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## Acronyms

**AC** Alternating Current

**API** Application Programming Interface

**CAGR** Compound Annual Growth Rate

**CPS** Cyber-Physical System

**CSI** Camera Serial Interface

**DB** Database

**DC** Direct Current

**GPIO** General Purpose Input/ Output

**GPS** Global Positioning System

**GUI** Graphical User Interface

**IC** Integrated Circuit

**IEEE** Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

**IoT** Internet of Things

**ISM** Industrial Scientific and Medical

**LDR** Light Dependant Resistor

**LED** Light-Emitting Diode

**LPWA** Low Power Wide Area

**LPWAN** Low Power Wide Area Network

**LTE-M** Long Term Evolution for Machines

**NB-IoT** Narrow-Band IoT

**PIR** Passive Infrared

**RF** Radio Frequency

**UNB** Ultra-Narrow Band

# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Problem Statement

Nowadays, the energy crisis is a constant theme because of the inflated energy prices [2]. Furthermore, huge energy consumption is a burden to the environment, as not all means of energy production are non-polluting. According to "Our World in Data" [3], in 2019, 63,3 % of eletrical energy production comes from fossil fuels. It is known that generally, street lamps are continuously switched on at night, most of the time unnecessarily glowing with its full intensity, in the absence of any activities in the street, leading to a great waste of energy. Furthermore, it is in cities where the consequences of using cars are most noticeable. An example of this is the search for a parking space. According to the RAC Foundation [4], in England, an average car is parked 95 % of the time, which explains how hard it can get sometimes when trying to find a parking spot. This struggle leads to an increase in carbon dioxide production as well as fuel and energy consumption.

With that in mind, this project aims the implementation of applications for a Smart City, regarding Smart Lighting and Smart Parking, in order to decrease the energy consumption in public streets, while improving the lives of citizens around the world. The solution will embrace a centralized system, composed by smart street lights capable of turning on only when they detect movement in the surroundings, at night time, and also, capable of detecting available parking spaces in the street post vicinity.

## 1.2 Problem Statement Analysis

This solution provides a network of street lamp posts, each implementing Smart Street Lighting and Smart Parking Detection, using Raspberry Pi 4B [5] has a controller. A gateway is needed to gather all the information from the street lamp posts, and store that in a remote system, needed to provide a way for a responsible entity manage the network.

When there is no activity detected in the area, the lamp post is at a predefined minimum light level, whereas when a car or pedestrian is noticed in the area, the light automatically activates at full brightness. To allow to dynamically turn on the lights of the following poles, each the street lamp post communicates with the neighbor lamp posts, indirectly, through the gateway. To detect movement in the vicinity of the pole, a motion detector is used. Since the lamppost will only light up during the night time, the motion detector will also only work during that period. To ensure this, a luminosity sensor is used, determining the ambient light conditions. In order to facilitate the maintenance of the pole, a system that determines the operating conditions of the lamp is also implemented. When this system verifies that the lamp is not in good working conditions, in other words, that it is broken or burnt, this information is transmitted to the entity responsible for the network of lamp posts, through a mobile app. This is also used by the person in charge, to manage all information on the pole network, such as the location and working conditions of each pole.

In order to detect empty parking spots, this system should only be used in an area where there are parking spaces nearby. For this, the lamp post has a camera, turned on all day, and, after Raspberry Pi processes the acquired information, it will be available on a website, so that a user, a car driver, can know where there are empty parking spaces.

# Chapter 2

## Market Research

### 2.1 Market Definition

As figure 2.1 shows, there are various applications of IoT technology for smart cities. In this project it will be created a solution that comprises Smart Lighting management and Smart Parking.

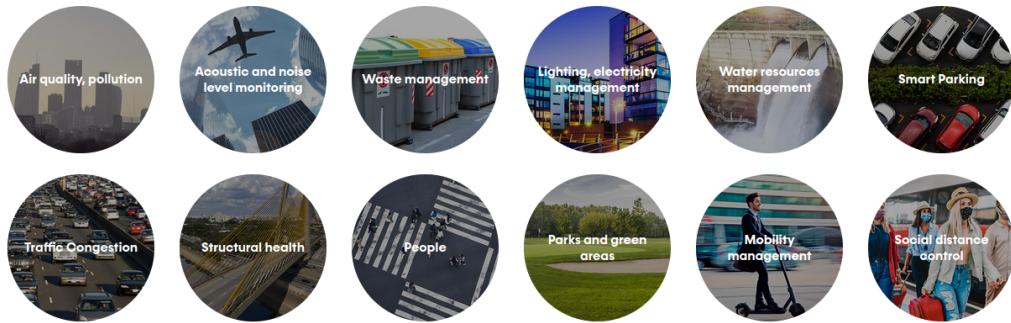


Figure 2.1: Applications of IoT technology for Smart Cities. [1]

The IoT starts with connectivity, but since it is a widely diverse and multifaceted realm, one certainly cannot find a one-size-fits-all communication solution. Next, one can identify these common types of IoT wireless technologies, through mesh and star topologies:

- **LoRaWAN** (LoRa from "long range") is a Low Power Wide Area Network (LPWAN) specification that targets key requirements of IoT, such

as secure bi-directional communication. LoRaWAN network architecture is deployed in a star-of-stars topology in which gateways relay messages between end-devices and a central network server. The gateways are connected to the network server via standard IP connections and act as a transparent bridge, simply converting Radio Frequency (RF) packets to IP packets and vice versa. The wireless communication takes advantage of the Long Range characteristics of the LoRa physical layer, allowing a single-hop link between the end-device and one or many gateways. [6]

- **Wi-SUN** (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) standard 802.15.4g) is a RF mesh communication technology, which enables large-scale outdoor IoT networks including applications such as asset management, environmental monitoring, agriculture, structural health monitoring and much more. [7] Using the same IEEE standard, there is also **ZigBee**, a short-range, low-power, commonly deployed in mesh topology to extend coverage by relaying sensor data over multiple sensor nodes. [8]
- **Sigfox** is a cellular style communication technology that provides low power, low data rate and low communication costs for IoT applications. Sigfox employs Ultra-Narrow Band (UNB) technology, which enables very low transmitter power levels to be used while still being able to maintain a robust data connection, using unlicensed Industrial Scientific and Medical (ISM) radio bands. The simple and easy to roll-out star-based cell infrastructure has encouraged its current extended worldwide availability. [9]
- **Narrow-Band IoT (NB-IoT)** is a carrier-grade RF, narrowband communication technology, specially designed for the IoT. It connects devices more simply and efficiently on already established mobile networks, and handles small amounts of infrequent 2-way data, securely and reliably. The special focus of this standard is on very low power consumption, excellent penetration coverage and lower component costs, deployed in GSM and LTE regulated frequencies. [10]
- **Long Term Evolution for Machines (LTE-M)** is a Low Power Wide Area (LPWA) technology standard published by 3GPP. It supports IoT through lower device complexity and extended coverage,

while allowing the reuse of the LTE installed base. Supported by all major mobile equipment, chipset and module manufacturers, LTE-M networks will co-exist with 2G, 3G, and 4G mobile networks and benefit from all the security and privacy features of carrier-grade networks. [11]

### 2.1.1 Smart Lighting

Smart Street lighting is a rapidly growing lighting market, with an expected Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 20.4 % until 2026 [12], implementing a smart management of public lighting to optimize energy consumption according to lighting needs. This is boosted by regulatory policies that encourage energy efficiency, IoT convergence and the drop of Light-Emitting Diode (LED) prices. This new concept of smart light post is also growing, implementing not only the smart management of street lights, but also features that go from basic LED replacement control, to traffic and video monitoring, environmental monitoring, and others.

#### 2.1.1.1 FLASHNET - inteliLIGHT

FLASHNET is a company focused on developing intelligent systems for smarter cities and better infrastructures and have created a solution that provides the right amount of light where and when needed to lighten the streets, the inteliLIGHT. [13] Using the existing infrastructure, this solution saves money and transforms the existing distribution level network into an intelligent infrastructure of the future.

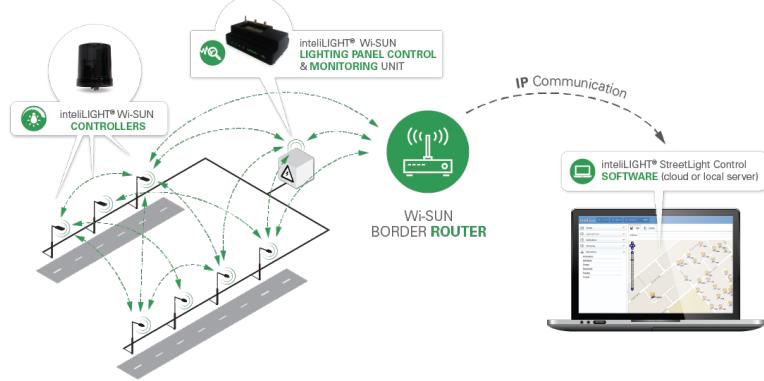


Figure 2.2: inteliLIGHT Communication Technology.

In figure 2.2 it is presented one of the many communication technologies that inteliLIGHT can provide in their smart street light solution. In this case, it is shown the use of Wi-SUN, a RF mesh street lighting communication technology. Furthermore, the system is integrated with major IoT platforms and provides Application Programming Interface (API) connectivity with City Management applications, ensuring compatibility with existing smart lighting and smart city initiatives.

#### 2.1.1.2 Telensa - PLANet

Nowadays, Telensa is the market share leader in smart street lighting with more than ten years of experience.[14] PLANet is connected street lighting system that consists of wireless control nodes, an UNB wireless network and a Central Management System, as seen in figure 2.3. This system reduces energy and maintenance costs associated with street lighting and also improves quality of maintenance through automatic fault reporting.

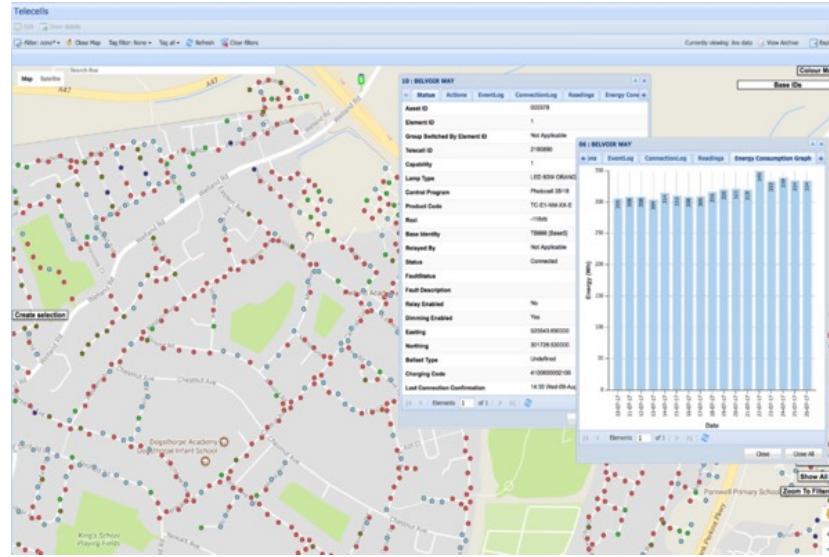


Figure 2.3: Telecells - PLANet's Central Management System.

### 2.1.2 Smart Parking

Smart parking, through the monitoring of parking spaces availability in the city, is also a growing market, expected to grow with a CAGR of 17.85% in the forecast period of 2021 to 2028.[15] The rise in investment in building driverless vehicles and an increase in the government's initiative in building smart cities across the globe, along with the demand and adoption of IoT technology, are the main driving factors for the growth of smart parking market.

#### 2.1.2.1 intuVision - intuVision VA Parking

Regarding only to the detection of available parking spaces, there is a solution, by intuVision, named intuVision VA Parking, which provides parking lot analytics to determine vehicle count and security, and monitor parking space availability at all times, both for cities and for private parking lots, as one can see in the figure 2.4.[16]



Figure 2.4: intuVision Parking Lot Demonstration.

