

Environment Monitoring with LoRaWAN



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SNP STEAM ACADEMY

<https://www.snpolytechnic.com/steam-academy>

<https://github.com/SixNationsPolytechnic>



Why LoraWAN

- It's free - not Telco costs
- LORA = LongRange 10km and LowPower (LPWan)
- Lot of use case example and support available
- More infos
- <https://www.semtech.com/lora/why-lora>
- <https://os.mbed.com/docs/mbed-os/v5.15/tutorials/LoRa-tutorial.html>



Local Area Network

Short Range
Communication



40%



Well established standards
In building



Battery life
Provisioning
Network cost & dependencies



Low Power Wide Area (LPWAN)

Internet of Things

45%

Low power consumption
Low cost
Positioning

High data rate
Emerging standards



Cellular Network

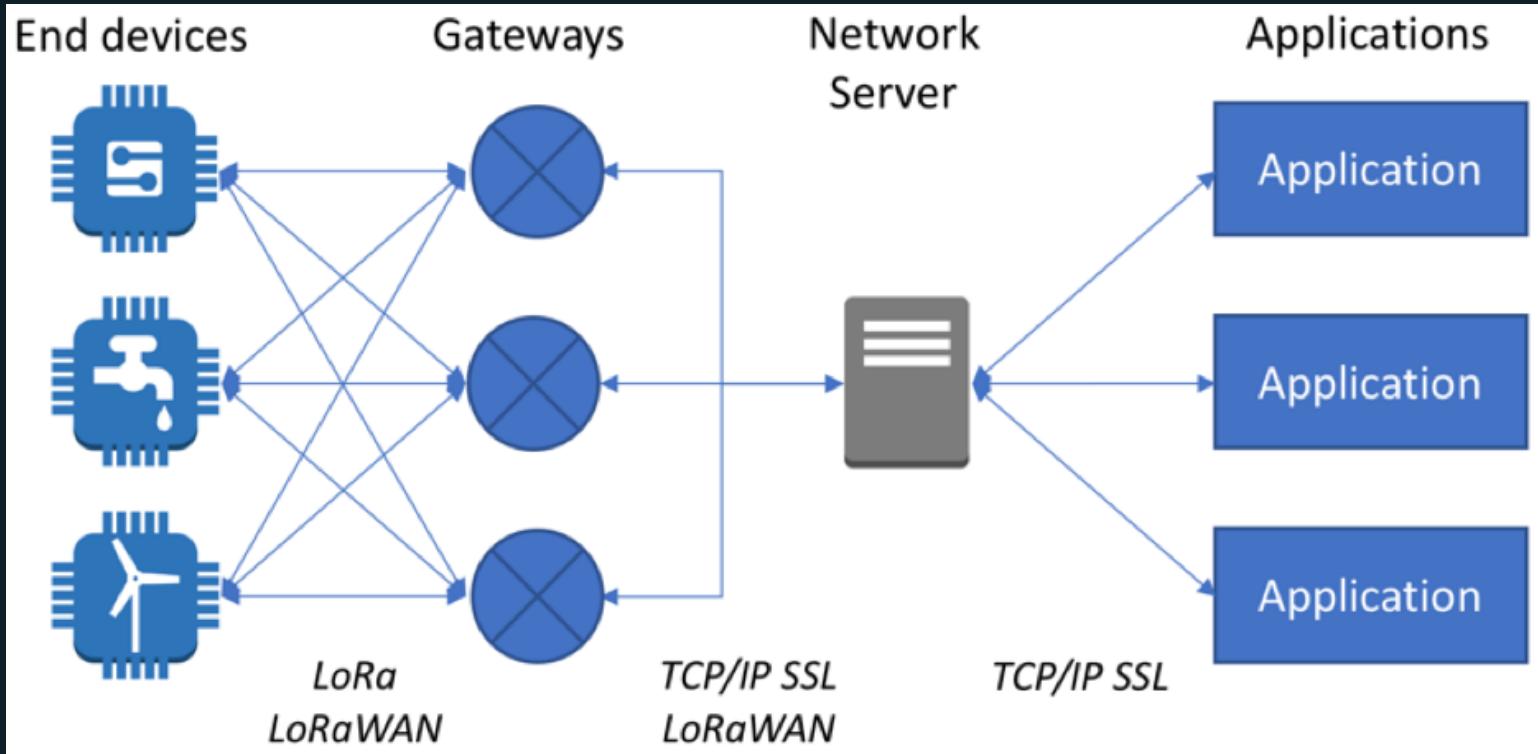
Traditional
M2M

15%

Existing coverage
High data rate

Autonomy
