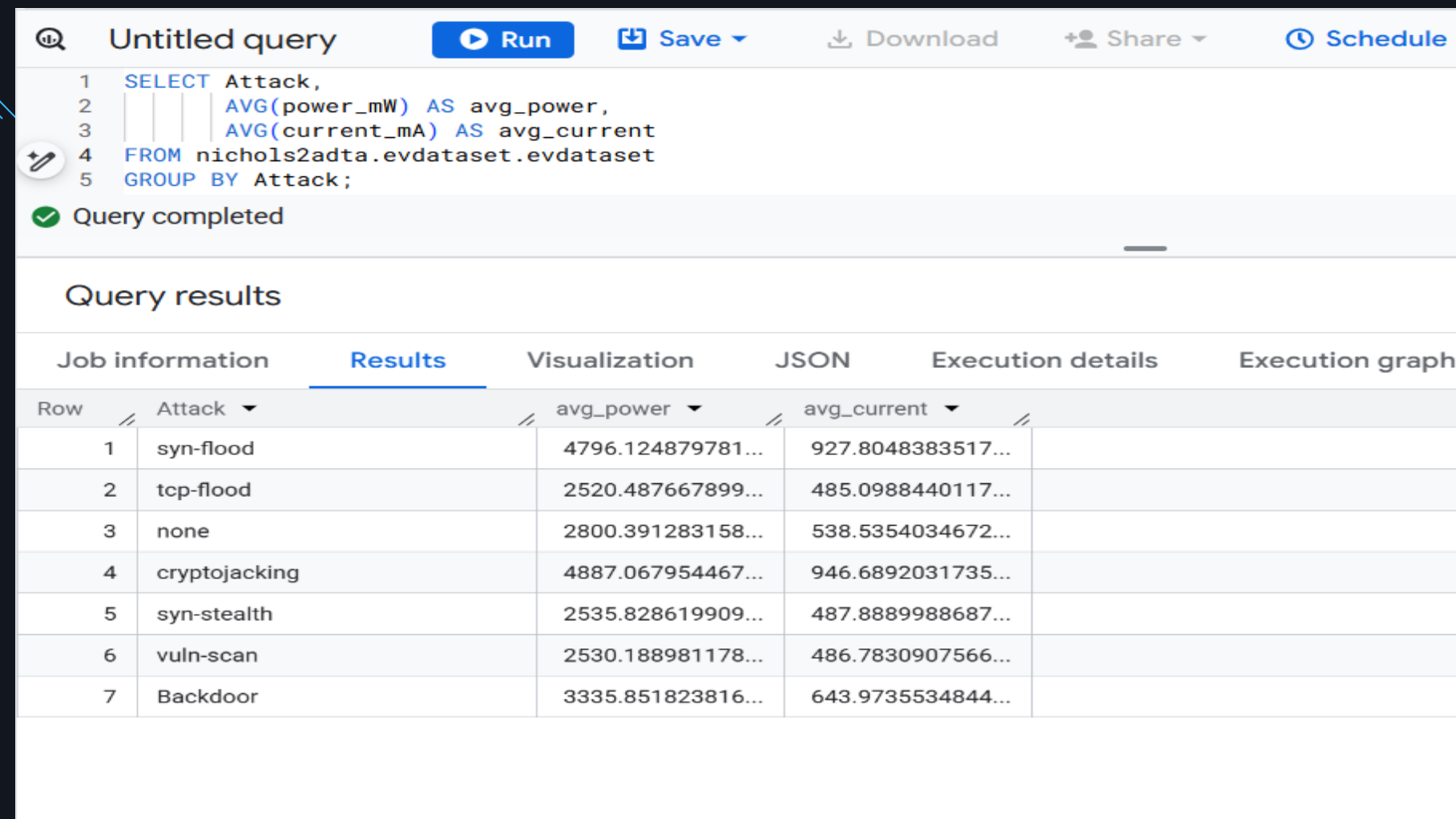
Visualization



This visualization depicts the attack count for each attack type based on charging state using a side-by-side bar chart.



Making Queries in BigQuery



```
1 SELECT Attack,
2     AVG(power_mW) AS avg_power,
3     AVG(current_mA) AS avg_current
4 FROM nichols2adta.evdataset.evdataset
5 GROUP BY Attack;
```

Query completed

Query results

Job information	Results	Visualization	JSON	Execution details	Execution graph
Row	Attack	avg_power	avg_current		
1	syn-flood	4796.124879781...	927.8048383517...		
2	tcp-flood	2520.487667899...	485.0988440117...		
3	none	2800.391283158...	538.5354034672...		
4	cryptojacking	4887.067954467...	946.6892031735...		
5	syn-stealth	2535.828619909...	487.8889988687...		
6	vuln-scan	2530.188981178...	486.7830907566...		
7	Backdoor	3335.851823816...	643.9735534844...		

