

# INTEL-IRRIS

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

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# DEPLOYING LOW-COST AND FULL EDGE-IOT/AI SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING IRRIGATION IN SMALLHOLDER FARMERS COMMUNITIES



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# It is a collaborative work

Deploying low-cost and full edge-IoT/AI system for optimizing irrigation in smallholder farmers communities



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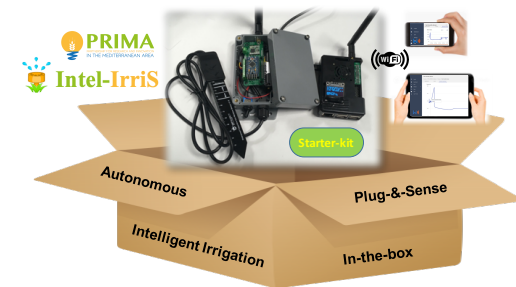
# PRIMA programme

- ④ **Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area** "will devise new R&I approaches to improve water availability and sustainable agriculture production in a region heavily distressed by climate change, urbanisation and population growth"
- ④ **Call: Section 2 Multitopic 2020**
- ④ **Thematic Area 1-Water management**
  - ④ Low cost, lean solutions for enhancing irrigation efficiency of small-scale farms
- ④ **Thematic Area 2-Farming systems**
  - ④ Re-design the agro-livelihood systems to ensure resilience.
- ④ **Thematic Area 3-Agrofood chain**
  - ④ New optimization models of the agro food supply chain system to fair price for consumers and reasonable profit share for farmers



# Optimize irrigation

- ④ 35% of the world's food are produced in small-scale farms while only occupying about 12% of all agricultural land [FAO]
- ④ A smart irrigation process can adapt water usage (i) for a particular crop, (ii) at a particular moment and (iii) for a given soil type and condition
- ④ BUT, low adoption by smallholders, primarily due to the high initial cost and high skills requested to master the technology
- ④  **Intel-IrriS will reduce the cost of smart technologies for smallholders, increase adoption and long-term smallholders' sustained production and income**
- ④ **Target: smallholders, small-scale farms**
- ④ **"Intelligent Irrigation in-the-box" !**



# Technology components

## Sensor part



**SEN0308**  
capacitive  
sensor  
cost < 25€

**Irrrometer WM200**  
Water tension sensor  
Cost < 55€

## Control part



Embedded  
Database

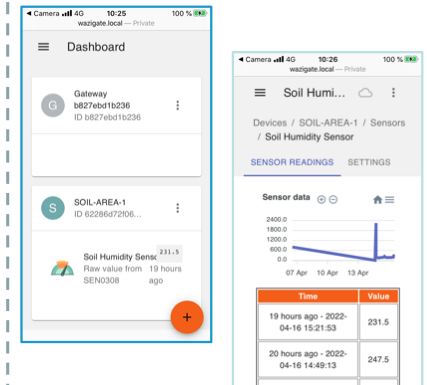


Software  
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LPWAN



## Embedded User Interface



Wifi

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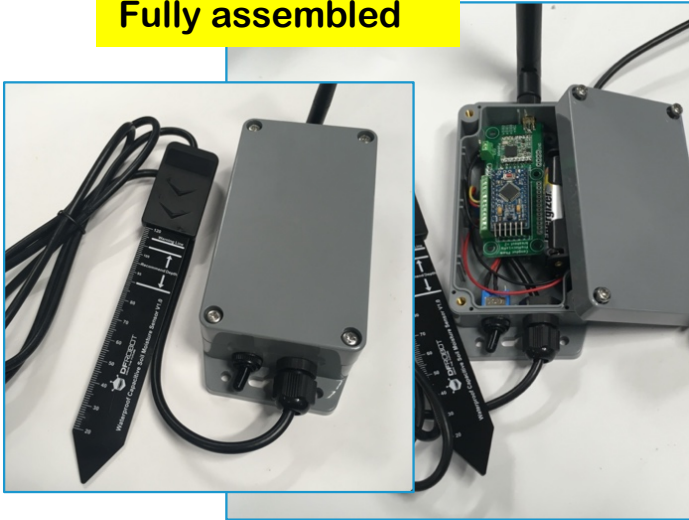
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- Build on low-cost, low-power IoT expertise
- Enable deployment of several complementary low-cost sensors
- Several versions can be designed to meet cost constraints
- Increase accuracy of low-cost sensors by advanced calibration procedures**