Total cost of ownership





Lora Gateway & LoraServer



- Has Wifi/lora/GPS/LTE
- Power via POE
- More infos here
- <https://www.rakwireless.com/en-us/products/lpwlan-gateways-and-concentrators/rak7249>
- So far tested Gateway setup with different lora Nodes connection to TTN and MQTT
- ToDo's
 - Test LTE setup
 - Need Solar Kit
 - <https://store.rakwireless.com/products/solar-kit?variant=31385712885805>



Status

Overview

LoRa Packet Logger

System Log

Firewall

Network

LoRa Gateway

LoRa Network Server

Services

System

LoRaWAN Packet Logger

LoRaWAN Packet Logger

Type All DevAddr Hide CRC_ERR packet

Total : 3404 Uplink : 3382 Downlink : 22

Pause

Time Freq RSSI SNR TxPwr CRC mod. CR DataRate FCnt AirTime DevAddr FPort Payload Size MAC Command

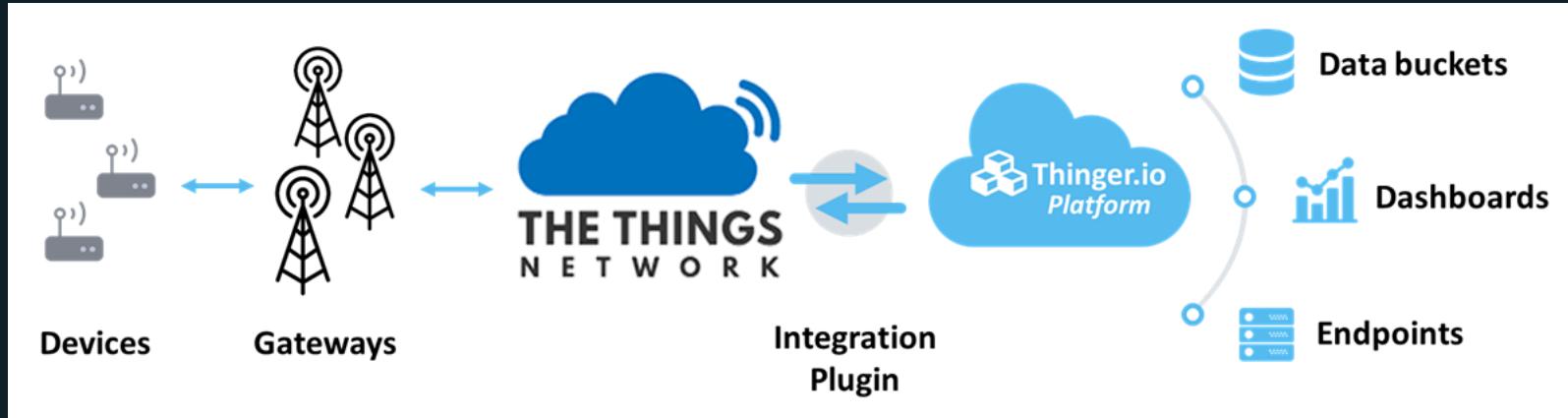
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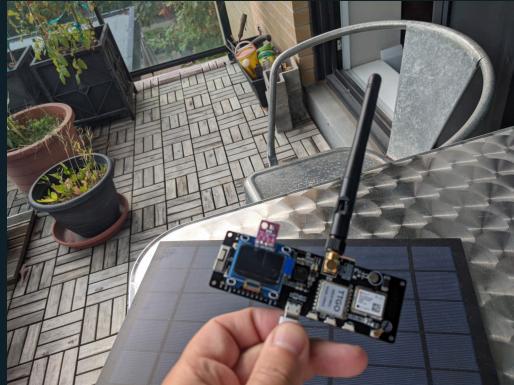