## 2.2 Why choose our product

This product aims to decrease power consumption associated with the traditional street light network, and also, using that infrastructure, contribute to the development of a smart city, detecting available parking spaces in the streets. This street lighting solution can be used in residential areas, public spaces or a large outdoor parking lot, feasible of being installed in existent lamp posts, requiring minimum changes to the original infrastructure. Although in this project it is not implemented, aside the parking spaces availability detection, this product can have the ability to monitor and to process various areas of interest using the camera built in, like for example, security purposes.

# **Chapter 3**

## **System**

### **3.1 System Requirements and Constraints**

In order for the system to have the desired performance, these requirements and constraints must be respected:

#### **3.1.1 Functional Requirements**

- Sensors data acquisition;
- Motion detection;
- Control of a street lamp;
- Control a network of street poles;
- Wireless communication between local systems and gateway;
- Manage street poles network information through a mobile application;
- Empty parking spots detection;
- Add lamppost location through a mobile application;
- Access available parking spots location through a web site.

### 3.1.2 Non-Functional Requirements

- User friendly mobile application and web site;
- Ambient luminosity sensing;
- Lower power consumption than actual street lights;
- Soft Real-Time Embedded System.

### 3.1.3 Technical Constraints

- Buildroot
- C and C++
- Device Drivers
- Linux
- Raspberry Pi
- Cyber-Physical System (CPS)
- Makefiles
- Pthreads

### 3.1.4 Non-Technical Constraints

- Two members team
- Project deadline at the end of the semester
- Low budget

## 3.2 Network Architecture

To define the network architecture of the solution to be created, some aspects must be remembered. One is that there are various communication technologies that may be used, as presented previously in Market Research. Other important aspect to keep in mind is that this solution implements both Smart Street Lighting and Smart Parking, through the use of street lampposts. So, these must have parking spots nearby, in order to allow full use of the Smart Parking feature. In order to fulfill the city needs in street lighting, this lack of flexibility demands a creation of a similar solution, without the Smart Parking feature, that won't be approached in this project.

The data stream in the network will be very low since each lamppost will only communicate notifications on its state. That is, if the lamp is light up, if it was detected a malfunction with the lamp, if it was detected an available parking space. Furthermore, since the street lampposts may be far apart from the gateway, there is the need to use a long range communication technology, to maximize the number of nodes connected to a single gateway.

In figure 3.1, one can see that LoRa is ideal for applications that transmit small chunks of data with low bit rates. Data can be transmitted at a longer range compared to technologies like Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, ZigBee or cellular communication technologies like Sigfox or LTE-M, as presented previously. These features make LoRa well suited for sensors and actuators that operate in low power mode. LoRa can be operated on the ISM license free sub-gigahertz bands, for example, 915 MHz, 868 MHz, and 433 MHz. It also can be operated on 2,4 GHz to achieve higher data rates compared to sub-gigahertz bands, at the cost of range. [17]

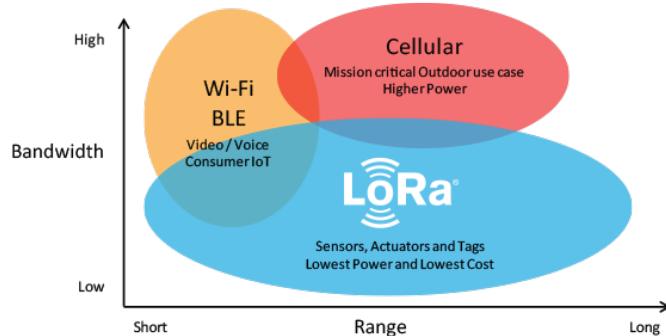


Figure 3.1: Communication technologies range vs bandwidth.

With that in mind, one can identify LoRa as a proper communication technology to use in this network.

In figure 3.2 one can see the network architecture diagram. This is a star topology, in which the gateway relay messages between each local system (lamppost) and a central network server, the remote system. This wireless communication takes advantage of the Long Range characteristics of the LoRa physical layer, allowing a single-hop link between the local system and the gateway. All communication modes are capable of bi-directional communication, and there is support for multicast addressing groups. The gateway is connected to the internet in order to store new information about the network in the remote system.

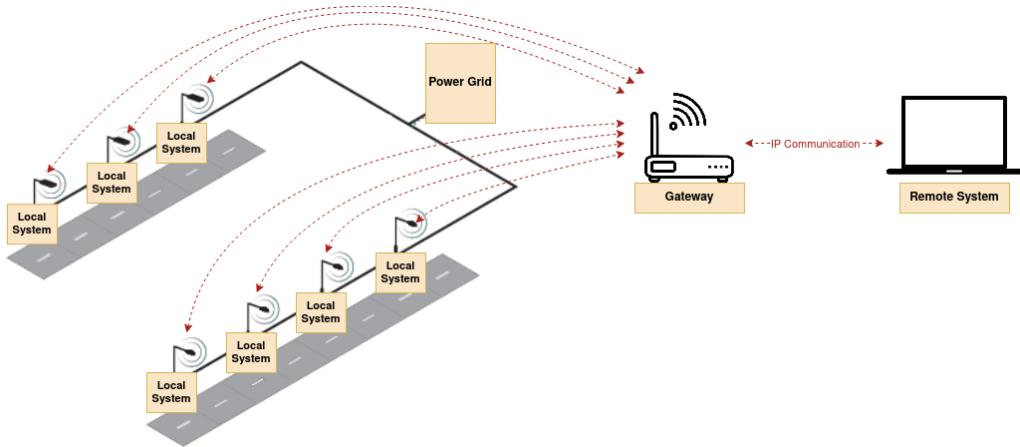


Figure 3.2: Network architecture.

LoRa end-devices serve different applications and have different requirements, that's why there are device classes, as one can see in figure 3.3.

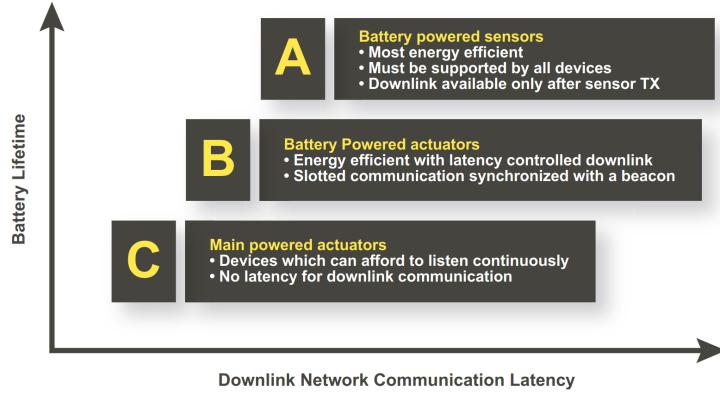


Figure 3.3: LoRa device classes.

Knowing that street lampposts have main power, from the power grid, one can classify the network nodes as class C. End-devices of class C are bi-directional end-devices with maximal receive slots, has they have almost continuously open receive windows, only closed when transmitting. That way, the downlink communication latency may be very low. [18]

LoRa provides long range communication, as LoRaWAN gateways can transmit and receive signals over a distance of more than 10 kilometers in rural areas and up to 3 kilometers in dense urban areas. It uses license free spectrum, so one doesn't have to pay expensive frequency spectrum license fees to deploy a LoRaWAN network. It is low cost, since it is a minimal infrastructure, low-cost end nodes and open source software.

To determine the maximum number of nodes that can be connected to a single gateway, one needs to evaluate gateway specifications, more specifically, the number of packets it can support. For instance, if there is a gateway supporting 1 million packets per day, and if the application sends 10 packet per hour, or 240 packets per day, then, more than 4000 nodes can be handled by that gateway. This is just a rough approximation, since it depends on the packet format/length, on the time needed for the node to send that packet, on the time needed for the gateway to process that packet, and many other constraints that at this point aren't fully identified.

### 3.3 System Overview

Through the system overview diagram, in figure 3.4, it is possible to identify the main modules of the system to be developed, and how they interact. We can divide the system into three subsystems: the local system, which represents a lamppost, the gateway, a device that links the lampposts network to the remote server, and the remote system, that stores information about the lamppost network and allows interaction with the system users by the use of remote client applications.

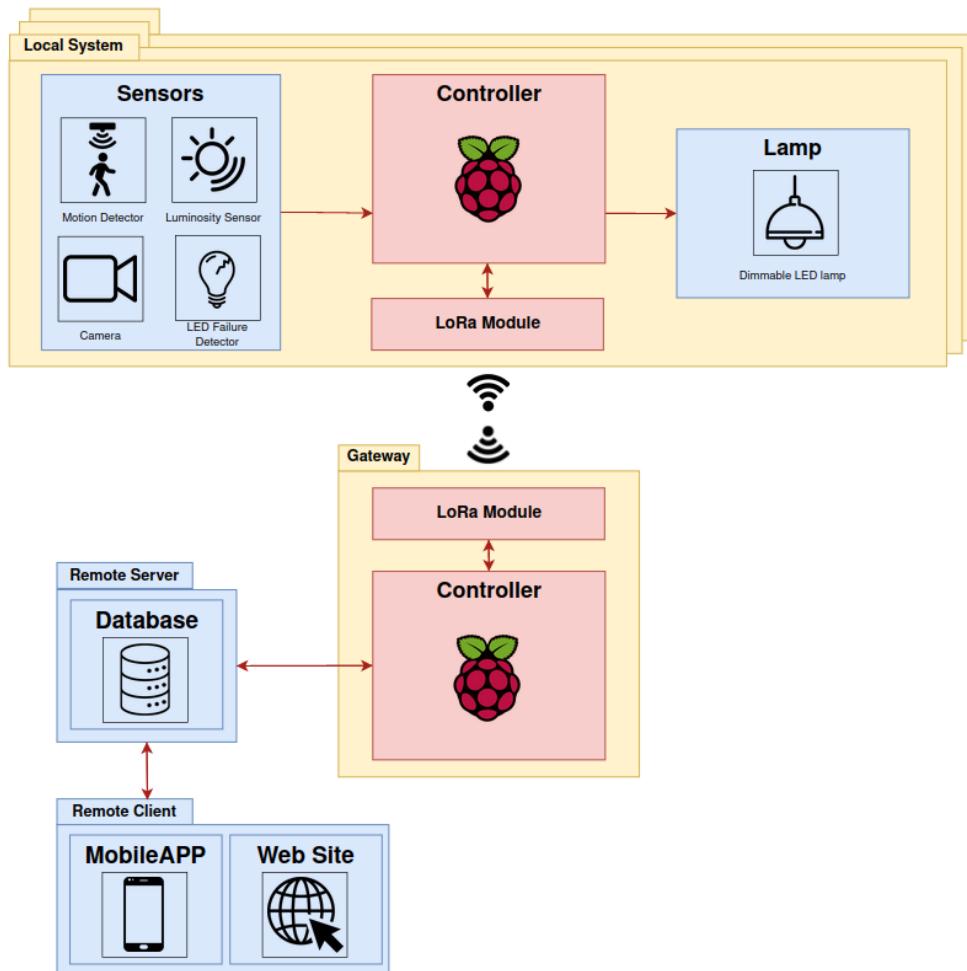


Figure 3.4: System Overview Diagram.

The local system is composed of sensors, a controller, a lamp and a wireless communication module, LoRa module. Regarding the sensors, there will be a motion detector, to allow the detection of movement in the vicinity of the pole, a luminosity sensor, to detect the light conditions of the pole's surroundings, a lamp failure detector to know if the lamp is working and a camera to detect empty parking spots in the lamppost vicinity. The controller of the local system is a Raspberry Pi, that uses the sensors information and communicates wirelessly with the gateway using a LoRa communication module. The gateway also communicates through internet with a remote server, so that network information is stored in the remote server, and to allow the dynamic control of local systems.

The remote system is composed by the remote server and the remote client. The remote server consists of a database that stores all information about each lamppost location and operating status. This information can be accessed through a mobile application by the operator in order to carry out the necessary maintenance of the lamp of each pole. Furthermore, the operator, when installing a new lamppost, can add its location to the database, using the mobile application. In addition, the database stores information on available parking spaces detected by the camera. When a user, a car driver, wants to know where there are empty parking places, he can access a website that informs him of the location of the empty parking spaces.

### 3.4 System Architecture

Using the system overview diagram information, one can describe the system in two different architectures: hardware architecture, as how the hardware modules interfaces with itself, what are the physical components of the system, and software architecture, which details how the information is processed among different software layers.

