



# AgroSense Soil Moisture Sensor LoRaWAN® Manual V1.2

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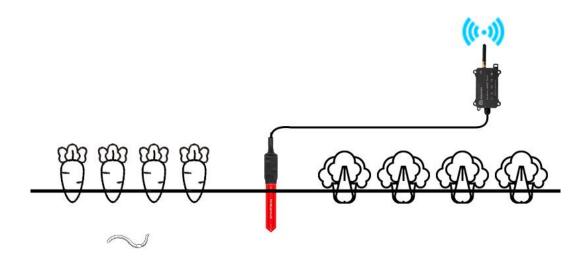
### AgroSense Soil Moisture Sensor LoRaWAN®

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# **1 Product Description**

### 1.1 Introduction

AgroSense LoRaWAN® Soil Moisture Sensor measures the Soil Humidity at the range of 12-bit ADC,  $-40^{\circ}$ C to  $85^{\circ}$ C with capacitive method, also with highly waterproof performance tested to IP68, making it widely applicable in **agricultural environmental sensing scenarios to support the smart agricultural production.** 



The sensor benefits from LoRaWAN, which ensures stability and reliability. It is capable of covering a long transmission range while maintaining low power consumption. Unlike wireline devices, it is battery-powered, reducing the workload and complexity of deployment, design and development for end-users that can work via powering it, and setting the configuration in the cloud server, for LoRaWAN® remote monitoring. It monitors the Soil Moisture and report every 1 hour.



### 1.2 Feature

- Includes a **high precision** sensor.
- Compatible with Worldwide LoRaWAN® Networks: Support the universal frequency bands EU868/ US915.
- LoRaWAN version: LoRaWAN Specification 1.0.3.
- Long Range: Up to 2 kilometers in the city, up to 10 kilometers in the wilderness, receive sensitivity -137dBm, transmit power up to 21dBm.
- Ultra-low power consumption design, traditional AAA alkaline dry battery can be used for one year.
- **Data encryption**: Provide end-to-end secure communication, including device authentication and network data encryption, to ensure the security of data transmission and prevent data theft and malicious attacks.
- High stability and reliability: good stability in noisy environments, able to penetrate buildings and obstacles, so it can maintain good communication quality in urban and suburban environments.
- Suitable for **Harsh Environments**: Can work normally under the temperature of -40  $^{\circ}$ C ~ 85  $^{\circ}$ C, IP68 waterproof, suitable for outdoor use in harsh conditions, high UV, dusty, heavy rain and other bad weather.
- Monitor data and upload real-time data regularly.
- Modify the product parameters through **AT commands**.
- Support **downlink** to modify the time interval (5min-1440min).

### 1.3 Parameter

### 1. General Parameters

Product Model	AGLWSM01
Measurement Range	12-bit ADC
Measurement Accuracy	1/4096

### 2.Wireless Parameters

Communication Protocol	Standard LoRaWAN® protocol
Network Access/Operating Mode	OTAA Class A
MAX Transmit Power	21dBm
Receiver Sensitivity	-137dBm @300bps
Frequency Band	EU868/US915

### **3.Physical Parameters**

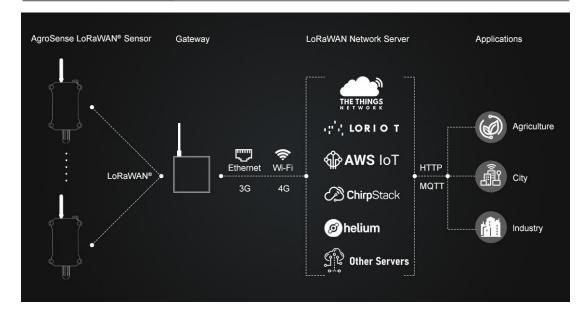
Lead Length	1 .5 meter (custom length available)
Power Supply	2 x AAA 1.5V batteries
Operating Temperature	-40°C ~85°C
Protection Class	IP68
Dimensions	131 × 62.7 × 27.5 mm
Mounting	Wall Mounting

# 2 Technical route

# 2.1 System Framework

AgroSense Soil Moisture Sensor uses LoRAWAN technology, and it network architecture includes four parts: End Nodes, Concentrator/Gateway, Network Server and Application Server.