What is TTN / TheThingsNetwork - <https://www.thethingsnetwork.org/>

We can use this as a cloud provider or we can use the GW lora server or we can forward the data via mqtt ...lots of options



Lora Nodes – I test several with batteries and solar panel – TTGO -T-Beam



TTGO ... had lots of software support Arduino based and wifi support
Pro

Really good power management ... all one ... with gps options for tracking

<http://www.lilygo.cn/products.aspx?TypeId=50003&FlId=t3:50003:3>

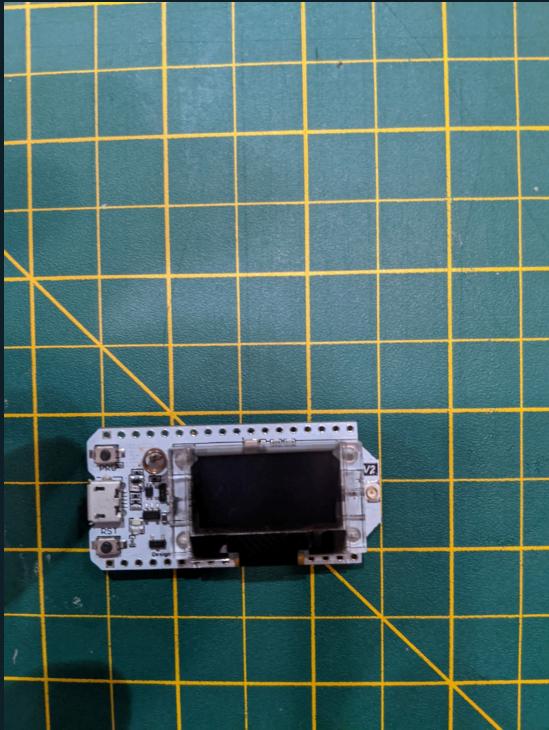
https://github.com/JoepSchyns/Low_power_TTGO_T-beam

<https://github.com/LilyGO/TTGO-T-Beam>

https://tinyomics.com/wiki/TTGO_T-Beam



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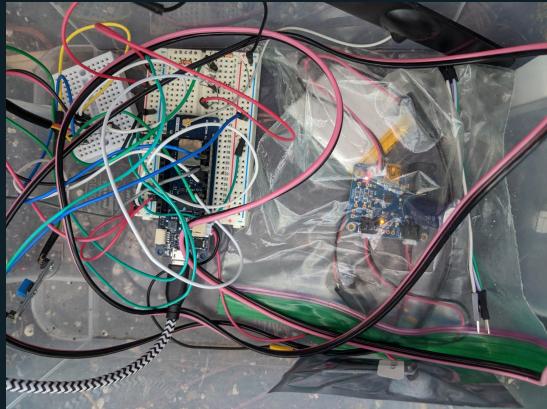


Like TTGO

<https://heltec.org/project/wifi-kit-32/>

<https://heltec-automation-docs.readthedocs.io/en/latest>

MKR1310 Lora



Official Arduino Lora Board
Also good power management and Flash?

