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# 5S Drifter

Sensoring System for Surface Sea Streams

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## Acronyms

**UART** Universal asynchronous receiver/transmitter

**LTE** Long-Term Evolution

**ADC** Analog to Digital Converter

**IMU** Inertial Measurement Unit

**PCB** Printed Circuit Board

**CMEMS** Center for Microeletromachanical Systems

**STM32**

**DMA** Direct Access Memory

**IoT** Internet of Things

**GPS**

**JSON**

**DB** Data Base

# Chapter 1

## Project Plan

This chapter will briefly talk about the 5S Drifter project motivations as well their function as a product developed by the Minho's University under supervision by the professors Luis Gonçalves and Sérgio Lopes.

### 1.1 Introduction

Under the course unity of Integrative Project in Industrial Electronics and Computers the students must apply for professors projects in order to integrate under their respective laboratories and start to undertand the pace demanded on the Master's final paper.

This project, given by the professor Luis Gonçalves and Sergio Lopes under the CMEMS laboratory, has the main porpouse to create a drifter for data aquisition. As a multi-themed project, this report will explore multiple areas, as the PCB design for hardware and firmware manufacture, software design under the idea to optimize the execution allowing for better performance. The main goal is to have the final product afloat at the end of the simester.

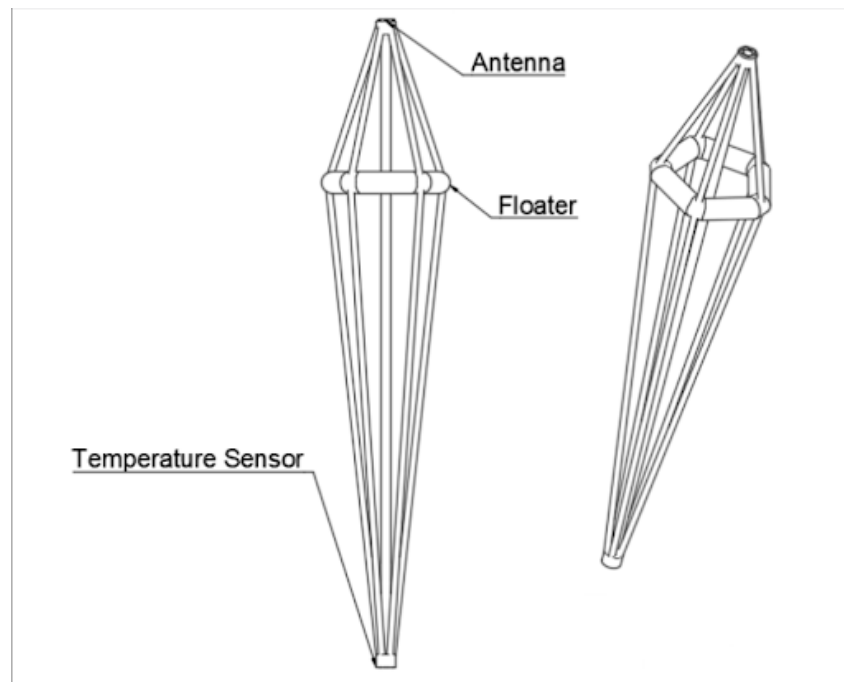


Figure 1.1: Draft Floater



### 1.1.1 Problem Statement

The ocean is one of the man greatest mystery even before the written history. Humanity made the world ours over the water, from the Portuguese greatest discoveries, braving the raging ocean to the newest oil tanker demanding ever newer technology in order to tame the sea for safer and smoother sailing.

Nowadays scientists believe only 20% to 26% of the ocean is discovered with the actual technology which means that humanity know as much about our so grate sky as our own seas. 5S ocean drifter is a equipment made to acquire data from superficial sea streams and expand the oceanographic knowledge about it.

Better knowledge of the ocean lead to further development in diverse areas. Granting safety, security and efficiency.

