

# **Low Cost Probes for Continuous Monitoring and Optimisation of Wireless Network Performance**

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## Resumo

Inserir o resumo em Português aqui com um máximo de 250 palavras e acompanhado de 4 a 6 palavras-chave.

**Palavras-chave:** palavra-chave1, palavra-chave2, palavra-chave3,...



## Abstract

Wireless communication technologies are evolving exponentially, with the introduction of new standards and devices, such as Internet of Things (IoT). Is that why, day by day, it becomes more important to monitorize and optimize the performance of wireless networks to ensure the quality of service be-trothed. This work pretends to develop a low-cost solution to monitorize continuasly the performance of this netoworks, using Raspberry Pi devices.

The proposed solution consists in the creation of a system that collect and store fundamental perfor-mance metrics, such as latency, packet loss, donwload and upload speed, and Round-Trip Time (RTT). This data are stored in a database (MariaDB) and, subsequently viewed on a website, allowing real-time analysis of network performance.

With this solution, besides the continuous monitorization, it is also easier to identify failures and to analyze tendencies, allowing a better management and optimisation of the network. This system offers effective and low-cost tools to make sure the quality of the network, especially in budget-constrained scenarios.

**Keywords:** keyword1, keyword2, keyword3,...



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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

The increase in wireless communications whether because of mobile devices or because the Internet of Things (IoT) created new challenges. More and more it is important to make sure that connectivity is reliable, secure and efficient. However, the traditional methods of network monitorization are not affordable and flexible enough to meet the new requirements.

In this context, the opportunity arises to explore new alternatives to monitor and optimize wireless networks. Using Raspberry Pi devices, it is possible to create a low-cost and flexible solution at Instituto Superior Técnico (IST) - Oeiras.

### 1.1 Motivation

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### 1.2 Topic Overview

Provide an overview of the topic to be studied.

### 1.3 Objectives and Deliverables

The main goal of this project besides developing new monitorization tools and analysis is also the creation of a new website useful to visualize the data collected by the devices. To store all this data, it is also necessary to create a database that allows efficient storage and retrieval of the data.

### 1.4 Thesis Outline

Briefly explain the contents of each chapter.



# Chapter 2

## Background

Insert your chapter material here.

### 2.1 Theoretical Overview

Some overview of the underlying theory about the topic...

Remember to define an acronym the first time it is used.

The full acronym can be Multidisciplinary Design Optimization (MDO), that includes both its long definition Multidisciplinary Design Optimization and short definition MDO.

### 2.2 Theoretical Model 1

The research should be supported with a comprehensive list of references. These should appear whenever necessary, in the limit, from the first to the last chapter.

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- Citation mode #5 - [1]
- Citation mode #6 - Marta and Suleman 1
- Citation mode #7 - 1
- Citation mode #8 - Marta and Suleman
- Citation mode #9 - 2021

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Several citations can be made simultaneously as [7, 8].

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## 2.3 Theoretical Model 2

Other models.



# Chapter 3

## Implementation

Insert your chapter material here.

### 3.1 Numerical Model

Description of the numerical implementation of the models explained in Chapter 2.

If needed, pseudo-codes can be included as exemplified in Algorithm 1.

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**Algorithm 1** Euclid's algorithm

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1: <b>procedure</b> EUCLID( $a, b$ )	▷ The g.c.d. of $a$ and $b$
2: $r \leftarrow a \bmod b$	
3: <b>while</b> $r \neq 0$ <b>do</b>	▷ We have the answer if $r$ is 0
4: $a \leftarrow b$	
5: $b \leftarrow r$	
6: $r \leftarrow a \bmod b$	
7: <b>end while</b>	
8: <b>return</b> $b$	▷ The gcd is $b$
9: <b>end procedure</b>	

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### 3.2 Verification and Validation

Basic test cases to compare the implemented model against other numerical tools (verification) and experimental data (validation).



# Chapter 4

## Results

Insert your chapter material here.

### 4.1 Problem Description

Description of the baseline problem.

### 4.2 Baseline Solution

Analysis of the baseline solution.

### 4.3 Enhanced Solution

Quest for the optimal solution.

#### 4.3.1 Figures

Insert your section material and possibly a few figures.

Make sure all figures presented are referenced in the text!

The caption should appear below the figure.

#### Images

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See the documentation of package *graphicx* <https://www.ctan.org/tex-archive/macros/latex/required/graphics/> for other extensions support.

When referencing a figure, use the abbreviation Fig., unless it is the beginning of a sentence.

Figure 4.1 is an example and so is Fig. 4.2.



Figure 4.1: Caption for figure.

It is possible to include subfigures. Figure 4.2 is composed of three subfigures: Fig. 4.2a, 4.2b and 4.2c.



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(a) Airbus A320.



(b) Bombardier CRJ200.



(c) Airbus A350.

Figure 4.2: Examples of aircraft.

Most aircraft have wings with large aspect ratios ( $\mathcal{A}R= 8 - 15$ ) for higher aerodynamic efficiency.

