



INTEL-IRRIS

Intelligent Irrigation System for Low-cost Autonomous Water Control
in Small-scale Agriculture



INTELLIGENT IRRIGATION SYSTEM FOR LOW-COST AUTONOMOUS WATER CONTROL IN SMALL-SCALE AGRICULTURE



Building the Intel-IrriS LoRa IoT platform Part 1: soil sensor device



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Review: Technology components



Review: Low-cost sensors



- Build on low-cost, low-power IoT expertise
- Increase accuracy of low-cost sensors by automatic and remotely controlled procedures for advanced calibration
- Enable deployment of several complementary low-cost sensors
- Include agricultural models / knowledge with corrective & predictive analytics

Review: Smart embedded control

- Build on low-cost embedded & open IoT gateway expertise
- Implement the “Intelligent Irrigation in-the-box” with "plug-&-sense" approach
- Model complex water-soil-plant interaction
- Embed Decision Support System (DSS) and disruptive Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Integration of various knowledge streams
- Fully autonomous

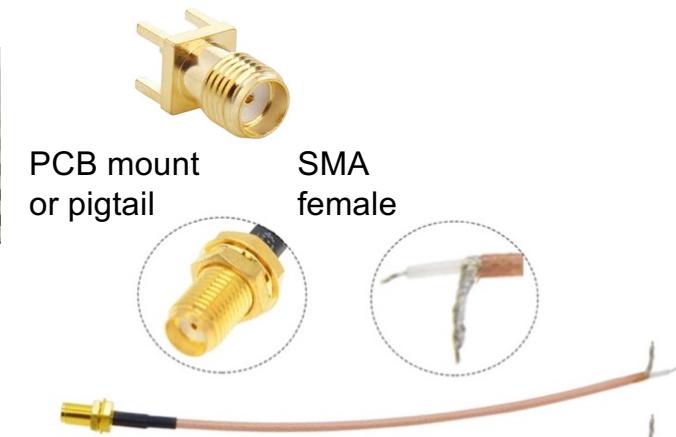
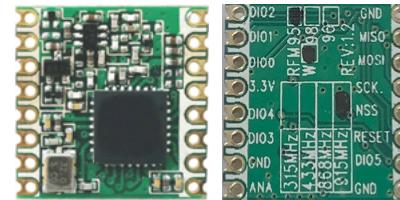
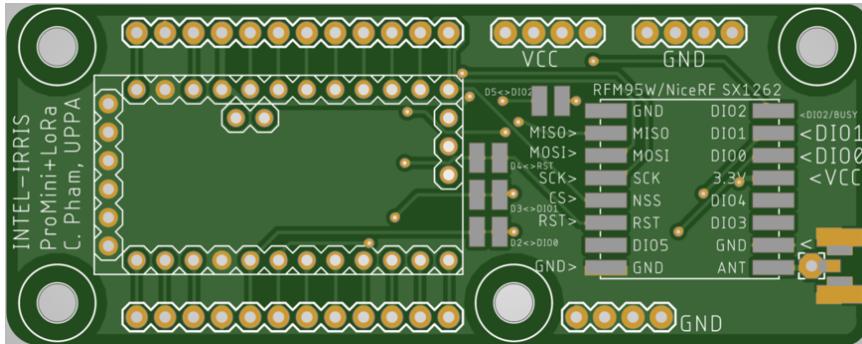


Review: Starter-kits

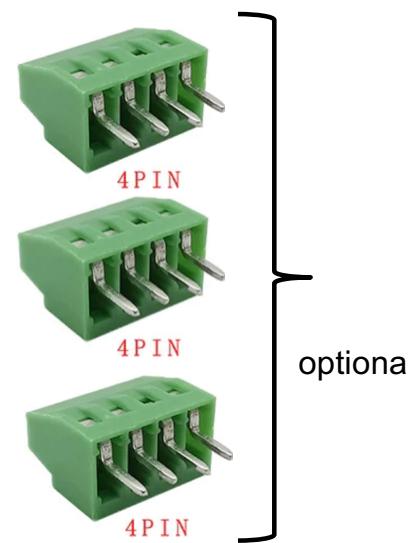
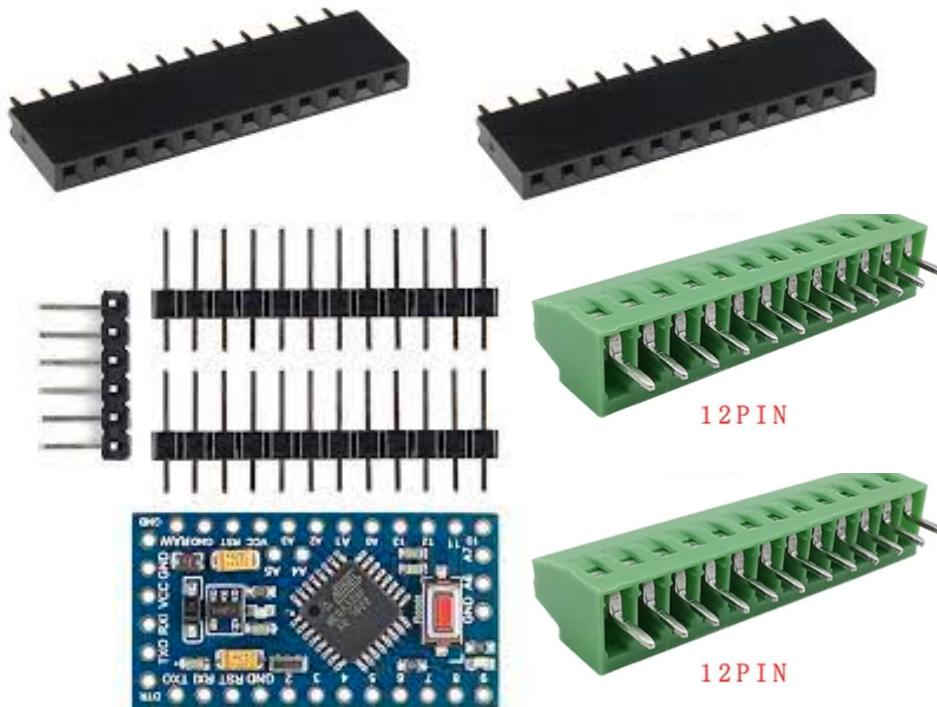
- "Intelligent Irrigation in-the-box", "plug-&-sense"
- At least 100 starter-kit will be distributed



Soil sensor: electronic parts



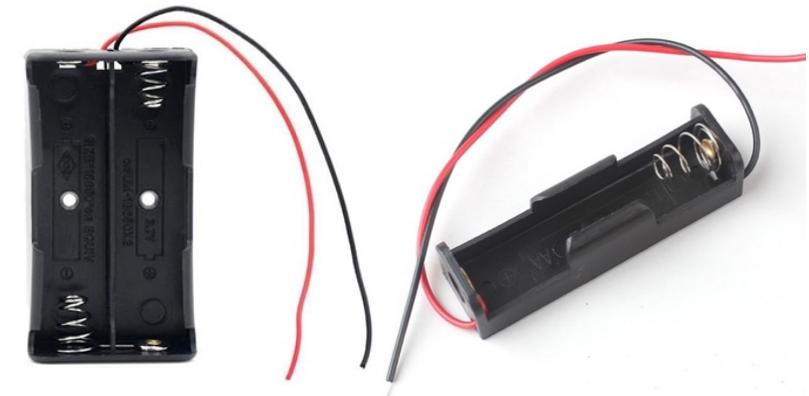
RFM95W (868MHz)
 RFM96W (433MHz)
 NiceRF SX1262 (868MHz)
 NiceRF SX1268 (433MHz)
 NiceRF SX1280 (2.4GHz)



optional



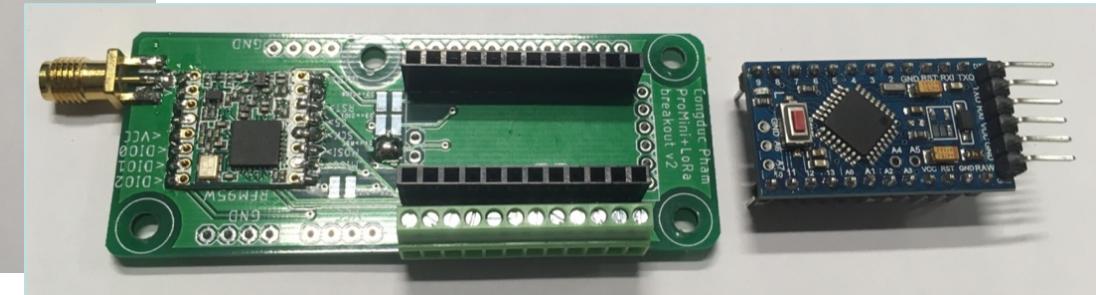
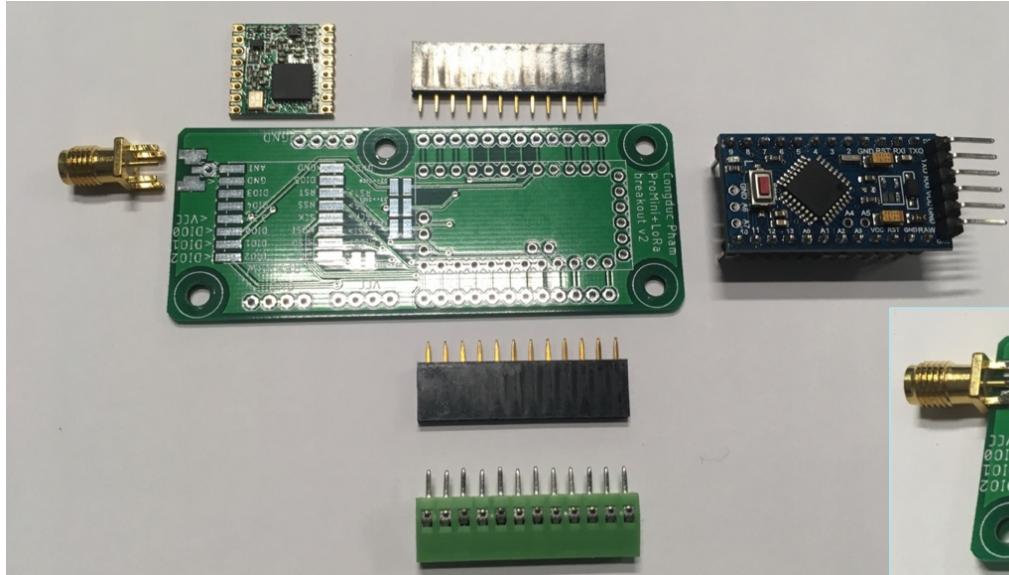
Soil sensor: casing parts & integration