<https://store.arduino.cc/usa/mkr-wan-1310>

Pros

- Lots of Library
- Good Power management

Cons

- Is C/Arduino

Raspberry PI Lora Hat

<https://learn.pi-supply.com/make/getting-started-with-the-microbit-lora-node/>



Pros

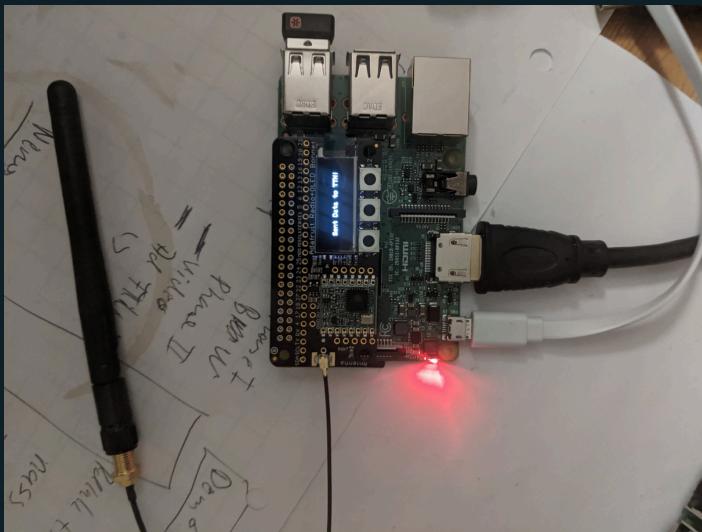
- Pi has lots of support
- Python Library

Cons

- Power consumption

Pi Lora Bonnet from adafruit

<https://www.adafruit.com/product/4074>



Pros

Pi has lots of support

Python Library

Cons

Power consumption

Does not support all Lora Features

Adafruit feather



Pros

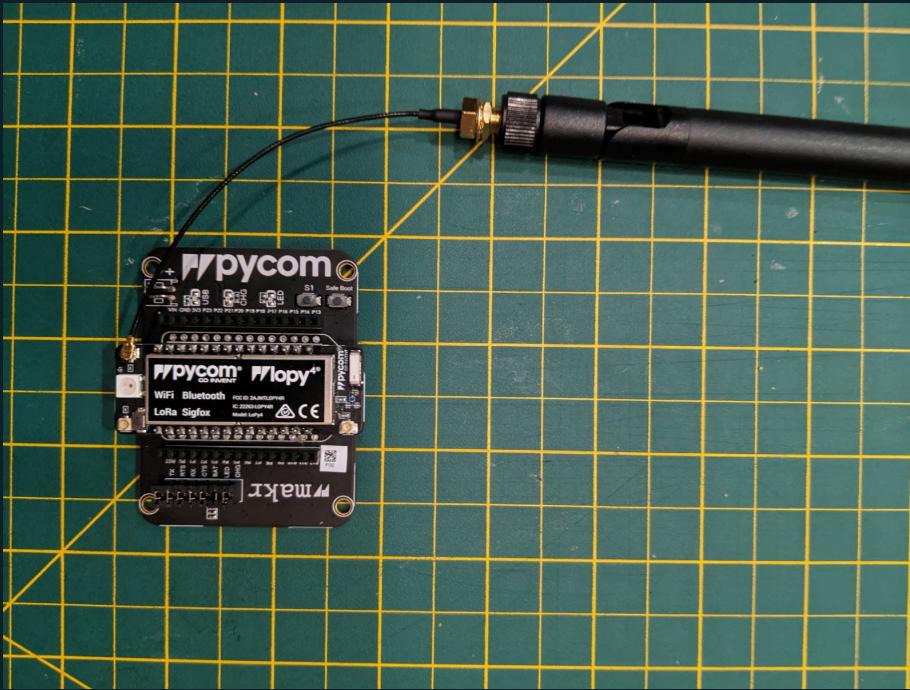
- Arduino based

Cons

- Powermanagement
- Does not support all lora features
- <https://tum-gis-sensor-nodes.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

Pycom – lopy4 ... by far the best

<https://pycom.io/>



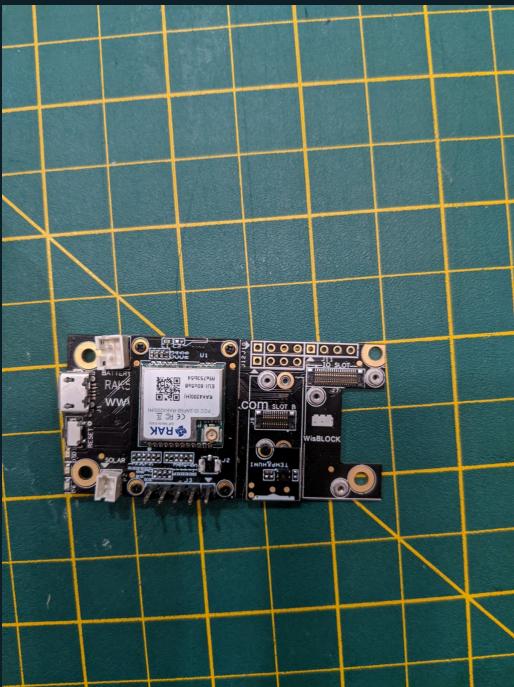
Pros

- Python Based
- Cloud Code IDE
- Big Flash and SD card support
- Wifi/BLE and Lora
- Good power management
- They have IP67 cases

