

# Railway Smart Meters

## Thesis Research Plan

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## Introduction

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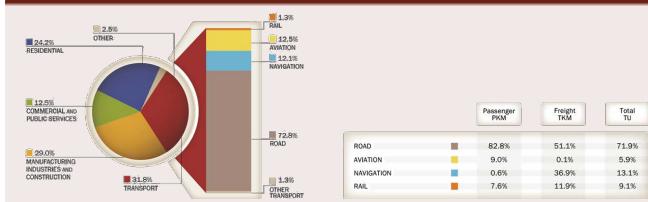


Figure 1: Global Energy Consumption. [1].



Figure 2: Global Transportation Share. [1].

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#### Shift2Rail Framework - Main Goal

- 1. Cutting the life-cycle cost of railway transport by, at least, 50%;
- 2. Doubling the railway capacity;
- 3. Increasing the reliability and punctuality by 50%, at least.

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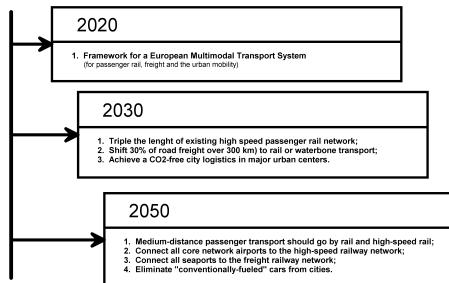


Figure 3: Shift2Rail Framework - Time Targets. [2]

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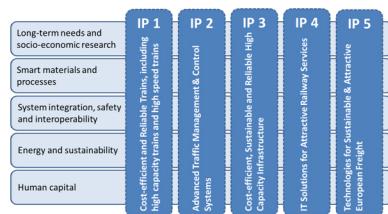


Figure 4: Shift2Rail Framework - Innovation Programmes. [2]

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## Smart Meter Demonstrator

- Towards detailed monitoring and supervision of energy flows;

## Introduction

### Objectives

- Research on **railway energy models**, and **development/implementation of a metering system** for railway power flow monitoring.
- Research on **communication network models** for a Railway Transportation System (RTS) wireless network with **validation through simulation frameworks. Development and implementation** of RTS wireless network to store the energy information data of railway into central database.

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## Power system of Railway Transportation System

### Overview of Existing European Railway Power Systems

Table 1: Catenary topology and vehicle characteristics of different railway vehicles. [3].

|            | Catenary topology              |  | Vehicle characteristics |             |
|------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------|
|            | DC supply                      | AC supply                              | Power                   | Top speed   |
| Tram       | 600V DC, 750V DC,<br>900V DC   | -                                      | 150–300kW               | 50–70km/h   |
| Metro      | 750V DC, 1500V DC              | -                                      | 350kW–1MW               | 80km/h      |
| Train      | 750V DC, 1500V DC,<br>3000V DC | 15kV AC (16.7Hz) and<br>25kV AC (50Hz) | 200kW–8MW               | 120–350km/h |
| Locomotive | 750V DC, 1500V DC,<br>3000V DC | 15kV AC (16.7Hz) and<br>25kV AC (50Hz) | 500kW–8MW               | 100–200km/h |

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## Power system of Railway Transportation System

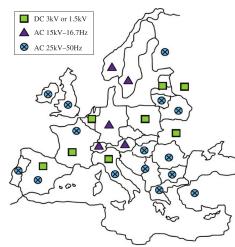


Figure 5: Railway main-line power supply systems in Europe. [3].

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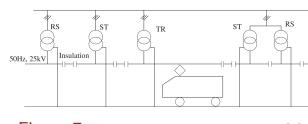
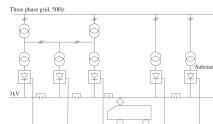


Figure 6: DC supply system architecture. [3].

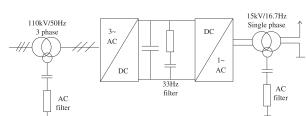


Figure 7: 50 Hz 25 kV supply system. [3].

Figure 8: 16.7 Hz 15 kV supply system. [3].