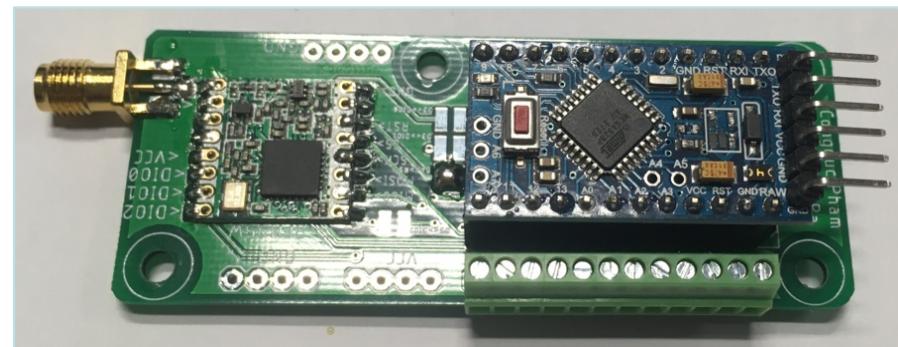
proof-of-concept



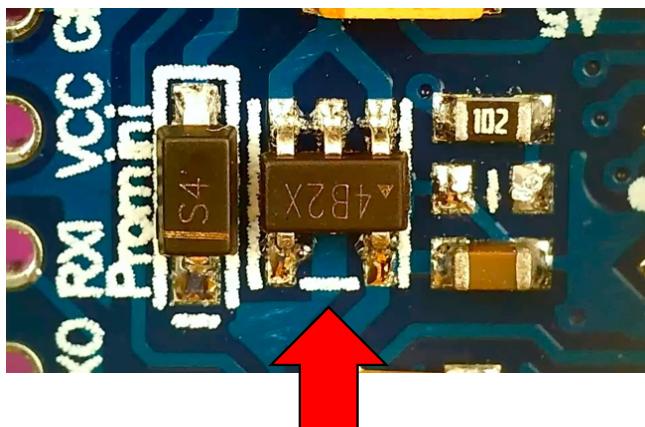
Assembling the PCB board



This dedicated video will show
how to solder all the components
<https://youtu.be/3jdQ0Uo0phQ>



Reducing power consumption

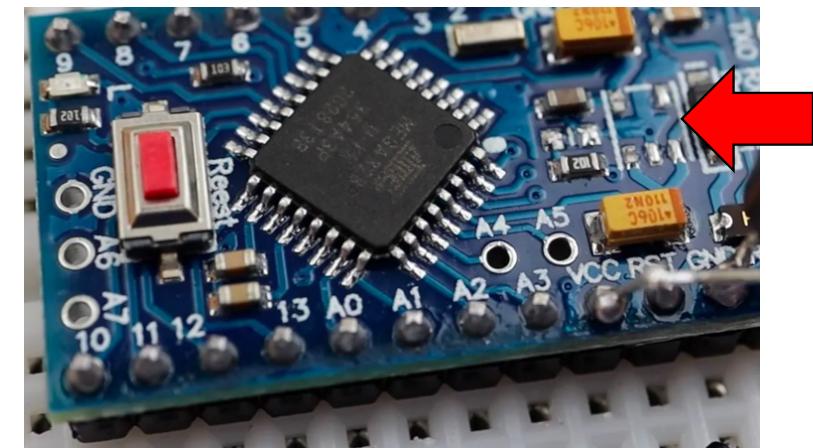


Remove the power LED by just clipping it off with some wire cutters

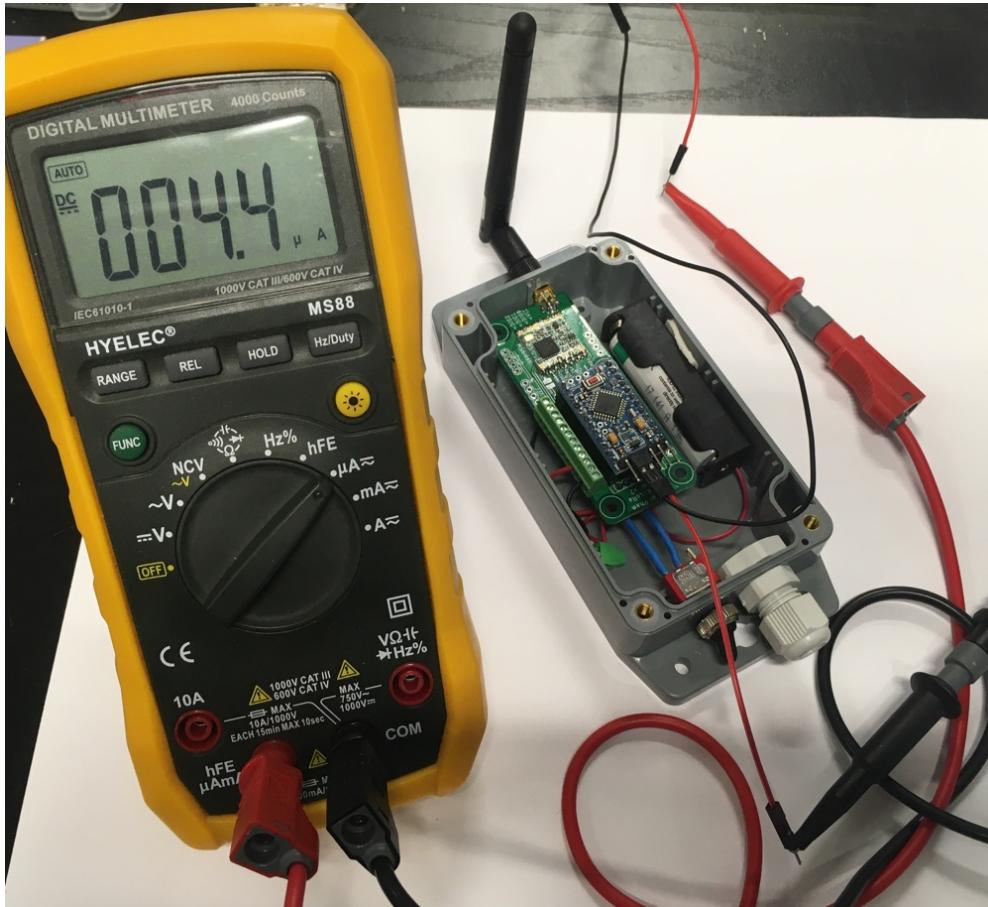
Remove the voltage regulator with a small plier

Only inject up to 3.6V through the VCC pin

Below 5uA in deep sleep



Power consumption in deep sleep



Measured below 5 μ A in deep sleep, between 2 active periods with transmissions

Expected autonomy with 1 transmission / hour:

over 2 years with either 2 AA batteries or 1 AA 3.6V Lithium battery

Get an enclosure for outdoor usage

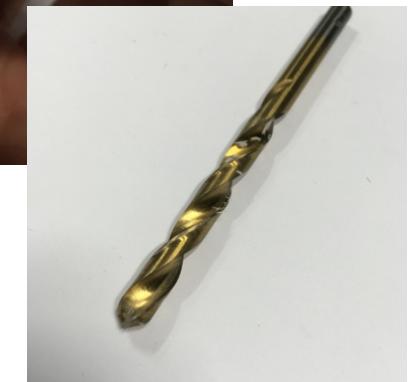
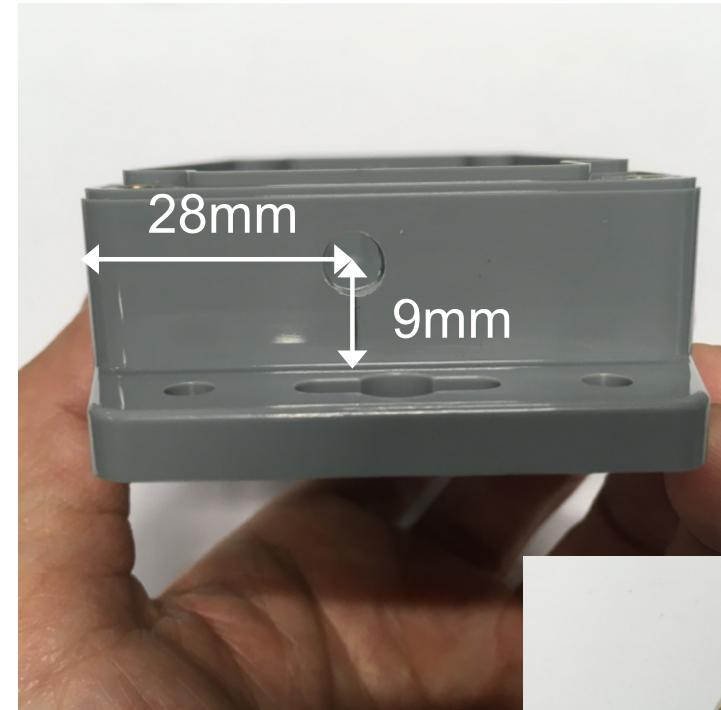
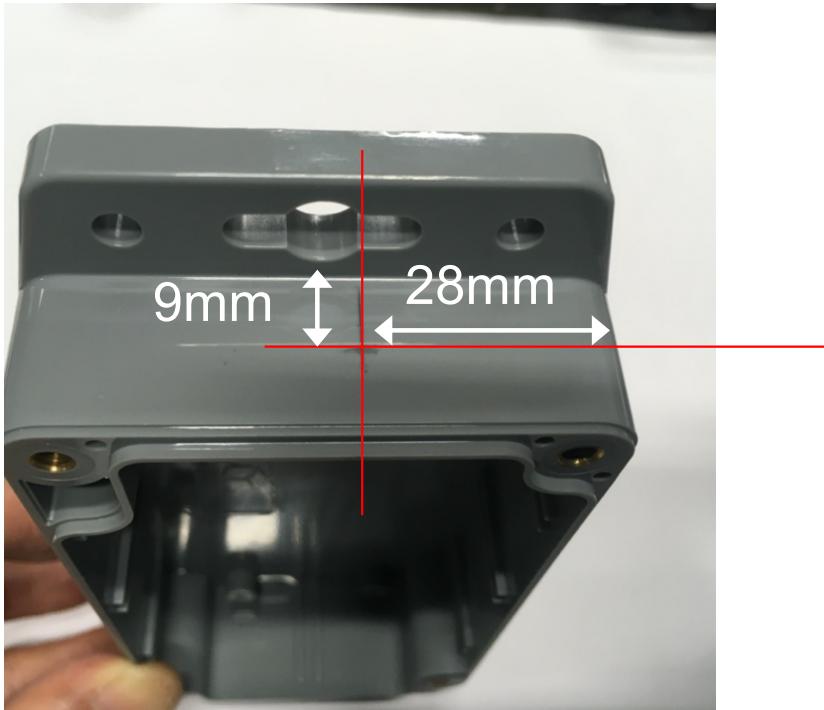


Here, it is an IP65 box which dimension is 115 x 65 x 40mm
<https://www.gotronic.fr/art-boitier-abs-etanche-g304m-17977.htm>

Drilling machine and drilling bits



Drill a hole for the SMA connector



28mm for the right edge:

- measure from the flat side as the corner is round

9mm from the outside bottom

use a 7mm drill bit for metal, not for wood nor concrete!

Remove unwanted plastic part



we need to remove the plastic reinforcement part for this particular enclosure
use a flat cutter for instance to remove and smooth the inside part
(a small plier can be used first to remove most of the part)

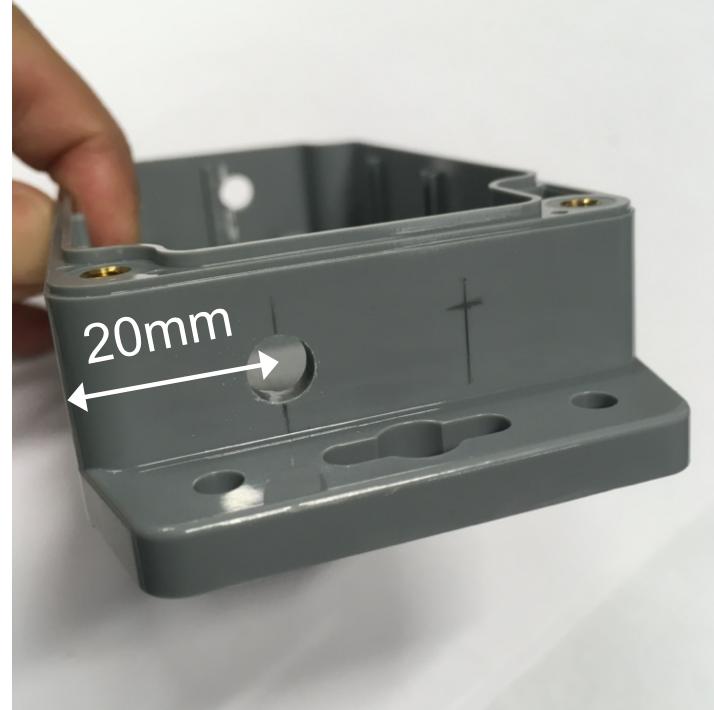
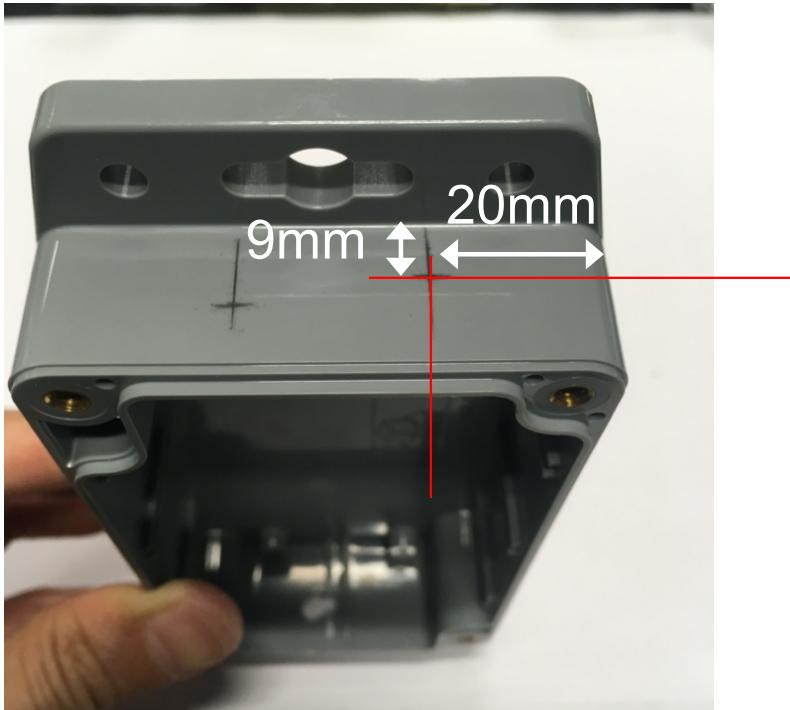
Placing the PCB board



the PCB board can be placed, with the SMA connector going through the hole

both 2-AA (left) and 1-AA (right) battery holder can be used

Drill a hole for the external switch



20mm for the right edge:

- measure from the flat side as the corner is round

9mm from the outside bottom

use a 7mm drill bit for metal

Drill a hole for the cable gland



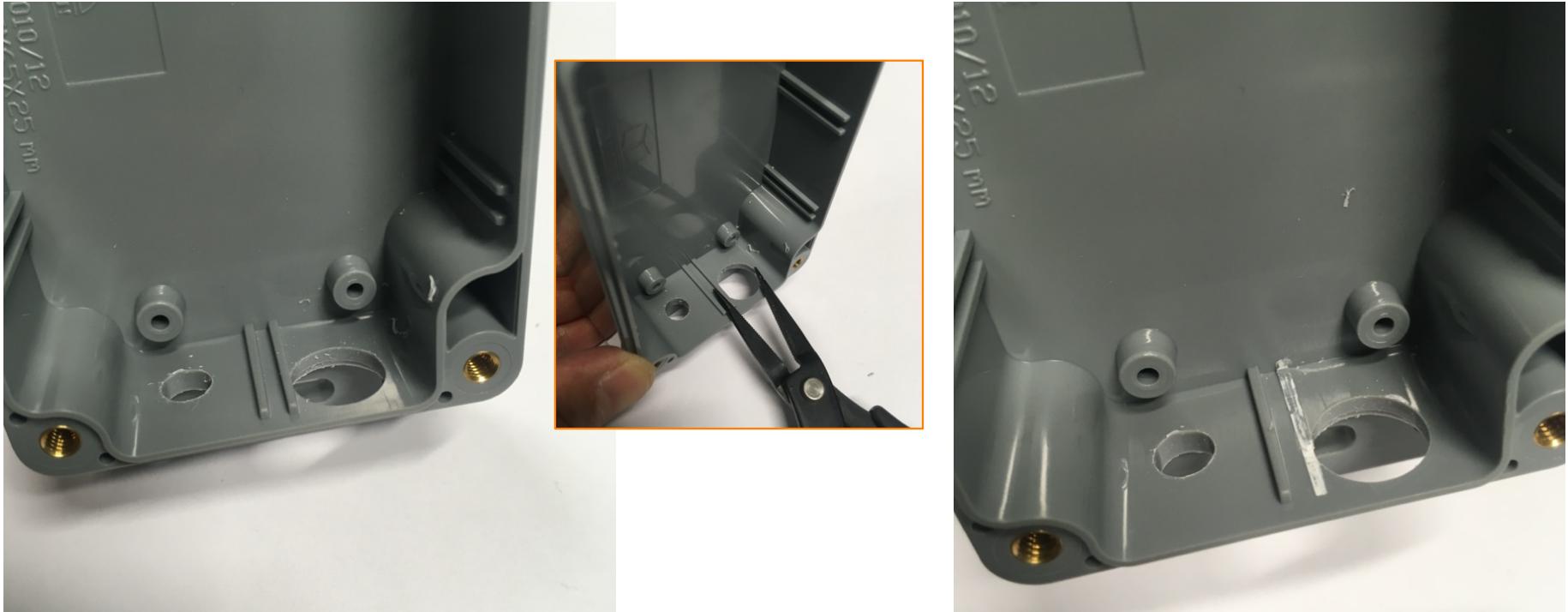
41mm for the right edge:

