

RFID in Healthcare

Safeguarding your assets





- **Murata introduction**
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RFID in Healthcare



Our business

We are worldwide leaders in the design, manufacturing and supply of electronic components and solutions.

We are **“Innovators in Electronics”**

Our strengths

- Advanced materials technology and expertise
- Broad product portfolio
- Extensive global manufacturing and sales network

Our figures

- Net sales 1,371,842 million JPY*
- Employees ~80,000
- Number of locations ~100
- Established in 1944



*as of March 2018

Who we are?

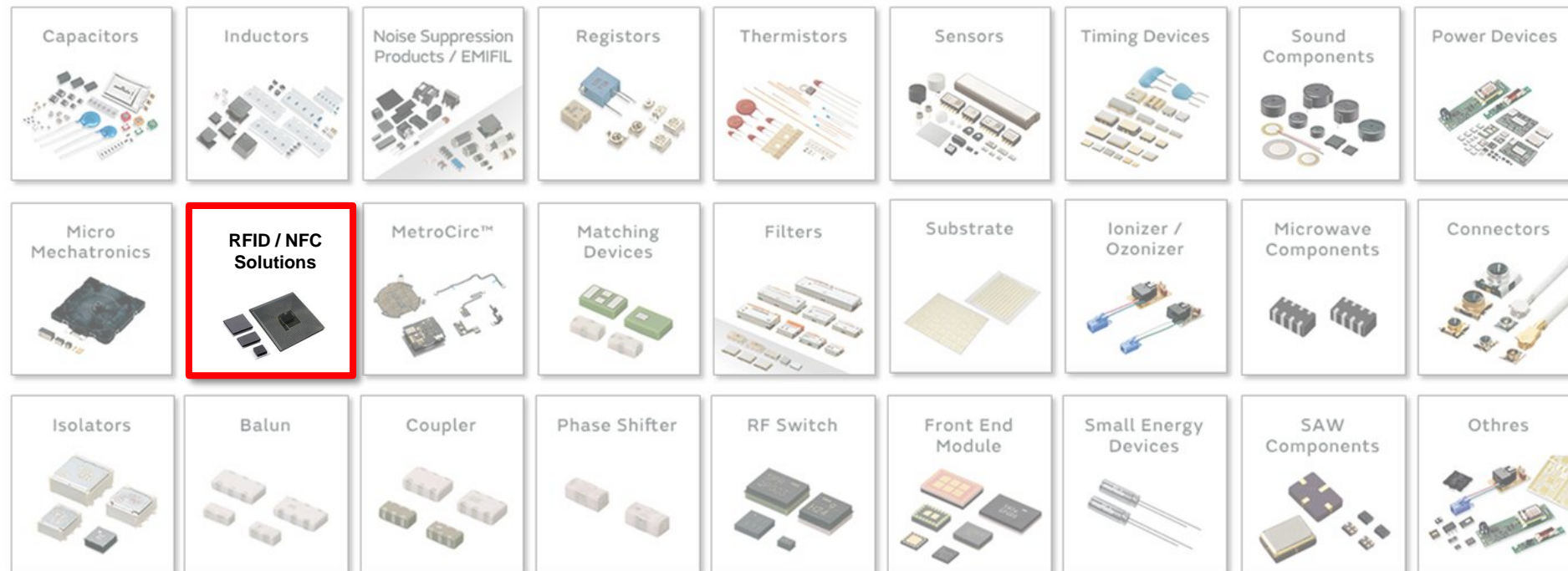
Murata is a global leader and supplier of advanced electronic materials and processes.

Materials technology						
	Materials design	Materials processing				
Front-end process technology						
	Laminating & stacking	Printing	Sintering	Nano & thin film fabrication	Surface finishing	Precision mechanical processing
Product design technology						
	High frequency design	Device design	Embedded	High reliability design	Circuit design	Simulation
Back-end process technology						
	Packaging	Measurement	Automation	Industrial engineering		
Analytical technology						
	Materials characterization	Failure analysis				



What we do?

Murata is a global leader in the design manufacture leading edge electronic components and multi-functional, high-density modules.



Wireless technologies = smart products

Wireless Technologies

Close Proximity (~10cm)



Mid Distance (.2~7 meters)



Long Distance (~75 meters)



Very Long Distance (~7km)



Ultra Long Distance (~20km)



Distance

Touch



Room Size



Building Size



Large Neighborhood



Across town



Purpose

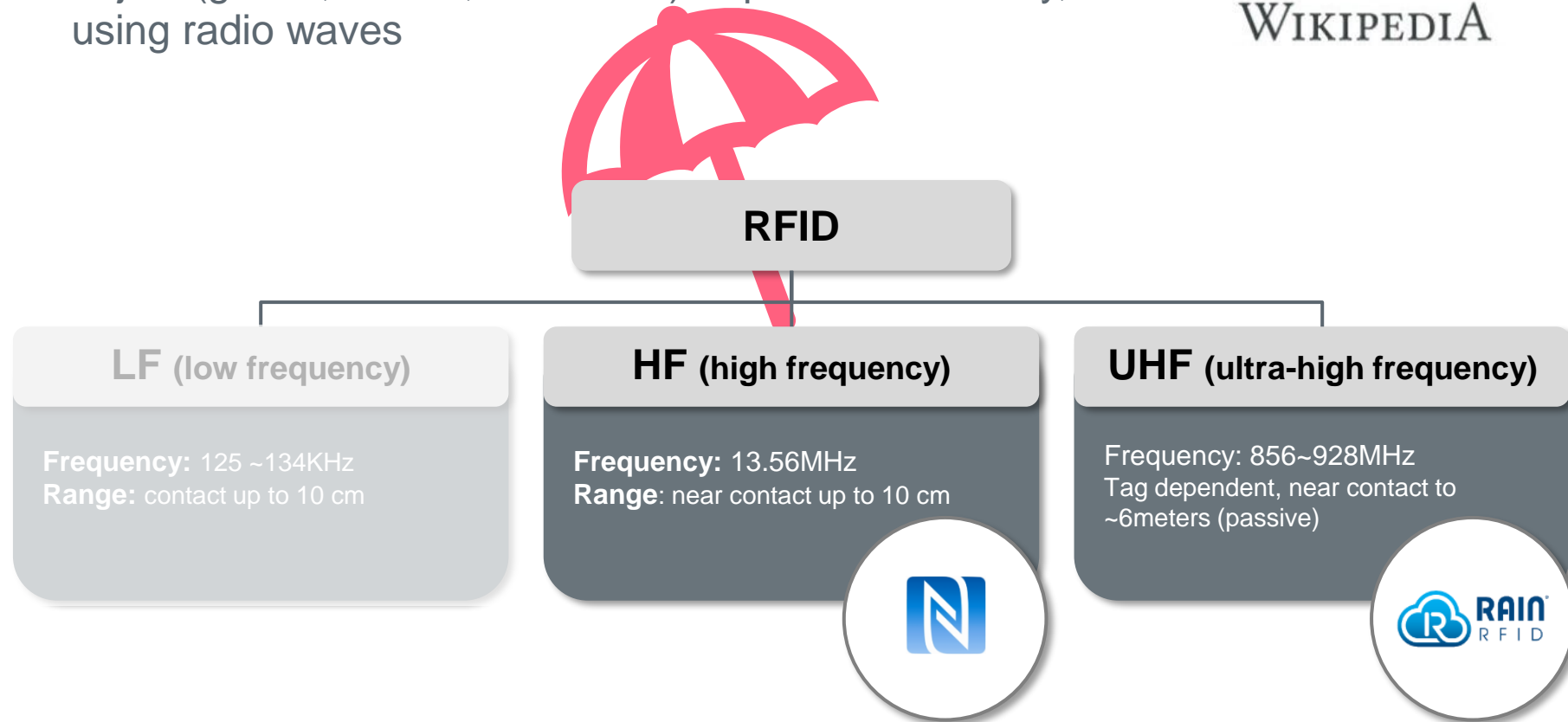
Item Level Tracking

- Asset tracking
- Authentication
- Production tracking
- Logistics tracking
- IoT
- Industry 4.0
- Brand Protection