# Low-cost approach: <25€

Fully assembled



Packaging in enclosure



To be assembled



# Smart embedded control

- Build on low-cost embedded & open IoT gateway expertise
- Fully autonomous, no Internet
- Implement the “Intelligent Irrigation in-the-box” with "plug-&-sense" approach
- Embed dedicated irrigation-oriented application
- Model complex water-soil-plant-weather interaction
- Integration of various knowledge streams

## Control part



Embedded Database

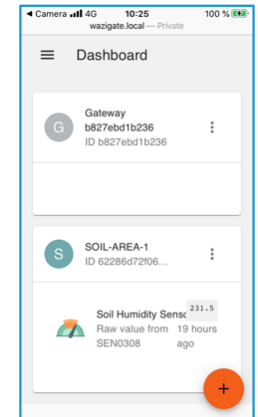


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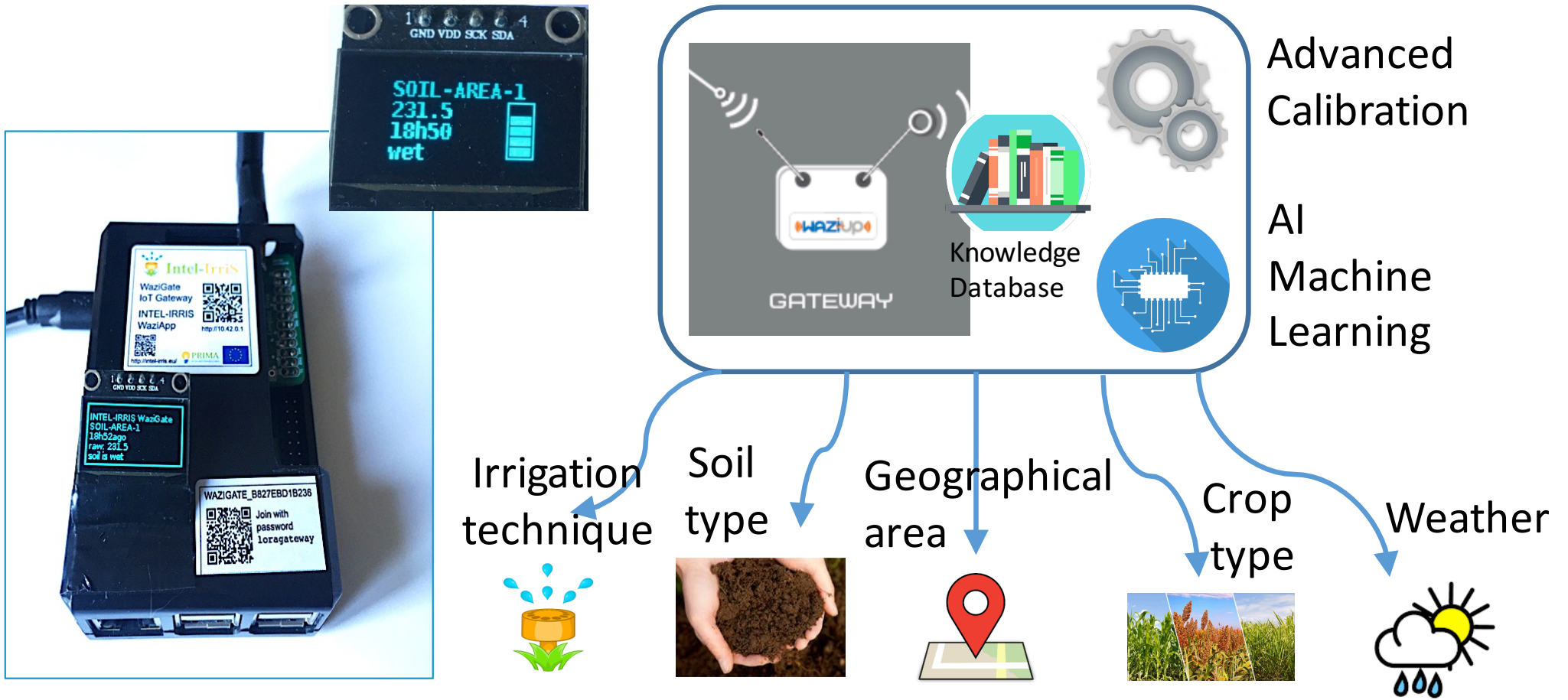