- measure from the flat side as the corner is round

9mm from the outside bottom

use a 13mm drill bit for metal

Remove unwanted plastic part



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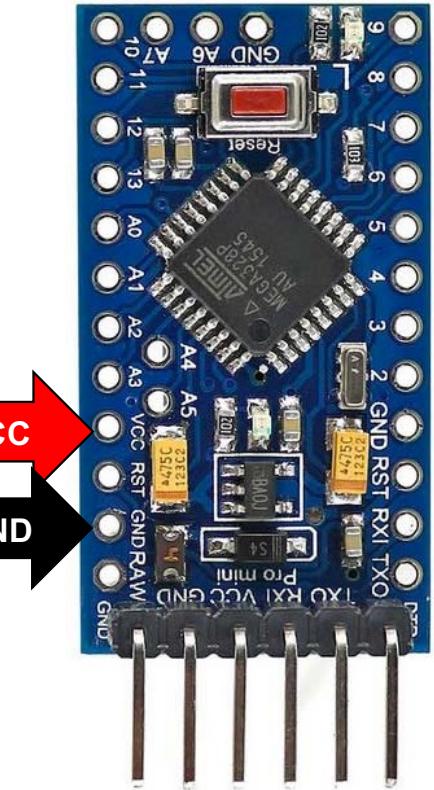
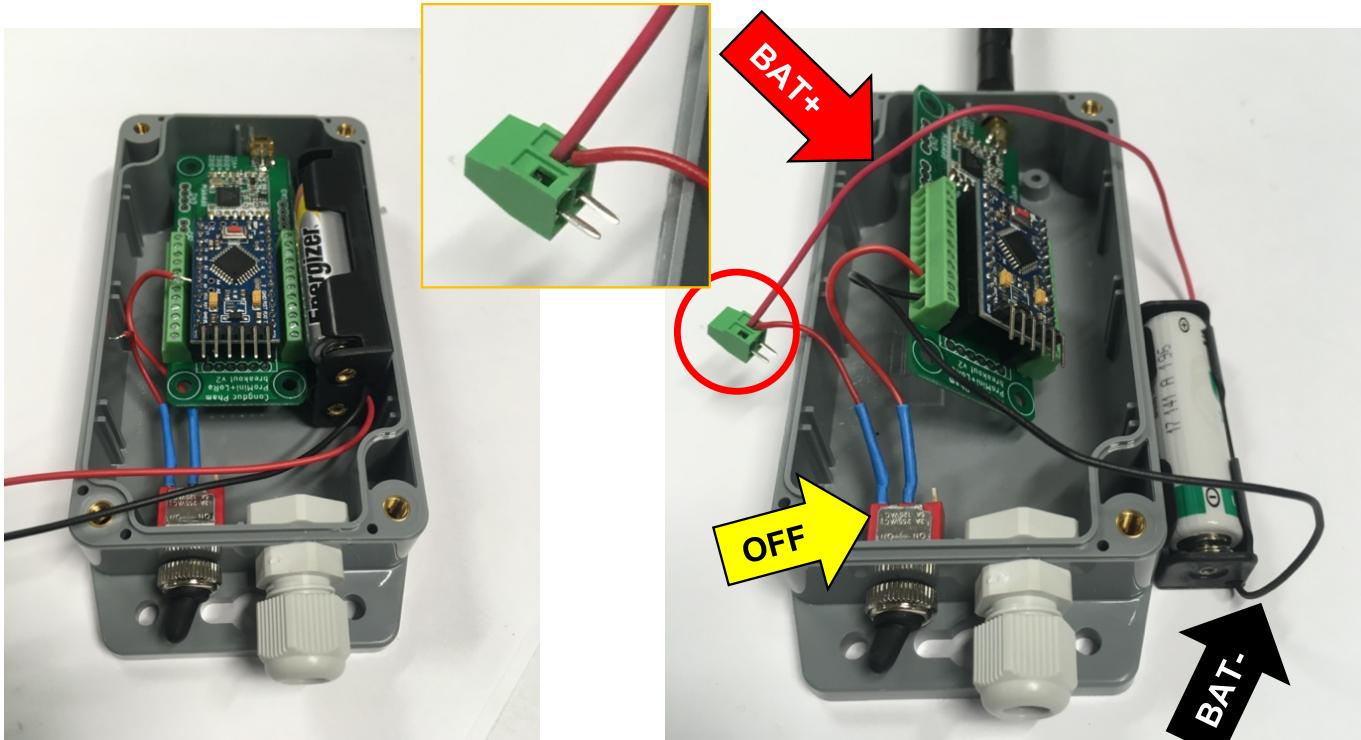
Placing switch and cable gland



test that everything is OK

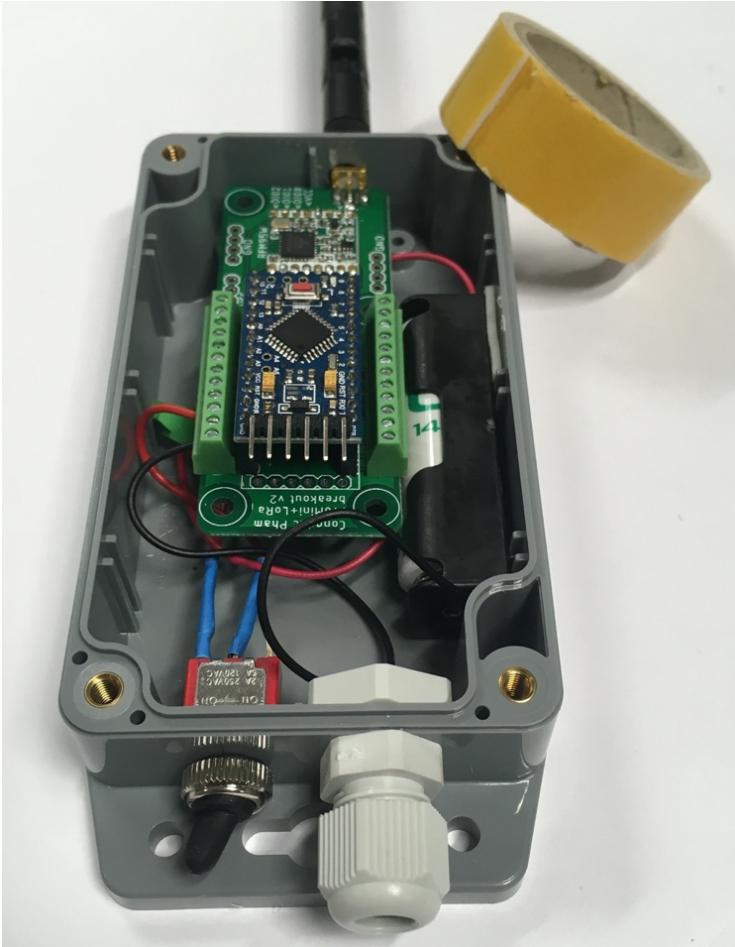
the switch has a water-proof cap

Connecting switch, battery & board



Connect together switch "off" pin (left) with BAT +
 Connect directly switch "on" pin (middle) to board's VCC
 Connect directly BAT – to board(s) GND
 Toggling the switch to right will then power the board

