



# Intel-IrriS

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

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## Technical Annex for D1.2a

Low-cost sensor generic platforms for connected  
irrigation system

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List of hardware part

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## 1. GATEWAY

- Raspberry: we recommend RPI3B. RPI3B+/4B could also be used.



You also need an 8GB or 16GB or 32GB SD card **class 10**

RPI3B/3B+/4B have built-in WiFi

## 2. SOIL DEVICE

- Arduino Pro Mini (take the 3.3v, 8MHz version). Original version is from Sparkfun illustrated below.

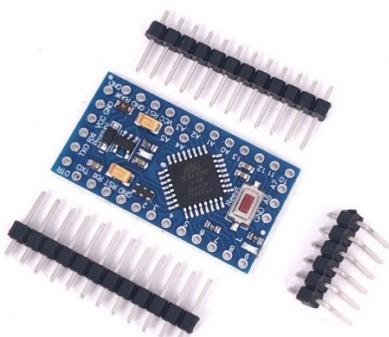


3.3v and 8MHz version

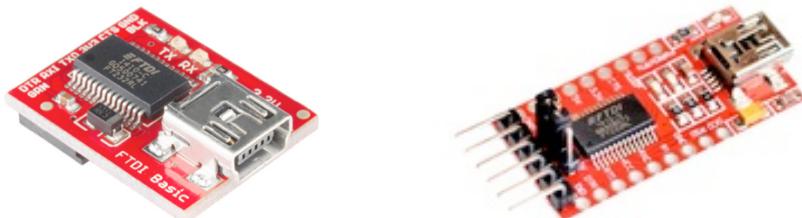
However, can be bought as low as 1.5€ from Chinese manufacturers.

List: <http://www.aliexpress.com/popular/arduino-pro-mini-328.html>

one provider: <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/1005001621723982.html>



You will also need the FTDI breakout (3.3v version) to program the board. You need only one to program all your boards. Original product from Sparkfun is here: <https://www.sparkfun.com/products/9873>



We tested a Chinese one (on the right) that can be set either at 5v or 3.3v. Much cheaper! <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32648254875.html>

## LORA RADIO MODULES

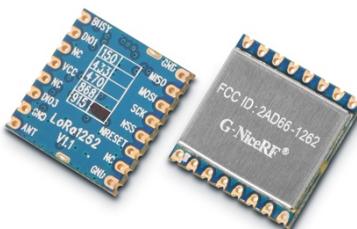
- The RFM95W (868MHz) and RFM96W (433MHz) LoRa module from HopeRF are very popular modules that you can buy from many Chinese manufacturers. It requires a breakout board as it is very small. Its advantage is to be easily integrated on a PCB board



<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32844406764.html>

(choose frequency for the correct model)

- The NiceRF SX1262, NiceRF SX1268 and NiceRF SX1280 LoRa modules from NiceRF embed the newest LoRa SX1262 (868MHz), SX1268 (433MHz) and SX1280 (2.4GHz) chips from Semtech. They have the same footprint than the RFM95W so same PCB breakout can be used with little modifications

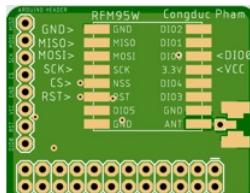


NiceRF SX1262

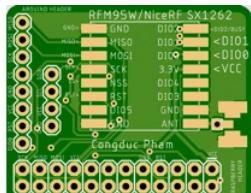
SX1262: <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32959012033.html>

SX1280: <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32946774361.html>

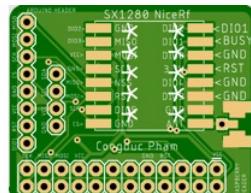
## PCBs (from UPPA and/or WAZIUP)