End Nodes	It is responsible for collecting sensing data and then transmitting it to Gateway via the LoRaMAC protocol.
Concentrator/Gateway	It is mainly responsible for transmitting node data to the server.
Network Server	Organize the data into JSON packets and decode them.
Application Server	Display the data.



### The steps to achieve the detection of soil moisture is:

- 1. Collect the soil moisture data by sensor, and send the data from End Node to Gateway.
- 2. The Gateway packages node data and transmits it to the Network Server.
- 3. The Network Server decodes the data and sends it to the Applications.
- 4. Finally, user can monitor the soil moisture in the APP.

# 2.2 Regional frequency band

At the present moment, our product solely accommodates compatibility with the US915 and EU868.

area	frequency band	center frequency
China	470-510MHz	CN486MHz
America	902-928MHz	US915MHz
Europe	863-870MHz	EU868MHz
Korea	920-923MHz	KR922MHz
Australia	915-928MHz	AU923MHz
New Zealand	921-928MHz	NZ922MHz
Asia	920-923MHz	AS923MHz

# 3 Usage

We use The Things Network or Datacake as our network server, we need to configuration the country/ area frequency, inputting DEV EUI/ APP EUI/ APP Key, decodes, and connect to ThingSpeak or Datacake.

	DEV EUI	Unique identification of device, authorized by IEEE
	APP EUI	Unique identification of application
•	APP Key	One of the join network parameters on OTAA mode, calculated by DE EUI

- End Nodes and Gateway: AgroSense Soil Moisture Sensor.(The AgroSense series is applicable)
- Network Server: The Things Network. (Datacake, Loriot, AWS IoT, ChirpStack, ect)
- Application Server: ThingSpeak.(Datacake, Blockbax, akenza, ect)

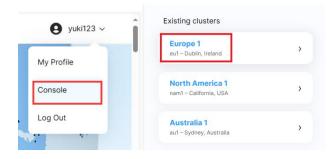
### 3.1 TTN and ThingSpeak

### 3.1.1 Network Server configuration

• Open The Things Network in your browser and login it. (Or register an account)



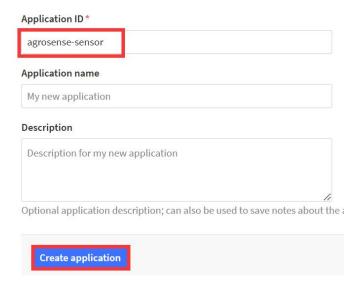
• Click "Console" and select clusters. (we take the European region for example.)



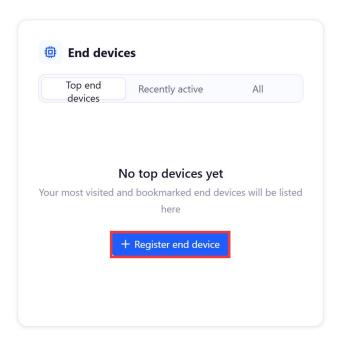
Click "Go to applications" --> "+ Create application".



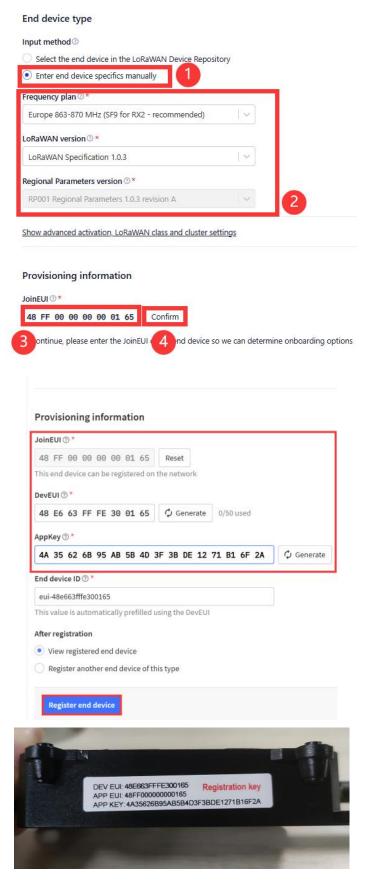
• Write the Application ID and click "Create application".