### 3.4.1 Hardware Architecture

#### 3.4.1.1 Local System

In figure 3.5, one can see the diagram that represents the main hardware components of the system.

The Raspberry Pi is the main component in the system, processing all the information given by the sensors and the camera. The Raspberry Pi is connected to a LoRa module, for the local system communicate with the remote system. In order to control the lamp brightness, a driver is used, taking a signal from the Raspberry Pi, and system power as inputs.

The local system is powered by the power grid, through a power module. This module contains an Alternating Current (AC)/Direct Current (DC) converter, and eventually a step-down converter, to power the Raspberry Pi and its associated sensors.

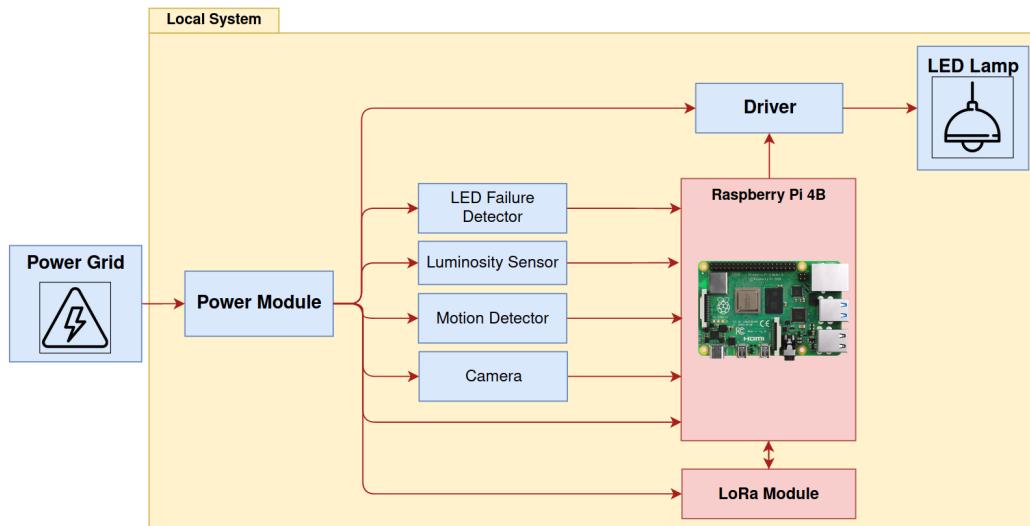


Figure 3.5: Local System Hardware Architecture Diagram.

### 3.4.1.2 Gateway

The hardware architecture of the gateway is shown in figure 3.6. The purpose of this device is to link the local systems to the remote system, so the hardware needed is only the LoRa communication module, as well as the Raspberry Pi to manage all communications.

As in the local system, there is a power module to power the gateway components, the Raspberry Pi and LoRa module.

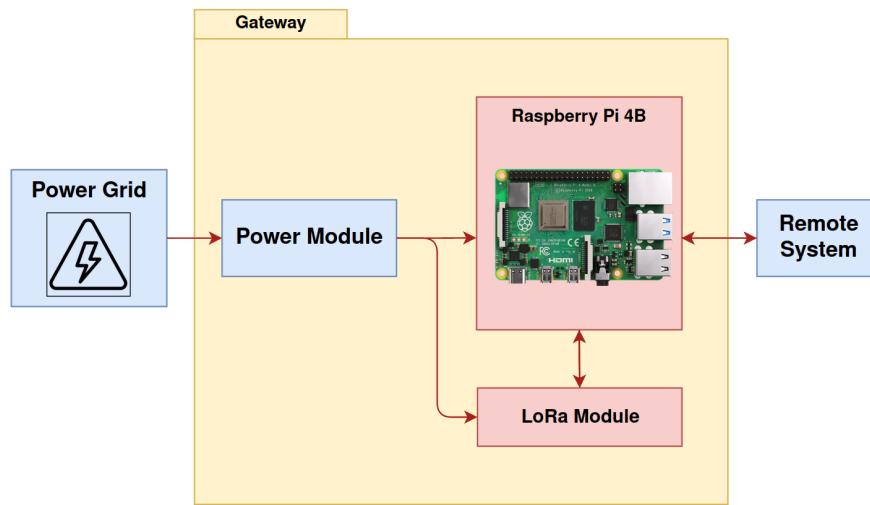


Figure 3.6: Gateway Hardware Architecture Diagram.

### 3.4.2 Software Architecture

The software architecture is divided into three layers:

- The **Operating System** layer, which is composed by the Operating System drivers and Board Support Packages;
- The **Middleware** layer, which includes software for abstracting the lower level layer packages. It works as a pipe since it links two applications, in different layers, so that data can be easily transmitted;
- The **Application** layer, where the core functionality of the program is built, with a resource for the API's in the lower level layers.

### 3.4.2.1 Local System

As shown in figure 3.7, the operating system layer is composed by the sensor drivers, such as the LED Failure Sensor, the Luminosity Sensor, the Motion Detector, the camera, and also the LoRa communication driver. In the middleware layer are the tools needed to process the images from the camera, to acquire data from sensors and to communicate via LoRa protocol with the gateway. The application layer manages the communication with the gateway.

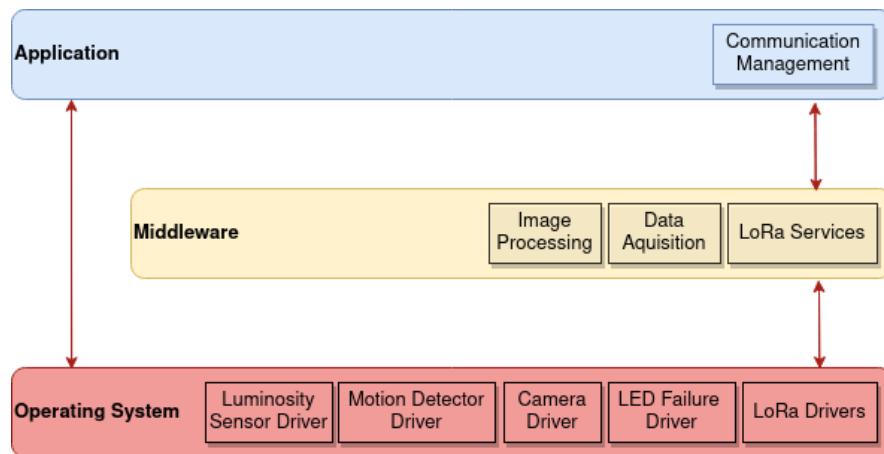


Figure 3.7: Local System Software Architecture Diagram.

### 3.4.2.2 Gateway

In figure 3.8 is shown the software architecture of the gateway device. The operating system layer is composed by the communication drivers, responsible of providing resources to establish a TCP/IP connection, with the remote system, and establish a LoRa connection with the local systems. The middleware layer deals with LoRa services and with TCP/IP framework. The application layer manages all communications between the street lampposts network and the remote system.

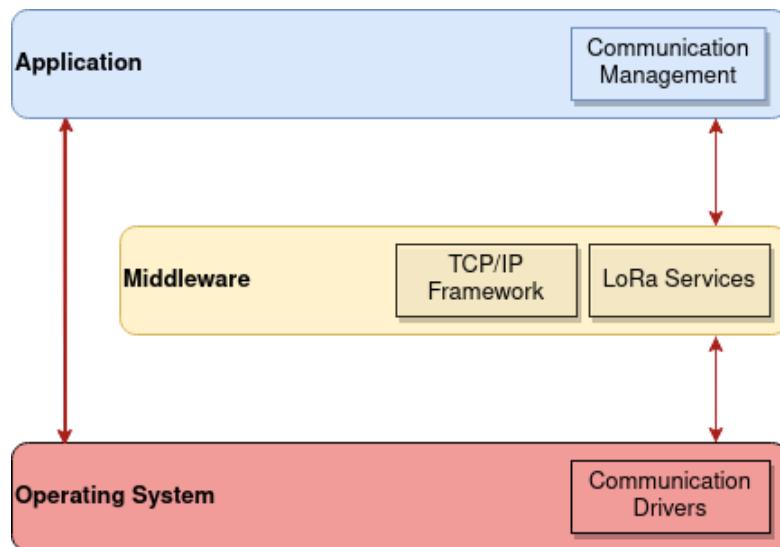


Figure 3.8: Gateway Software Architecture Diagram.

### 3.4.2.3 Remote System

In figure 3.9 is shown the software architecture of the remote system. The operating system layer is composed by the communication drivers, more specifically, TCP/IP, that are needed to establish a connection with the gateway. In the middleware layer, there is the TCP/IP framework. In the application layer there is the Graphical User Interface (GUI), that allows the interaction with the user, through a mobile application and a web site. There are also the communication and database management, responsible of editing the database when required and supplying all the information requested by the GUI.

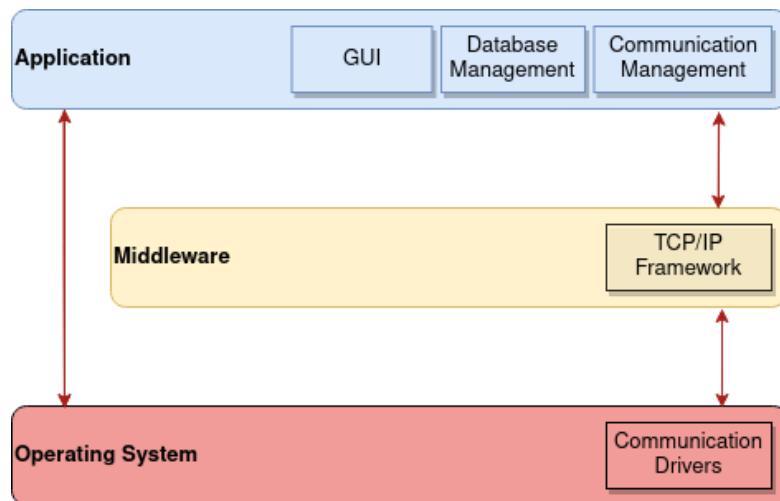


Figure 3.9: Remote System Software Architecture Diagram.

### 3.4.3 Database E-R Diagram

In the database will be stored all the information about each lamppost, its operators and parking spots. In the figure 3.10 one can see the Entity Relationship Diagram (E-R Diagram), displaying the relationships between the entities.

This database has five entities: "Lamppost", "Location", "Region", "Operator" and "Parking Space". A lamppost has a unique identification, his location coordinates and the status of the lamp (lamp at minimum bright level/ lamp at maximum bright level/ lamp OFF/ lamp broken). The location is defined by the coordinates, the post code associated and the street name. A region has multiple locations associated, that are defined by the post code. This entity has also information about parish, county, district of the specified region and the operator responsible for the lampposts in that region. The entity "operator" has the operator identification, the operator name and the operator pin code (used to login in the mobile application). A parking spot is defined by the entity "Parking Space" and has the attributes identification of the parking space, its location coordinates, the parking space type (normal park/ park for disabled people/ restrict park) and the park status (available/ not available).

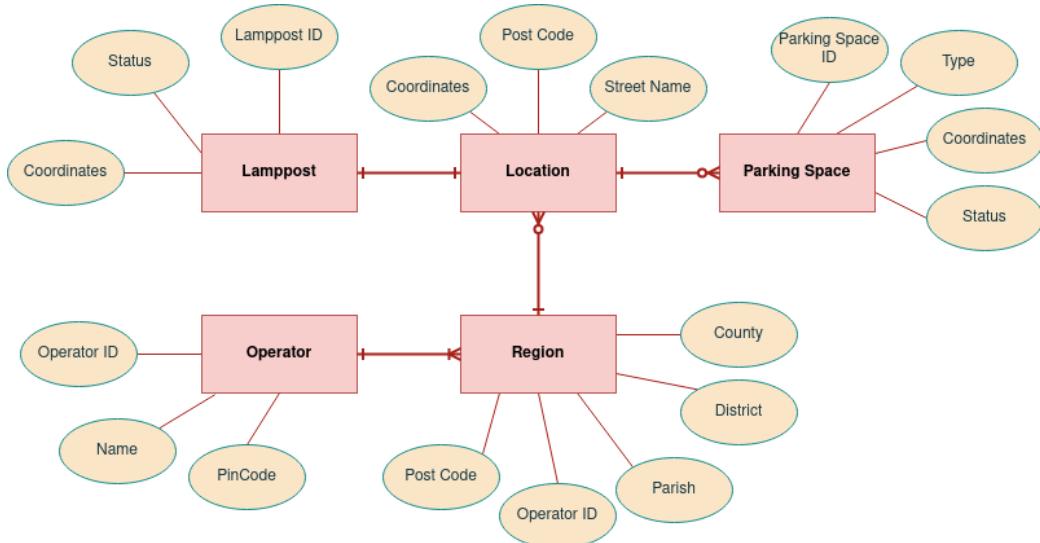


Figure 3.10: Database E-R Diagram.