Old RFM95W breakout



RFM95W/NiceRF SX1262 breakout



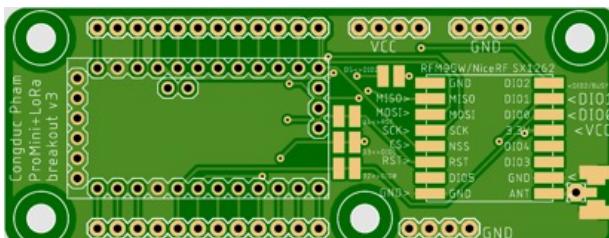
NiceRF SX1280 breakout



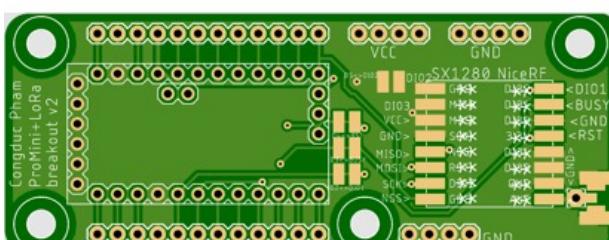
RFM95W, SX1276



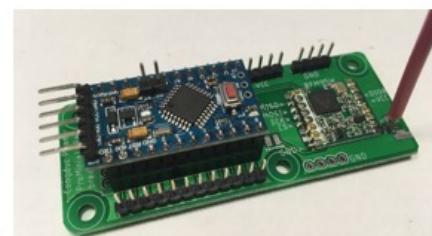
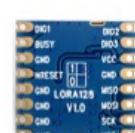
NiceRF SX1262

NiceRF SX1280  
LoRa 2.4GHzProMini LoRa RFM95W  
can work with NiceRF SX1262

RFM95W, SX1276 NiceRF SX1262



ProMini LoRa NiceRF SX1280



## PCBs from UPPA:

<https://github.com/CongducPham/LowCostLoRaGw/tree/master/PCBs>

<https://github.com/CongducPham/PRIMA-Intel-Irris/tree/main/PCBs>

## Displays

- 0.96" small OLED displays

<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32920071528.html>



## Antenna and related components

- Simple whip (monopole) antenna for both devices and gateway

433MHz -

5dBi <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32806809309.html>

3dBi <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32963197821.html>

868MHz -

5dBi <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32921480326.html>

3dBi <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32964912902.html>



- Specific antennas for gateway. **optional**

Ground plane,  $\frac{1}{2}$  wave dipole (e.g. sleeve dipole, center-fed), or fiberglass antennas are best choice for the gateway if you need a cable extension to put the antenna outdoor.



<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32801738509.html>



<https://www.lextronic.fr/antennes/507-antenne-868-mhz-ground-plane-pour-base.html>

- If the antenna must be placed on a higher position, you would need an extension coaxial cable. Take an RG58 cable, SMA male to SMA female. **optional**



<https://www.aliexpress.com/item/1005002733346503.html>

at the end of an extension cable, the simple 1/4 whip (~ monopole) antenna is not really suitable. A dipole antenna, or a compact sleeve dipole antenna is necessary (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcho1gJ2xEQ>).

- SMA female PCB connector for 1.6mm PCB



<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32955045280.html>

- Pigtail RG316 SMA male to SMA female. **optional**



<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/1005002462162713.html>

- or this one to solder directly on the PCB board without the SMA female PCB connector. **optional**



<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/1005001475479079.html>

If you want to build your own antenna or adjust the length of the antenna cable, then you will need the following items. **optional**

- SMA connectors (for cable model RG58) for custom antenna cable.



SMA Female



SMA

Male

- Coax crimping tool (with RG58 format) and RG58 coax cable



## SIMPLE PHYSICAL SENSOR FOR TEST AND DEMONSTRATION

- Soil moisture sensors: Capacitive Gravity SEN0193 (left) & Gravity SEN0308 (middle), water tension Irrrometer Watermark (right)



## WIRES, CASING, AND VARIOUS ADDITIONAL PARTS

- Breadboard/Dupont cables: need both M-F and F-F

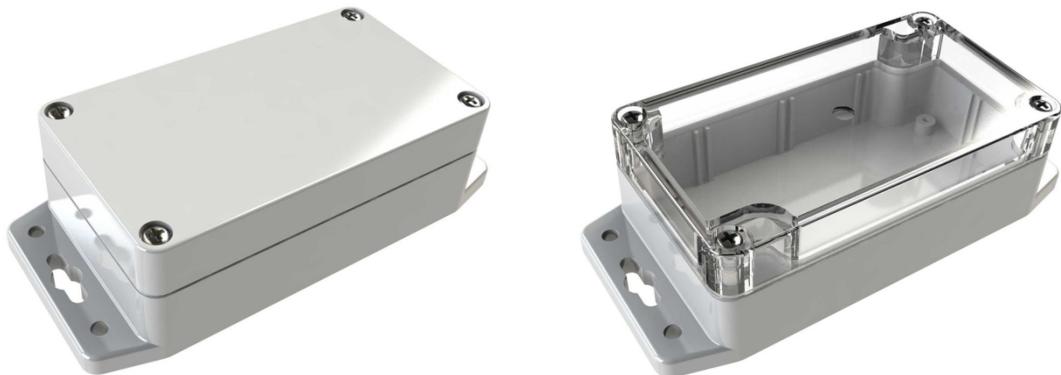


M-F

F-F

take those that are about 10cm to 20cm maximum.