Connecting

- Networking & platform interface
- Communication
- Monitoring
- Information exchange
- Location / positioning

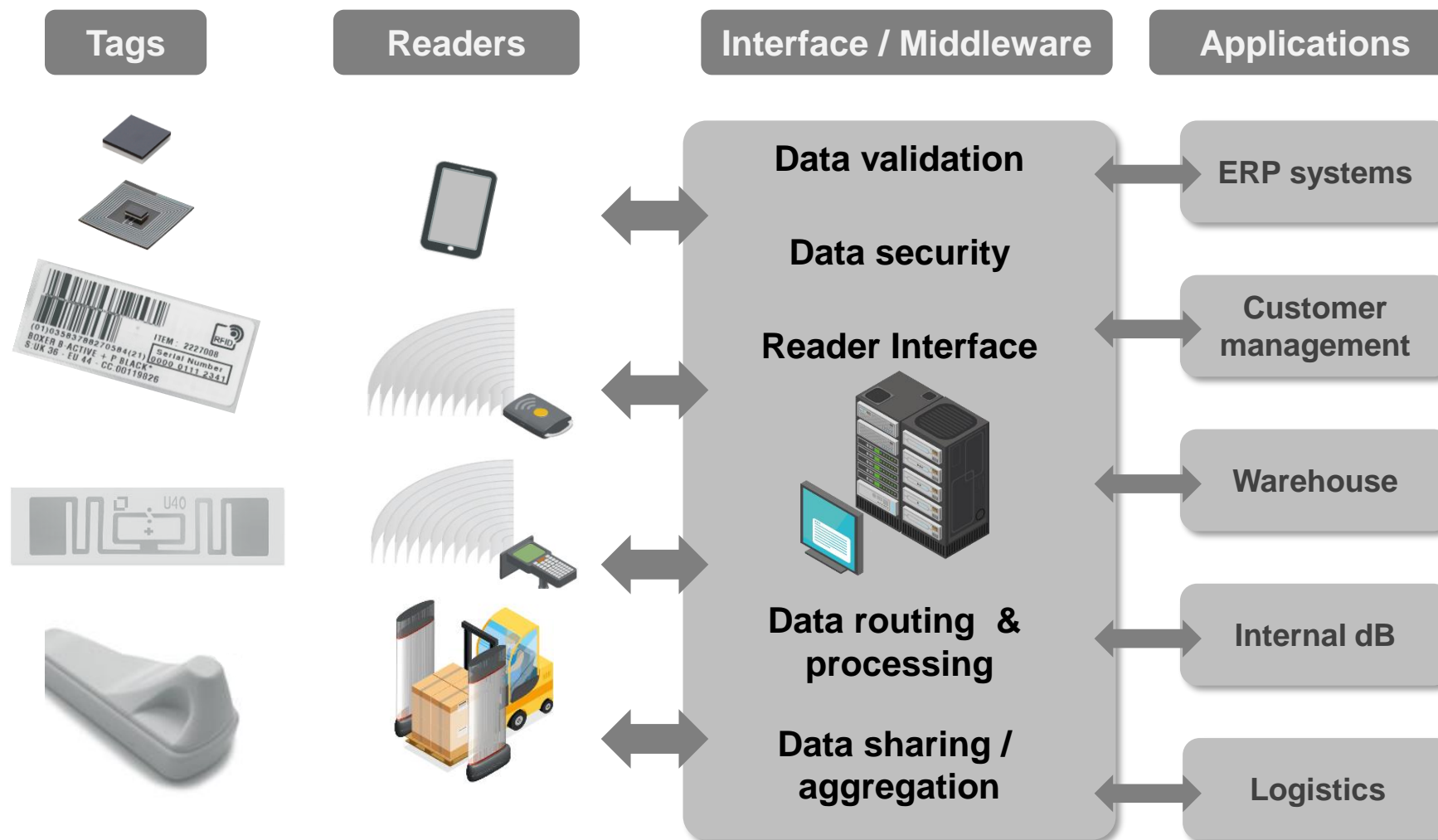
Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is a generic term that is used to describe a system that transmits the identity (in the form of a unique serial number) of an object (goods, assets, document) or person wirelessly, using radio waves



Feature comparison of RFID technologies

Frequency	HF (high freq) 13.56MHz Common frequency band WW	UHF (ultra high freq) 856 ~ 928MHz Different frequency band by region
Read range (typ)	Near contact up to 30cm	Near contact to ~5m
Cost	Tag: Less expensive RW: Least expensive	Tag: Least expensive RW: Expensive
Water affect	Some	Yes
Antenna design	Coil	Dipole, slot
Reading multiple tags	So-so	Very good
Standards	ISO14443 ISO15693	ISO18000-63 EPC Global Gen2
Applications	NFC, access cards, smart cards, retail, payment, library, product authentication	Baggage, logistics, tracking, retail, product authentication

RFID system architecture

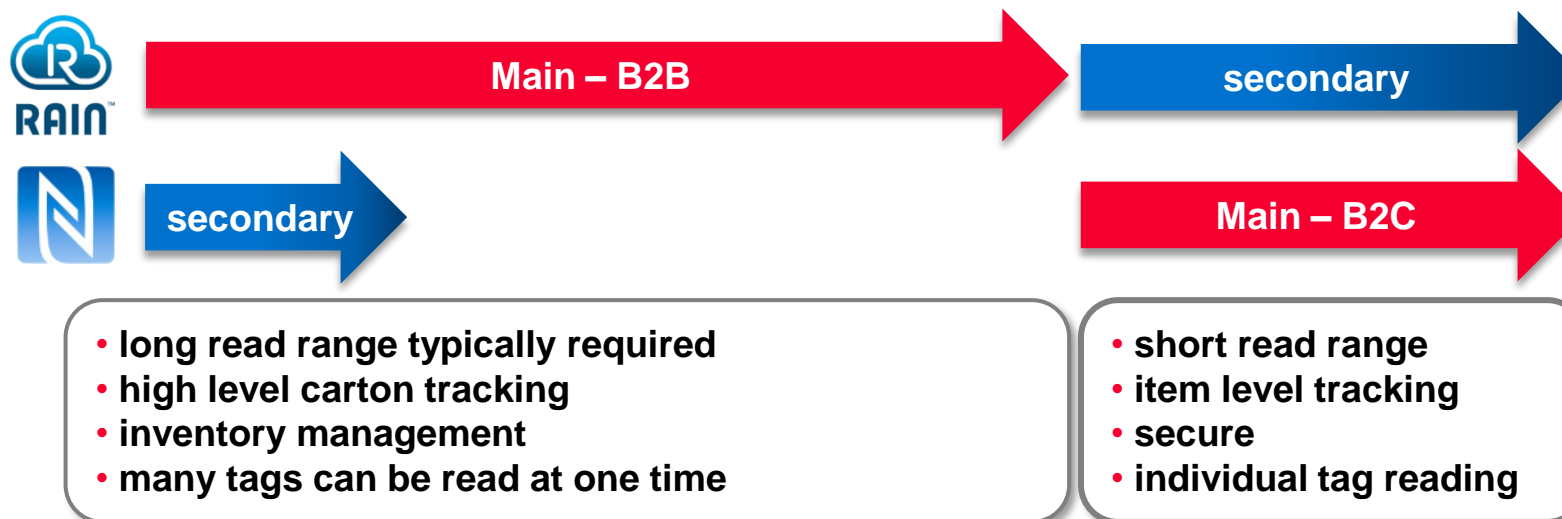


Which technology to use?