# INTEL-IRRIS starter-kit

- ⦿ "Intelligent Irrigation in-the-box", "plug-&-sense"
- ⦿ **From idea to reality!**

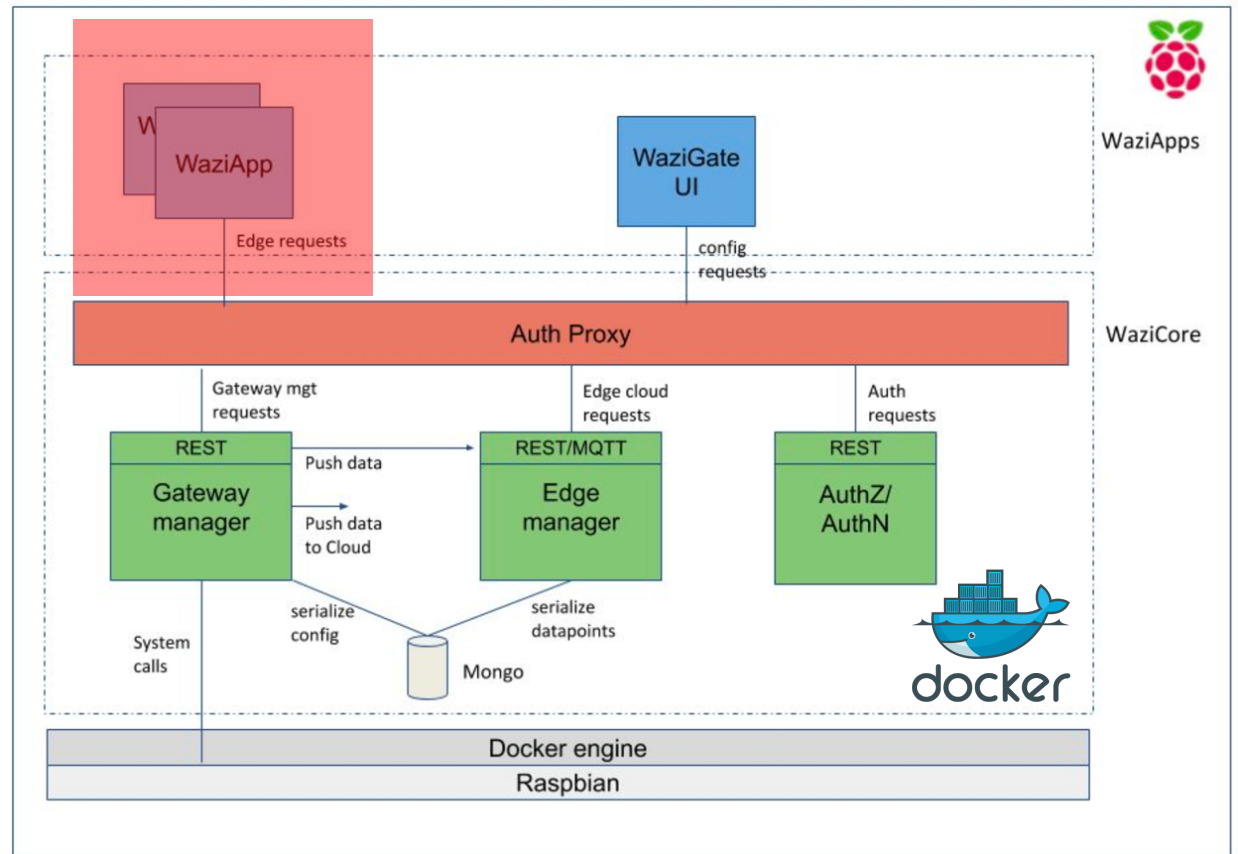


# Embedded intelligence



# WaziGate: the versatile IoT gateway

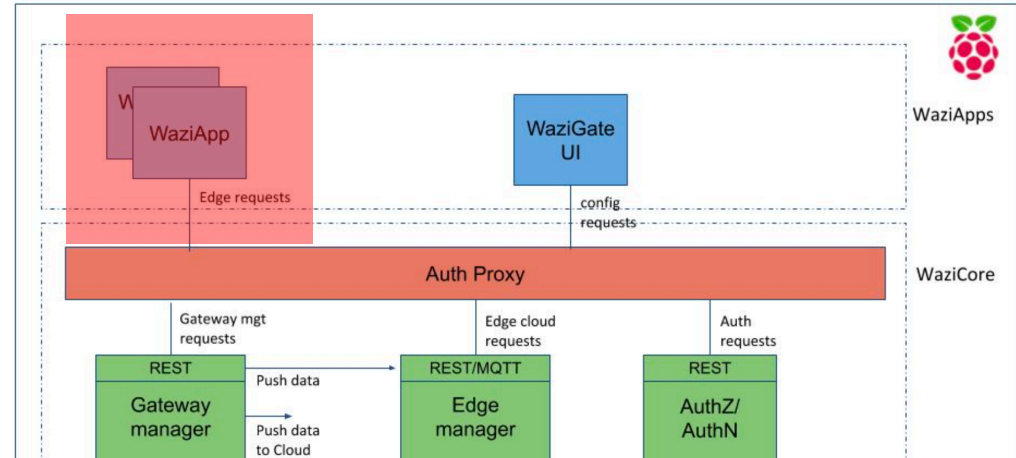
- ⦿ Micro-service architecture
- ⦿ System & User APIs
- ⦿ Docker-based user apps