- Water-proof cases: electric out-door cases for instance



from <https://www.polycase.com/> or <https://www.gotronic.fr/art-boitier-abs-etanche-g304m-17977.htm> or any water-proof casing you can find suitable from your local hardware/electric stores.

- You may need your own cable gland to have a real customized case



we take PG7 size for device case

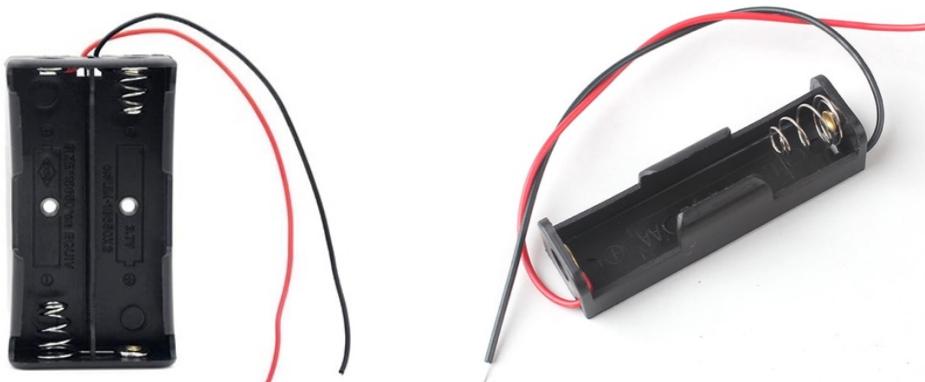
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/10000132999214.html>

- Some standoffs/spacer and associated screws for the gateway



take 10mm to 20mm maximum

2-AA battery couplers for the IoT device, or 1-AA slot one for 3.6V



2xAA: <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4001008150456.html>

- Small waterproof toggle switch



MTS-102, ON-ON switch

<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/33022608497.html>

**however, it more convenient to get those with the wired already attached.**



<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4000286754686.html> and buy the waterproof cap separately:  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/33022608497.html>

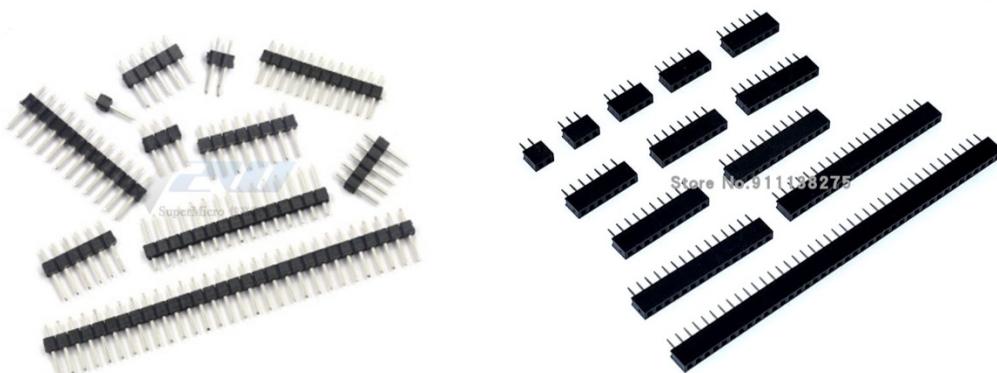
There is another provider of pre-wired waterproof small switch but it is a bit more expensive. **optional**



<https://www.superbrightleds.com/moreinfo/rocker-pushbutton-remote-switches/mini-onoff-toggle-switch-wired/1356/3109/>

