



Intel-IrriS

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

Technical Annex for D1.2a

Low-cost sensor generic platforms for connected
irrigation system

List of hardware part

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1. GATEWAY

- Raspberry: we recommend a RPI3B+ or RPI4



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

RPI3B+/4 have built-in WiFi

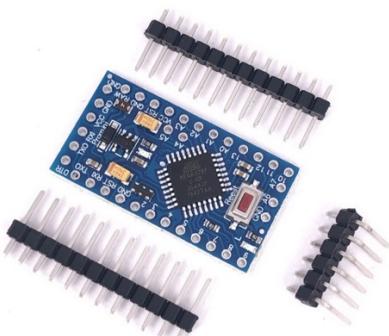
2. SOIL DEVICE

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

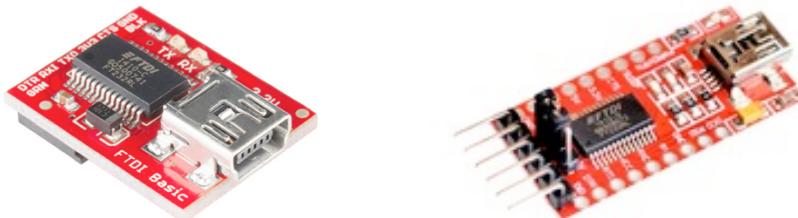


3.3v and 8MHz version

However, can be bought as low as 1.5€ from Chinese manufacturers.
<http://www.aliexpress.com/popular/arduino-pro-mini-328.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>



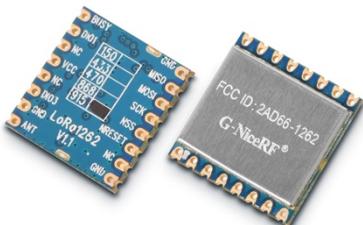
We tested a Chinese one (on the right) that can be set either at 5v or 3.3v. Much cheaper! <https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/32648254875.html>

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



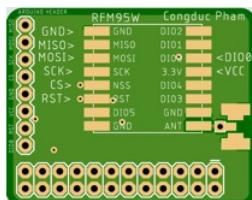
- The NiceRF SX1262, NiceRF SX1268 and NiceRF SX1280 LoRa modules from NiceRF embed the newest LoRa SX1262 (868MHz), SX1268 (433MHz) and SX1280 (2.4GHz) chips from Semtech. They have the same footprint than the RFM95W so same PCB breakout can be used with little modifications



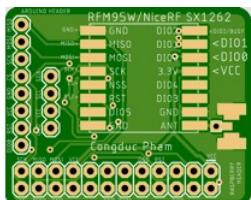
NiceRF SX1262

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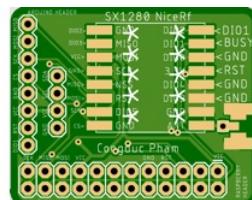
PCBs (from UPPA and/or WAZIUP)



Old RFM95W breakout



RFM95W/NiceRF SX1262



NiceRF SX1280 breakout



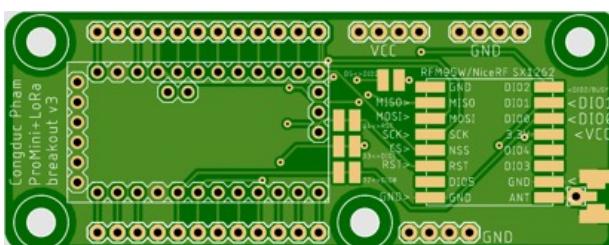
Radio module back view



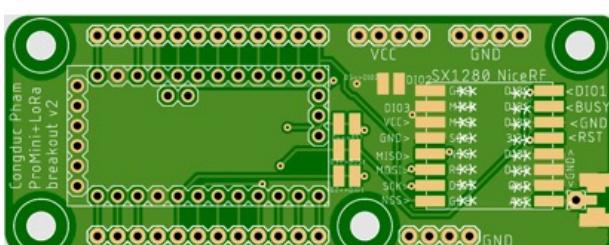
RFM95W, SX1276



NiceRF SX1262

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

RFM95W, SX1276 NiceRF SX1262



ProMini LoRa NiceRF SX1280

NiceRF SX1280
LoRa 2.4GHz

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



<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



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

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



<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.