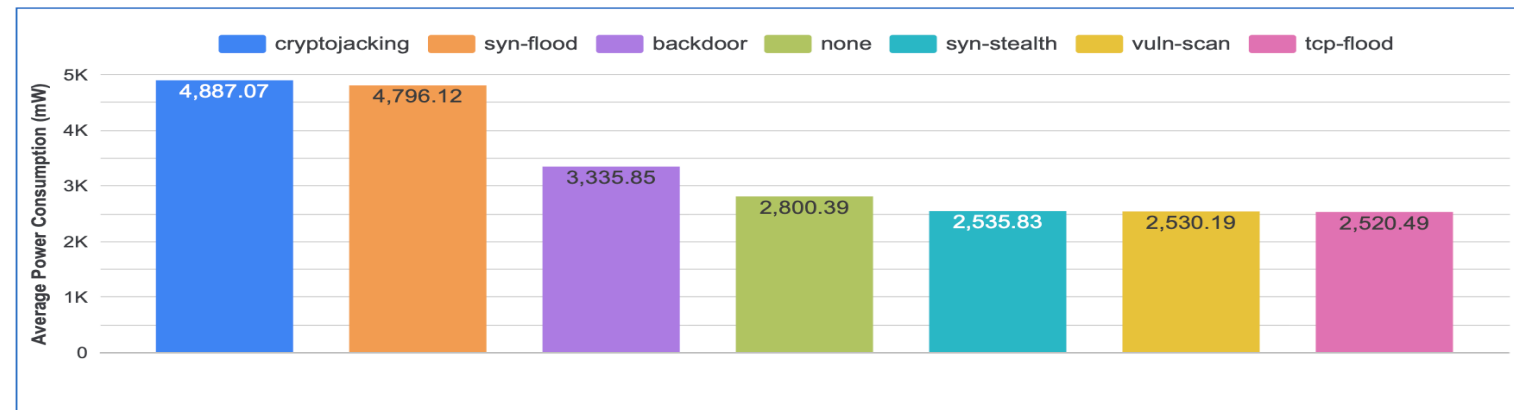
In this query, we are grouping the average battery power usage and current usage during the different types of attacks as well as during normal battery charging. We can see from the image, that SYN-flooding and Cryptojacking tend to cause the greatest surge in battery power and current.



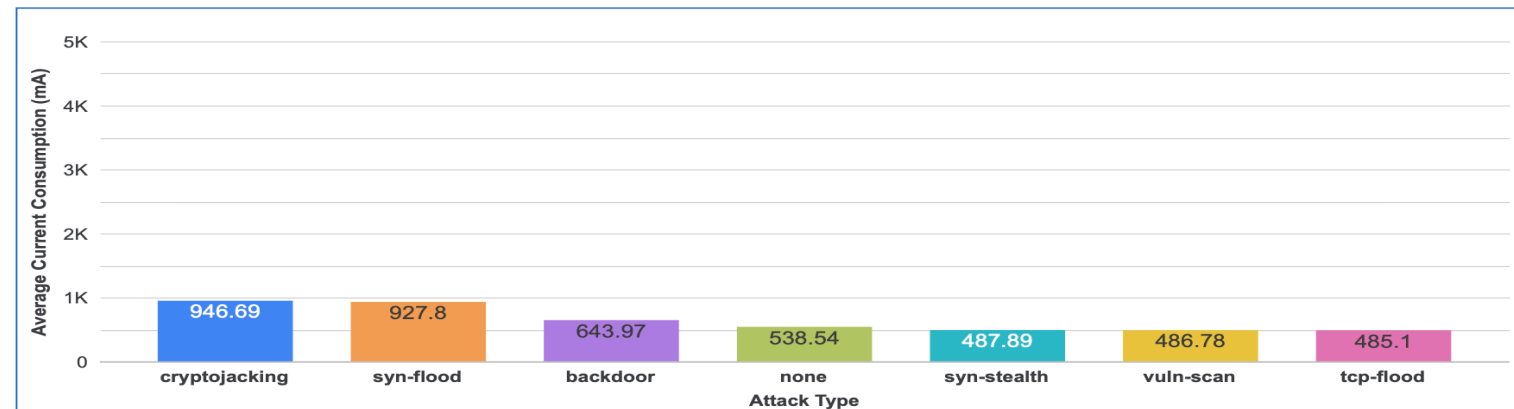
Visualization

Average Current Consumption and Average Power Consumption Based On Attack Type

Average Power Consumption (mW) By Attack Type



Average Current Consumption (mA) By Attack Type



This visualization depicts the average current consumption and average power consumption based on the attack type. The bottom bar graph shows the average current consumption (mA), and the top bar graph shows the average power consumption (mW). Each attack type corresponds to the legend at the top with its specific color.



Summary and Recommendations

After analyzing a variety of parameters including but not limited to attack count, average power and current consumption, voltage jumps, current consumed by time of day, etc., our team determined the most impactful factors on which to base our recommendation are the attack count and average power consumption. We extrapolated these two parameters to determine which attacks consumed the most unnecessary power during the experiment, and thus, likely consume the most power (and money) in real-world scenarios. We recommend Lucid Motors allocate resources to prioritize the mitigation of these attacks first, as they have the greatest impact on the company's bottom line.

Total Observed Power Consumed During Experiment (most critical attacks):

1. Backdoor – 70.936 kW
2. SYN-Flood – 64.828 kW
3. Cryptojacking – 56.438 kW

LEAST CONCERN: SYN-Stealth, Vuln-Scan, and TCP-Flood (these three attack types surprisingly induced systems to consume LESS power than the control)



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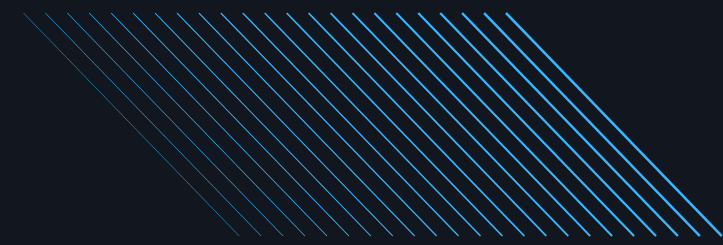
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