

Future-proofing RAIN Connectivity

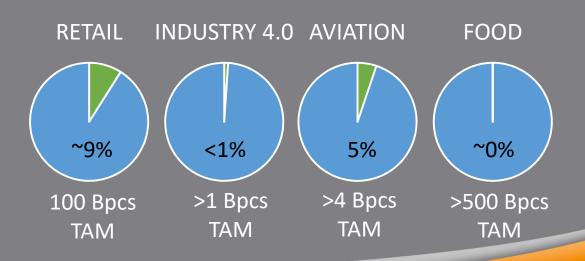
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This Is Still the Beginning of RAIN Growth

The number of sold RAIN tags is increasing constantly...



... but market penetration is still low



Data from NXP,
IdTechEx

We can already see 100 billion tags a year in the horizon!



But We Have Some Obstacles to Overcome





- 1. We need to think about what happens when applications overlap
- 2. We need to prepare for people intentionally messing with the applications
- 3. We need to stop thinking in terms of tags, and start thinking about RAIN-enabled items

Enter the Tagging Specification



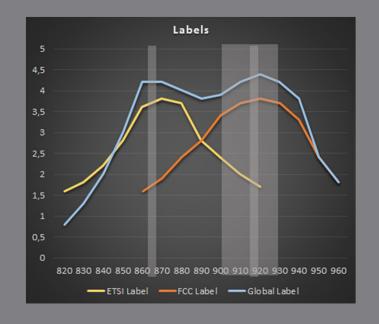
Tagging specification

- Source tagging requires a common language between different parties on how to tag products
- The tagging specification could also work as a checklist to make sure that the most important aspects have been considered

Geographic Region

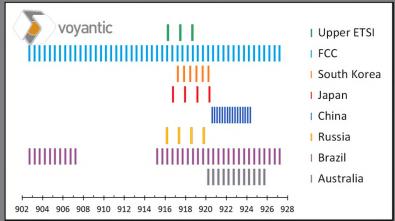
Tagging specification

Region: Global





Where does the tag have to work?



Upper ETSI providing an almost global band

Tag Numbering Scheme

Tagging specification

Region: Global

Numbering: ISO/IEC 20248

Applications are starting to overlap, and if we continue with "cowboy numbering", they will stop working properly



Security

Tagging specification

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Security: Lock EPC and passwords
*) ask Danny about password
management

There are always going to be people who will try to sabotage your RAIN application if they only can. How much security does your application require?



From Tags to RAIN-enabled Products



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Tagging method: Integrated in seam







Tag Size

Tagging specification

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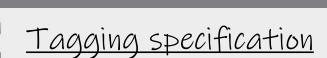
Tagging method: Integrated in seam

Size: 2x5 cm

 There is going to be a compromise between small size, wideband operation, and good performance – Pick any two!



Tagged Item Performance



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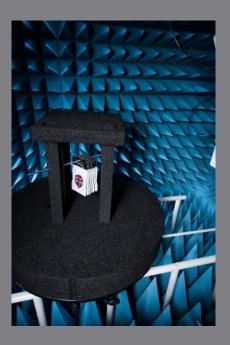
Performance: TIPP S20A

We need industry-specific test methodology for tagged items









Total Cost of Tagging



Tagging specification

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All tagging specs contribute to the total cost of tagging

- It's not only the cost of the blank label but also
 - Personalization costs
 - Tag attachment costs

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Thank you!

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