Putting it altogether

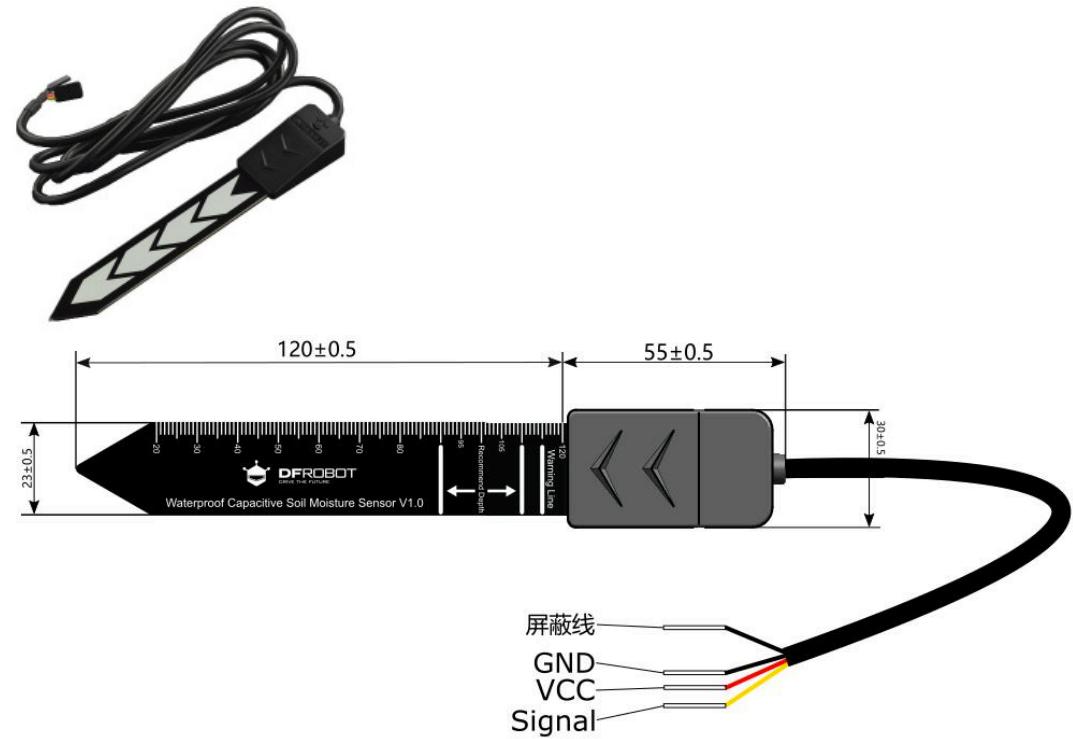


Here we use a 1-AA battery pack
Fix the battery pack with double-side tape
e.g. those used to fix mirrors on wall
Then we use a 3.6V Lithium battery

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how to build the outdoor soil device
<https://youtu.be/zcazzDbXvHk>



Last step: connect the SEN0308

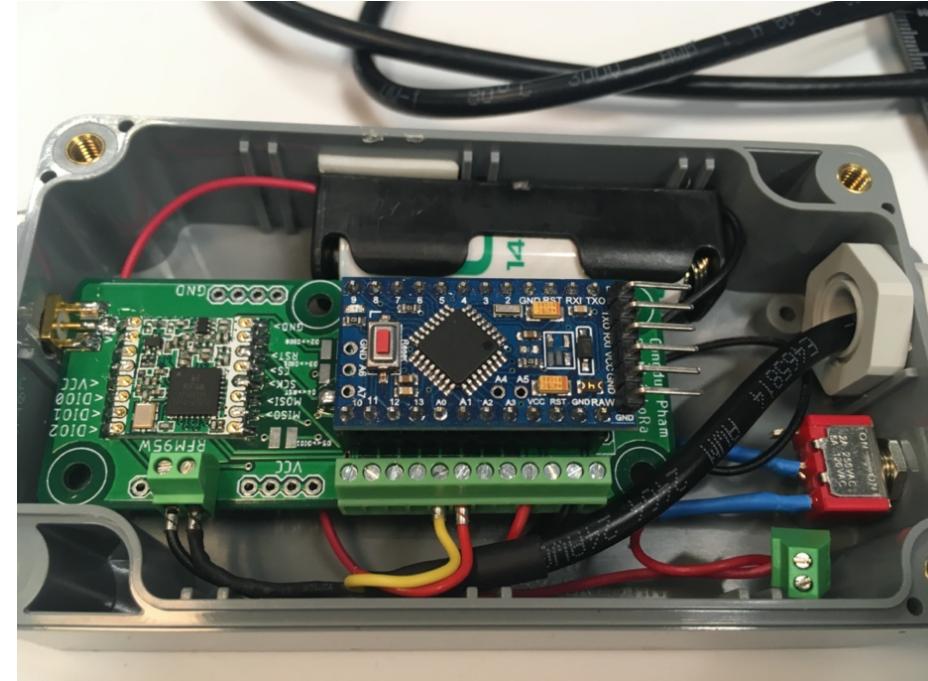
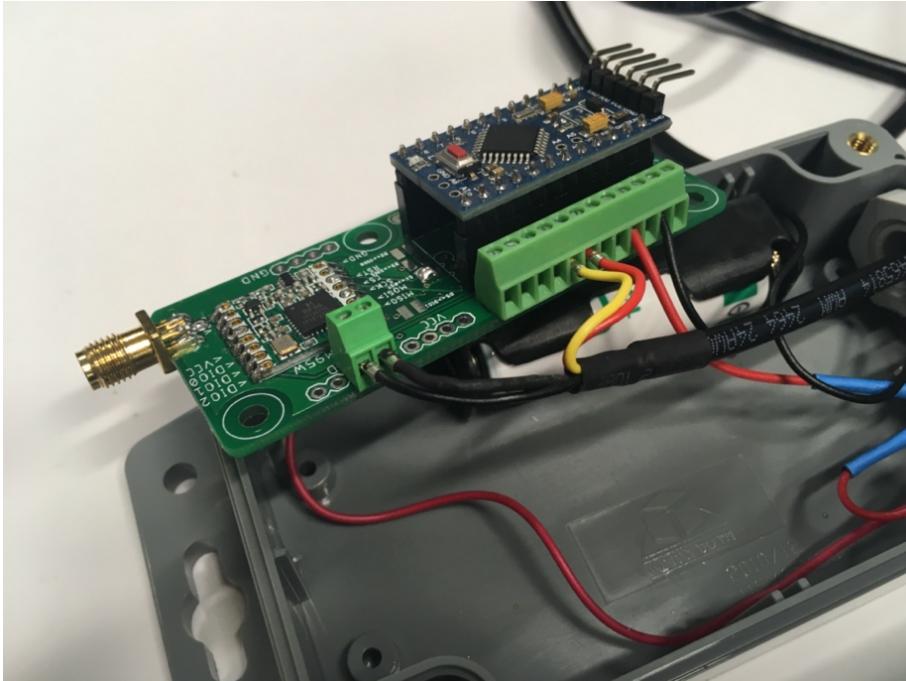


Insert sensor's wire through cable gland

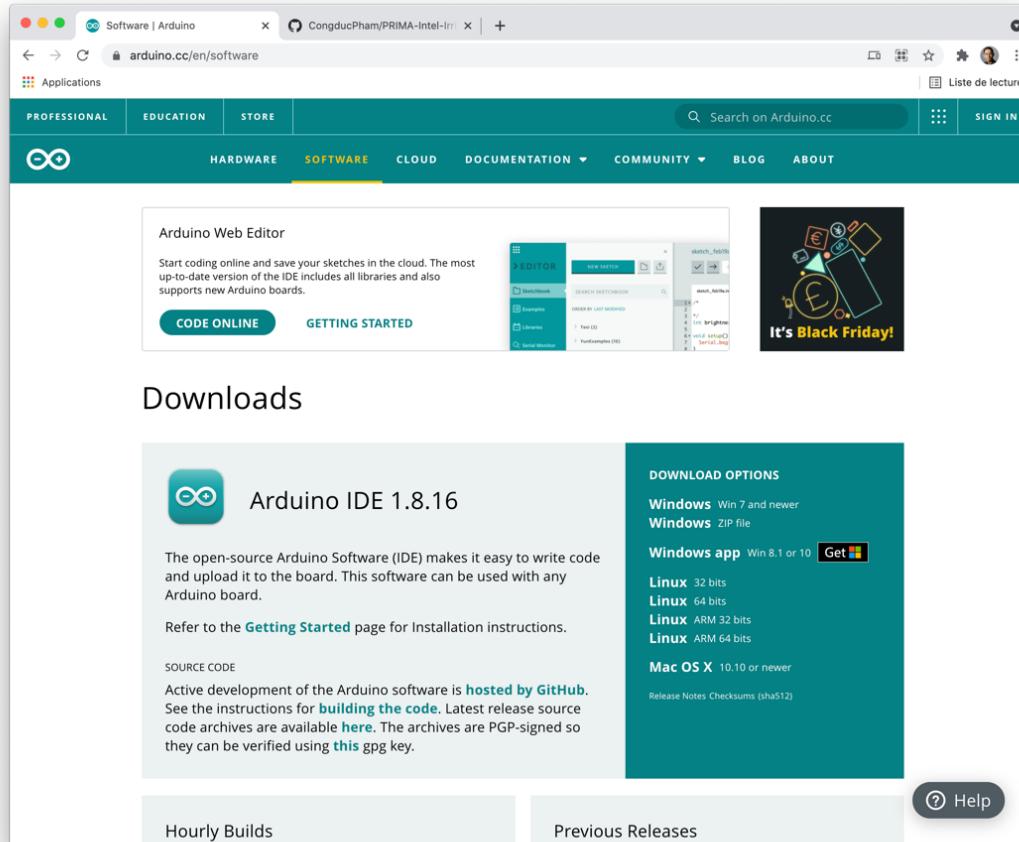
Connect SEN0308's wires to board:

- VCC to board's A1
- GND to board's GND (there are 2 GND wires)
- Signal to board's A0

