

# Radio Frequency Identification

Business Transformation with a Positive ROI



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- Selected RFID Application Areas
- RFID in Automotive Industry
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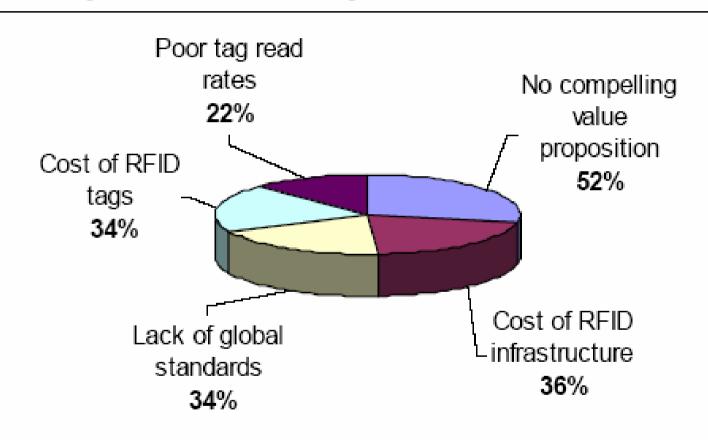
#### Today's RFID Market Realities ...

- RFID has been around for decades (ex. LF, HF, Active tag)
- Transitioning from "early-adopter" to "mainstream" phase (UHF) with pilots/PoCs resulting in "productified" solutions and transitions to roll-outs
- Mandates from governments and retailers has accelerated the market adoption faster than what would have occurred normally...
- ...and this has been compounded by positive government regulation and standards evolution (ISO, EPC)
- Adoption rates vary across industries, but Retail has led the way. Strong growth in key areas including Transport/Logisitics, Healthcare, Pharma and Industrial
- SCM application area is largest, with AM, WIP & Traceability areas growing
- Convergence of RFID and Sensor technologies is a key emerging area



#### Perceived Obstacles to RFID Adoption: True or False?

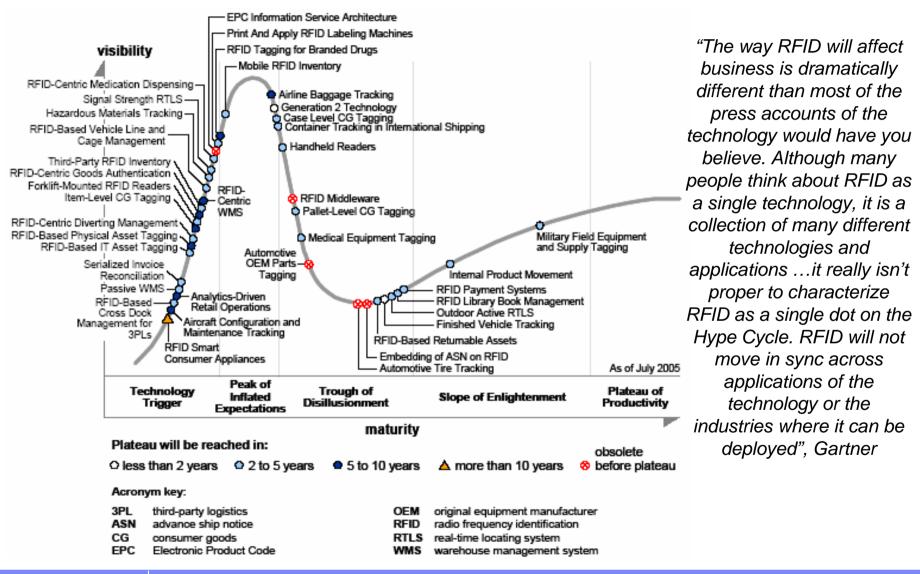
Figure 2: Top Obstacles to RFID Adoption



Source: Aberdeen Group, December 2005



# Gartner emphasizes RFID as many different applications and technologies, many of which will not plateau for 2-5 years





#### IBM's RFID Application Area & Market Sector Focus

Solution Area			Description	Sectors	Clients	
Supply Chain	Supply Chain Mgmt		Shipment, inventory, and warehouse management	Distribution Industrial Public	METRO Group Nestle Elizabeth Arden	
	Tracking – Work In Process Mfg		Locating and retrieving parts to manage production	Industrial	PHILIPS  Major Auto Co.	
and Traceability	Tracking - Assets		Tracking, monitoring, and identifying assets	Industrial Public Communications Financial Services	U.S.ARMY TACOM  MORAITIS	
Tracking	Traceability		Tracking products, verifying authenticity	Industrial Public Communications	Major Pharmaceutical Co.	