5S, an acronym for Sensing System for Surface Sea Streams is a low-cost, low-power solution to acquire said data with the focus to last autonomously for the longest time possible. The drifter has to attain its GPS coordinates in order to track its current and average velocity, alongside with the water temperature and a accelerometer information to gather information about the wave intencity. All this data will be stored locally and transmitted by a protocol, yet to be defined, with a JSON format in order to be recived by a database that already is implemented.

#### Transport

Sadly, it isn't uncommon to see transport accidents being reported, and even worse, for it to be a gigantic problem. Some of these accidents are caused by poor mapping of sea conditions, tankers spilling oil, fishing vessels capsizing, leading to financial problems and even loss of life. Even when there are no accidents, poor knowledge of tides results in higher energy consumption when routes are set against the currents.

A solution would be to create optimized shipping routes, minimizing accidents and improving energy efficiency while traversing the waves. Oil tankers could follow currents with lower fuel consumption. Fishing routes could become more efficient, as their target species may swim with the tides based on temperature and speed. This would ease the workload, making the activity less reactive and more predictable, aligning expected catch rates with reduced time and energy consumption.

A well-known example of a hazardous area is the Nazaré Canyon, where its unique shape creates enormous waves. Avoiding these waters is crucial for safer navigation.

#### Ecology

##### Habitats

The placement of wave energy converters, a growing field under the energy generation, is one of the main problems the technology faces. A good positioning improves the efficiency

Renewable Energy

#### Oceanograpy

Better undertanding of the Iberian Poleward Current (IPC)

#### Geology

Know where the sedimentation is leading to



Figure 1.2: The Design of a Wave Energy Converter to Electricity

## Sports

### 1.1.2 Problem Statement Analysis

As a first step into solving this project, an initial construction of the demands is requested. Here will be presented, following the waterfall approach and UML standards, the solutions to the individual problems presented by the project.

## Tasks

The system, in order to accomplish said targets, must set the following topics

- Data acquisition
  - Power Source Level
  - Wave intensity
  - Position
  - Temperature
- Wireless data transference
- Local data storage
- Autonomy
- Resistant and buoyant shell



## Chapter 2

# Analysis

In order to accomplish said objectives listed on the problem Statement Analysis, it is first needed to enlist the embedded system components, this will help to choose a STM32 model as well the modules for this task without any over and under dimensions.

- Microcontroller  
The STM32 CPU that will control the Embedded System.
- GNSS  
A module to acquire the world position in latitude and longitude.
- Mobile Communication  
The module with the ability to communicate wirelessly with MongoDB
- Power Source  
The set of batteries the system will relay on for energy. It is stipulated that the system must have the autonomy of at least 30 days.
- SD Card Slot  
Local long term memory in case of field transmission.
- Sensors:
  - IMU  
System physical acceleration and angle data.
  - Temperature Sensor  
Water Temperature data.
  - Power Source Level Sensor  
Voltage reading data.