## Drawings

Insert your subsection material and for instance a few drawings.

The schematic illustrated in Fig. 4.3 can represent some sort of algorithm.

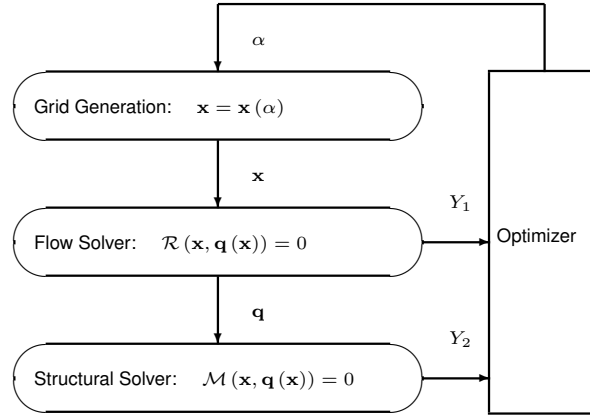


Figure 4.3: Schematic of some algorithm.

### 4.3.2 Equations

Equations can be inserted in different ways.

The simplest way is in a separate line as

$$\frac{dq_{ijk}}{dt} + \mathcal{R}_{ijk}(\mathbf{q}) = 0, \quad (4.1)$$

where each variable must properly defined.

If the equation is to be embedded in the text, it can be done like  $\partial \mathcal{R} / \partial \mathbf{q} = 0$ .

It may also be split in different lines like

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Minimize} && Y(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{q}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})) \\ &\text{with respect to} && \boldsymbol{\alpha} \\ &\text{subject to} && \mathcal{R}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{q}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})) = 0 \\ &&& C(\boldsymbol{\alpha}, \mathbf{q}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

It is also possible to use subequations.

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho u_j) = 0, \quad (4.3a)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho u_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho u_i u_j + p \delta_{ij} - \tau_{ji}) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \quad (4.3b)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} (\rho E) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho E u_j + p u_j - u_i \tau_{ij} + q_j) = 0. \quad (4.3c)$$

Notice that the equations should be punctuated as they are part of sentences, so a comma or a period should be put at the end of each of them, as exemplified in all the previous equations.

When referencing an equation, use the abbreviation Eq., unless it is the beginning of a sentence. The number of the equation should always be in parenthesis.

Equations (4.3a), (4.3b) and (4.3c) form the Navier–Stokes equations (Eq. (4.3)).

### 4.3.3 Tables

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The caption should appear above the table.

Follow some guidelines when making tables:

- Avoid vertical lines;
- Avoid “boxing up” cells, usually 3 horizontal lines are enough: above, below, and after heading;
- Avoid double horizontal lines;
- Add enough space between rows.

Table 4.1: Table caption.

Model	$C_L$	$C_D$	$C_{My}$
Euler	0.083	0.021	-0.110
Navier–Stokes	0.078	0.023	-0.101

When referencing a table, use the abbreviation Tab., unless it is the beginning of a sentence.

Tables 4.2 and 4.3 are examples of tables with merging columns:

Table 4.2: Memory usage comparison (in MB).

	Virtual memory [MB]	
	Euler	Navier–Stokes
Wing only	1,000	2,000
Aircraft	5,000	10,000
(ratio)	5.0×	5.0×

An example with merging rows can be seen in Tab. 4.4.

If a table has too many columns, it can be scaled to fit the text width, as in Tab. 4.5.

### 4.3.4 Mixing

If necessary, a figure and a table can be put side-by-side as in Fig. 4.4

Table 4.3: Another table caption.

		<i>w</i> = 2			<i>w</i> = 4		
		<i>t</i> = 0	<i>t</i> = 1	<i>t</i> = 2	<i>t</i> = 0	<i>t</i> = 1	<i>t</i> = 2
<i>dir</i> = 1							
	<i>c</i>	0.07	0.16	0.29	0.36	0.71	3.18
	<i>c</i>	-0.86	50.04	5.93	-9.07	29.09	46.21
	<i>c</i>	14.27	-50.96	-14.27	12.22	-63.54	-381.09
<i>dir</i> = 0							
	<i>c</i>	0.03	1.24	0.21	0.35	-0.27	2.14
	<i>c</i>	-17.90	-37.11	8.85	-30.73	-9.59	-3.00
	<i>c</i>	105.55	23.11	-94.73	100.24	41.27	-25.73

Table 4.4: Yet another table caption.

ABC	header			
	1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4
IJK	group	0.5		0.6
		0.7		1.2

Table 4.5: Very wide table.

Variable	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j
Test 1	10,000	20,000	30,000	40,000	50,000	60,000	70,000	80,000	90,000	100,000
Test 2	20,000	40,000	60,000	80,000	100,000	120,000	140,000	160,000	180,000	200,000



Legend		
A	B	C
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Figure 4.4: Figure and table side-by-side.





## **Chapter 5**

# **Conclusions**

Insert your chapter material here.

### **5.1 Achievements**

The major achievements of the present work.

### **5.2 Future Work**

A few ideas for future work.