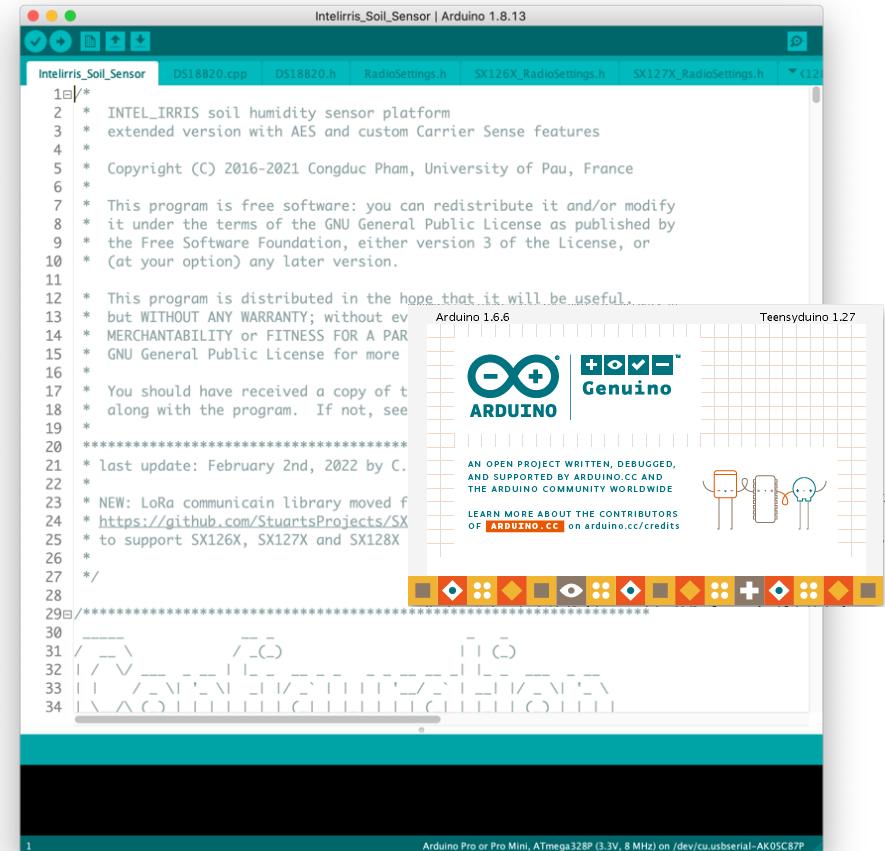
The complete soil sensor device



Getting the software: Arduino IDE



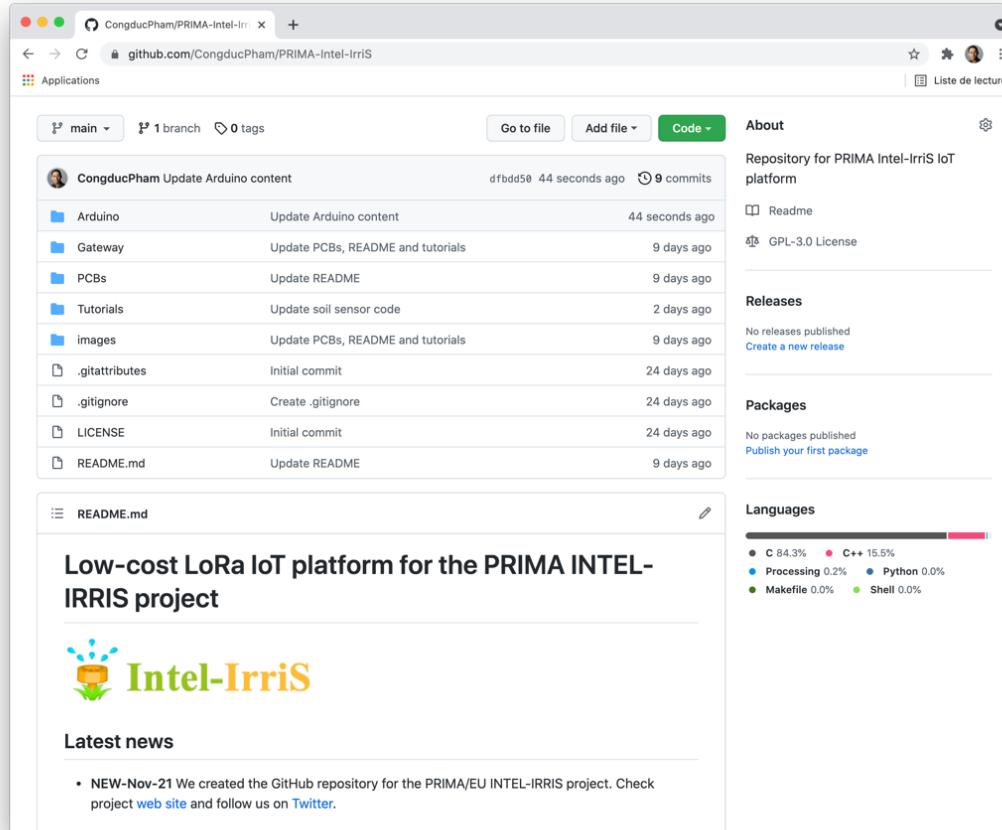
The screenshot shows the Arduino website's download section for the Arduino IDE 1.8.16. It features a large image of the IDE interface with a "It's Black Friday!" promotion. Below the image, there are two main download options: "CODE ONLINE" and "GETTING STARTED". The "GETTING STARTED" option leads to the installation instructions. On the right, there is a "DOWNLOAD OPTIONS" section with links for Windows (Win 7 and newer, ZIP file), Windows app (Get), Linux (32 bits, 64 bits, ARM 32 bits, ARM 64 bits), and Mac OS X (10.10 or newer). There are also links for "Release Notes" and "Checksums (sha512)". At the bottom, there are links for "Hourly Builds" and "Previous Releases", and a "Help" button.



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface running on a Mac. The title bar says "Intelirris_Soil_Sensor | Arduino 1.8.16". The code editor contains a sketch for the Intel-Irris soil humidity sensor platform. The code includes comments about the license (GPL v3.0), copyright (C) 2016-2021 Congduc Pham, University of Pau, France, and a note that it is free software. It also mentions the Arduino 1.6.6 and Teensyduino 1.2.7 boards. The code ends with a footer about the contributors and the Arduino community. The status bar at the bottom shows "Arduino Pro or Pro Mini, ATmega328P (3.3V, 8 MHz) on /dev/cu.usbserial-AK05C87P".

Install latest version of Arduino IDE from
<https://www.arduino.cc/en/software>

Getting the software: Intel-IrriS code

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for CongducPham/PRIMA-Intel-IrriS. The repository has 1 branch and 0 tags. The main commit is by CongducPham, updating Arduino content. The repository is described as a "Repository for PRIMA Intel-IrriS IoT platform". It includes a Readme, a GPL-3.0 License, and no releases or packages published. The Languages section shows C at 84.3%, C++ at 15.5%, Processing at 0.2%, Python at 0.0%, Makefile at 0.0%, and Shell at 0.0%. The README.md file describes the Low-cost LoRa IoT platform for the PRIMA INTEL-Irris project. The Intel-IrriS logo is present on the page.

On your computer, create a sketch folder

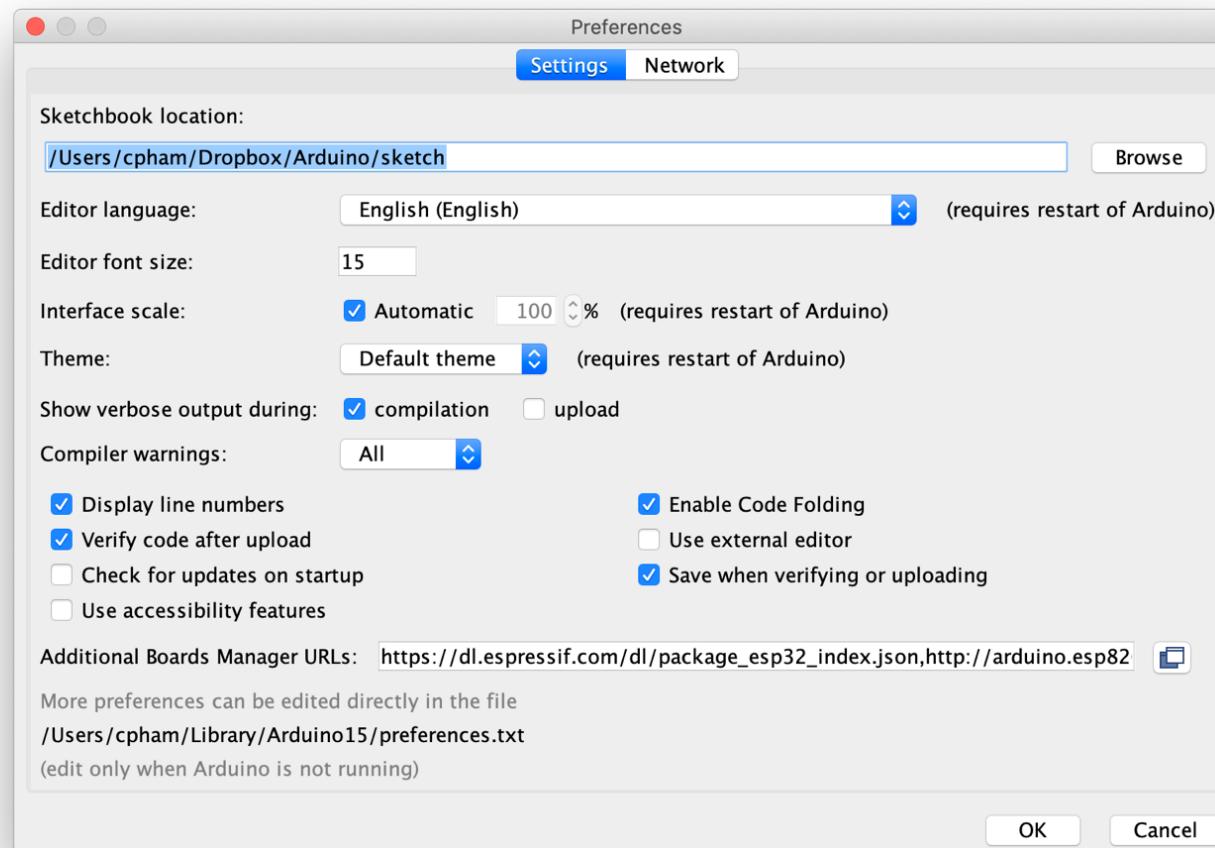
Then download the whole repository as ZIP file

