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RFID in China

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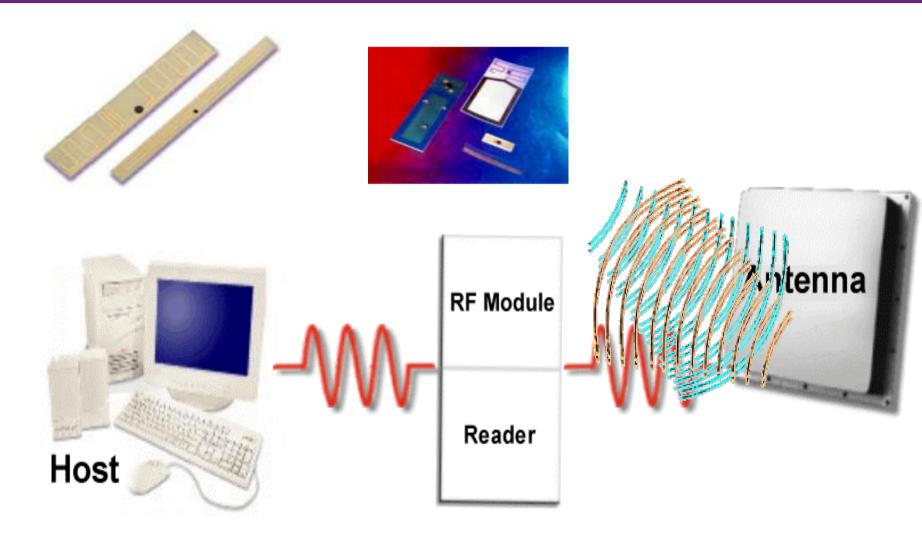


Outlines

- RFID hardware basic
- Application
- Industry
- Standard
- Auto-ID Labs
 - >Auto-ID Labs worldwide, include at Fudan University
 - Research for application, industry and standard
 - Special Interest Group for adoption of Auto-ID technology in China



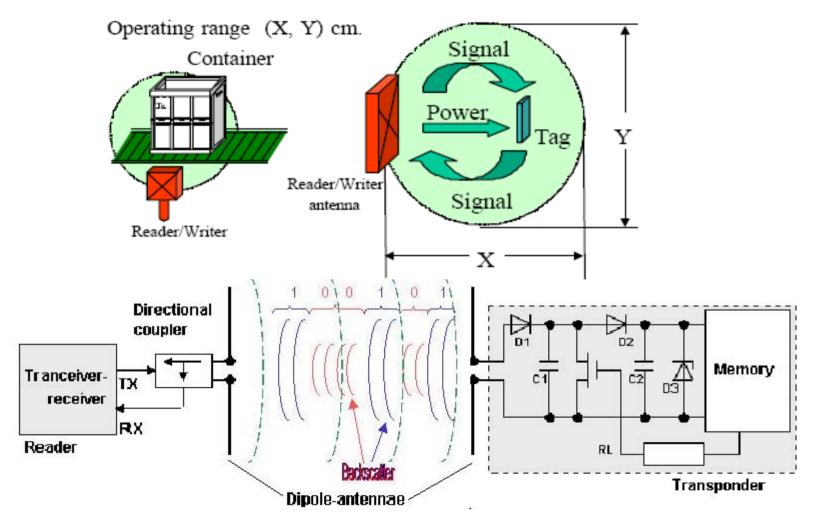
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Application in China

- Identification and access control
- Certification and Anti-fake
 - LPG tank certificate
- Logistic
 - ► Train car identification
 - Container tracking
 - Manufacturing control
- Animal identification
- Ticketing
 - Highway tolling
 - >2008 Olympic games
 - >2010 Shanghai Expo



National Identification Card

- 1 billion will be issued in next few years
- ISO 14443 Type-B standard
- Picture

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Obstacles

- No successful and integrated solutions clearly available in the market
- Standards remain the key challenge
- No early indications of consistent priority application areas for both retailers and manufacturers
- Inconsistencies remain among manufacturers and retailers regarding expectations and business benefits
- Security and reliability of RFID tag
- How to protect the privacy of the customer

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Suggestion from potential adopters

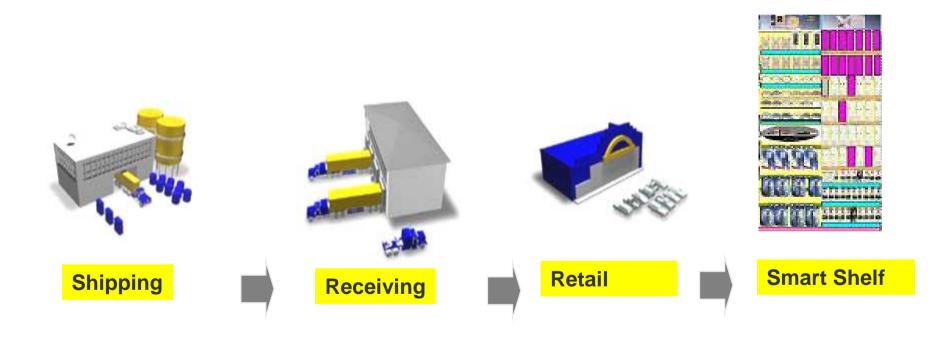
- Concurrent development with potential customers in China
- Provide the applications examples and business case.
- Set up demo system firstly in some industry.
- Initial investment and cost would be the obstacles for RFID development, how to reduce

Cost in the application could be a focus.

