

Product Tutorial

Using Agent Software with Vibrating Wire Sensors



Before Continuing

Prior to viewing this tutorial, please read the <u>Using Agent</u>
<u>Software with GeoNet Wireless Data Hosting Systems</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

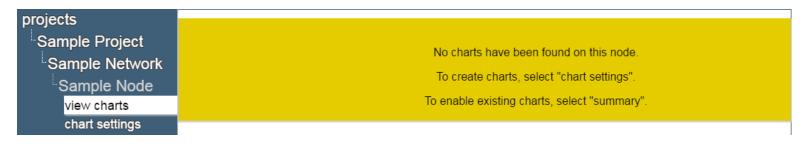


Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node

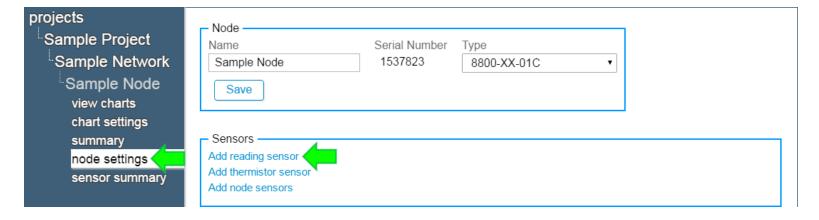
- To view the data collected from a vibrating wire sensor, a "reading sensor" must be added in Agent
- 1. To add a reading sensor, select a Project, a Network, and then a Node which has a vibrating wire sensor attached



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"

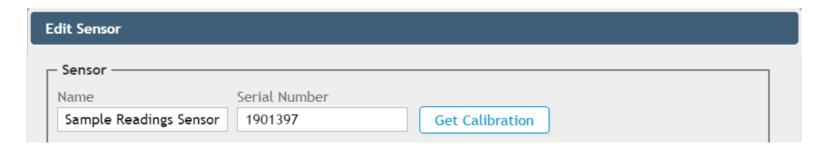


4. The edit sensor dialog box will open

projects	Edit Sensor						
Sample Project	Sensor —						
Sample Network	Name Serial Number						
Sample Node	Reading_1 Get Calibration						
view charts	Type Category Calibration Units Output Units						
chart settings	Reading 1 V Default V - V Digits V Multiplier Offset						
summary	1 0						
node settings	Description/Notes						
sensor summary							
	Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change						
	Choose a color: ■▼						
	Calculations (ftH2O)						
	Calculation: $[G^*(R_1 - R_0) + K^*(T_1 - T_0)]$ * Multiplier + Offset Output = $[1 * (R_1 - 0)]$ * 1 + 0						
	● 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						
	Save Cancel						

- 5. 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

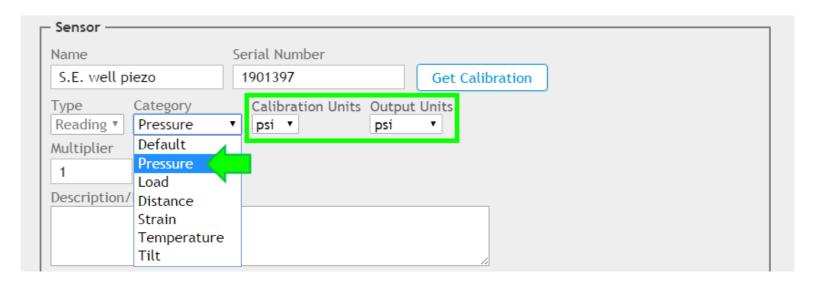
6. Enter a descriptive name for the reading sensor, and the serial number of the VW sensor attached to the Node



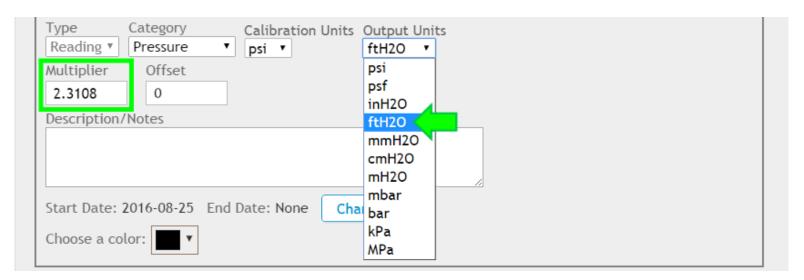
7. Clicking "Get Calibration" will retrieve the calibration factors for the specified serial number from GEOKON's calibration database and automatically populate them into the Edit Sensor dialog (Only available for VW sensors manufactured after 2016)

