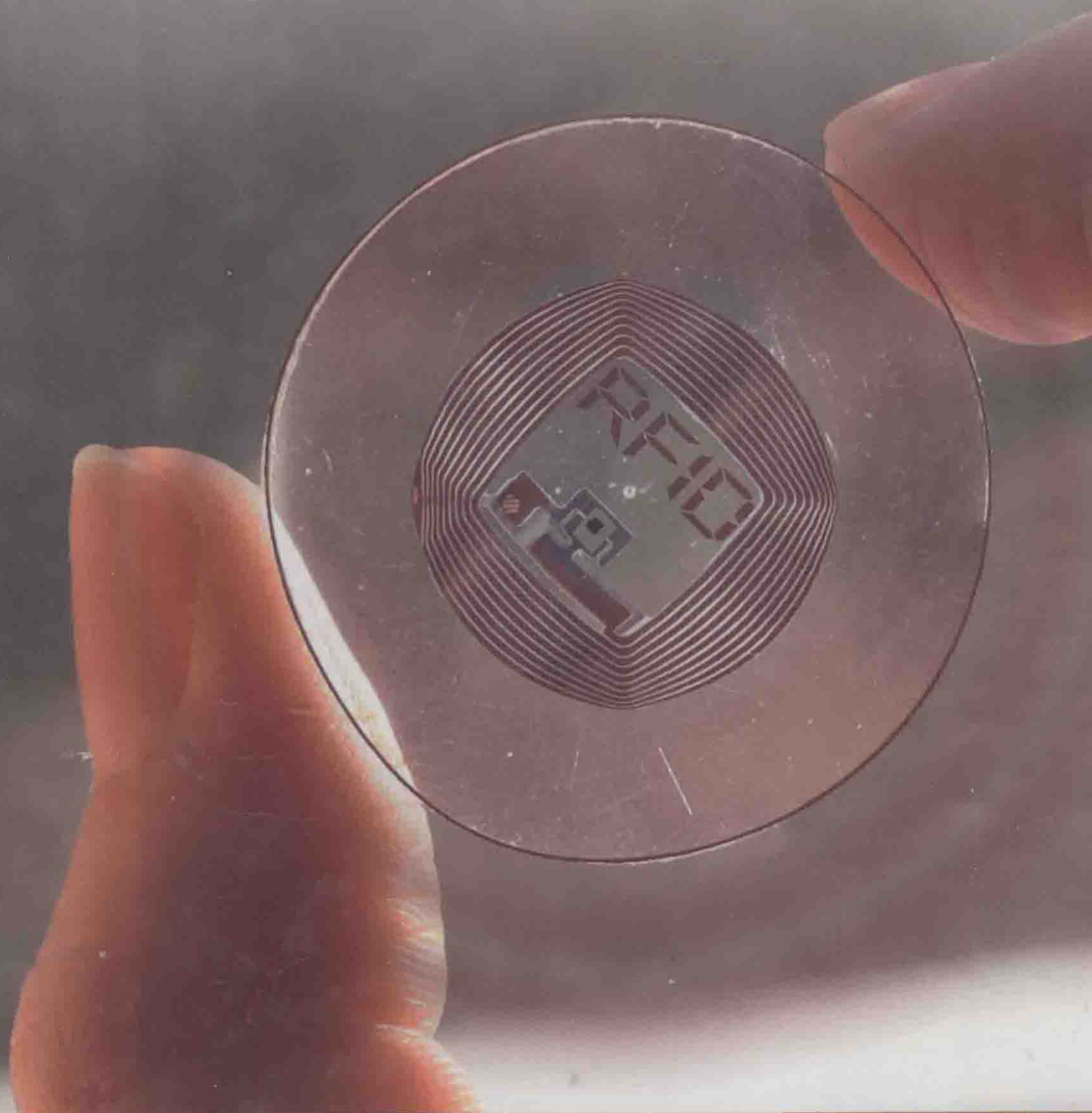


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Preface

RFID networks are currently recognized as one a research area of priority. Research activities related to RFID technology have been booming recently. A number of ongoing projects are being funded in Europe, Asia, and North America. According to leading market analysts, the development of the RFID market is projected to increase from approximately \$3 billion in 2005 to \$25 billion in 2015. Several countries have dedicated innovation programs to support and develop RFID systems and related technologies: the RFID initiative in Taiwan, Ubiquitous Japan and the NSF SBIR program in the USA. The EU has recently advertised its Strategic Research Roadmap concerning the Internet of Things, which first of all refers to the RFID technology before being extended to communicating devices as in M2M (Machine to Machine). In this roadmap, several application domains have been identified:

- Aerospace and aviation
- Automotive
- Telecommunications
- Intelligent buildings
- Medical technology, healthcare
- Independent living
- Pharmaceutical
- Retail, logistics, supply chain management
- Manufacturing, product lifecycle management
- Oil and gas
- Safety, security and privacy
- Environment monitoring
- People and goods transportation
- Food traceability
- Agriculture and breeding
- Media, entertainment and ticketing
- Insurance
- Recycling

The potential of RFID technology is huge. Contrary to popular belief, RFID technology is not recent and the delay in its deployment in commercial applications is not only due to its excessive cost. Ten years ago, standardization activities were insufficiently developed to allow the emergence of one standard which guarantees interoperability. In the meantime, ISO and worldwide organizations such as GS1 have proposed solutions, but new problems have arisen such as privacy issues and reading accuracy in proximity of certain materials

such as water. The integration of RFID data in information systems is also a non-trivial problem. In the vision of the Internet of Things, future applications bring scalability and programmability issues.

The book is intended to cover a wide range of recognized problems in RFID protocols and low-level research challenges, striking a balance between theoretical and practical coverage. The theoretical contributions are limited to the scenarios and solutions that are believed to have some practical relevance. This book is unique in addressing RFID protocols and communication issues in comprehensive manner.

The book is divided into four parts. Part I provides an introduction and describes architectures of both passive UHF readers and tags. In addition, it defines performance metrics and introduces different classifications of RFID systems. Part II is related to networking protocols that involve one reader and multiple tags with the goal of resolving tag-to-tag interference. Tag identification protocols are covered in a systematic way. They include Aloha-based and tree-based protocols, which are the most popular. In addition tag-talks-first and tag-talks-only protocols are discussed and compared with reader-talks-first protocols. Part III provides coverage of networking protocols that involve a host and multiple readers. First, the interface between the host and the readers is considered. Next, MAC layer solutions for reducing reader-to-tag interference are discussed. In addition, the redundant reader elimination problem and delay-tolerant networks are covered. In Part IV, several major research challenges in the RFID field are presented, such unsatisfactory read accuracy even in the most favorable RF environments, low read ranges, security problems, localization of tags, energy harvesting and simulators and emulators for RFID systems. Some of these challenges are so serious that they are preventing the widespread use of RFID technology (e.g. low read accuracy and security). Therefore, a number of these challenges and potential solutions are analyzed in this part of the book.

At the end of most chapters, problems are presented and the solutions to some of the problems are provided on the book's website http://www.wiley.com/go/bolic_rfid.

We believe that this book is an appropriate and timely forum, where industry, and academics from several different areas can learn more about the current trends in RFID networking and become aware of the protocols and current issues in RFID networks. It is well recognized that RFID technology will become a part of everyday life soon. Additionally, we believe that, given the huge interest in this topic shown by the industrial and academic worlds, this book can become a standard guide to modern RFID systems.

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