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



SMA Female



SMA

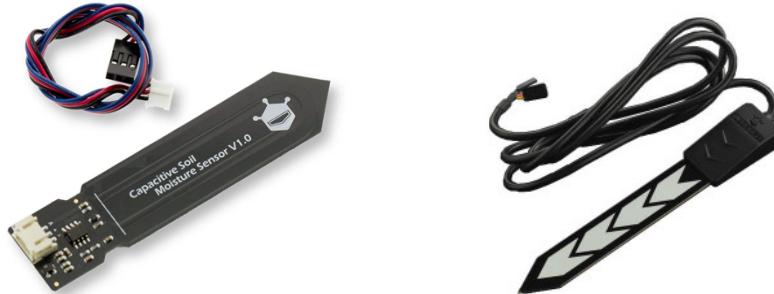
Male

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



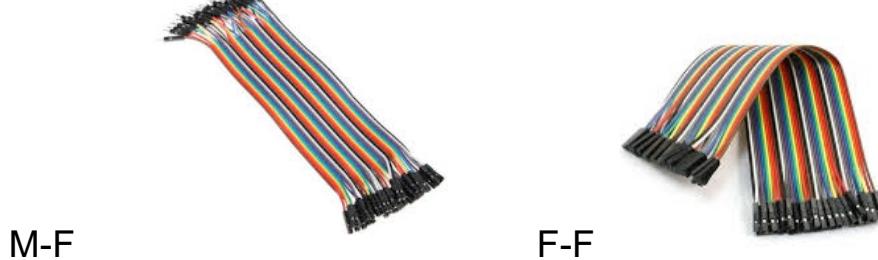
SIMPLE PHYSICAL SENSOR FOR TEST AND DEMONSTRATION

- Capacitive soil humidity sensors: Gravity SEN0193 (left), Gravity SEN0308 (right)



WIRES, CASING, AND VARIOUS ADDITIONAL PARTS

- Breadboard/Dupont cables: need both M-F and 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 any water-proof casing you can find suitable from your local hardware/electric stores

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



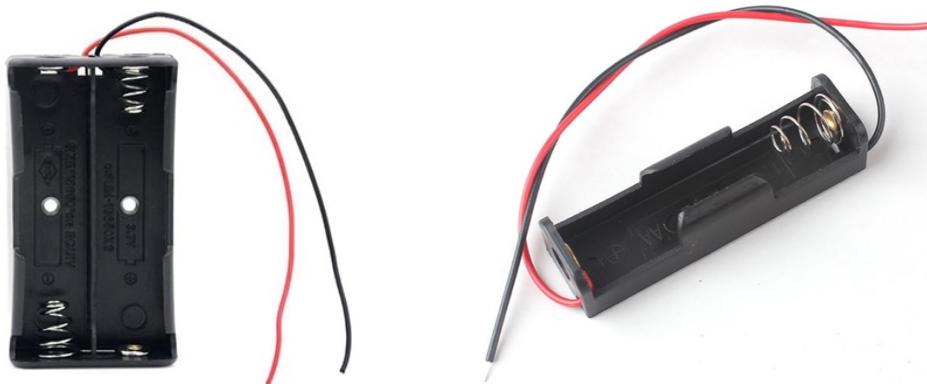
(search on AliExpress)

- 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



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<https://fr.aliexpress.com/item/4000859859685.html>

- Small waterproof toggle switch



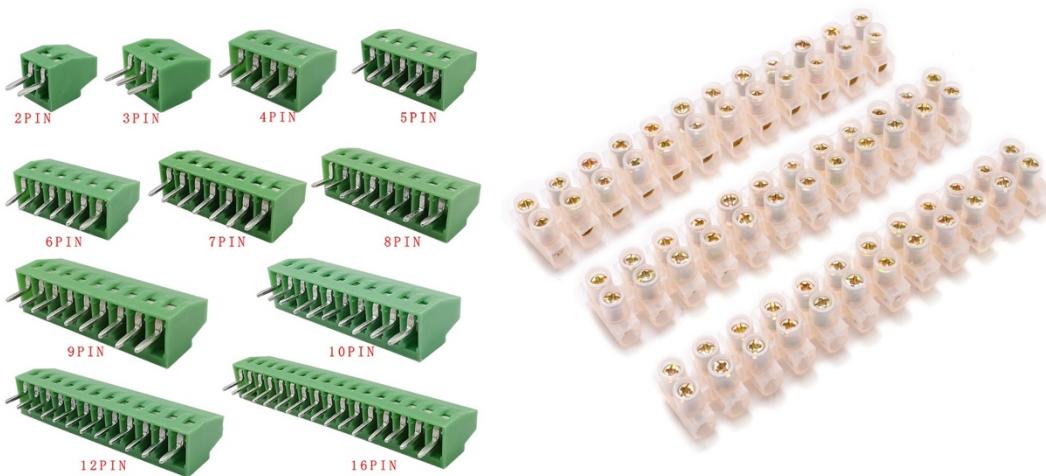
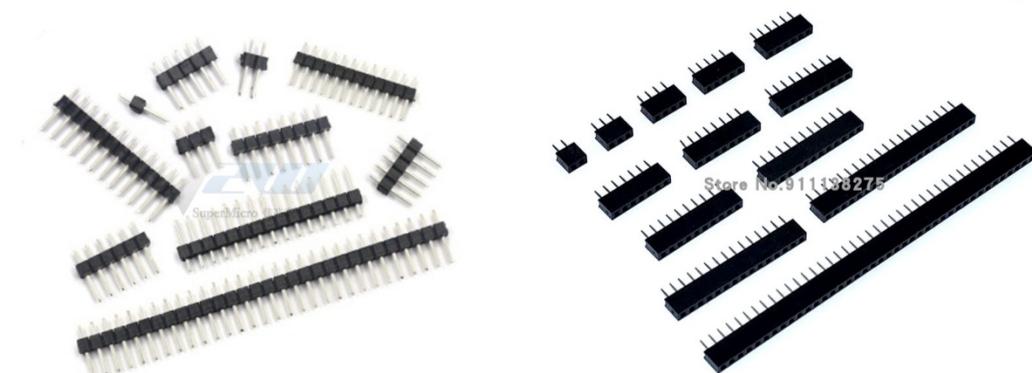
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however, it better to get those with the wired already attached