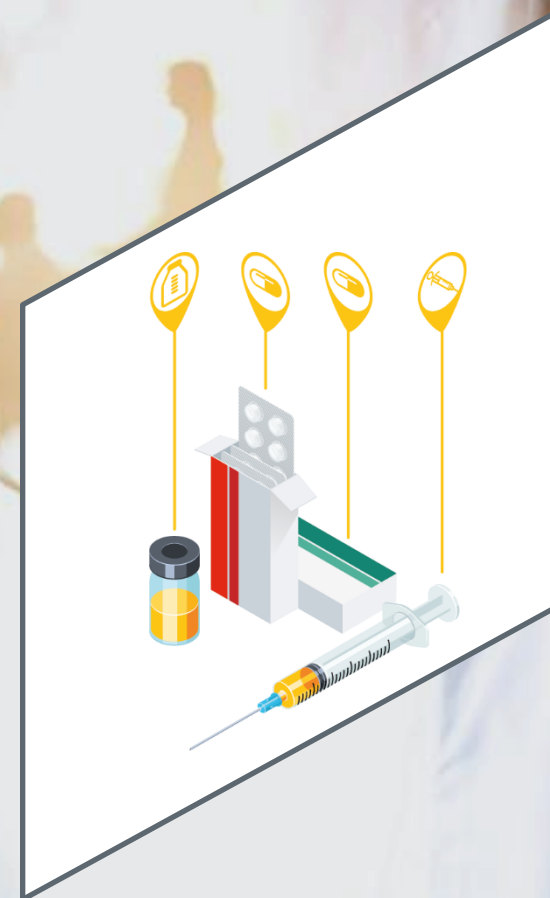
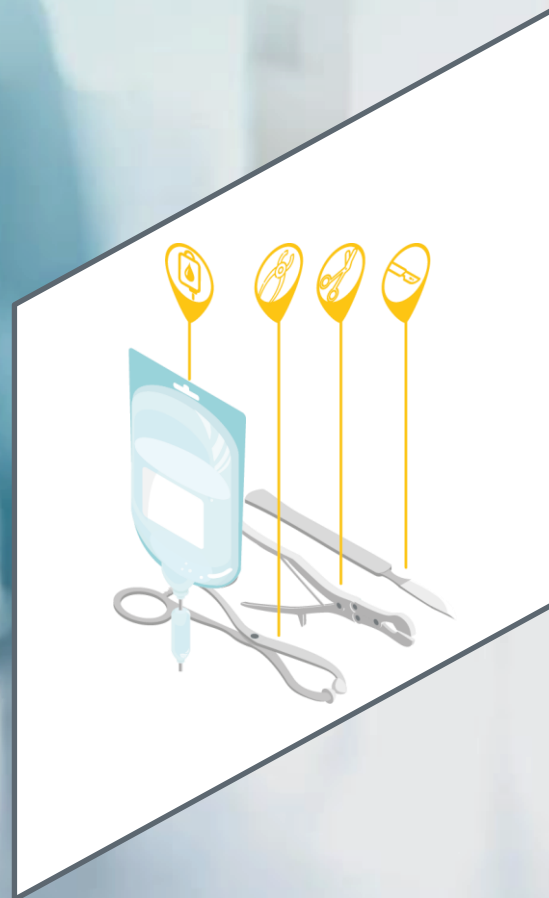
Logistics Flow



Technology



Why is RFID a good fit?



RFID value proposition in healthcare

Security / safety

Reduce risk / improve protection

Automation

Reduce repetitive manual processes

Improve efficiencies

Streamline processes

Improve accuracy

Reduce / eliminate errors

Improve work environment

Best in class, staff retention, etc....

Authentication

Brand protection

Cost control

Improve bottom line

Enhance patient experience

Often overlooked

Device product differentiation

Increase product value

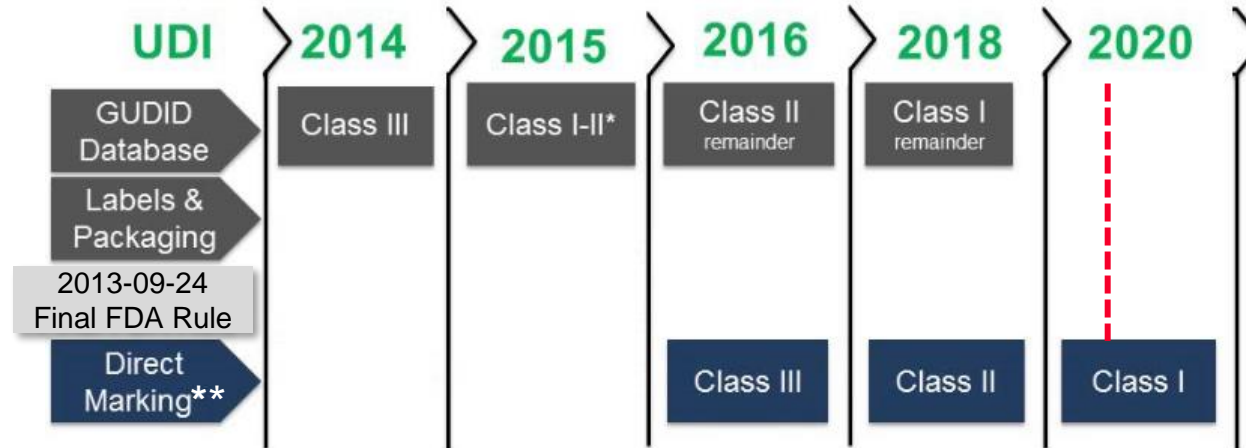
Brand protection

Secure name/brand



FDA-mandating permanent ID - Unique Device Identification (UDI)

FDA Compliance Timeline



* Implantable and life-sustain life support

**Multi-use devices that are intended to be reprocessed before each use

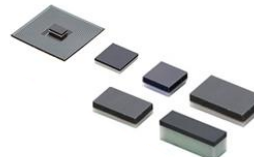
EU, Japan, China, and other regions are following trend.

Technology Options

Bar Code (vision)



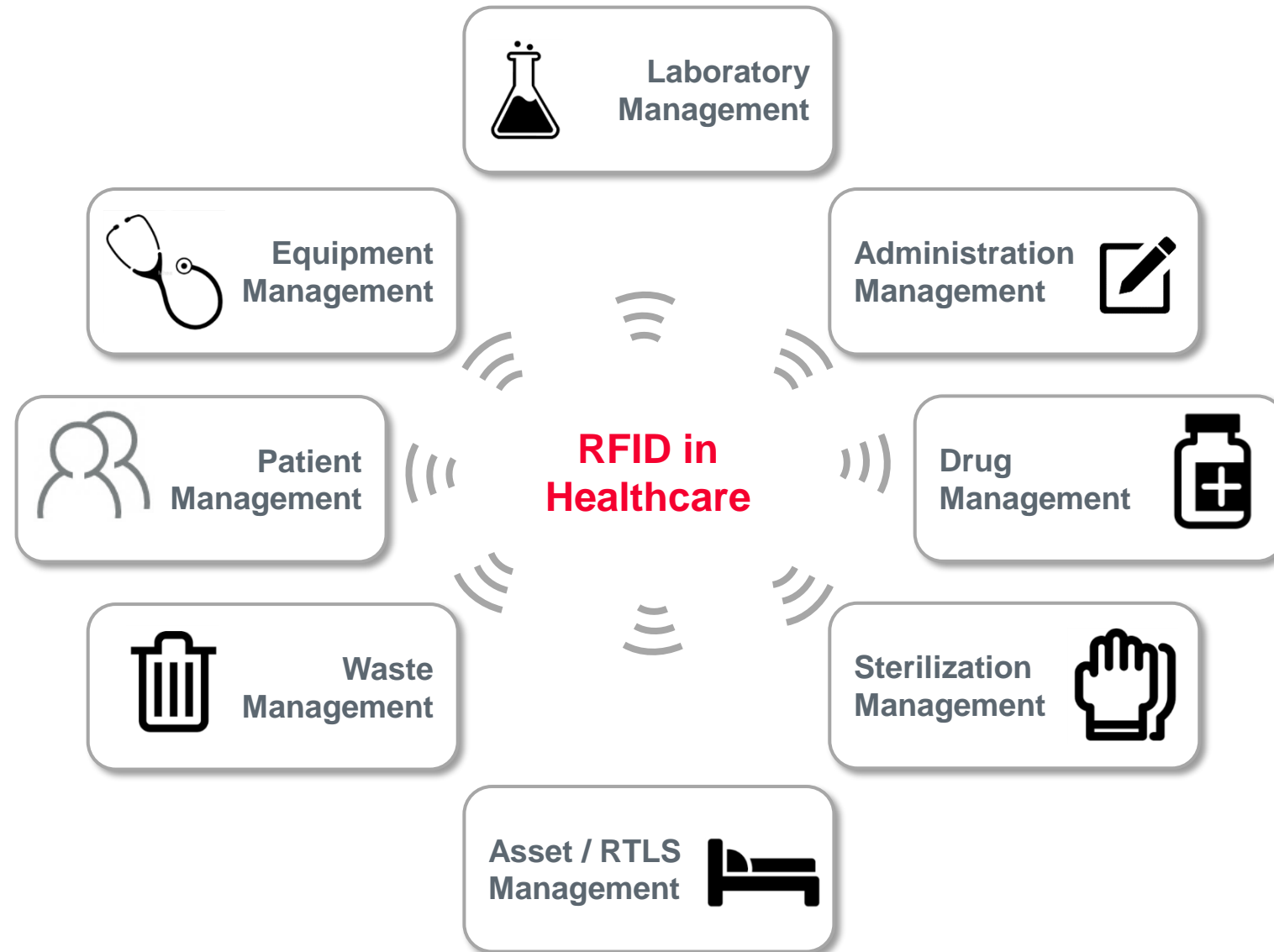
RFID / NFC (wireless)