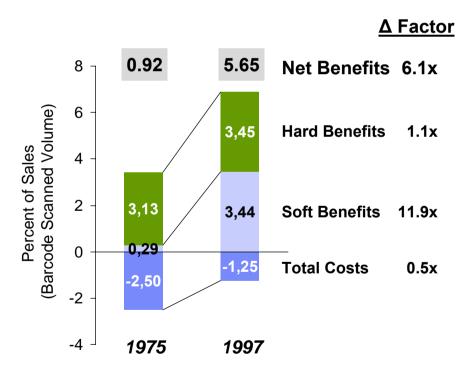
# Past experience can help us better understand the long-term context for EPC RFID

# **Lessons Learned from the Barcode Experience**

- Standards are critical to drive widespread adoption
- 2. Collective industry action is key to achieve critical mass and speed realization of benefits
- 3. Full realization of benefits requires open information sharing and sustained change in business practices and processes
- 4. Forecasting benefits and costs is difficult

### Estimated Barcode Scanning Benefits, 1975 vs. 1997

U.S. Grocery Industry



Source: "17 Billion Reasons to Say Thanks: The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.P.C. and Its Impact on the Grocery Industry", PricewaterhouseCoopers, 1999; IBM Institute for Business Value analysis



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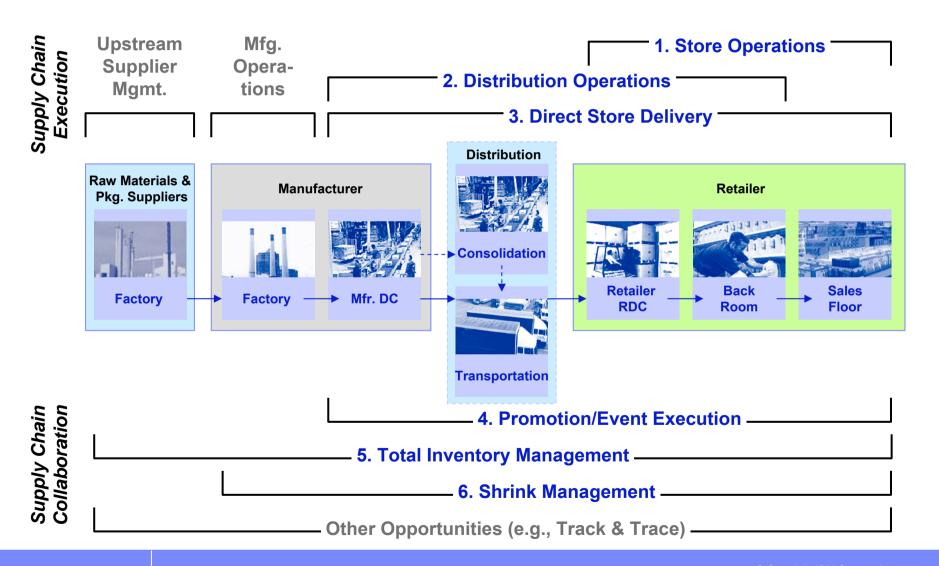
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#### **RFID** in Supply Chain Management

Key: Current EPC Focus
Future EPC Focus





#### Metro Group: RFID in the Supply Chain

#### Challenge

Drive continued growth for the business by streamlining the supply chain to benefit METRO's customers and enhance business results.

#### Solution

Metro hired IBM to provide middleware and installation services. IBM's RFID middleware is being used to exchange data between RFID readers and Metro's Merchandise management system as well to manage the RFID infrastructure. The solution includes:

- IBM WebSphere middleware (includes WebSphere RFID, WebSphere Business Integration, MQ, DB2, Tivoli)
- IGS Services
- IBM Servers