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## Train Power Supply System

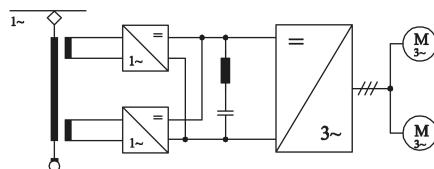


Figure 9: Train internal power circuit of an AC supply system. Adapted from [4].

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# Railway Transportation System

## Case study — Series 3400 train

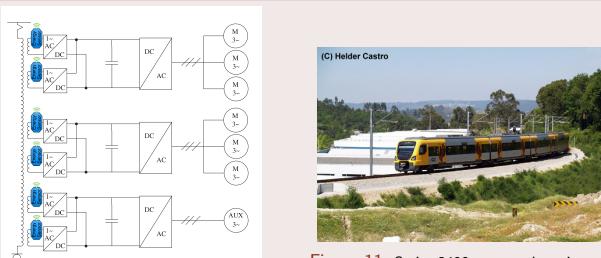


Figure 10: Power architecture of case study train. Retrieved from Comboios de Portugal

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Figure 11: Series 3400 case study train. Retrieved from Comboios de Portugal

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## Remote Monitoring in Railways

Energy transducers

### Transducers



Figure 12: 25 kV current transformer.  
Adapted from [www.railware.it](http://www.railware.it)



Figure 13: 25 kV voltage transformer.  
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## Remote Monitoring in Railways

Energy transducers — Power Calculation Function

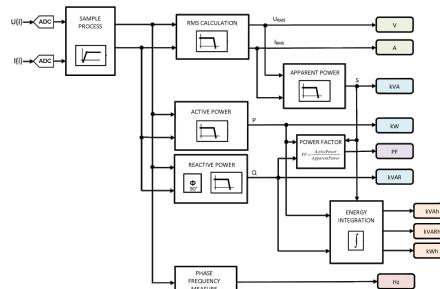


Figure 14: EcoS power calculation function, based on EN50463. Adapted from railware.it

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## Remote Monitoring in Railways

Smart metering in railways

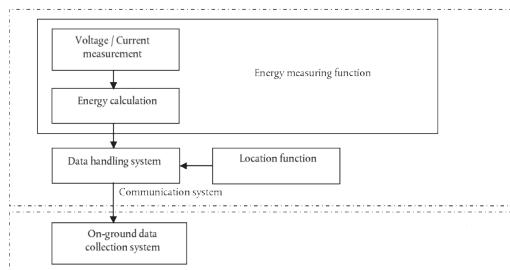


Figure 15: Functions, data flow and regulation scope of on-board energy measurement system.

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## Remote Monitoring in Railways

Wireless Networks

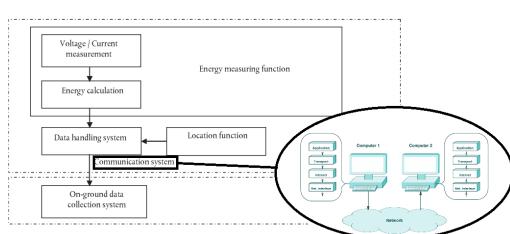


Figure 16: Detail in the communication system: integration with wireless computer networks.  
Adapted from [5].

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**Wireless Networks — Simulators**

- NS-3
- OMNeT++
- QualNet 7.0 + EXata 5
- MatLab + Simulink



**Figure 17:** Simulation & emulation framework.

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**Literature review**

## Summary

**Literature Review — Summary**

- Power System of Railway Transportation System
- Energy Sensors
- Wireless Networks
- Smart Metering
- **Decision Support Systems**
- Issues and Problems in WSN — Outliers

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**Thesis Proposal**

## Architecture of proposed work



**Figure 18:** Overall functional architecture of a smart metering system.



**Figure 19:** Data flow of measurement-information layers.

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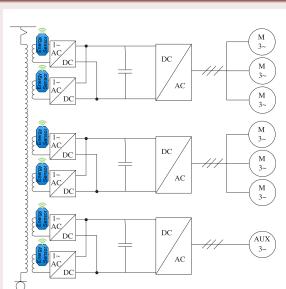
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**Architecture of proposed work**

- ① Energy metering node:  
Non-intrusive self-powered sensor node;
- ② Data transmission & Storage System:  
RTS wireless network