Other (vision)

- label
- engraving/etched
- etc...

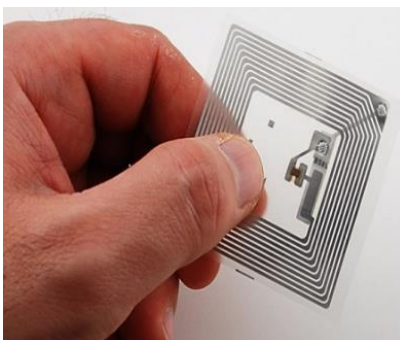
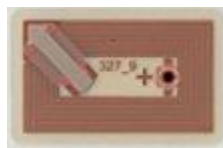
Where is RFID being used in healthcare?



Common NFC / RAIN RFID tags



NFC Tags
(13.56MHz)



UHF Tags
(856 ~ 928MHz)



**Large tags may not be an option on
small size products for item level tracking!!**

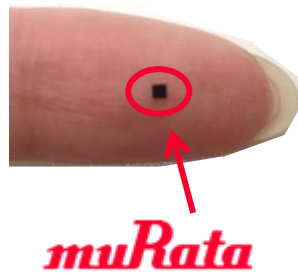
Item level tracking tag features



The ***standard inlay*** is popular choice for many healthcare applications - asset management, linen, garments, pharma, documents, etc....

However many applications cannot adopt.

- Too large
- Difficult to conceal
- Often removed from item after being read
- Read range is too long / read too many at one time



Ultra small tags - used for item level tracking.

Value proposition :

- Tag can be hidden - **doesn't interfere with product aesthetics**
- **Permanent** item identification for brand protection
- **Authenticate** / validate product
- Protect their brand and their **bottom line**
- **Lifetime** tracking capabilities including RMA traceability
- Individual **item identification**
- Feature, **increase** product **value**



Healthcare items using small HF/UHF tags

Tools

(under evaluation)



Injectable devices

(under evaluation)



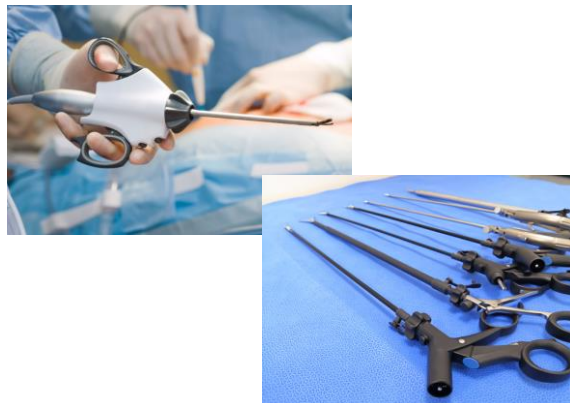
Lab analysis & storage

(under evaluation)



Medical device with accessory

(in use)



Disposables

(under evaluation)



Monitoring Products

(in use)



Medication

(under evaluation)



RFID in healthcare

Application review



Application review

Test tube management using RFID



Stakeholders:

- Laboratory
- Hospital

Current process:

- Individual item scanning
- Manual intensive process

The challenge

Manual process of tracking test tubes requires time and resources.

Customer requirements

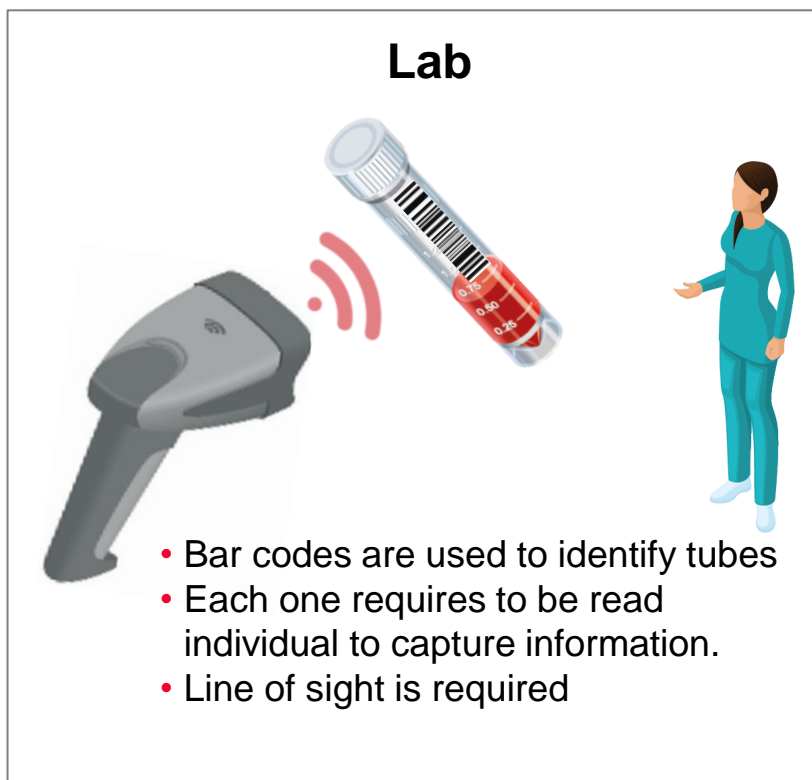
- Reduce manual processes
- Automate product recognition
- Improve accuracy / eliminate errors
- Ability to track in real time
- Bulk reading capabilities
- Long term data retention
- Durable – must withstand wide temp range



