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## Titan

1. Greek Mythology any of the older gods who preceded the Olympians and were the children of Uranus (Heaven) and Gaia (Earth). Led by Cronus, they overthrew Uranus; Cronus' son, Zeus, then rebelled against his father and eventually defeated the Titans.  
(as nouna titan) a person or thing of very great strength, intellect, or importance: a titan of American industry.
2. Astronomy the largest satellite of Saturn (diameter 5150 km), the fifteenth closest to the planet, discovered by C. Huygens in 1655. It is unique in having a hazy atmosphere of nitrogen, methane, and oily hydrocarbons.

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# 1 Preliminaries

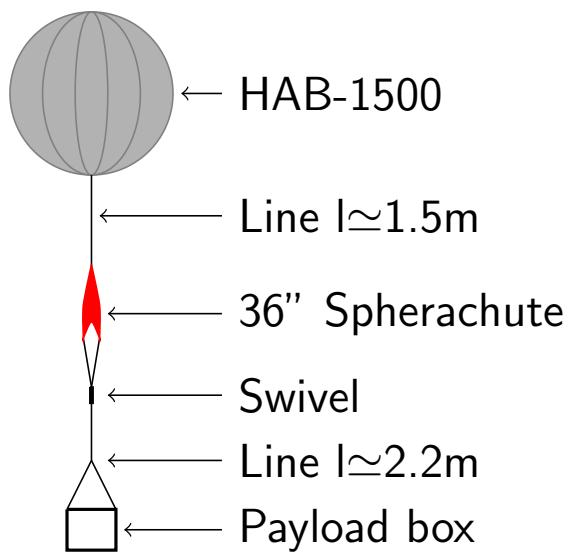
This report outlines the process of developing and construction of a high altitude balloon (HAB) reaching a peak altitude of 35 000 m. A mission is completed with success when the payload box reaches at least 35 000 m and is recovered, logged sensor data and captured images extracted with success.

After the mission a Flight Data Report will be prepared, containing all recorded flight data and a discussion of those. Further, a review of the individual components and their operation will be stated.

The idea of constructing a HAB came while reading following two papers on the Huygens probe, J.-P. Lebreton and D. L. Matson *The Huygens Probe: Science, Payload And Mission Overview*, Space Science Reviews 104: 59100, 2002 and R. D. Lorenz *Spin of Planetary Probes in Atmospheric Flight*, Journal of the British Interplanetary Society, vol 59, No.8, 273-282, August 2006. Huygens landed on Saturn's moon Titan January 14th 2004. Reading about the challenges faced during the Cassini-Huygens mission ([http://www.esa.int/Our\\_Activities/Space\\_Science/Cassini-Huygens/](http://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Space_Science/Cassini-Huygens/)) made the author curious in exploring *at least* the earth atmosphere.

## 1.1 TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Bellow the main technical characteristics of the Titan HAB are stated together with a schematic view of the balloon. This is followed by a description of the used sensors and image capture device.



<b>Peak Altitude:</b>	35 104 m
<b>Ascent Velocity:</b>	$5.59 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
<b>Descent Velocity:</b>	$4.78 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
<b>Ascent Time:</b>	105 min
<b>Descent Time:</b>	122 min
<b>Total Flight Time:</b>	227 min
<b>Payload Weight:</b>	0.720 kg
<b>Length over all:</b>	$\approx 7 \text{ m}$
<b>Balloon Volume at Launch:</b>	$3.460 \text{ m}^3$
<b>Balloon Lift at Launch:</b>	3.548 kg
<b>Area Weight:</b>	$5.06 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$

An Arduino Mega 2560 is the main micro controller used as flight computer. It is based on the ATmega2560 microcontroller. The global position of the HAB is identified with a MAX-M8 series GPS module and the data are transmitted via a Radiometrix MTX2 434 MHz Radio Module, which is a frequency agile 434 MHz 10mW radio module.

Following sensors and modules are attached to the Arduino Mega 2560:

**MTX2** Radiometrix MTX2 434 MHz Radio Module.

**HX1** VHF Narrow Band FM 300 mW Transmitter, 144.800 MHz, used for APRS.

**MAX-M8** GPS module used for position (longitude, latitude and altitude) and time acquisition.

**DS18B20** Temperature sensor on HABuino showing the temperature of the flight computer compartment. This temperature should remain most near to 20 °C. Any temperature variation will effect the transmission frequency of the radio module.

**MCP9808** Maximum accuracy digital temperature sensor measuring air temperature.

**HTU21DF** Temperature and humidity sensor measuring air temperature and relative humidity of the air.

**MPL3115A2** Precision altimeter mainly used for measuring atmospheric pressure, but also temperature and altitude is detected.

**TSL2561** Light to digital converter

**BST-BMP180** Pressure sensor mainly used for measuring atmospheric pressure, but also temperature and altitude is detected.

**L3GD20** 3D gyroscope

**LSM303DLHC** 3D accelerometer and 3D magnetometer module

**LSH20** Saft LSH 20 battery used as power supply with 3.6 V and 13.0 A h. The power feeds into the low input voltage synchronous boost converter TPS61201 on the HABuino shield.

Further details on the sensors can be found in Tab. 1 and in section 2. The wiring is explained in section 2.1.

The image capturing is done independent from the flight computer with a GoPro HERO4 Silver camcorder, see section 4. Basically an image is captured every second.

## 1.2 MEASURED QUANTITIES

Tab. 1 gives an overview of measured quantities and the corresponding variable names. The variable names correspond to those used in the fight computer software.

<b>Component</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit, Precision</b>	<b>Description</b>
MAX-M8	<i>time</i>	hh:mm:ss	
	<i>lon</i>	°, -	
	<i>lat</i>	°, -	Horizontal position accuracy around 2.5 m in pedestrian mode.
	<i>alt</i>	m, -	
	<i>sats</i>	1, -	Number of satellites used for position determination. We want to have a minimum of 4 satellites.
DS18B20	<i>temperature1</i>	°C, ±0.5	Temperature operating range −55 °C to 125 °C.
MCP9808	<i>temperature5</i>	°C, ±0.5	Temperature operating range −55 °C to 125 °C.
HTU21DF	<i>temperature3</i>	°C, ±0.5	Temperature operating range −40 °C to 125 °C.
	<i>humidity1</i>	%RH, ±2	Humidity operating range 0 %RH to 100 %RH.
MPL3115A2	<i>pressure1</i>	Pa, $\pm 1.5 \times 10^3$	Pressure operating range $20 \times 10^3$ Pa to $110 \times 10^3$ Pa.
	<i>alt1</i>	m, ±0.3	$alt1 = 44330.77 [1 - (p/p_0)^{0.1902632}] + OFF_H(Register\ Value)$ with $p_0$ sea level pressure 101 326 Pa.
	<i>temperature4</i>	°C, ±3	Temperature operating range −40 °C to 85 °C.
TSL2561	<i>lum1</i>	-	
	<i>ir1</i>	-	
	<i>full1</i>	-	
	<i>lux1</i>	lx, ?	
BST-BMP180	<i>pressure2</i>	Pa, $-0.1 \times 10^3$	Pressure operating range $30 \times 10^3$ Pa to $110 \times 10^3$ Pa.
	<i>alt2</i>	m, -	$alt2 = 44330 [1 - (p/p_0)^{1/5.255}]$ with $p_0$ sea level pressure 101 326 Pa.
	<i>temperature6</i>	°C, ±1	Temperature operating range −40 °C to 85 °C.
LSM303DLHC	<i>accX</i>	$\text{m s}^{-2}$ ,	
	<i>accY</i>	$\text{m s}^{-2}$ ,	
	<i>accZ</i>	$\text{m s}^{-2}$ ,	
	<i>magX</i>	G, ±3	
	<i>magY</i>	G, ±3	
	<i>magZ</i>	G, ±3	
L3GD20	<i>gyroX</i>	$\text{° s}^{-1}$ , $70 \times 10^{-3}$	
	<i>gyroY</i>	$\text{° s}^{-1}$ , $70 \times 10^{-3}$	
	<i>gyroZ</i>	$\text{° s}^{-1}$ , $70 \times 10^{-3}$	

Component	Quantity	Unit, Precision	Description
TPS61201	<i>battvaverage</i>	mV, $\pm 5$	Measured through Arduino analog pin A0. Operating input voltage range from 0.3 V to 5.5 V. 600 mA output current at 5 V ( $VIN \geq 3$ V) and 300 mA at 3.3 V ( $VIN \geq 2.4$ V).

Table 1: Technical specification of components and measured quantities with variable names.

### 1.3 COMMUNICATED DATA

The transmission is done with RTTY with carrier shift of 425 (can be freely chosen) a Baud rate of 50 (can be freely chosen) using 7-bit (selectable also 8-bit) ASCII and 2 stop bits (selectable also 1 bit). The values selected are the recommended values. The transmission frequency is 434.485 MHz. The transmission frequency can be chosen within the interval 433.875 MHz to 434.650 MHz.

Following string is communicated with the transmission module:  
*callsign, count, hour:minute:second, lat, lon, maxalt, sats, temperature1, battvaverage, errorstatus, checksum*

An example is shown in List. 1 which are transmitted and received data.

Listing 1: An example of some lines of a transmitted and received data.

```

1 RX 434486878 : RTTY (2015-08-20 16:23Z): $$$$TITAN_1
    ,16,16:23:53,55.747342,11.572041,5,6,29,3414,8*41F6
2 RX 434486881 : RTTY (2015-08-20 16:24Z): $$$$TITAN_1
    ,17,16:24:05,56.747345,11.572083,18,6,29,3415,8*9805
3 RX 434486884 : RTTY (2015-08-20 16:24Z): $$$$TITAN_1
    ,18,16:24:17,57.747379,11.572097,13,7,29,3416,8*BBAE
4 RX 434486886 : RTTY (2015-08-20 16:24Z): $$$$TITAN_1
    ,19,16:24:33,58.747334,11.572081,13,7,29,3415,8*E0A5

```

The checksum is calculated using the Xmodem-CRC protocol, see [http://www.atmel.com/webdoc/AVRLibcReferenceManual/group\\_\\_util\\_\\_crc\\_1gaca726c22a1900f9bad52594c8846115f.html](http://www.atmel.com/webdoc/AVRLibcReferenceManual/group__util__crc_1gaca726c22a1900f9bad52594c8846115f.html).

Specification about the receiver is given in section 5.

#### 1.3.1 APRS

During development it was considered to use the HX1 module on the HABduino to transmit position based on the APRS standard. However, for this mission it was not considered further. It was used for development purpose and will find its use in a consecutive mission.

## 1.4 LOGGED DATA

Before every transmission all data measured by the sensors, including position data from the GPS module are saved to an on-board micro SD memory card. Thus data are logged approximately every 14 s.

The function `writeToSD()` (Line 597 in List. 3) appends the string containing the current sensor data to the file `logfilename`. The resulting log file is a delimiter file with a `,` used as delimiter. The data for both the transmitted and logged variables is prepared in the function `prepare_data()` (Line 408 in List. 3).

Tab. 2 shows the individual variables written to the log file with corresponding unit and format. The variables are written to the file exactly in the order as presented in Tab. 2 starting from top. An example of some lines of a logged file are shown in List. 2.

Variable name	Variable symbol	Unit	Format	Example
<i>callsign</i>		-	9 character string	TITAN_1
<i>count</i>		1	integer	108
<i>hour:minute:second</i>		hh : mm : ss	int:int:int	14:18:32
<i>lat</i>		°	float	56.747320
<i>lon</i>		°	float	11.572087
<i>maxalt</i>		m	32-bit integer	20
<i>sats</i>		1	integer	6
<i>temperature1</i>		°C	integer	23
<i>battvaverage</i>		mV	integer	169
<i>errorstatus</i>		-	16-bit integer	8
<i>lum1</i>		-	32-bit integer	2424882
<i>ir1</i>		1	integer	37
<i>full1</i>		1	integer	50
<i>lux1</i>		lx	integer	2
<i>temperature3</i>		°C	float	20.33
<i>humidity1</i>		%RH	float	44.65
<i>pressure1</i>		Pa	float	102427
<i>alt1</i>		m	float	-92.80
<i>temperature4</i>		°C	float	18.06
<i>temperature5</i>		°C	float	19.94
<i>pressure2</i>		Pa	float	102519
<i>alt2</i>		m	float	-98.86
<i>temperature6</i>		°C	float	21.60
<i>gyroX</i>	$\Omega_x$	$^{\circ}\text{s}^{-1}$	integer	-2
<i>gyroY</i>	$\Omega_y$	$^{\circ}\text{s}^{-1}$	integer	-0
<i>gyroZ</i>	$\Omega_z$	$^{\circ}\text{s}^{-1}$	integer	-0
<i>accX</i>	$a_x$	$\text{m s}^{-2}$	float	0.32
<i>accY</i>	$a_y$	$\text{m s}^{-2}$	float	-0.08

Variable name	Variable symbol	Unit	Format	Example
$accZ$	$a_z$	$\text{m s}^{-2}$	float	10.26
$magX$	$m_x$	$\mu\text{T}$	float	-0.36
$magY$	$m_y$	$\mu\text{T}$	float	0.24
$magZ$	$m_z$	$\mu\text{T}$	float	-0.17
$roll$	$\gamma$	$^\circ$	float	-0.44
$pitch$	$\rho$	$^\circ$	float	-1.80
$head$	$\psi$	$^\circ, 0^\circ \text{ North}$	float	146.17

Table 2: Logged variables with units and format specification. Value of example is first line in log file shown in List. 2.

Listing 2: An example of some lines of a log file.

```

1 TITAN_1,108,14:18:32,56.747320,11.572087,20,6,23,169,8,2424882,
  37,50,2,20.33,44.65,102427,-92.80,18.06,19.94,102519,-98.86,21.60,
  -2,-0,-0,0.32,-0.08,10.26,-0.36,0.24,-0.17,-0.44,-1.80,146.17
2 TITAN_1,109,14:18:47,57.747348,11.572043,19,6,23,168,8,2490418,
  38,50,2,20.33,44.66,102431,-88.92,17.94,19.87,102521,-99.02,21.60,
  -2,-0,-0,0.30,-0.05,10.25,-0.36,0.24,-0.17,-0.31,-1.67,146.32
3 TITAN_1,110,14:18:59,58.747313,11.572031,8,6,23,168,8,2490418,
  38,50,2,20.32,44.67,102449,-91.56,18.06,19.87,102523,-99.19,21.60,
  -2,-0,-0,0.31,0.00,10.20,-0.36,0.24,-0.17,0.00,-1.76,146.16
4 TITAN_1,111,14:19:11,59.747360,11.572076,16,6,23,168,8,2359345,
  36,49,2,20.33,44.69,102432,-90.88,18.06,19.94,102515,-98.53,21.60,
  -2,-0,-0,0.19,0.09,10.14,-0.36,0.24,-0.17,0.49,-1.06,146.02
5 TITAN_1,112,14:19:27,53.747305,11.572081,18,7,23,168,8,2424882,
  37,50,2,20.32,44.69,102427,-89.93,18.00,19.94,102520,-98.94,21.60,
  -2,-0,-0,0.31,0.00,10.24,-0.36,0.24,-0.17,0.00,-1.76,145.91
6 TITAN_1,113,14:19:37,52.747332,11.572083,25,6,23,168,8,2424882,
  37,50,2,20.33,44.70,102445,-90.36,18.06,19.87,102520,-98.94,21.60,
  -2,-0,-0,0.34,-0.05,10.29,-0.36,0.24,-0.17,-0.31,-1.88,146.32
7 TITAN_1,114,14:19:54,51.747262,11.572100,28,6,23,168,8,4522072,
  69,88,2,20.34,44.71,102429,-91.87,18.12,19.87,102512,-98.28,21.60,
  -2,-0,-0,0.35,-0.39,10.28,-0.36,0.29,-0.15,-2.19,-1.97,141.29

```

## 2 Flight Computer Hardware

Following section gives some more details about the used hardware components and how they individual parts are connected together.

### 2.1 WIRING AND GENERAL CIRCUIT SCHEMATIC

The general outline of the connection is visualised in Fig. 1. The connections are based on the wiring needs for the individual sensors. The power supply is connected through the HABuino shield.

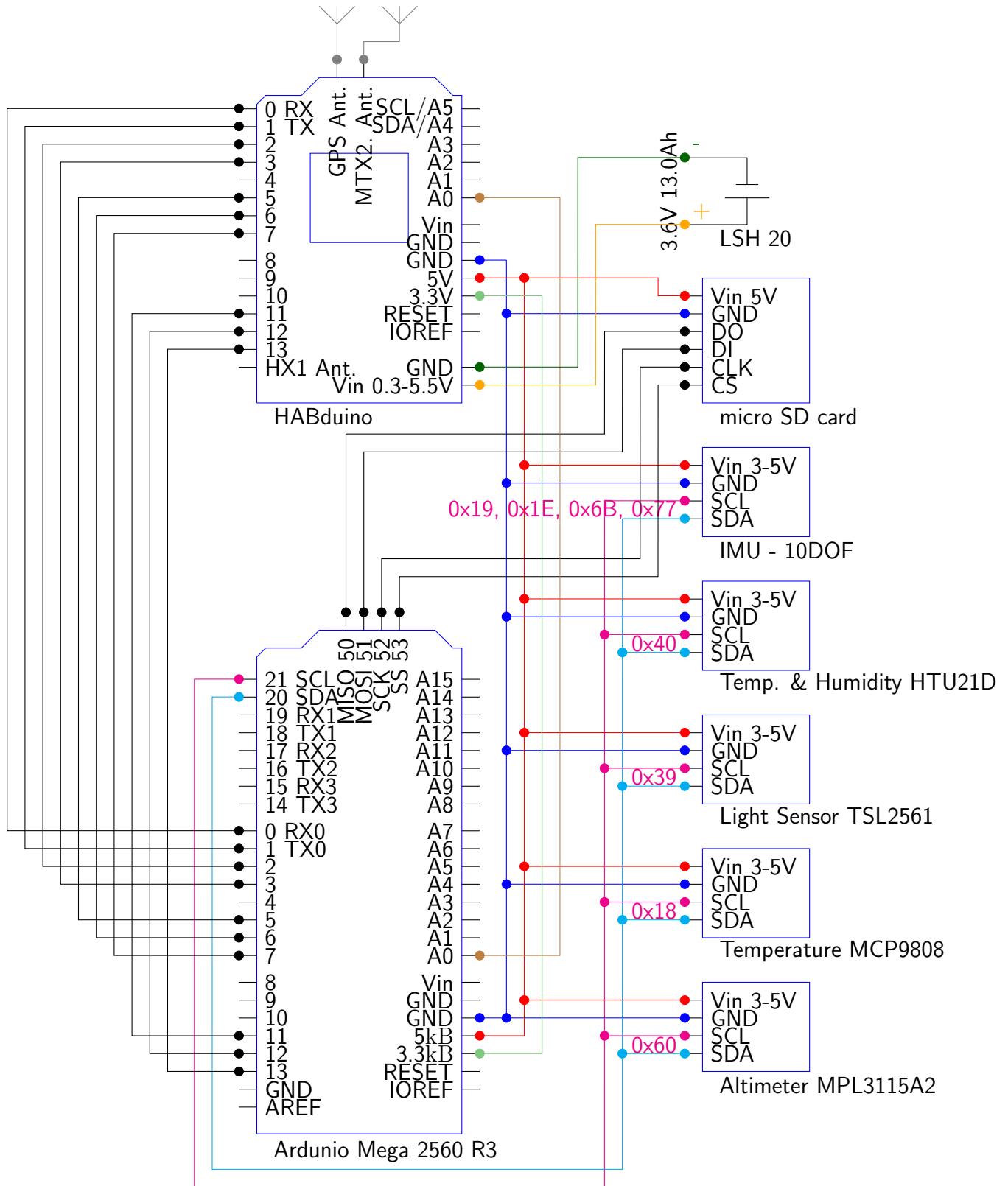


Figure 1: General circuit schematic

On top of the Arduino Mega 2560 a prototype shield is mounted. The prototype shield is only connecting towards the Arduino Mega 2560 pins which are actually used by the

individual components, see in Fig. 2 the prototype shield between the Arduino Mega 2560 R3 (bottom) and the HABduino shield (top). This is done to not increasing the weight of the flight computer uselessly.

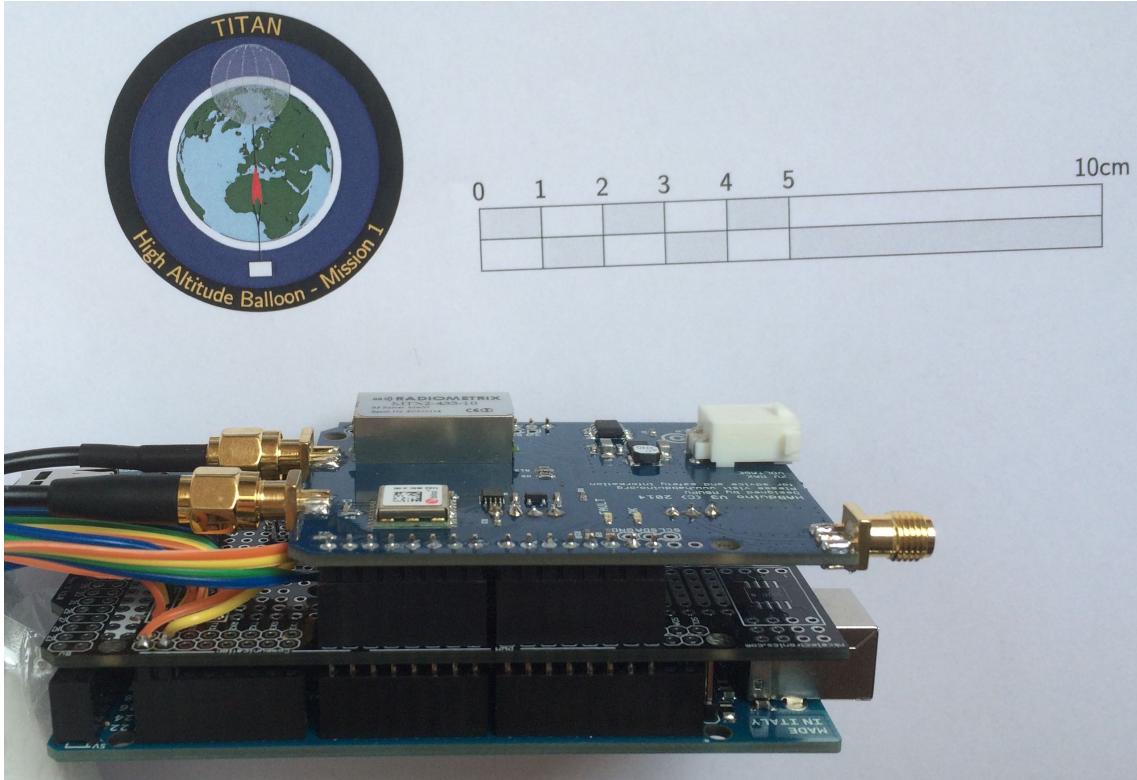


Figure 2: Flight computer, laterale view.

The positive bus is set to 5 V and the reset switch is installed in case the Arduino has to be rested manually. Stacking female headers are installed form pins Aref up to RX (upper row from right to left in Fig. 2) and pins Reset up to A5 (lower row from right to left in Fig. 2). Further, pin 20 (SDA) and 21 (SCL) as well pins 50 (MISO), 51 (MOSI), 52 (SCK) and 53 (SS) for SPI communication are connected to the Arduino Mega 2560 with male headers. The sensors are connected via cable to the prototype board where the SD-card break out board is directly soldered onto the prototype board using male headers.

Fig. 3 shows the assembled flight computer with the HABduino stacked on top. Cables to antenna and sensors visible on the left. Further the micro-SD card breakout board is seen mounted on top of the prototype shield.

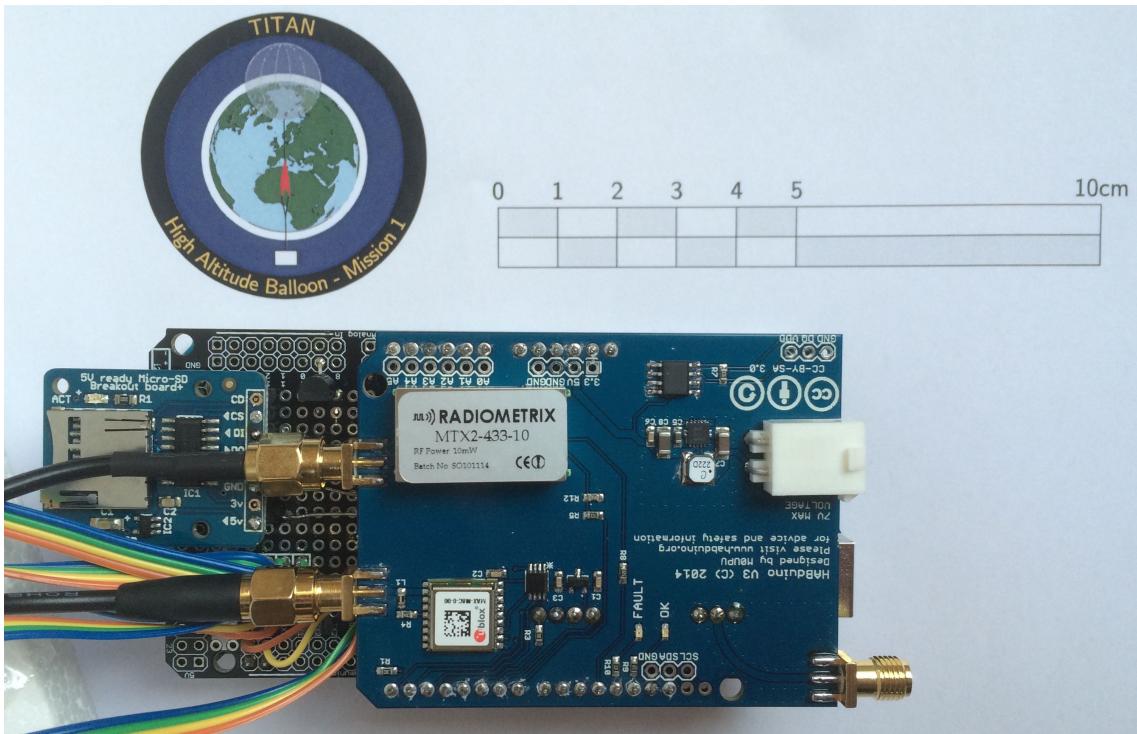


Figure 3: Flight computer, top view.

## 2.2 MICROCONTROLLER

The Arduino Mega 2560 is a microcontroller board based on the ATmega2560. It has 54 digital input/output pins (of which 15 can be used as PWM outputs), 16 analog inputs, 4 UARTs (hardware serial ports), a 16 MHz crystal oscillator, a USB connection, a power jack, an ICSP header, and a reset button.