Cons

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RAKWis node



Pros

Has sensors on board

Cons

Can not be programmed

IDEs

Most have a plugin for VS/Atom etc

Arduino Has a Cloud IDE and Plugins as well as the standalone IDE

PyCom Has plugin and Cloud coding good for OTA

I really like <https://platformio.org/>

<https://www.instructables.com/Develop-ESP32-With-PlatformIO-IDE/>

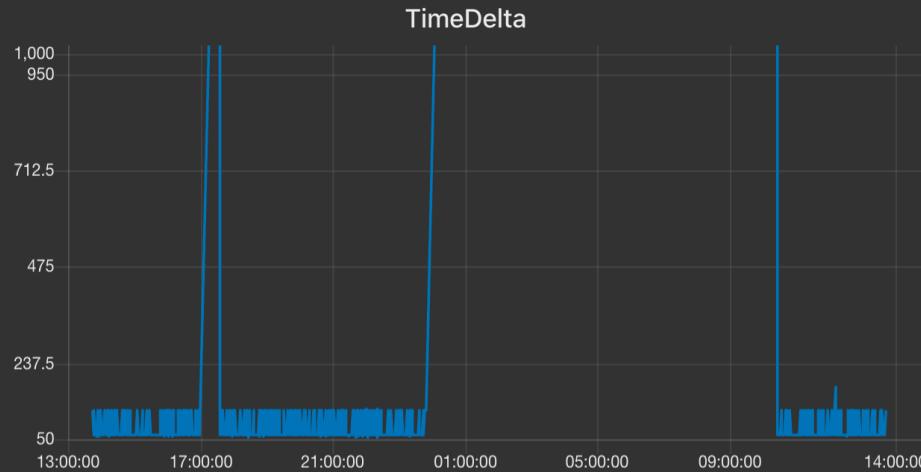
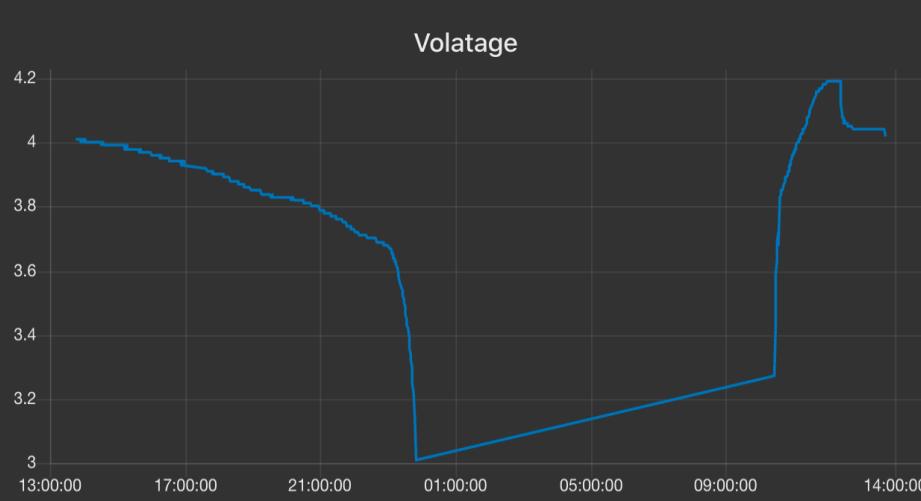
Batteries which for the LoraNode which can be charged via Solar
need solar chargers and maybe boosters