Unzip the file and copy the content of Arduino folder into your sketch folder

The entire Intel-IrriS GitHub repository is hosted here
<https://github.com/CongducPham/PRIMA-Intel-IrriS>



Setting your Arduino IDE



Run Arduino IDE, open Preferences
 Indicate your sketch folder in Sketchbook location

Compiling the soil sensor code



The screenshot shows the Arduino IDE interface. The file 'Intelirris_Soil_Sensor' is open. The 'Tools' menu is open, showing various options like Auto Format, Archive Sketch, and Board selection. Under Board selection, it lists 'Board: "Arduino Pro or Pro Mini"' and 'Processor: "ATmega328P (3.3V, 8 MHz)"'. A dropdown menu for Processor shows four options: ATmega328P (5V, 16 MHz), ATmega328P (3.3V, 8 MHz) (which is checked), ATmega168 (5V, 16 MHz), and ATmega168 (3.3V, 8 MHz). The code itself is a soil sensor sketch for an ATmega328P at 8MHz.

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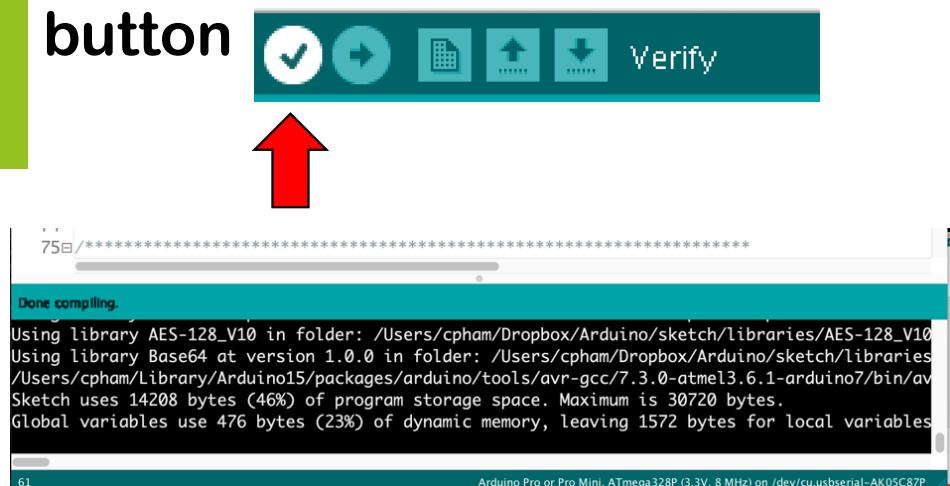
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2 *  INTEL_IRRIS
3 *  extended version
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17 *  along with the program. If not, see <http://www.gnu.org/licenses/>.
18 *
19 ****
20 * last update: February 2nd, 2022 by C. Pham
21 *
22 * NEW: LoRa communicain library moved from Libelium's lib to StuartProject's lib
23 * https://github.com/StuartsProjects/SX12XX-LoRa
24 * to support SX126X, SX127X and SX128X chips (SX128X is LoRa in 2.4GHz band)
25 *
26 */
27 */
28 */
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Open Intelirris_Soil_Sensor sketch – no change required

**Select the ProMini board,
3.3V and 8MHz version**

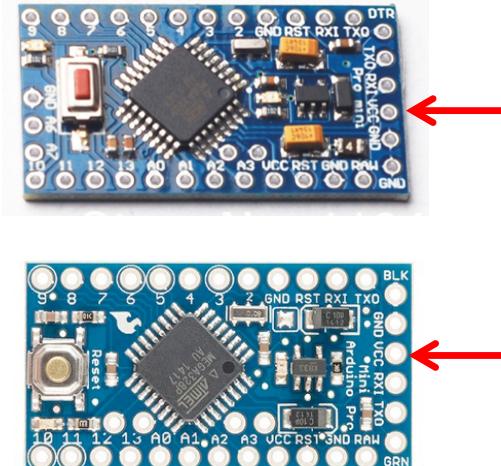
**Then click on the "verify"
button**



Connecting with an FTDI cable



Some clone version, check the VCC pin



For the ProMini, you need to have an FTDI breakout cable working at 3.3v

Check the VCC pin position and make it to correspond to the VCC pin of the FTDI breakout.

Select serial port for uploading



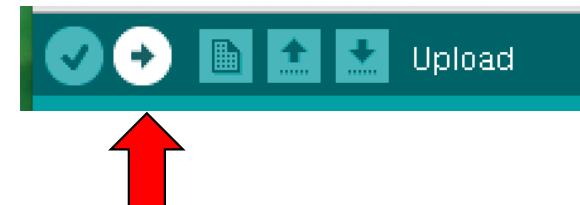
After connecting the cable to your computer/laptop USB port, try to find the serial port

If you don't find it, you may need to install specific drivers

<https://learn.sparkfun.com/tutorials/how-to-install-ch340-drivers/all>

Uploading to your board

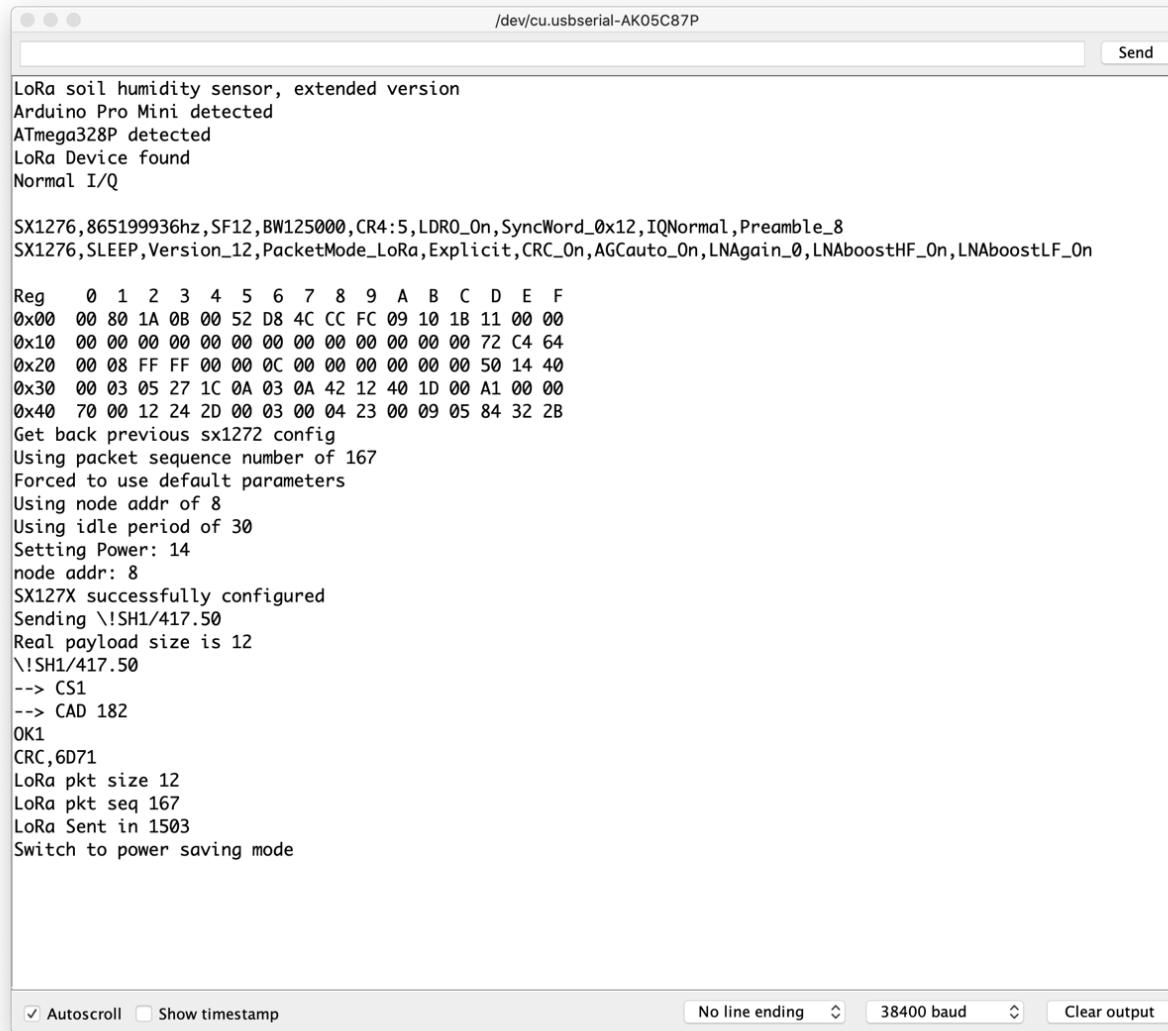
Click on the "upload" button



And wait until upload is completed

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27 */  
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Sketch uses 14208 bytes (46%) of program storage space. Maximum is 30720 bytes.  
Global variables use 476 bytes (23%) of dynamic memory, leaving 1572 bytes for local variables
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Checking that device is operational



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled '/dev/cu.usbserial-AK05C87P' displaying the output of a LoRa soil humidity sensor. The output includes:

- Device detection: LoRa soil humidity sensor, extended version; Arduino Pro Mini detected; ATmega328P detected; LoRa Device found; Normal I/Q.
- Radio parameters: SX1276, 865199936hz, SF12, BW125000, CR4:5, LDR0_On, SyncWord_0x12, IQNormal, Preamble_8.
- Configuration: SX1276, SLEEP, Version_12, PacketMode_LoRa, Explicit, CRC_On, AGCAuto_On, LNAGain_0, LNABoostHF_On, LNABoostLF_On.
- Registers (Reg 0-15): Hex values for each register.
- Configuration steps: Get back previous sx1272 config, Using packet sequence number of 167, Forced to use default parameters, Using node addr of 8, Using idle period of 30, Setting Power: 14, node addr: 8.
- Transmission: SX127X successfully configured, Sending \!SH1/417.50, Real payload size is 12, \!SH1/417.50.
- ACK: --> CS1, --> CAD 182, OK1, CRC, 6D71.
- Power saving: LoRa pkt size 12, LoRa pkt seq 167, LoRa Sent in 1503, Switch to power saving mode.