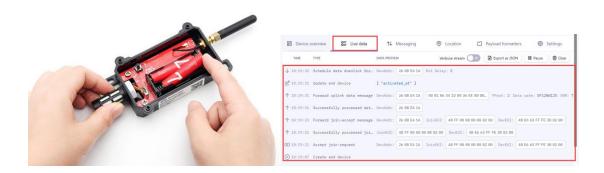
• Click "+ Register and device".



• Fllowing the steps, and input the DEV EUI/ APP EUI/ APP Key (notice: JoinEUI=APP EUI) and subsequently click on "Register end device" to complete the registration process.

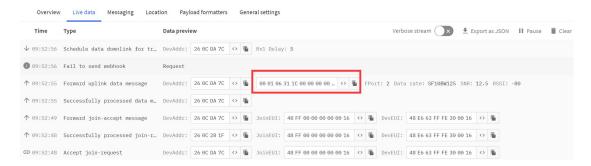


 Plug the battery and press RES button, you can see the device is connected successfully in the TTN.



### 3.1.2 Decoder

Now, we need to decoder the data.



Data length	Data description	Value range	Explanation	
	Data packet			
byte 0	sequence number			
	high 8 bits	0.005555	Counting starts from 0 and increments, resetting back to 0 after reaching	
	Data packet	0-0xFFFF	65535	
byte 1	sequence number			
	low 8 bits			
	Soil Moisture			
byte 2	sensor bits 8 to			
	15		Soil relative humidity 12-bit ADC value	
	Soil Moisture			
byte 3	sensor bits 0 to 7			
			The value is obtained by amplifying the data by 10 times, and the actual value	
b			needs to be divided by 10 to convert to the actual battery voltage. The purpose	
byte 4	Battery voltage		of multiplying by 10 is to retain one decimal place of the voltage value. For	
			example, if the value is 0x21 = 33, then the battery voltage is 3.3V.	

Example: 0x00, 0x08, 0x05, 0xC7, 0x1E

Data parsing:

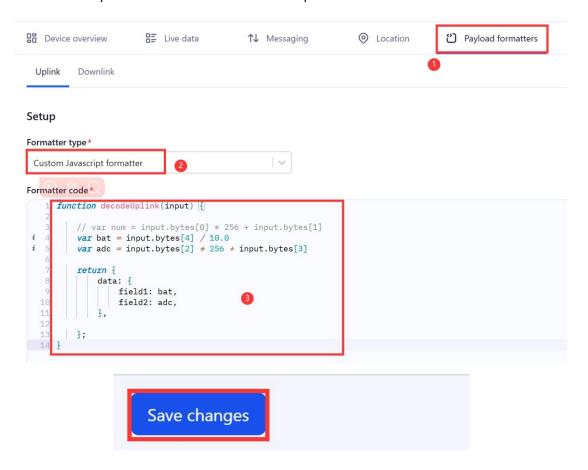
Soil ADC value is 1479.

Battery voltage is 3.0V.

• Know how to decode it after, we need to write it in code. (you can check it out on Github)

```
function decodeUplink(input) {
    // var num = input.bytes[0] * 256 + input.bytes[1]
    var bat = input.bytes[4] / 10.0
    var adc = input.bytes[2] * 256 + input.bytes[3]
    return {
         data: {
            field1: bat,
            field2: adc,
            },
        };
}
```

• Select "Payload formatters" and follow the steps.