### 2.2.1 Technical Details

Element	Specifications
Microcontroller	ATmega2560
Operating Voltage	5V
Input Voltage (recommended)	7-12V
Input Voltage (limits)	6-20V
Digital I/O Pins	54 (of which 15 provide PWM output)
Analog Input Pins	16
DC Current per I/O Pin	40 mA
DC Current for 3.3V Pin	50 mA
Flash Memory	256 kB of which 8 kB used by bootloader
SRAM	8 kB
EEPROM	4 kB
Clock Speed	16 MHz

Length	101.98 mm
Width	53.63 mm
Height	15.29 mm
Weight	34.9g

Table 3: Technical specification Arduino Mega 2560 R3

### 2.2.2 Power

The Arduino Mega can be powered via the USB connection or with an external power supply. The power source is selected automatically. External (non-USB) power can come either from an AC-to-DC adapter (wall-wart) or battery. The adapter can be connected by plugging a 2.1mm center-positive plug into the board's power jack. Leads from a battery can be inserted in the Gnd and Vin pin headers of the POWER connector. The board can operate on an external supply of 6 to 20 volts. If supplied with less than 7V, however, the 5V pin may supply less than five volts and the board may be unstable. If using more than 12V, the voltage regulator may overheat and damage the board. The recommended range is 7 to 12 volts.

The power pins are as follows:

**VIN** The input voltage to the Arduino board when it's using an external power source (as opposed to 5 volts from the USB connection or other regulated power source). You can supply voltage through this pin, or, if supplying voltage via the power jack, access it through this pin.

**5V** This pin outputs a regulated 5V from the regulator on the board. The board can be supplied with power either from the DC power jack (7 - 12V), the USB connector (5V), or the VIN pin of the board (7-12V). Supplying voltage via the 5V or 3.3V pins bypasses the regulator, and can damage your board. We don't advise it.

**3.3V** A 3.3 volt supply generated by the on-board regulator. Maximum current draw is 50 mA.

**GND** Ground pins.

**IOREF** This pin on the Arduino board provides the voltage reference with which the microcontroller operates. A properly configured shield can read the IOREF pin voltage and select the appropriate power source or enable voltage translators on the outputs for working with the 5V or 3.3V.

### 2.2.3 Memory

The ATmega2560 has 256 kB of flash memory for storing code (of which 8 kB is used for the bootloader), 8 kB of SRAM and 4 kB of EEPROM (which can be read and written with the EEPROM library).

## 2.2.4 Input and Output

Each of the 54 digital pins on the Mega can be used as an input or output, using `pinMode()`, `digitalWrite()`, and `digitalRead()` functions. They operate at 5 volts. Each pin can provide or receive a maximum of 40 mA and has an internal pull-up resistor (disconnected by default) of 20-50 kOhms. In addition, some pins have specialized functions:

**Serial 0 (RX) and 1 (TX); Serial 1: 19 (RX) and 18 (TX); Serial 2: 17 (RX) and 16 (TX); Serial 3: 15 (RX) and 14 (TX).** Used to receive (RX) and transmit (TX) TTL serial data. Pins 0 and 1 are also connected to the corresponding pins of the ATmega16U2 USB-to-TTL Serial chip.

**External Interrupts** 2 (interrupt 0), 3 (interrupt 1), 18 (interrupt 5), 19 (interrupt 4), 20 (interrupt 3), and 21 (interrupt 2). These pins can be configured to trigger an interrupt on a low value, a rising or falling edge, or a change in value. See the `attachInterrupt()` function for details.

**PWM 2 to 13 and 44 to 46** Provide 8-bit PWM output with the `analogWrite()` function.

**SPI** 50 (MISO), 51 (MOSI), 52 (SCK), 53 (SS). These pins support SPI communication using the SPI library. The SPI pins are also broken out on the ICSP header, which is physically compatible with the Uno, Duemilanove and Diecimila.

**LED 13** There is a built-in LED connected to digital pin 13. When the pin is HIGH value, the LED is on, when the pin is LOW, it's off.

**TWI 20 (SDA) and 21 (SCL)** Support TWI communication using the Wire library.

The Mega2560 has 16 analog inputs, each of which provide 10 bits of resolution (i.e. 1024 different values). By default they measure from ground to 5 volts, though it is possible to change the upper end of their range using the AREF pin and `analogReference()` function. There are a couple of other pins on the board:

**AREF** Reference voltage for the analog inputs. Used with `analogReference()`.

**Reset** Bring this line LOW to reset the microcontroller. Typically used to add a reset button to shields which block the one on the board.

## 2.2.5 Communication

The Arduino Mega2560 has a number of facilities for communicating with a computer, another Arduino, or other microcontrollers. The ATmega2560 provides four hardware UARTs for TTL (5 V) serial communication. An ATmega16U2 on the board channels one of these over USB and provides a virtual com port to software on the computer

(Windows machines will need a `.inf` file, but OSX and Linux machines will recognize the board as a COM port automatically. The Arduino software includes a serial monitor which allows simple textual data to be sent to and from the board. The RX and TX LEDs on the board will flash when data is being transmitted via the ATmega8U2/ATmega16U2 chip and USB connection to the computer (but not for serial communication on pins 0 and 1).

A SoftwareSerial library allows for serial communication on any of the Mega2560's digital pins. The ATmega2560 also supports TWI and SPI communication. The Arduino software includes a Wire library to simplify use of the TWI bus; see the documentation for details. For SPI communication, use the SPI library. <http://arduino.cc/en/Main/ArduinoBoardMega2560>

## 2.3 TRACKING

The HABduino board is a GPS receiver and radio transmitter shield designed for tracking high altitude balloon flights utilising an Arduino Uno/Duemilanove. For this application the included software was modified to use the shield on an Arduino Mega 2560. For more information see <http://www.habduino.org>.

The HABduino Kit Comprises of :

- Habduino Shield.
- GPS Antenna with 0.5 m cable.
- RG174 Pig Tail to make a suitable antenna (See this guide <http://ukhas.org.uk/guides:payloadantenna>)
- Battery holder + clip

Features:

- Compatible with Duemilanovo and Uno boards (Leonardo not supported)
- On board step up to permit operation from 2 x AA batteries.
- Ublox MAX M8C GPS suitable for high altitude use.
- 70cms frequency agile TCXO equipped transmitter for RTTY.
- Optional 300 mW 2 meter transmitter for APRS
- Interrupt driven simultaneous APRS and RTTY transmission.
- On board temperature sensor.

The open-source software provides these features:

- Radio telemetry with GPS and sensor data using UKHAS format.
- Supplied as github repository with instructions.
- Open hardware design.
- Optional APRS transmission alongside RTTY
- For latest news, code and documentation please visit: <https://github.com/habduino>

### **2.3.1 Transmitter, MTX2**

The Radiometrix MTX2 434 MHz Radio Module is a frequency agile 434 MHz 10 mW radio module. Similar to the NTX2B-FA but much smaller. The MTX2 can be used in any circuit the original NTX2/NTX2B was used in (although the pin spacing is different). This unit features a TCXO for extra frequency stability plus frequency agility. The MTX2 allows selection of channels via a serial connection to the EN pin, additionally four fixed channels can also be selected via the parallel pins. The EN pin can still be used to turn the device on and off.

This module is suitable for license exempt (in Europe) giving out a maximum power of 10 mW. The module family is well proven in the HAB field recording reception distances in excess of 500 km.

Radiometrix are understandably unable to offer technical support on these modules when used in high altitude ballooning therefore please direct all technical support queries regarding the operation of these modules to the UKHAS mailing list or the #highaltitude IRC channel.

**Dimensions** 23 x 12.5 x 7 mm

**Transmit power** 10 dBm (10 mW)

**Supply** 2.9 V to 15 V at 18 mA

**Recommended PCB Hole** 1 mm

**Weight** 3.4 g

Link: <http://www.radiometrix.com/content/mtx2>

Guide on linking the NTX2 to an Arduino here <http://ukhas.org.uk/guides:linkingarduinontonx2>.

Range statistics [http://ukhas.org.uk/general:uk\\_records#radio\\_range\\_10mw\\_50\\_baud](http://ukhas.org.uk/general:uk_records#radio_range_10mw_50_baud).

### 2.3.2 Transmitter, HX1

The special HX1 transmitter modules offer a 300 mW RF output VHF data link in Radiometrix SIL standard pin-out and footprint. This makes the HX1 ideally suited to those low power applications where existing narrow band and wideband transmitters provide insufficient range. Together with the matching NRX1 or BiM1R receiver a one-way radio data link can be achieved over a distance up to 10 km with suitable choice of data rate and antennas.

- Standard frequencies: 144.390, 144.800 and 169.4125 MHz
- Data rates up to 3 kbps
- Usable range over 10 km
- Fully screened
- Low power requirements

The HX1 is a narrow band radio transmitter module for use in long range data transfer applications at ranges up to 10 km. HX1 transmitter circuit is the BiM1T transmitter circuit in the TX1 pin-out with slightly enlarged dimension to accommodate extra Power Amplifier circuit to produce 300 mW RF output and available for operation on 169.4 to 169.475 MHz European licence exempt frequency band. Applications:

- Asset Tracking and Tracing
- Meter reading systems
- Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS)

**Transmit power** 300 mW (24.7 dBm)

**Operating frequency** 144.800 MHz

**Channel spacing** 25 kHz

**Supply** 5 V (regulated)

**Current consumption** 140 mA nominal transmit

**Data bit rate** 3 kbps or 10 kbps max.

**Dimensions** 43 x 15 x 5 mm

The HX 1 transmitter is mounted on the HABduino module, but not further used as APRS is not used for the first Titan HAB mission. <http://www.radiometrix.com/content/hx1>

## 2.4 TRANSMISSION ANTENNAS

The length  $L$  in m of a 1/4 wave antenna can be calculated as follows.

$$L = 0.95 \frac{1}{4} \frac{c}{f} \quad (1)$$

with,  $c$  speed of light  $299\,792\,458\text{ m s}^{-1}$ ,  $f$  transmission frequency in Hz. Thus, the length  $L$  of the antenna is 164 mm. According to the MTX2 and HX1 transmitter data sheet this is the antenna with best range ratings. Additionally four radials were added, see Fig. 4

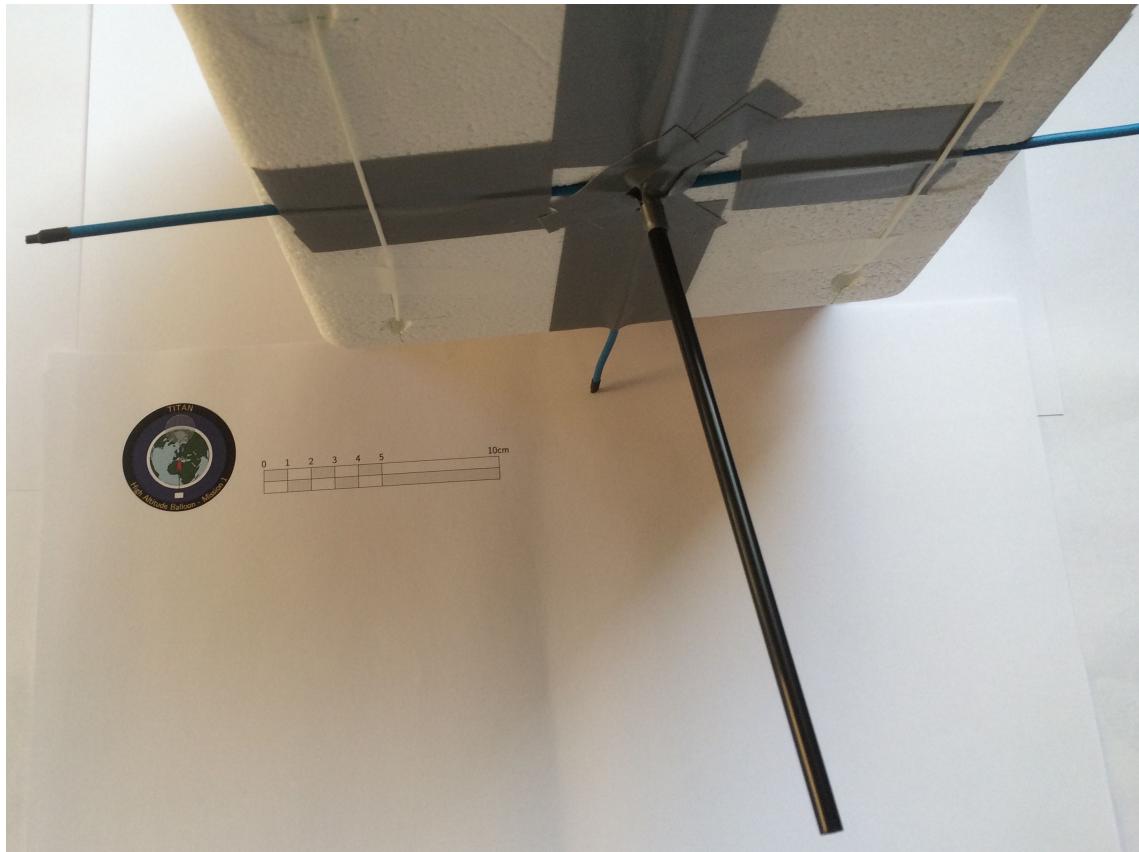


Figure 4: Transmission antenna, 1/4 wave @ 434.485 MHz with antenna length  $L$  164 mm mounted on the bottom of the payload box.

The antenna is mounted on the bottom of the payload box pointing towards the ground, see Fig. 4.

Guide on linking the NTX2 to an Arduino here <http://ukhas.org.uk/guides:linkingarduinontontx2>.

Range statistics [http://ukhas.org.uk/general:uk\\_records#radio\\_range\\_10mw\\_50\\_baud](http://ukhas.org.uk/general:uk_records#radio_range_10mw_50_baud).

## 2.5 GPS MODULE

The MAX-M8 series of standalone concurrent GNSS modules is built on the exceptional performance of the u-blox M8 engine in the industry proven MAX form factor. With dual-frequency RF front-end, the u-blox M8 concurrent GNSS engine is able to intelligently use the highest amount of visible satellites from two GNSS (GPS, GLONASS and BeiDou) systems for more reliable positioning.

The MAX-M8 series provides high sensitivity and minimal acquisition times while maintaining low system power. The MAX-M8C is optimized for cost sensitive applications, while MAX-M8Q/W provide best performance and easier RF integration. <http://www.u-blox.com/en/gps-modules/pvt-modules/max-m8-series-concurrent-gnss-modules.html>

- u-bloxs smallest LCC package
- Concurrent reception of GPS/QZSS, GLONASS, BeiDou
- Industry leading  $-167 \text{ dBm}$  navigation sensitivity
- u-blox AssistNow GNSS Online, Offline and Autonomous
- Product variants to meet performance and cost requirements
- Pin-to-pin and software compatible with MAX-7 and MAX-6

### 2.5.1 Features

- Receiver type:
  - 72-channel u-blox M8 engine
  - GPS/QZSS L1 C/A, GLONASS L10F
  - BeiDou B1
  - SBAS L1 C/A: WAAS, EGNOS, MSAS
- Navigation update rate:
  - Single GNSS up to 18 Hz
  - Concurrent GNSS up to 10 Hz
- Position accuracy: 2.0 m CEP
- Acquisition (MAX-M8Q,W/ MAX-M8C)
  - Cold starts: 26 s / 27 s
  - Aided starts: 2 s / 4 s
  - Reacquisition: 1.5 s / 1.5 s
- Sensitivity

- Tracking & Nav:  $-167 \text{ dBm}$  /  $-164 \text{ dBm}$
  - Cold starts:  $-148 \text{ dBm}$  /  $-147 \text{ dBm}$
  - Hot starts:  $-156 \text{ dBm}$  /  $-156 \text{ dBm}$
- Assistance
  - AssistNow GNSS Online
  - AssistNow GNSS Offline (up to 35 days, requires host integration)
  - AssistNow Autonomous (up to 6 days)
  - OMA SUPL & 3GPP compliant
- Oscillator
  - TCXO(MAX-M8Q/M8W),
  - Crystal (MAX-M8C)
- RTC crystal: built-In (MAX-M8Q/M8W) or cost efficient solution with higher Backup current (MAX-M8C)
- Anti jamming: active CW detection and removal
- Memory: Onboard ROM
- Supported antennas: Active and passive
- Support tools:
  - EVK-M8N: u-blox M8 GNSS evaluation kit
  - with TCXO, supports MAX-M8Q/M8W
  - EVK-M8C: u-blox M8 GNSS evaluation kit
  - with crystal, supports MAX-M8C

## 2.6 DATA LOGGING

Data logging is done with a simple microSD adapter breakout board. The board uses a MM74HC4050 hex logic level down converter. <https://www.adafruit.com/products/254>

- Onboard 5 V to 3 V regulator provides 150 mA for power-hungry cards
- 3 V level shifting means you can use this with ease on either 3 V or 5 V systems
- Uses a proper level shifting chip, not resistors: less problems, and faster read/write access
- Use 3 or 4 digital pins to read and write 2Gb+ of storage!
- Activity LED lights up when the SD card is being read or written

- Four #2 mounting holes
- Push-push socket with card slightly over the edge of the PCB so its easy to insert and remove

### 2.6.1 Technical Details

- Dimensions (assembled): 31.85 mm x 25.4 mm x 3.75 mm
- Weight: 3.43 g

### 2.6.2 Storage

A 4 GB micro-SD SDHC card is used as storage. For easy of utilisation it is recommended to format the micro SD card with the tool provided by ScanDisk, see [https://www.sdcard.org/downloads/formatter\\_4/](https://www.sdcard.org/downloads/formatter_4/) and <https://www.adafruit.com/products/102>.

Every logged line is about 189 bytes large, this allows to store approximately  $21 \cdot 10^6$  lines.

## 2.7 TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY

This I2C (I2C address of 0x40) digital humidity sensor HTU21D-F, has a typical accuracy of  $\pm 2\%$ RH with an operating range that's optimized from 5 %RH to  $\pm 95\%$ RH. Operation outside this range is still possible - just the accuracy might drop a bit. The temperature output has an accuracy of  $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  from  $-30$  to  $90^\circ\text{C}$ .

The breakout board includes the filtered version (the white bit of plastic which is a PTFE filter to keep the sensor clean), a 3.3 V regulator and I2C level shifting circuitry. This lets you use it safely with any kind of microcontroller with 3.3 V to 5 V power or logic. <https://www.adafruit.com/products/1899>

## 2.8 PRESSURE AND ALTITUDE

This pressure sensor from Freescale is a great low-cost sensing solution for precision measurement of barometric pressure and altitude. The MPL3115A2 has a typical 1.5 Pa resolution, which can resolve altitude at 0.3 m. It has some upsides compared to the BMP180, such as interrupt outputs for ultra-low power usage, and its also a heck of a lot easier to read altitude with a built in altimeter calculation - no calibration reading and calculating required. As a bonus, there's even a fairly good temperature sensor with  $\pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  typical accuracy ( $\pm 3^\circ\text{C}$  maximum).

This chip likes to be used with 2 V to 3.6 V power and logic voltages, so we placed it on a breakout with a 3 V regulator and logic level shifting. <https://www.adafruit.com/products/1893>

### 2.8.1 Technical Details

- Dimensions: 18 mm x 19 mm x 2 mm
- Weight: 1.2 g
- Vin: 3 V to 5.5 V
- Logic: 3 V to 5 V compliant
- Pressure sensing range:  $50 \times 10^3$  Pa to  $110 \times 10^3$  Pa
- This board/chip uses I2C 7-bit address 0x60

## 2.9 IMU 10DOF

This inertial-measurement-unit combines 3 of the best quality sensors available on the market to give you 11 axes of data: 3 axes of accelerometer data, 3 axes gyroscopic, 3 axes magnetic (compass), barometric pressure/altitude and temperature.

The L3DG20H gyroscope, LSM303DLHC accelerometer compass and BMP180 barometric/temperature sensors are all on one breakout here. Since all of them use I2C, you can communicate with all of them using only two wires. Most will be pretty happy with just the plain I2C interfacing, but we also break out the 'data ready' and 'interrupt' pins, so advanced users can interface with if they choose. There's level shifting circuitry so the IMU can be used with 3 V or 5 V logic boards.

### 2.9.1 Technical Details

- L3GD20H 3-axis gyroscope:  $\pm 250$ ,  $\pm 500$ , or  $\pm 2000^\circ \text{s}^{-1}$  scale
- LSM303 3-axis compass:  $\pm 1.3$  to  $\pm 8.1$  G magnetic field scale
- LSM303 3-axis accelerometer:  $\pm 2$ ,  $\pm 4$ ,  $\pm 8$  or  $\pm 16$  g selectable scale
- BMP180 barometric pressure/temperature: -40 to 85 °C,  $30 \times 10^3$  to  $110 \times 10^3$  Pa range, 0.17 m resolution

Dimensions (without header):

- Length: 38 mm

- Width: 23 mm
- Height: 3 mm
- Weight: 2.8 g
- This board/chip uses I2C 7-bit addresses 0x19 & 0x1E & 0x6B & 0x77

### 2.9.2 Roll, Pitch and Heading Calculation

Roll  $\gamma$ , pitch  $\rho$  and heading  $\psi$  are calculated with following formulas, based on AN3192 application note *Using LSM303DLH for a tilt compensated electronic compass* found on [www.st.com](http://www.st.com). The LSM303DLH accelerometer raw measurements are  $a_x$ ,  $a_y$  and  $a_z$ , after applying the according calibration the values  $a_x$ ,  $a_y$  have to be normalized in order to calculate roll  $\gamma$  and pitch  $\rho$ . The normalized values  $a_{x1}$  and  $a_{y1}$  are;

$$a_{x1} = \frac{a_x}{\sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}} \quad (2)$$

and

$$a_{y1} = \frac{a_y}{\sqrt{a_x^2 + a_y^2 + a_z^2}}. \quad (3)$$

$$pitch = \rho = \arcsin(-a_{x1}) \quad (4)$$

$$roll = \gamma = \arcsin\left(\frac{a_{y1}}{\cos \rho}\right) \quad (5)$$

Roll  $\gamma$  value is expressed in  $-90^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$  and pitch  $\rho$  values are expressed in  $-90^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ .

The LSM303DLH magnetic sensor raw measurements are  $m_x$ ,  $m_y$  and  $m_z$ . As the earth magnetic field may be distorted by hard and soft iron distortions, the values have to be calibrated. Further details can be found at <https://github.com/ptrbrtz/razor-9dof-ahrs/wiki/Tutorial>.

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{x0} \\ m_{y0} \\ m_{z0} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{1,1} & a_{1,2} & a_{1,3} \\ a_{2,1} & a_{2,2} & a_{2,3} \\ a_{3,1} & a_{3,2} & a_{3,3} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} m_x - m_{x,off} \\ m_y - m_{y,off} \\ m_z - m_{z,off} \end{bmatrix} \quad (6)$$

Where values  $a_{i,j}$   $i, j = 1, 2, 3$  and  $m_{k,off}$   $k = x, y, z$  are found by analysing the distorted measurements. Details and the underlying Matlab function can be found under the above stated URL.

Again the value have to be normalised in order to calculate the heading  $\psi$ . The normalised values  $m_{x1}$ ,  $m_{y1}$  and  $m_{z1}$  are;

$$m_{x1} = \frac{m_{x0}}{\sqrt{m_{x0}^2 + m_{y0}^2 + m_{z0}^2}}, \quad (7)$$

$$m_{y1} = \frac{m_{y0}}{\sqrt{m_{x0}^2 + m_{y0}^2 + m_{z0}^2}} \quad (8)$$

and

$$m_{z1} = \frac{m_{z0}}{\sqrt{m_{x0}^2 + m_{y0}^2 + m_{z0}^2}}. \quad (9)$$

The tilt compensated magnetic sensor measurements  $m_{x2}$ ,  $m_{y2}$  and  $m_{z2}$  can be obtained as:

$$m_{x2} = m_{x1} \cos \rho + m_{z1} \sin \rho, \quad (10)$$

$$m_{y2} = m_{z1} \sin \gamma \sin \rho + m_{y1} \sin \gamma \cos \rho + m_{z1} \cos \gamma \cos \rho \quad (11)$$

$$\text{heading} = \psi = \arctan \left( \frac{m_{y2}}{m_{x2}} \right). \quad (12)$$

Heading  $\psi$  value is expressed in 0°North to 359°. Definition of the coordinate system can be found din Fig. 8.

**NB.** text directly taken from AN3192 application note:

*Because the accelerometer measurements cannot distinguish earths gravity from linear acceleration or angular acceleration, fast motion causes pitch/roll calculation error which then directly introduces an error to the heading calculation. In most cases, the fast motion doesn't last long and the device goes back to a stationary position. So the heading accuracy in an electronic compass means static accuracy when the device is still or without acceleration.*

The above formula are implemented in the code starting at Line 572 in List. 3.

### 2.9.3 Calibration of Gyroscope

The gyroscope is calibrated against any offset by taking the average of the gyroscopic readings  $\Omega_x$ ,  $\Omega_y$  and  $\Omega_z$  over a sufficient long period of without moving the sensor. The average is then used to correct the gyroscope readings. <https://www.adafruit.com/products/1604>

## 2.10 LUMINOSITY AND LIGHT SENSOR

The TSL2561 luminosity sensor is an advanced digital light sensor, ideal for use in a wide range of light situations. Compared to low cost CdS cells, this sensor is more precise, allowing for exact lux calculations and can be configured for different gain/timing ranges to detect light ranges from up to 0.1 to  $40 \times 10^3$  lx. The sensor contains both infrared and full spectrum diodes, that means it can separately measure infrared, full-spectrum or human-visible light.

The sensor has a I2C interface. The built in ADC means you can use this with any micro controller, even if it doesn't have analog inputs. The current draw is extremely low, so its great for low power data-logging systems, about 0.5 mA when actively sensing, and less than 15  $\mu$ A when in power down mode. <https://www.adafruit.com/products/439>

### 2.10.1 Technical Details

- Approximates Human eye Response
- Precisely Measures Illuminance in Diverse Lighting Conditions
- Temperature range:  $-30$  to  $80$  °C
- Dynamic range:  $0.1$  to  $40 \times 10^3$  lx
- Voltage range: 3 V to 5 V
- This board/chip uses I2C 7-bit addresses 0x39 (or 0x29, 0x49, selectable with jumpers)

## 2.11 HIGH ACCURACY TEMPERATURE SENSOR

This I2C digital temperature sensor MCP9808 is one of the more accurate/precise we've ever seen, with a typical accuracy of  $\pm 0.25$  °C over the sensor's  $-40$  to  $125$  °C range and precision of  $0.0625$  °C. They work great with any micro controller using standard i2c. There are 3 address pins so you can connect up to 8 to a single I2C bus without address collisions. <https://www.adafruit.com/products/1782>

### 2.11.1 Technical Details

- $\pm 0.25$  °C typical precision over  $-40$  to  $125$  °C range ( $\pm 0.5$  °C guaranteed max from  $-20$  to  $100$  °C)  $0.0625$  °C resolution.
- Operating Current:  $200 \mu$ A (typical)
- Sensing Temperature:  $-40$  to  $125$  °C
- Accuracy:  $\pm 0.25$  °C typical
- Voltage - Supply: 2.7 V to 5.5 V
- Operating Temperature:  $-40$  to  $125$  °C
- Uses any I2C address from 0x18 thru 0x1F
- Dimensions: 21 mm x 13 mm x 2 mm
- Weight: 0.9 g

## 2.12 POWER SUPPLY

The power is supply through the TPS61201 on the HABduino shield. The power consumption is estimated based on a long term test measurement. Fig. 5 shows the logged power consumption for the fully assembled and operating flight computer.