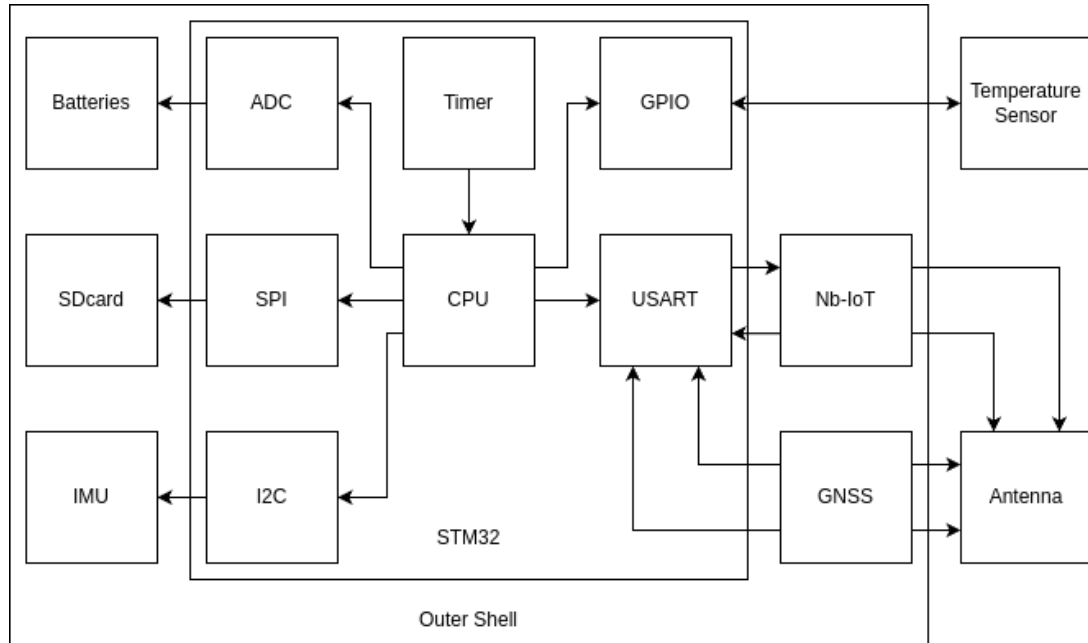


Figure 2.1: Block Diagram

As for the outer shell there are a few things to have in attention.

- The Antenna to floater distance, once the water interferes with the antenna signal.
- The float size, that needs to support all the weight and float, respecting the first topic.
- The drifter ballast, that will be the drifter core, located between the floater and the temperature sensor tip. It should be heavy so the drifter points up, but it shouldn't exceed the second topic demand

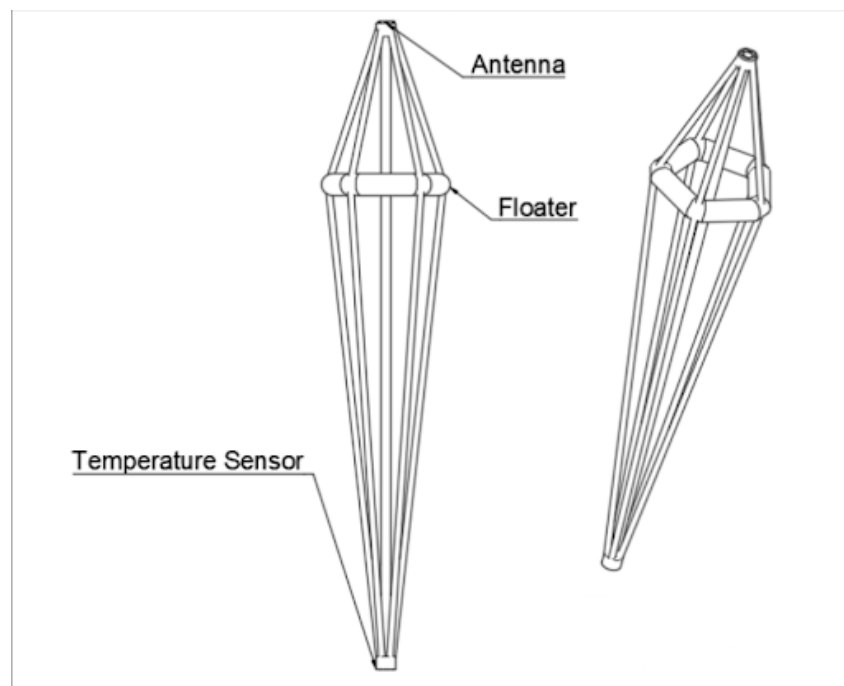


Figure 2.2: Floater Architecture



## 2.1 Requirements and Constraints

### 2.1.1 Requirements

- Search and selection of hardware components.
- Software design.
- PCB design.
- 5S outer shell 3D design.
- Actual product realization.
- Laboratory tests.

### 2.1.2 Constraints

- Limited Team
- The project must be presented for evaluation within deadline.
- The project has to be validated at the ocean.
- The pretended autonomy has to be of a month at minimum.

