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Product Tutorial

Using Agent Software with Vibrating Wire Sensors



Before Continuing

Prior to viewing this tutorial, please view the <u>Agent Software</u> tutorial and familiarize yourself with the basics of how to use the Agent program

If you have not already done so, create a Project and a Network inside the Agent program for the GeoNet Network which contains the Node(s) reading vibrating wire sensor(s), then perform a data download

Adding Sensors

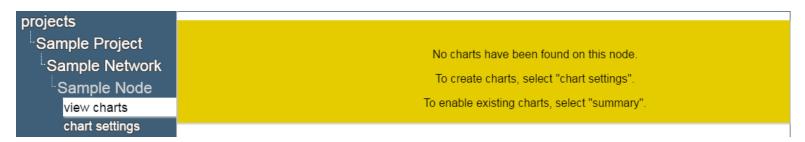


Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node

- To view the data collected from a vibrating wire sensor, a "reading sensor" must be added in Agent
- 1. To add a reading sensor, select a Project, a Network, and then a Node which has a vibrating wire sensor attached

projects Sample Project Sample Network	node type Supervisor	<u>name</u> Sup.	serial number 1537815	last reading 2020-02-27 10:00 -0500	2.9 volts	signal strength	<mark>charts</mark> 0	remove X
nodes network settings	8800-XX-01C	Node	1537823	2020-02-27 10:30 -0500	2.9 volts	100%	0	x

2. Agent will navigate to the "view charts" screen.



3. Click "node settings" on the left side of the screen, then click "Add reading sensor"

projects	- Node				
Sample Project	Name	Serial Number	Туре		
Sample Network	Sample Node	1537823	8800-XX-01C	•	
Sample Node	Save				
view charts					
chart settings					
summary	Sensors				
node settings	Add reading sensor				
sensor summary	Add thermistor sensor				
	Add node sensors				

4. The edit sensor dialog box will open

projects	Edit Sensor
Sample Project Sample Network Sample Node view charts chart settings	Sensor Name Serial Number Reading_1 Get Calibration Type Category Calibration Units Reading 1 Default
summary node settings sensor summary	Multiplier Offset 1 0 Description/Notes Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Choose a color:
	Calculations (ftH2O) Calculation: [G*(R1 - R0) + K*(T1 - T0)] * Multiplier + Offset Output = [1 * (R1 - 0)] * 1 + 0 • Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(R0): 0 • Polynomial Factors A: 0 B: 1 C: 0 Calculate C • Temperature Correction Thermal Factor(K): 0 Zero Temperature(T0): 0 Save Cancel

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- If using a GeoNet Node to establish the initial zero reading (rather than a readout box such as a GK-404) complete the following before moving on
 - Click "Save" without making any changes in the edit sensor dialog
 - Prepare the VW sensor as described in the provided manual
 - Allow enough time to pass to ensure that at least one sensor reading has been taken (Minimum time = Network "Scan Rate" + 3 minutes)
 - Perform a data download
 - Create a chart for the Reading Sensor or export the Network data
 - Note the current sensor output and ambient temperature, this information will be used as the initial zero reading
 - Return to the node settings screen and click on the reading sensor name to reopen the edit sensor dialog

6. Enter a descriptive name for the reading sensor, and the serial number of the VW sensor attached to the Node

Edit Sensor	
- Sensor	
Name	Serial Number
Sample Readings Sensor	1901397 Get Calibration

7. Clicking "Get Calibration" will retrieve the calibration factors for the specified serial number from GEOKON's calibration database and automatically populate them into the Edit Sensor dialog (Only available for VW sensors manufactured after 2016)

8. Select the "Category" that matches the type of VW sensor being read (Choose "Load" for load cells, "Strain" for strain gauges, "Pressure" for pressure transducers, etc.)