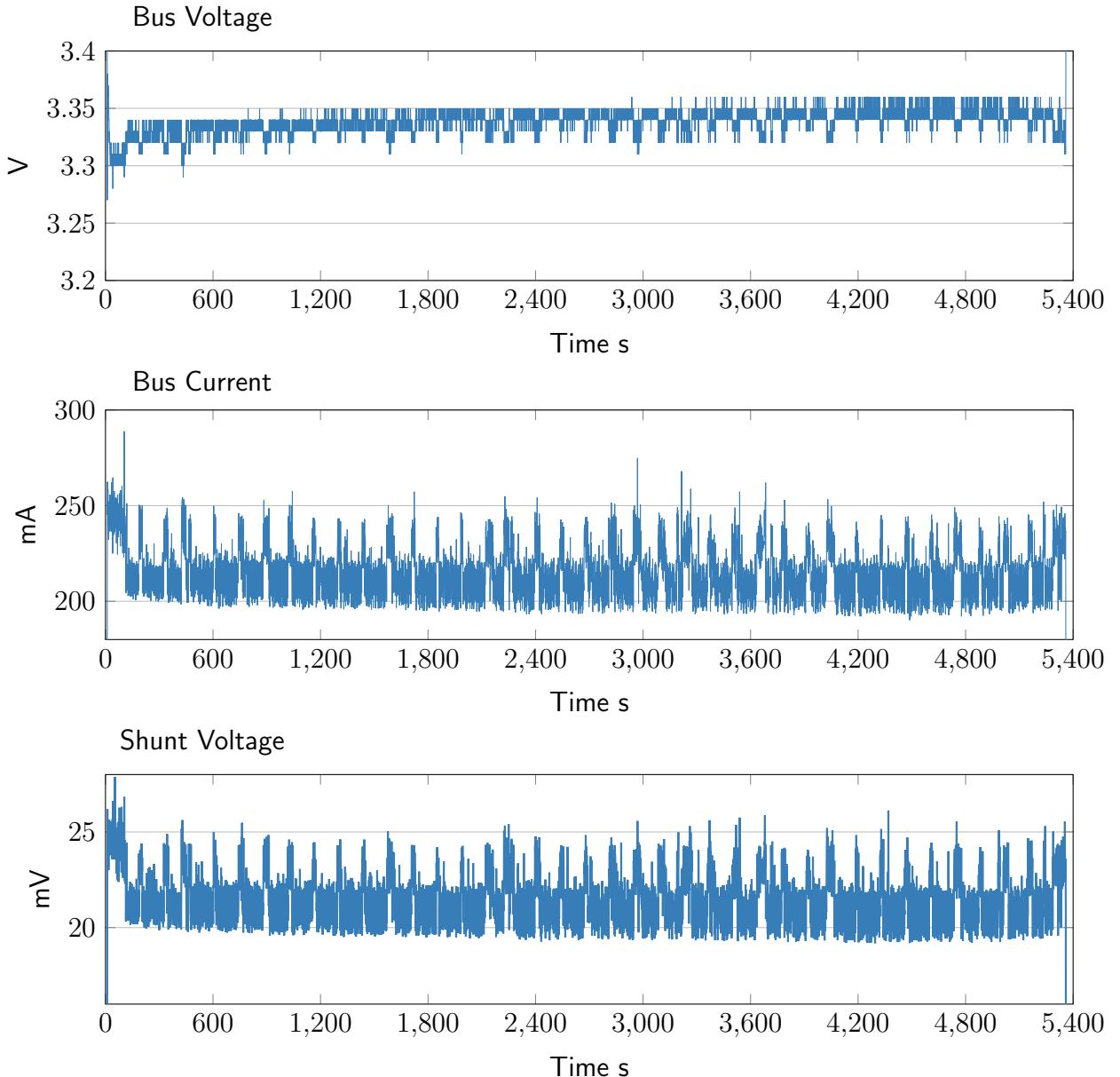


Figure 5: Logged power consumption for the assembled and fully operating flight computer.

The power consumption was measured with an INA29 current power monitor. The measurement was done at ambient temperature of around 20 °C using a fairly new Saft LSH 20 battery as power source.

The power consumption is around 220 mA, leading to a LSH 20 battery life of around

40 h at 20 °C. However, the capacity of the battery drops to 5.8 A h at a cell temperature of –40 °C. This would lead to a battery life of around 23 h. All calculations are done based on a conservative power consumption of 250 mA. Further, the cell voltage remains above 2.8 V even for temperatures down to –40 °C. This should allow the low input voltage synchronous boost converter TPS61201 to operate efficiently. However, it is clear that the LSH 20 is over sized as power source, however it guarantees optimal and secure operation even in very cold environment.

## 3 Flight Computer Software

The flight computer software was programmed using the Arduino IDE 1.6.5 As basis of the flight computer software the code made available on <http://habduino.org/> was used. This code is basically handling all transmission activity. However, all part regarding the additional sensors and logging to the micro-SD card was added. Further, the original code was developed to function with the Arduino UNO, thus the PWM timers had to be changed in order to function with the Arduino Mega 2560 R3. Specification can be found at <http://playground.arduino.cc/Main/TimerPWMCheatsheet>.

### 3.1 STABILITY AND RELIABILITY

In order to guarantee stability and reliability, the Watchdog function of the Atmel ATmega microcontroller is used. The Atmel ATmega microcontroller has a programmable Watchdog Timer with Separate On-chip Oscillator. The basic principle of the Watchdog is to restart the microcontroller, if the Watchdog timer is not reset within specific time interval (in our case 8 s), i.e. the microcontroller hangs. The time reset is done with the command `wdt_reset()` in the flight computer software.

### 3.2 MODIFICATIONS

The MPL3115A2 pressure sensor showed some initial problems when pressure and altimeter data were read. This glitch was solved by correcting the *MPL3115A2.cpp* file. However, the altitude is not taken directly from the chip, but rather calculated with the formula stated in the data sheet, see also Tab. 1, with the offset set to 0. In a later version this should not be the case any more.

Initially some problems were observed regarding the I2C communication. During test phase individual wires from the sensors were disconnected. This to simulate possible cable or soldier as well as chip failures. During these test a problem in the two wire interface (TWI) was found. Basically it could lead to the microcontroller to end up in a infinite loop as the TWI was waiting for an answer from the device. A description and solution of this behaviour can be found here, <http://forum.arduino.cc/index.php?topic=19624.0>. Initially the fixes were made to *twi.h* and *twi.c*, but with the new version of Arduino IDE

1.6.1 not repeated again. Now it is only the watchdog to restart the microcontroller once hanging.

### 3.3 KNOWN ISSUES

The data are written to the microSD during the ISR (TIMER5\_COMPA\_vect) timer call. This is however not optimal, as using the SPI is not recommended during a timer call. In this particular case, however no consequences can be observed as the writeToSD () function is called during two transmissions. The initial idea is to have the possibility to pause in-between two transmissions, see Line 689 in List. 3.

## 4 Image Capturing

The image capturing is done with a GoPro HERO4 Silver featuring 1080p60 and 720p120 video, 12MP photos up to 30 frames per second. In order to extend the power supply the Battery BacPac was added to the GoPro camcorder. <http://gopro.com/>

In contradiction with some statements found in the world wide web, the GoPro is mounted inside the water tide housing. In order to remove all moisture inside the housing the housing is cleaned with Dust-Off (1,1-Difluoroethane) and then filled with 1,1-Difluoroethane while the camera lens is pointing down (1,1-Difluoroethane is heavier than air). No anti moist inserts are added.

During the flight a 12MP (4000x3000 pixels 72 DPI) photo is captured every seconds as the resolution of images are higher than those of videos captured with the GoPro camcorder. Thus, 60 photos a minute or 3600 photos an hour.

A microSD card with class 10 rating of 64 GB size is used. With an average image size of 2.3 MB a total of around 27 800 images can be saved on the microSD card. This would correspond to capture images for up to 7.5 h.

### 4.1 TECHNICAL DETAILS

Only technical details of relevance are presented below.

**Weight Camera** 83 g

**Camera with housing** 147 g

**Video Resolution** Frames Per Second (fps) NTSC/PAL 15, Field of View (FOV) Ultra Wide, Screen Resolution 3840x2160.

**Video Format** H.264 codec, .mp4 file format

**Video and Photo** Record video and capture Time Lapse photos at the same time.

Available intervals are 5, 10, 30 and 60 seconds. Video Resolution 1440p, Video Frames per Second (fps) 24, Video FOV Ultra Wide.

**SuperView Mode** 1080p SuperView, 1920 x 1080

**Photo Resolutions** Resolution 12MP, Field of View (FOV) Wide and Screen Resolution 4000 x 3000.

**Time Lapse Photo Intervals** 0.5, 1, 2, 5, 10, 30 and 60 s

**Battery and Charging** Rechargeable lithium-ion battery, rated at 1160 mA h, 3.8 V, 4.4 Wh

**Battery Life** Approximate continuous recording time (hr:min) you can expect when shooting in various video modes using a fully charged battery. With Wi-Fi Off + Using Battery BacPac. Video Mode 1080p 30fps and SuperView estimated with 3:05.

**Audio** Format: 48kHz sampling rate, AAC compression. Advanced AGC (automatic gain control) with multi-band compressor

**Storage** microSD memory card with a Class 10 or UHS-1 rating required. See list of recommended microSD cards. Up to 64 GB capacity supported. Record times vary with resolutions and frame rates.

**Connect** via mini USB to USB cable (included), or copy files from the microSD card to your computer.

## 5 Tracking

In this section the tracking approach is outlined and its individual components explained. The general idea is to use a Software Defined Radio (SDR) and decode the received signal with the help of a personal computer. The computer further, assists while tracking with position visualization using online map services.

### 5.1 SOFTWARE DEFINED RADIO

As Software Defined Radio (SDR) a FUNCube Dongle Pro+ is used. Its sensitivity should allow for precise tracking of the HAB during flight. More details on operation are found on <http://www.funcubedongle.com>. Some general technical specifications are listed below.

- Guaranteed frequency range: 150 kHz to 240 MHz and 420 MHz to 1.9 GHz
- Typical frequency coverage: 150 kHz to 260 MHz and 410 MHz to 2.05 GHz

- TCXO specified at 0.5 ppm (in practice about 1.5 ppm)
- 192 kHz sampling rate
- Extremely simple hardware setup, just two connections, an in and an out:
  - Standard SMA female antenna port
  - USB 1.x type A male connection
- Eleven discrete hardware front end filters including:
  - 6 MHz 3 dB bandwidth (10 MHz at -40 dB) SAW filter for the 2 m band.
  - 20 MHz 3 dB bandwidth (42 MHz at -40 dB) SAW filter for the 70 cm band
  - Third- and fifth-order LC bandpass filters for other bands
- Front end LNA OIP3 30 dB
- Typical noise figures:
  - 50 MHz 2.5 dB
  - 145 MHz 3.5 dB
  - 435 MHz 3.5 dB
  - 1296 MHz 5.5 dB
- Typical NFM 12dB SINAD measurements:
  - 145 MHz 0.15 µV
  - 435 MHz 0.15 µV
- No additional drivers required for Linux, OSX or Windows
- Integrated 5 V bias T switchable from software

## 5.2 ANTENNA

As recipient antenna a **YAGI-434A** from LPRS, <http://www.lprs.co.uk/wireless-modules/antennas/yagi-antennas.html> is used. Its electrical specifications are

**Frequency Range** 390-480 MHz

**Nominal Impedance** 50 Ω

**Gain** 9 dBi at 450 MHz

**VSWR** 1.5:1

**F/B Ratio** >13 dB

**Maximum Input Power** 100 W

**Polarization** Vertical

**Connector** SMA male

Whereas the mechanical specifications are

**Support Boom Material** Steel Bracket

**Element Material** Aluminium

**Number of elements** 7

**Antenna dimensions** 1000x400x70 mm

**Antenna weight** 575 g

**Ambient temperature** -40 °C to 60 °C

The FUNCube Dongle Pro+ is directly mounted on the antenna and connected via a 2 m USB cable to the computer.

### 5.3 SOFTWARE

In order to track the HAB flight two programs have to be run simultaneously on a computer. Both programs are shortly described below.

#### 5.3.1 Fldigi

The first and most important program is Fldigi 3.22.12, the documentation can be found here <http://www.w1hkj.com/FldigiHelp-3.22/index.html>. Taken from the webpage:

*Fldigi is a computer program intended for Amateur Radio Digital Modes operation using a PC (Personal Computer). Fldigi operates (as does most similar software) in conjunction with a conventional HF SSB radio transceiver, and uses the PC sound card as the main means of input from the radio, and output to the radio. These are audio-frequency signals. The software also controls the radio by means of another connection, typically a serial port. Fldigi is multi-mode, which means that it is able to operate many popular digital modes without switching programs, so you only have one program to learn. Fldigi includes all the popular modes, such as DominoEX, MFSK16, PSK31, and RTTY.*

Additionally DSP Radio 1.4.2 is used to set the frequency and check the signal from the FUNCube Dongle Pro+. For further details see <http://dl2sdr.homepage.t-online.de>.

In short, Fldigi decodes the received signal based on the setting and logs the received characters into a local file.

### 5.3.2 Flight Control Centre

The Flight Control Centre is a web based application written in html making use of javascript. The complete source code can be found in appendix B. The application request a internet connection for map visualisation and the possibility to locate its location.

The Flight Control Centre reads the log file generated by Fldigi (see section above for further explanation) every half second and displays the current received string. If a complete string is received, it is analysed and the data visualised. Further, the current transmitted position together with the current position of the computer running the Flight Control Centre are displayed on a map. This should allow to track the HAB with easy.

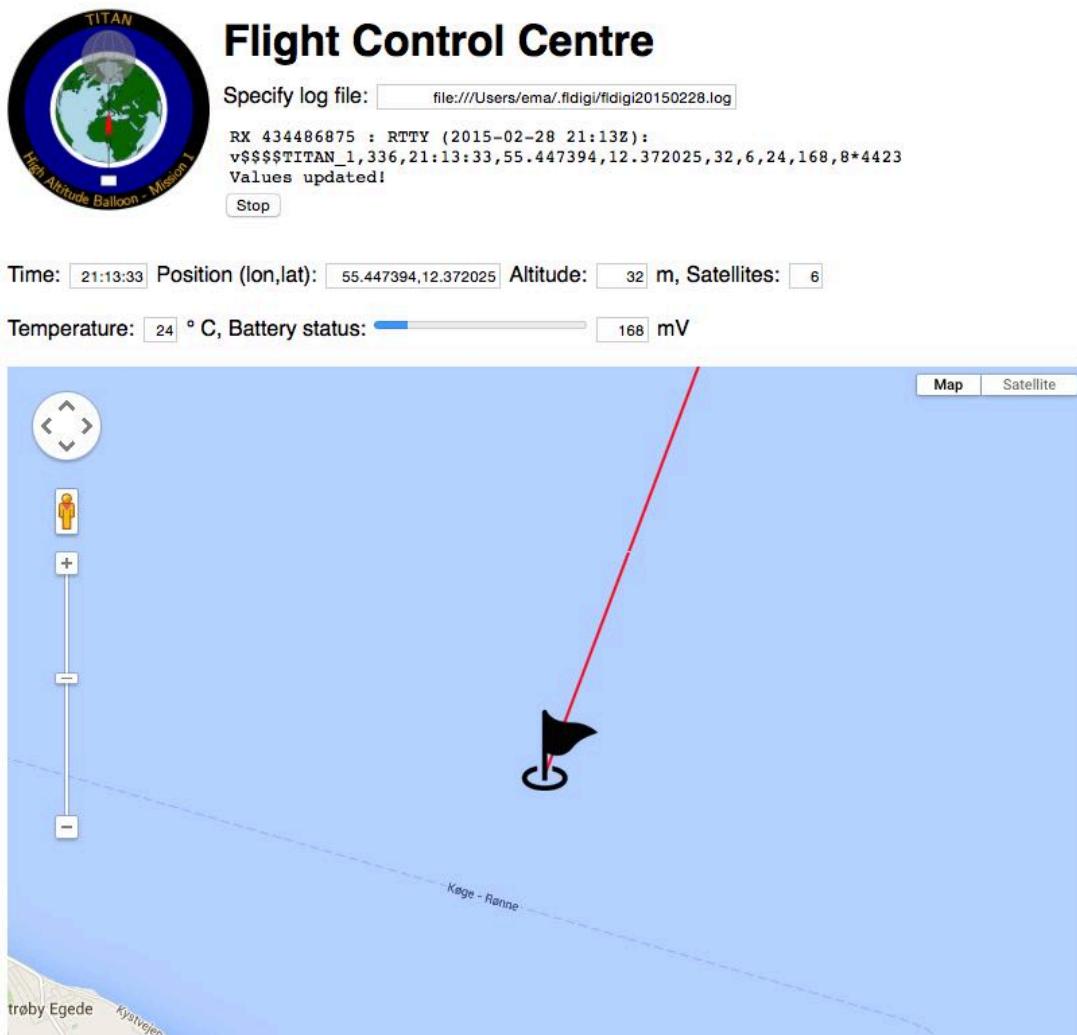


Figure 6: Visualisation of the upper part of the Flight Control Centre.

Fig. 6 shows the upper part of the Flight Control Centre. After a field specifying the log file path and name, the currently read string is shown. The button below starts or stops the automatic updating. The following two lines show the values from the last completed received string. On the map the current location of the HAB is shown, flag symbol. A

straight red line connects the HAB position with the current location of the computer running the Flight Control Centre.

On the lower part the current state of the GPS module and the individual sensors as well as the logging status is shown. The current states are obtained from the transmitted *errorstatus*.



- GPS Error Condition Noted: [Switch to Max Performance Mode](#)
- GPS Error Condition Noted: [Cold Boot GPS](#)
- DS18B20 temp sensor status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)
- Current Dynamic Model: [Flight](#), [Pedestrian](#)
- PSM status: [PSM On](#), [PSM Off](#)
- GPS status: [Locked](#), [Not Locked](#)
- TSL2561 lumosity sensor status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)
- HTU21DF temp humidity sensor status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)
- MPL3115A2 pressure sensor status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)
- MCP9808 temperatur precision sensor status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)
- BMP085 pressure sensor status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)
- Gyro sensor status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)
- Acc sensor status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)
- Mag sensor status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)
- Logging status: [OK](#), [Fault](#)

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Figure 7: Visualisation of the lower part of the Flight Control Centre. Note the lower part of the map at the top.

The Flight Control Centre was developed to work with Safari 8 <https://www.apple.com/safari/> or higher, but should work with any other web browser on any other system as well.

## 6 Balloon, Parachute and Payload Box

The core part of the design is the HAB hardware, consisting of the payload box, the balloon and parachute. This section describes the individual parts and design fundamentals.

## 6.1 PAYLOAD Box

The payload box is constructed of a foamed polystyrene box, with an external length of 225 mm, a width of 225 mm and a height of 195 mm. The internal dimensions are 165 mm, a width of 165 mm and a height of 130 mm respectively. The foamed polystyrene guarantees good thermal isolation and shock absorption during landing impact. The individual sensors are mounted by generating small pits in which they are fixed by tape. For the camera objective a hole is cut, such that the camera is looking with approximately 30° from the horizontal downward. Fig. 8 shows schematically the location of the individual sensors, antenna and camera. The flight computer and battery is located inside the box and fixed with goffered plastic packing film.

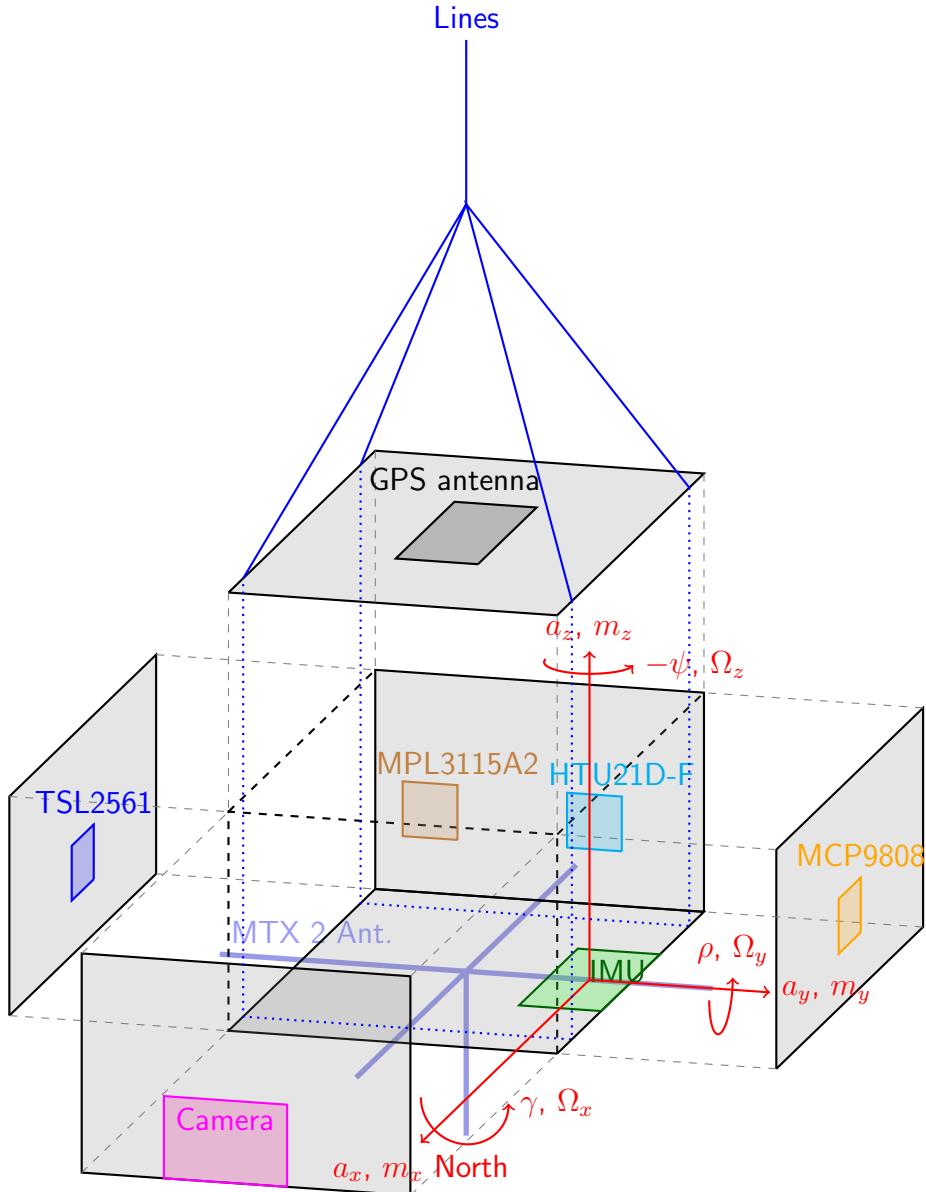


Figure 8: Schematic of payload box with sensor location and coordinate system of the IMU sensor. The transmission antenna and line routing are further shown.

Fig. 9, Fig. 10 and Fig. 11, show the partly assembled payload box.



Figure 9: Payload box seen from top with open hatch, flight computer already wrapped in goffered plastic packing film.



Figure 10: Closed payload box, the antenna on top is visible and the routing of the lines through the hatch.

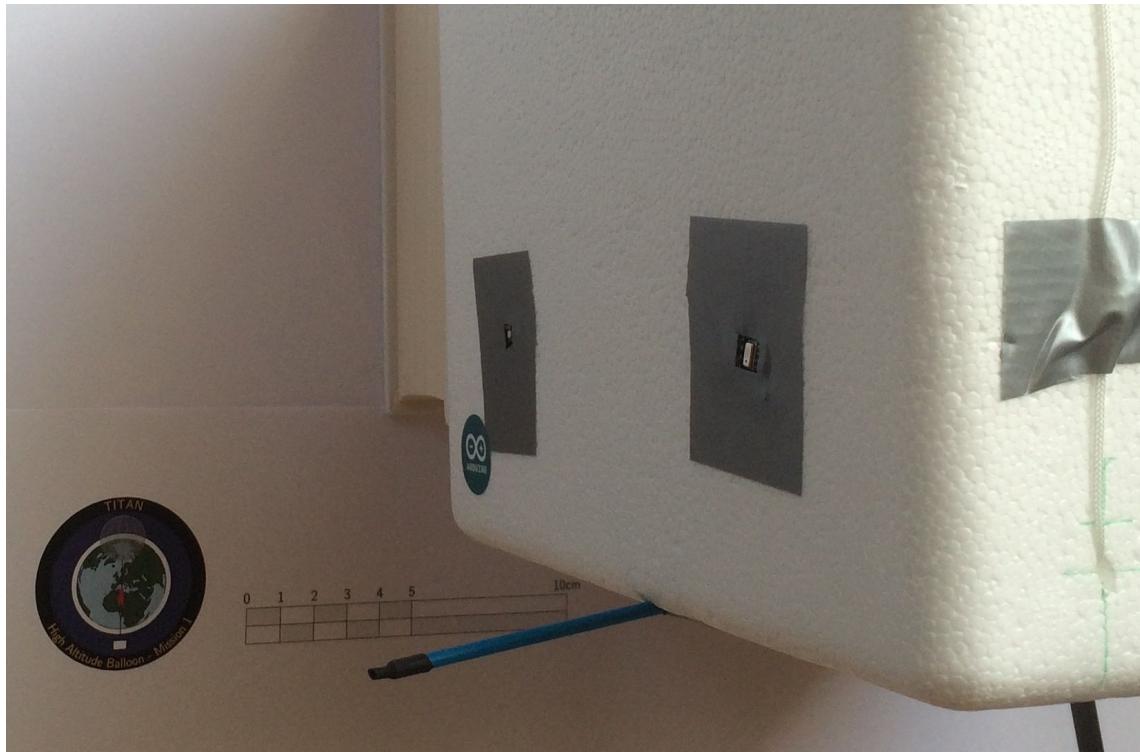


Figure 11: Closed payload box, side view with the HTU21D-F (below) and MPL31115A2 (top) sensors. The line routing can be seen on the right border.

