# **RFID IN LOGISTICS AND PRODUCTION: APPLICATIONS, RESEARCH AND VISIONS**



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## **1. Efficient RFID Applications**







## Supply Chain Reliability and Transparency

Metal RTI Tracking and Tracing for the Automotive Industry



Using RFID to inventory metal returnable transport items (RTIs)

- Highly accurate bulk reading of RFID attached to RTIs
- Performance testing of RFID transponders
- Special reading methods for intermodal containers moved by forklifts
- Electromagnetic reverberation chamber principle eliminates false positive readings





# **Supply Chain Reliability and Transparency**

Metal RTI Tracking and Tracing for the Automotive Industry





## Marking of Pallet for Returnable Transport Items

**Reliable RFID Marking and Identification during Production** 



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### 2. Research and Test Scenarios







## Vehicle Assembly Security and Transparency

Automotive Pre-Production Component and Part Tracking and Tracing



Using RFID to inventory vehicle parts

- High demands on readability and durability of RFID in vehicle compartments
- As many as 100 RFID transponders document a pre-production vehicle's status
- Incorporation of DIN /ISO and GS1/EPC know-how
- Integration of wearables for picking operations





## Transponder Selection and Testing at the Pre-Production Center

### **Transparent Automotive Prototype**

- Define the size and structure of the data 1 domains (especially status documentation: dataon-tag, data-on-network)
- 2. Select the transponder and method of attachment (on-metal RFID tag, smart label, etc.)
- 3. Analyze the process conditions for the use of RFID including reader points
- 4. Analyze the ambient conditions for for the use of RFID
  - ESD and EMS audit a)
  - Adhesion test b)
  - Status documentation C)





## High Performance Bulk Reading

**RFID Electromagnetic Reverberation Chamber** 



Uniform energy density and energy flow, random wave phases Rigid or flexible metallic shielding material





## Good Environments for Electromagnetic Reverberation Chambers

**Onboard Metallic Shielded Zones** 



Cargo compartment



## **ESecLog R&D Project: Enhanced Air Cargo Security**

**Cross-Checks Eliminate Repeated Inspections** 





### **ESecLog R&D Project: Enhanced Air Cargo Security Cargo Fingerprints for Air Cargo Security**

Development of a cargo fingerprint with new inspection features

- Development of an IT repository for recording and cross-checking of cargo
- Provision of fingerprint data at different nodes of the air cargo supply chain
- Integration of new inspection features in existing air cargo supply chains

#### **RFID-seal and freight tracking**

 passive UHF-RFID-seal for protection and identification on item-level



RFID-lable with manipulation-bit

- passive UHF-RFID seal for protection of ULDs
- mobile and stationary solutions for bulk reading and single inspection

#### X-ray marker and 3D scan

 Low-cost-3D scans of freight contour as a part of the Freight-Fingerprint



3D imaging of freight contours

- X-ray markers as a part of the freight fingerprint
- stationary acquisition of information and mobile inspections

#### IT repository and process mgmt

 Freight-Fingerprint repository for acquisition and cross-checking of scanning data



- mobile devices for cross-checking Fingerprints
- mobile applications to support airfreight-operators
- link of IT repository to order systems and e-freight



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### **R&D Project ESecLog: Enhanced Air Cargo Security Tag Tamper Alarm**

Electronic article surveillance EAS is and integral part of a security system.

Chip activates an alarm if the label is tampered with.

Evidence if label is ripped, torn, cut or removed.





# ESecLog R&D Project: Enhanced Air Cargo Security

**Scintillators Detect X-Ray Inspection** 

Detection of daylight and X-rays Use of scintillator materials to detect xrays

A scintillator is a material that fluoresce in the presence of ionizing radiation

Combined with a photosensor

One bit set in a passive RFID tag

R&D partner: BAM Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing, Berlin



### **RFID** evaluation board









## **Smart Standardized Logistics Zones**

Action and Perception Space for Collaboration between People and Objects



### **Smart Logistics Zone**

Sphere of action of mobile objects in logistics infrastructures equipped with ICT which constitute ambient intelligence.

Standardization in logistics and ICT establishes robust, secure and efficient logistics operations.

Smart logistics zones necessitate new requirements for ICT services:

- Specified mobile data sovereignty (e.g. electronic cargo fingerprint),
- Fast mobile communication (e.g. use of 5G technologies)
- Privacy protected wireless and video analytics (e.g. in interconnected sensor systems).



### The Tactile Internet for Smart Logistics Zones New Human-Machine Interfaces

### Tactile Internet

- Extension of the "Internet of Things" and "Mobile Internet"
- Definition of real-time applications with mobile objects
- Wireless control for human-centric workstations





## Yard Logistics Security, Reliability and Transparency

**Real-Time Identification, Localization and Communication** 







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