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# Appendix A

## Vector calculus

In case an appendix is deemed necessary, the whole document cannot exceed a total of 100 pages (in arabic page numbering).

Some definitions and vector identities are listed in the section below.

### A.1 Vector identities

$$\nabla \times (\nabla \phi) = 0 \quad (\text{A.1})$$

$$\nabla \cdot (\nabla \times \mathbf{u}) = 0 \quad (\text{A.2})$$





## **Appendix B**

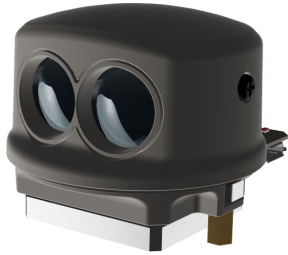
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### **B.1 Some Datasheet**

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## Lightweight scanning lidar



## Features

- Application:** Obstacle detection and navigation for small autonomous vehicles and drones
- Key features:** Small and lightweight  
Upgradable through the **LightWare Studio** application
- Measuring range:** 0.2 ... 50 m (80% reflective, large target)
- Size:** 53 mm x 44 mm x 37 mm
- Weight:** 48.3 grams
- Measuring speed:** Up to 20,000 points per second (configurable)
- Interfaces:** Serial, I2C and USB
- Integration:** User APIs, **LightWare Studio**
- Safety:** Eye safe laser emission Class 1M
- Environmental:** Open frame, no IP rating



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## 1. Overview

The SF45/B is a small, lightweight scanning lidar ideal for obstacle detection by small autonomous vehicles. The horizontal field of view can be adjusted from a few degrees up to 320 degrees to suit the application. Objects up to 50m away can be detected and avoided by finding clear pathways using simple navigation commands. The SF45/B is tolerant to changes in background lighting conditions, wind and noise.

The following capabilities are included in the SF45/B as standard:

- Streaming of live readings.
- Alarms when an obstacle is detected.
- Configurable update rate and scanning angle.
- Internal status monitoring.

Additional features may be added through **LightWare Studio**:

- Servo driver for a second axis of motion.
- Measurement to the nearest detected surface (first return).
- Measurement to the farthest detected surface (last return).
- Selectable filters to adjust the dynamic response to moving targets.
- Navigation tools.
- Custom features.

The following communication interfaces are available:

- A micro USB port that connects to a PC running the **LightWare Studio** application for visualisation of results, to make configuration changes and for upgrading the firmware.
- A serial port (3.3V logic level) with configurable baud rate to connect to a host controller.
- An I2C serial bus (3.3V logic level, external pull up resistors required) with configurable address as an alternative to the serial port when multiple devices are connected on a common bus.
- Two general purpose outputs.

Application software support is available from the LightWare **API** repository.

The SF45/B scanning lidar is rated laser Class 1M eye safe. Do not view the laser with magnifying optics such as microscopes, binoculars or telescopes.

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## Product ordering codes

Model family	Model name	Model description
SF45	SF45/B (50 m)	Open frame scanning lidar sensor, max 50 m

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## 2. Specifications

Performance	
<b>Range</b>	0.2 ... 50 m (white wall in daylight conditions)
<b>Linear Resolution</b>	1 cm
<b>Angular Resolution</b>	< 0.2 deg
<b>Update rate</b>	Up to 20,000 readings per second and 5 sweeps per second.
<b>Accuracy</b>	±10 cm
Connections	
<b>Power supply voltage</b>	4.5 V ... 5.5 V
<b>Power supply current</b>	300 mA (typical)
<b>Outputs &amp; interfaces</b>	Serial and I2C (3.3 V), micro USB, general purpose outputs
Mechanical	
<b>Dimensions</b>	53 mm x 44 mm x 37 mm
<b>Weight</b>	48g (excluding cables)
Optical	
<b>Laser safety</b>	Class 1M (refer to <a href="http://www.lightware.co.za/safety">www.lightware.co.za/safety</a> for full details)
<b>Optical aperture</b>	28 mm x 15 mm
<b>Beam divergence</b>	< 0.5°
Environmental	
<b>Operating temperature</b>	-10 ... +50°C
<b>Approvals</b>	FDA: 1710193-000 (2019/08)
<b>Enclosure rating</b>	N/A
Accessories	
<b>Main cable</b>	7 way - individual wires, unterminated
<b>USB cable</b>	USB cable - DigiKey AE10418-ND
Default settings	
<b>Serial port settings</b>	115200 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity, no handshaking
<b>I2C address</b>	0x66 (Hex), 102 (Dec)
<b>Update rate</b>	388 readings per second
Main cable connections	
<b>1</b>	GPIO / LED driver
<b>2</b>	GPIO / servo driver
<b>3</b>	TXD/SDA - serial data transmit or I2C data
<b>4</b>	RXD/SCL - serial data receive or I2C clock
<b>5</b>	GND - power supply negative
<b>6</b>	GND - power supply negative
<b>7</b>	+ 5 V - power supply positive (4.5 V to 5.5 V at 500 mA)

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