The types of "Calibration Units" and "Output Units" available are determined by the category that is chosen

- Sensor —		
Name	Serial Number	
S.E. well pi	ezo 1901397 Get Calibration	
Reading v Multiplier	Category Calibration Units Output Units Pressure Default Pressure Load Distance Strain Temperature	
	Tilt	

- 9. Click "Output Units" to select the type of engineering units the data from the VW sensor will be displayed in
 - The "Multiplier" field will automatically populate with the factor needed to convert the Calibration units to the Output units

TypeCategoryCalibration UnitsReading •Pressure•psi •	Output Units ftH20 •
Multiplier Offset	psi psf
2.3108 0 Description/Notes	inH2O
Description/Notes	ftH20 mmH20
	cmH2O mH2O
Start Date: 2016 09 25 End Date: Name	mbar
	bar kPa
Choose a color:	MPa

 "Offset" is an optional constant that can be added to the sensor output to adjust the data. For example: If a piezometer installed at a site elevation of -40 feet is reading +2 feet of water, entering an offset of -40 would adjust the reading to -38 feet, the actual water elevation of the sensor

Name	Serial Number
S.E. well piezo	1901397 Get Calibration
Type Category Reading V Pressure Multiplier Offset 2.3108 -40	Calibration Units Output Units
Description/Notes Start Date: 2016-08-25 Er	

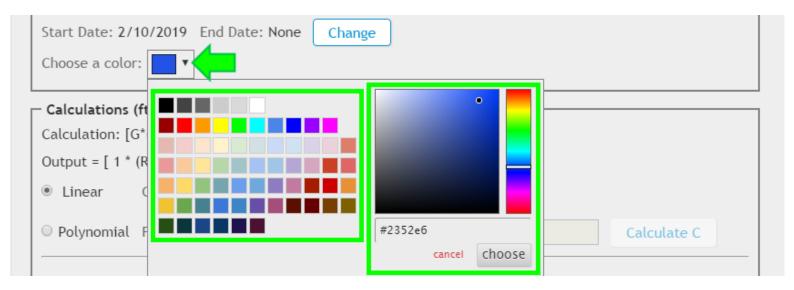
11. The Description/Notes field is provided for the user to record any additional information about the VW sensor

Name S.E. well piezo	Serial Number 1901397 Get Calibration
TypeCategoryReading *PressureMultiplierOffset2.3108-40	Calibration Units • psi • ftH2O •
Description/Notes Geokon model # 4500S- Installed Feb.10 2019	350KPA
Start Date: 2016-08-25	End Date: None Change

 The Start and End dates determine the date range of data that will be displayed on charts. To change the dates, click, "Change" (The Start Date should be set to the day the VW sensor was installed. The End Date should only be entered if the VW sensor is removed from the Node)

Multiplier Offset	Choos	se sta	rt and	d end	date				×
2.3108 -40 Description/Notes Geokon model # 4500S-350KPA Installed Feb. 10 2019		date v date	vill aı		ticall	8		ing first da	ta downloa
	0	F	ebru	ary 20	019		0		
Start Date: 2016-08-25 End Date: None Change	Su	Мо	Tu	We	Th	Fr 1	Sa 2		
Choose a color:	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Calculations (ftH2O)	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Calculation: $[G^*(R_1 - R_0) + K^*(T_1 - T_0)]^*$ Multiplier + Off Output = $[1^*(R_1 - 0)]^* 2 3108 - 40$	24	25	26	27	28			Done	Cancel

13. Click "Choose Color" to select the color that will represent the VW sensor data on charts. Select a standard color from the left side of the menu, or use the color palette on the right to create a custom color



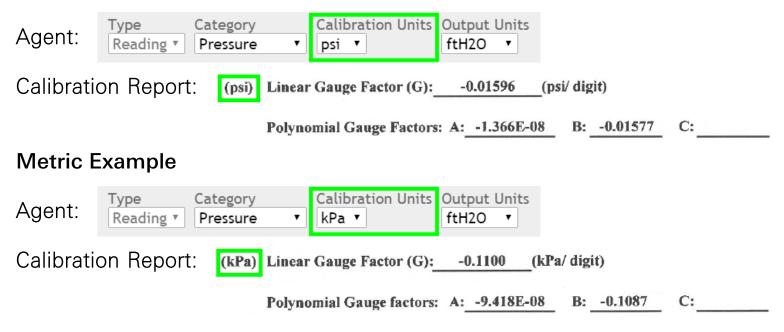
14. The default gauge factor of 1 can be used to output the data from the vibrating wire sensor as digits. To output the data in other engineering units, the gauge factors found on the GEOKON Calibration Report provided with the vibrating wire sensor must be entered.