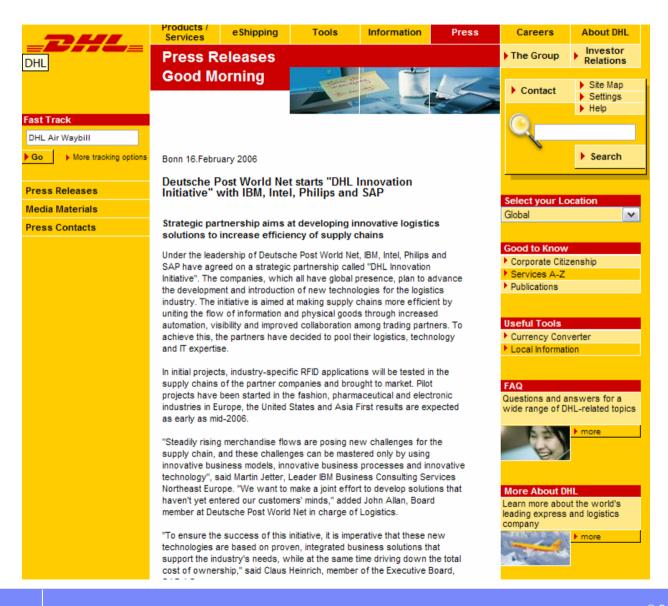
#### **Benefits**

- Process efficiency gains of up to 17%
- Theft/loss reduction of up to 18%
- Reduced OOS situations up to 14%
- Enhanced customer service
- Improved customer satisfaction





#### IBM, Philips, Intel and SAP in Project with DHL







# Integrated Asset & Vehicle Tracking Systems from IBM & Microlise



#### SOLUTION DESCRIPTION

The IBM / Microlise RFID Trailer Portal product and solution portfolio utilises the latest UHF Tag and Reader technology, coupled with advanced Vehicle Tracking and onboard computing technology to provide total visibility of an operations delivery assets (and

by association the goods being delivered throughout their supply chain.

The solution uses GPS Tracking coupled with an IBM MQtt messaging infrastructure and GPRS communications to track a vehicle and its goods on a route. This functionality

is delivered using the Microlise In-Vehicle Computer (IVC) technology. UHF Tag and Tag Reading technology connected to the IVC delivers accurate, real-time and handsfree asset (such as Cages, Pallets & Totes) loading and unloading control & visibility. Items picked

into the delivery assets can therefore be tracked by association.

In this way, enhanced real-time, hands-free, visibility of delivery and collections items from the moment they are loaded, whilst they are in transit and ultimately unloaded at point of delivery, can be provided without significant operational impact in terms

Manifest data is typically downloaded from an ERP system, such as SAP, into the Microlise Transport Management Centre which allows routes to be created and loads assigned

and downloaded to vehicles covering those routes. Updates can also be made in real time once the vehicle is on the road.

The RFID Antennae & Reader technology reads the assets and associated order items onto the vehicle. Any errors or outstanding assets to be loaded, when compared to the downloaded manifest, are flagged to the driver in real-time via a simple rugged display & sounder system at the rear of the trailer.

The vehicle can then be tracked to its various drops where deliveries are to be made. Again, the RFID Antennae & Reader technology reads the assets and associated order items as they are unloaded from the vehicle - any errors, when compared to the downloaded manifest.

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The real-time status of the delivery can be monitored in the Traffic Office using optional products such as the Microlise Transport Management Centre which displays vehicle locations on maps, can automatically pre-advise customers of pending arrivals, alert as to lateness, traffic problems or delivery problems.

The Proof of Delivery & Asset location and utilisation Information generated by the system

is then sent back to the ERP host system as required, reducing data error and increasing

the operational efficiency of the delivery system.

A Mobile Data Terminal can be used in conjunction with the system to provide the driver

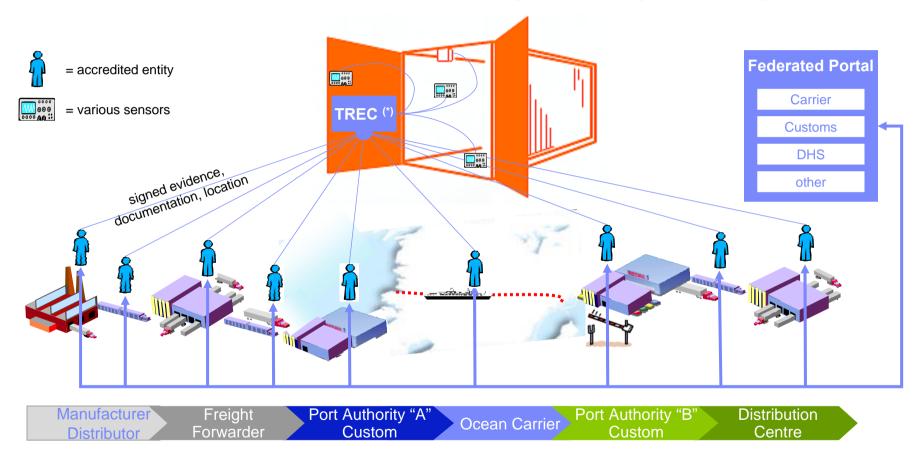








The unique IBM Secure Trade Lane solution is based on the integration of different state of the art technologies into an end-to-end vision, implemented in a modular, non-proprietary and pragmatic way