- ⦿ LoRa & LoRaWAN





# WaziApps

- WaziGate supports user-developed applications



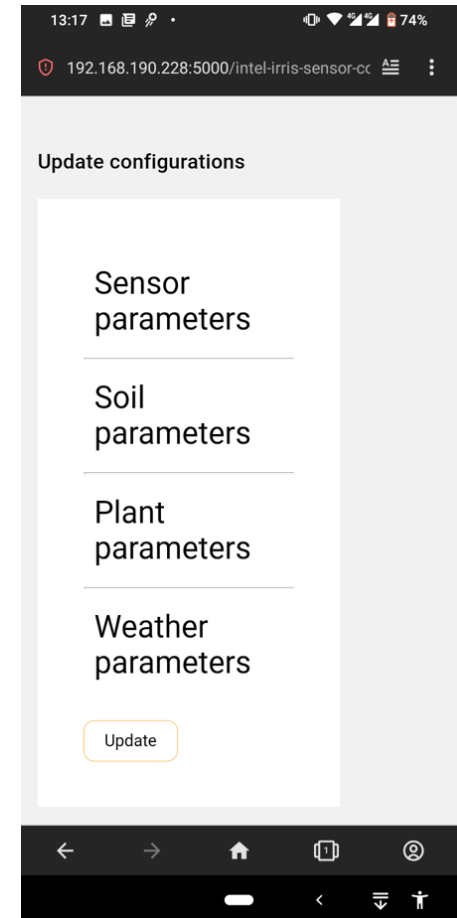
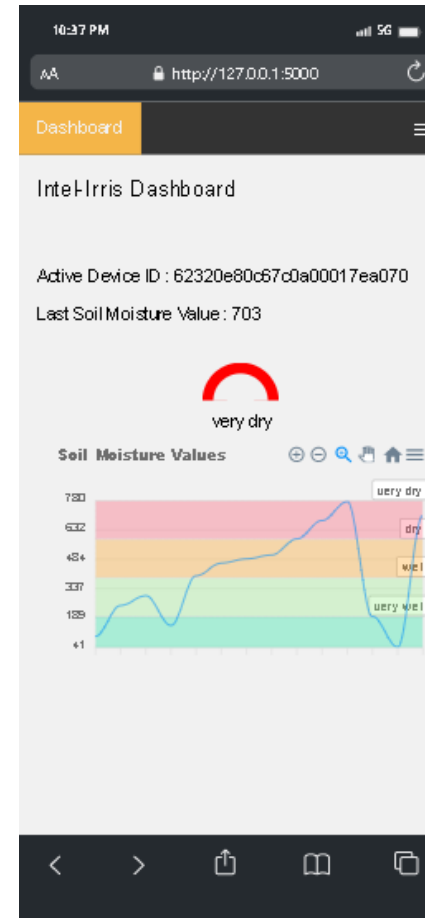
The screenshot shows the WaziGate user interface with a sidebar menu and a main 'Apps' section. The sidebar includes: My Cool Python, Hello World Python, Dashboard, Sync, Settings, WiFi, and Apps.

