# WIRELESS SENSOR APPLICATIONS

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# Areas of expertise

**Embedded systems design**: The design and development of embedded systems based on microcontrollers, having sensor measurement and wireless transmission capabilities (Wi-Fi, BLE or LoRa).

**Power harvesting**: The evaluation of energy harvesting mechanisms which provide energy autonomy for prolonged periods of time and offer the advantage of miniaturization.

**IoT applications implementation**: The development of IoT software applications for environment monitoring (i.e., air quality) and power consumption evaluation.

**Process monitoring and testing**: The development of monitoring and testing systems on industrial real-time platforms including FPGA chips based on LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> graphical programming.

## Team

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## Representative projects

"Thermal printer, Bluetooth low energy and microSD data logger", Contract no. 65CI/2017, PN III (2017). "Evaluation of Power Harvesting Elements in Wireless Sensors", Contract no. 1998/12.07.2017, TUCN internal grant. "Sub 1 GHz ISA100 technology for low cost and low power consumption embedded systems", TETRACOM – 3rd Call for TTP Proposals (FP7), Partial Funding for Academia-Industry Technology Transfer Projects in Computing Systems, Technology Transfer in Computing Systems, no. 609491/2016.

## Significant results

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- T. Sanislav, S. Zeadally, G.D. Mois, S.C. Folea, "Wireless energy harvesting: Empirical results and practical considerations for Internet of Things," in *Journal of Network and Computer Applications*, vol. 121, pp. 149-158, ISSN 1084-8045, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnca.2018.08.002, 2018.
- G.D. Mois, T. Sanislav, S.C. Folea, S. Zeadally, "Performance Evaluation of Energy-Autonomous Sensors Using Power-Harvesting Beacons for Environmental Monitoring in Internet of Things (IoT)," *Sensors*, Vol. 18, Issue: 6, Article Number: 1709, doi:10.3390/s18061709, http://www.mdpi.com/1424-8220/18/6/1709.

# Significant solutions:

IoT devices with energy harvesting capabilities for environment monitoring. Wireless sensors based on Wi-Fi Low Power, BLE (Bluetooth Low Energy) or LoRA.

# Products and technologies:

Electronic equipment design, dedicated solutions. Hardware and software implementation.



## Patents:

- 1. A. Aştilean, T. Leţia, S. Folea, C. Avram, M. Hulea, R. Miron, E. Ciupan, "Secured System and Method of Communication Between Fixed and Mobile Devices", Brevet RO 127706 A2, nr. UTC-N 1000003415.
- M. Ghercioiu, H. Hedesiu, S. Folea, G. Crisan, C. Ceteras, I. Monoses, "Compact modular embedded device", United States Patent 7860582B2, 12/28/2010
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Research & development	The development of hardware equipment and of software products for new structures of data acquisiti and communication. The testing of hardware equipment and of software products developed for data acquisition, wirele communication, and power harvesting. The development and testing of measurement systems and their implementation on industrial equipment for the evaluation of operating conditions and power consumption.		
Consulting	Consulting activities for the development of IoT solutions.		
Training	LabVIEW <sup>™</sup> courses and introduction to digital design using LabVIEW <sup>™</sup> , Multisim, and VHDL. Electronequipment design. Firmware development. IoT software applications implementation. Embedd systems testing and evaluation.		

## The offer addressed to the economic environment