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



- 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



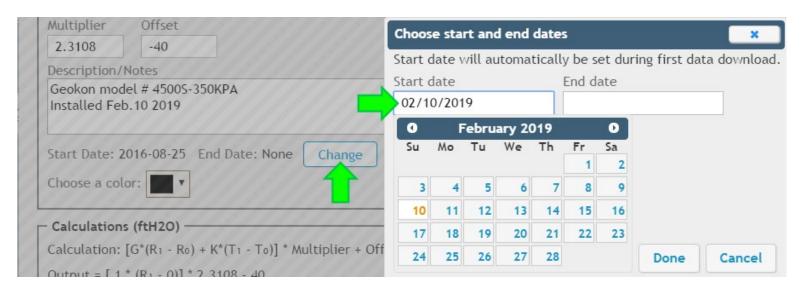
10. "Offset" is an optional constant that can be added to the sensor output to adjust the data. For example: If a piezometer installed at a site elevation of -40 feet is reading +2 feet of water, entering an offset of -40 would adjust the reading to -38 feet, the actual water elevation of the sensor

Name S.E. well piezo	Serial Number 1901397 Get Calibration
Type Category Reading Pressure Multiplier Offset 2.3108 -40 Description/Notes	Calibration Units Output Units psi ftH2O
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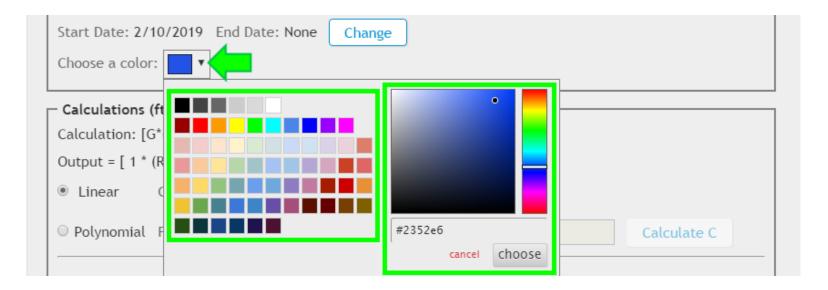
11. The Description/Notes field is provided for the user to record any additional information about the VW sensor

— Sensor ————————— Name	Serial Number
S.E. well piezo	1901397 Get Calibration
Type Category Reading ▼ Pressure Multiplier Offset 2.3108 -40	Calibration Units Output Units ▼ psi ▼ ftH2O ▼
Description/Notes Geokon model # 4500S-35 Installed Feb.10 2019	OKPA
Start Date: 2016-08-25 E Choose a color: ▼	nd Date: None Change

12. 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)



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 (Calculation: [C	5*(R1 - R0) + K*(T1 - T0	o)] * 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	C: 0	Calculate C	
☐ Temperatu	e Correction					
Thermal Facto	r(K): 0	Zero Tempera	ature(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"

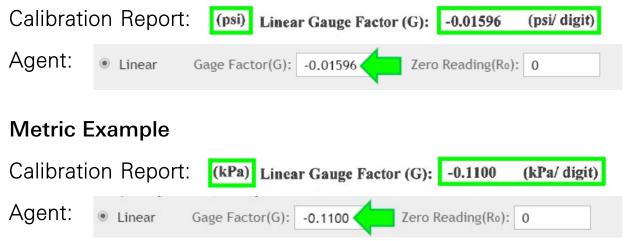
Imperial Example

Agent:	Type Reading ▼	Category Pressure		Calibration Units psi 🔻	Output Units ftH2O ▼		
Calibration	on Report	(psi)	Linear	Gauge Factor (G):	-0.01596	_(psi/ digit)	
			Polynoi	mial Gauge Factors	: A: -1.366E-0	08 B:0.01577	C:
Metric E	xample						
Agent:	Type Reading ▼	Category Pressure	•	Calibration Units kPa ▼	Output Units ftH2O ▼		
Calibration	on Report	(kPa)	Linear	Gauge Factor (G):	-0.1100	(kPa/ digit)	
			Polynoi	mial Gauge factors:	A: -9.418E-0	08 B: -0.1087	C:

Adding a Reading Sensor to a Node: Linear Calculations

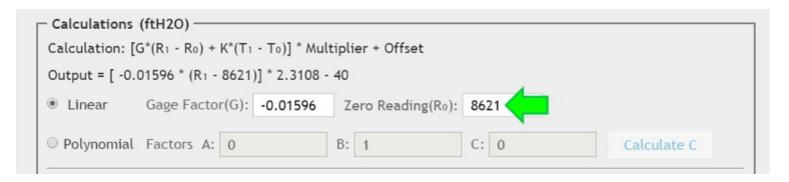
15. Enter the Linear Gauge Factor from the calibration report

Imperial Example



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

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

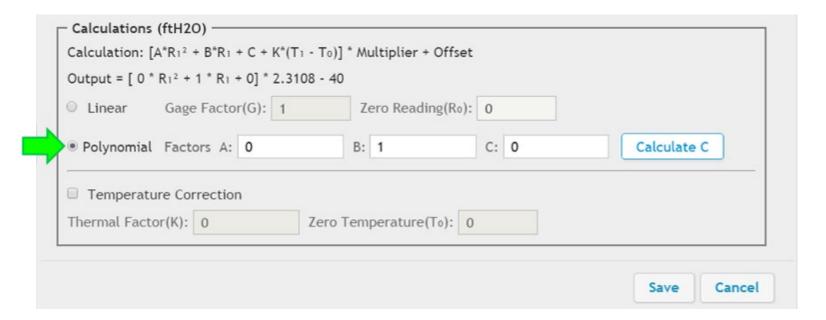


▶ It is essential that an accurate onsite zero reading is entered. This reading will be used for all subsequent data reduction. Consult the sensor manual for more information.

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



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

18. Enter the polynomial gauge factors from the calibration report

Imperial Example

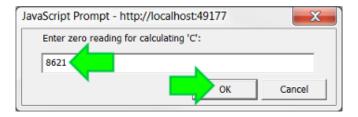
Calibration Report: Linear Gauge Factor (G): -0.01596 (psi/digit) Polynomial Gauge Factors: A: -1.366E-08 B: -0.01577 Agent: Polynomial Factors A: -0.0000001366 B: -0.01577 Calculate C Metric Example Calibration Report: (kPa) Linear Gauge Factor (G): -0.1100 (kPa/ digit) Polynomial Gauge factors: A: -9.418E-08 B: -0.1087 Agent: Polynomial Factors A: -0.000000019418 B: -0.1087 Calculate C

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

19. Click "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

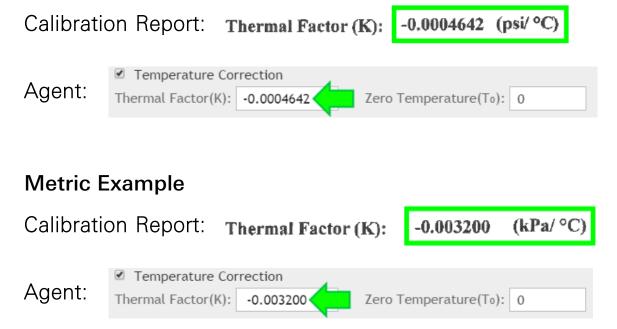
22. For optimum accuracy, or if ambient temperature changes are large, a temperature correction can be applied. To factor changes in temperature into the selected equation, check the "Temperature Correction" box

	Gage Factor(G): 1	Zero Reading(Ro): 0		
Polynomial	Factors A: -1	1.366E-08	B: -0.01577	C: 136	.96840361	Calculate C
1020			t/ (t)			
Temperatur	e Correction					

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

23. Enter the Thermal Factor from the calibration report

Imperial Example



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

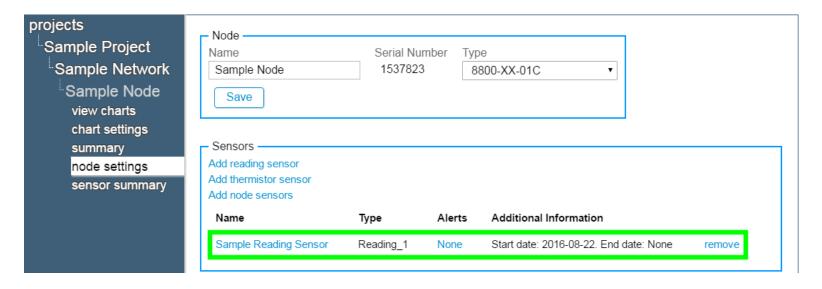
24. Enter the temperature recorded when the onsite zero reading was taken (must be entered as degrees Celsius)