## 2.2 State of the art

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### 2.2.1 Economy

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### 2.2.2 Ecology

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### 2.2.3 Sports

## 2.3 Market Research

## 2.4 System Architecture

### Block Diagram

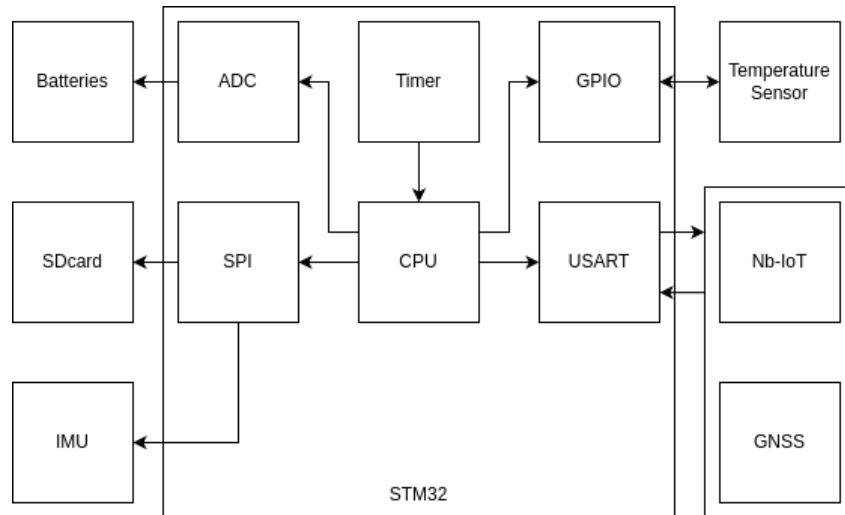


Figure 2.3: Block Diagram

### Use Case

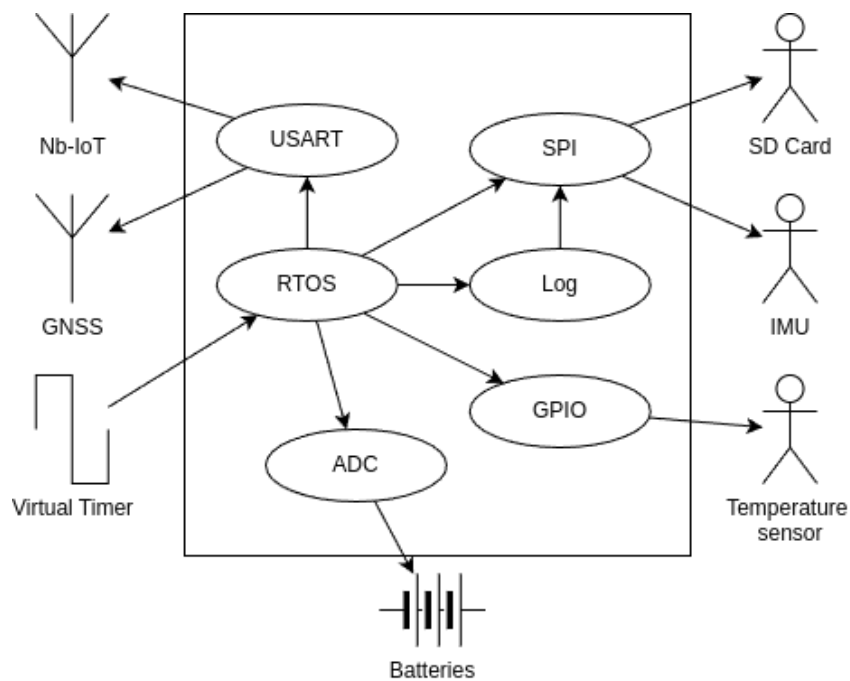


Figure 2.4: Use Case Diagram

## Sequence Diagram

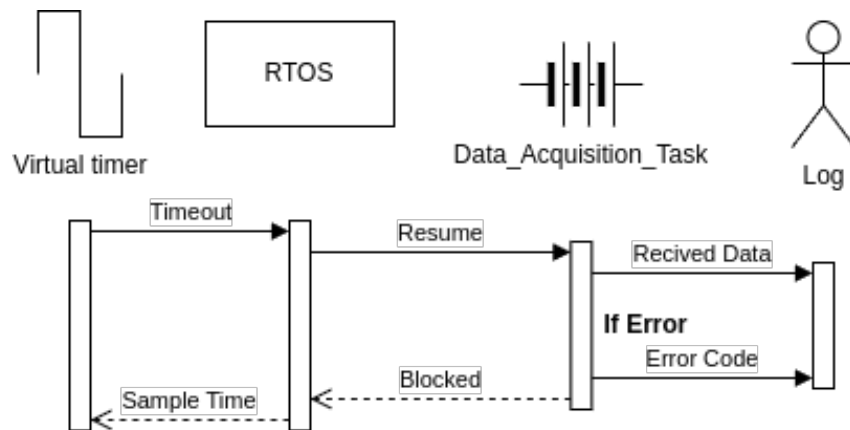


Figure 2.5: Sequence Diagram of Sensor Task

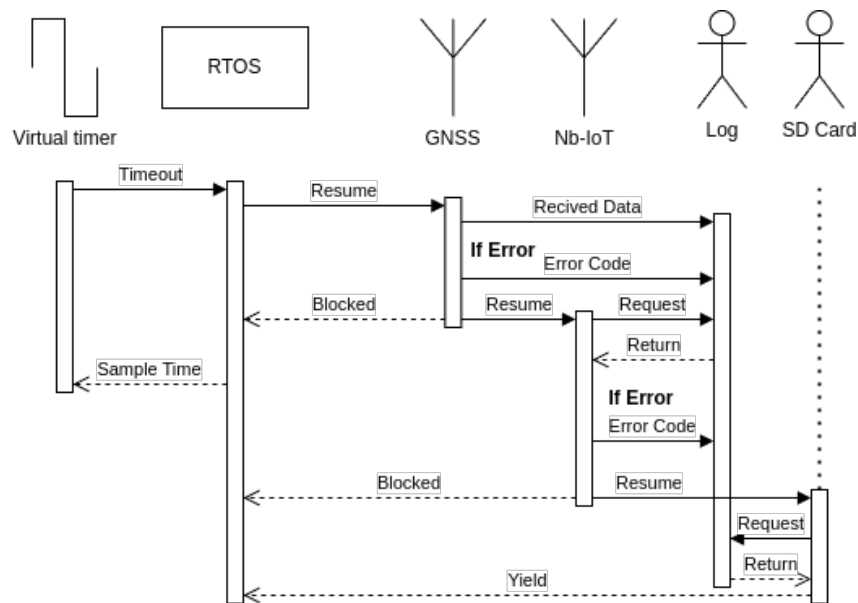


Figure 2.6: Sequence Diagram for Sending and Archive Task

## Threads

Once this problem requires a list of tasks to be executed, using a OS will allow a better project organization and performance with little to no impact in power consumption.

As the ST uC offers a variety of RTOS, the implementation will be accessible with good support due to the CMSIS v2 abstraction layer.

The division in Threads demands a separation in Priority levels, as the OS scheduler takes in consideration once both tasks are ready for execution.

Setting a task priority it must take in vision the resources the task will use, the time it will take to execute said behavior and the actual importance in matching its time constraints. In order to manage this level of complexity, the RTOS offers a set of tools for task control that will be used for its synchronization and communication.

- High Priority Threads

Tasks that will handle the outer communication as GNSS and the internet integration

will take the higher priority once, as will be handled by a peripheral, its execution will be faster, only using the USART interface for AC transmission.

- Normal Priority Threads

The only task here will be the one that has enough importance to be prioritized over the sensors but as the transmission begins it should release the processor for the outer communication.

- Low Priority Threads

Tasks that only has to measure the sensors having no problem to be removed from the CPU execution once their execution is, in their majority, asynchronous.