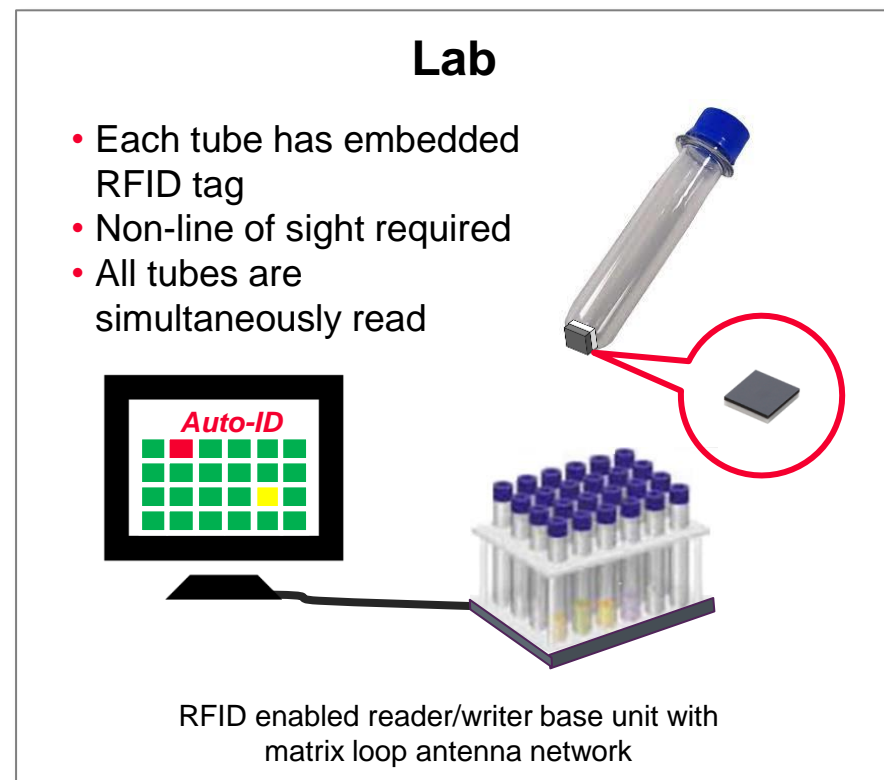
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



RFID solution



Embedded HF/UHF tag features

- Small size
- Durable design
- Withstand over-molding / embeddable process
- RoHS compliant

Part number	LXMSJZNCMF-210	LXMS33HCNG-134
Type	Embeddable (Integrated Antenna)	
Appearance		
Standard	ISO18000-63 EPC global Gen2v2	ISO15693 NFC Forum type5
Frequency	UHF	HF
Memory size	EPC: 96bit User: N/A	NDEF: 896bit
Size (L x W x H) [mm]	1.2 x 1.2 x 0.55	3.2 x 3.2 x 0.7



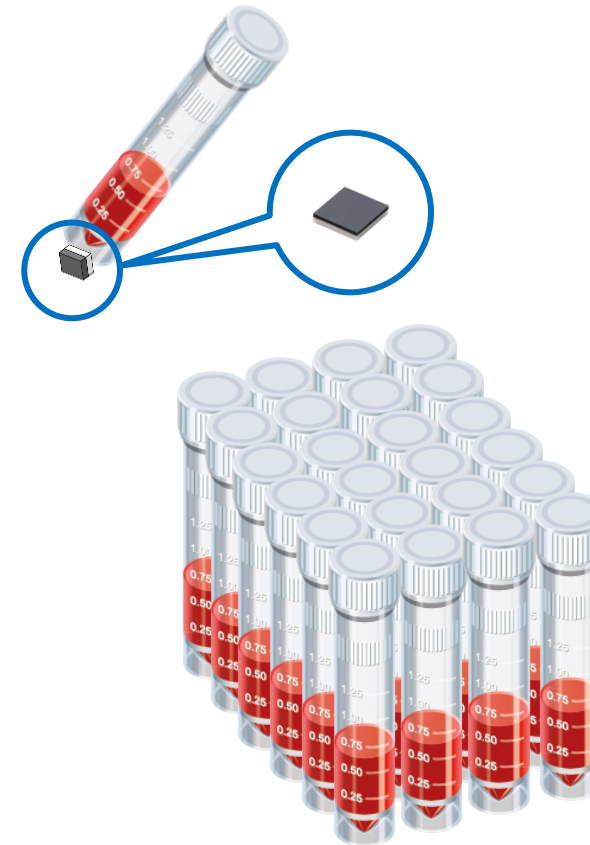
Note:

- Other HF & UHF embeddable tag options available



Test tube tracking summary

- Automated processes
- Entire tray is simultaneously read
- Reduces repetitive manual tasks
- Improve accuracy / reduce errors
- Time saving
- Improve real time data
- Process improvements
- Unaffected by temperature fluctuation
- Able to withstand wide temperature environments
- Eliminates optical line of sight



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Application review

Pre-filled syringe drug tracking



Application review – Pre-filled syringe drug tracking

Stakeholders:

- Pharmaceutical manufacturer
- Hospital
- Medical device manufacturer

Current method

Manual identification using barcode/QR/ serial no.

The challenge

Need more reliable product tracking method to ensure quality standards are met during the entire production process.

Customer requirements

- Cannot be removed or damaged by external shock
- Small enough to fit into product/container
- Withstand over-molding process
- Enhance brand protection
- Improve internal logistics



SN: 1230

Application review – Pre-filled syringe tracking

The challenge

Need more reliable product tracking method to ensure quality standards are met during the entire production process.

Current method

Factory



SN: MT1230

- S/N on external label is used to ID
- Small and difficult to read
- Requires manual entry process for tracking
- Label can be removed while going through several different suppliers
- Product small size limits conventional methods of identification and tracking

Solution:

Embed ultra small RAIN RFID tag into syringe needle shield to replace manual process.

RFID solution

Factory



- RFID tag embedded in needle shield.





SN: MT1230
Mfgr: 10/25/19
Set: <55>



- SN number is wirelessly recorded
- Additional information is stored in memory

Embedded HF/UHF tag features

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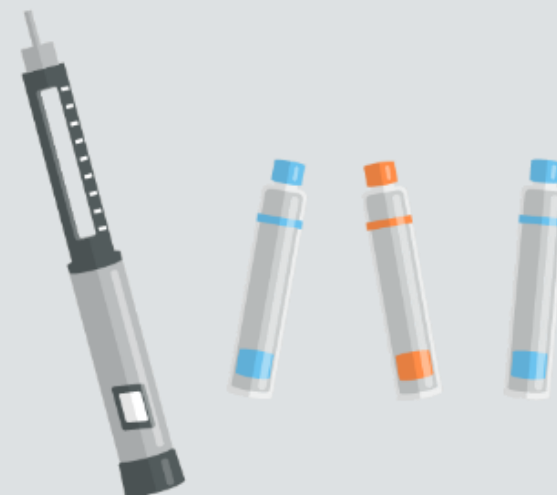
Pre-filled syringe drug tracking summary

- Simplifies identification process – manufacturing / quality control
- Ensures correct information remains with item.
- Embeddable & permanent to the item
- Additional quality information can be added to tag
- Enhanced quality control using RFID
- Reduces manual input errors



Application review

Medical cartridge device authentication



Stakeholders:

- Pharmaceutical manufacturer
- Medical staff
- Patient

The challenge

More and more patients are using self administration device at home.
Acquiring data on who, when, and how much is administrated becomes important.
Prevention of medication error is also an important challenge.