	R1 ² + B*R1 + C + K* 6E-08 * R1 ² - 0.015] * 2.3108 - 4	0	
Linear (Gage Factor(G): 1	Z	ero Reading(R	0): 0			
Polynomial F	Factors A: -1.366	E-08 B:	-0.01577	C: 136.	96840361	Calculate (С
Temperature		Zero Tem	nperature(To):	22.5			

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

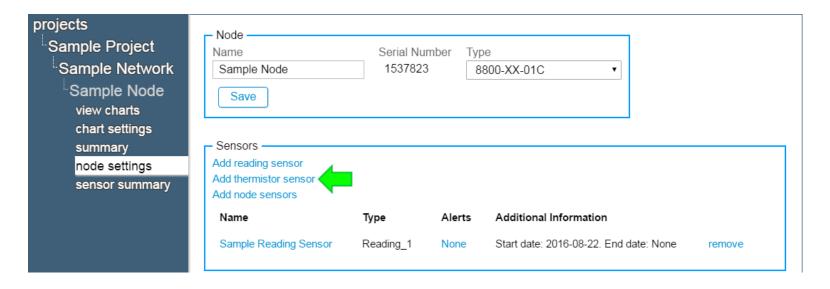
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Sample Network	Name Serial Number						
Sample Node	Sample Reading Sensor 1901397 Get Calibration						
view charts	Type Category Calibration Units Output Units Reading 1 ▼ Pressure ▼ psi ▼ ftH2O ▼ Multiplier Offset						
chart settings							
summary	2.3108 -40						
node settings	Description/Notes						
sensor summary	Geokon model # 4500S-350KPA Installed Feb. 10 2019						
	Start Date: 2016-08-22 End Date: None Change Choose a color: ▼						
	Calculations (ftH20)						
	Calculation: [A*R1² + B*R1 + C + K*(T1 - To)] * 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(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): 20.8						
	Save Cancel						

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)

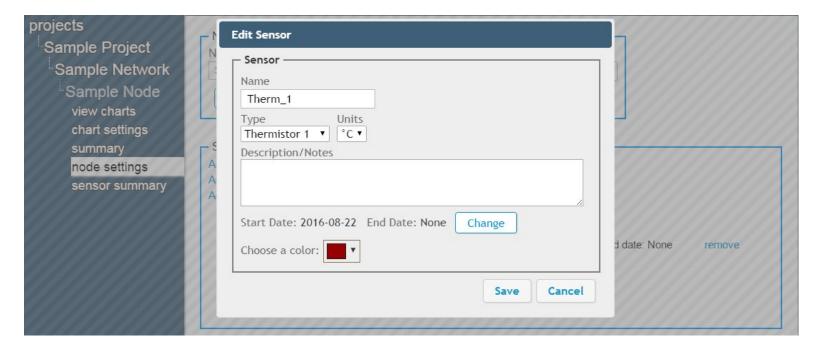


Adding a Thermistor Sensor to a Node

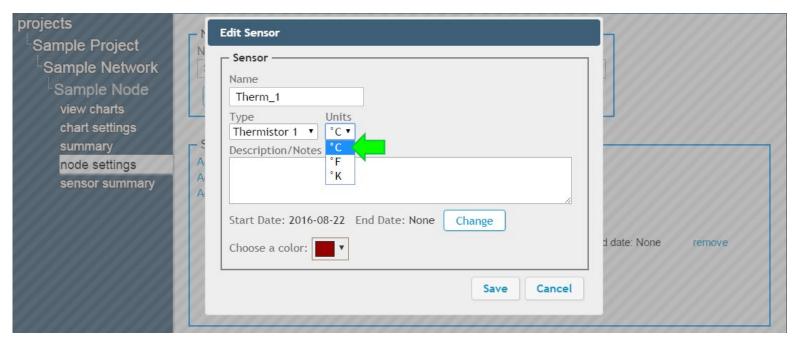
- Most GEOKON vibrating wire sensors include a built-in thermistor.
 To view the temperature data collected by the thermistor, a "thermistor sensor" must be added in Agent
- 1. To add a thermistor sensor, click "Add thermistor sensor"