# Chapter 4

## System Analysis

### 4.1 Local System

#### 4.1.1 Events

To better understand the local system behavior, it is necessary to be aware of the events that may occur, defining how the system will respond to each one of them, as shown in table 4.1.

Event	System Response	Source	Type
Low luminosity detected	Put lamp at a predefined minimum bright level	Environment	Asynchronous
Motion detected	Put lamp at maximum bright level	User	Asynchronous
LED failure detected	Notify remote system	Local system	Asynchronous
Requested to turn on the lamp	Put lamp at maximum bright level	Remote system	Asynchronous
Camera sample period	Acquire camera frame and do image processing	Timer	Synchronous
Sensors data acquisition	Sample sensor values	Timer	Synchronous
Update system information	Send data to remote system	Local system	Asynchronous

Table 4.1: Events: Local System.

### 4.1.2 Use Cases

The local system use cases are presented in figure 4.1. A street passerby, a car or a pedestrian, can interact with each local system by moving in the vicinity of the lamppost, triggering its motion detector, or by clearing a parking space.

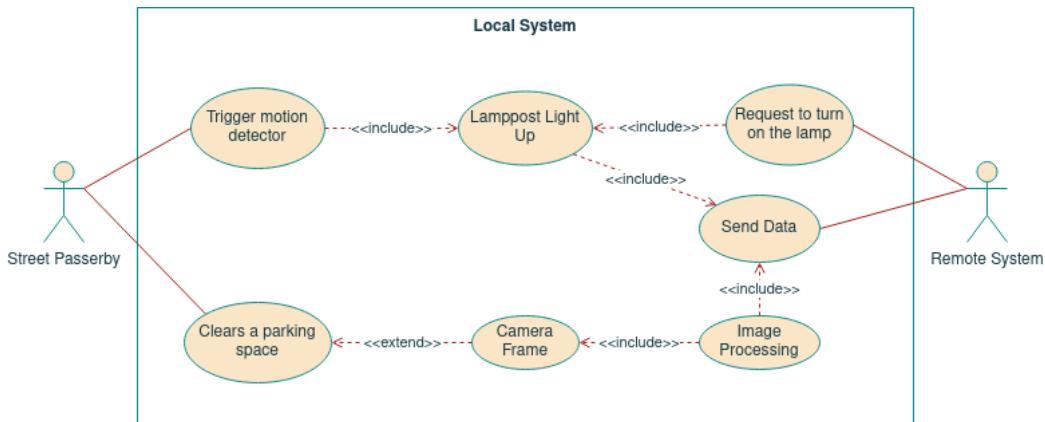


Figure 4.1: Use Cases: Local System.

When movement is detected, the lamp is put at maximum bright level. The system then informs this occurrence to the remote system, through the gateway, in order to turn on the neighbor lampposts. The opposite can also happen, when a neighbor local system, with the lamp already on, requests this local system to turn on its lamp, being this request handled by the remote system.

Moreover, the local system is periodically doing image processing after the capture of camera frames. So when the street passerby clears a parking space, the system will detect that, and will send that notification to the remote system.

### 4.1.3 State Chart

In figure 4.2 its represented the state chart of the local system.

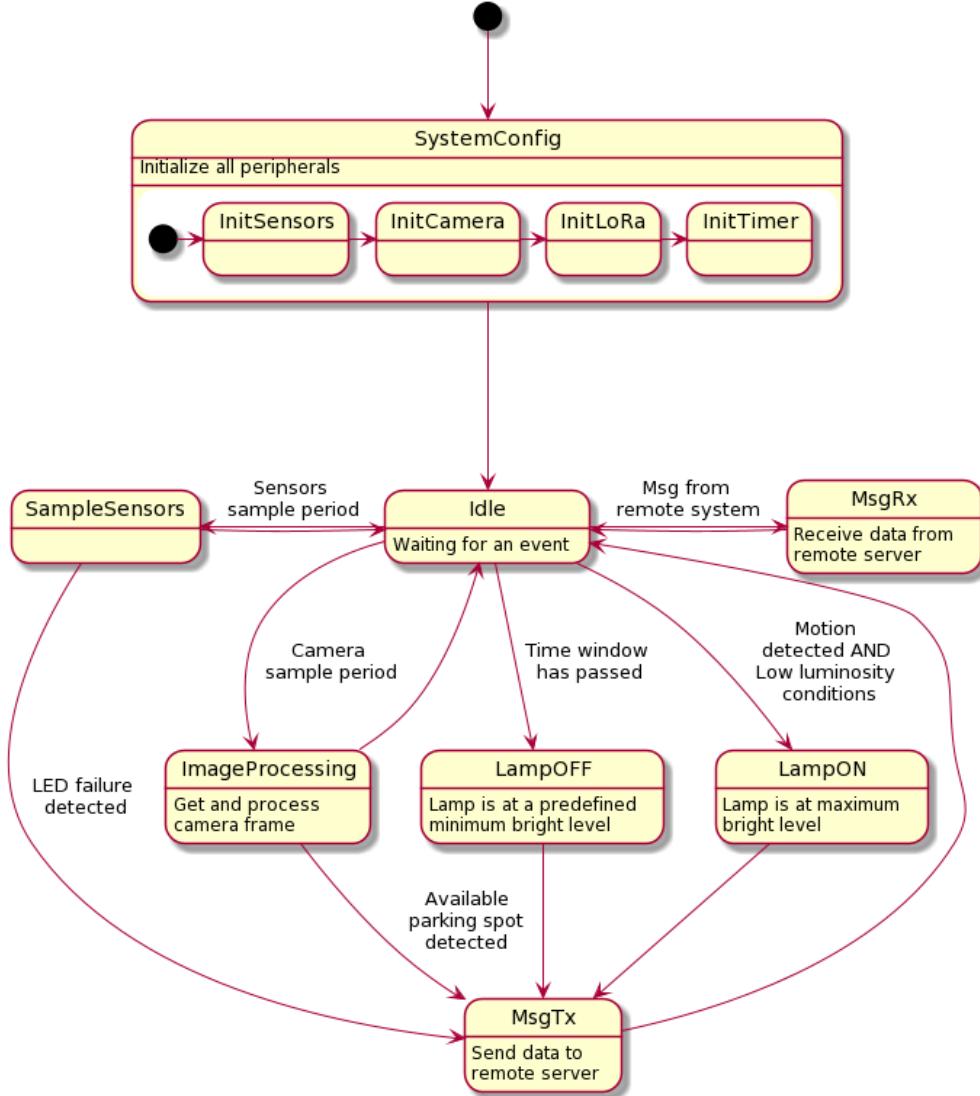


Figure 4.2: State Chart: Local System.

It initiates with the system configuration, initializing all peripherals from this system, including the sensors, the camera, the LoRa communication module and the timer for sensors data acquisition. The timer is used to

sample sensor values periodically and to acquire image frames through the camera. After that, the system enters an idle state.

When motion is detected and the luminosity sensor detects low luminosity conditions, for example, during the night, the lamp is put at its maximum bright level, for a predefined time window, and this information is sent to the remote server. When this time window passes, the lamp is put at a predefined minimum bright level, and again, informs the remote system of this event. Every time motion is detected, when the lamp is already on, the time window for the lamp being on is restarted.

To do the sensors data acquisition, including the camera frame sampling, are used sample periods, that periodically triggers the sampling of the sensors. In "SampleSensors" state, the system checks the luminosity sensor levels and if the LED failure detector hasn't detected a failure on the lamp. If a LED failure is detected, that information is sent to the remote system. To do the image processing, it is also used a sample period to get image frames through the camera. If there is an available parking space detected, that information is sent to the remote server.

When the local system detects that the remote system is sending a message, either to turn on the lamp of the local system, or other reason, the system goes to a dedicated state to receive that message.

#### 4.1.4 Sequence Diagram

In figure 4.3 it is shown the local system sequence diagram. When a street passerby triggers the motion detector, the local system turns on its lamp, and, at that moment, using the communication management of the system, that information is sent to the remote system. If, no more movement is detected, the lamp turns off after a predefined time (turn off time), and again, the lamp status is updated in the remote system.

An alternative of an interaction with the local system is when the remote system requests the local system to turn on its lamp, this being processed in a similar way to the previous example, when the user triggers the motion detector. The remote system does this requests to local systems to dynamically turn on the lampposts as a passerby is walking down a street.

Note that, regarding the lamp control, one may use "turn on" to represent the lamp bright transition from minimum bright level to maximum bright level, and use "turn off" to represent the opposite, the transition from maximum bright level to minimum bright level. The lamp is only off when

low luminosity conditions are not verified, i.e, during the day.

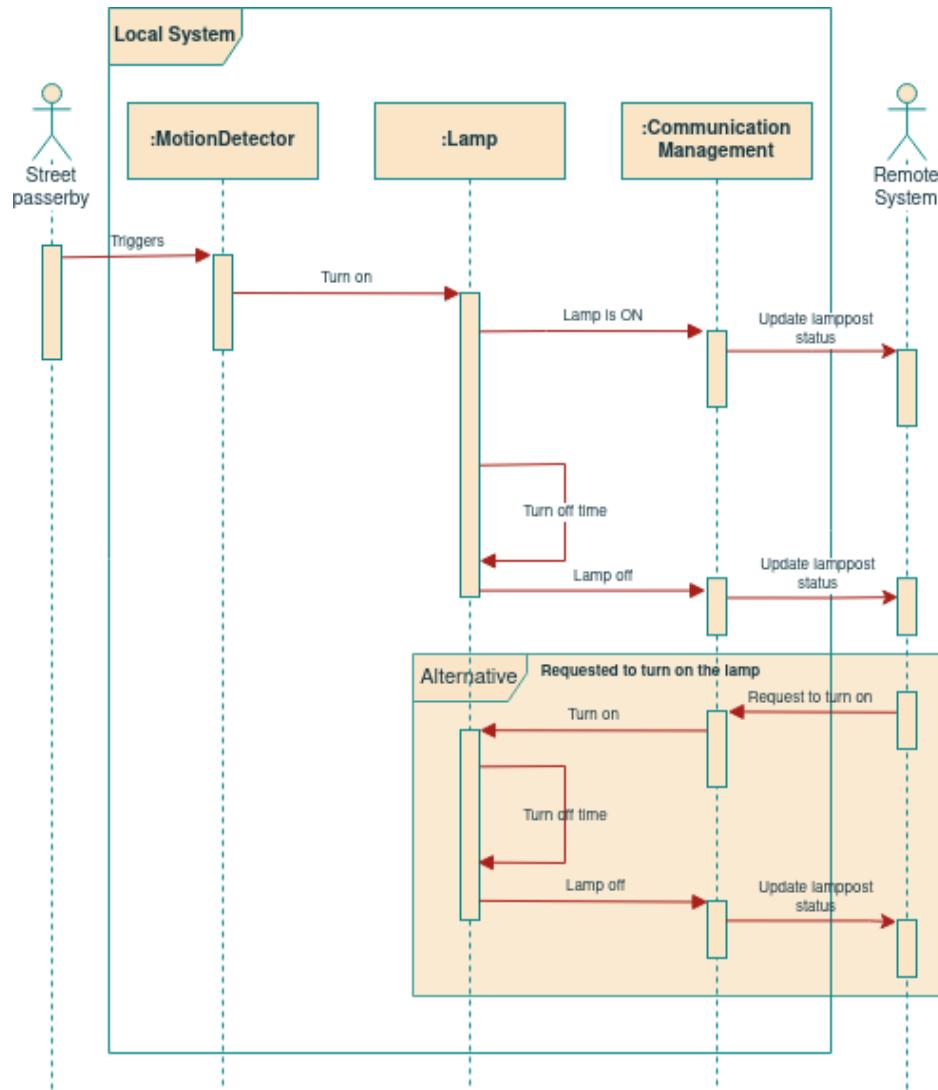


Figure 4.3: Sequence Diagram: Local System.