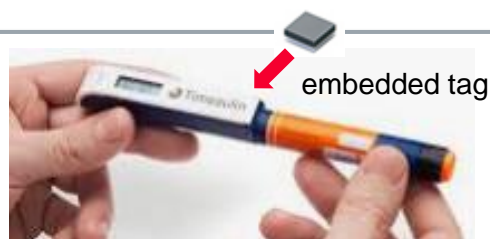


Customer requirements

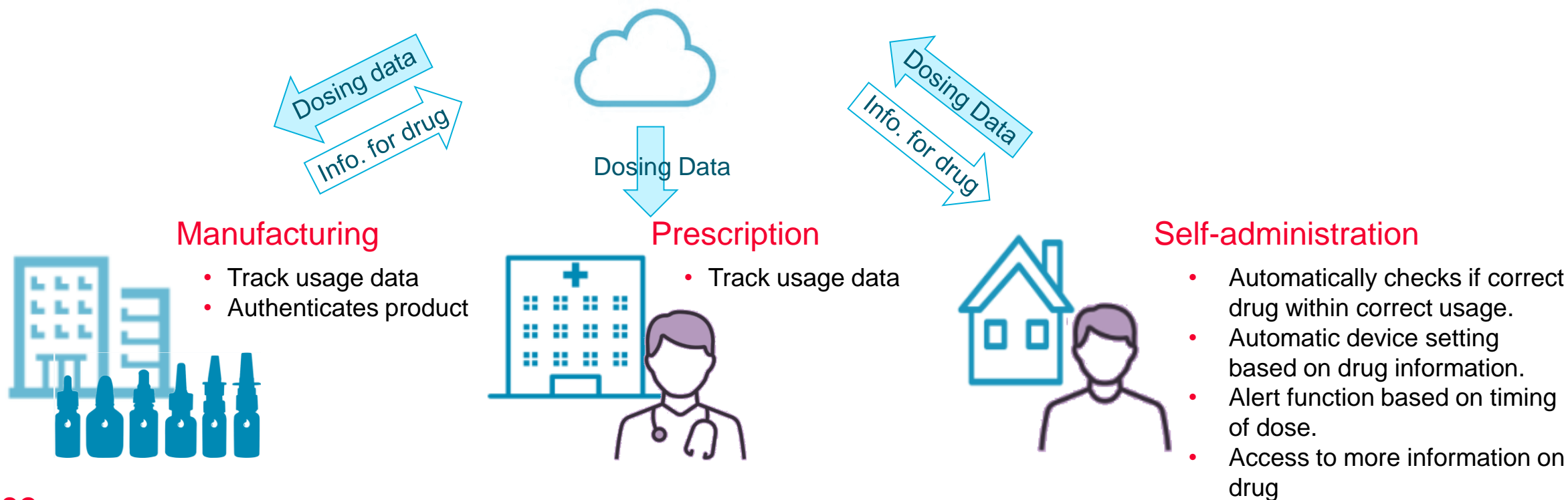
- Read/Write drug information when injecting, to share use record among patients, doctors, and pharmaceutical companies
- Confirm correct drug is used
- Patients can understand correct dosage and timing.



Authentication for medical cartridge device example



Manual or self-administering drug dispensers & cartridges





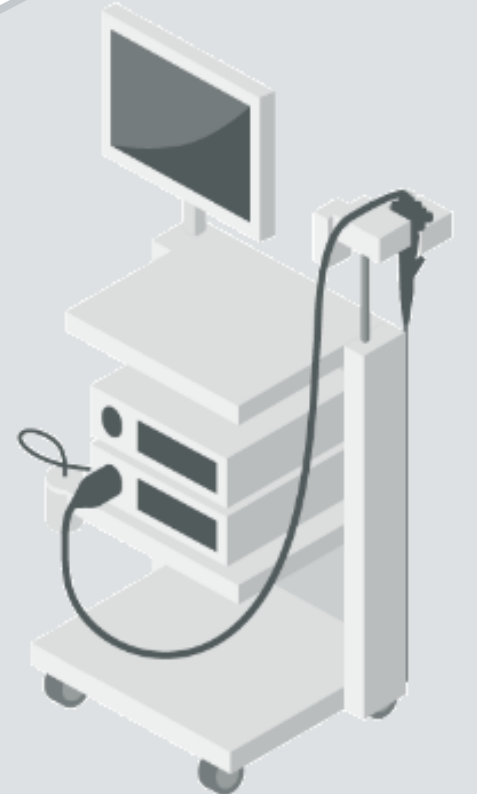
Medical cartridge device authentication summary

- Tracks dosing record
- Prevent wrong usage of drug
- Simplifies dosage and timing of for patients.
- Automates device setting based on drug information
- Identification of drug after taken out from external package,



Application review

Medical attachment device authentication



Stakeholders:

- Medical device manufacture
- Medical staff

The challenge

Automate authentication of attachment unit

Track and record usage of attachment during procedures

Customer requirements

- Automatically confirm if the attachment is an authentic product.
- Record use data to prevent the use beyond specified times.
- Connect surgery information and attachment ID to track use record.

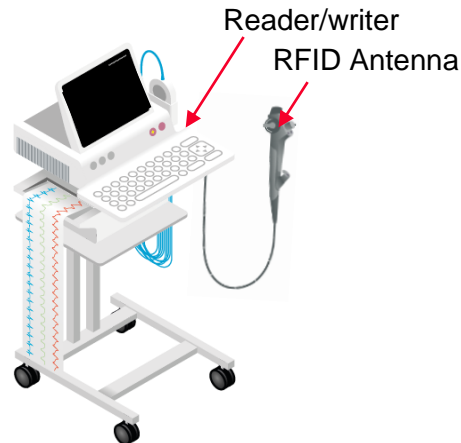


The challenge

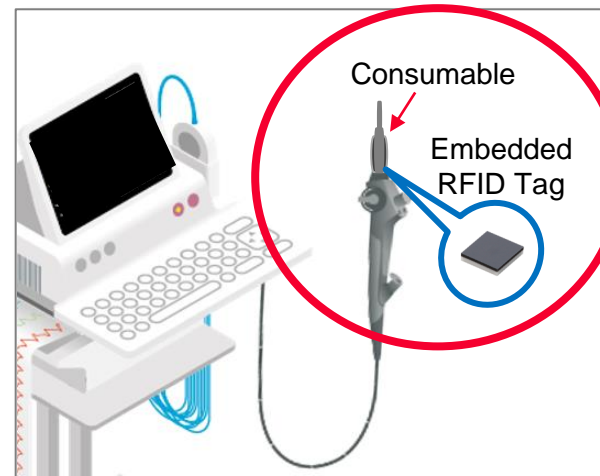
Automate authentication of attachment unit

Track and record usage of attachment during procedures

RFID Solution



- Base unit is equipped with RFID reader/writer
- Antenna is permanently located in handheld unit



- RFID tag is embedded into base of consumable
- Consumable attached to handheld unit

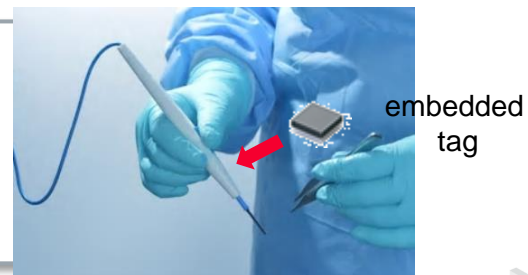


- Consumable is validated using tag unique ID number
- Unit operates

Authentication for medical device examples

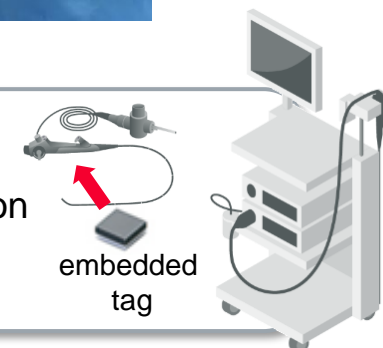
Electric knife

- Detect attachment device data and set unit operation
- Save usage data and prevent use beyond the limit



Endoscope

- Detect attachment device data and set unit operation
- Save usage/sterilization history



Disposable items

- Detect disposable item data and check if authentic product is used.

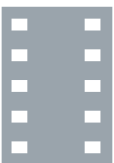


Product authentication summary

- Automatically confirm if the attachment is an authentic product.
- Record use data to prevent the use beyond specified times.
- Record use data for maintenance in appropriate timing.
- Automatic device setting for each attachment.
- Connect surgery information and attachment ID used in the surgery.
- Understand actual number in operation to optimize necessary number of devices.