### 6.1.1 Payload label

The payload label is intended to identify the HAB as such if found by a third party not aware of its content. Further, it seals the payload box to avoid accidental opening during flight and landing. One payload box was put inside the box and two where used to seal the hatch to the box on the outside.



Figure 12: Payload label

### 6.1.2 Payload Box Weight

The payload box weight is crucial for flight performance (peak altitude and ascent/descent velocity) and thus has to be identified with care. The process involved configuration considerations and continuous modification till reaching an optimum weight. Tab. 4 lists the weight of the individual components.

Part	Weight
Flight computer without transmission antennas, but with GPS antenna.	155 g
Battery with cable.	102 g
GoPro including all parts, i.e. housing, power back.	191 g
Empty payload box, but including holes for individual components and transmission antenna.	190 g
Lines and parachute.	62 g
Sum part not assembled	700 g
Fully assembled payload box ready to lift off including lines, swivel and parachute. Only missing part is the balloon.	717 g

Table 4: Measured weight of individual components and total payload weight. All values apart from the sum are measured values.

The area weight of the payload box (smallest area is 22.5x19.5 cm) is  $1.64 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$  for a payload weight of 720 g. If the balloon is included the total weight increase to 2220 g and thus leads to an area weight of  $5.06 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$ .

## 6.2 VARIABLES FOR CALCULATION

Tab. 5 summarises the variables used for the calculation for choosing the balloon and parachute. As can be noted for air and helium the densities are taken at different temperature levels and with a pressure similar to atmospheric pressure at surface. This in order to obtain a most realistic value for the balloon at launch by still keeping some conservatism.

Value	Variable	Value
Density Helium at 0 °C and 101 kPa	$\rho_{He}$	$0.1786 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$
Density Air at 20 °C and 101 kPa	$\rho_{Air}$	$1.2041 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$
Density difference $\rho_{Air} - \rho_{He}$	$\dot{\rho}$	$1.0255 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$

Gravitational acceleration	$g$	$9.806\,65 \text{ m s}^{-2}$
Ideal (universal) gas constant	$R$	$8.314\,47 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
Molar mass of Earth's air	$M$	$0.028\,964\,4 \text{ kg mol}^{-1}$
Sea level standard temperature	$T_0$	$288.15 \text{ K}$
Temperature lapse rate	$L$	$0.0065 \text{ K m}^{-1}$
Payload mass including parachute	$m_P$	$0.720 \text{ kg}$
Ballon mass, HAB-1500	$m_B$	$1.500 \text{ kg}$
Ballon air drag, HAB-1500	$C_d$	$0.25 -$
Brust diameter, HAB-1500	$d_B$	$9.45 \text{ m}$
Parachute diameter, 36" Spherachute LT	$d_P$	$0.914 \text{ m}$
Parachute air drag, 36" Spherachute LT	$C_{d,P}$	$0.78 -$

Table 5: Variables for calculation for balloon and parachute.

## 6.3 BALLOON

The burst altitude  $H_B$  and ascend rate  $v_a$  can be estimated using simple formula. In Tab. 5 the variables needed for the calculation are listed.

### 6.3.1 Burst Altitude

The burst altitude can be estimated start using the atmospheric density equation,

$$\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} = \exp \left[ -\frac{g M H_B}{R T_B} \right], \quad (13)$$

resulting in

$$H_B = -\frac{R T_B}{g M} \ln \left[ \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right]. \quad (14)$$

Assuming the temperature of the helium and the air outside the balloon remains in equilibrium we can write

$$H_B = -\frac{R T_B}{g M} \ln \left[ \frac{d_L^3}{d_B^3} \right], \quad (15)$$

with  $d_L$  the launch diameter of the balloon as the density is a linear function of the volume  $V$  and further a cubic of the diameter  $d$ . The balloon is assumed to be a perfect sphere and thus the volume is

$$V_i = \frac{4}{3} \pi \left( \frac{d_i}{2} \right)^3 \quad (16)$$

The temperature  $T_B$  at burst altitude can be approximated with 247.28 K. Based on the International Standard Atmosphere model this corresponds to an altitude of  $38.7 \times 10^3$  m.

### 6.3.2 Ascend Rate

The balloon gross lift  $G_L$  at launch in kg is

$$G_L = \dot{\rho} \frac{4}{3} \pi \left( \frac{d_L}{2} \right)^3 \quad (17)$$

and thus the free lift  $F_L$  in N

$$F_L = (G_L - m_P - m_B) g. \quad (18)$$

The ascent rate  $v_a$  in  $\text{m s}^{-1}$  can be estimated with

$$v_a = \sqrt{\frac{2 F_L}{C_d \rho_{Air} \pi (d_L/2)^2}}, \quad (19)$$

assuming a constant rate as the balloon cross section increases with decreasing atmospheric pressure. The ascent time  $t_a$  in s is approximately

$$t_a = \frac{H_B}{v_a}. \quad (20)$$

If the ascent rate is smaller than  $4.8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  the balloon can result in a floater.

### 6.3.3 Selection

Based on the formula outlined in the previous section and the values in Tab. 5 the burst altitude  $H_B$  and ascend rate  $v_a$  can be estimated. One of the major parameters remains the diameter at launch  $d_L$  defining the launch volume  $V$  of the balloon. Fig. 13 shows the functional dependency between the burst altitude  $H_B$ , ascend rate  $v_a$ , ascend time  $t_a$  and the launch volume  $V_L$ .

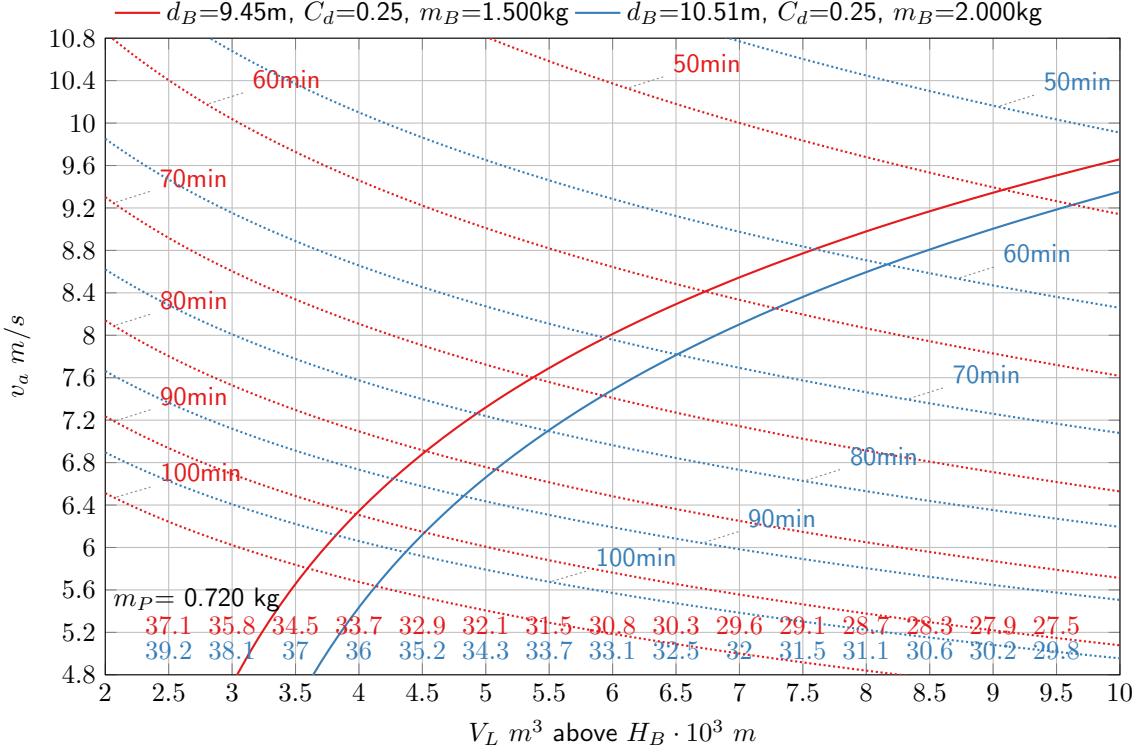


Figure 13: Functional dependency of launch volume  $V_L$  and or burst altitude  $H_B$  with ascend rate  $v_a$ . The gray lines are isochrones for ascend time  $t_a$ .

From Fig. 13 it seems reasonable to select a **HAB-1500** balloon from [http://kaymontballoons.com/Near\\_Space\\_PhOTOGRAPHY.html](http://kaymontballoons.com/Near_Space_PhOTOGRAPHY.html). The values of the balloon can be found in Tab. 5.

The burst altitude results in

$$H_B = -\frac{RT_B}{gM} \ln \left[ \frac{d_L^3}{d_B^3} \right] = -\frac{RT_B}{gM} \ln \left[ \left( \frac{1.877m}{9.45m} \right)^3 \right] = 35104m, \quad (21)$$

with a launch volume of

$$V_L = \frac{4}{3} \pi \left( \frac{d_L}{2} \right)^3 = \frac{4}{3} \pi \left( \frac{1.877m}{2} \right)^3 \approx 3.460m^3. \quad (22)$$

For the calculation the volume was set and then the launch diameter  $d_L$  calculated, this is why the equation above is not exact. The calculations are made with higher precision and thus not affected. The temperature at 35104m is approximately 237.34 K based on the International Standard Atmosphere model. Thus, the assumed 247.28 K for  $T_B$  are acceptable exact. However it may lead the balloon not to reach the estimated burst altitude.

The balloon gross lift  $G_L$  at launch is

$$G_L = \rho \frac{4}{3} \pi \left( \frac{d_L}{2} \right)^3 = 1.0255kgm^{-3} \cdot 3.460m^3 = 3.548kg \quad (23)$$

and thus the free lift  $F_L$

$$F_L = (G_L - m_P - m_B) g = (3.548\text{kg} - 0.720\text{kg} - 1.500\text{kg}) g = 13.03\text{N}. \quad (24)$$

The balloon is stable with an attached load of 2048 g, this to check the right launch volume  $V_L$ .

The ascent rate  $v_a$  results to

$$v_a = \sqrt{\frac{2 F_L}{C_d \rho_{Air} \pi (d_L/2)^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 13.03\text{N}}{0.25 \cdot 1.2041 \cdot \pi (1.877\text{m}/2)^2}} = 5.59\text{ms}^{-1}, \quad (25)$$

assuming a constant rate as the balloon cross section increases with decreasing atmospheric pressure. The ascent time  $t_a$  is approximately

$$t_a = \frac{H_B}{v_a} = \frac{35104\text{m}}{5.59\text{ms}^{-1}} = 6276\text{s}. \quad (26)$$

Thus, with a **HAB-1500** balloon a burst altitude  $H_b$  of 35 104 m should be reached. The initial fill volume  $V_L$  is 3.460 m<sup>3</sup>. The ascend rate  $v_a$  is 5.59 m s<sup>-1</sup> leading to an ascent time  $t_a$  of 105 min.

### 6.3.4 Helium and Filling Equipment

A 20 L tank is used containing 3.6 m<sup>3</sup> helium as pure product >99 %. The lift capacity is stated with 1 g per 1 L helium, which is in good agreement with the calculated balloon gross lift  $G_L$  see Eq. (23). The fill pressure of the tank is 200 bar. The filling tube with the pressure reducer and hose connected is shown in Fig. 14.



Figure 14: Filling tube with an outer diameter of 30 mm with hose and extra weight connected.

The filling tube has an outer diameter of 30 mm which matches the **HAB-1500** balloon neck diameter. In the filling tube knee an additional weight will be attached in order to test the balloon filling volume through the lift capacity. The weight of the filling tube with hose and extra weight has to be 2048 g.

The weight of filling tube including some part of the filling hose is around 230 g thus an additional weight of 1814 g is added to reach the requested 2048 g. The additional weight is made from a 2000 g scuba dive weight by drilling holes to adjust the weight to 1814 g.

## 6.4 PARACHUTE

The descent velocity  $v_d$  of a parachute can be estimated with simple formula. Based on the descent velocity  $v_d$  the descent time  $t_d$  and a corresponding free fall height calculated.

### 6.4.1 Descent Velocity and Free Drop Height

The descent velocity  $v_d$  can be estimated with

$$v_d = \sqrt{\frac{2 m_P g}{C_{d,P} \rho_{Air} \pi (d_P/2)^2}}, \quad (27)$$

where  $C_{d,P}$  is the drag coefficient of the parachute and  $d_P$  is the diameter of the parachute in open configuration.

The decent time  $t_d$  result in

$$t_d = \frac{H_B}{v_d}. \quad (28)$$

For safety reason the kinetic energy of the payload box during descending can be estimated with The decent time  $t_d$  result in

$$E_P = \frac{v_d^2}{2} m_P. \quad (29)$$

When the payload box is dropped from the hight  $h_P$  without parachute the kinetic energy result in

$$E_{P,free} = \frac{(\sqrt{2gh_P})^2}{2} m_P = gh_P m_P. \quad (30)$$

The corresponding free fall hight  $h_P$  can be found by setting  $E_P = E_{P,free}$

$$h_P = \frac{v_d^2}{2g}. \quad (31)$$

### 6.4.2 Selection

A **36” Spherachute LT** parachute from <https://spherachutes.storesecured.com/construction.asp> is used to bring the payload box safely back to the ground. The parameters of

the parachute are listed in Tab. 5.

The descent velocity  $v_d$  results in

$$v_d = \sqrt{\frac{2 m_P g}{C_{d,P} \rho_{Air} \pi (d_P/2)^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot 0.720 \cdot g}{0.78 \cdot 1.2041 \cdot \pi (0.914m/2)^2}} = 4.78ms^{-1} \quad (32)$$

and thus the descent time  $t_d$  in

$$t_d = \frac{H_B}{v_d} = \frac{35104m}{4.78ms^{-1}} = 7336s. \quad (33)$$

The corresponding free fall height is

$$h_P = \frac{v_d^2}{2g} = \frac{4.78^2}{2g} = 1.17m. \quad (34)$$

The **36” Spherachute LT** leads to a descend velocity  $v_d$  of  $4.78 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  and thus as descend time of approximately 122 min. The corresponding free fall height  $h_P$  is 1.17 m.

Fig. 15 shows the 36” Spherachute LT, with swivel (at the end of parachute) and lines mounted.

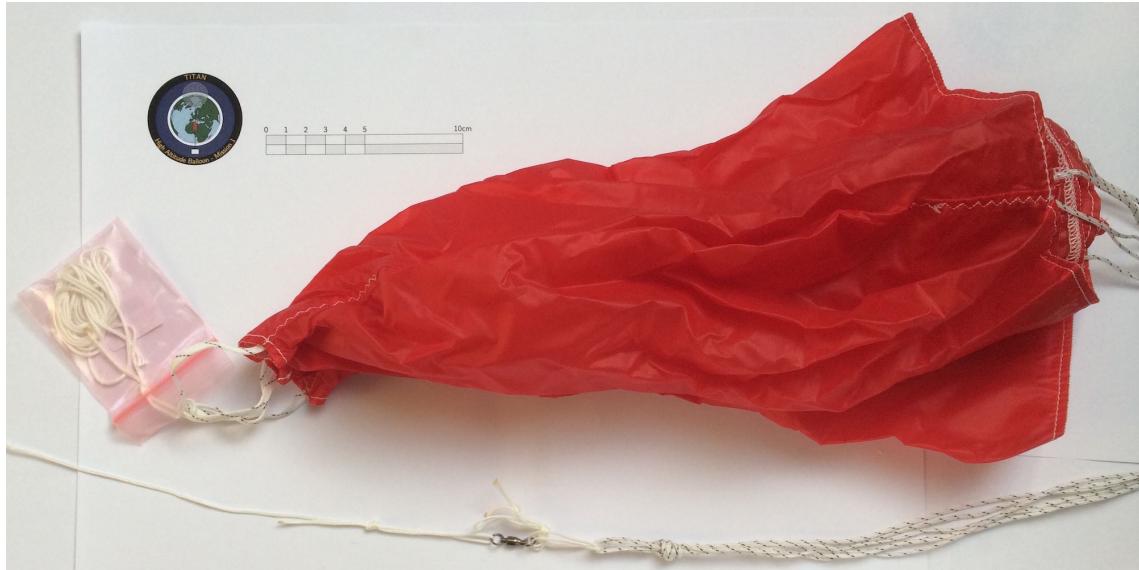
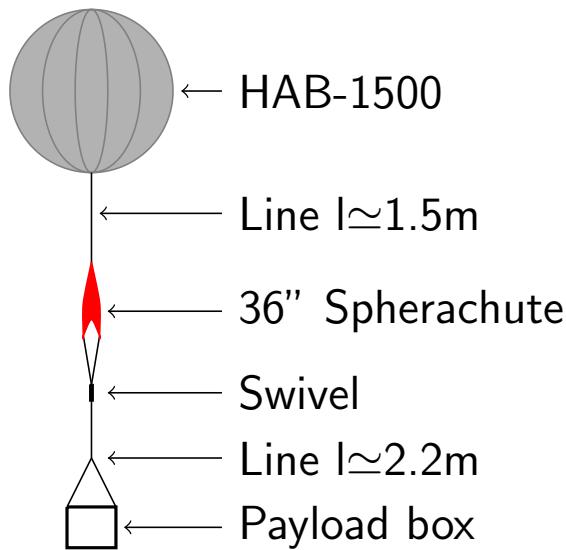


Figure 15: 36” Spherachute LT, with swivel and lines mounted.

## 6.5 ASSEMBLING AND TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS



**Peak Altitude:** 35 104 m  
**Ascent Velocity:**  $5.59 \text{ m s}^{-1}$   
**Descent Velocity:**  $4.78 \text{ m s}^{-1}$   
**Ascent Time:** 105 min  
**Descent Time:** 122 min  
**Total Flight Time:** 227 min  
**Payload Weight:** 0.720 kg  
**Length over all:**  $\approx 7 \text{ m}$   
**Balloon Volume at Launch:**  $3.460 \text{ m}^3$   
**Balloon Lift at Launch:** 3.548 kg  
**Area Weight:**  $5.06 \text{ g cm}^{-2}$

The individual line lengths were chosen in order to comfort ascent and decent flight phase. The line between the payload box and the parachute is such to allow the parachute to deploy freely. The line between the parachute and the balloon is such that any possible remains of the burst balloon will hang below the parachute, but without interfering with the line below.

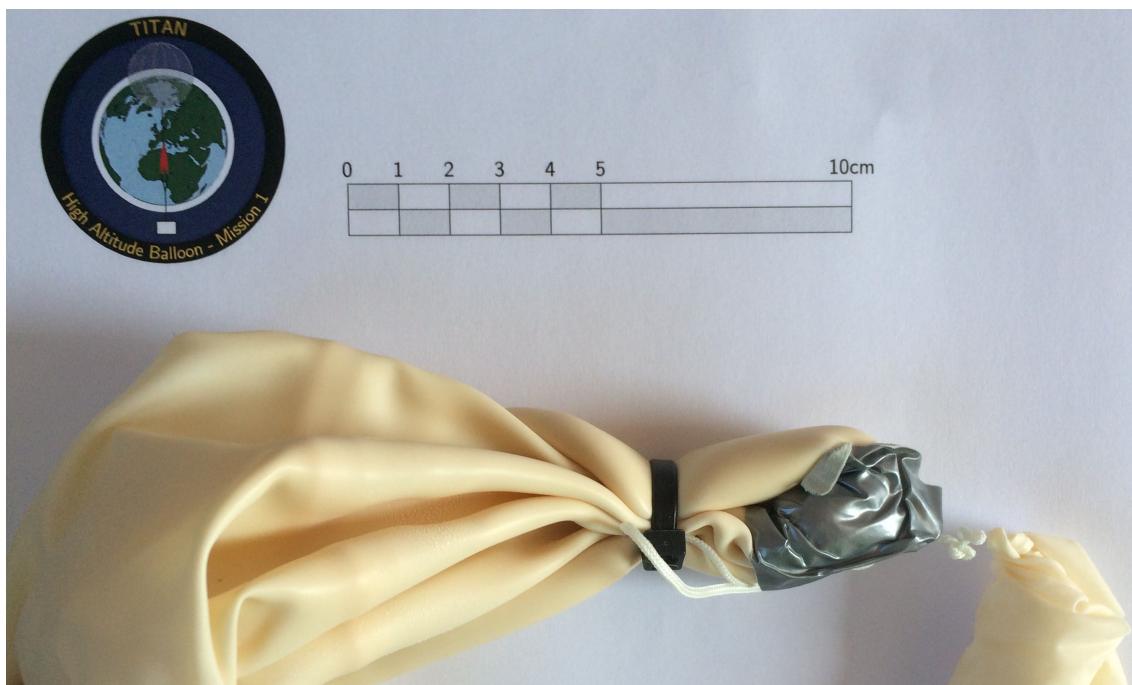


Figure 16: Sealed balloon and attached line to balloon latex part on the left. Image was taken post flight.

Fig. 16 shows the sealed balloon and the attached line to the balloon. Attaching the line and sealing the balloon is probably the most critical part during the whole launch operation.

## 7 Mission preparation

This final chapter discusses the critical final steps need before mission launch. At the end of this section launch checklists are presented.

### 7.1 LAUNCH SITE

The launch site was selected to be easy accessible, has no nearby obstacles (e.g. building or nearby trees) and lies in the western part of Sjælland so to see the Great Belt Bridge and the Island Fyn. The launch site is located at  $11.396\ 402^\circ$  longitude and  $55.420\ 401^\circ$  latitude. Fig. 17 shows a panoramic view of the launch site. The idea is to launch the on the grass area right to the driveway.

Some idea of traffic routes above the launch location can be obtained by looking at the aeronautical charts shown at <https://skyvector.com>.



Figure 17: View towards east of the launch site. The grass area to the right is from where Titan 1 was launched.

### 7.2 LAUNCH PERMIT

This section describes in short what steps has to be done in Denmark in order to get flight permit. This section is not exhaustive and only gives an indication of the major steps involved.

In accordance to the national law, *BL 7-9 / Udg. 3 / 3. oktober 2014* point 2. a. Titan 1 HAB is categorised as **Let** (light). The same holds when considering the *SERA-forordninger* listed in the same document. Based on this an e-mail was sent to the Danish Transport and Construction Agency (<http://www.trafikstyrelsen.dk/>) asking for permission to launch. Which was kindly granted in a fast and straight forward way.

Further, they communicated directly with Naviair (<http://www.naviair.dk/>) and so the duty was reduced to communicate with Naviair prior to the launch.

It was tried to gain insurance cover for a flight in Denmark, unfortunately with no success.

### 7.3 TESTING

A major point in reaching a successful mission is to test the flight vehicle thoroughly before a launch. The tests and results of some of the most important elements are discussed in this section.

During development all sensors and writing to SD-micro card was tested in all possible configuration. Especially disconnecting or connecting of any device during operation was investigated to make sure Watchdog is able to reset and restart the flight computer if it hangs.

A future major point, the power consumptions, was investigated in section 2.12 and thus made sure that the power source is designed with sufficient reserve.

Fig. 18 shows a tracking test while the payload box is transported with a car. Unfortunately most of the time the the transmitter was below the horizon.

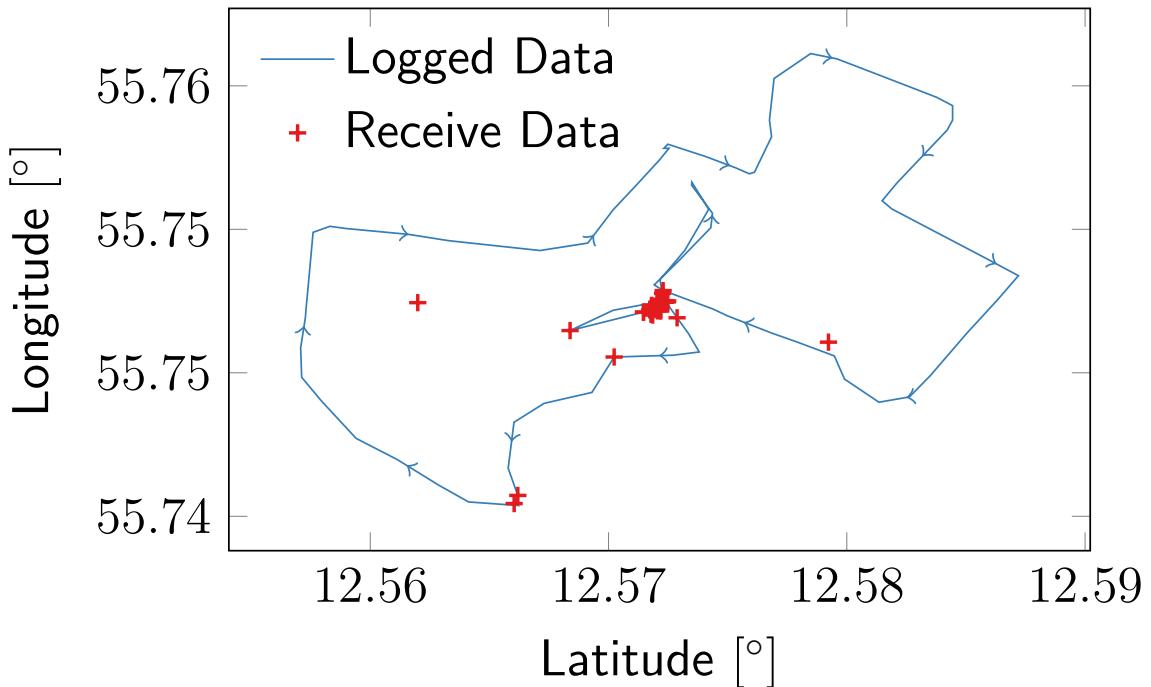


Figure 18: Test drive path of Titan 1 and received and decoded positions.

## 7.4 FLY PATH PREDICTION

One major point in a mission preparation is the prediction of the flight path. The flight path allows to evaluate if the mission can be conducted without endangering third parties. Further, it is an essential asset for flight traffic control. Finally, it increases success while tracking and recovering the HAB.

The flight path of a HAB is governed by the meteorological conditions in the area. Of special importance are the jet streams, which may drag the balloon considerable distances due its high wind velocities, see Fig. 19 showing jetstream forecasts over the northern hemisphere, found on <http://www.netweather.tv/index.cgi?action=jetstream;sess=>. Further, the atmospheric pressure and wind are of importance. Forecast of the conditions are found on <http://www.dmi.dk/vejr/til-lands/vejrkort/> and shown in Fig. 20.