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A demo for supply chain management



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Industry (Tags)

- Chip design
 - >HF: Non EPC products
 - >UHF: R&D, first prototype released
- Chip manufacturing
 - >Enough wafer capability
- Packaging
 - Very limited, no volume production
- Tag converting
 - Printing companies

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Industry (Systems)

- Reader
 - >HF: mature products
 - >UHF: started, no EPC product
- Software
 - >Just started application software
- System integration
 - Experienced in ERP
 - >Experienced in smart card application
 - Non-EPC RFID system just started



Industry

- Local RFID industry in China is very weak
- The environment for RFID food chain is good
- Big opportunities for tag, reader and system integration
 - ➤ Tag: low cost is the key issue for tags and China is the best for cost reduction
 - Reader: very similar to mobile phone, and China is the biggest mobile phone producer
 - System integration: RFID system start from manufacture and China is one of the world manufacture center.

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Standard

- No standard right now
- Ministry for Information Industry (MII) and Standard Administration of China (SAC) are setting up a committee specially for RFID
- Frequency
 - >HF: 13.553MHz~13.567MHz
 - OK to use
 - >UHF: close to 915MHz
 - Occupied by wireless communication
 - > MW: 2.4 GHz ~2.4835GHz
 - OK to use
 - MW: 5.725GHz~5.850GHz
 - OK to use



Standard

- UHF frequency allocation for RFID is the most urgent
 - A possible UHF band for RFID is being tested by SRRC
 - Some temporary site licenses may be issued soon
- Standard strategy for RFID is the most important
 - Communication protocol
 - ▶ Coding
 - Application
 - **EPCIS**

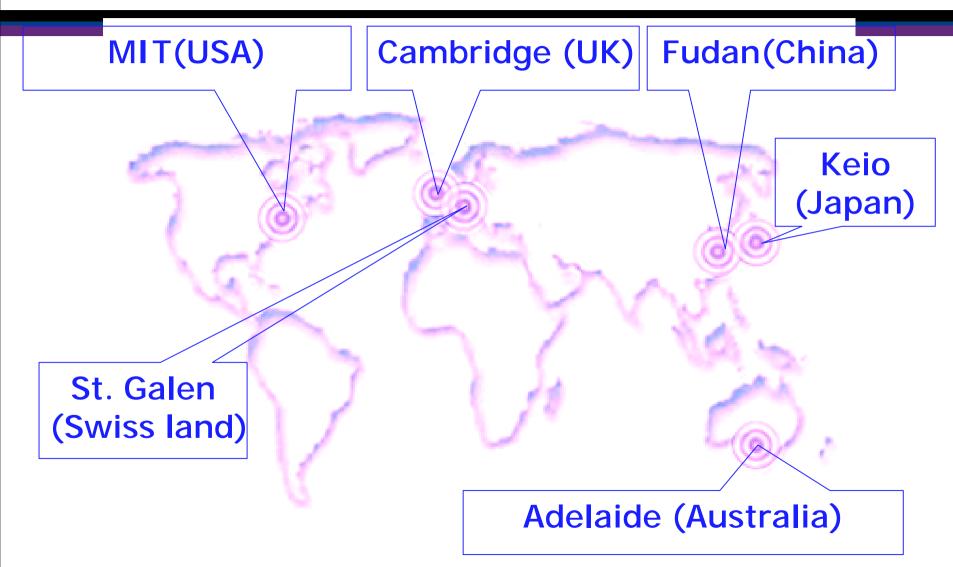


AUTO-ID Labs

- Established in Oct. of 1999;
- A group of research institute;
- Focus in research work related in automatic identification and EPC system;
- Cooperate with industry
- R&D on system and tools for RFID
- Promote EPC network



Lab Location



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Auto-ID Labs at Fudan

- Research on RFID core technology
 - Hardware: tags and readers
 - Software: EPCIS , middleware
 - Network: framework, security
- RFID standard for China
 - Technical reference
- Promote RFID industry
 - Chips, packaging, printing, readers, software, system integration
- Promote RFID application in China
 - RFID demo system and solution
- RFID system education
 - RFID, EPC courses



RFID Tag Chip Design

- EPC Gen2 chip design
- Schottky diode in standard CMOS technology
- Super low voltage low power logic design technologies
- Low power design using asynchronous circuits
- Adiabatic circuit design
- UHF rectifier and charge pump

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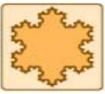
RFID Tag Antenna

- Matching of antenna and chip
- Antenna on chip
- Wideband antenna
 - >Antenna for Chinese UHF frequency
- Fractional antenna
- Antenna on conducting surface











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RFID Reader

- RFID system model and performance optimization
- Multi-protocol reader using SDR architecture
- Integrated RF chip for readers
- Reader SOC
- EMI analysis and improvement of readers

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Summary

- RFID application is blooming in China
- Chinese enterprises is positive on adoption of RFID technology in both manufacturer and retailer
- RFID food chain is very weak but has a great potential
- RFID standard strategy is very important for the adoption and UHF frequency allocation is the most urgent
- Auto-ID Lab at Fudan University is working on chip technology and RFID application in China

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