The 'Apps' section displays five application cards, each with a status and control buttons (UPDATE, SETTINGS, UNINSTALL):

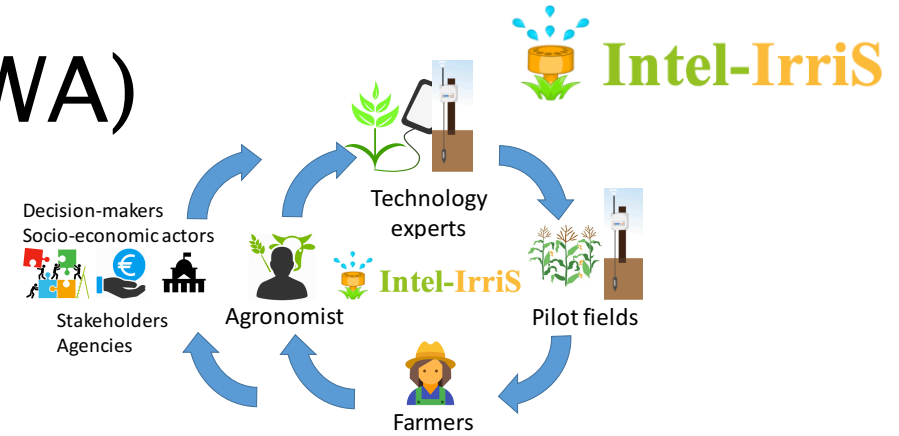
- Wazigate Edge Framework** (wazigate-edge): Status: **running**. Waziup framework for Edge computing.
- My Cool App** (my-company.my-python-app): Status: **running**. My cool app written in Python.
- wazigate-lora** (waziup\_\_wazigate-lora): Status: **Disabled**. LoRAWAN service for Wazigate.
- Hello World Python** (waziup.hello-world-python): Status: **running**. Hello world sample app written in Python.
- System** (waziup.wazigate-system): Status: **running**. Wazigate System.

# Advanced calibration

- **Intel-Irris WaziApp (IIWA)**
- smart irrigation application that focuses on processing of soil parameters from a sensor
- sensor type & characteristics, soil type & characteristics, irrigation techniques, plant variety and weather data are also taken into consideration during the processing

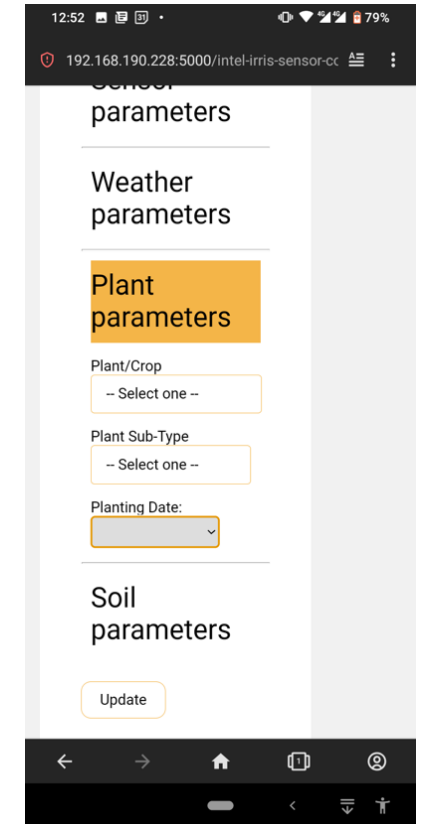
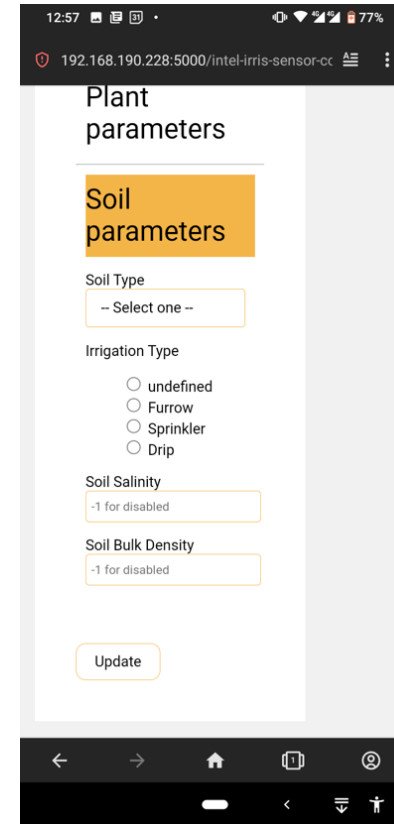
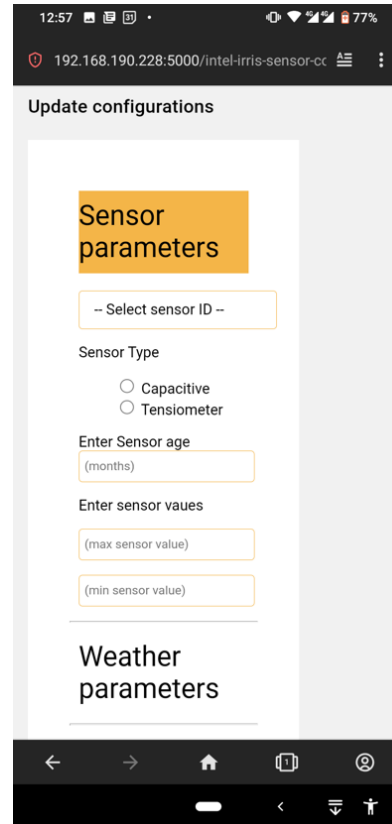