Calculations (ftH20)
Calculation: [G*(R1 - R0) + K*(T1 - T0)] * Multiplier + Offset
Output = [1 * (R ₁ - 0)] * 2.3108 - 40
Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(Ro): 0
O Polynomial Factors A: 0 B: 1 C: 0 Calculate C
Temperature Correction
Thermal Factor(K): 0 Zero Temperature(To): 0

Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: A Note on Gauge Factors

Most GEOKON calibration reports provide gauge factors in metric and imperial units. When entering gauge factors in Agent, make sure to use the factors that match the selected "Calibration Units"

Imperial Example



Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: Linear Calculations

15. Enter the Linear Gauge Factor from the calibration report

Imperial Example



Metric Example



Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: Linear Calculations (Continued)

16. Enter the initial zero reading taken onsite with the VW sensor

Calculation: [G*(R1 - R0) +	K*(T1 - T0)] * Mul	tipli	er + Offset			
Output = [-0.01596 * (R1 -	8621)] * 2.3108 ·	40				
Linear Gage Facto	r(G): -0.01596	Ze	ero Reading(Ro):	862	21	

It is essential that an accurate onsite zero reading is entered. This reading will be used for all subsequent data reduction. Consult the sensor manual for more information.

Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: Polynomial Calculations

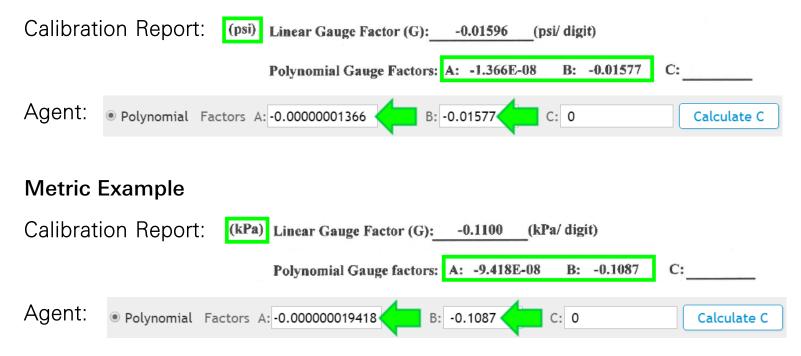
17. The polynomial equation can be used for greater accuracy. To utilize the polynomial equation, click the corresponding button

Linear	Gage Factor(G): 1	Zero Reading	(Ro): 0	
Polynomial	Factors A: 0	B: 1	C: 0	Calculate C
Temperatu	re Correction			
Thermal Facto		Zero Temperature(To): 0	

Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: Polynomial Calculations (Continued)

18. Enter the polynomial gauge factors from the calibration report

Imperial Example

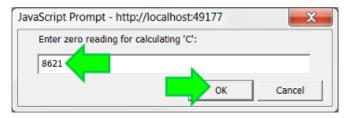


Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: Polynomial Calculations (Continued)

19. Click "Calculate C"

Polynomial	Factors A:	-0.0000001366	В:	-0.01577	C:	0	Calculate C

20. Enter the initial zero reading taken onsite with the VW sensor then click "OK"



21. Agent will calculate and display the value of Factor "C" based on the information entered



Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: Temperature Correction

22. For optimum accuracy, or if ambient temperature changes are large, a temperature correction can be applied. To factor changes in temperature into the selected equation, check the "Temperature Correction" box

Linear Gag	ge Factor(G):	1	Zero Reading	(Ro): 0		
Polynomial Fac	tors A: -1.36	6E-08	B: -0.01577	C: 136	5.96840361	Calculate C
Temperature C	orrection					
ermal Factor(K)	: 0	Zero	Temperature(To): 0		

Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: Temperature Correction (Continued)

23. Enter the Thermal Factor from the calibration report

Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: Temperature Correction (Continued)