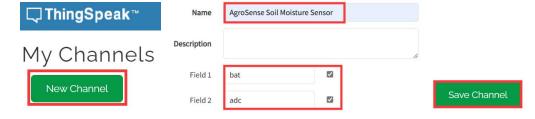
### 3.1.3 Application Server configuration

In the Application Server configuration, we need to create ThingSpeak channel and get Channel ID and API Key, this is the key to our connection to TTN.

Login to the ThingSpeak. (Or register an account)



• Click "New Channel", fill in the Channel name and field names and click "Save Channel".



• After successful creation, copy the Channel ID and API Key.

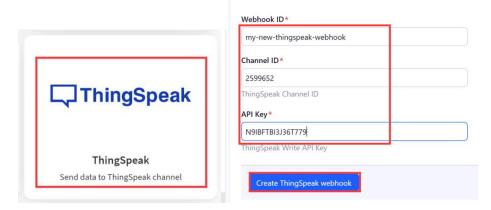


### 3.1.4 Connect the Network Server and Application Server

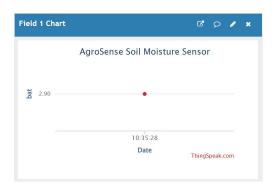
• In the TTN, click "integrations" --> "Webhooks" --> "+ Add webhook".

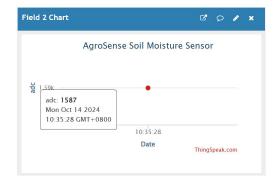


 Select "ThingSpeak", Fill in the Webhook ID and paste the Channel ID and API Key, click "Create ThingSpeak Webhook".



Press RST button, wait about a minute, you will successfully see the data in ThingSpeak.(You will recive the data every hour.)

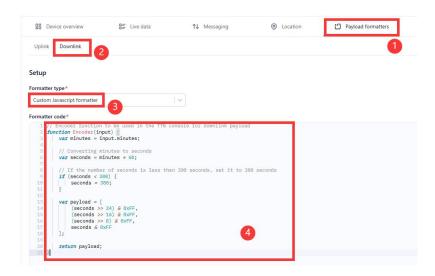




### 3.1.5 Change Time Interval (5-1440min)

1 \ If you need to change time Interval (Default 60 minutes), you can click "Payload formatters-->Downlink" and follow the steps.

Formatter code you can find in Github.



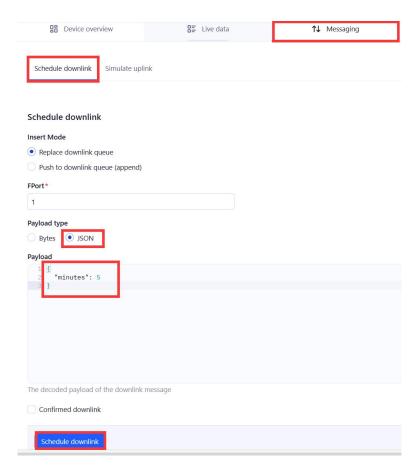
2、Click "Save changes".



3、Click "Messaging-->Schedule downlink".

**Note**: you must use this format:

```
{
    "minutes": 5
}
```



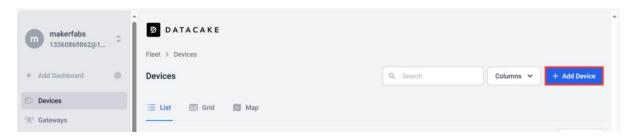
4、 The modified interval will be updated after the next data upload.