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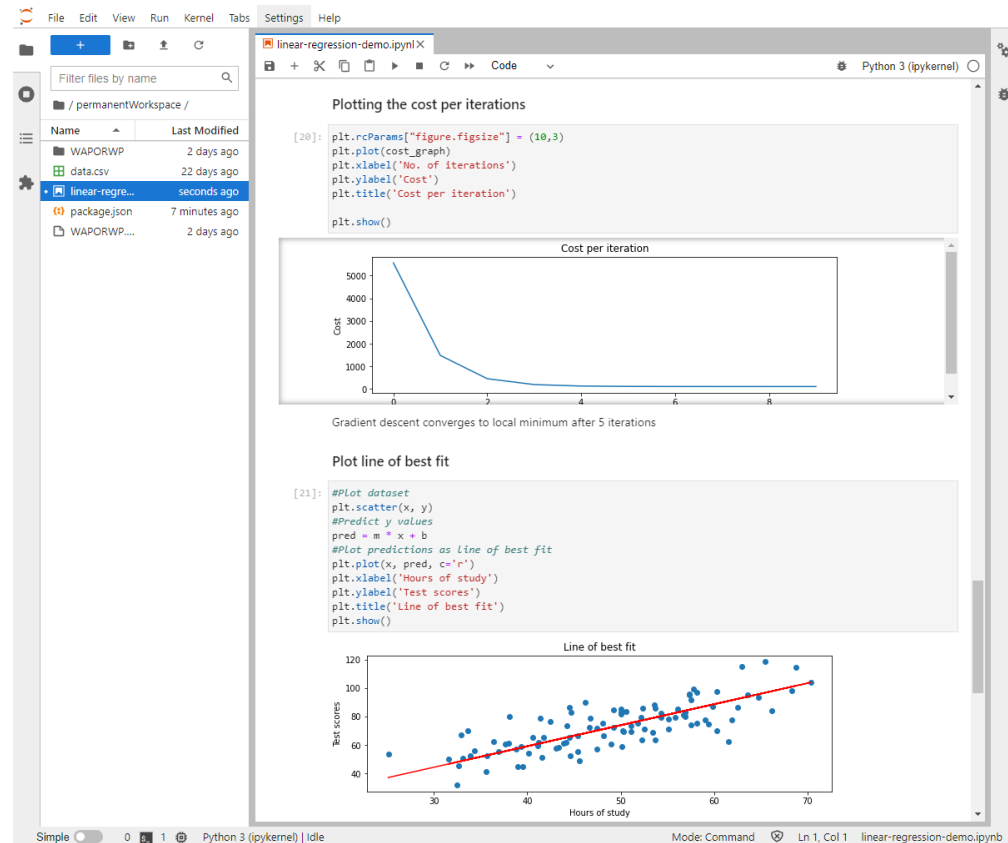
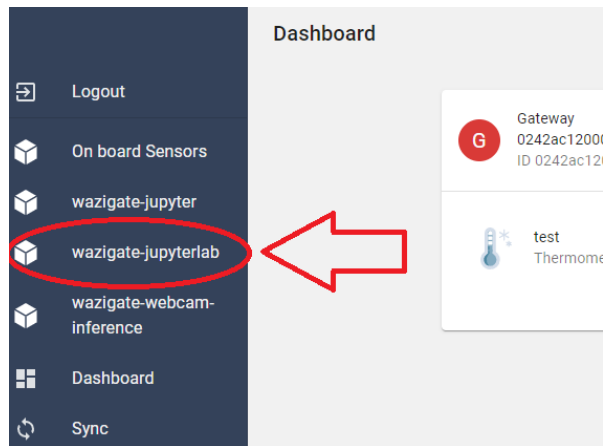