Product Authentication – Demo Video



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Application review

Tracking of surgical instruments



Stakeholders:

- Hospital Staff
- Sterilization service provider

The challenge

Reduce the amount of time used to count, track and identify individual surgical tools

Customer requirements

- Small size / non-invasive
- Non-disruptive
- Durable - withstand autoclave conditions
- Improve efficiencies & tool count
- Track tool usage

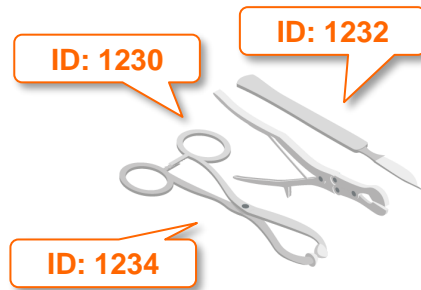


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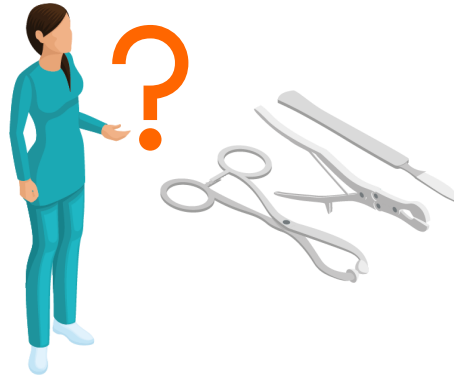
Current method

Tool Identification



- Global movement to ID each surgical tool

Tool Status



- Calibrated?
- Warranty?
- Sterilized?

Laser Marking



- Requires line of sight
- Individual tool scanning
- Time consuming

The challenge

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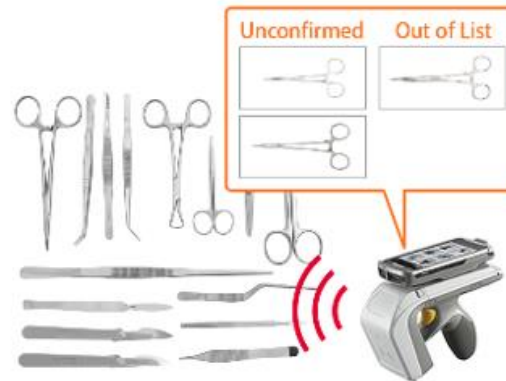
RFID Solution

RFID tagged tool



- RFID tag is used as a unique ID
- Detailed data analytics are easily captured and stored

Batch verification



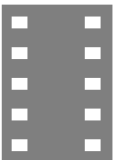
- Wireless technology allows for efficient batch reading to verify each tool status

Usage & data capture



- Tool usage is measured to improve stocking levels
- Data is used to optimize preparation prior to procedure

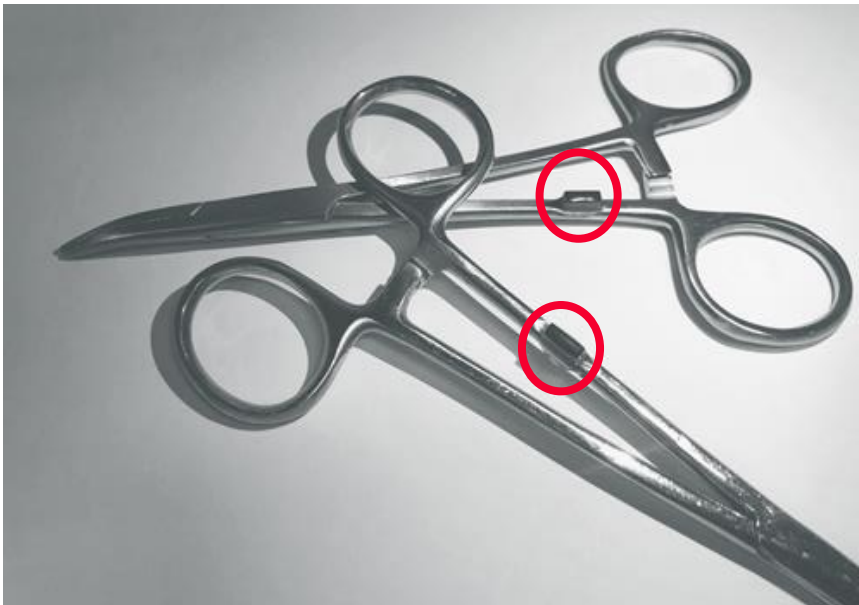
On-metal chip tag – demo video



On-metal chip tag – LXTBKZMCMG-010

Tag features

- Ultra small tag, durable design
- Wide frequency band characteristics
- Utilizes metal surface as booster antenna



Part number	LXTBKZMCMG-010
Type	Chip
Appearance	
Standard	ISO18000-63 and EPC Global Gen2v2
Frequency	865-928MHz
IC	Impinj Monza R6P
EPC Memory	96bit
User Memory	64bit
Size (L x W x H)	5.9×2.4×2.0mm
Read range (typ)	On metal: 1.0m *Read range depends on application
Heat resistance	Up to 85°C
Attachment	Adhesive glue / epoxy

Murata tag is not certified with medical grade.
Please evaluate with medical grade material cover before use.

Direct savings

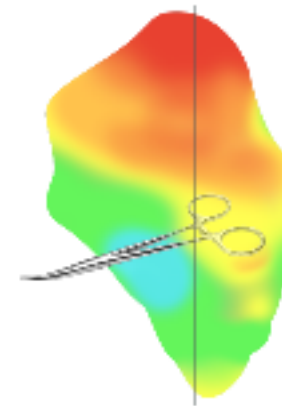
- Inventory optimization
- Reduction in lost instruments
- Accurate inventory count and optimization

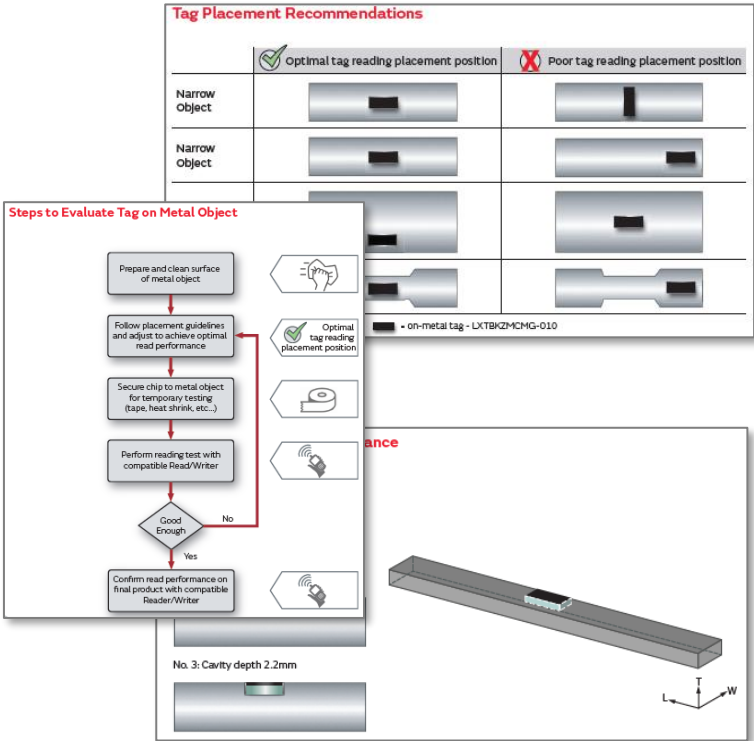
Efficiency improvements

- OR time reduction
- Reduction of surgical delays
- Processing & sterilization (CPD)
- Locating instruments

Benefits

- Safety and quality improvements
- Personal and facility reputation
- Tool analytics
- Real time data capture
- Accurate inventory count





Sterilization Review



Sterilization Review

Murata evaluated the impact of following sterilization methods

Auto-clave	ETO gas	Gamma-ray / E-Beam
Murata reference test data available.	No/very limited impact expected	Can result in damage to IC and lost data, not recommended

Recommend end user evaluate under their own condition.