24. Enter the temperature recorded when the onsite zero reading was taken (must be entered as degrees Celsius)

Calculations (ftH2O)								
Calculation: [A*R1 ² + B*R1 + C + K*(T1 - T0)] * Multiplier + Offset								
Output = [-1.366E-08 * R1 ² - 0.01577 * R1 + 136.96840361606 + 0 * (T1 - 0)] * 2.3108 - 40								
Cinear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(Ro): 0								
Polynomial Factors A: -1.366E-08 B: -0.01577 C: 136.96840361 Calculate C								
Temperature Correction								
Thermal Factor(K): -0.0004642 Zero Temperature(To): 22.5								
Save Cancel								

25. Once all pertinent information had been entered, click "Save"

projects	Edit Sensor
projects Sample Project Sample Network Sample Node view charts chart settings summary node settings sensor summary	Sensor Name Sample Reading Sensor 1901397 Get Calibration Type Category Calibration Units Output Units Reading 1 • Pressure • psi • ftH20 • Multiplier Offset 2.3108 -40 Description/Notes Geokon model # 4500S-350KPA Installed Feb. 10 2019 Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change
	Choose a color: Calculations (ftH2O) Calculation: [A*R1 ² + B*R1 + C + K*(T1 - T0)] * Multiplier + Offset Output = [-1.366E-08 * R1 ² - 0.01577 * R1 + 136.96840361 - 0.0004642 * (T1 - 20.8)] * 2.3108 - 40 Linear Gage Factor(G): 1 Zero Reading(R0): 0 Polynomial Factors A: -1.366E-08 B: -0.01577 C: 136.96840361 Calculate C Polynomial Factors A: -1.366E-08 B: -0.01577 C: 136.96840361 Calculate C Temperature Correction Thermal Factor(K): -0.0004642 Zero Temperature(T0): 20.8 Save Cancel

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26. The edit sensor dialog box will close and the reading sensor will be added to the list of sensors on the node settings screen (Sensor settings can be edited at any time by clicking on the name of the sensor)

projects Sample Project Sample Network Sample Node view charts	Node Name Sample Node Save	Serial Nun 1537823		pe 3800-XX-01C •	
chart settings summary node settings sensor summary	Add reading sensor Add thermistor sensor Add node sensors				
	Name	Туре	Alerts	Additional Information	
	Sample Reading Sensor	Reading_1	None	Start date: 2016-08-22. End date: None	remove

Adding a Thermistor Sensor to a Node

- Most GEOKON vibrating wire sensors include a built-in thermistor. To view the temperature data collected by the thermistor, a "thermistor sensor" must be added in Agent
- 1. To add a thermistor sensor, click "Add thermistor sensor"

projects Sample Project Sample Network Sample Node view charts	Node Name Sample Node Save	Serial Nur 1537823		0e 800-XX-01C ▼	
chart settings summary node settings sensor summary	Add reading sensor Add thermistor sensor Add node sensors	1			
	Name	Туре	Alerts	Additional Information	
	Sample Reading Sensor	Reading_1	None	Start date: 2016-08-22. End date: None	remove

2. The edit sensor dialog box will open

projects Sample Project	Edit Sensor	
Sample Network Sample Node view charts chart settings summary node settings sensor summary	Name Therm_1 Type Units Thermistor 1 ▼ °C ▼ Description/Notes	
	A Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change Choose a color:	d date: None remove

4. Click "Units" to determine the type of engineering units the thermistor data will be displayed in

projects Sample Project	N Edit Sensor	
Sample Network Sample Node view charts chart settings summary	Sensor Name Therm_1 Type Units Thermistor 1 • °C • Description/Notes °C • F	
sensor summary	A A Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change Choose a color:	d date: None remove
	Save Cancel	

Note: The Type field should not be changed; it is used to differentiate readings in thermistor strings

5. The remainder of the fields function as previously described; edit them as desired. Once all pertinent information has been entered, click "Save"

projects Sample Project	Edit Sensor	
Sample Network Sample Node view charts chart settings summary node settings	N Sensor Name Sample Thermistor Type Units Thermistor 1 ▼ °C ▼ Description/Notes A Internal thermistor A 4500S-350KPA S/N 1901397	
sensor summary	A Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change Choose a color: Save Cancel	d date: None remove