2. The edit sensor dialog box will open

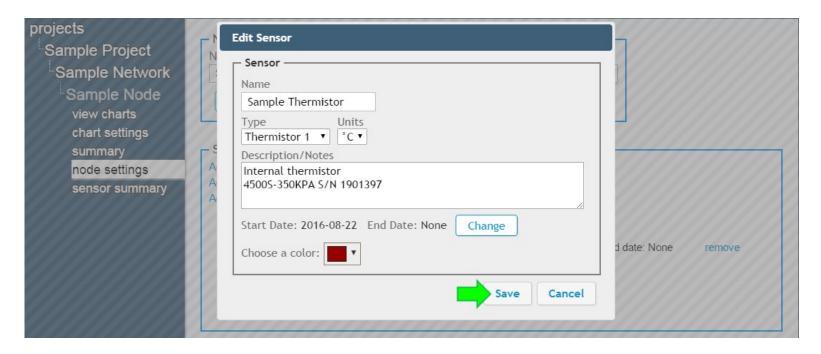


3. Click "Units" to determine the type of engineering units the thermistor data will be displayed in

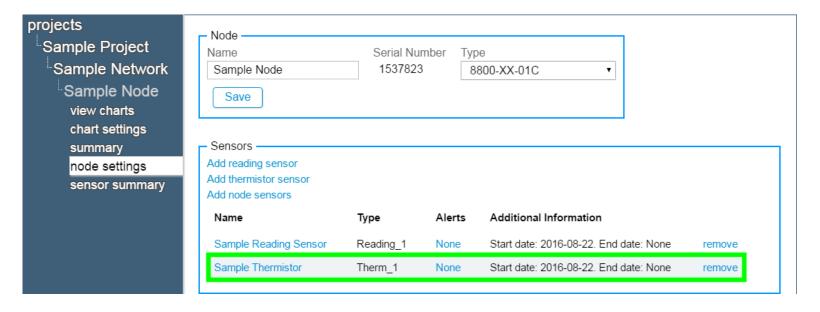


Note: The Type field should not be changed; it is used to differentiate readings in thermistor strings

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



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)



Charts

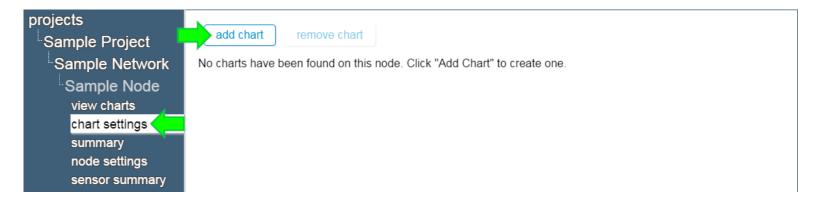


Charts

- 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

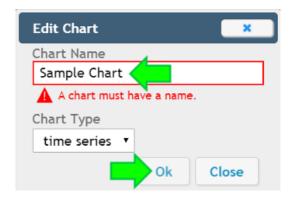
Creating Charts

- 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"

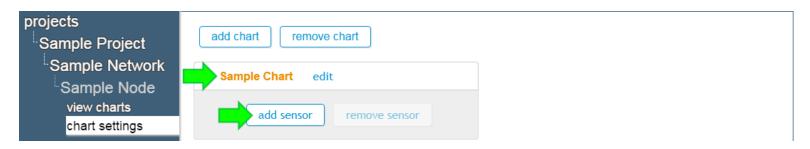


4. Charts that have been added to a device will be shown in the "chart settings" screen

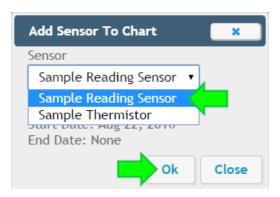


Adding Sensors to Charts

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

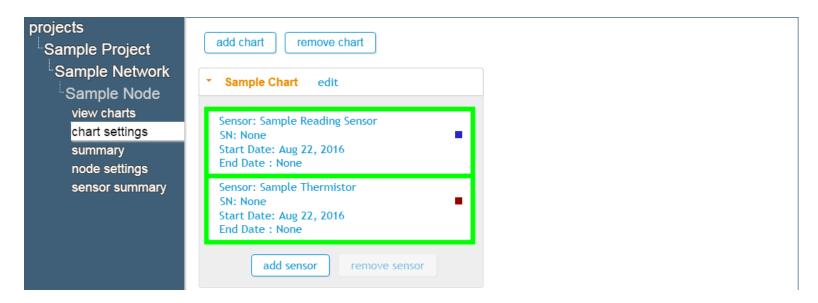


2. Select a sensor to add, and then click "Ok" (Only sensors previously added to the device will be shown)



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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