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

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



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



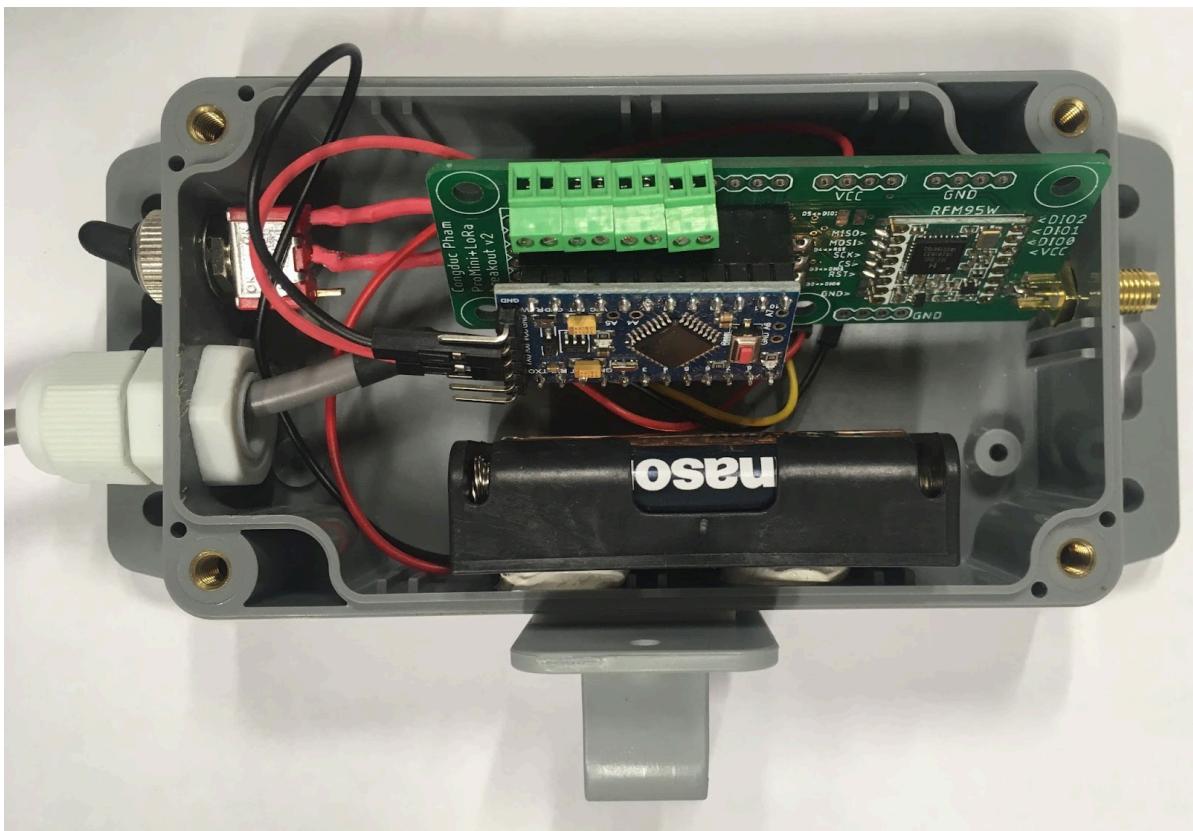
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- A set of heat-shrink tubes to isolate wires / silicon for joints



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

3. EXPECTED RESULTS



with a pigtail SMA cable