5. The edit sensor dialog box will close, and the thermistor sensor will be added to the list of sensors on the node settings screen (Sensor settings can be edited at any time by clicking on the name of the sensor)

projects Sample Project Sample Network Sample Node view charts	Node Name Sample Node Save	Serial Nur 1537823		pe 3800-XX-01C •	
chart settings summary node settings sensor summary	Sensors Add reading sensor Add thermistor sensor Add node sensors				
	Name	Туре	Alerts	Additional Information	
	Sample Reading Sensor	Reading_1	None	Start date: 2016-08-22. End date: None	remove
	Sample Thermistor	Therm_1	None	Start date: 2016-08-22. End date: None	remove

Charts

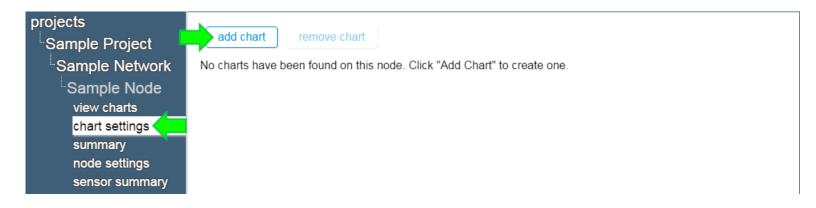




- Charts display data imported by sensors as a graph; therefore, sensors must be added to a chart before it will display any data
- Only data that has been downloaded from the Network will be displayed (For information on how to download data, view the <u>Agent tutorial</u> or refer to the product manual)
- If automatic download is enabled, new data will be added to charts automatically each time data is downloaded from the Network
- If automatic download is disabled, charts will not update until a manual download is performed

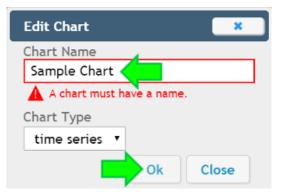
Creating Charts

- 1. Select a Project, a Network, and then the device the chart will be added to
- 2. Click "chart settings" then "add chart"



Creating Charts (Continued)

3. Enter a chart name and then click "Ok"

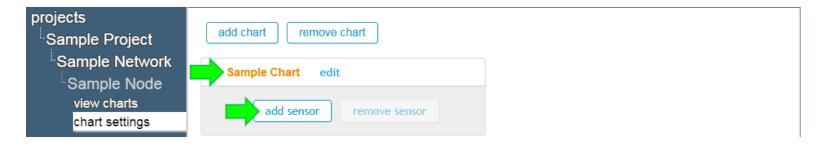


4. Charts that have been added to a device will be shown in the "chart settings" screen

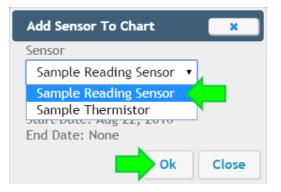
projects Sample Project	add chart remove chart
^L Sample Network	Sample Chart
view charts	
chart settings	

Adding Sensors to Charts

1. Click on a chart name, and then click "add sensor"

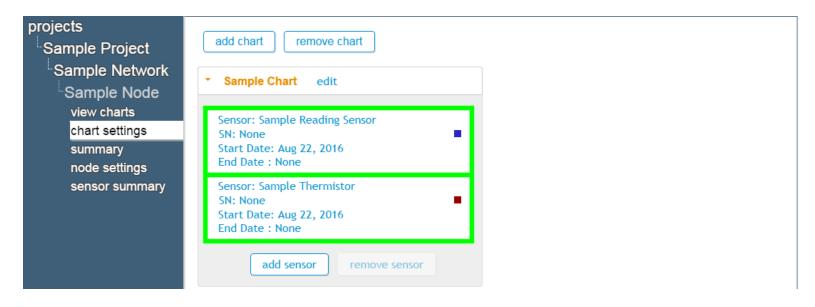


 Select a sensor to add, and then click "Ok" (Only sensors previously added to the device will be shown)



Adding Sensors to Charts (Continued)

- 3. Repeat steps one and two until all desired sensors have been added to the chart
- 4. Sensors that have been added to a chart will be shown below the chart name



Viewing Charts

Click "view charts" to display all charts on the device



For more information...

 Consult the GeoNet and Agent instruction manuals, which can be accessed at any time by clicking on the question mark at the top of the screen

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projects Sample Project	Show tooltips on charts	^
Sample Network	Sample Chart	=

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