Batteries

- Boosters / Voltage regulators
- Solar chargers
- 3v3 vs 5 V
- Battery Amperage e.g 2400 -3200 mah
- Weather/Clouds winter we should be able to work for 3+ days without sun

voltage graph



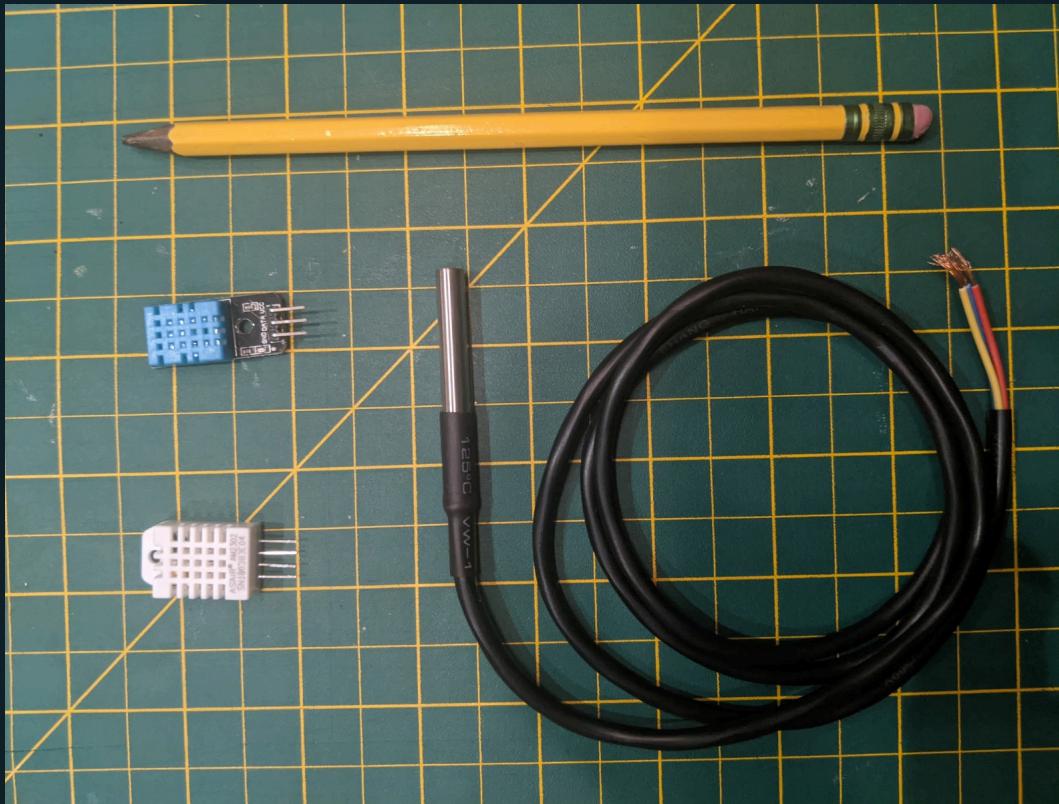
Todo: Think about Waterproofed casing! IP67



Alternative Case,Solar and 18650 Batteries



Sensor to Start with DHT22 and Waterproof 1Wire Temperature sensor
BME280 ,
1 Wire, Dallas
DHT22/11
Light Sensor
GAS Sensor



Sensor stuff to think about

- Corrosion
- Ambient vs outside

Recommendation

Cost ?

Support

TTGO T-Beam BLE,Wifi Lora, MKR1310 (Lora)

PI Head , PYCOM Wifi,BLE,Lora mesh support

OTA – update ...

Send only message when there is a Change

Send a heartbeat every hour

Ali shopping list – will create one in and sen via email

10 X MKR1310

5 X TTGO T-Beam

OLED 128x64 I2C

Pycom Sense

Solar Panels

10 x 18650 2400maH

Cheap RC LiPos

BME280,DHt22,GAS Sensor , Light ,1 Wire

Lora HAT for PI

Maybe SolarLight/Casewith Movement detection

Solar Kit for Gateway

Next Steps ... Task ... Help

- Nathan -> Order ESP8266 weather station and send to students
- Markus -> Ali shipping List
- Markus -> setup mqtt and datawarehouse infrastructure so we can capture the students weather infos
- Markus -> share mqtt code for esp
- Nathan -> send out teaching schedule

END