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## Energy metering node

**Part 1 — Energy metering node:  
Non-intrusive self-powered sensor node**

**Figure 20:** Power architecture of case-study train.

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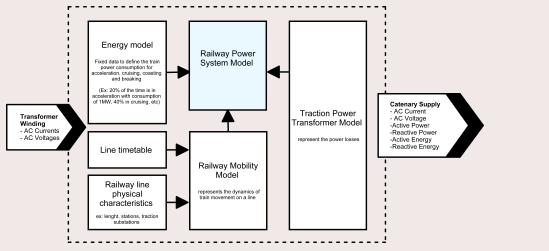
**Energy metering node — Methodology**

Figure 21: Models needed for simulation. Energy measurement system.

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**Energy metering node — Contributions**

- **New energy metering architecture**, according to some specifications such as the usage of a non-intrusive approach. This architecture will generate energy information about the power flow of the railway system.
- **Accurate estimation of power flow** into catenary, based on on-board measurements. The available parameters will be: (1) the RMS voltage, current and apparent power, (2) the instantaneous active power, reactive power, power factor and frequency, and (3) the cumulative energy consumptions in terms of kVAh, kVARh and KWh.

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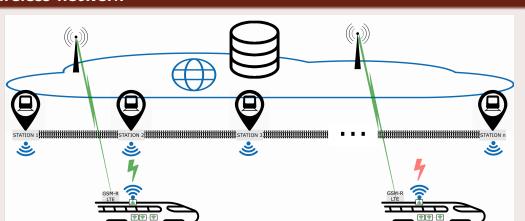
**Part 2 — Data transmission & Storage System:**  
RTS wireless network

Figure 22: Data transmission &amp; Storage System.

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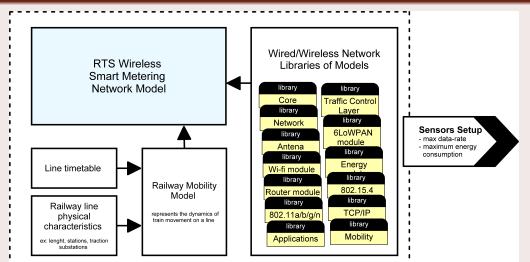
**RTS wireless network — Methodology**

Figure 23: Models needed for simulation - RTS Wireless Network.

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Data transmission & Storage System

## RTS wireless network — Contributions

- Availability of measured data from trains where currently limited/inexistent energy measurement is performed.
- Data-rate increase of energy measurements, which will result on direct **increase on the quality of information of energy**. This increase will overcome the 5-minute data-rate that currently are used in energy meters.
- A further contribution can be the reduction of the dependence of broadband real-time/continuous communication (such as Long-Term Evolution (LTE)), with the direct cost reduction of information transmission of energy RTS data.

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# Thesis Proposal

Work Plan

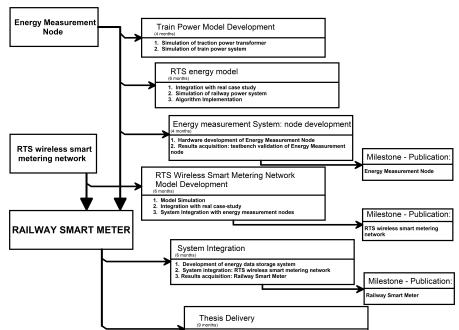


Figure 24: PhD Work Plan.

# Preliminary Work

Implementation of a point-to-point communication between a moving train and a station

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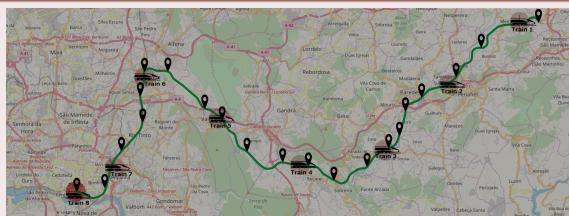


Figure 25: Porto-Caide railway line: simulation using OMNeT++ network simulator.