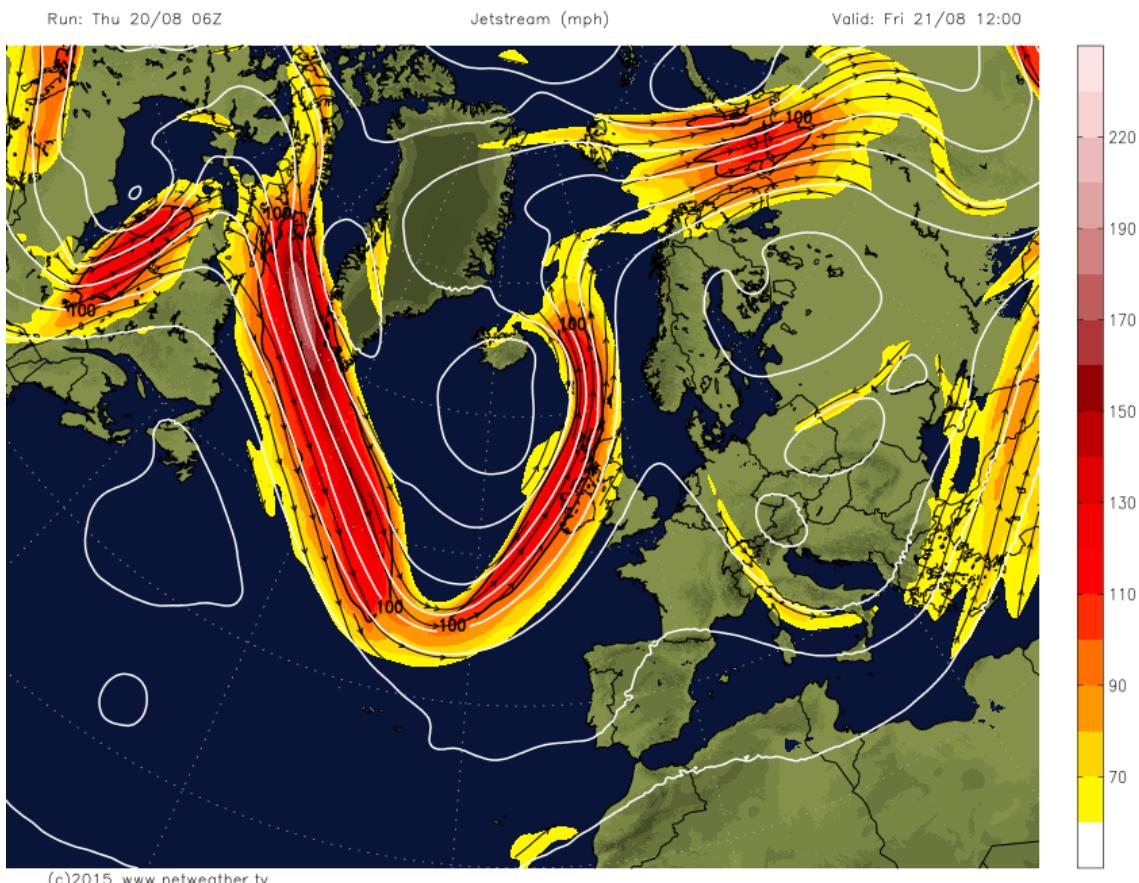


Figure 19: Jetstream forecast over northern hemisphere.

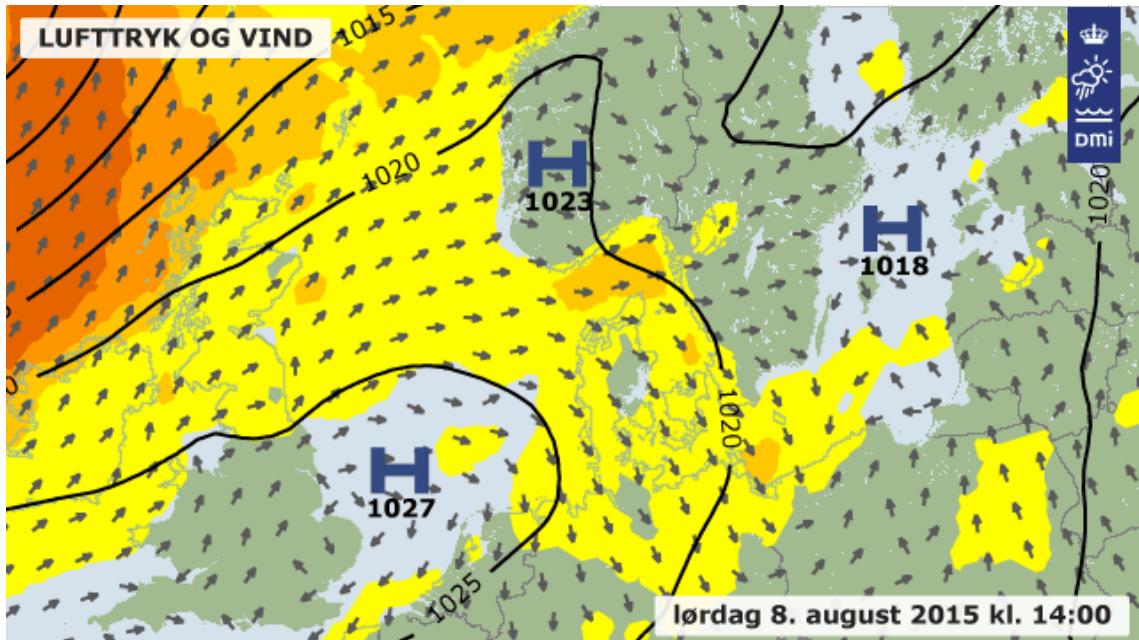


Figure 20: Forecast of atmospheric pressure, wind strength and direction.

The generation of the flight path prediction split into 3 distinct steps.

The first step is to look for possible launch windows up to 6 days ahead of a possible launch date. This is done by making forecast up to +160 h in 10 h steps. The individual flight path are shown in section Fig. 21. Based on these flight paths the best flight time and data is selected.

Once a possible flight time is found around 24 h before the launch a more refined analysis is carried out. This analysis calculates possible flights paths starting from -7 h up to +7 h from the target launch time. The paths are shown in section Fig. 22. This step is done in order to better understand how stable meteorological conditions around the launch time are. Kindly, recall discussion at the begin of this section.

The last step is done down to 24 h before the scheduled launch. To increase the reliability of the prediction in this step sensitivity studies are undertaken. Both the target ascent and descent velocity were increased and reduced by 10 %. Further, the peak altitude is reduced to 30 000 m.

In section Fig. 23, Titan's predicted flight path is shown together with all relevant information regarding **launch time**, penetration of **18 000ft** level and **predicted touchdown**.

Shortly before the flight this last step is repeated and checked for major deviations form the previous prediction.

Predictions for Possible Launches, starting **19-08-2015 06:11 UTC**  
*generated on 19-08-2015 06:11 UTC*

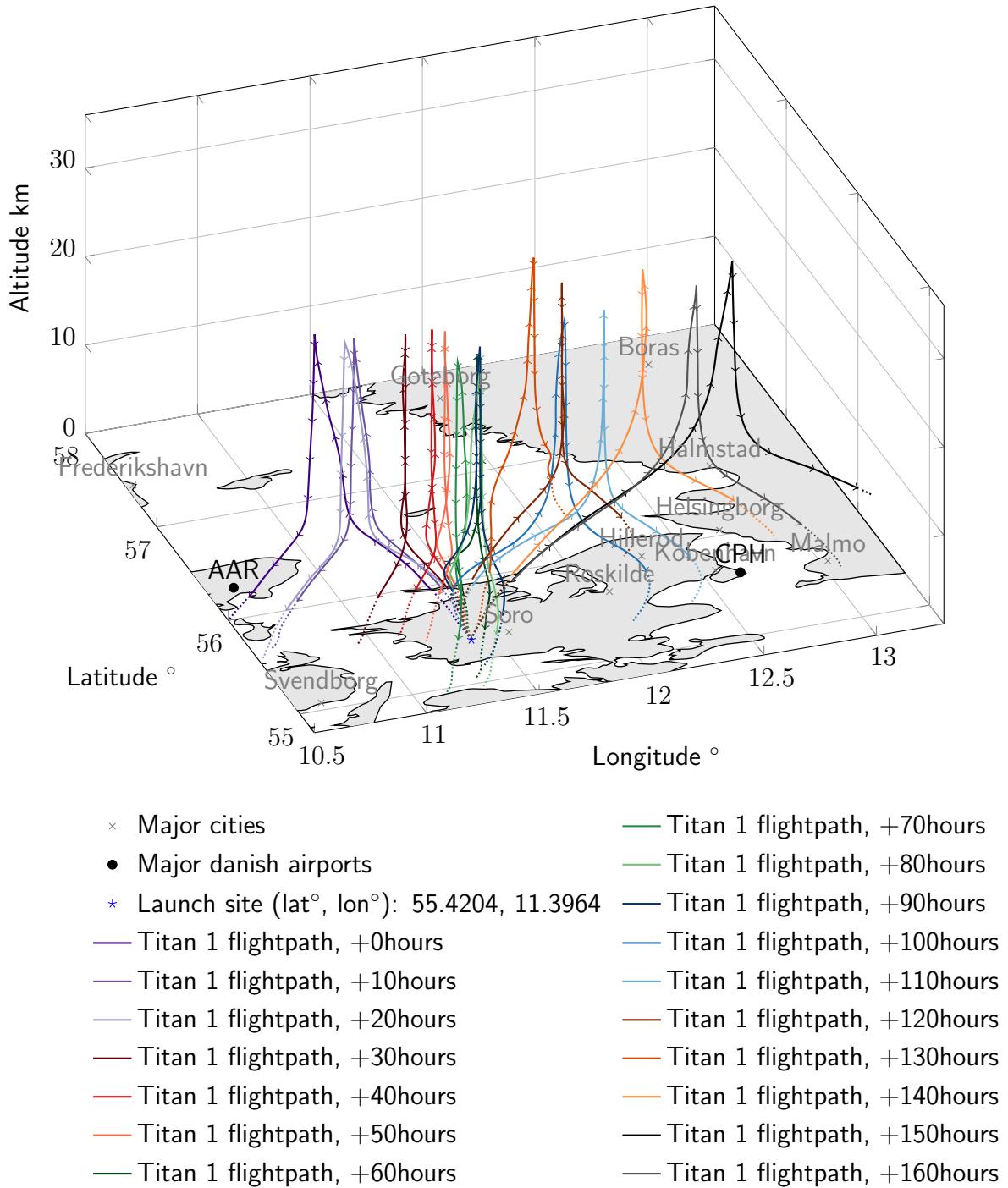


Figure 21: 160 h forecasts for identifying suitable launch date and time.

14 hour Sensitivity Window around Launch at **21-08-2015 11:00 UTC**  
*generated on 20-08-2015 10:50 UTC*

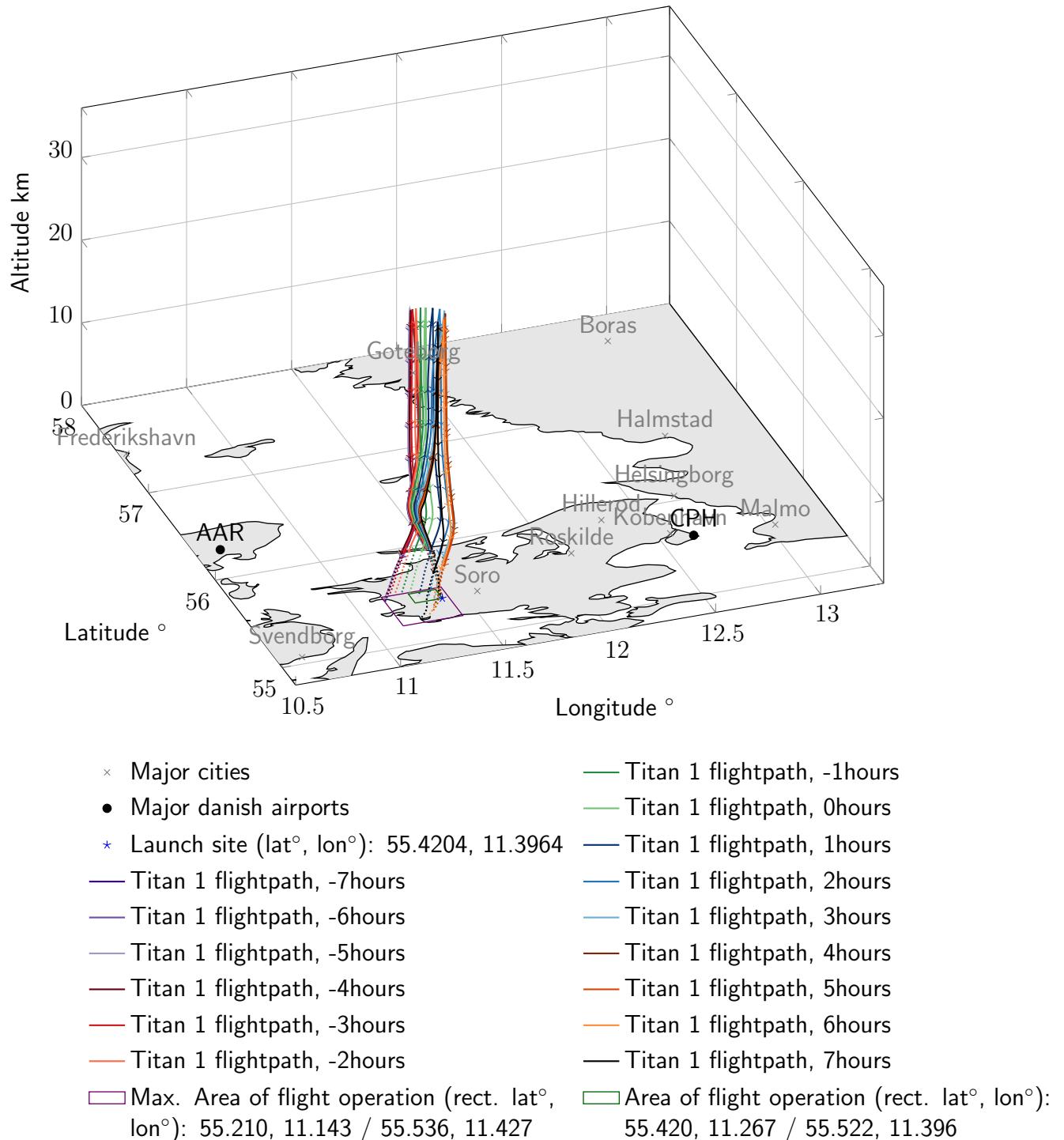


Figure 22:  $\pm 7$  h simulations around launch time.

Prediction for launch on **Friday 21-Aug-2015 11:00:00 UTC**  
 generated on *Thursday 20-Aug-2015 10:55:21 UTC*

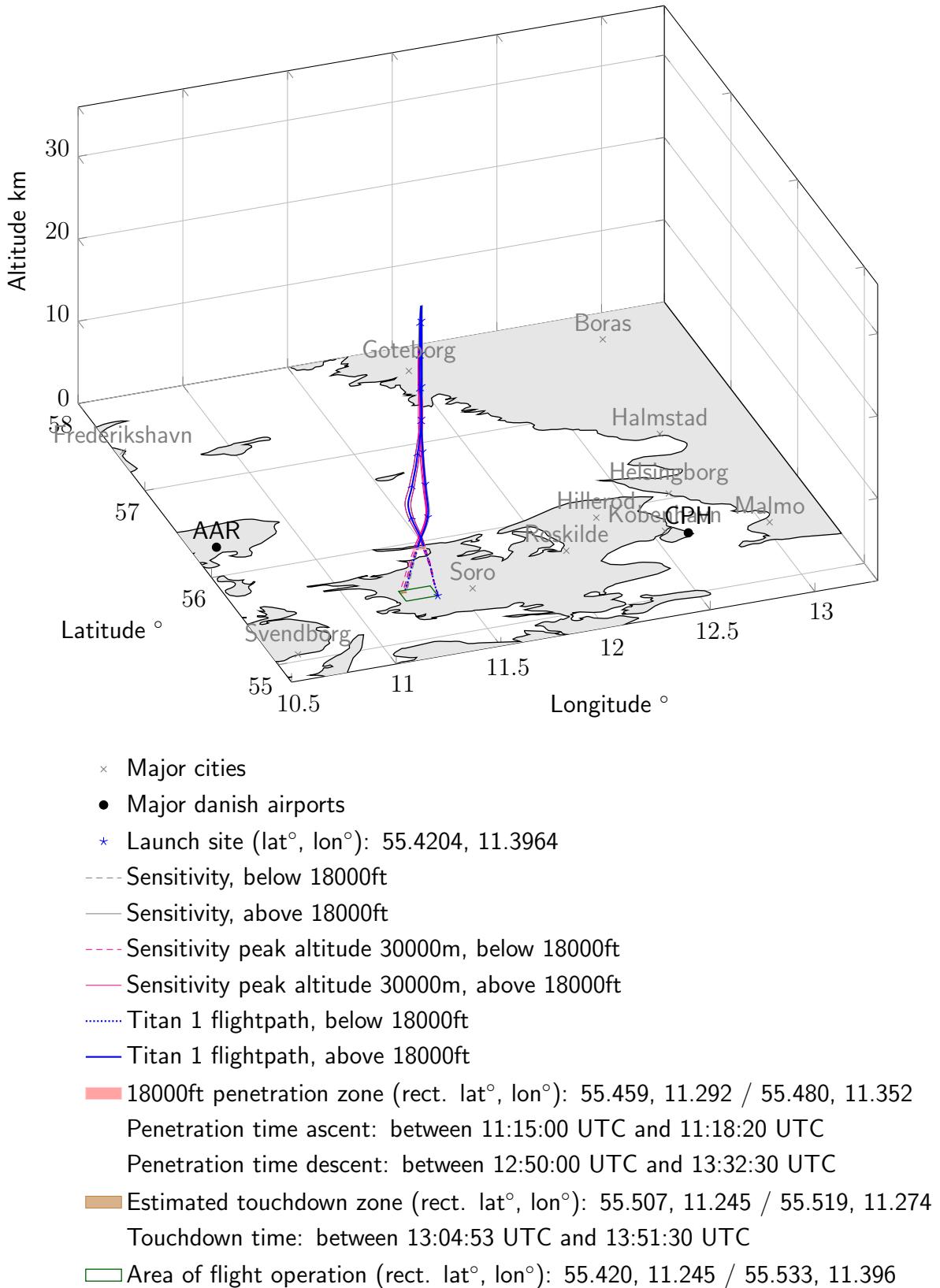


Figure 23: Prediction for launch made  $\approx 24$  h before launch.

## 7.5 PRE FLY DAY CHECKLIST

### **Inform Flight control Launch -25 h**

- Run predictions and prepare Pre Flight Report.
- Send email to flight control. -24 h

### **Check Flight Computer, Sensors and Calibrate**

- Load calibration code flight on micro controller.
- Check all sensor data and get sensors calibrate values.
- Update calibration values in main core file.
- Load flight software on flight micro controller.
- Start up flight computer and check all sensors again.
- Format flight SD-micro and insert into flight computer.
- Check flight battery voltage and mark battery.
- Synchronise time.

### **Image Capture Preparation**

- Check settings
- Take trial images. Download images to computer and check them.
- Format SD-card.
- Load both batteries.
- Assemble camera and housing. Clean camera!
- Remember SD-card and fill with Dust-Off.
- Mount into payload box. Fix with tape. Check position.
- Synchronise time.

## **Packing Tools**

- Wire cutter, scissors, knife, pen, paper, torch, ...
- Gaffer tape
- Cable ties minimum 10 pieces.
- Payload box labels.
- Protecting sheet.
- Various tools.

## **Packing Payload**

- Payload box
- Check camera installed, battery ok and antenna ok.
- Payload box labels

## **Packing Balloon and Filling Equipment**

- Balloon
- Latex gloves
- Check tank and filling equipment.
- Tank, pressure reducer, hose, fill tube.
- Weight to check balloon fill state.

## **Packing Tracking Equipment**

- Track Antenna. Assembled Yagi antenna, FUNcube Dongle and USB cable.
- Flight Control Computer.
- Car power switch source.
- iPhone charge cable.

## 7.6 PRE FLY CHECKLIST

- Inform Flight control Launch –60 min**
  - Generate new prediction and check for deviations.
  - Call flight control at +45 and confirm launch and time.
- Start Up Control Computer Launch –50 min**
  - Power up and power computer via car power switch source.
  - Connect iPhone via USB to car power switch.
  - Create local hotspot and connect computer to it.
  - Connect FUNCube Dongle via USB cable to lower USB.
  - Start DSP Radio, Fldigi and Flight Control Centre. Check frequency setting.
  - Start Flight Control Centre and check if working.
- Start Up HAB Launch –30 min**
  - Lay out protecting sheet.
  - Connect battery to flight computer.
  - Wait till signal is received by flight control computer.
  - Check successful transmission.
  - Start image capture.
  - Check camcorder is operating.
  - Pack and close payload box.
  - Apply payload labels to seal payload box.
  - Lay out rigging lines and parachute and check for damage.
  - Check surrounding area to be free of obstacles.
- Filling Balloon Launch –20 min**
  - Put gloves on.
  - Unpack and attach filling equipment to tanks. Remember check weights.
  - Open tank valve and check flow. Close tank valve.
  - Unpack balloon and put over filling tube. Fix balloon with cable ties and tape.
  - Start inflating balloon till nearly lift of check weights. Consider wind!
  - Connect rigging line with solid nodes.
  - Disconnect balloon from filling tube and close balloon end tight.

**Launch Balloon** **Launch 0 min**

- Check aerial to not be bend.
- Check transmission and camera to record.
- Watch out for obstacles.
- Let it go.

## 7.7 POST FLY CHECKLIST

### On Site Recovery

- Call flight control +45 and confirm touchdown or loss.
- Photograph payload box before touching.
- Recover payload box.
- Open payload box.
- Stop image capture.
- Disconnect battery.
- Close payload box.
- Power down flight control computer.

### In Base

- Copy logged data to computer.
- Copy images to computer.
- Copy Fldigi log.
- Backup data.
- Analyse data and prepare Flight Data Report.