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Technology is the enabler for a Secure Trade Lane with the highest possible security and efficiency only be given through an end-to-end approach

(\*) TREC= Tamper-Resistant Embedded Controller



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#### **RFID** in **Asset Management**

Asset management faces several challenges that can be addressed by RFID

#### **Challenge/Pain Point**

#### **Asset Management**

- Lack of visibility
- High labor expense
- Manual process errors
- Loss

#### **Applicability**

#### **Business Attributes**

- Traceability/Trackability
- Automated process
- Asset diversity
- Distributed

#### **Process Characteristics**

- Accuracy
- Timeliness
- Distributed

### Sample RFID Enabled Solutions

- Asset registering
- Locating
- Tracking
- Automatic asset data collection
- Monitoring / Anti-thief alarm
- Inventory management



#### IBM Ireland: RFID for Mobile Asset Tracking

#### **BUSINESS CHALLENGE**

IBM Ireland provides employees with business-critical mobile computing hardware (laptops, for example). With vital information contained in these costly assets, it is critical for IBM to track and inventory this equipment. However, at its Dublin Technology Campus, IBM was relying on an eight-step, paper-based tracking system that required line-of-sight verification. These audits took up to three weeks to complete and only covered a small sample of the hardware. The process left IBM vulnerable to loss of expensive equipment and data.



IBM Ireland can now minimize asset losses with an RFID solution that tracks all laptops across the entire campus. Portals located at entry and exit doors provide real-time asset traceability by registering the RFID-tagged laptops as they enter or leave each location. From a desktop computer, administrators can perform quick audits on all the RFID-enabled mobile assets in the system. An IBM eServer system supports the RFID portals and runs IBM WebSphere middleware that transmits RFID data to administrators.

#### **BENEFITS:**

- 100% of RFID-tagged assets audited in minutes, instead of a 1% sample audited in weeks
- Estimated 300% productivity increase for asset administrators
- Eliminated significant asset loss—100% of mobile assets are now maintained
- 100% ROI expected by early 2007



» On Demand Business defined An enterprise whose business processes—integrated end-to-end across the company and with key partners, suppliers and customers —can respond with speed to any customer demand, market opportunity or external threat.



#### Leading Global Petroleum Company: RFID in Asset Tracking

#### Challenge

Avoid potential disasters and ensure highest safety level of all personnel in refinery environment based on high internal company standards and government regulation. Additionally, provide better visibility of assets to reduce lost/missing tools and gain better utilization

#### **Benefits**

- Real time location of all personnel in emergency situations
- Disaster avoidance by detecting unqualified personnel or tools entering a danger zone.
- Reduction of lost/missing mobile tools and production assets
- Ability to fully complying with regulations
- Insurance claim protection

#### **Solution**

The Critical Resource Tracking solution has been based on mature IBM software platform that processes high data volume. It will give flexibility to implement deployment architectures that are scalable, maintainable, and robust meeting the strict availability requirements needed for mission critical applications. It is based on a number of wireless RFID technologies including UWB and WLAN





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#### **RFID in Work In Process**

#### **Inventory management**

Process of replenishing materials to effectively feed manufacturing production processes and keep visibility and control of finished or semi-finished goods inventory

- Replenishment Signalling
- Parts sequencing
- Production batch Localization
- Yard Management (overlaps with Asset Tracking)

# PAINTS STORING PICKING PICKING

#### Assembly Automation Process of tracking manufacturing y

Process of tracking manufacturing work in progress during assembly operations in order to keep control of and synchronize the utilization of equipment, manpower and material resources

PRODUCTS STORING

Work in progress tracking

**MANUFACTURING** 

**RECEIVING** 

- Assembly process verification and alerting
- Urgent orders identification and alerting
- JIT broadcasting and Synchronization
- Assembly sequence control
- Routing information support

#### **Asset Tracking**

Process of maintaining key manufacturing tools and equipment in order to ensure full asset availability and utilization

- Equipment maintenance
- Tools and equipment asset tracking
- Product manufacturing data collection