In figure 4.4 it is shown the local system data acquisition sequence diagram. A timer is used to trigger two different samplings, one to sample sensor values, other to sample image frames from the camera.

When the sensors sample period occurs, the sampling is started, gathering values from the luminosity sensor and from the LED failure detector. If a LED failure is detected, that is sent to the remote system through the communication management system.

When the camera sample period occurs, one gets an image frame from the camera and does image processing, in order to avail if there is an available parking spot. If that comes true, it's communicated to the remote system, like in the previous example.

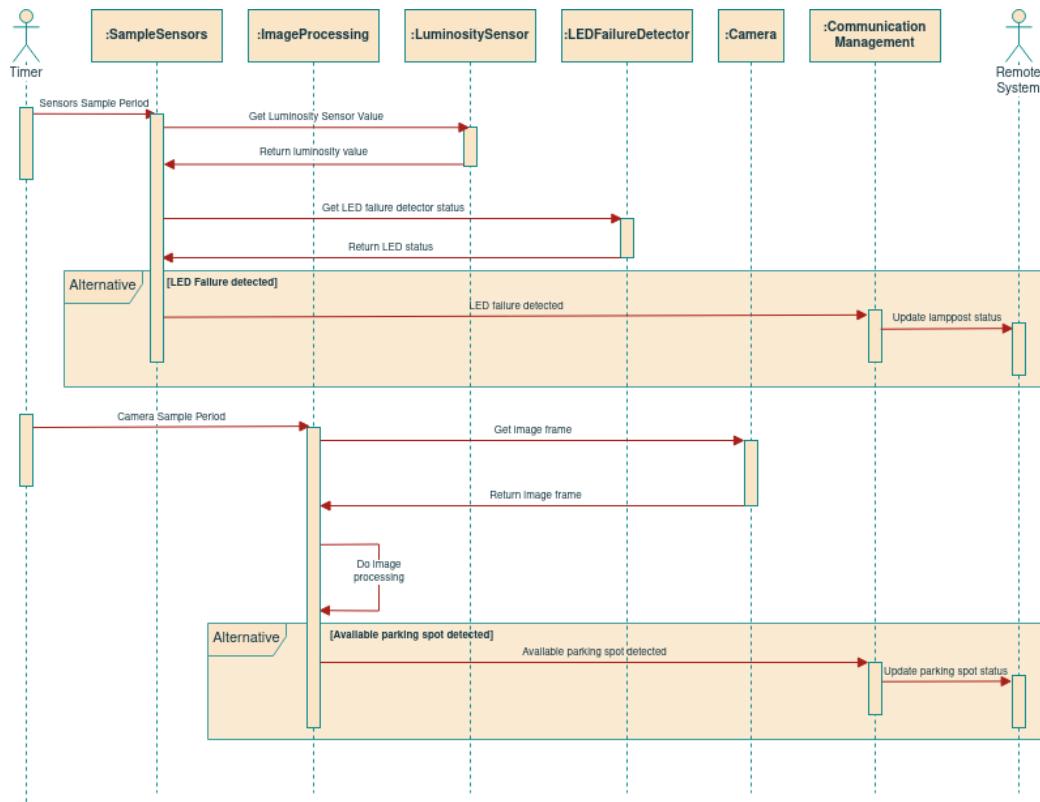


Figure 4.4: Sequence Diagram: Local System Data Acquisition.

## 4.2 Remote System

The remote system is composed by the remote server and remote clients: mobile application and web site. In this section are shown the remote system events, state charts and sequence diagrams.

### 4.2.1 Remote Client

#### 4.2.1.1 Mobile Application

**Events** In order to better understand the system, it is necessary to identify the events that may occur, how the system will respond to the event, what caused the event and what type of event it is. For the remote client mobile application, the events that may occur are presented in table 4.2.

Event	System Response	Source	Type
Login	Show application main screen if successful	Operator	Asynchronous
Obtain geolocation	Request device geolocation	Mobile device	Asynchronous
App notification	Notifies the operator about the lamppost status	Remote Server	Asynchronous
Register operator	Add operator information to Database (DB)	Operator	Asynchronous
Modify lamppost	Update lamppost information on DB	Operator	Asynchronous
Add new lamppost	Add new lamppost information to DB	Operator	Asynchronous
Remove lamppost	Remove lamppost from DB	Operator	Asynchronous

Table 4.2: Events: Remote Client Mobile Application.

**Use Cases** The mobile application use cases diagram are represented in figure 4.5, showing that the main actors in the system are the operator, the remote server and the mobile device. The operator can perform operations such as login, logout, register, modify information about a lamppost, remove a lamppost and register newly installed posts. For this, register a new

installed post, the remote client acquires current device location from the mobile device and sends it to the remote server.

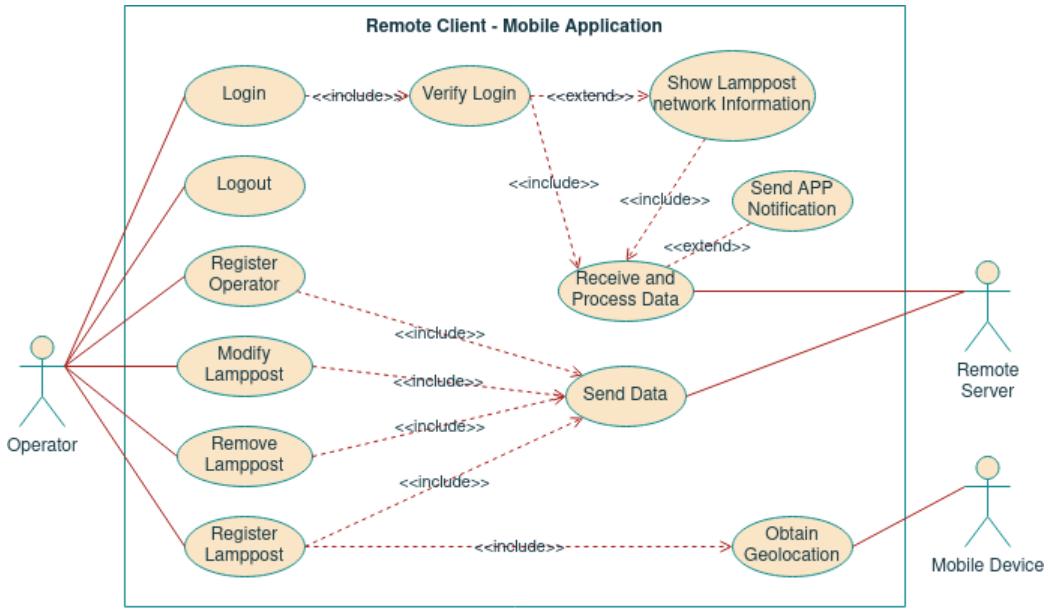


Figure 4.5: Use Cases: Remote Client Mobile Application.

**State Chart** In the figure 4.6 is represented the state chart of the mobile application. It initiates with the system configuration, showing a home screen that allows the operator, the application user, to log into the system or register himself, if he doesn't have login credentials. After a successful login, the system will show information about the lampposts associated to the logged in operator and he can do operations like register lampposts, remove lampposts, modify lampposts information and logout of the system.

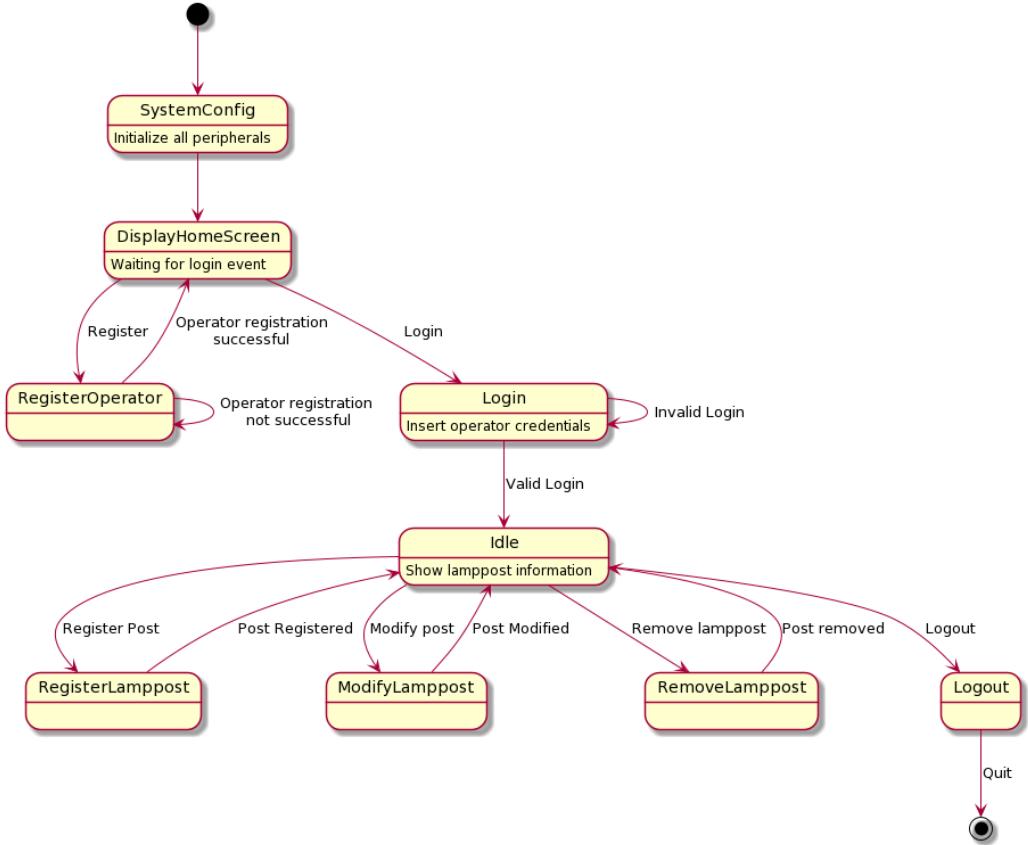


Figure 4.6: State Chart: Remote Client Mobile Application.

**Sequence Diagram** In figure 4.10 is represented the sequence diagram of the mobile application. Most of the actions are triggered by the operator, starting with the registration or login operations in the application. If the login is valid, information about the network of lampposts will be shown and, depending on the interaction with the operator, the application may have different execution flows: registration of a lamppost; changing information about a lamppost or removing a lamppost; verification of the existence of damaged posts, notifying the operator if so. If the login is invalid, the application returns an error to the operator.