### 3.2 Datacake

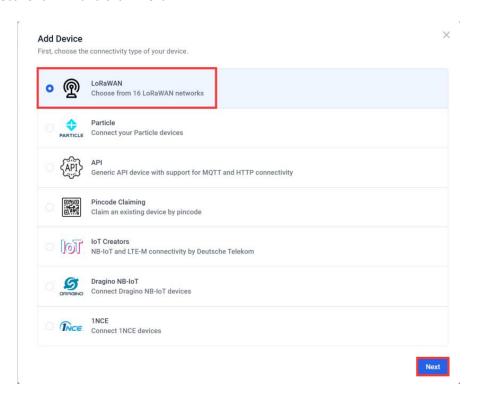
1. Login datacake or Create Account



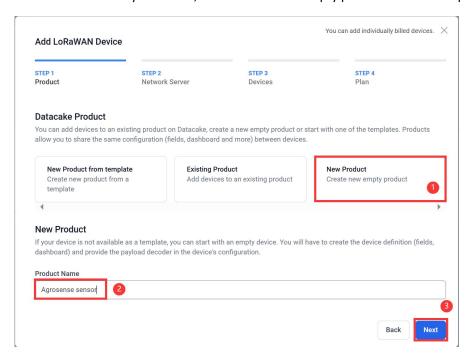
2、Click "Add Device"



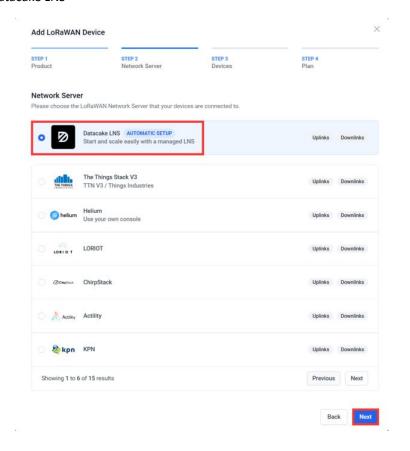
3、Select LoRaWAN and click "Next"



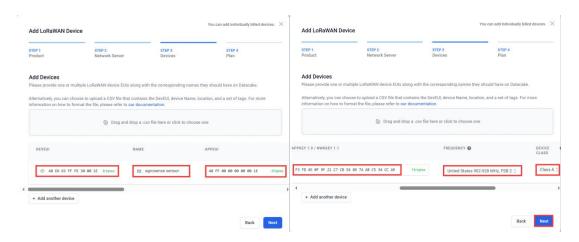
4. Select a Product based on your needs, take "Create new empty product" as an example.



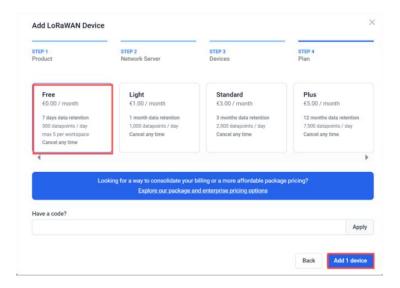
5、Select "Datacake LNS"



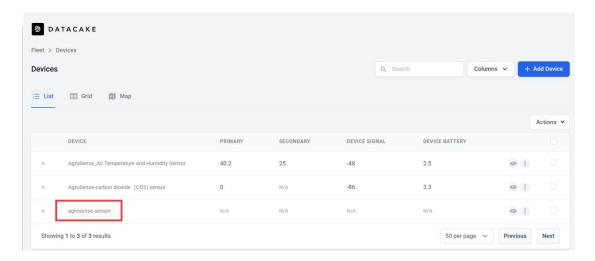
6、Enter DEVEUI、APPEUI、APPKEY、FREQUENCY(take 915 for example) and DEVICE CLASS.