#### Gulf States Toyota: RFID in Work in Process

#### Challenge

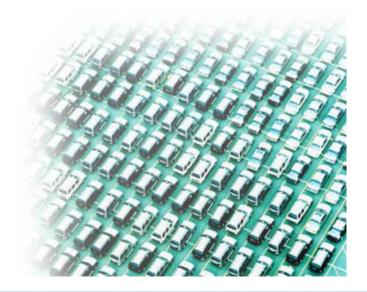
Large Toyota distributor in U.S with annual volume of 190,000 vehicles, projected to double in 3 years. Vehicles arrive and are unloaded and accessorized in VPC before being shipped off to 145 regional dealerships. Lacked way to efficiently locate, track and prioritize vehicles within the VPC, preventing staff from responding quickly to dealer requests and slowing overall throughput. Wish to reduce "Order To Delivery" by 2 days

#### **Benefits**

- Reduced average processing time by 50%
- Track labour productivity in cells
- Increased customer service levels by allowing dealers to make changes to orders while the vehicle is in-process
- Reduced risk of Quality defects by ensuring vehicle follows assigned work order plan
- Expected ROI within 1 year.

#### Solution

Vehicle tracking and management system provided by IBM and partner WhereNet. Handheld Intermec devices and RFID WhereTag transmitters enable the company to check vehicle location and status in real time, constantly optimizing workflow by prioritizing the processing of specific vehicles. Solution handles 6000 vehicles on 84 acres with 4 processing buildings and 850 units processed daily





#### IBM: RFID in Work in Process

#### Challenge

IBM makes \$2.5B Corporate investment in 300mm Semiconductor Manufacturing and Development plant. Challenge was to create a real time common container tracking system, which requires thousands of active containers transferred from storage areas, process tools and manufacturing facilities - all of which are very valuable (\$1K per container holding goods worth potentially ~\$2M).

#### **Benefits**

- Real-time, point to point tracking of production containers providing true track/trace capability.
- Increased efficiency, decreased error rates, and reduced labor requirements.
- Facilitated prioritization of orders, processing of specialty orders, and order routing accelerating time to market

#### Solution

Every container has an integrated passive RFID tag with a unique ID - know where its been, where its going and its history. IBM SW is used to create and write the ID to all new containers. Container contents, wafer or reticle, are associated with the ID in the Factory Control System's DB2 database. The transponder is read at every processing step to validate that the correct container and material are going to the correct process tool.





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#### Major Global Drug Manufacturer: RFID in Traceability

#### Challenge

Meet federal mandates to provide a safe and secure drug supply chain by identifying the "pedigree" of medications. Demonstrate end-to-end drug tracking for one SKU at one packaging line and one distribution center, Integrate with legacy systems and partners and provide inventory visibility.

#### **Benefits**

- Compliance with FDA mandates
- Improved inventory management for delivery, returns, and charge backs
- Consumer confidence and security of the drug supply chain

#### **Solution**

IBM is providing project management, development, and implementation using WebSphere RFID technology to track drugs through the supply chain. IBM also is developing an EPC-compliant product information management systems based on WebSphere Product Center. The project includes supplier integration and track and trace to facilitate downstream information sharing with trading partners.







#### European Food Retailer: RFID in Traceability

#### Challenge

To retain its position as a leader in the competitive retail food industry, this customer needed to optimize the tracking of its products, cut costs and reduce shelf vacancy.

Additionally, they needed to prepare for an onslaught of government regulations regarding the transport and monitoring of food products..

#### **Benefits**

- Cut overall costs by 11 percent
- Reduce product loss during transportation and storage by 11 percent to 18 percent
- Eventual full solution rollout is projected to reduce instances of shelf vacancy by up to 14 percent, thus increasing product availability

#### **Solution**

IBM developed and implemented a small-scale food traceability pilot program. IBM extensively evaluated multiple radio frequency identification (RFID) technologies in an IBM RFID laboratory and then created the IT architecture and provided the application development required for the solution. IBM WebSphere RFID premises server provides the platform for the end-to-end RFID solution.





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#### Overview of RFID in Auto Industry in Europe

- The automotive sector will see the most aggressive adoption of RFID out of all sectors moving forward (CompTIA and Frost & Sullivan)
- Major vehicle manufacturers and providers in Europe are conducting limited tests to learn about RFID and application areas
- RFID has been in use in the automotive industry for 20 years, but only to a limited extent.
   Vehicle Entry and Security (immobilizers) is currently dominant application area.....
- .....but greatest growth potential probably lies in automating the manufacturing process, to streamline assembly lines. RFID can also play a more traditional role, providing visibility and security to the supply chain (longer terms, when standards evolve)
- Currently, most RFID pilots application are primarily focused on closed-loop systems, such as container tracking and management
- RFID applications for open loop systems (ex. automotive SCM) require an open and global vehicle manufacturing standard for interoperability – this does not exist today
- RFID standards definition in the automotive industry could define the tipping-point of large-scale RFID introduction, however timing of this is unclear