Not covered by warranty

Please contact Murata for detailed information

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Wrapping things up

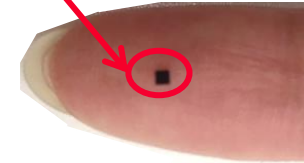
Take-a-ways



1. Ultra small size

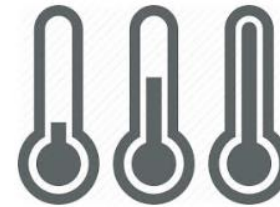
Murata's Tag
1.25 x 1.25mm

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2. Durability

- Withstands extreme temperatures
- Embeddable / over-moldable
- Withstands high pressure



3. Unique product designs










- Integrated antenna – NFC & RAIN RFID
- On-metal chip tag for metal surfaces
- Integration of material and design
- Maximum performance for product size



4. Knowledge

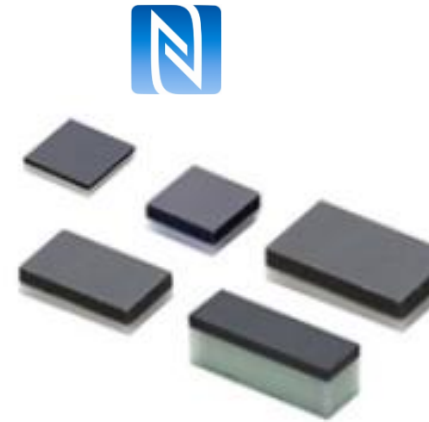
- Vast experience in RF technology
- UHF / HF antenna design
- Materials, evaluation & testing

Murata's RFID tag lineup

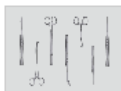
Technology (freq.)	Feature	Part number	Appearance	EPC Memory	User Memory	Dimension (L x W x H)	Read range (typ.)
UHF (865~928MHz) 	Embeddable	LXMSJZNCMD-217		128bit	512bit	1.2 x 1.2 x 0.55	10mm
		LXMSJZNCMF-210		96bit	NA	1.2 x 1.2 x 0.55	10mm
	PCB mount	LXMS21ACMF-218		96bit	NA	2.0 x 1.2 x 0.5	9m
		LXMS21ACMD-220		128bit	512bit	2.0 x 1.2 x 0.5	7m
	On metal(chip)	LXTBKZMCMG-010		128/96bit	32/64bit	2.0 x 6.0 x 2.3	1.0m
HF/NFC (13.56MHz) 	Embeddable	LXMS33HCNG-134		NA	896bit	3.2 x 3.2 x 0.7	20mm
		LXMS33HCNK-171		NA	384bit	3.2 x 3.2 x 0.75	15mm

UHF tag complies with ISO18000-63 and EPC Global Gen2.
 HF tag complies with ISO15693 or ISO14443 TypeA.
 Read range is based on Murata simulation at 4W EIRP.

- Small robust **RFID / NFC Tags are available** for item level tracking (many options)
- Companies are taking action against **counterfeit products**
- Technology adoption can lead to **competitive advantage**
- Enhancing **user experience**
- **Product authentication** is necessary to prevent wrong usage.
- Multiple **solutions & options** available
- RFID offers more **security** than traditional tracking solution



Case Studies



Surgical tool tracking
with RFID



Authentication of medical
cartridge with RFID



Authentication of medical
device with RFID



PCB management with
RFID



Cable authentication
with RFID

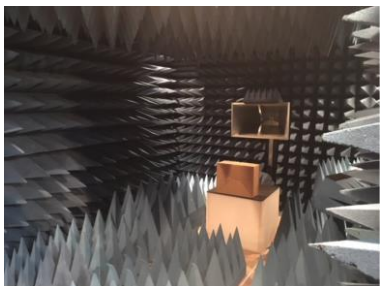


Management of machinery
equipment with RFID

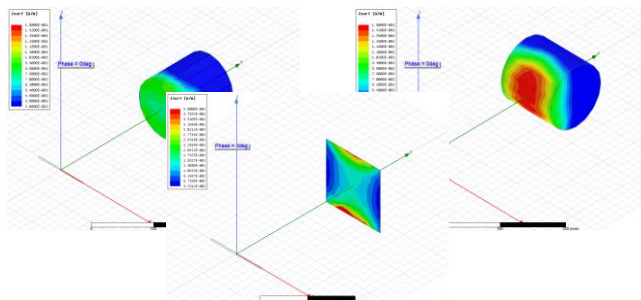


Traceability for small
products with RFID

Anechoic Chamber



3D analysis of RFID wave with HFSS



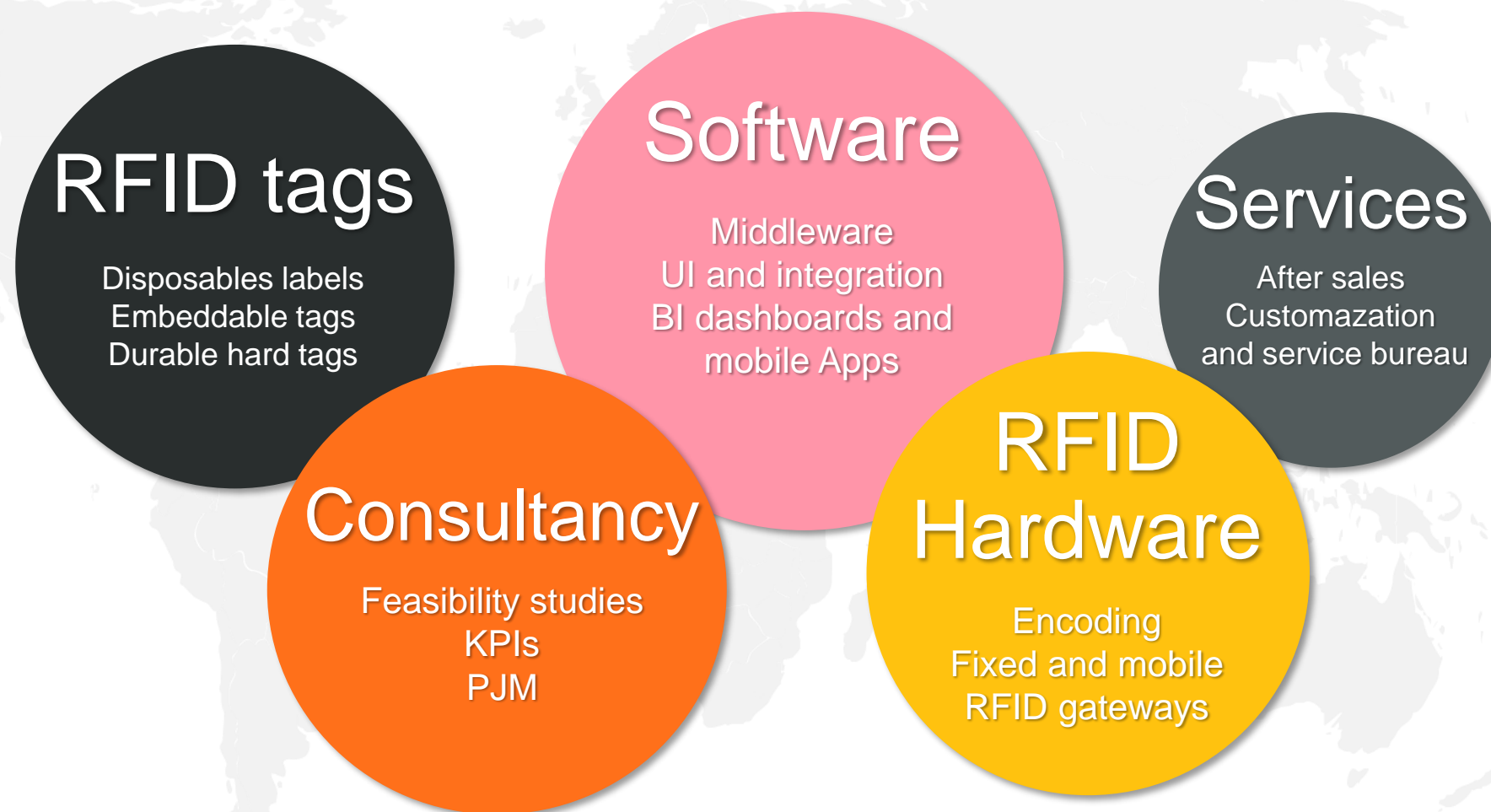
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One global RFID partner, a single point of touch and responsibility.



The world will be smarter, and we want to play a role by putting a RFID tag into every single object!

Questions???





Thank you!!

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