Parameters such as that can be adjusted:

- sensor id
- sensor type
- sensor age
- region
- soil type
- irrigation type
- plant/crop type
- planting date
- soil salinity
- bulk density
- ...



- WaziApps – Jupyterlab
- Available languages: Markdown, Python, R, LaTeX, ...





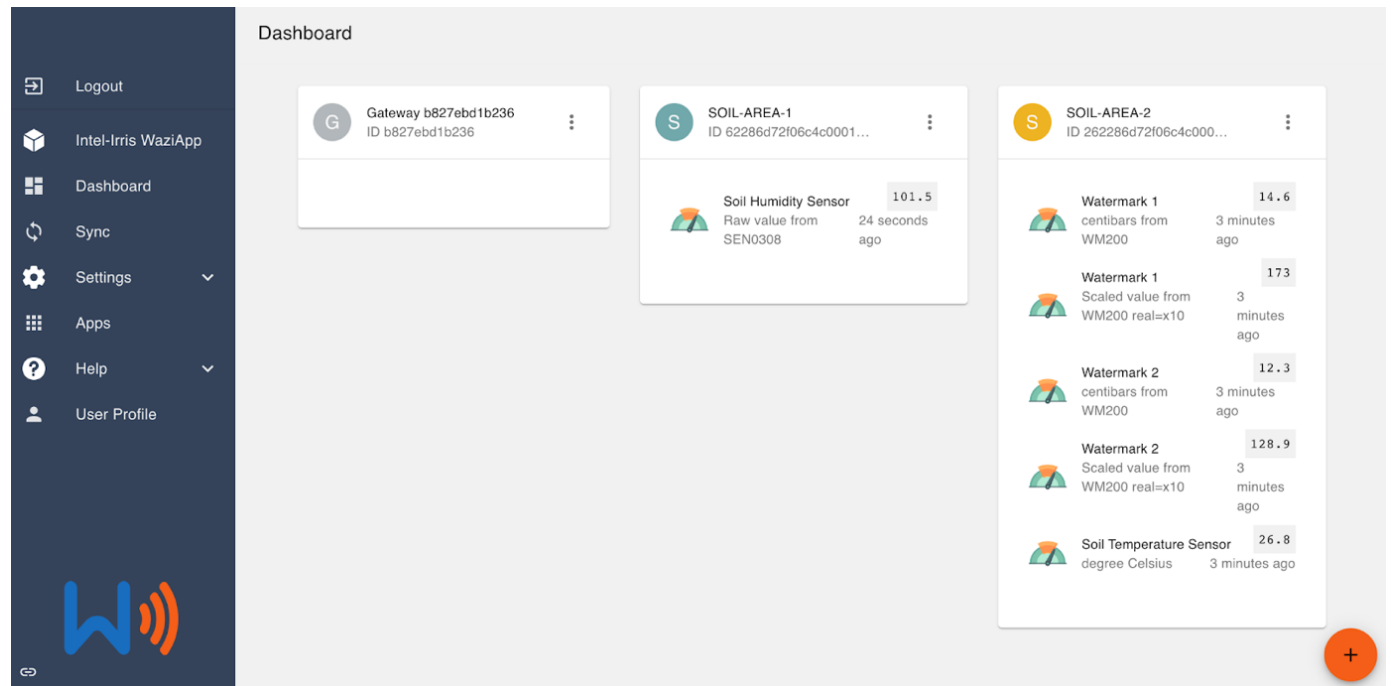
# And dataset?