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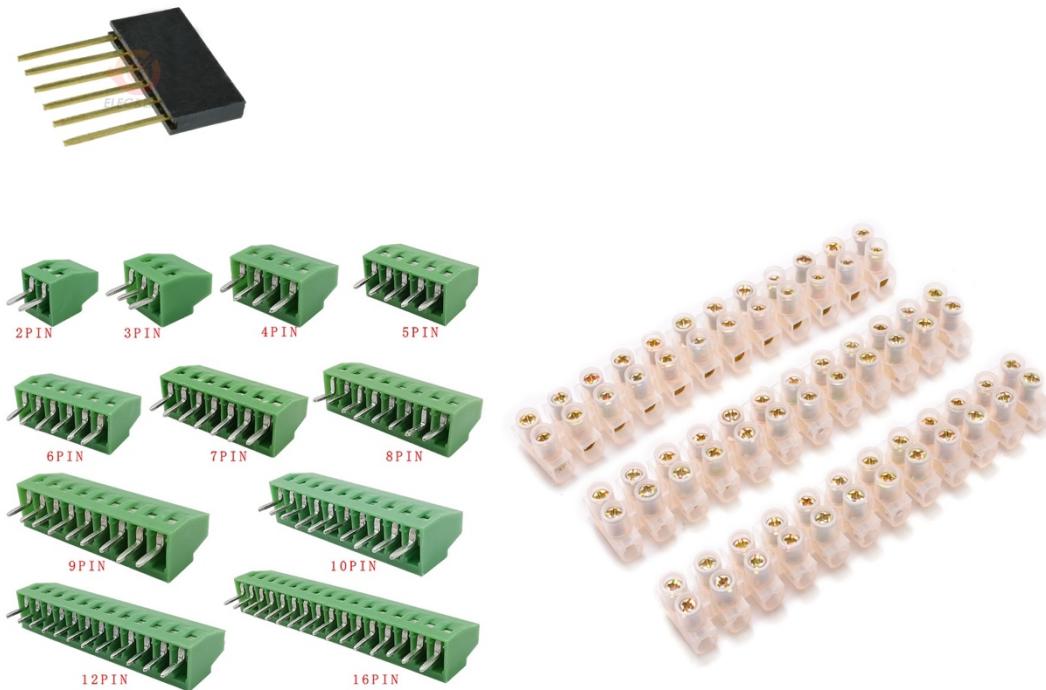
Various 2.54mm pin headers (male, female), 2.54mm screw terminal, screw block connection strips



Female header pin: <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32970948352.html>

The most used female header is the 12-pins.

It is also useful to have female header with longer pins such as these ones: <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4001351715019.html>



Screw terminal: <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4000867583795.html>

## SOLDERING MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT MANDATORY BUT ARE ALWAYS GOOD TO HAVE!

- A simple soldering iron with thin solder wire



- or a good soldering station if you want to invest, much recommended



<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4000845052069.html>

- A set of heat-shrink tubes to isolate wires / silicon for joints

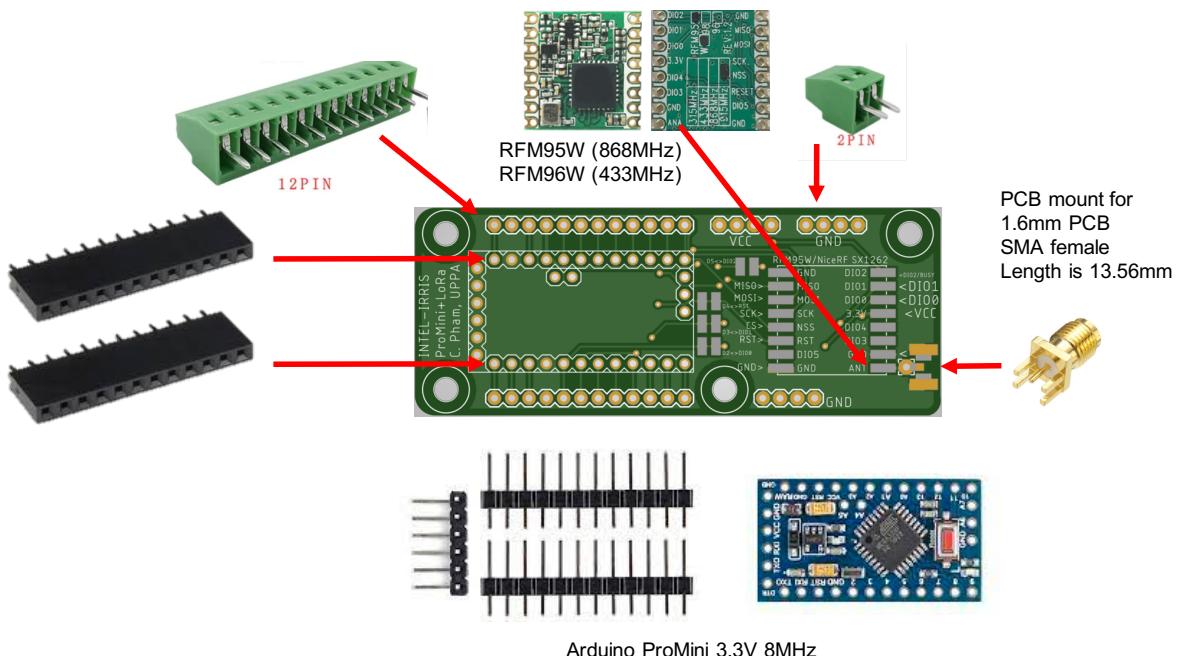


(\*) provided web links to some vendors are only given as example.  
You can search from other vendor to optimize cost.