#### **RFID Focus Areas in Automotive**

#### **Inventory management**

Process of replenishing materials to feed effectively manufacturing production processes and keeping visibility and control of finished or semi-finished goods inventory

- Replenishment Signalling
- Parts sequencing
- Production batches Localization
- Yard Management

# PACE STORING PICKING

#### RECEIVING

#### **MANUFACTURING**

#### PRODUCTS STORING

#### **Asset Tracking**

Process of maintaining manufacturing key tools and equipments in order to ensure full asset availability and utilization

- Equipment maintenance
- Tools and asset tracking
- Product manufacturing data collection

#### **Assembly Automation**

Process of tracking manufacturing work in progress during assembly operations, in order to keep control and sinchronize the utilization of equipment, manpower and material resources

Work in progress tracking

**SHIPPING** 

- Assembly process verification and alerting
- Urgent orders identification and alerting
- JIT broadcasting and Synchronization
- Assembly sequence control
- Routing information support



#### **Assembly Automation - Opportunities and benefits**

Assembly automation concerns the process of tracking manufacturing work in progress during assembly operations, in order to keep control and synchronize the utilization of equipment, manpower and material resources.

RFID opportunities				
Work in progress Tracking				
Assembly process verification & alerting				
Urgent orders identification & alerting				
JIT Broadcasting and Synchronization				
Assembly sequence control				
Routing information support				

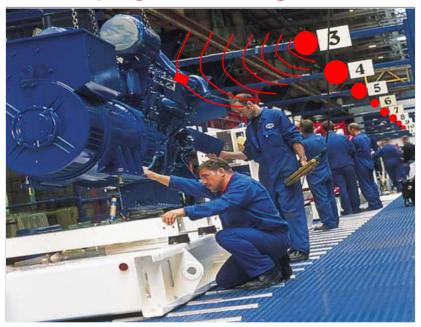
#### **Main Benefits**

- Real time visibility of Work In Progress status
- Reduction of mistakes and labor for WIP tracking (no manual scan)
- Continuous inventory of parts in transit
- Early notification and retrieving of quality issues
- Reduced defective production
- Reduction of missing parts/batches
- Improved service level
- Reduced work in progress and inventory
- Reduced throughput time
- •Improvement in productivity (reduction of idle times)
- Labor reduction for urgent batch retrieving
- Labor and paper work reduction to support synchronization and sequence control
- Reduced work in progress and inventory due to fewer mistakes in set out/in operations
- Improvement in flexibility in highly automated environment (robot operations can be automatically triggered)



#### **Assembly Automation - high level use cases**

#### Work in progress tracking



#### High level use case

- RFID tag is attached to each item/batch
- At the end of specific production phases, RFID readers (e.g. gate) detect automatically batch/item transit and thus trigger a progress in the production process
- RFID tag can contain the batch/item ID, BOM, Routing, defective status, etc.

#### **Business Requirements**

- Environment: batch manufacturing job shop where line rate depends on task accomplishment and is driven by the operator
- Requirements: Automatically track work in progress status of semi-finished assembly through the production process

#### **Benefits**

- Real time visibility of Work In Progress status
- Reduction of mistakes and labor for WIP tracking
- Early notification and retrieving of quality issues
- Elimination of manual barcode scanning
- Continuous inventory of parts in transit

#### Components

- RFID tag: usually rewriteable
- RFID antennas at specific check points:
  - transit gate,
  - fixed position tag and antenna,
  - RFID handheld reader.



#### **Asset Tracking - Opportunities and benefits**

Assembly Management concerns the process of managing and maintaining key manufacturing tools and equipment to ensure full asset availability and utilization.