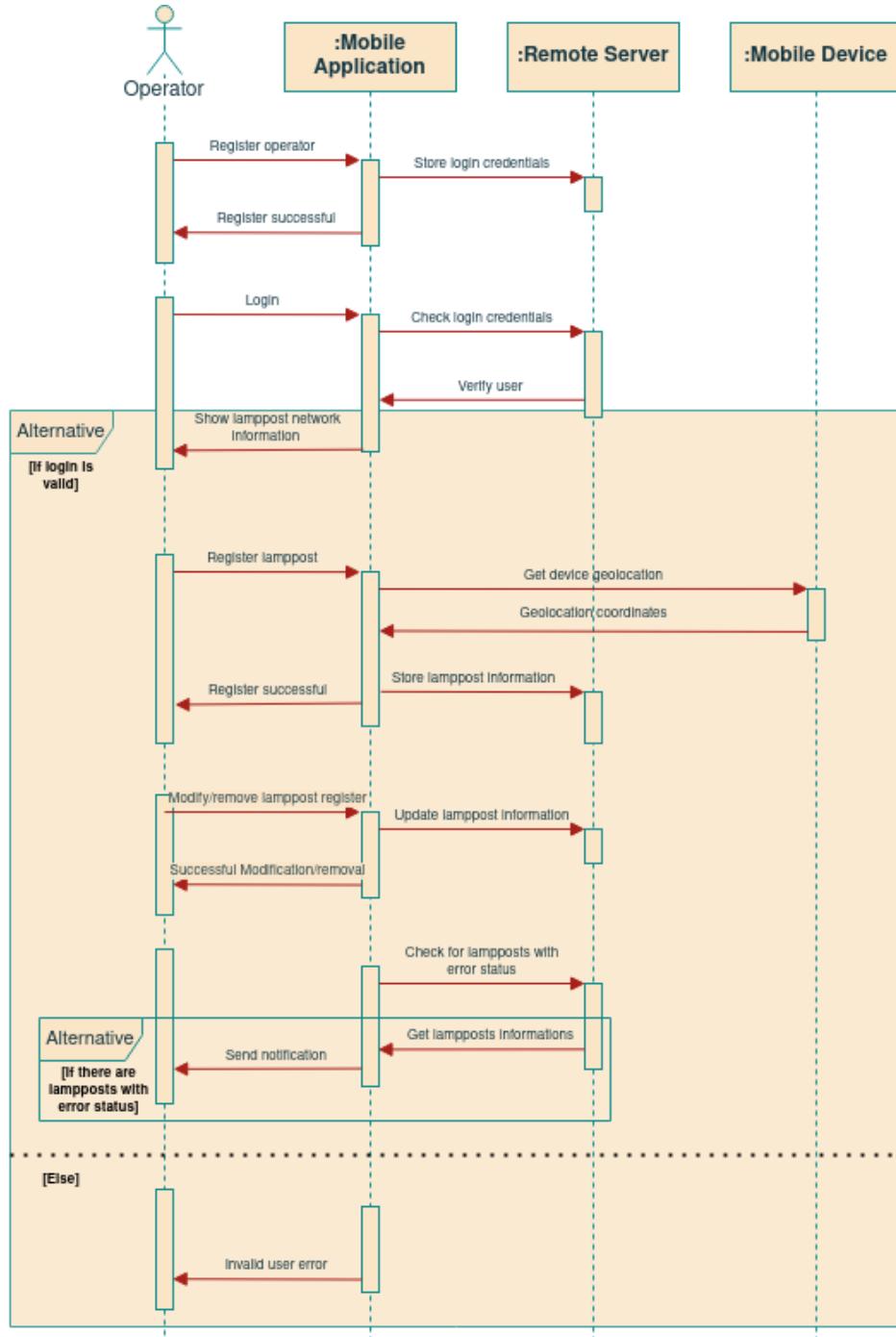


Figure 4.7: Sequence Diagram: Remote Client Mobile Application.

#### 4.2.1.2 Web Site

**Events** In order to better understand the remote client web site, it is necessary to identify the events that may occur, which are presented in table 4.3.

Event	System Response	Source	Type
Insert location	Show parking spots	User	Asynchronous
Obtain geolocation	Request device geolocation	Mobile Device	Asynchronous

Table 4.3: Events: Remote Client Web Site.

**Use Cases** The web site use cases are shown in figure 4.8. The main actors are the user, the remote server and a mobile device. In order to know if there are available parking spaces in a certain location, the user can enter a location (inserting the street name, for example) or, as in the mobile application, use his mobile device to obtain the location automatically. The remote server lets the user know where there are empty parking spaces.

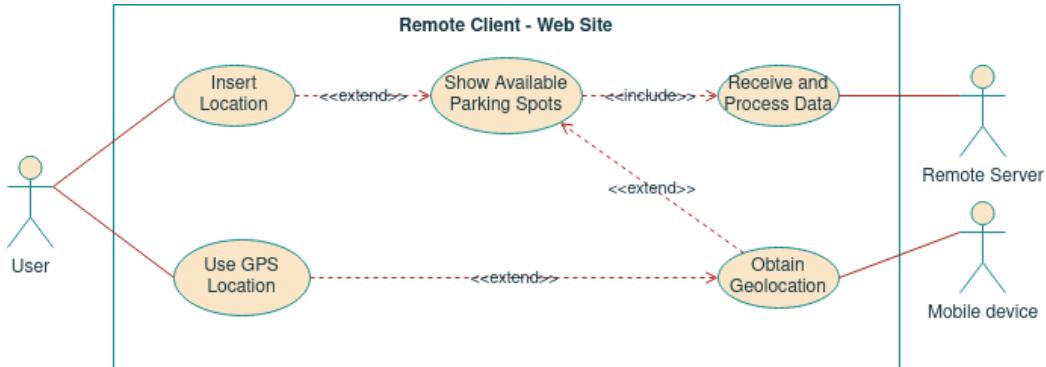


Figure 4.8: Use Cases: Remote Client Web Site.

**State Chart** In figure 4.9, one can see the web site state chart. The system initiates with the system configuration. Then the user can use his mobile phone's location (through the GPS tracking system) or type manually the location address. If the user enters a location manually (the street name, for example), it will be checked and, if valid, the available parking spaces will be displayed.

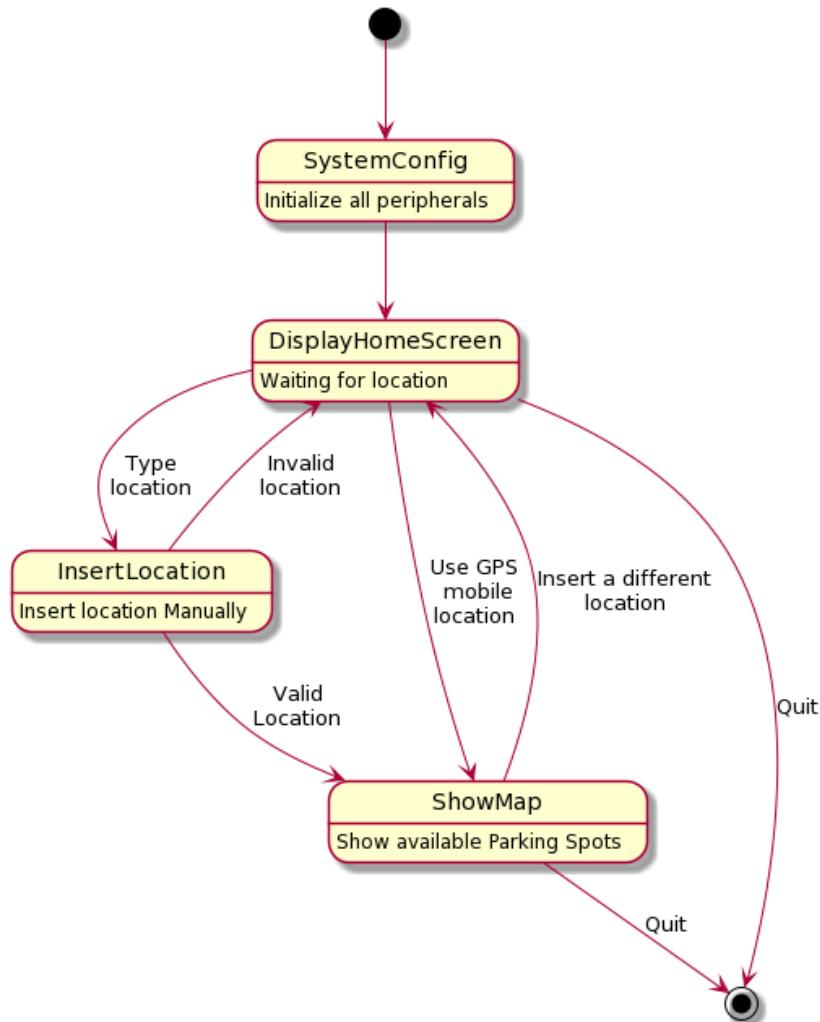


Figure 4.9: State Chart: Remote Client Web Site.

**Sequence Diagram** The sequence diagram of the web site is shown in the figure 4.10. To know where there are empty parking spots, the user can insert manually a location or use his Global Positioning System (GPS) location. In both cases the web site asks the remote server if there are available parking spots near the location and displays them to the user. However, in the case of using the GPS location, the web site has to get the GPS coordinates from the mobile device running the web site.

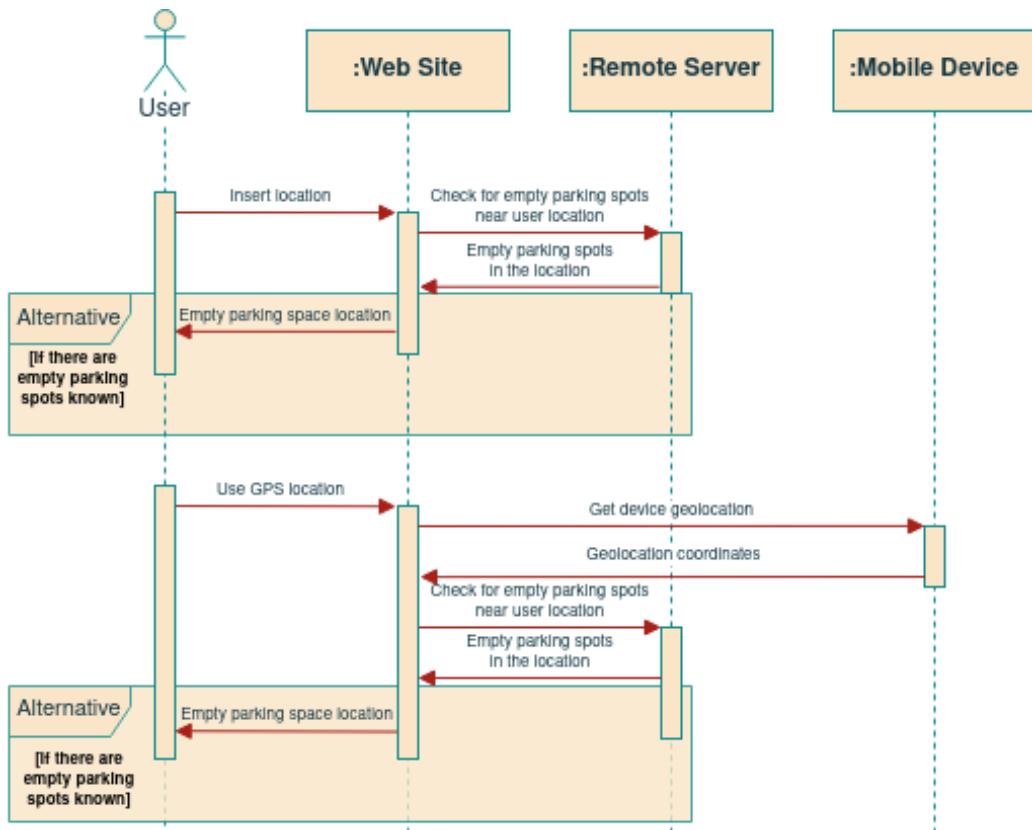


Figure 4.10: Sequence Diagram: Remote Client Web Site.

### 4.2.2 Remote Server

**Events** In order to better understand the remote server, it is necessary to identify the events that may occur, which are presented in table 4.4.

Event	System Response	Source	Type
Connection Request	Accept/ decline connection	Remote client	Asynchronous
Check Log-in Credentials	Validate username and pin-code	Remote client (Mobile App)	Asynchronous
Add new lamp-post	Add new lamppost info to DB	Remote client (Mobile App)	Asynchronous
Remove lamp-post	Remove lamppost from DB	Remote client (Mobile App)	Asynchronous
Update lamp-post information	Update lamppost info on DB	Remote client (Mobile App); Local System	Asynchronous
Check for lamp-posts with error status	Read and send lampposts with error status to Mobile App	Remote client (Mobile App)	Asynchronous
Check for empty parking spots	Read and send available parking spots to Web Site	Remote client (Web Site)	Asynchronous

Table 4.4: Events: Remote Server.

**Use Cases** The remote server use cases are shown in figure 4.11. The remote(s) client(s) can interact with the remote server in various ways, as previously seen. This system only executes the demanded commands, from the remote clients or from the local systems, by accessing database information. The database interacts with the remote server by providing read, modify, remove or add register functions.