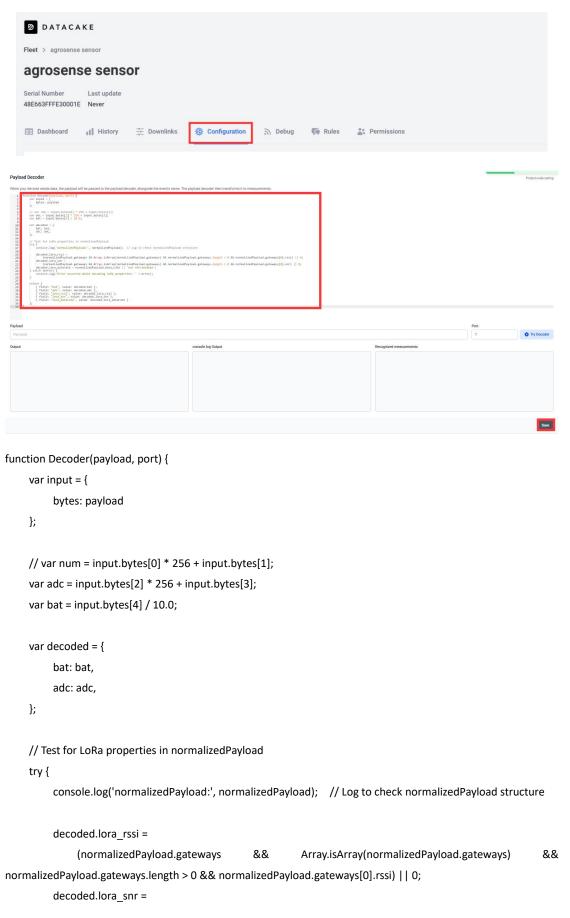
7. Choose the type according to your needs, and click "Add 1 device".



8. Click to go to the device you just added.

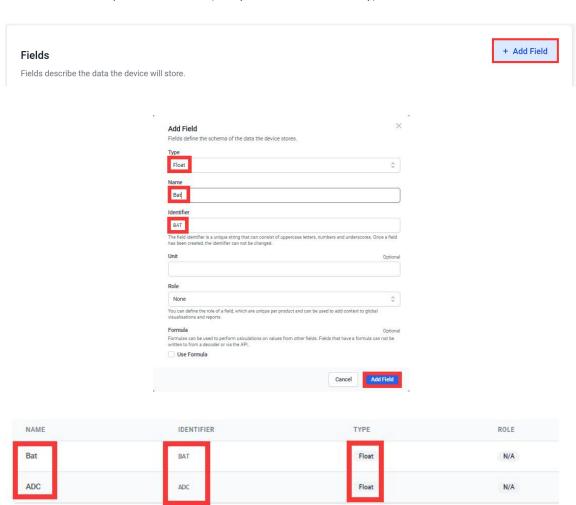


9、Click "Configuration", enter Decoder and click "Save".(You can check it out on Guihub)



```
(normalized Payload. gateways\\
                                                    &&
                                                              Array.isArray(normalizedPayload.gateways)
                                                                                                                &&
normalizedPayload.gateways.length > 0 && normalizedPayload.gateways[0].snr) || 0;
          decoded.lora_datarate = normalizedPayload.data_rate || 'not retrievable';
     } catch (error) {
          console.log('Error occurred while decoding LoRa properties: ' + error);
     }
     return [
          { field: "bat", value: decoded.bat },
          { field: "adc", value: decoded.adc },
          { field: "lora rssi", value: decoded.lora rssi },
          { field: "lora_snr", value: decoded.lora_snr },
          { field: "lora_datarate", value: decoded.lora_datarate }
     ];
}
```

10. Follow the steps to add a field. (Every fields is the same way)



11. Press RST button, wait until the sensor connects to the gateway successfully, you will see the data the sensor is currently reading.

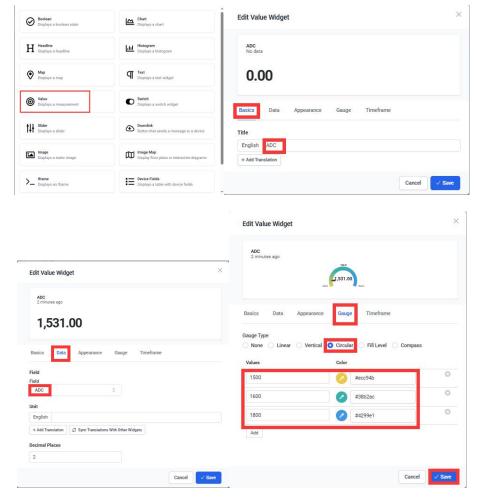


12. To get a better look at the data, we can add widget.

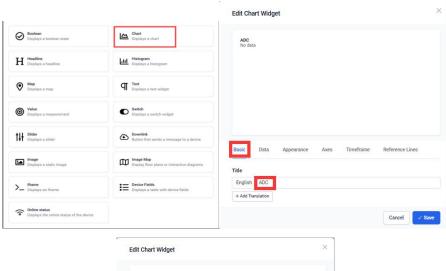
Click "Dashboard-->switch-->+ Add Widget".