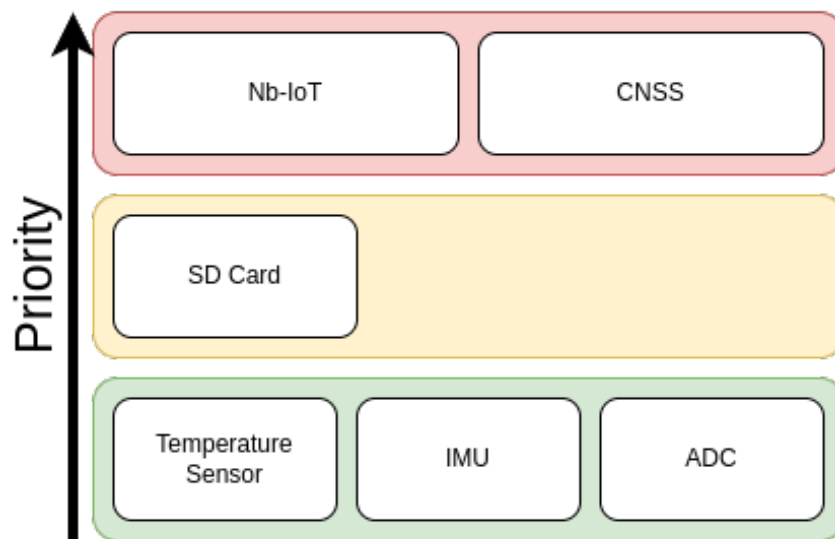


Figure 2.7: Thread Priority Stack

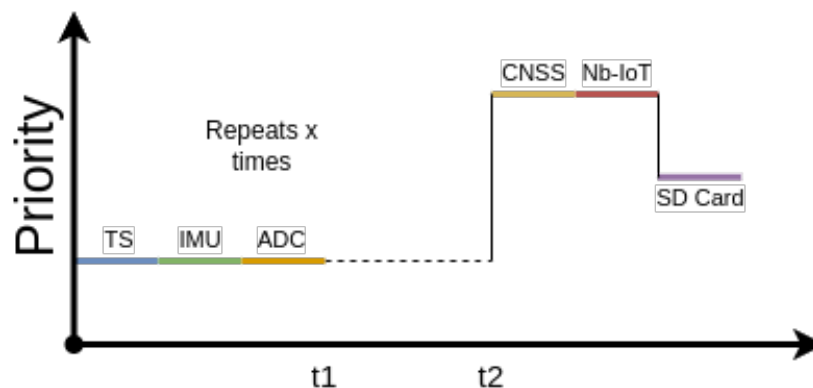


Figure 2.8: Thread Temporal Graph

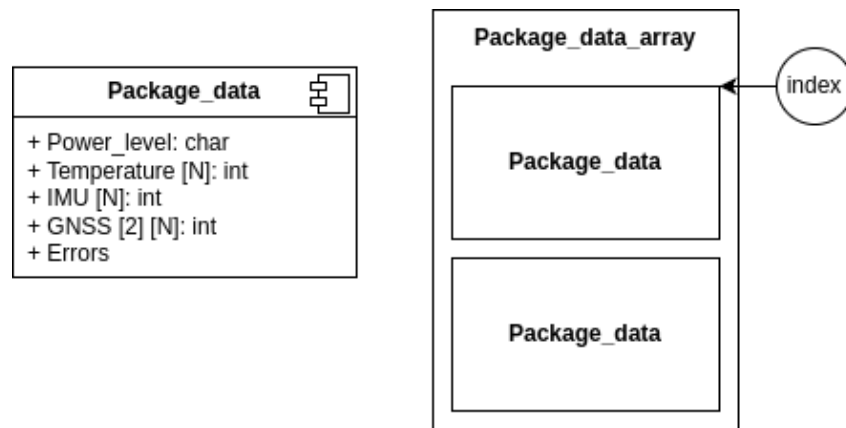


Figure 2.9: Package data structure

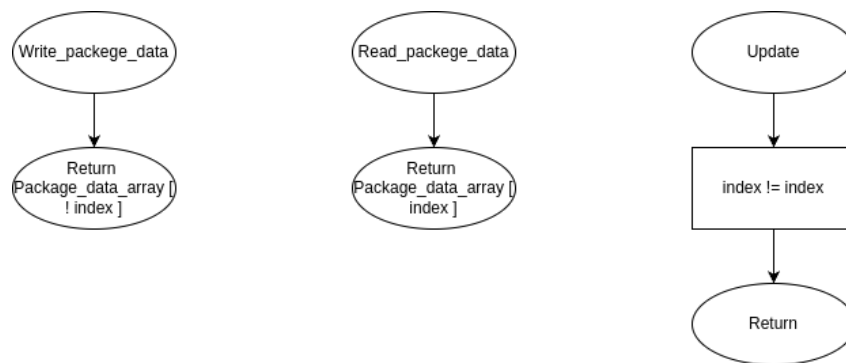


Figure 2.10: Memory Flowchart

# Chapter 3

## Design

### 3.1 Analysis Review

### 3.2 Hardware

#### 3.2.1 Autonomy

### 3.3 Hardware Consumption

Here will be discussed witch hardware is best sued for the task. The hardware will be evaluated by their autonomy, the communication protocol

#### 3.3.1 Autonomy

As for the autonomy there are two main factors to consider, the batteries and the board consumption meaning that the whole system must consume, on average, 5mAH.

#### Batteries

Google sheets

#### Board Consumption

Possible solar energy solar penel AEM10941 SM111K06L

table

SIM7600 table 6 and 34 (pg 20 and ) same voltage 2 SIM7020 peak 2A 20u in sleep mode 150mA

SIM7000 (GPS por NB-IoT e 2G fallback) Consome: 11mA

SIM7080G - Nb-IoT Quectel BG77

Quectel BG95-M3

GPS MAX-M10S

tele2

IMU BMI088 IMU Sensor accelerometer 15uA / and Gyroscope 2.7mA ISM330BX 0.19mA / 0.6mA activate BDU

BMI270

Unix Steptime





	Portugal	2G	3G	4G	5G	LTE	NB-IoT
Meo		V	V	V	–	–	–
Nos		V	V	–	–	–	–
Vodafone		V	–	V	V	V	–

## 3.4 Hardware Specification

### 3.4.1 SDCard

### 3.4.2 STM32

STM32L010K4T6 microcontroler ADC UART SPI ONEWire