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**Equipment maintenance** 

**Tools and asset tracking** 

**Manufacturing process data collection** 

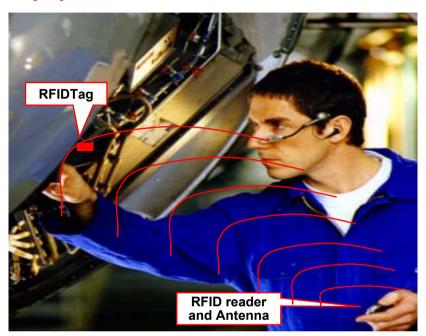
#### Main Benefits

- Reduced mistakes in identifying equipment
- Reduced labor for supporting immediate updates and equipment reconfiguration
- Quality improvement for updated and complete asset critical data on board
- Fewer missing Tools/Assets
- Improved utilization and availability of manufacturing equipment
- Improved service levels
- Reduced labor in retrieving tools/assets
- Reduced cost of product maintenance
- Reduction in defective production
- Early notification of quality issues
- Improvements in claim management accuracy



#### **Asset Tracking - high level use cases**

#### **Equipment Maintenance**



#### High level use case

- RFID tag is attached to a critical equipment.
- Maintenance operator is equipped by an handheld RFID reader.
- RFID tag contains asset history and status data such as last maintenance date and status, maintenance operator IDs, accomplished maintenance tasks, parts upgraded, actions taken, working time.
- Maintenance operator reads tag to verify equipment and location, perform maintenance or repair, and update RFID tag with newest data.

#### **Business Requirements**

- Environment: Job shop or flow shop with high value equipment or continuous process manufacturing
- Requirements: Automatically identify assets and keep track "on board" of accomplished maintenance activities and asset history

#### **Benefits**

- Mistakes reduction for proper equipment identification
- Labor reduction for supporting immediate updates and equipment reconfiguration
- Quality improvement for updated and complete asset critical data on board

#### Components

- RFID tag: usually rewriteable
- RFID handheld reader: shows the equipment ID, maintenance date, maintenance operator IDs, parts upgraded, actions taken, working time.



#### **Inventory Management - opportunities and benefits**

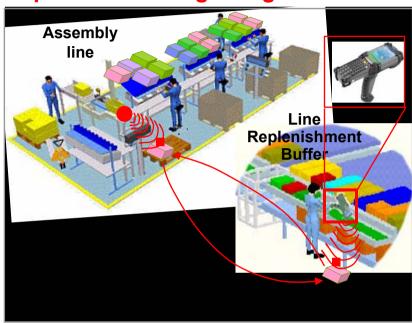
Inventory Management concerns the process of replenishing materials to effectively feed manufacturing production processes and to keep visibility and control of the finished or semifinished goods inventory.

RFID opportunities	Main Benefits
Replenishment Signaling	
	<ul> <li>Ensures accurate replenishment</li> <li>Decreases or eliminates down time</li> <li>Supports direct replenishment communication</li> </ul>
Parts sequencing	<ul> <li>Improves work cell efficiency</li> <li>Increases on-time delivery</li> <li>Reduces throughput time</li> <li>Reduces work in progress and inventory</li> </ul>
Production batch localization	<ul> <li>Labor and paper work reduction in providing parts to the assembly line in the requested sequence</li> <li>Fewer missing parts</li> <li>Improved service levels</li> <li>Reduced labor in retrieving production batches</li> <li>Fewer missing vehicles</li> </ul>
Yard Management	Labor & paperwork reduction (automatic yard transactions)



#### **Inventory Management - high level use cases**

#### **Replenishment Signaling**



#### High level use case

- RFID tag is attached to each material container reporting part number ID and container quantity
- When a container is empty, the operator place it in a specific place near his workstation
- An RFID reader detects container consumption and writes on the tag a time stamp and the workstation
- An operator collects empty containers and through an handheld RFID reader knows part numbers, quantities and workstation to be replenished

#### **Business Requirements**

- Environment: Assembly line with materials at the point of use and continuous replenishment system with a replenishment storage buffer
- Requirements: Automatically detect consumption and trigger replenishment at the point of use

#### **Benefits**

- Ensures accurate replenishment
- Decreases or eliminates down time
- Supports direct replenishment communication
- Improves work cell efficiency
- Increases on-time delivery

#### Components

- RFID tag: usually rewriteable
- RFID antennas (near one or more workstations):
  - transit gate,
  - fixed position tag and antenna
- RFID handheld reader: shows the part number ID, quantity, container type and workstation to be replenished.