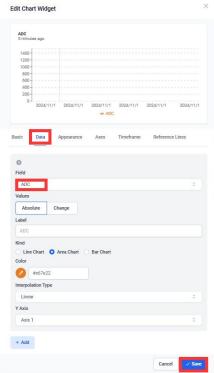


13. Select "Value" and set Title, Field and presentation form as well as the interval color.

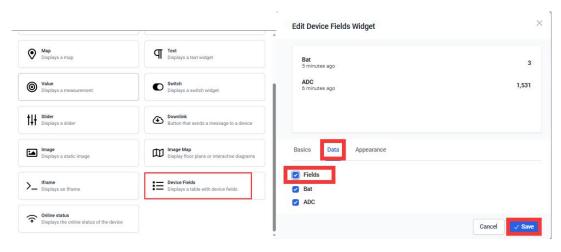


14. Select Chart and set Title, Field, Kind, Line Thickness and click "save".

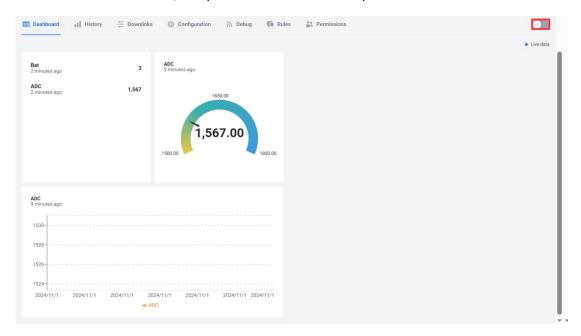




15. Select Device Fields, check "Fields" and click "Save".

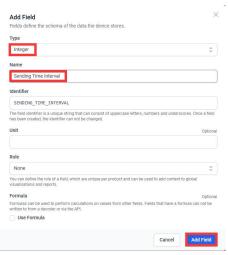


16. Click the switch to save, and you can see the data visually.

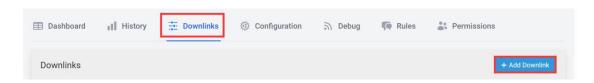


### 3.2.1 Change Time Interval (5-1440min)

1 \ If you need to change time Interval (Default 60 minutes), you can click "Configuration-->Fields-->+Add Field"



2、Click "Downlink-->Add Downlink".



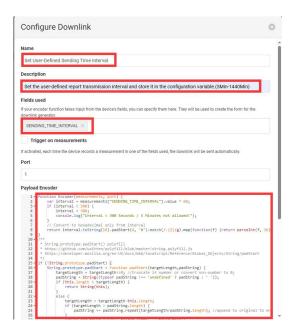
Enter name description fields used and payload encoder respectively.

Name: Set User-Defined Sending Time Interval

Description: Set the user-defined report transmission interval and store it in the configuration

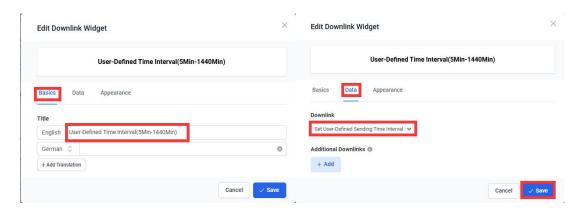
variable.(5Min-1440Min)

Payload Encoder: copy in Github.



3、Click "Dashboard-->switch-->+ Add Widget".

Select "Downlink" and setting as follow image.



4、 Click the switch to save, and you can click to change your time Interval.