### 3. EXPECTED RESULTS



## 4. BOM FOR INTEL-IRRIS STARTER-KIT



- 12-pin and 2-pin screw terminal block  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4000867583795.html>
  - 12-pin female header  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32970948352.html>
  - RFM95W (868MHz) or RFM96W (433MHz)  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32844406764.html>
  - SMA female PCB connector  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32955045280.html>
  - Arduino ProMini 3.3v 8MHz  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/1005001621723982.html>
  - Flat-face seal for outer antenna junction (6x11x0.8mm), left  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4000368310126.html>
  - Flat-face seal for inner antenna junction (14x5x0.5 mm), right  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/1005004643934924.html>

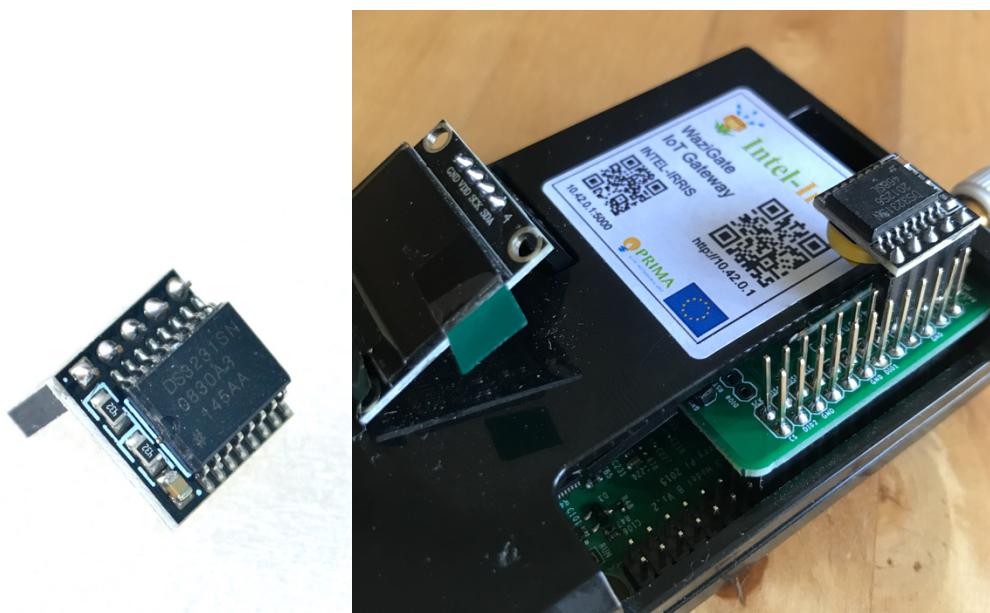




- ABS waterproof enclosure  
<https://www.gotronic.fr/art-boitier-abs-etanche-g304m-17977.htm>
- SEN0308 capacitive soil sensor  
<https://www.gotronic.fr/art-capteur-d-humidite-capacitif-gravity-sen0308-32249.htm>
- DS18B20 temperature sensor for soil temperature  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32827810300.html>  
you will need a 4.7 kOhm resistor
- Irrometer Watermark water tension sensor  
<https://www.challenge-agriculture.fr/en/product/makers-space/watermark-sensors-for-makers/>  
you will need a resistor from 7kOhm to 14kOhm (we use 10kOhm)
- 2-AA battery holder  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4001008150456.html>
- switch with pre-soldered wires  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4000286754686.html>
- waterproof cap for the switch (select just the cap)  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/33022608497.html>
- Cable gland PG7 (select PG7)  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/10000132999214.html>
- 3dBi 868MHz or 3dBi 433MHz antenna  
868MHz: <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32964912902.html>  
433MHz: <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32963197821.html>



- ABS case for RPI3B/3B+ (take just the case)  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32718435597.html>
- ABS case for RPI4B (take just the case)  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/1005004207618033.html>
- 0.96" OLED screen  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32920071528.html>
- RTC module for Raspberry gateway  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32317422637.html>





- Indoor higher gain antenna base for N-connector antenna take SMA male connector to connect to gateway radio module  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/1005004335675189.html>

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**433MHz/LoRa ANTENNA**

- Higher gain antenna with N-connector male  
this is one example, there are plenty of model but take 433MHz  
<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/1005005514194604.html>