At the bottom of the window are checkboxes for 'Autoscroll' and 'Show timestamp', and dropdown menus for 'No line ending' and '38400 baud' along with a 'Clear output' button.

Open serial monitor

Set baud rate to 38400

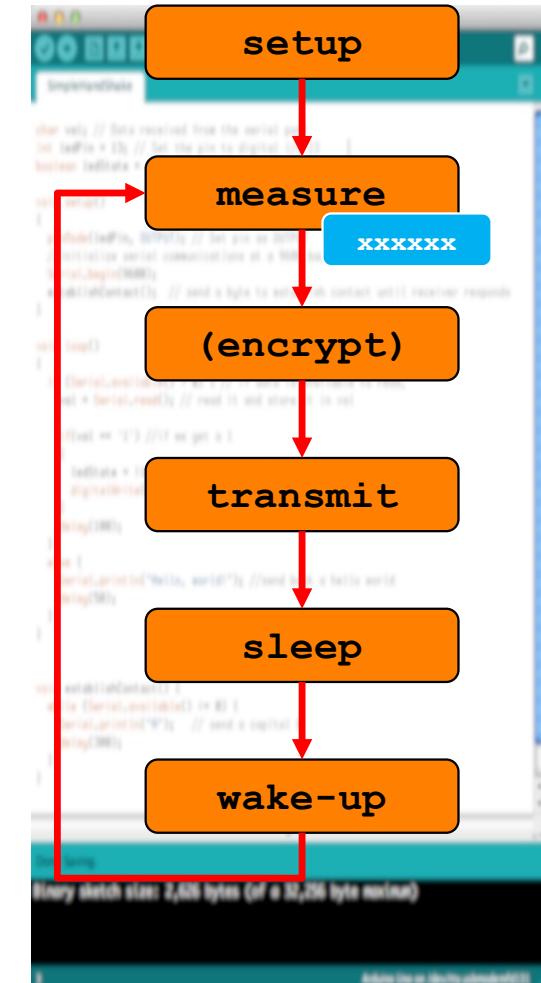
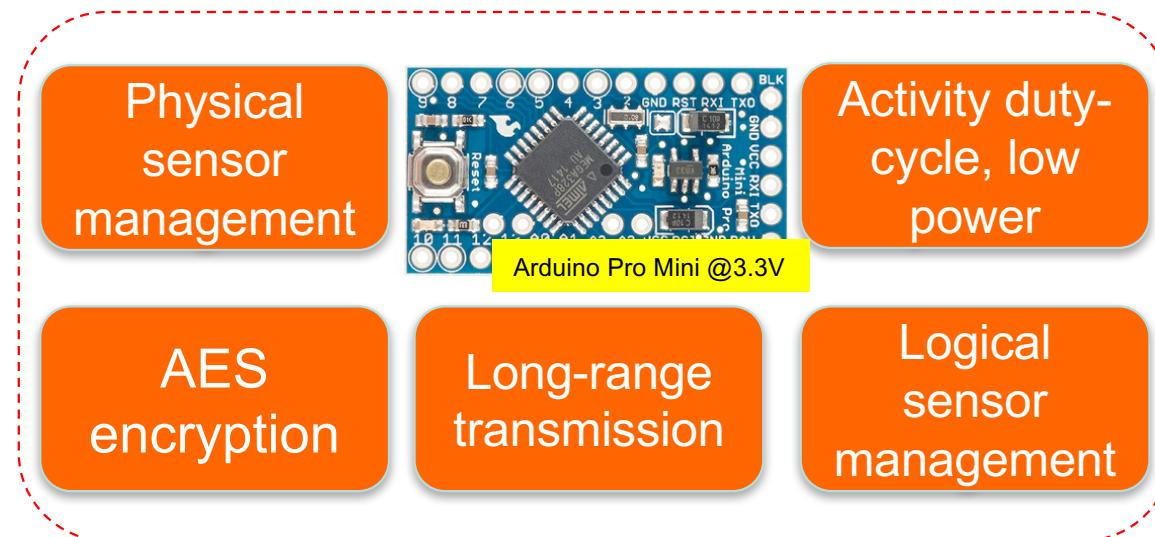
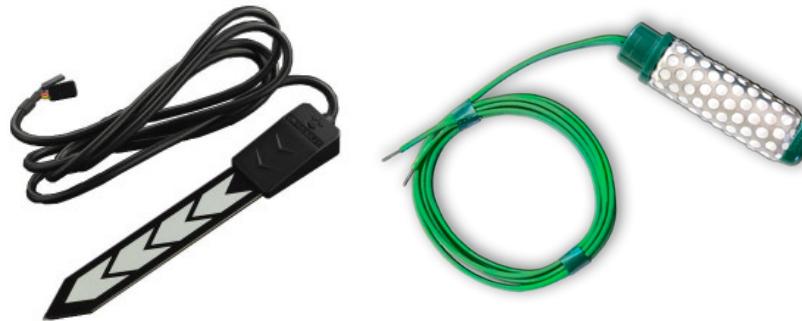
See output from board

**Check that
transmission is OK**

Generic & cyclic behavior

2 soil sensors can be attached

A0 (signal), A1 (pwr)
 &
 A2 (signal), A3 (pwr)



Testing transmission to gateway



Default parameters

raw LoRa
SF12BW125
865.2 MHz
node id is 8
1 msg/30mins
1 sensor
ex: \! SH1/750.50

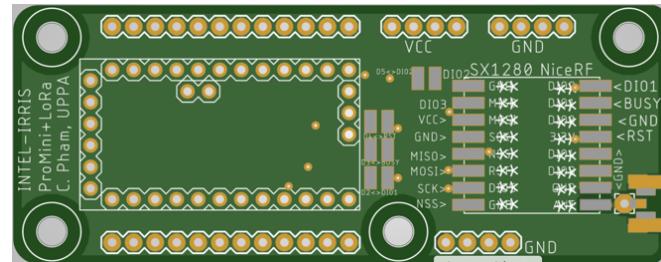


This dedicated video will show all these steps, from connecting the SEN0308 to testing transmission to the gateway
<https://youtu.be/zcazzDbXvHk>



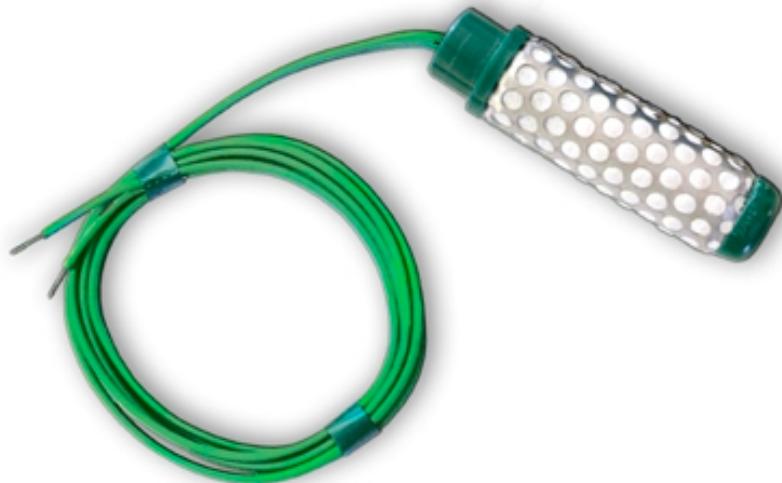
Advanced options

- The Intelirris_Soil_Sensor sketch can
 - Drive SX127X, SX126X and SX128X LoRa chips
 - SX128X requires a dedicated PCB for NiceRF SX1280



- Send AES 128-bit encrypted packet
- Send uplink LoRaWAN packet (encrypted)
- Receive downlink LoRaWAN packet
- Be configured to read from 2 SEN0308 soil sensors
- Be configured to read from a Watermark tensiometer sensor
- Support WaziSense and WaziDev boards

With a Watermark sensor



with a Watermark sensor, the "pseudo-AC Short Pulse" method will be used – see <https://www.irrometer.com/200ss.html>
D6 and D7 will be used to alternating power the sensor
A0 and A1 will be used to read signal from sensor



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In-the-box