### 3.4.3 BMI088 IMU Sensor

gyroscope and acelerometer

### 3.4.4 Temperature

DS18B20

## 3.5 Software

### 3.5.1 Communication protocol

table EVKITST87M01-1 nb-iot SIM7600 2g 3g 4g LTE CAT4  
simbase chip availability  
europe coast 2g 4g

## 3.6 Shell

2.5 dB Antenna should be at least 10 cm form water

### 3.6.1 Conclusion

## 3.7 Case Construction

Diagram

The hardware configurations, as idicated on the datasheet should follow the leading steps.

As for the UART communication, the list of commads are listed on the datasheet. As for better flow, here are listed the commadsused along the project and their functionalities.



## 3.8 Tools and COTS

### 3.8.1 Tools

### 3.8.2 COTS

GPS and 4G module

Inkscape

draw.io

STM32 CUBE<sub>mx</sub>

L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

## 3.9 Software Specification

## 3.10 Theoretical Concepts

## Chapter 4

# Implementation

### 4.1 Hardware and Shell

### 4.2 Software

#### 4.2.1 Project Sections

#### 4.2.2 Task Behavior

separar funções do IMU e GNSS para não atrapalhar um ao outro.

#### 4.2.3 DataBase Communication

Mongo db

JASON

## Chapter 5

# Conclusion

### 5.1 Gantt Diagram

### 5.2 Bibliografy

### 5.3 Special Greatings

At last it's important to add the support from the CMEMS labs personal as well of the professor Tiago Matos for his support with hardware decisions and previous knowledge from similar projects.