# A Flight Computer Software Source Code

## A.1 CORE FILE

Listing 3: File *titan\_v01.ino* main core file of the flight software.

```
1 /*  
2 TITAN HAB flight computer software  
3 Modifications copyright 2015 by Emanuel Bombasaro  
4  
5 The original code and subfiles is by:  
6   HABDuino Tracker  
7   http://www.habduino.org  
8   (c) Anthony Stirk M0UPU  
9   November 2014 Version 3.0.3  
10  Please visite for lates release and details: https://github.com/HABduino  
/HABduino  
11  
12  Modifications done are:  
13  Make it work with Arduino Mega 2560 rev3  
14  All parts regarding additional sensors and logging to SD-card.  
15  Some modifications on formatting and variable naming.  
16  However, please start with looking into the original code first!  
17  
18  This program is free software: you can redistribute it and/or modify  
19  it under the terms of the GNU General Public License as published by  
20  the Free Software Foundation, either version 3 of the License, or  
21  (at your option) any later version.  
22  
23  This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful,  
24  but WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of  
25  MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. See the  
26  GNU General Public License for more details.  
27  
28  See <http://www.gnu.org/licenses/>.  
29  
30  This code is suitable for the Arduino MEGA 2560 rev3.  
31  Pin connection as outlined below.  
32  
33  HABduino, mount as it is.  
34  NB. I2C is connected as follows:  
35    connect SCL to analog 21  
36    connect SDA to analog 20  
37  thus the pins on the HABduino are not correct.  
38  
39  SD card attached to SPI bus as follows:  
40    MISO - pin 50  
41    MOSI - pin 51  
42    SLK - pin 52  
43    SS - pin 53  
44  
45 ++++++  
46 created 25-XII-2014 EMBO  
47 edited 20- II-2015 EMBO  
48 edited 03- III-2015 EMBO fixed sd write, no in the delay loop seems to  
work better.  
49 edited 16- III-2015 EMBO reduced error value for sensors
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50 edited 18- III-2015 EMBO gyro, acc and mag calibration ands sensor
      redadings
51 edited 24- III-2015 EMBO mag calibration now advance
52 */
53
54 // include ++++++HABduino+++++
55 //HABduino
56 #include <util/crc16.h> // crc check sum
57 #include <avr/io.h>
58 #include <avr/interrupt.h>
59 #include <avr/pgmspace.h>
60 #include <avr/wdt.h> // watch dog
61 #include <Wire.h> // including I2C
62 #include <OneWire.h>
63 #include <DallasTemperature.h>
64 #include <SoftwareSerial.h>
65 #include "ax25modem.h"
66 // sensors
67 #include "Sensor.h"          // info on sensors, variables, strucutres
68 #include "TSL2561.h"         // light sensor
69 #include "HTU21DF.h"         // temp & humidity
70 #include "MPL3115A2.h"        // altimeter
71 #include "MCP9808.h"         // temperrature precision
72 #include "BMP085_U.h"        // pressure sensor IMU
73 // IMU 10 DOF
74 #include "L3GD20.h"          // gyro sensors
75 #include "LSM303_U.h"         // acc and mag sensor
76 /*
77 coordinates as indicated on sensor
78 gyro x, y, z rotation deg/s
79 acc x, y, z accelaration m/s^2 (negative in direction of axis)
80 mag x, y, z gauss
81 -----
82 roll postive x axis
83 pitch positive y axis
84 heading in positiv x direction
85 */
86 // sd card
87 #include <SPI.h>
88 #include <SD.h>
89
90 // configurations ++++++HABduino+++++
91 // define constants
92 #define ONE_SECOND F_CPU / 1024 / 16 // define one second
93 #define MTX2_FREQ 434.485           // format 434.XXX
94 #define POWERSAVING                // GPS power saving mode
95
96 // some help constants
97 #define BAUD_RATE      (1200)
98 #define TABLE_SIZE     (512)
99 #define PREAMBLE_BYTES (50)
100 #define REST_BYTES     (5)
101
102 #define PLAYBACK_RATE   (F_CPU / 256)
103 #define SAMPLES_PER_BAUD (PLAYBACK_RATE / BAUD_RATE)
104 #define PHASE_DELTA_1200 (((TABLE_SIZE * 1200L) << 7) / PLAYBACK_RATE)
105 #define PHASE_DELTA_2200 (((TABLE_SIZE * 2200L) << 7) / PLAYBACK_RATE)
106 #define PHASE_DELTA_XOR  (PHASE_DELTA_1200 ^ PHASE_DELTA_2200)

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107 // RTTY HABduino
108 #define ASCII 7           // ASCII 7 or 8 bit
109 #define STOPBITS 2        // Either 1 or 2 stop bits
110 #define TXDELAY 0         // Delay between sentence TX's
111 #define RTTY_BAUD 50       // RTTY Baud rate (Recommended = 50)
112 #define MTX2_SHIFT 425     // shift rate
113 #define MTX2_OFFSET 0       // 0-100 Slightly adjusts the frequency by
                           // increasing the PWM
114
115
116 // pins #####
117 #define LED_WARN 12        // warning LED, red (hardware set)
118 #define LED_OK 13          // ok LED, green (hardware set)
119
120 #define BATTERY_ADC A0      // battery voltage check 0-1023 coresponding to
                           // 0-5V (hardware set)
121 #define GPS_ON 2            // GPS power on (hardware set)
122 #define ONE_WIRE_BUS 5       // BUS pin for temperature sensor on HABduino (
                           // hardware set)
123
124 #define HX1_ENABLE 6          // for addtional ATTY element
125 #define HX1_RXD 3            // RXD for addtional ATTY (hardware set)
126 #define MTX2_ENABLE 7          // MTX2 enable (hardware set)
127 #define MTX2_RXD 11           // MTX2 RXD (hardware set)
128
129 // #####
130 // call sign
131 char callsign[9] = "TITAN_1";           // MAX 9 CHARACTERS!!
132 // limit of staying in pedestrian mode
133 int pedlim=2000; // meters
134 // logfile name
135 char logfilename[13] = "01datlog.dat";    // cmax 8 char befor dot!
136
137 // define errorstatus
138 int errorstatus=0;
139 /* Error Status Bit Level Field :
140 Bit 0 = GPS Error Condition Noted Switch to Max Performance Mode
141 Bit 1 = GPS Error Condition Noted Cold Boot GPS
142 Bit 2 = DS18B20 temp sensor status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
143 Bit 3 = Current Dynamic Model 0 = Flight 1 = Pedestrian
144 Bit 4 = PSM Status 0 = PSM On 1 = PSM Off
145 Bit 5 = Lock 0 = GPS Locked 1= Not Locked
146
147 Bit 6 = TSL2561 lumosity sensor status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
148 Bit 7 = HTU21DF temp humidity sensor status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
149 Bit 8 = MPL3115A2 pressure sensor status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
150 Bit 9 = MCP9808 temperatur precision sensor status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
151 Bit 10= BMP085 pressure sensor status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
152 Bit 11= Gyro sensor status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
153 Bit 12= Acc sensor status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
154 Bit 13= Mag sensor status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
155 Bit 14= logging status 0 = OK 1 = Fault
156
157 So error 8 means the everything is fine just the GPS is in pedestrian mode
158 .
159 Below pedlim meters the code puts the GPS in the more accurate pedestrian
   mode.
160 Above pedlim meters it switches to dynamic model 6 i.e flight mode and

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    turns the LED's off for additional power saving.
160 So as an example error code 40 = 1010 0000 0000 means GPS not locked and
     in pedestrian mode.
161 */
162
163 // define variables
164 volatile int txstatus=1;
165 volatile int txstringlength=0;
166 volatile char txc;
167 volatile int txi;
168 volatile int txj;
169 volatile int count=1;
170 volatile boolean lockvariables = 0;
171 volatile static uint8_t *_txbuf = 0;
172 volatile static uint8_t _txlen = 0;
173
174 char txstring[100]; // string values are stored in for transmission
175 char tmpS[2]; // temporay string for hour, minute and second logging
176 uint8_t buf[60];
177 uint8_t lock =0, sats = 0, hour = 0, minute = 0, second = 0;
178 uint8_t oldhour = 0, oldminute = 0, oldsecond = 0;
179 int GPSerror = 0, navmode = 0, psm_status = 0, lat_int=0, lon_int=0,
     temperature1=0;
180 int32_t lat = 0, lon = 0, alt = 0, maxalt = 0, lat_dec = 0, lon_dec =0 ,
     tslf=0;
181 unsigned long currentMillis;
182 long previousMillis = 0;
183 int batteryadc_v, battvaverage=0, aprstxstatus=0;
184 int32_t battvssmooth[5] ;
185 int aprs_tx_status = 0, aprs_attempts = 0;
186 unsigned long startTime;
187 char comment[3]={' ', ' ', '\0'};
188 static const uint8_t PROGMEM _sine_table[] = {
189 #include "sine_table.h"
190 }; // sinus wave
191 // sensor variables
192 uint32_t lum1=0, lux1=0;
193 uint16_t ir1=0, full1=0;
194 float temperature3=0, temperature4=0, humidity1=0, pressure1=0, alt1=0,
     temperature5=0, pressure2=0, alt2=0, temperature6=0;
195 float gyroX=0, gyroY=0, gyroZ=0, accX=0, accY=0, accZ=0, magX=0, magY=0,
     magZ=0, roll=0, pitch=0, head=0;
196 float accXnorm, accYnorm, magXnorm, magYnorm, magZnorm, magXcomp, magYcomp;
197 File dataFile; // log data file
198
199 // start serials and sensors
200 SoftwareSerial MTX2_EN(LED_WARN, MTX2_ENABLE); // RX, TX serial to
     comunitate with the MTX2
201 OneWire oneWire(ONE_WIRE_BUS);
202 DallasTemperature sensors(&oneWire);
203 TSL2561 tsl(TSL2561_ADDR_FLOAT); // the ADDR pin float (addr 0x39), light
     sensor
204 HTU21DF htu = HTU21DF(); // temp humidity senosor
205 MPL3115A2 baro = MPL3115A2();
206 MCP9808 pretempsen = MCP9808(); // Create the MCP9808 temperature sensor
     object
207 BMP085_Unified bmp = BMP085_Unified(10085); // pressuer sensor IMU
208 L3GD20 gyro; // start gyro

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209 LSM303_Accel_Unified accel = LSM303_Accel_Unified(54321); // start acc
    sensor
210 LSM303_Mag_Unified mag = LSM303_Mag_Unified(12345); // start mag sensor
211
212 // calib gyro offset 0 is no offeset
213 const float gyroXoff=-2.54, gyroYoff=0.36, gyroZoff=-0.33;
214 // calibrate mag
215 const float magEC[3] = {10.1555, -0.271402, -26.0203};
216 const float magET[3][3] = {{0.965256, -0.00477968, 0.0596485},
    {-0.00477968, 0.932893, 0.00230931}, {0.0596485, 0.00230931, 0.897073}};
217 //
218 const int chipSelect = 53; // sd card chip select (CS) pin, on Mega 2560
    pin 53
219
220 // main setup function ++++++-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
221 void setup()
222 {
223     wdt_enable (WDTO_8S); // watchdog ..... .
224     /* rest times
225      WDTO_15MS
226      WDTO_30MS
227      WDTO_60MS
228      WDTO_120MS
229      WDTO_250MS
230      WDTO_500MS
231      WDTO_1S
232      WDTO_2S
233      WDTO_4S
234      WDTO_8S
235 */
236     // set pin modes
237     pinMode(MTX2_TXD, OUTPUT);
238     pinMode(LED_WARN, OUTPUT);
239     pinMode(HX1_ENABLE, OUTPUT);
240     pinMode(LED_OK,OUTPUT);
241     pinMode(MTX2_ENABLE, OUTPUT);
242     pinMode(GPS_ON, OUTPUT);
243     pinMode(BATTERY_ADC, INPUT);
244
245     // setups
246     blinkled(6);
247     setMTX2Frequency();
248     Serial.begin(9600);
249     digitalWrite(MTX2_ENABLE,HIGH);
250     blinkled(5);
251     digitalWrite(GPS_ON,HIGH);
252     blinkled(4);
253     resetGPS();
254     blinkled(3);
255     // set timer for TXD
256     TCCR1B = TCCR1B & 0b11111000 | 0x01; // Sets fast PWM on pin 11 12
        controled by timer1
257 #ifdef APRS
258     ax25_init(); // initialize APRS
259 #endif
260     blinkled(2);
261     setupGPS();
262     blinkled(1);

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263 initialise_interrupt();
264 // initialise sensors
265 sensors.begin(); // begin temp sensor
266 //tempsensors=sensors.getDeviceCount(); // we know its only 1
267 // ligh sensor settings and check if senosrs are on
268 // Set or unset bit 6 indicating the light sensor is faulty
269 if(!tsl.begin()) {
270     tsl.setGain(TSL2561_GAIN_0X); // set no gain (for bright situtations)
271     tsl.setTiming(TSL2561_INTEGRATIONTIME_101MS); // medium resolution and
272     speed
273     errorstatus |=(1 << 6);
274 } else {errorstatus &= ~(1 << 6);}
275 // Set or unset bit 7 indicating the temperature and humidity sensor is
276 // faulty
277 if(!htu.begin()) {errorstatus |=(1 << 7);} else {errorstatus &= ~(1 << 7);
278 ;}
279 // Set or unset bit 8 indicating the altimeter and pressure sensor is
280 // faulty
281 if(!baro.begin()) {errorstatus |=(1 << 8);} else {errorstatus &= ~(1 <<
282 8);}
283 // Set or unset bit 9 indicating the precision temperature sensor is
284 // faulty
285 if(!pretempsen.begin()) {errorstatus |=(1 << 9);} else {errorstatus &=
286 ~(1 << 9);}
287 // Set or unset bit 10 indicating the pressuer IMU sensor is faulty
288 if(!bmp.begin()) {errorstatus |=(1 << 10);} else {errorstatus &= ~(1 <<
289 10);}
290 // Set or unset bit 11 indicating the gyro IMU sensor is faulty
291 if (!gyro.begin(gyro.L3DS20_RANGE_500DPS)) {errorstatus |=(1 << 11);}
292 else {errorstatus &= ~(1 << 11);}
293 // Set or unset bit 12 indicating the accel IMU sensor is faulty
294 if (!accel.begin()) {errorstatus |=(1 << 12);} else {errorstatus &= ~(1
295 << 12);}
296 // Set or unset bit 13 indicating the mag IMU sensor is faulty
297 mag.enableAutoRange(true); // Enable auto-gain mag sensor
298 if (!mag.begin()) {errorstatus |=(1 << 13);} else {errorstatus &= ~(1 <<
299 13);}
300 // sd card
301 pinMode(chipSelect, OUTPUT);
302 // see if the card is present and can be initialized else writ erro in
303 // bit 13
304 if (!SD.begin(chipSelect)){errorstatus |=(1 << 14);} else {
305     // open (create) file and close it, as check
306     dataFile = SD.open(logfilename, FILE_WRITE);
307     dataFile.close();
308     errorstatus &= ~(1 << 14);
309 }
310 wdt_reset(); // .....
311 }
312 // end setup function
313
314 // begin main loop #####
315 void loop() {
316     wdt_reset(); // .....
317     oldhour=hour;
318     oldminute=minute;
319     oldsecond=second;
320     gps_check_nav();

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309 // Set bit 5 (Lock 0 = GPS Locked 1= Not Locked)
310 if(lock!=3) {errorstatus |=(1 << 5);}else{errorstatus &= ~(1 << 5);}
311 checkDynamicModel();
312 wdt_reset(); // .....
313 #ifdef APRS
314 if(sats>=4){
315     if (aprs_tx_status==0)
316     {
317         startTime=millis();
318         aprs_tx_status=1;
319     }
320     if(millis() - startTime > (APRS_TX_INTERVAL*60000)) {
321         aprs_tx_status=0;
322         send_APRS();
323         aprs_attempts++;
324     }
325 }
326 #endif
327 wdt_reset(); // .....
328 #ifdef POWERSAVING
329 if((lock==3) && (psm_status==0) && (sats>=5) && ((errorstatus & (1 << 0))
330 ==0)&&((errorstatus & (1 << 1))==0)) // Check we aren't in an error
331 condition
332 {
333     setGPS_PowerSaveMode();
334     wait(1000);
335     psm_status=1;
336     errorstatus &= ~(1 << 4); // Set Bit 4 Indicating PSM is on
337 }
338 #endif
339 if(!lockvariables) {
340     prepare_data();
341     if(alt>maxalt && sats >= 4)
342     {
343         maxalt=alt;
344     }
345     if((oldhour==hour&&oldminute==minute&&oldsecond==second) || sats<=4) {
346         tslf++;
347     }
348     else
349     {
350         tslf=0;
351         errorstatus &= ~(1 << 0); // Unset bit 0 (Clear GPS Error Condition
352         Noted Switch to Max Performance Mode)
353         errorstatus &= ~(1 << 1); // Unset bit 1 (Clear GPS Error Condition
354         Noted Cold Boot GPS)
355     }
356     wdt_reset(); // .....
357     if((tslf>10 && ((errorstatus & (1 << 0))==0)&&((errorstatus & (1 << 1))
358 ==0))) {
359         setupGPS();
360         wait(125);
361         setGps_MaxPerformanceMode();
362         wait(125);
363         errorstatus |=(1 << 0); // Set Bit 1 (GPS Error Condition Noted Switch
364         to Max Performance Mode)

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361     psm_status=0;
362     errorstatus |=(1 << 4); // Set Bit 4 (Indicate PSM is disabled)
363 }
364 if(tslf>100 && ((errorstatus & (1 << 0))==1)&&((errorstatus & (1 << 1)) ==0)) {
365     errorstatus |=(1 << 0); // Unset Bit 0 we've already tried that didn't work
366     errorstatus |=(1 << 1); // Set bit 1 indicating we are cold booting the GPS
367     Serial.flush();
368     resetGPS();
369     wait(125);
370     setupGPS();
371 }
372 wdt_reset(); // .....
373 }
374 // end main loop #####
375
376 // start initialise_interrupt function ++++++
377 void initialise_interrupt()
378 {
379     wdt_reset(); // .....
380     // initialize Timer5 so we cant use pin 46, 45, 44. timer is a 16-bit timer
381     cli(); // disable global interrupts
382     TCCR5A = 0; // set entire TCCR5A register to 0
383     TCCR5B = 0; // same for TCCR5B
384     OCR5A = F_CPU / 1024 / RTTY_BAUD - 1; // set compare match register to desired timer count:
385     TCCR5B |= (1 << WGM12); // turn on CTC mode:
386     // Set CS10 and CS12 bits for:
387     TCCR5B |= (1 << CS10); // see in combination with below
388     TCCR5B |= (1 << CS12); // 1024 prescaler (C12 CS11 CS10 set to 1 0 1)
389     // enable timer compare interrupt:
390     TIMSK5 |= (1 << OCIE5A); // Interrupt mask register (TIMSKx)
391     sei(); // enable global interrupts
392 }
393 // end initialise_interrupt function
394
395 // start ax25_init function ++++++
396 void ax25_init(void)
397 {
398     wdt_reset(); // .....
399     /* Fast PWM mode, non-inverting output on OC2A */
400     //TCCR2A = _BV(COM2B1) | _BV(WGM21) | _BV(WGM20);
401     //TCCR2B = _BV(CS20);
402     TCCR3B = TCCR3B & 0b11111000 | 0x01; // Sets fast PWM on pin 2 3 5 controled by timer3
403     pinMode(HX1_TXD, OUTPUT);
404 }
405 // end ax25_init function
406
407 // start prepare data function ++++++
408 void prepare_data() //
409 {
410     wdt_reset(); // .....
411     if(aprstxstatus==0)
412     {

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413 // get flight computer temp
414 sensors.requestTemperatures();
415 temperature1=sensors.getTempCByIndex(0);
416 // Set or unset bit 2 indicating the temp sensor is faulty
417 if(temperature1== -127) {errorstatus |=(1 << 2);} else{errorstatus &= ~(1
418 << 2);}
419 }
420 // gps set and get position
421 gps_check_lock();
422 gps_get_position();
423 gps_get_time();
424 wd़t_reset(); // .....
425 // battery voltage
426 batteryadc_v=analogRead(BATTERY_ADC)*4.8;
427 battvsmooth[4] = battvsmooth[3];
428 battvsmooth[3] = battvsmooth[2];
429 battvsmooth[2] = battvsmooth[1];
430 battvsmooth[1] = battvsmooth[0];
431 battvsmooth[0] = batteryadc_v;
432 battvaverage = (battvsmooth[0]+battvsmooth[1]+ battvsmooth[2]+battvsmooth
433 [3]+battvsmooth[4])/5;
434 wd़t_reset(); // .....
435 // read light sensor if working, set bit 6 for error
436 if(tsl.begin()) {
437 lum1 = tsl.getFullLuminosity();
438 irl = lum1 >> 16;
439 full1 = lum1 & 0xFFFF; // visible is full - ir
440 lux1 = tsl.calculateLux(full1, irl);
441 errorstatus &= ~(1 << 6);
442 }
443 else {
444 lum1 = NAN;
445 irl = NAN;
446 full1 = NAN; // visible is full - ir
447 lux1 = NAN;
448 errorstatus |=(1 << 6);
449 }
450 wd़t_reset(); // .....
451 // read temperature and humidity sensor if working, set bit 7 for error
452 if(htu.begin()) {
453 temperature3 = htu.readTemperature(); // in degree C
454 humidity1 =htu.readHumidity(); // in RH %
455 errorstatus &= ~(1 << 7);
456 }
457 else {
458 temperature3 = NAN;
459 humidity1 =NAN;
460 errorstatus |=(1 << 7);
461 }
462 wd़t_reset(); // .....
463 // read pressure and altimeter sensor if working, set bit 8 for error
464 if(baro.begin()) {
465 pressure1 = baro.getPressure(); // in Pa
466 alt1 = baro.getAltitude(); // m
467 temperature4 = baro.getTemperature(); // in degree C
468 errorstatus &= ~(1 << 8);
469 }
470 else {

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469     pressure1 = NAN; // in Pa
470     alt1 = NAN; // m
471     temperature4 = NAN; // in degree C
472     errorstatus |=(1 << 8);
473 }
474 wdt_reset(); // .....
475 // read precision temperature sensor if working, set bit 9 for error
476 if(pretempsen.begin()) {
477     temperature5 = pretempsen.readTempC(); // in degree C
478     errorstatus &= ~(1 << 9);
479 }
480 else {
481     temperature5 = NAN;
482     errorstatus |=(1 << 9);
483 }
484 wdt_reset(); // .....
485 // read BMP085 pressure sensor if working, set bit 10 for error
486 sensors_event_t bmp_event; // create sensor event
487 bmp.getEvent(&bmp_event);
488 if(bmp_event.pressure) {
489     pressure2 = bmp_event.pressure; // in hPa
490     pressure2 = pressure2*100; // in Pa
491     alt2 = bmp.pressureToAltitude(1013.26,bmp_event.pressure); // m
492     bmp.getTemperature(&temperature6); // in degree C
493     errorstatus &= ~(1 << 10);
494 }
495 else {
496     pressure2 = NAN; // in Pa
497     alt2 = NAN; // m
498     temperature6 = NAN; // in degree C
499     errorstatus |=(1 << 10);
500 }
501 wdt_reset(); // .....
502 // read gyro IMU sensor if working, set bit 11 for error
503 if(gyro.begin()) {
504     // read gyro data in deg/s 5 times and make average
505     gyro.read();gyroX=gyro.data.x-gyroXoff;gyroY=gyro.data.y-gyroYoff;gyroZ
506     =gyro.data.z-gyroZoff; // 1
507     gyro.read();gyroX+=gyro.data.x-gyroXoff;gyroY+=gyro.data.y-gyroYoff;
508     gyroZ+=gyro.data.z-gyroZoff; // 2
509     gyro.read();gyroX+=gyro.data.x-gyroXoff;gyroY+=gyro.data.y-gyroYoff;
510     gyroZ+=gyro.data.z-gyroZoff; // 3
511     gyro.read();gyroX+=gyro.data.x-gyroXoff;gyroY+=gyro.data.y-gyroYoff;
512     gyroZ+=gyro.data.z-gyroZoff; // 4
513     gyro.read();gyroX+=gyro.data.x-gyroXoff;gyroY+=gyro.data.y-gyroYoff;
514     gyroZ+=gyro.data.z-gyroZoff; // 5
515     gyroX=-gyroX/5;gyroY=-gyroY/5;gyroZ=gyroZ/5; // average
516     errorstatus &= ~(1 << 11);
517 } else {
518     gyroX=NAN;
519     gyroY=NAN;
520     gyroZ=NAN;
521     errorstatus |=(1 << 11);
522 }
523 wdt_reset(); // .....
524 // read accel IMU sensor if working, set bit 12 for error
525 sensors_event_t acc_event; // create sensor event
526 accel.getEvent(&acc_event);

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522 if(acc_event.acceleration.x) {
523     // read accel data in m/s^2 5 times and make average
524     accel.getEvent(&acc_event); accX=acc_event.acceleration.x; accY=acc_event
525     .acceleration.y; accZ=acc_event.acceleration.z; // 1
526     accel.getEvent(&acc_event); accX+=acc_event.acceleration.x; accY+=
527     acc_event.acceleration.y; accZ+=acc_event.acceleration.z; // 2
528     accel.getEvent(&acc_event); accX+=acc_event.acceleration.x; accY+=
529     acc_event.acceleration.y; accZ+=acc_event.acceleration.z; // 3
530     accel.getEvent(&acc_event); accX+=acc_event.acceleration.x; accY+=
531     acc_event.acceleration.y; accZ+=acc_event.acceleration.z; // 4
532     accel.getEvent(&acc_event); accX+=acc_event.acceleration.x; accY+=
533     acc_event.acceleration.y; accZ+=acc_event.acceleration.z; // 5
534     accX=-accX/5; accY=-accY/5; accZ=-accZ/5; // average
535     errorstatus &= ~(1 << 12);
536 } else {
537     accX=NAN;
538     accY=NAN;
539     accZ=NAN;
540     errorstatus |=(1 << 12);
541 }
542 wdt_reset(); // .....
543 // read mag IMU sensor if working, set bit 13 for error
544 sensors_event_t mag_event; // create sensor event
545 mag.getEvent(&mag_event);
546 if(mag_event.magnetic.x) {
547     // read mag data in micro Tesla 5 times and make average, we correct
548     // the values for offesets
549     mag.getEvent(&mag_event);
550     magX=magET[0][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[0][1]*(mag_event
551     .magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[0][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC[2]);
552     magY=magET[1][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[1][1]*(mag_event
553     .magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[1][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC[2]);
554     magZ=magET[2][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[2][1]*(mag_event
555     .magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[2][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC[2]); // 1
556     mag.getEvent(&mag_event);
557     magX+=magET[0][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[0][1]*(
558     mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[0][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
559     [2]);
560     magY+=magET[1][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[1][1]*(
561     mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[1][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
562     [2]);
563     magZ+=magET[2][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[2][1]*(
564     mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[2][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
565     [2]); // 2
566     mag.getEvent(&mag_event);
567     magX+=magET[0][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[0][1]*(
568     mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[0][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
569     [2]);
570     magY+=magET[1][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[1][1]*(
571     mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[1][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
572     [2]);
573     magZ+=magET[2][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[2][1]*(
574     mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[2][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
575     [2]); // 3
576     mag.getEvent(&mag_event);
577     magX+=magET[0][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[0][1]*(
578     mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[0][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
579     [2]);

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557     magY+=magET[1][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[1][1]*(
558         mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[1][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
559         [2]);
560     magZ+=magET[2][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[2][1]*(
561         mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[2][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
562         [2]); // 4
563     mag.getEvent(&mag_event);
564     magX+=magET[0][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[0][1]*(
565         mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[0][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
566         [2]);
567     magY+=magET[1][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[1][1]*(
568         mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[1][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
569         [2]);
570     magZ+=magET[2][0]*(mag_event.magnetic.x-magEC[0])+magET[2][1]*(
571         mag_event.magnetic.y-magEC[1])+magET[2][2]*(mag_event.magnetic.z-magEC
572         [2]); // 5
573     magX=magX/5;magY=magY/5;magZ=magZ/5; // average
574     errorstatus &= ~(1 << 13);
575 } else {
576     magX=NAN;
577     magY=NAN;
578     magZ=NAN;
579     errorstatus |=(1 << 13);
580 }
581 wdt_reset(); // .....
582 // calculate roll, pitch and heading from acc and mag readings
583 // Normalize acceleration measurements so they range from 0 to 1
584 accXnorm = -accX/sqrt(accX*accX+accY*accY+accZ*accZ);
585 accYnorm = -accY/sqrt(accX*accX+accY*accY+accZ*accZ);
586 // calculate pitch and roll in rad EQ. 10
587 pitch = asin(-accXnorm);
588 roll = asin(accYnorm/cos(pitch));
589 // tilt compensated magnetic sensor measurements
590 magXnorm = magX/sqrt(magX*magX+magY*magY+magZ*magZ);
591 magYnorm = magY/sqrt(magX*magX+magY*magY+magZ*magZ);
592 magZnorm = magZ/sqrt(magX*magX+magY*magY+magZ*magZ);
593 // mag components EQ. 12
594 magXcomp = magXnorm*cos(pitch)+magZnorm*sin(pitch);
595 magYcomp = magXnorm*sin(roll)*sin(pitch)+magYnorm*cos(roll)-magZnorm*sin(
596     roll)*cos(pitch);
597 // calculate heading EQ. 13
598 head = atan2(magYcomp,magXcomp)*180/PI;
599 if (head < 0) {head +=360;}
600 // transpose pitch and roll into degree
601 pitch *= 180/PI;
602 roll *= 180/PI;
603 wdt_reset(); // .....
604 }
605 // end prepare data function
606
607 // start writeToSD function ++++++
608 void writeToSD() //
609 {
610     wdt_reset(); // .....
611     dataFile = SD.open(logfilename, FILE_WRITE); // if file does not exist it
612         will be created
613     if (dataFile) {
614         // write transmitted string

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603     dataFile.print(callsign);dataFile.print(",");
604     dataFile.print(count);dataFile.print(",");
605     snprintf(tmpS,10,"%02d:%02d:%02d",hour,minute,second);
606     dataFile.print(tmpS);dataFile.print(",");
607     dataFile.print(lat < 0 ? "-" : " ");
608     dataFile.print(lat_int);dataFile.print(".");
609     dataFile.print(lat_dec);dataFile.print(",");
610     dataFile.print(lon < 0 ? "-" : " ");
611     dataFile.print(lon_int);dataFile.print(".");