- ⦿ AI and Machine Learning need datasets!
- ⦿ The INTEL-IRRIS starter-kit will be installed in "promiscuous" mode to build datasets
- ⦿ Controlled environments
  - ⦿ tests campaign with INTEL-IRRIS agricultural partners
  - ⦿ AUA, INRA, IRD, UMAB
- ⦿ Smallholder Piloting Program
  - ⦿ Test campaign with pilot farms & smallholders
  - ⦿ Participatory approach to co-design & test the innovative solutions in fields
  - ⦿ Take into account region-dependent technical, agricultural, social, climatic and environmental aspects



# Experimental devices for datasets

- ⦿ The datasets campaign will use 2 soil devices
  - ⦿ A soil device with 1 capacitive sensor
  - ⦿ A soil device with 2 watermark sensors + 1 temperature sensor



# Going farther with AI?

- ① Digital platforms & AI for smart agriculture from AUA
  - ① SHERPA repository. SHERPA repository is a compilation of research outputs and findings from past and on- going projects related to rural areas. <https://sherpa-repository.eu/home>
  - ① FAIRshare. Digital Tools for Farm Advisors. Browse through the collection of Digital Advisory Tools and Services. <https://www.h2020fairshare.eu/>
  - ① EU FarmBook. A collection of vetted best practices for farmers & foresters. <https://www.eufarmbook.eu/>
  - ① Eden Library. Enabling AI in agrifood. <https://edenlibrary.ai/>

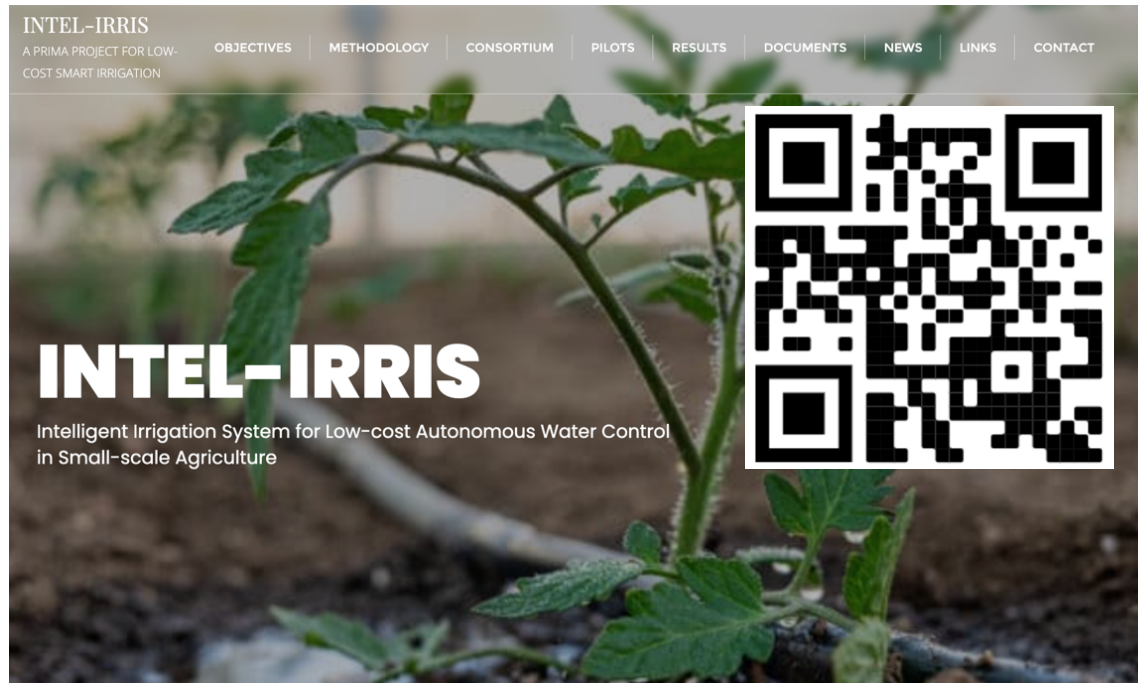
- ◉ Spin-off company of the Agricultural University of Athens
  - ◉ Over 100K photos on the edenlibrary.ai platform with different infestation scenarios
  - ◉ Team of expert agronomists, engineers and developers
  - ◉ Specialized knowledge in precision agriculture and artificial intelligence applications
- ◉ Eden Library – datasets
  - ◉ An industry-leading platform, which hosts thousands of expert-annotated datasets for smart agriculture tasks
  - ◉ Collected under real field conditions
  - ◉ Annotated images with metadata about **diseases, weeds, pests** or **nutrition deficiencies**





# More information

Web site: <http://intel-irris.eu>



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