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# IBM Recognized the Value of RFID Early On, and Committed to Supporting the Industry

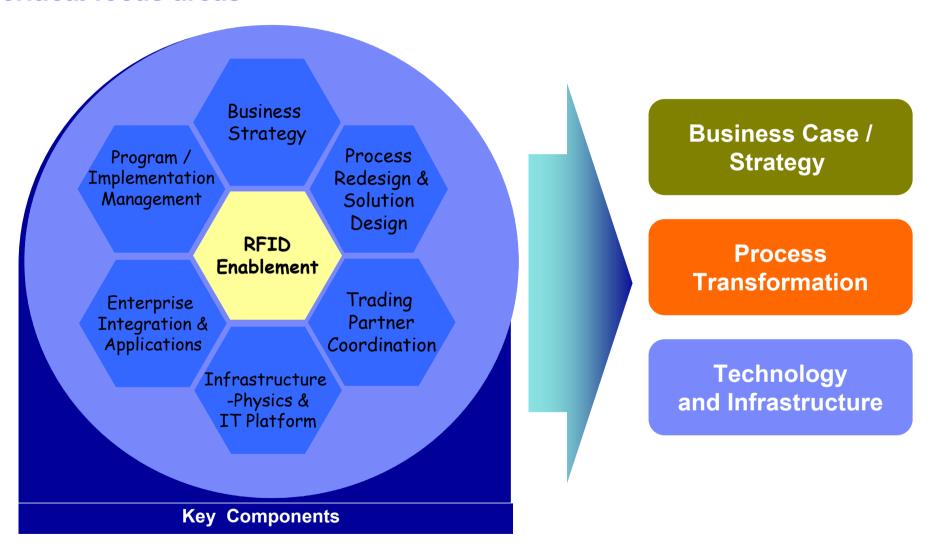
- IBM Research is an RFID technology pioneer
- Member of EPCglobal<sup>TM</sup>
- IBM is a community leader:
  - Began with Auto-ID Center Technology Board
  - Supporting EPCglobal board and committees
- Facilitator of the "knowledge transfer" process
  - IBM Auto-ID Business Case White Paper Series
  - Global Commerce Initiative (GCI) "EPC Roadmap"
  - Growing a strong partner ecosystem
- Deployment partner for leading industry players:
  - Over 150 RFID engagements
  - Business Case, pilot planning, delivery & management for industry leaders
  - Investing in First Of a Kind (FOAK) technology pilots
- IBM uses RFID in its own semiconductor manufacturing







# Successful RFID implementations also require many capabilities and 3 critical focus areas





#### **Three Phases For Implementing RFID**

- Phase 3: Roll-out RFID Implementation
  - > Validate full scale roll-out plan
  - Develop success criteria and metrics
  - > Roll-out implementation
  - Track and evaluate performance metrics
  - Realize benefits
- Phase 2: Launch RFID Trial/Pilot
  - Conduct vendor selection
  - Develop trial/pilot success criteria and metrics
  - Launch trial/pilot
  - Track and evaluate performance metrics
  - > Design full scale implementation program
- Phase 1: Develop RFID Value Assessment & Implementation Plan
  - Define strategic alternatives
  - Develop benefit/cost model
  - Drive stakeholder validation
  - Develop an implementation and pilot plan



Roll-out structured to achieve maximum ROI

Trial/pilot validates value proposition and technology

Determine ROI potential and prepare implementation plan accordingly

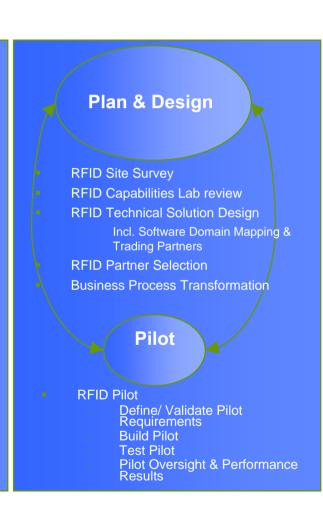


#### **IBMs RFID Offerings to Support Multiple Customer Needs**

Integrated and Concurrent Work Streams to Accelerate Readiness

# Assess Business Case Assessment **RFID Test**

- Center Quick **Start Services**
- Solution Development Workshop
- **RFID** Feasibility Study
- **RFID Execution** Roadmap



#### **Implement**

- **RFID Enterprise Deployment** 
  - Trading Partner implementation
  - Initial facility implementation
- **RFID Systems Deployment** 
  - Application Design and Implementation
  - RFID hardware installation
  - Security tools deployment
  - Network integration and implementation
  - **Process Transformation**
  - Training
- Application Integration and **Implementation** 
  - Application integration planning

Run

- RFID Total Management Services
  - Maintenance
  - Software Help Desk
  - Remote **Systems**
  - Monitoring On Site
  - Services



#### **IBM RFID Centers of Excellence**

Helping clients understand RFID -- from physics through business value – and implement industry specific RFID solutions.



La Gaude, France

Dallas, TX USA



São Paulo, Brazil



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# **Thank You!**

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