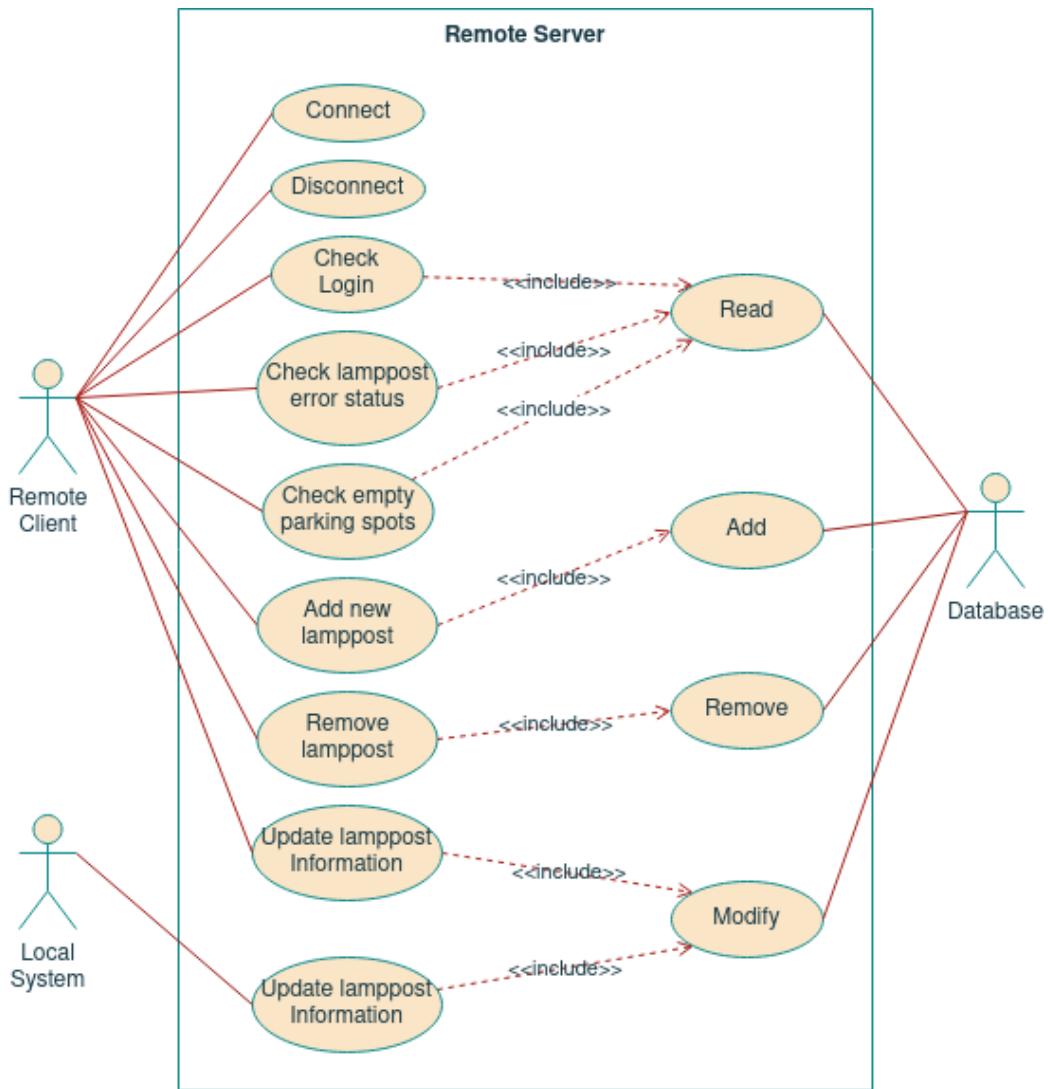


Figure 4.11: Use Cases: Remote Server.

**State Chart** In figure 4.12, one can see the remote server state chart. After power on, the remote server does the system configuration, by initializing communication and database management services, and after that, the system executes concurrently these services until system's power off. These services give to the remote server the capability of processing received requests/commands, from the remote clients or from the local systems, and execute them, by accessing to database information.

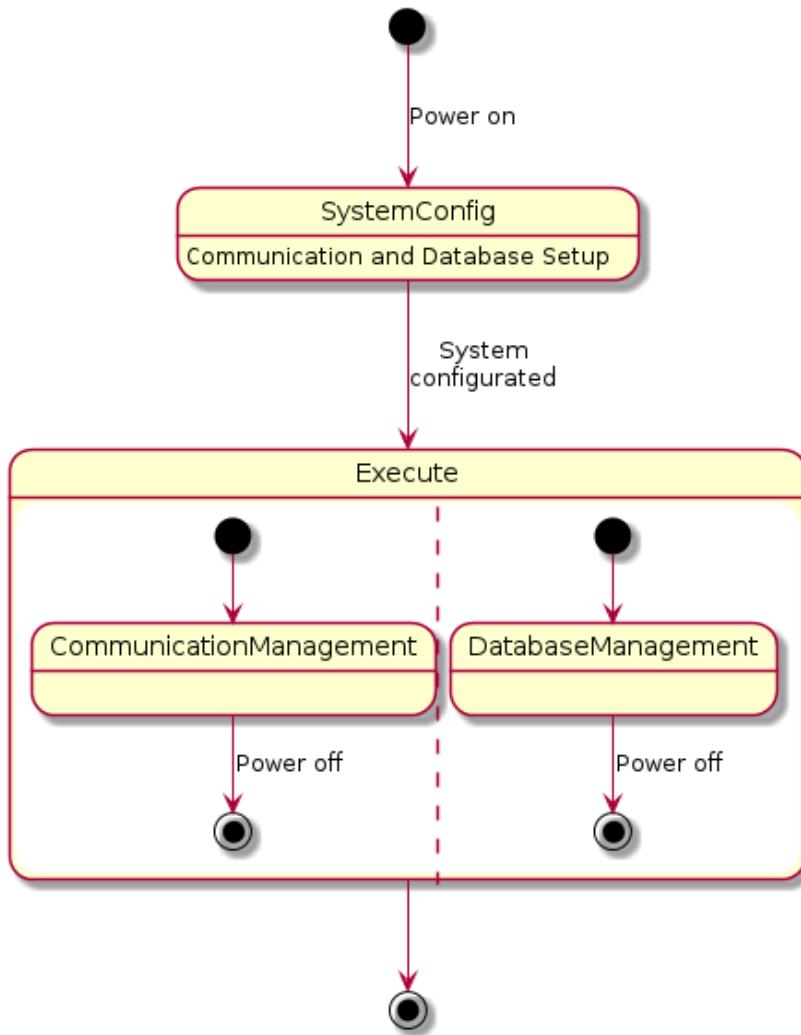


Figure 4.12: State Chart: Remote Server.

**Sequence Diagram** The sequence diagram of the remote server is shown in the figure 4.13. As seen previously, the remote client and the local system can execute several different actions. That is only possible if the remote server accepts the connection made from the remote client. After that, the remote server processes all received communications and, if needed, accesses the database to do so.

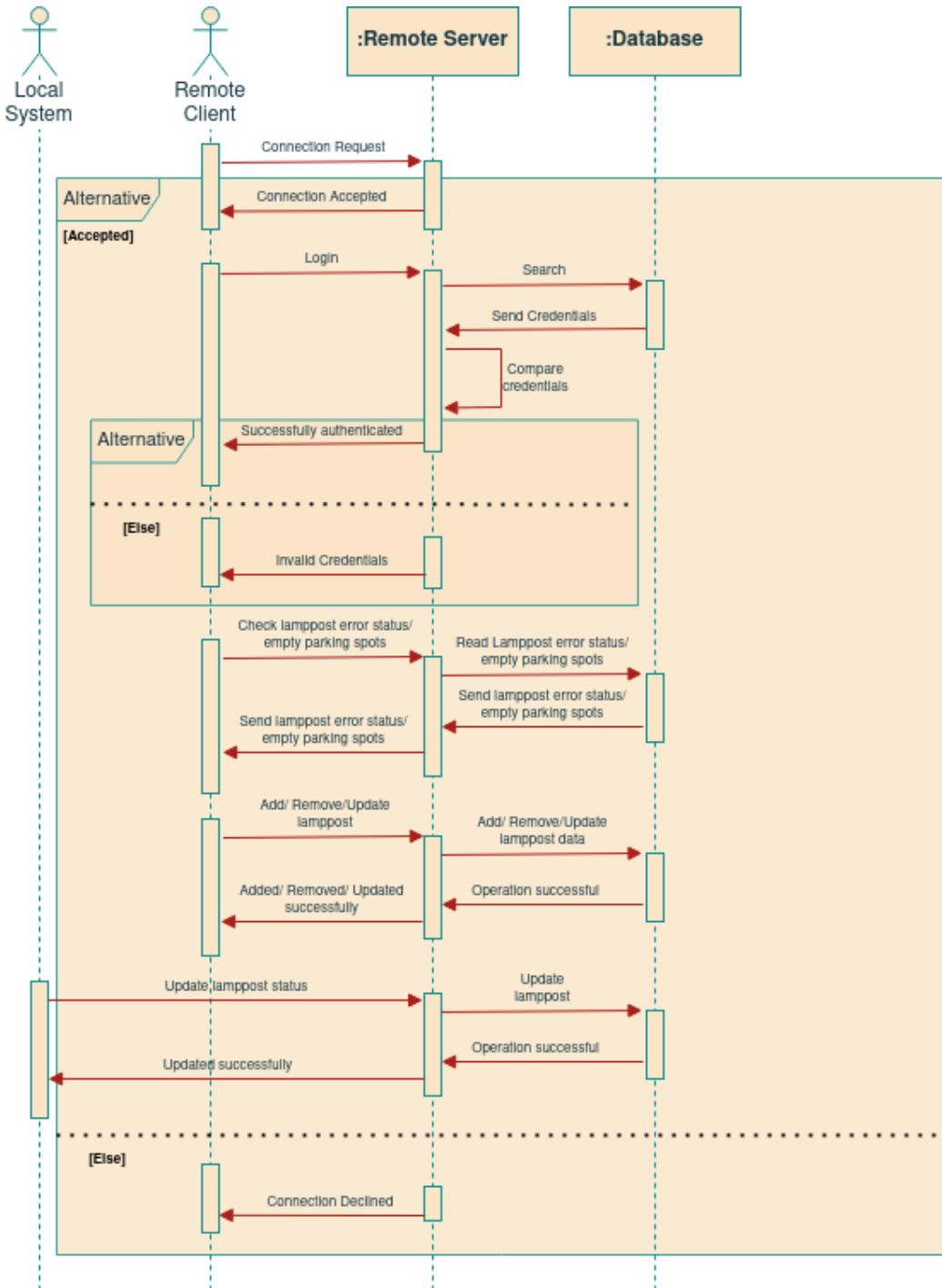


Figure 4.13: Sequence Diagram: Remote Server.

### 4.3 Estimated Budget

In table 4.5 is shown the estimated budget of one local system and a gateway, excluding their external casing.

Device	Product	Price(€)
Gateway	Raspberry Pi 4B	63,50
	Lora Module	7,90
	Power Module	12,95
	<b>Gateway Cost</b>	<b>84,35</b>
Local System	Raspberry Pi 4B	63,50
	Lora Module	7,90
	Power Module	12,95
	Video camera	15,95
	Motion detector	4,60
	Luminosity sensor	4,90
	LED lamp	3,63
	Driver (MOSFET)	1,00
	Basic Eletronic Components	5,00
<b>Total</b>		<b>119,43</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>203,78</b>

Table 4.5: Estimated budget.

## 4.4 Task Division and Gantt Chart

In figure 4.14, is represented the Smart Street Lighting project schedule in form of a Gantt chart.