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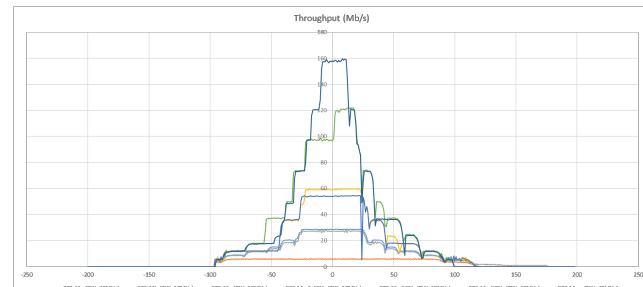


Figure 26: Evaluation of moving node for different 802.11 network standards using NS-3.

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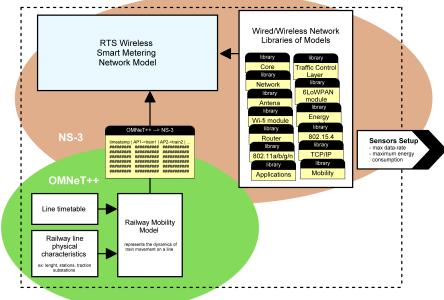


Figure 27: Simulator layers: proposed solution using OMNeT++ and NS-3.

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Evaluation of the non-intrusive voltage sensor

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Figure 28: Photo of implemented non-intrusive voltage sensor. Based on [6]

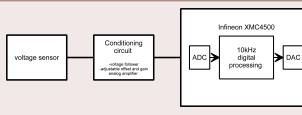


Figure 29: Signal conditioning and digital processing architecture.

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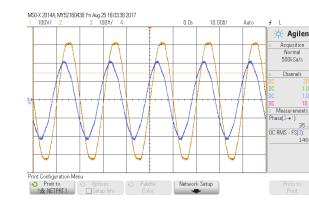


Figure 30: Waveforms of acquired and sensed voltages in normal conditions: AC main voltage (orange) and voltage in sensor (blue).

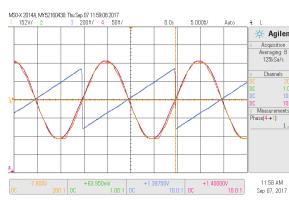


Figure 31: Waveforms of AC voltage (orange), estimated voltage (pink) and estimated phase angle (blue) with phase compensation.

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Railway Power System Model

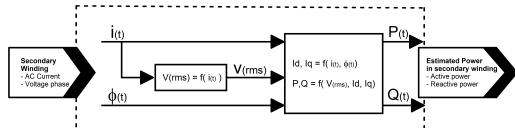


Figure 32: Secondary power estimation.

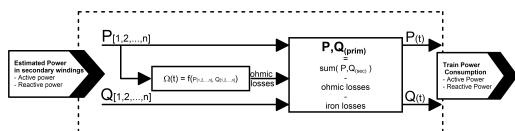


Figure 33: Train power estimation.

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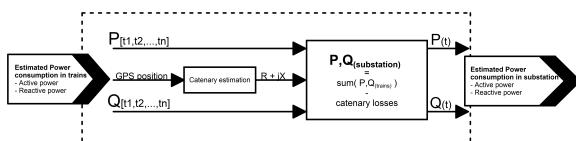


Figure 34: Substation power estimation.

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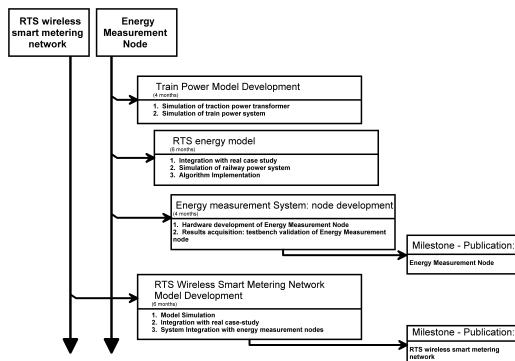


Figure 35: PhD Work Plan.

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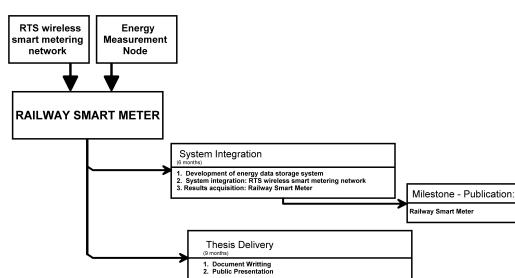


Figure 36: PhD Work Plan.

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