612     dataFile.print(lon_dec);dataFile.print(",");
613     dataFile.print(maxalt);dataFile.print(",");
614     dataFile.print(sats);dataFile.print(",");
615     dataFile.print(temperature1);dataFile.print(","); // DS18B20
616     dataFile.print(battvaverage);dataFile.print(",");
617     dataFile.print(errorstatus);dataFile.print(",");
618     // write remaining sensor data
619     dataFile.print(lum1);dataFile.print(","); // TSL2561
620     dataFile.print(ir1);dataFile.print(","); // TSL2561
621     dataFile.print(full1);dataFile.print(","); // TSL2561
622     dataFile.print(lux1);dataFile.print(","); // TSL2561
623     dataFile.print(temperature3,2);dataFile.print(","); // HTU21DF
624     dataFile.print(humidity1,2);dataFile.print(","); // HTU21DF
625     dataFile.print(pressure1,0);dataFile.print(","); // MPL3115A2
626     dataFile.print(alt1,2);dataFile.print(","); // MPL3115A2
627     dataFile.print(temperature4,2);dataFile.print(","); // MPL3115A2
628     dataFile.print(temperature5,2);dataFile.print(","); // MCP9808
629     dataFile.print(pressure2,0);dataFile.print(","); // BMP085
630     dataFile.print(alt2,2);dataFile.print(","); // BMP085
631     dataFile.print(temperature6,2);dataFile.print(","); // BMP085
632     dataFile.print(gyroX,0);dataFile.print(","); // L3GD20
633     dataFile.print(gyroY,0);dataFile.print(","); // L3GD20
634     dataFile.print(gyroZ,0);dataFile.print(","); // L3GD20
635     dataFile.print(accX,2);dataFile.print(","); // LSM303 acc
636     dataFile.print(accY,2);dataFile.print(","); // LSM303 acc
637     dataFile.print(accZ,2);dataFile.print(","); // LSM303 acc
638     dataFile.print(magX,2);dataFile.print(","); // LSM303 mag
639     dataFile.print(magY,2);dataFile.print(","); // LSM303 mag
640     dataFile.print(magZ,2);dataFile.print(","); // LSM303 mag
641     dataFile.print(roll,2);dataFile.print(","); // LSM303 roll
642     dataFile.print(pitch,2);dataFile.print(","); // LSM303 pitch
643     dataFile.print(head,2); //dataFile.print(","); // LSM303 head
644     dataFile.print("\n"); // EOL
645     dataFile.close(); // close data file
646     errorstatus &= ~(1 << 14);
647 } else {errorstatus |=(1 << 14);}
648 wdt_reset(); // .....
649 }
650 // end writeToSD function
651
652 // start ISR timer5 function ++++++.....+++++.....+++++.....+
653 ISR(TIMER5_COMPA_vect)
654 {
655 wdt_reset(); // .....
656 if(alt>pedlim && sats >= 4)
657 {
658     digitalWrite(LED_WARN,LOW);
659     digitalWrite(LED_OK,LOW);
660 }

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661     else
662     {
663         currentMillis = millis();
664         if(currentMillis - previousMillis > ONE_SECOND)
665         {
666             previousMillis = currentMillis;
667             if(errorstatus!=8)
668             {
669                 digitalWrite(LED_WARN, !digitalRead(LED_WARN));
670                 digitalWrite(LED_OK, LOW);
671             }
672             else
673             {
674                 digitalWrite(LED_OK, !digitalRead(LED_OK));
675                 digitalWrite(LED_WARN, LOW);
676             }
677         }
678     }
679 // switch
680     ++++++
681     switch(txstatus) {
682     case 0: // This is the optional delay between transmissions.
683     wdt_reset(); // .....
684     txj++;
685     if(txj>(TXDELAY*RTTY_BAUD)) {
686         txj=0;
687         txstatus=1;
688     }
689     writeToSD(); // write to micro SD
690     break;
691     case 1: // Initialise transmission
692     wdt_reset(); // .....
693     if(alt>maxalt && sats >= 4)
694     {
695         maxalt=alt;
696     }
697     lockvariables=1;
698 #ifndef APRS
699     sprintf(txstring,100, "$$$$$%s,%i,%02d:%02d:%02d,%s%i.%06ld,%s%i.%06ld
700 ,%ld,%d,%i,%i",callsign,count, hour, minute, second,lat < 0 ? "-" : "
701 ",lat_int,lat_dec,lon < 0 ? "-" : "",lon_int,lon_dec, maxalt,sats,
702 temperature1,battvaverage,errorstatus);
703 #endif
704 #ifdef APRS
705     sprintf(txstring,100, "$$$$$%s,%i,%02d:%02d:%02d,%s%i.%06ld,%s%i.%06ld
706 ,%ld,%d,%i,%i,%i",callsign,count, hour, minute, second,lat < 0 ? "-" :
707 : "",lat_int,lat_dec,lon < 0 ? "-" : "",lon_int,lon_dec, maxalt,sats,
708 temperature1,battvaverage,aprs_attempts,errorstatus);
709 #endif
710     crccat(txstring);
711     maxalt=0;
712     lockvariables=0;
713     txstringlength=strlen(txstring);
714     txstatus=2;
715     txj=0;
716     break;
717     case 2: // Grab a char and lets go transmit it.

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712 wdت_reset(); // .....
713     if ( txj < txstringlength)
714     {
715         txc = txstring[txj];
716         txj++;
717         txstatus=3;
718         rtty_txbit (0); // Start Bit;
719         txi=0;
720     }
721     else
722     {
723         txstatus=0; // Should be finished
724         txj=0;
725         count++;
726     }
727     break;
728 case 3:
729 wdت_reset(); // .....
730     if(txи<ASCII)
731     {
732         txi++;
733         if (txc & 1) rtty_txbit(1);
734         else rtty_txbit(0);
735         txc = txc >> 1; // left shift one bit
736         break;
737     }
738     else
739     {
740         rtty_txbit (1); // Stop Bit
741         txstatus=4;
742         txi=0;
743         break;
744     }
745 case 4:
746 wdت_reset(); // .....
747     if(STOPBITS==2) // if two stop bits
748     {
749         rtty_txbit (1); // Stop Bit
750         txstatus=2;
751         break;
752     }
753     else
754     {
755         txstatus=2;
756         break;
757     }
758 }
759 }
760 // end ISR timer 1 function
761
762 // start ISR timer3 function ++++++.....+++++.....+++++.....+++++
763 ISR(TIMER3_OVF_vect)
764 {
765 wdت_reset(); // .....
766     static uint16_t phase = 0;
767     static uint16_t step = PHASE_DELTA_1200;
768     static uint16_t sample = 0;
769     static uint8_t rest = PREAMBLE_BYTES + REST_BYTES;

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770 static uint8_t byte;
771 static uint8_t bit      = 7;
772 static int8_t bc       = 0;
773 /* Update the PWM output */
774 OCR2B = pgm_read_byte(&_sine_table[(phase >> 7) & 0x1FF]);
775 phase += step;
776
777 if(++sample < SAMPLES_PER_BAUD) return;
778 sample = 0;
779
780 /* Zero-bit insertion */
781 if(bc == 5)
782 {
783     step ^= PHASE_DELTA_XOR;
784     bc = 0;
785     return;
786 }
787
788 /* Load the next byte */
789 if(++bit == 8)
790 {
791     bit = 0;
792
793     if(rest > REST_BYTES || !_txlen)
794     {
795         if(!--rest)
796         {
797             /* Disable radio and interrupt */
798             PORTD &= ~_BV(HX1_ENABLE); // Turn the HX1 Off
799             aprstxstatus=0;
800             TIMSK2 &= ~_BV(TOIE2);
801
802             /* Prepare state for next run */
803             phase = sample = 0;
804             step = PHASE_DELTA_1200;
805             rest = PREAMBLE_BYTES + REST_BYTES;
806             bit = 7;
807             bc = 0;
808             return;
809     }
810
811     /* Rest period, transmit ax.25 header */
812     byte = 0x7E;
813     bc = -1;
814 }
815 else
816 {
817     /* Read the next byte from memory */
818     byte = *(_txbuf++);
819     if(!--_txlen) rest = REST_BYTES + 2;
820     if(bc < 0) bc = 0;
821 }
822 }
823
824 /* Find the next bit */
825 if(byte & 1)
826 {
827     /* 1: Output frequency stays the same */

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828     if(bc >= 0) bc++;
829 }
830 else
831 {
832     /* 0: Toggle the output frequency */
833     step ^= PHASE_DELTA_XOR;
834     if(bc >= 0) bc = 0;
835 }
836
837 byte >>= 1;
838 }
839 // end ISR timer2 function
840
841 // some more functions ##########
842
843 // start rtty_txbit function ++++++
844 void rtty_txbit (int bit)
845 {
846 wdت_reset(); // .....
847 if (bit) // bit is 1
848 {
849     analogWrite(MTX2_TXD, MTX2_OFFSET+((MTX2_SHIFT*1.8)/16)); // High
850 }
851 else // bit is 0
852 {
853     analogWrite(MTX2_TXD, MTX2_OFFSET); // Low
854 }
855 }
856 // end rtty_txbit function
857
858 // start blinkled function ++++++
859 void blinkled(int blinks)
860 {
861 wdت_reset(); // .....
862 for(int blinkedx = 0; blinkedx <= blinks; blinkedx++) {
863     digitalWrite(LED_WARN,HIGH);
864     wait(100);
865     digitalWrite(LED_WARN,LOW);
866     wait(100);
867 }
868 }
869 // end blinkled function
870
871 // start wait function, we redefine so make sure it works like we want +++
872 void wait(unsigned long delaytime) // Arduino Delay doesn't get CPU Speeds
     below 8Mhz
873 {
874     unsigned long _delaytime=millis();
875     while((_delaytime+delaytime)>=millis()) {
876     }
877 }
878 // end wait function
879
880 // start crccat function ++++++
881 uint16_t crccat(char *msg)
882 {
883 wdت_reset(); // .....
884     uint16_t x;

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885     while (*msg == '$') msg++;
886
887     for (x = 0xFFFF; *msg; msg++)
888         x = _crc_xmodem_update(x, *msg);
889
890     sprintf_P(msg, 8, PSTR(" *%04X\n"), x);
891
892     return (x);
893 }
894 // end crcat function
895
896 // EOF ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++
897

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## A.2 FUNCTION FILES

Listing 4: File *mtx2\_apresFun\_v01.ino* containing function for controlling the radio transmission module.

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1  /*
2   TITAN HAB flight computer software
3   Modifications copyright 2015 by Emanuel Bombasaro
4
5   This code is suitable for the Arduino Mega 2560 rev3.
6   Function file containing all relevant functions regarding MTX2 and APRS
7
8   ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++
9   created 25-XII-2014 EMBO
10  edited 14-II-2015 EMBO
11 */
12
13 // MTX2 ##### #####
14 // function setMTX2Frequency ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++
15 void setMTX2Frequency()
16 {
17     float _mtx2comp;
18     int _mtx2int;
19     long _mtx2fractional;
20     char _mtx2command[17];
21     MTX2_EN.begin(9600);
22     _mtx2comp=(MTX2_FREQ+0.0015)/6.5;
23     _mtx2int=_mtx2comp;
24     _mtx2fractional=float(((_mtx2comp-_mtx2int)+1)*524288);
25     sprintf(_mtx2command,17,"@PRG_%02X%06lX\r",_mtx2int-1, _mtx2fractional);
26     delay(100);
27     MTX2_EN.print(_mtx2command);
28     delay(50);
29     MTX2_EN.end();
30 }
31 // end setMTX2Frequency function
32
33 // APRS #####
34 // start send_APRS function ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++
35 void send_APRS() {
36     ax25_init();
37     tx_aprs();
38 }

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39 //end send_APRS function
40
41 // start tx_aprs function ++++++=====
42 void tx_aprs()
{
    aprstxstatus=1;
    PORTD |= _BV(HX1_ENABLE); // Same as digitalWrite(HX1_ENABLE, HIGH); but
    more efficient
    char slat[5];
    char slng[5];
    char stlm[9];
    static uint16_t seq = 0;
    double aprs_lat, aprs_lon;

51
52 /* Convert the UBLOX-style coordinates to
   * the APRS compressed format */
53 aprs_lat = 900000000 - lat;
54 aprs_lat = aprs_lat / 26 - aprs_lat / 2710 + aprs_lat / 15384615;
55 aprs_lon = 900000000 + lon / 2;
56 aprs_lon = aprs_lon / 26 - aprs_lon / 2710 + aprs_lon / 15384615;
57 int32_t aprs_alt = alt * 32808 / 10000;

58
59
60 /* Construct the compressed telemetry format */
61 ax25_base91enc(stlm + 0, 2, seq);
62     ax25_frame(
63         APRS_CALLSIGN, APRS_SSID,
64         "APRS", 0,
65         //0, 0, 0, 0,
66         "WIDE1", 1, "WIDE2",1,
67         //"WIDE2", 1,
68         "%!/%s%O  /A=%06ld|%s|%s/%s,%d,%i,%i'C",
69         ax25_base91enc(slat, 4, aprs_lat),
70         ax25_base91enc(slng, 4, aprs_lon),
71         aprs_alt, stlm, comment,APRS_CALLSIGN, count, errorstatus,temperature1)
72     ;
73     seq++;
74 }
75 // end tx_aprs function
76
77 // start ax25_frame function ++++++=====
78 void ax25_frame(char *scallsign, char sssid, char *dcallsign, char dssid,
79 char *path1, char ttl1, char *path2, char ttl2, char *data, ...)
80 {
81     static uint8_t frame[100];
82     uint8_t *s;
83     uint16_t x;
84     va_list va;
85
86     va_start(va, data);
87
88     /* Pause while there is still data transmitting */
89     while(_txlen);

90
91     /* Write in the callsigns and paths */
92     s = _ax25_callsign(frame, dcallsign, dssid);
93     s = _ax25_callsign(s, scallsign, sssid);
94     if(path1) s = _ax25_callsign(s, path1, ttl1);

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95     if(path2) s = _ax25_callsign(s, path2, ttl2);
96
97     /* Mark the end of the callsigns */
98     s[-1] |= 1;
99
100    *(s++) = 0x03; /* Control, 0x03 = APRS-UI frame */
101    *(s++) = 0xF0; /* Protocol ID: 0xF0 = no layer 3 data */
102
103    vsnprintf((char *) s, 100 - (s - frame) - 2, data, va);
104    va_end(va);
105
106    /* Calculate and append the checksum */
107    for(x = 0xFFFF, s = frame; *s; s++)
108        x = _crc_ccitt_update(x, *s);
109
110    *(s++) = ~(x & 0xFF);
111    *(s++) = ~(x >> 8) & 0xFF;
112
113    /* Point the interrupt at the data to be transmit */
114    _txbuf = frame;
115    _txlen = s - frame;
116
117    /* Enable the timer and key the radio */
118    TIMSK2 |= _BV(TOIE2);
119    //PORTA |= TXENABLE;
120 }
121 // end ax25_frame function
122
123 // start _ax25_callsign function ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++
124 static uint8_t *_ax25_callsign(uint8_t *s, char *callsign, char ssid)
125 {
126     char i;
127     for(i = 0; i < 6; i++)
128     {
129         if(*callsign) *(s++) = *(callsign++) << 1;
130         else *(s++) = ' ' << 1;
131     }
132     *(s++) = ('0' + ssid) << 1;
133     return(s);
134 }
135 // end _ax25_callsign function
136
137 // start ax25_base91enc function ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++
138 char *ax25_base91enc(char *s, uint8_t n, uint32_t v)
139 {
140     /* Creates a Base-91 representation of the value in v in the string */
141     /* pointed to by s, n-characters long. String length should be n+1. */
142
143     for(s += n, *s = '\0'; n; n--)
144     {
145         *(--s) = v % 91 + 33;
146         v /= 91;
147     }
148
149     return(s);
150 }
151 // end ax25_base91enc function
152

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153 // EOF ++++++-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
1      /*
2       TITAN HAB flight computer software
3       Modifications copyright 2015 by Emanuel Bombasaro
4
5       This code is suitable for the Arduino Mega 2560 rev3.
6       Function file containing all relevant functions regarding GPS
7
8 ++++++-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+-----+
9 created 25-XII-2014 EMBO
10 edited 22- I-2015 EMBO
11 */
12
13 /*
14 Dynamic platform model:
15 0: portable
16 2: stationary
17 3: pedestrian (used)
18 4: automotive
19 5: sea
20 6: airborne with <1g Acceleration (used)
21 7: airborne with <2g Acceleration
22 8: airborne with <4g Acceleration
23 */
24
25 // start getUBX_ACK function ++++++-----+-----+-----+-----+
26 boolean getUBX_ACK(uint8_t *MSG)
27 {
28     uint8_t b;
29     uint8_t ackByteID = 0;
30     uint8_t ackPacket[10];
31     unsigned long startTime = millis();
32
33     // Construct the expected ACK packet
34     ackPacket[0] = 0xB5; // header
35     ackPacket[1] = 0x62; // header
36     ackPacket[2] = 0x05; // class
37     ackPacket[3] = 0x01; // id
38     ackPacket[4] = 0x02; // length
39     ackPacket[5] = 0x00;
40     ackPacket[6] = MSG[2]; // ACK class
41     ackPacket[7] = MSG[3]; // ACK id
42     ackPacket[8] = 0; // CK_A
43     ackPacket[9] = 0; // CK_B
44
45     // Calculate the checksums
46     for (uint8_t ubxi=2; ubxi<8; ubxi++) {
47         ackPacket[8] = ackPacket[8] + ackPacket[ubxi];
48         ackPacket[9] = ackPacket[9] + ackPacket[8];
49     }
50
51     while (1) {
52
53         // Test for success
54         if (ackByteID > 9) {
55             // All packets in order!

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56     return true;
57 }
58
59 // Timeout if no valid response in 3 seconds
60 if (millis() - startTime > 3000) {
61     return false;
62 }
63
64 // Make sure data is available to read
65 if (Serial.available()) {
66     b = Serial.read();
67
68     // Check that bytes arrive in sequence as per expected ACK packet
69     if (b == ackPacket[ackByteID]) {
70         ackByteID++;
71     }
72     else {
73         ackByteID = 0; // Reset and look again, invalid order
74     }
75
76 }
77 }
78 }
79 //end getUBX_ACK function
80
81 // start gps_CRC16_checksum function ++++++
82 uint16_t gps_CRC16_checksum (char *string)
83 {
84     size_t i;
85     uint16_t crc;
86     uint8_t c;
87
88     crc = 0xFFFF;
89
90     // Calculate checksum ignoring the first two $
91     for (i = 5; i < strlen(string); i++)
92     {
93         c = string[i];
94         crc = _crc_xmodem_update (crc, c);
95     }
96
97     return crc;
98 }
99 //end gps_CRC16_checksum function
100
101 // start gps_check_nav function ++++++
102 uint8_t gps_check_nav (void)
103 {
104     uint8_t request[8] = {
105         0xB5, 0x62, 0x06, 0x24, 0x00, 0x00, 0x2A, 0x84
106     };
107     sendUBX(request, 8);
108
109     // Get the message back from the GPS
110     gps_get_data();
111
112     // Verify sync and header bytes
113     if( buf[0] != 0xB5 || buf[1] != 0x62 ) {
114         GPSerror = 41;

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114     }
115     if( buf[2] != 0x06 || buf[3] != 0x24 ) {
116         GPSerror = 42;
117     }
118     // Check 40 bytes of message checksum
119     if( !_gps_verify_checksum(&buf[2], 40) ) {
120         GPSerror = 43;
121     }
122     // Return the navigation mode and let the caller analyse it
123     navmode = buf[8];
124 }
125 //end gps_check_nav function
126
127 // start _gps_verify_checksum function ++++++
128 bool _gps_verify_checksum(uint8_t* data, uint8_t len)
129 {
130     uint8_t a, b;
131     gps_ubx_checksum(data, len, &a, &b);
132     if( a != *(data + len) || b != *(data + len + 1) )
133         return false;
134     else
135         return true;
136 }
137 //end _gps_verify_checksum function
138
139 // start gps_ubx_checksum function ++++++
140 void gps_ubx_checksum(uint8_t* data, uint8_t len, uint8_t* cka, uint8_t*
141 ckb)
142 {
143     *cka = 0;
144     *ckb = 0;
145     for( uint8_t i = 0; i < len; i++ )
146     {
147         *cka += *data;
148         *ckb += *cka;
149         data++;
150     }
151 //end gps_ubx_checksum function
152
153 // start checkDynamicModel function ++++++
154 void checkDynamicModel()
155 {
156     if(alt<=1000&&sats>4) {
157         if(navmode != 3)
158         {
159             setGPS_DynamicModel3();
160             errorstatus |=(1 << 3); // Set Bit 3 indicating we are in pedestrian
161             mode
162         }
163     else
164     {
165         if(navmode != 6){
166             setGPS_DynamicModel6();
167             errorstatus &= ~(1 << 3); // Unset bit 3 indicating we are in flight
168             mode
169         }
170     }
171 }
172
173 // end checkDynamicModel function

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169     }
170   }
171 }
172 //end checkDynamicModel function
173
174 // start sendUBX function ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++
175 void sendUBX(uint8_t *MSG, uint8_t len)
176 {
177   Serial.flush();
178   Serial.write(0xFF);
179   wait(100);
180   for(int i=0; i<len; i++) {
181     Serial.write(MSG[i]);
182   }
183 }
184 //end sendUBX function
185
186 // start setupGPS function ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++
187 void setupGPS()
188 {
189   // Turning off all GPS NMEA strings apart on the uBlox module
190   // Taken from Project Swift (rather than the old way of sending ascii
191   // text)
192   int gps_set_sucess=0;
193   uint8_t setNMEAoff[] = {
194     0xB5, 0x62, 0x06, 0x00, 0x14, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0xD0, 0x08,
195     0x00, 0x00, 0x80, 0x25, 0x00, 0x00, 0x07, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
196     0x00, 0x00, 0xA0, 0xA9      };
197   sendUBX(setNMEAoff, sizeof(setNMEAoff)/sizeof(uint8_t));
198   while(!gps_set_sucess)
199   {
200     sendUBX(setNMEAoff, sizeof(setNMEAoff)/sizeof(uint8_t));
201     gps_set_sucess=getUBX_ACK(setNMEAoff);
202     if(!gps_set_sucess)
203     {
204       blinkled(2);
205     }
206   }
207   wait(500);
208   setGPS_GNSS();
209   wait(500);
210   setGPS_DynamicModel6();
211   wait(500);
212   setGps_MaxPerformanceMode();
213   wait(500);
214 }
215 // end setupGPS function
216
217 // start resetGPS function ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++ ++++++
218 void resetGPS()
219 {
220   uint8_t set_reset[] = {
221     0xB5, 0x62, 0x06, 0x04, 0x04, 0x00, 0xFF, 0x87, 0x00, 0x00, 0x94, 0xF5
222   };
223   sendUBX(set_reset, sizeof(set_reset)/sizeof(uint8_t));
224 }
225 // end resetGPS function

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223 // start setGPS_DynamicModel6 function ++++++
224 void setGPS_DynamicModel6()
225 {
226     int gps_set_sucess=0;
227     uint8_t setdm6[] = {
228         0xB5, 0x62, 0x06, 0x24, 0x24, 0x00, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0x06,
229         0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x10, 0x27, 0x00, 0x00,
230         0x05, 0x00, 0xFA, 0x00, 0xFA, 0x00, 0x64, 0x00, 0x2C,
231         0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
232         0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x16, 0xDC             };
233     while(!gps_set_sucess)
234     {
235         sendUBX(setdm6, sizeof(setdm6)/sizeof(uint8_t));
236         gps_set_sucess=getUBX_ACK(setdm6);
237     }
238 }
239 // end setGPS_DynamicModel6 function
240
241 // start setGPS_GNSS function ++++++
242 void setGPS_GNSS()
243 {
244     // Sets CFG-GNSS to disable everything other than GPS GNSS
245     // solution. Failure to do this means GPS power saving
246     // doesn't work. Not needed for MAX7, needed for MAX8's
247     int gps_set_sucess=0;
248     uint8_t setgnss[] = {
249         0xB5, 0x62, 0x06, 0x3E, 0x2C, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
250         0x20, 0x05, 0x00, 0x08, 0x10, 0x00, 0x01, 0x00,
251         0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
252         0x01, 0x01, 0x03, 0x08, 0x10, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
253         0x01, 0x01, 0x05, 0x00, 0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
254         0x01, 0x01, 0x06, 0x08, 0x0E, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
255         0x01, 0x01, 0xFC, 0x11   };
256     while(!gps_set_sucess)
257     {
258         sendUBX(setgnss, sizeof(setgnss)/sizeof(uint8_t));
259         gps_set_sucess=getUBX_ACK(setgnss);
260     }
261 }
262 // end setGPS_GNSS function
263
264 // start setGPS_DynamicModel3 function ++++++
265 void setGPS_DynamicModel3()
266 {
267     int gps_set_sucess=0;
268     uint8_t setdm3[] = {
269         0xB5, 0x62, 0x06, 0x24, 0x24, 0x00, 0xFF, 0xFF, 0x03,
270         0x03, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x10, 0x27, 0x00, 0x00,
271         0x05, 0x00, 0xFA, 0x00, 0xFA, 0x00, 0x64, 0x00, 0x2C,
272         0x01, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00,
273         0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x00, 0x13, 0x76             };
274     while(!gps_set_sucess)
275     {
276         sendUBX(setdm3, sizeof(setdm3)/sizeof(uint8_t));
277         gps_set_sucess=getUBX_ACK(setdm3);
278     }
279 }
280 // end setGPS_DynamicModel3 function

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281
282 // start setGps_MaxPerformanceMode function ++++++
283 void setGps_MaxPerformanceMode()
284 {
285     //Set GPS for Max Performance Mode
286     uint8_t setMax[] = {
287         0xB5, 0x62, 0x06, 0x11, 0x02, 0x00, 0x08, 0x00, 0x21, 0x91 }; // Setup
288     sendUBX(setMax, sizeof(setMax)/sizeof(uint8_t));
289 }
290 // end setGps_MaxPerformanceMode function
291
292 // start gps_get_data function ++++++
293 void gps_get_data()
294 {
295     Serial.flush();
296     // Clear buf[i]
297     for(int i = 0;i<60;i++)
298     {
299         buf[i] = 0; // clearing buffer
300     }
301     int i = 0;
302     unsigned long startTime = millis();
303
304     while ((i<60) && ((millis() - startTime) < 1000) ) {
305         if (Serial.available()) {
306             buf[i] = Serial.read();
307             i++;
308         }
309     }
310 }
311 // end gps_get_data function
312
313 // start gps_check_lock function ++++++
314 void gps_check_lock()
315 {
316     GPSerror = 0;
317     Serial.flush();
318     // Construct the request to the GPS
319     uint8_t request[8] = {
320         0xB5, 0x62, 0x01, 0x06, 0x00,
321         0x07, 0x16
322
323         };
324     sendUBX(request, 8);
325
326     // Get the message back from the GPS
327     gps_get_data();
328     // Verify the sync and header bits
329     if( buf[0] != 0xB5 || buf[1] != 0x62 ) {
330         GPSerror = 11;
331     }
332     if( buf[2] != 0x01 || buf[3] != 0x06 ) {
333         GPSerror = 12;
334     }
335     // Check 60 bytes minus SYNC and CHECKSUM (4 bytes)
336     if( !_gps_verify_checksum(&buf[2], 56) ) {

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336     GPSerror = 13;
337 }
338
339 if(GPSerror == 0){
340     // Return the value if GPSfixOK is set in 'flags'
341     if( buf[17] & 0x01 )
342         lock = buf[16];
343     else
344         lock = 0;
345
346     sats = buf[53];
347 }
348 else {
349     lock = 0;
350 }
351 }
352 // end gps_check_lock function
353
354 // start gps_get_position function ++++++
355 void gps_get_position()
356 {
357     GPSerror = 0;
358     Serial.flush();
359     // Request a NAV-POSLH message from the GPS
360     uint8_t request[8] = {
361         0xB5, 0x62, 0x01, 0x02, 0x00, 0x00, 0x03, 0x0A           };
362     sendUBX(request, 8);
363
364     // Get the message back from the GPS
365     gps_get_data();
366
367     // Verify the sync and header bits
368     if( buf[0] != 0xB5 || buf[1] != 0x62 )
369         GPSerror = 21;
370     if( buf[2] != 0x01 || buf[3] != 0x02 )
371         GPSerror = 22;
372
373     if( !_gps_verify_checksum(&buf[2], 32) ) {
374         GPSerror = 23;
375     }
376
377     if(GPSerror == 0) {
378         if(sats<4)
379         {
380             lat=0;
381             lon=0;
382             alt=0;
383         }
384         else
385         {
386             lon = (int32_t)buf[10] | (int32_t)buf[11] << 8 |
387                 (int32_t)buf[12] << 16 | (int32_t)buf[13] << 24;
388             lat = (int32_t)buf[14] | (int32_t)buf[15] << 8 |
389                 (int32_t)buf[16] << 16 | (int32_t)buf[17] << 24;
390             alt = (int32_t)buf[22] | (int32_t)buf[23] << 8 |
391                 (int32_t)buf[24] << 16 | (int32_t)buf[25] << 24;
392         }
393         // 4 bytes of latitude/longitude (1e-7)

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394     lon_int=abs(lon/10000000);
395     lon_dec=(labs(lon) % 10000000)/10;
396     lat_int=abs(lat/10000000);
397     lat_dec=(labs(lat) % 10000000)/10;
398
399     // 4 bytes of altitude above MSL (mm)
400     alt /= 1000; // converte to meters
401 }
402
403 }
404 // end gps_get_position function
405
406 // start setGPS_PowerSaveMode function ++++++
407 void setGPS_PowerSaveMode()
408 {
409     // Power Save Mode
410     uint8_t setPSM[] = {
411         0xB5, 0x62, 0x06, 0x11, 0x02, 0x00, 0x08, 0x01, 0x22, 0x92
412             // Setup for Power Save Mode (Default Cyclic 1s)
413     sendUBX(setPSM, sizeof(setPSM)/sizeof(uint8_t));
414 }
415 // end setGPS_PowerSaveMode function
416
417 // start gps_get_time function ++++++
418 void gps_get_time()
419 {
420     GPSerror = 0;
421     Serial.flush();
422     // Send a NAV-TIMEUTC message to the receiver
423     uint8_t request[8] = {
424         0xB5, 0x62, 0x01, 0x21, 0x00, 0x00, 0x22, 0x67
425     } ;
426     sendUBX(request, 8);
427
428     // Get the message back from the GPS
429     gps_get_data();
430
431     // Verify the sync and header bits
432     if( buf[0] != 0xB5 || buf[1] != 0x62 )
433         GPSerror = 31;
434     if( buf[2] != 0x01 || buf[3] != 0x21 )
435         GPSerror = 32;
436
437     if( !_gps_verify_checksum(&buf[2], 24) ) {
438         GPSerror = 33;
439     }
440
441     if(GPSerror == 0) {
442         if(buf[22] > 23 || buf[23] > 59 || buf[24] > 59)
443         {
444             GPSerror = 34;
445         }
446         else {
447             hour = buf[22];
448             minute = buf[23];
449             second = buf[24];
450         }
451     }
452 }

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451 // end gps_get_time function
452
453 // EOF ++++++=====

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### A.3 ADDITIONAL HEADER FILES

Listing 6: File *ax25modem.h* containing variable definitions for the AX25 modem.