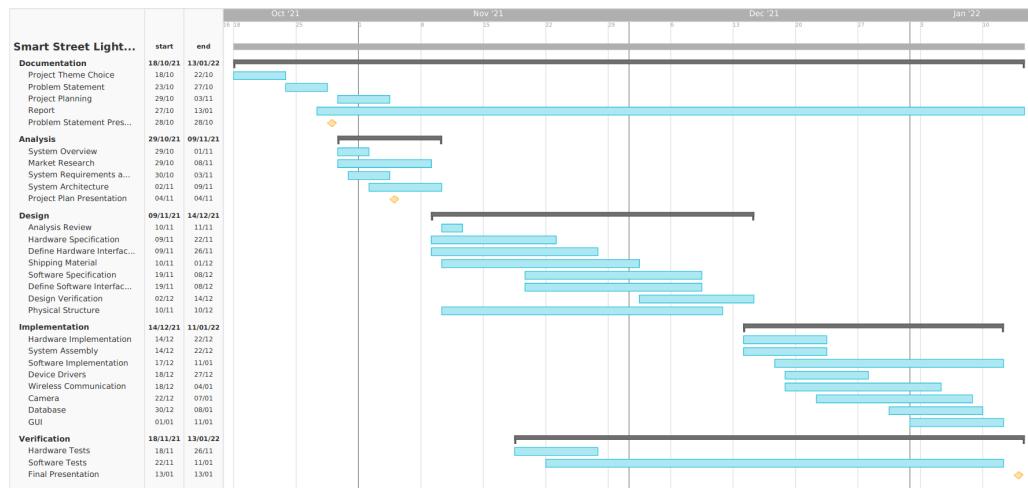


Figure 4.14: Gantt chart.



# Chapter 5

## Theoretical Foundations

### 5.1 PThreads

### 5.2 Signals

### 5.3 Communication Protocols

#### 5.3.1 LoRaWAN

#### 5.3.2 SPI

#### 5.3.3 I2C

#### 5.3.4 CSI

#### 5.3.5 TCP-IP

#### 5.3.6 HTTP

#### 5.3.7 MQTT

### 5.4 Daemons

### 5.5 Device Drivers

### 5.6 Image Processing

# **Chapter 6**

# **System Design**

## **6.1 Tools and COTS**

### **6.1.1 Tools**

### **6.1.2 COTS**

## 6.2 Hardware Specification

### 6.2.1 Development Board

The development board for this project is the Raspberry Pi 4 Model B, shown in figure 6.1, considering it is one of the constraints identified in the analysis phase (3.1). This board includes a 64-bit quad-core ARM processor, the BCM2711, multimedia and connection features, resembling to a computer-like board that serves multiple applications. The following list shows the Raspberry Pi 4 Model B main features:

- 2GB LPDDR4-3200 SDRAM;
- 2.4 GHz and 5.0 GHz IEEE 802.11ac wireless, Bluetooth 5.0, BLE;
- Raspberry Pi standard 40 pin GPIO header;
- 2 USB 3.0 ports and 2 USB 2.0 ports;
- 2 micro-HDMI ports;
- 1 display port (2-lane MIPI DSI);
- 1 camera port (2-lane MIPI CSI);
- 1 jack 3,5 mm port (4-pole stereo audio and composite video port);
- graphic support (OpenGL ES 3.1, Vulkan 1.0);
- Micro-SD card slot.

#### 6.2.1.1 GPIO

The Raspberry Pi 4 Model B board comes with a standard 40 pin GPIO header, that allows to interface with external peripherals. This GPIO also provides some interface technologies, like UART, I2C or SPI. The GPIO pinout of this board is shown in figure 6.2 [19].

### 6.2.2 Lamp

In order to light the streets efficiently, we must use a LED lamp.

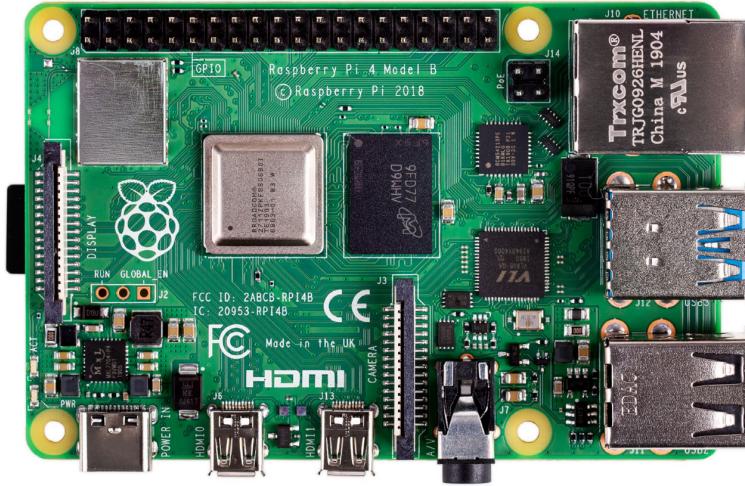


Figure 6.1: Raspberry Pi 4 Model B.

Raspberry Pi GPIO BCM numbering

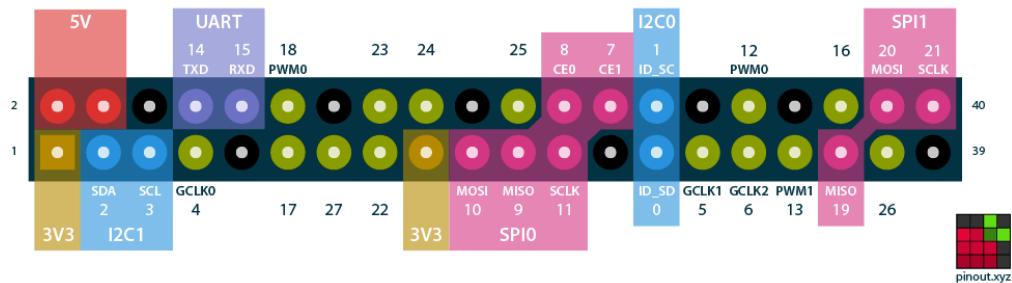


Figure 6.2: Raspberry Pi 4 Model B GPIO Pinout.

### 6.2.3 Luminosity Sensor

In order to know when is night time, that is, when the light conditions are low, one needs to determine the ambient light conditions, using a module composed by a Light Dependant Resistor (LDR) sensor and a LM393 comparator, represented in figure 6.3. The LDR determines the environmental light conditions varying its resistivity. In the table 6.1 is shown the LDR Module interface pins. When ambient light intensity does not reach the threshold value (defined by a potentiometer), the module's digital output (DO) is high, and when the ambient light level exceeds the threshold, the module's digital output terminal outputs low.



Figure 6.3: LDR Module.

LDR Module Pin	Board Pin
VCC	5 V
DO	Pin 17
GND	GND

Table 6.1: LDR Module Interface Pins.

### 6.2.4 Motion Detector

To know when to turn on the light, it is necessary to detect movement in the streets. For this project it is used a motion detector, more specifically a Passive Infrared (PIR) sensor. The chosen sensor for this purpose was the PIR HC-SR501 that has a supply voltage range of 4,5 - 20 V and a detection range of 7 meters with a 110 degrees angle.

In the table 6.2 is shown the PIR HC-SR501 interface pins, being the output signal the pin SIGNAL. When no movement is detected, the sensor output is low (0 V), and when movement is detected, the sensor SIGNAL is high (5 V). The sensor has also two potentiometers to adjust the trigger sensitivity and the delay of the trigger signal, between 0,3 seconds and 5 minutes.



Figure 6.4: PIR Sensor Module.

LDR Module Pin	Board Pin
VCC	5 V
SIGNAL	Pin 27
GND	GND

Table 6.2: PIR Module Interface Pins.

### 6.2.5 LED Failure Detector

### 6.2.6 Camera

In order to the detection of available parking spots, it's used a camera, as shown in figure 6.5. This is the Raspberry Pi Camera Module V1, capable of delivering a clear 5 MP resolution image, or 1080p HD video recording at 30fps. [20]

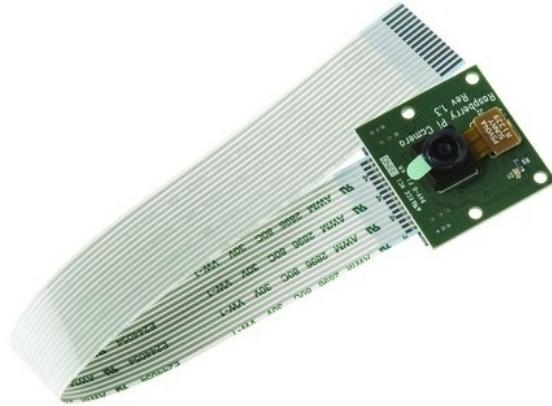


Figure 6.5: Raspberry Pi Camera Module V1.

## Characteristics

- 5MP OmniVision 5647 sensor;
  - Fixed focus lens onboard;
  - Still Picture Resolution: 2592 x 1944;
  - 15-pin ribbon cable, to the dedicated 15-pin MIPI Camera Serial Interface (CSI);
  - Video recording: Supports 1080p @ 30fps, 720p @ 60fps.

### Connection scheme

This camera module plugs directly into the CSI connector on the Raspberry Pi, as shown in figure 6.6, through the use of a 15-pin ribbon cable.

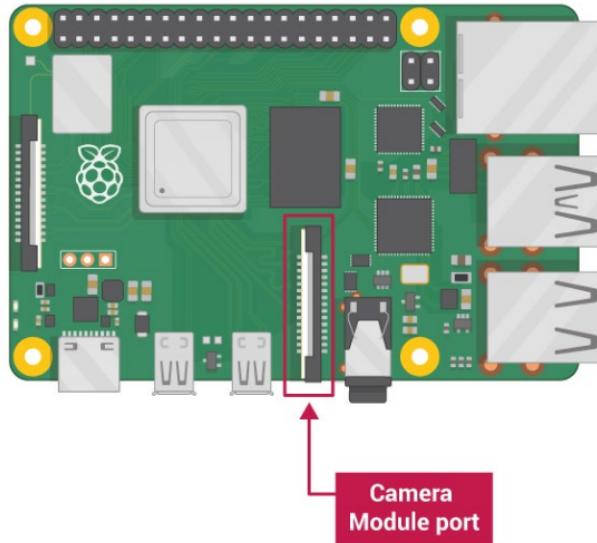


Figure 6.6: Connection scheme: Camera Module.

### 6.2.7 LoRa Module

To allow each local system to communicate to the gateway, it's used LoRa communication technology, requiring for that a LoRa Module, as the one presented in figure 6.7. This module, from Ai-Thinker company, uses SX1278 Integrated Circuit (IC) from SEMTECH, and works on a 433 MHz frequency, with a range up to 10 km in line of sight. [21] [22]



Figure 6.7: LoRa Module SX1278 RA-02 433 MHz.

#### Characteristics

- LoRa modulation technology (Supports also FSK, GFSK, MSK, GMSK and OOK modulation modes);
- Effective Bitrate : 0,018 - 37,5 kbps;
- Half-duplex SPI communication;
- Programmable bit rates up to 300kbps;
- Packet engine with CRC up to 256 bytes;
- Small footprint dual-row stamp-hole patch package;
- Male U.FL connector to support using of external RF antenna - Diameter: 15,5mm.

SX1278 RA-02 Pinout	Description
VCC	Power in - 3,3 V
GND	Ground
RST	Reset
SCK	SPI clock input
NSS	SPI selected-IN
MISO	SPI data output
MOSI	SPI data input
DIO0	Digital Input/Output 0

Table 6.3: LoRa Module SX1289 RA-02 Pinout Description.

In order to achieve longer range and better signal quality in LoRa communication, an antenna may be used, as the one shown in figure 6.8. RF antennas play a critical role in diverting, directing or concentrating radio wave transmission in a particular direction.



Figure 6.8: RF Antenna 433 MHz.

### Characteristics

- Frequency: 433,05 - 434,79 MHz;
- Antenna gain: 2 dBi;
- Connector I-PEX (U.FL) - Diameter: 15,5mm;
- Impedance  $50 \Omega$ .

### Connection scheme

In table 6.4 it is shown the connection scheme of the LoRa module to the Raspberry Pi (remember figure 6.2). Also keep in mind that the RF antenna is connected directly to the LoRa module, through an U.FL connector.

SX1278 RA-02	Raspberry Pi
VCC	3,3 V
GND	GND
RST	GPIO 4
SCK	CLK
NSS	SPI0 CE0
MISO	SPI0 MISO
MOSI	SPI0 MOSI
DIO0	GPIO 17

Table 6.4: Connection scheme: LoRa Module.

#### 6.2.8 Driver

#### 6.2.9 Power Module

#### 6.2.10 Hardware review

### 6.3 Software Specification

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