```

1  /* From Project Swift - High altitude balloon flight software */
2  =====
3  /* Copyright 2010-2012 Philip Heron <phil@sanslogic.co.uk>
4   *               Nigel Smart <nigel@projectswift.co.uk>
5   *
6   * This program is free software: you can redistribute it and/or modify
7   * it under the terms of the GNU General Public License as published by
8   * the Free Software Foundation, either version 3 of the License, or
9   * (at your option) any later version.
10  *
11  * This program is distributed in the hope that it will be useful,
12  * but WITHOUT ANY WARRANTY; without even the implied warranty of
13  * MERCHANTABILITY or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. See the
14  * GNU General Public License for more details.
15  *
16  * You should have received a copy of the GNU General Public License
17  * along with this program. If not, see <http://www.gnu.org/licenses/>. */
18
19 // #define APRS // Uncomment to use APRS.
20
21 #ifndef __AX25MODEM_H
22 #define __AX25MODEM_H
23 #define APRS_TX_INTERVAL 1 // APRS TX Interval in minutes
24 #define APRS_CALLSIGN "OZ7EMA"
25 #define APRS_SSID      (11)
26
27 extern void ax25_init(void);
28 extern void ax25_frame(char *scallsign, char sssid, char *dcallsign, char
29   dssid,
30   char *path1, char ttl1, char *path2, char ttl2, char *data, ...);
31 extern char *ax25_base91enc(char *s, uint8_t n, uint32_t v);
32
33 #endif
34 // EOF =====

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Listing 7: File *sine\_table.h* containing numeric values of the sinus function.

```

1 /*
2  TITAN HAB flight computer software
3  Modifications copyright 2015 by Emanuel Bombasaro
4  file containg sinus_table
5
6 ++++++=====
7 created 25-XII-2014 EMBO
8 edited 09- I-2015 EMBO
9 */
10 0x80,0x81,0x83,0x84,0x86,0x87,0x89,0x8A,0x8C,0x8D,0x8F,0x91,0x92,0x94,0x95
     ,0x97,

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11 0x98, 0x9A, 0x9B, 0x9D, 0x9E, 0xA0, 0xA1, 0xA3, 0xA4, 0xA6, 0xA7, 0xA9, 0xAA, 0xAC, 0xAD
    , 0xAF,
12 0xB0, 0xB2, 0xB3, 0xB4, 0xB6, 0xB7, 0xB9, 0xBA, 0xBB, 0xBD, 0xBE, 0xBF, 0xC1, 0xC2, 0xC3
    , 0xC5,
13 0xC6, 0xC7, 0xC9, 0xCA, 0xCB, 0xCC, 0xCE, 0xCF, 0xD0, 0xD1, 0xD2, 0xD4, 0xD5, 0xD6, 0xD7
    , 0xD8,
14 0xD9, 0xDA, 0xDB, 0xDD, 0xDE, 0xDF, 0xE0, 0xE1, 0xE2, 0xE3, 0xE4, 0xE5, 0xE6, 0xE6, 0xE7
    , 0xE8,
15 0xE9, 0xEA, 0xEB, 0xEC, 0xED, 0xEE, 0xEF, 0xF0, 0xF0, 0xF1, 0xF2, 0xF2, 0xF3, 0xF4
    , 0xF4,
16 0xF5, 0xF5, 0xF6, 0xF7, 0xF7, 0xF8, 0xF8, 0xF9, 0xF9, 0xF9, 0xFA, 0xFA, 0xFB, 0xFB, 0xFB
    , 0xFC,
17 0xFC, 0xFC, 0xFD, 0xFD, 0xFD, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE
    , 0xFE,
18 0xFF, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFE, 0xFD, 0xFD, 0xFD, 0xFD, 0xFC,
    , 0xFC,
19 0xFC, 0xFC, 0xFB, 0xFB, 0xFB, 0xFA, 0xFA, 0xF9, 0xF9, 0xF9, 0xF8, 0xF8, 0xF8, 0xF7, 0xF7, 0xF6
    , 0xF5,
20 0xF5, 0xF4, 0xF4, 0xF3, 0xF2, 0xF2, 0xF1, 0xF0, 0xF0, 0xEF, 0xEE, 0xED, 0xEC, 0xEC, 0xEB
    , 0xEA,
21 0xE9, 0xE8, 0xE7, 0xE6, 0xE6, 0xE5, 0xE4, 0xE3, 0xE2, 0xE1, 0xE0, 0xDF, 0xDE, 0xDD, 0xDB
    , 0xDA,
22 0xD9, 0xD8, 0xD7, 0xD6, 0xD5, 0xD4, 0xD2, 0xD1, 0xD0, 0xCF, 0xCE, 0xCC, 0xCB, 0xCA, 0xC9
    , 0xC7,
23 0xC6, 0xC5, 0xC3, 0xC2, 0xC1, 0xBF, 0xBE, 0xBD, 0xBB, 0xBA, 0xB9, 0xB7, 0xB6, 0xB4, 0xB3
    , 0xB2,
24 0xB0, 0xAF, 0xAC, 0xAA, 0xA9, 0xA7, 0xA6, 0xA4, 0xA3, 0xA1, 0xA0, 0x9E, 0x9D, 0x9B
    , 0x9A,
25 0x98, 0x97, 0x95, 0x94, 0x92, 0x91, 0x8F, 0x8D, 0x8C, 0x8A, 0x89, 0x87, 0x86, 0x84, 0x83
    , 0x81,
26 0x80, 0x7E, 0x7C, 0x7B, 0x79, 0x78, 0x76, 0x75, 0x73, 0x72, 0x70, 0x6E, 0x6D, 0x6B, 0x6A
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27 0x67, 0x65, 0x64, 0x62, 0x61, 0x5F, 0x5E, 0x5C, 0x5B, 0x59, 0x58, 0x56, 0x55, 0x53, 0x52
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28 0x4F, 0x4D, 0x4C, 0x4B, 0x49, 0x48, 0x46, 0x45, 0x44, 0x42, 0x41, 0x40, 0x3E, 0x3D, 0x3C
    , 0x3A,
29 0x39, 0x38, 0x36, 0x35, 0x34, 0x33, 0x31, 0x30, 0x2F, 0x2E, 0x2D, 0x2B, 0x2A, 0x29, 0x28
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30 0x26, 0x25, 0x24, 0x22, 0x21, 0x20, 0x1F, 0x1E, 0x1D, 0x1C, 0x1B, 0x1A, 0x19, 0x19, 0x18
    , 0x17,
31 0x16, 0x15, 0x14, 0x13, 0x13, 0x12, 0x11, 0x10, 0x0F, 0x0F, 0x0E, 0x0D, 0x0D, 0x0C, 0x0B
    , 0x0B,
32 0x0A, 0x0A, 0x09, 0x08, 0x08, 0x07, 0x07, 0x06, 0x06, 0x06, 0x05, 0x05, 0x04, 0x04, 0x04
    , 0x03,
33 0x03, 0x03, 0x02, 0x02, 0x02, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01, 0x01
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34 0x01, 0x02, 0x02, 0x02, 0x02
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35 0x03, 0x03, 0x04, 0x04, 0x04, 0x05, 0x05, 0x06, 0x06, 0x06, 0x07, 0x07, 0x08, 0x08, 0x09
    , 0x0A,
36 0xA0, 0x0B, 0x0B, 0x0C, 0x0D, 0x0D, 0x0E, 0x0F, 0x0F, 0x10, 0x11, 0x12, 0x13, 0x13, 0x14
    , 0x15,
37 0x16, 0x17, 0x18, 0x19, 0x19, 0x1A, 0x1B, 0x1C, 0x1D, 0x1E, 0x1F, 0x20, 0x21, 0x22, 0x24
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38 0x26, 0x27, 0x28, 0x29, 0x2A, 0x2B, 0x2D, 0x2E, 0x2F, 0x30, 0x31, 0x33, 0x34, 0x35, 0x36
    , 0x38,
39 0x39, 0x3A, 0x3C, 0x3D, 0x3E, 0x40, 0x41, 0x42, 0x44, 0x45, 0x46, 0x48, 0x49, 0x4B, 0x4C
    , 0x4D,

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40 0x4F, 0x50, 0x52, 0x53, 0x55, 0x56, 0x58, 0x59, 0x5B, 0x5C, 0x5E, 0x5F, 0x61, 0x62, 0x64
     , 0x65,
41 0x67, 0x68, 0x6A, 0x6B, 0x6D, 0x6E, 0x70, 0x72, 0x73, 0x75, 0x76, 0x78, 0x79, 0x7B, 0x7C
     , 0x7E,
42 // EOF ++++++

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## B Flight Control Centre Source Code

Listing 8: File *TitanControlCentre.html* Flight Control Centre html file.

```

1 <!--
2 Main flight control centre file
3 The web application allows to vizualize the logged transmission of Fldidi
   in real time
4 created by Emanuel Bombasaro 27.II.2015
5 edited 01.III.2015 Emanuel Bombasaro
6 -->
7 <!DOCTYPE html>
8 <html>
9   <head>
10    <title>Flight Control Centre</title>
11    <LINK href="css/mystyle.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css">
12    <script src="https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/js"></script>
13    <script src="js/TitanControlCentre.js"></script>
14   </head>
15   <body>
16
17
18 <div class="header">
19   
20   <h1>Flight Control Centre</h1>
21   <div id="file1"> Specify log file: <input type="text" id="fileInput"
      value="file:///Users/ema/.fldigi/.log" size="40"></div>
22 </div>
23   <div>
24     <pre id="string1">No file selected.<pre>
25   </div>
26
27   <div id="upfield"><input id="stastopB" type="button" onclick="startstop()
      ;" value="Start" /></div>
28 <div>
29 Time: <input type="text" id="time" size="8">
30 Position (lon,lat): <input type="text" id="pos" size="19">
31 Altitude: <input type="text" id="alt" size="5"> m,
32 Satellites: <input type="text" id="sats" size="3">
33 </div>
34 <p></p>
35 <div>
36 Temperature: <input type="text" id="temp" size="3"> &deg C,
37 Battery status: <progress id="batteryPro" value="0" max="100"></progress> <
      input type="text" id="battery" size="5"> mV
38 </div>
39 <p></p>
40 <div id="map-canvas"></div>
41 <p></p>
42 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit0"></div><div id="errorc">GPS Error
   Condition Noted: <font color="blue">Switch to Max Performance Mode</font>

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        ></div>
43 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit1"></div><div id="errorc">GPS Error
    Condition Noted: <font color="red">Cold Boot GPS</font></div>
44 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit2"></div><div id="errorc">DS18B20 temp
    sensor status: <font color="green">OK</font>, <font color="red">Fault</
    font></div>
45 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit3"></div><div id="errorc">Current Dynamic
    Model: <font color="green">Flight</font>, <font color="blue">Pedestrian<
    /font></div>
46 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit4"></div><div id="errorc">PSM status: <font
    color="green">PSM On</font>, <font color="blue">PSM Off</font></div>
47 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit5"></div><div id="errorc">GPS status: <font
    color="green">Locked</font>, <font color="red">Not Locked</font></div>
48 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit6"></div><div id="errorc">TSL2561 lumosity
    sensor status: <font color="green">OK</font>, <font color="red">Fault</
    font></div>
49 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit7"></div><div id="errorc">HTU21DF temp
    humidity sensor status: <font color="green">OK</font>, <font color="red">
    Fault</font></div>
50 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit8"></div><div id="errorc">MPL3115A2
    pressure sensor status: <font color="green">OK</font>, <font color="red">
    Fault</font></div>
51 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit9"></div><div id="errorc">MCP9808
    temperatur precision sensor status: <font color="green">OK</font>, <font
    color="red">Fault</font></div>
52 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit10"></div><div id="errorc">BMP085 pressure
    sensor status: <font color="green">OK</font>, <font color="red">Fault</
    font></div>
53 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit11"></div><div id="errorc">Gyro sensor
    status: <font color="green">OK</font>, <font color="red">Fault</font></
    div>
54 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit12"></div><div id="errorc">Acc sensor
    status: <font color="green">OK</font>, <font color="red">Fault</font></
    div>
55 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit13"></div><div id="errorc">Mag sensor
    status: <font color="green">OK</font>, <font color="red">Fault</font></
    div>
56 <div class="circle gray" id="Bit14"></div><div id="errorc">Logging status:
    <font color="green">OK</font>, <font color="red">Fault</font></div>
57
58 <footer>
59     <p>&copy by Emanuel Bombasaro 2015</p>
60 </footer>
61     </body>
62 </html>
```

Listing 9: File *TitanControlCentre.js* Flight Control Centre javascript file.

```

1 /* java script file for Titan Controll Center
2     created by Emanuel Bombasaro 27-II-2015
3     edited: 28-II-2015
4     edited: 01-III-2015
5
6 */
7 var fileInput;
8 var fileDisplayArea;
9 var file;
10 var stastopB;
11 var readString="No file selected.;"
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12 var callsign;
13 var count;
14 var time;
15 var lon;
16 var lat;
17 var maxalt;
18 var sats;
19 var temperature1;
20 var battvaverage;
21 var errorstatus;
22 var Bitarr=[];
23 var myTimer, onTimer=0;
24
25 var ti, latlon, sat, alts, temp, batt, battPro;
26 var bit0, bit1, bit2, bit3, bit4, bit5, bit6, bit7;
27 var bit8, bit9, bit10, bit11, bit12, bit13, bit14, bit15;
28
29 var mypos, HABpos, markerME, markerHAB, meHAB, meHABpath;
30 var me, hab, map;
31
32 // Check for the various File API support.
33 if (window.File && window.FileReader && window.FileList && window.Blob) {
34 // Great success! All the File APIs are supported.
35 } else {
36     alert('The File APIs are not fully supported by your browser.');
37 }
38
39 // create google map
40 google.maps.event.addDomListener(window, 'load', initialize);
41
42 window.onload = function() {
43     fileInput = document.getElementById('fileInput');
44     stastopB = document.getElementById('stastopB');
45     fileDisplayArea = document.getElementById('string1');
46     ti = document.getElementById("time");
47     latlon = document.getElementById("pos");
48     sat = document.getElementById("sats");
49     alts = document.getElementById("alt");
50     temp = document.getElementById("temp");
51     batt = document.getElementById("battery");
52     battPro = document.getElementById("batteryPro");
53     bit0 = document.getElementById("Bit0");
54     bit1 = document.getElementById("Bit1");
55     bit2 = document.getElementById("Bit2");
56     bit3 = document.getElementById("Bit3");
57     bit4 = document.getElementById("Bit4");
58     bit5 = document.getElementById("Bit5");
59     bit6 = document.getElementById("Bit6");
60     bit7 = document.getElementById("Bit7");
61     bit8 = document.getElementById("Bit8");
62     bit9 = document.getElementById("Bit9");
63     bit10 = document.getElementById("Bit10");
64     bit11 = document.getElementById("Bit11");
65     bit12 = document.getElementById("Bit12");
66     bit13 = document.getElementById("Bit13");
67     bit14 = document.getElementById("Bit14");
68     bit15 = document.getElementById("Bit15");
69

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70 fileDisplayArea.innerText = readString;
71 // set today as log file
72 var today = new Date();
73 fileInput.value=("file:///Users/ema/.fldigi/fldigi" + today.getFullYear()
    + ("0" + (today.getMonth() + 1)).slice(-2) + ("0" + today.getDate()).
    slice(-2) + ".log");
74
75 me = {
76     url: 'images/me.png',
77     origin: new google.maps.Point(0, 0),
78     anchor: new google.maps.Point(30, 45),
79 };
80 hab = {
81     url: 'images/hab.png',
82     origin: new google.maps.Point(0, 0),
83     anchor: new google.maps.Point(20, 45),
84 };
85 }
86
87 // start stop button click
88 function startstop() {
89     // automatic update
90     if (onTimer==0) {
91         onTimer=1;
92         myTimer = setInterval(function () {updateAll()}, 500);
93         stastopB.value="Stop";
94     } else {
95         onTimer=0;
96         clearInterval(myTimer);
97         stastopB.value="Start";
98     }
99 }
100
101 // update function
102 function updateAll() {
103     file = fileInput.value;
104     var rawFile = new XMLHttpRequest();
105     rawFile.open("GET", file, false);
106     rawFile.onreadystatechange = function ()
107     {
108         if(rawFile.readyState === 4)
109         {
110             if(rawFile.status === 200 || rawFile.status == 0)
111             {
112                 readString = rawFile.responseText;
113                 analyseString();
114                 updateFields();
115             }
116         }
117     }
118     rawFile.send(null);
119 }
120
121 // function updating fields
122 function updateFields()
123 {
124     fileDisplayArea.innerText = readString;
125     ti.value=time;

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126 latlon.value=(lat + "," + lon);
127 sat.value=sats;
128 alts.value=maxalt;
129 temp.value=temperature1;
130 batt.value=battvaverage;
131 battPro.value=battvaverage/3600*100;
132 getBits();
133 if (Bitarr[0]==0) {bit0.className = "circle green";} else {bit0.className
134 = "circle blue";}
135 if (Bitarr[1]==0) {bit1.className = "circle green";} else {bit1.className
136 = "circle red";}
137 if (Bitarr[2]==0) {bit2.className = "circle green";} else {bit2.className
138 = "circle red";}
139 if (Bitarr[3]==0) {bit3.className = "circle green";} else {bit3.className
140 = "circle blue";}
141 if (Bitarr[4]==0) {bit4.className = "circle green";} else {bit4.className
142 = "circle red";}
143 if (Bitarr[5]==0) {bit5.className = "circle green";} else {bit5.className
144 = "circle red";}
145 if (Bitarr[6]==0) {bit6.className = "circle green";} else {bit6.className
146 = "circle red";}
147 if (Bitarr[7]==0) {bit7.className = "circle green";} else {bit7.className
148 = "circle red";}
149 if (Bitarr[8]==0) {bit8.className = "circle green";} else {bit8.className
150 = "circle red";}
151 if (Bitarr[9]==0) {bit9.className = "circle green";} else {bit9.className
152 = "circle red";}
153 if (Bitarr[10]==0) {bit10.className = "circle green";} else {bit10.
154 className = "circle red";}
155 if (Bitarr[11]==0) {bit11.className = "circle green";} else {bit11.
156 className = "circle red";}
157 if (Bitarr[12]==0) {bit12.className = "circle green";} else {bit12.
158 className = "circle red";}
159 if (Bitarr[13]==0) {bit13.className = "circle green";} else {bit13.
160 className = "circle red";}
161 if (Bitarr[14]==0) {bit14.className = "circle green";} else {bit14.
162 className = "circle red";}
163 if (Bitarr[15]==0) {bit15.className = "circle green";} else {bit15.
164 className = "circle red";}
165 }
166 // analyse string and set variables
167 function analyseString()
168 {
169     fileLines=readString.split("\n");
170     // we actually read the penultimate line
171     var i=1;
172     while (fileLines[fileLines.length-i]== "") {i=i+1};
173     readString=fileLines[fileLines.length-i];
174     LineEle=readString.split(",");
175     if (LineEle.length==10) {
176         callsign=LineEle[0];
177         count=LineEle[1];
178         time=LineEle[2];
179         lat=LineEle[3];
180         lon=LineEle[4];
181         maxalt=LineEle[5];
182         sats=LineEle[6];

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168     temperature1=LineEle[7];
169     battvaverage=LineEle[8];
170     errorstatus=LineEle[9].substr(0,LineEle[9].indexOf("*"));
171     // set markers
172     HABpos = new google.maps.LatLng(lat,lon);
173     markerHAB.setPosition(HABpos);
174     getLocation();
175     markerME.setPosition(mypos);
176     meHABpath = [mypos,HABpos];
177     meHAB.setPath(meHABpath);
178     map.setCenter(HABpos);
179     readString = (readString.substring(0,40) + "\n" + readString.substring
180     (41,readString.length) + "\nValues updated!");
181 } else {
182     //alert('Set not complied old values conserved!');
183     readString = (readString.substring(0,40) + "\n" + readString.substring
184     (41,readString.length) + "\nValues NOT updated!");
185 }
186 //bit shifter
187 function getBits()
188 {
189     for (var i = 0; i < 16; ++i) {
190         Bitarr[i] = (errorstatus >> i) & 1;
191     }
192 }
193
194 // get current location
195 function getLocation() {
196     if (navigator.geolocation) {
197         navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(setPosition);
198     } else {
199         alert("Geolocation is not supported by this browser.");
200     }
201 }
202
203 // assign current location to variable
204 function setPosition(position) {
205     mypos = new google.maps.LatLng(position.coords.latitude,position.coords.
206     longitude);
207 }
208 // define goolge map
209 function initialize()
210 {
211     var mapCanvas = document.getElementById('map-canvas');
212     var mapOptions = {zoom: 12,
213         mapTypeId: google.maps.MapTypeId.ROADMAP
214     }
215     map = new google.maps.Map(mapCanvas, mapOptions)
216
217     // Try HTML5 geolocation
218     if(navigator.geolocation) {
219         navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(function(position) {
220             mypos = new google.maps.LatLng(position.coords.latitude,position.
221             coords.longitude);
222             HABpos = new google.maps.LatLng(position.coords.latitude,position.

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    coords.longitude);

222
223 markerME = new google.maps.Marker({
224     position: mypos,
225     map: map,
226     icon: me,
227     title: 'You are here!'
228 });
229 // where is HAB
230 markerHAB = new google.maps.Marker({
231     position: mypos,
232     map: map,
233     icon: hab,
234     title: 'Titan is here!'
235 });
236 // line connecting both
237 meHABpath = [mypos,HABpos];
238 meHAB = new google.maps.Polyline({
239     path: meHABpath,
240     geodesic: true,
241     strokeColor: '#FF0000',
242     strokeOpacity: 1.0,
243     strokeWeight: 2
244 });
245
246 meHAB.setMap(map)
247
248 map.setCenter(HABpos);
249 }, function() {
250     handleNoGeolocation(true);
251 });
252 } else {
253     // Browser doesn't support Geolocation
254     handleNoGeolocation(false);
255 }
256
257 function handleNoGeolocation(errorFlag) {
258     if (errorFlag) {
259         var content = 'Error: The Geolocation service failed.';
260     } else {
261         var content = 'Error: Your browser doesn\'t support geolocation.';
262     }
263
264     var options = {
265         map: map,
266         position: new google.maps.LatLng(0.0,0.0),
267         content: content
268     };
269
270     var infowindow = new google.maps.InfoWindow(options);
271     map.setCenter(options.position);
272 }
273
274 }
275
276 // EOF

```

Listing 10: File *mystyle.css* Flight Control Centre css file.

```
1  /*
2   sylte file for Flight Control Centre
3   cerated by Emanuel Bombasaro 28-II-2015
4   edited 01-III-2015
5 */
6
7 html {
8   font-family: Helvetica, sans-serif;
9   font-size: 100%;
10}
11
12 body{
13 width:800px;
14}
15
16 .header img {
17   float: left;
18   width: 150px;
19   height: 150px;
20}
21
22 .header h1 {
23   position: relative;
24   top: 5px;
25   left: 10px;
26}
27
28 #file1 {
29   position: relative;
30   top: -5px;
31   left: 10px;
32   height: 40px;
33}
34
35 #upfield {
36   position: relative;
37   top: -30px;
38   left: 160px;
39}
40
41 #string1 {
42   position: relative;
43   top: -25px;
44   left: 15px;
45   height: 40px;
46}
47
48 #errorc {
49   position: relative;
50   top: -14px;
51   left: 20px;
52}
53
54 #map-canvas {
55   width: 800px;
56   height: 600px;
57}
```

```
58
59 input {
60     text-align:right;
61 }
62
63 .circle {
64     width: 12px;
65     height: 12px;
66     border-radius: 50%;
67 }
68
69 .red {
70     background-color: red;
71 }
72 .green {
73     background-color: green;
74 }
75 .blue {
76     background-color: blue;
77 }
78 .gray {
79     background-color: gray;
80 }
```